

ALUMNI UPDATES**Nathan Ross '04**

(PO Box 93396, Los Angeles, CA 90093; nathan@nathanross.net) I got married on July 4 of this year to my wife, Jessica.

Michael McArdle '79

(13405 Youngwood Turnpike, Bowie, MD 20715-1469; mpaulmcardle@aol.com) Funniest story: A brother's (who shall remain unnamed) buck naked roof dive onto leaf pile judges awarded 9.6. There was once a famous photo memorializing this August event.

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Share YOUR stories and updates for publication in our next newsletter!

Ideas include:

- News of weddings, babies, career highlights, etc.
- The best memories from your Lambda Chi days.
- Photos from your era.
- Stories and/or pictures from recent reunions with brothers.

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**CHAPTER REPORT**

Theta Pi Welcomes 25 Associate Members

Brothers Continue to Be Involved On and Off Campus

By Shane Swink

Theta Pi has been very active this year. Wrapping up from last spring, the chapter raised 1,400 lbs of food and over \$600 for the North American Food Drive. We also donated many service hours to yard work in local communities and mentored in the El Centro and LEAP programs. In the end, Theta Pi had over 600 community service hours spread out over 22 different opportunities, including on campus as well as in the residential community.

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The start of this fall began with recruitment. Event highlights included inviting men to participate in the Heart Walk philanthropy event to learn how seriously we take community service. Monday Night Football with wings and burgers was offered as an opportunity to hang out with the guys. Men were also invited to a business meeting and had the opportunity to sit

down with the brothers and ask us questions. One of the most exciting events was a dodge ball tournament, which is always a favorite. Men were also invited to a date function where they had the opportunity to bring a friend over to the chapter house and socialize with brothers and their dates. There were also several other opportunities to get to know the brothers by coming over to the house. By the end of the process, we gained 25 associate members.

The AM class has a remarkably high GPA and is also very involved on campus. Their activities include many varsity sports including soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, and swimming. Other sports include club hockey and rugby. The AMs are also involved on the Campus Activities Board, Mock Trial, Law and Justice Society, the Pre Health Professions club, Residence Life, and many other organizations on campus. The brothers of Theta Pi are confident that our new members will uphold the values of Lambda Chi Alpha and will be active and contributing members of our organization.

ALUMNI REUNIONS**Celebrating the Brotherly Bonds - 50 Years Later!**

Thank you to **Charles Batcheler '61** for submitting the following...

The class of 1961 celebrated its 50th reunion June 2-5, 2011. Brothers **Darryl Sensenig, Jack Northrup, Jim Peckham, Bob Herr, Russ Branton** and I attended. It was really great to see these guys, but I wish all of our brothers could have attended. We all toured the

house and were greeted by one of the "recently graduated on duty" brothers, who answered all of our questions, including what happened to the "disappearing chapter" in the early '90s.

Have you recently reunited with Lambda Chi brothers? Share your stories and photos in the alumni updates section at www.lambdachigettsburg.com.

IN THE WORDS OF OUR BROTHERS

What is Your Fondest Lambda Chi Memory?

“Making friends in the 1970s that are lifelong pals to this very date.”

- **Edward Ryder '77**

“The camaraderie and the fun.”

- **Richard Owens '72**

“Can't pick out just one. Had a great time all the time living in the house for three years.”

- **Frederick Huestis '63**

“Friends.”

- **Thomas Ehrhart '77**

“Closeness of the brotherhood, and my particular pledge class.”

- **Bruce Braunewell '87**

“Hanging out with all the brothers.”

- **Brian Friedrich '83**

“The closeness of our 1965 class.”

- **Lawrence Lees '65**

“Knowing all of the brothers and interacting with them.”

- **Richard Mitchell '62**

“Day to day life in the chapter house.”

- **Mark Trudeau '92**

“Friends, interaction, events and parties, the ritual.”

- **Peter Wilson '65**

“The men I shared the experience with.”

- **Robert Hughes '06**

“All of the above.”

- **David Richards '87**

Share YOUR fondest Lambda Chi memories on the message board at www.lambdachigettsburg.com.

UNDERGRADUATE Q&A

“My Vision is to Keep the House Trending Upwards”

Thank you to **Michael Burgoyne** for participating in this undergraduate Q&A. Michael is a Political Science major, Economics minor, from Doylestown, Pa.

Why did you choose to attend Gettysburg?

I chose to attend Gettysburg College because when I was doing my senior project in high school, I interned for the Public Defenders at the Doylestown Court House. One of the employees went to Gettysburg and could not stop raving about how great the school is. This was a major factor for me attending Gettysburg College.



Michael Burgoyne

Why did you join Lambda Chi?

I joined Lambda Chi because they have men who live by the values set forth within the fraternal education. They support everyone in their activities and strive to be the best, whether it's

intramural sports, academically, or in our philanthropic events.

What are your hopes for the future of Lambda Chi?

My hope for the future of Lambda Chi is continuance of our academic excellence, along with our well-roundedness as individuals and high involvement on campus.

What are your future career aspirations?

I hope to either be involved in politics, law, or finance.

What other activities are you involved with at Gettysburg?

I am an intern at the Gettysburg Leadership Experience, and a tutor at Biglerville Elementary School.

What are your best memories so far at Lambda Chi?

My best memory so far is receiving my bid to Lambda Chi. Arriving at the house, I knew I was going to be a part of

something great.

What is your vision for the house while you are in leadership roles/an undergraduate?

My vision is to keep the house trending upwards. We hope to have strong communication between officers and the rest of the brotherhood, as well as the highest GPA on campus, strong new member numbers, the continued strength to the Associate Member process.

What about your membership in Lambda Chi makes you the most proud?

I like the values set forth within the fraternity and the importance invested within the brotherhoods ideals.

How would you like to better connect with alumni?

It would be great if we could set up a golf tournament with alumni or an annual football game. This would be a fun way to keep alumni interacting with active members in a structured event.

Alumnus Still Has Pride in the Lambda Chi Ritual Decades After Graduation

Thank you to **Josh Dare '79** for participating in this Q&A.

Why did you join Lambda Chi as an undergraduate?

I had not really thought about joining a fraternity until after I got to college, but when I got to know the brothers in the House, it seemed like it would be a good fit for me. My dad also was a Lambda Chi, but that really didn't have an influence as much as the pizzas they served at rush functions.



Josh Dare '79 (second from left) with **Michael Eckhardt '79**, **George White '79** and **Dean Kessler '79** at a Lambda Chi reunion in 2009.

What is the funniest memory from your Lambda Chi days?

I've got a bunch of fuzzy memories where I was mostly the victim of things, but I think our group participation in the college's talent show my senior year was pretty darn funny. We sang our version of "The Gettysburg College Blues," and Bruce was on piano (he was a child prodigy, who knew?), Jay on drums, a bunch of guys on horns, Doc on guitar – an amazing group of has-been talents – along with a bunch of Brothers who were our backup dancers. Yeah, that was pretty funny.

What is the single fondest memory you have shared/will share with your children and grandchildren?

So many fond memories, it's hard to choose.

I'll always have a place in my heart for the time we won the intramural track competition my senior year. Everyone just ran their guts out for two days, and we pulled a huge upset. It was such a great collective effort by everyone. That and I used to love the song crews down in the bar after dinner.

How do you stay connected with your brothers as an alumnus?

I play golf with a bunch of classmates each spring, and we keep in touch by way of email and Facebook.

Have you visited Gettysburg since graduation? Why or why not?

Yeah, I try not to miss an anniversary that ends in a 5 or 0. It's great seeing everyone and always good to meet the actives. They make us feel pretty welcome for a bunch of old guys with bad knees.

What about your membership in Lambda Chi makes you the most proud?

I live in Richmond, Virginia now, and I've been involved in re-colonizing the University of Richmond chapter. That has meant being involved in Initiation, and it's been a profound treat to be able to watch the Ritual again, all these many years later. You forget so much. The values that the fraternity was founded on are really an important part of who we are.

How would your life be different today if you had never joined Lambda Chi?

What is more important than enduring friendships? I really treasure the brief time I spent in the active fraternity, but the friendships that have abided over the decades have been something that I treasure as much as anything in my life. Oh yeah, and my wife and family would probably be different as well.

If you could go back and relive one moment from your Lambda Chi years, what would it be and why?

I guess I would relive the moment I signed up for 16th Century French Literature and not do that again.

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Where has life taken you since graduation? What's new in your life today?

After about a dozen years working for the federal government (on the Hill and for two different agencies), my wife, son and daughter and I moved to Richmond, which we've enjoyed immensely. I have a 20-person PR firm, and my partner and I just opened a digital media company as a sister agency about a year ago. What's new is that Rose and I are enjoying (mostly) our empty nest-dom. Both of our kids are away at college. The quiet is eerie.

Why would you encourage other brothers to engage with Lambda Chi in their alumni years?

I think staying in touch with your brothers in alumni years really is just a natural extension of the friendships formed during college. And of course today's technology makes that particularly easy. I just got copied on an email exchange from "Wings," who was reporting on how the floods in Thailand have impacted his life. It was great to hear from him, as well as listen in on all the comments urging him to "stay dry."

What is the best thing about your alumni experience?

No homework.

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Do you know of a Lambda Chi alum who would make a good profile subject? If so, contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention "Theta~Pi News" in the subject line).

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- Larry Lees '65

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