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Alumni Weekend
May 29 to June 1

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ALUMNI REPORT

Active Brothers Once Again Excel Academically with the Highest GPA on Campus

Plan a Return to the House in the Fall for Reunion Weekend and Homecoming Weekend

By Mark Trudeau '92

I hope this newsletter finds all of the Theta Pi Brothers enjoying the spring. Our active Brothers continue to excel, both academically (consistently the #1 GPA among all fraternities) and in their involvement within the campus community. They also receive high marks from the International

Fraternity consultants, who visit at least once a semester. Way to go guys!

I'll let you read more specific information on their activities in other parts of this newsletter, but just wanted to update you on a few things on the alumni-front. Unfortunately, we had to have a few large trees removed from the back of the house, as they were becoming diseased and threatening to fall over onto the house. We move closer to the date when we will have to install the sprinklers and perform the other requirements of the college's Life Safety Initiative, and have had

contact with a contractor who will be preparing a detailed bid for us. As they say, the only constant in life is change.

Reunion Weekend and Homecoming Weekend in the Fall will both be here sooner than we all realize. I wish to note that the college is doing a special reunion in the Fall for all alumni who graduated in the 1980s. I think it would be great if LCAs from that time span could make an effort to show up and visit their home

on West Broadway, as well as catch up with many Brothers they haven't seen in years, as well as meet Brothers they have never met before.

Please feel free to contact any of the officers of the alumni corporation to address any concerns you may have regarding our Chapter. We are here to serve you, our fellow Brothers. *Vir quisque vir.*

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ANNUAL FUND Q&A

Answers to Your Questions about the Annual Fund

What do my annual fund gifts support?

The annual fund helps to continue our communications program, including *Theta-Pi News* and other publications. It also allows us to hold alumni events and provide support to the active Chapter.

Why do my annual fund mailings and other Theta Pi Zeta alumni communications come from Albert Lea, MN?

We partner with a professional mail and gift-processing firm that processes your annual fund gifts and maintains our database of nearly 900 living Chapter alumni.

Since a firm processes my gift to Lambda Chi, how much of my gift does the alumni association receive?

100% of your gift is received by the Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association. Gifts made via credit card are subject to a small transactional fee charged by VISA or MasterCard – the same fee paid when you make a credit card purchase at a retail store.

How can I make a gift to the annual fund?

Contributions can be made by calling our toll-free hotline, 800-975-6699.

CHAPTER REPORT

Annual Race for Jake's Sake a Success - Raising Over \$16,000 for Two Charities Stop by the House During Alumni Weekend for Special Lambda Chi Alpha Events

By Curtis Lafferty

Lambda Chi Alpha's GPA for the fall 2007 semester was a 3.05, compared to the overall male population GPA of 2.98. Our new member GPA was the highest of any other fraternity with a 3.18. We have 32 out of 61 Brothers on the Dean's List.

In fall 2007, we initiated 25 associate members. For spring 2008, we initiated four, making a total of 29 newly initiated Brothers this past academic year.

Gettysburg College has mandated that all facilities housing students of the college be equipped with a new up-to-code fire system including sprinklers. This project has been named the "Life Safety Initiative." The Chapter House of Theta Pi Zeta needs to add a sprinkler system to its interior structure by

the year 2010. Our Housing Corporation has been working to raise the necessary monies in order to get this project accomplished.

Lambda Chi Alpha organized its second annual Race for Jake's Sake, which is an event organized in memory of one of our fraternity Brothers' younger brother who passed away at an early age. The race is a 5K run around the campus of Gettysburg College and is open to all members of the student body, the Gettysburg community, and community members of other towns. The event itself has raised over \$16,000, with the proceeds going to Olivia's House in York, Pa., which is a center for grieving children, and to the Penn State Medical Center and to brain research.

Our nationwide philanthropic event, the

North American Food Drive (NAFD), will be coming up in mid-April. We distribute bags around surrounding neighborhoods and ask that people donate non-perishable items. At the end of the week, we collect the donations and give them to the Adams County Food Bank to be used for those in need. This event has raised over 25 million pounds of food nationwide.

Gettysburg College is organizing its Alumni Weekend from May 29 to June 1. Lambda Chi Alpha is scheduling some social events, such as an Open House, Barbeque, and potential Golf Outing that weekend. We encourage everyone to stop by at anytime, and everyone is more than welcome to bring their families.

ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL

Thank You, Donors!

The following alumni have contributed so far to our 2007-08 annual fund, as of April 4. Add your name to the list by making your donation by calling 800-975-6699 before the giving year ends on August 31.

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UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES

Joe Gurreri Finds that Lambda Chi Does it All

Flexibility is a Key Trait to Help Balance School and Fraternity Commitments

The oldest of four children, Joseph Gurreri is a senior from York, Pennsylvania. He joined Lambda Chi during the fall of his sophomore year. Joseph chose Lambda Chi because of the type of guys that they had in the house. They were very involved and seemed more interested in getting to know each person individually rather than just having more guys join the house.

In addition to time allotted for schoolwork, Joseph has also served as President and Risk Manager. He has learned to remain flexible because things can always come up at the house and he needs to be prepared.

Joseph is very involved with philanthropy

at the house. He helped found the "For Jake's Sake" 5K run, and as every member does, participates in the Teeter-Totter-A-Thon and the food drive (NAFD).

After graduating in May, Joseph plans to attend Vanderbilt University next fall in their Higher Education department, working as a graduate assistant in the Greek Life office.

Joseph's favorite moments are the unplanned ones, the spontaneous things that just come up, like hanging out until all hours of the morning and night, or having six alums try and sleep around his room on homecoming weekend.

According to Joseph, Lambda Chi's biggest

accomplishments have included keeping up the standard of excellence and then taking each program to the next level, like starting new philanthropies, recruiting even bigger classes, and having better Associate Member programs.

Joseph's advice to future members is to balance. "Remember that you are part of something bigger than just one or two of us, but also remember that you only have four years so make them as amazing as you can."

"It's great to be involved with Lambda Chi," says Joseph, "because we incorporate as many aspects of the fraternity as possible, whether that includes parties, service or any other programming. We do it all."

UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES

Lambda Chi Made Hugh McStravick a Better Man

His Brothers of Today are Friends for Life

A Political Science major with a focus on Global Conflict Management, **Hugh McStravick** is 21 years old and not far from his hometown of Philadelphia. On target to graduate in May of 2009, Hugh's plans include continuing on to graduate school or finding employment in public policy or administration.

Hugh joined Lambda Chi in the fall of 2006. With no intentions of going Greek when he started college, Hugh met some of the Brothers of Lambda Chi and felt like he wanted to be a part of the brotherhood. It felt right to Hugh when he made the decision to join, and he has enjoyed it ever since.

As treasurer, Hugh is responsible for collecting dues, paying bills, and helping officers balance their budgets for their respective positions.

In addition to his responsibilities as

treasurer, Hugh is also a member of the Executive Board for the St. Jude's Up 'Til Dawn program, which has helped raise nearly \$200,000 in the last two years. Additionally, he has had the opportunity to be involved with Habitat for Humanity and the College's Center for Public Service. Through these programs, Hugh has been able to participate on building trips to Louisiana and North Carolina.

Through his activities, Hugh has had the opportunity to meet a lot of older alumni and has found it incredibly interesting to hear their stories and to learn about how they did things.

After serving for the last three years as Class President, Hugh was recently elected Senate President and taken on increasing responsibilities. Hugh is also involved with Residence Life and the Campus Activities Board.

One of the most exciting experiences for Hugh, and the fraternity, this past year was to welcome 25 new Brothers to Lambda Chi. As recruitment chair, Hugh found this as a great sign of the fraternity's growth and success.

When asked about his experiences at Lambda Chi, Hugh responded with conviction. "Make the most of your experience. You won't realize how quickly it goes by. Take every opportunity that you come across when it comes to this place because your efforts will be an investment into the future of Lambda Chi Alpha."

Being a Brother has been the greatest experience of Hugh's life. He expects that his fraternity Brothers will be his best friends for life. "Lambda Chi Alpha makes great men better, and I know that I am indeed a better man."

The One Word to Describe David Moore's Experiences with Lambda Chi is Great

David's Involvement and Contributions Helped Promote the Positive Image of Lambda Chi



David Moore

David Moore says Lambda Chi helps develop leadership, communication and teamwork abilities. Here, he talks about how Lambda Chi has influenced him.

First, could you tell me more

about yourself and your background?

My name is David Moore and I am 22 years old from South Jersey. I am a double major in Political Science and Film Studies. Both of my parents are social workers and I have an older brother.

How long have you been a member?

Why did you choose this group?

I joined Lambda Chi in the fall of my sophomore year (2004). I rushed Lambda Chi because they had a positive reputation on campus as leaders and involved members. I also had several friends already in the fraternity who had been actively recruiting me through my first year to join. I wanted to be a part of an organization whose values aligned with my own.

What are some of your duties as treasurer?

I served as treasurer for a year and my term ended in December 2007. I worked on balancing budgets, overseeing officer budgets, paying the bills, and managing the finances of the Chapter.

What philanthropic events have you been involved in?

I have participated in all of Lambda Chi's philanthropy events including Teeter-Totter, North American Food Drive, and For Jake's Sake.

When do you plan to graduate?

What do you hope to do after graduation?

I am graduating this May and will work for the government. As of now, I will be working for U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey. My duties will include constituent casework and office duties. I will also be volunteering on his reelection campaign.

Since you have been initiated, what has been your favorite moment?

My favorite moment in the fraternity since I have been initiated was definitely participating in initiation. Being on the other end of the process and witnessing others going through it for the first time is an extremely rewarding experience.

In your opinion, what do you think the group's biggest accomplishment has been since you joined?

The biggest accomplishment has been our recruitment this past year. We recruited over 25 members who were all quality and active members of the campus community.

Are you involved in any extracurricular activities?

I am heavily involved in student government. I have been a student senator all four years of college, chairing the College Life Advisory Committee and also the Dining Services Committee, I was Vice President of the Class of 2008 my junior year, and now currently serve as the President.

What is your advice to future members?

Continue to be involved on campus. It not only gives the organization a positive image but also will put members in touch with potential recruits.

Tell me why it's great to be involved with LXA.

Lambda Chi will develop your leadership, communication and teamwork abilities. It will also provide you with an extremely rewarding experience.

Old Photo Album



Does anyone know when this photo was taken or the names of those pictured? If so, send a note to our alumni relations office or email our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention LXA at Gettysburg in the subject line).

Want to see more photos from your era in *Theta Pi News*? Send the best shots from your fraternity days to our editors for possible publication.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'80s

David Richards '87

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I am involved in a charity fundraiser called St. Baldrick's Foundation, the world's largest volunteer-run fundraising program for children with cancer. Volunteers agree to have their heads shaved as part of the fundraiser, and more than \$46 million has been raised in the eight years since the Foundation began (not to mention, 46,000 heads have been shaved!). As of early April, I am over a third of the way to my goal of raising \$20,000. Read more about this great charity at www.stbaldricks.org.

'00s

Matt Callahan '04

After two years of graduate school for history at Temple University in Philadelphia, an opportunity came up to move to New York City. Currently living in Queens, working for a company that instructs developmentally disabled adults, life skills and independence. Finishing graduate school for a PhD in History is a top priority, as well as finding a job in the research history field. Looking forward to attending an upcoming bachelor party and wedding of my big brother Kyle, to whom I send best wishes, as well as all the other members of Theta Pi I have and haven't spoken to in the past few tumultuous years.



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