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**Alumni Association By
the Numbers**

*Total alumni:	1,431
Valid mailing addresses:	963
Valid email addresses:	399
Lost brothers:	86
All-time annual fund donors:	389 (27%)

*Includes 365 deceased

ALUMNI REPORT

98 Years and Growing

Theta-Pi Prepares for Centennial Celebration, Needs Your Participation to Commemorate this Milestone

By David Crumplar '06

In two short years, our chapter will celebrate a significant milestone. Theta-Pi turns 100 years old in 2016.

The Centennial Committee is planning a party 100 years in the making to allow us to celebrate in style. I'm asking for your participation to commemorate this milestone event.

First, consider volunteering for the Centennial Committee to help plan our celebration event, which will be held during

Reunion Weekend of 2016. We'll host a celebratory dinner, hear stories and remarks from alumni, and present the history of the chapter. Please contact me if you're interested in volunteering to help plan this special event.

Speaking of the history of our chapter, you are an important part of our story. We are seeking the best stories, memories and pictures from each brother's unique experience to include in our dinner presentation and a commemorative scrapbook that will be available to all brothers. Visit www.lambdachigettersburg.com to learn more, or send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com or to the return address on this newsletter.

Finally, we rely on alumni financial support to celebrate our centennial anniversary and ensure that Theta-Pi exists for the next 100 years. See page 3 for how to make your annual fund gift. Thank you for being a part of our 100-year legacy at Gettysburg.



AT THE HOUSE

Improvement Projects Continue at Theta Pi

Basement Bedrooms Renovated and Occupied, Plumbing Updated, and the Library's about to Get a Facelift

Improvement projects continue at Theta-Pi. Two basement level rooms were recently renovated and are now filled with four brothers. Expansive repairs were also made to the plumbing throughout the bathrooms.

This May, we plan to renovate the library and install new bookshelves. Your annual fund donations will help toward the library refurbishment project. We also plan to do some landscaping around the house this spring. Check out all of the latest improvements when you return for Reunion Weekend!



An American flag flies at the Theta-Pi house for the first time in a long time. The flag pole was recently repaired as part of our house improvements.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Lifelong Connections

Lambda Chi Helped Bill Fleischman '60 Build a Successful Career and Form Friendships to Last a Lifetime

Bill Fleischman '60 has made a lifelong connection to Theta-Pi. A member of the class of 1960, he and 10 other classmates got together a few years ago to celebrate bonds that have lasted 50+ years. Bill also credits his Lambda Chi experience for helping him in his career (he's a mostly-retired sports writer for the *Philadelphia Daily News*. Previously, he worked for *The News Journal* in Delaware and taught journalism at the University of Delaware for 28 years).

In this Q&A, Bill speaks from the heart of the class of 1960 on their long-standing brotherhood and hopes for the future of Theta-Pi.

Why did you join Lambda Chi at Gettysburg?

It seemed like a comfortable fit. I liked the brothers and the pledges I knew. Also, the house location on West Broadway felt like home.

How did the values and skills of Lambda Chi help you in your journalism career?

At Gettysburg I learned about hard work, completing assignments on time, exploring new horizons, honesty, caring for people and

trusting people.

How do you stay involved with Theta Pi as an alum?

I'm in regular e-mail contact with several classmates. My wife Barbara (class of '61) and I have seen classmate **Rich Ruesch** and his wife in Florida in the winter. When I served on the college's Alumni Magazine Advisory board, I kept classmates informed about what was happening at the college. I also wrote a story for the alumni magazine on basketball player Corey Weissman, whose story has been made into a movie. Even though they aren't Lambda Chis (...smile...) I wrote another magazine story on Ron Warner and Bob "Wheaties" Parker, two of Gettysburg's most outstanding basketball players from the early 1960s.



Bill Fleischman '60

What are your best memories from your fraternity days?

The strong Lambda Chi brotherhood; Amos Glass, our popular cook, and Mrs. Burkett, our wonderful house mother; working on the Homecoming float; and the faculty dinners. Imagine, back then the brothers wore coats and ties to dinner when we hosted a faculty member. **Mike Bishop** and **Ron Paul** were seniors when I was a freshman: I've often told people that from one class, and one fraternity, at Gettysburg we had a Nobel Prize winner and a presidential candidate. Pretty impressive...

What are your hopes for Theta Pi in its second century?

We know the fraternity and sorority system at the college has changed, but we geezers hope the younger brothers have similar experiences and form lifelong friendships as we have.

Tell us a bit about your class' 50th reunion a few years ago, and what those lifelong friendships mean to you.

We had a terrific time. The Lambda Chis

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This Issue of Theta-Pi News Brought to You By...

Thank you to the following alumni for their annual fund contributions so far this year. Our annual fund is used primarily to operate our communications program, most notably printing and postage for *Theta-Pi News* and hosting of alumni events. The more support we have, the more we can do to keep you connected and support our award-winning active chapter as they perpetuate our century-long legacy on campus.

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Leading the Advancement of Fraternities and Sororities on Campus

Theta-Pi Alum Joe Gurreri '08 is Uniquely Positioned as Director of Greek Life at Gettysburg College

Joe Gurreri '08 has made a living out of the advancement of fraternities and sororities. Following graduation from Gettysburg six years ago, he's right back on campus serving as the College's Director of Greek Life. In this Q&A, he explains the role Lambda Chi played in his desire for this career path, gives an inside scoop of how our chapter is measuring up on campus, and outlines a general overview of Greek Life at Gettysburg.

How did the skills you learned at Lambda Chi lead to your current position as Director of Greek Life at Gettysburg?

I felt like we tried to do things "the right way" and that our commitment to working hard helped us get more out of the fraternity than chapters that just used it as a drinking club. Knowing how powerful of an experience I had, I've continued trying to help students capitalize on the potential of the fraternity/sorority experience ever since then. While it can be extremely frustrating at times, I believe that fraternities and sororities have the greatest potential to positively impact students on a college campus.

What is your unbiased impression of the current Theta-Pi chapter? How does it compare with other fraternities on campus? What makes it stand out?

That's a loaded question...Statistically speaking, Theta-Pi is still among the top chapters on campus in membership, philanthropic efforts, academic success or campus involvement. Finding ways to continue that success and sustain the momentum experienced since re-colonization will be an ongoing challenge for the chapter. They distinguish themselves with their involvement in the Eisenhower Institute and Garthwait Leadership Center, which are two of Gettysburg College's premier, distinctive programs. I believe their hazing-free Associate Member education process is also an attractive selling point for the chapter, along with its continued attention to conducting a positive initiation experience.

How do you stay involved with the chapter as an alum? Why would you encour-

age other alumni to remain involved?

Being on campus every day, I'm uniquely positioned to both keep a pulse on the chapter and help advise them. I don't necessarily offer them any support that I wouldn't for another chapter, but certainly I am always interested in helping them succeed. I have attended the initiation ritual and big brother ceremony a couple of times since I've been back, which are always great events. Knowing that the chapter's main philanthropic event each fall is in memory of my younger brother, my family and I will always have a special connection with Theta Pi.

What are your hopes for Theta Pi in its second century?

I hope that the members can keep the proud tradition of Lambda Chi at Gettysburg going as we transition into the second century. There is always social pressure to lose sight of the important pieces of the fraternity, but that's what makes it special. I hope that more alumni can get involved in the advising of the chapter. The chapter needs stability from alumni advisors to offset the incredibly quick turnover rate with only three class years of members in the active chapter. When we talk about value within the context of higher education today, the alumni networking is an untapped resource for our active members that we need to provide.

Give us a general overview of Greek Life at Gettysburg.

Greek Life at Gettysburg is still a very prominent part of the campus culture. With nearly half of the upper-class students involved in Greek organizations, it has a significant impact on the social climate on campus. Most of the student leaders I work with are incredibly inspiring in the way they lead their organizations and simultaneously excel in the classroom, sports' teams or other clubs on campus. I challenge the students on a daily basis to remember why these organizations exist and to keep the lessons of their respective rituals as the focus of their chapters, because there are certainly times they seem to forget them. One of the challenges facing fraternities and sororities around the

country is the ability of the local chapters to demonstrate their value to the college experience that is increasingly costly. Students and their parents aren't interested in losing thousands of tuition dollars because their fraternity hazed them or partied too much.



**Joe Gurreri '08,
Gettysburg's
Director of Greek
Life**

What is the best part of your job?

I get to work with nearly half of the upper-classmen on campus each year and connect with parents and alumni who've had similarly powerful experiences in their respective fraternities and sororities. Hearing the stories of those who have come before us, and helping the current members create those opportunities for future generations of Gettysburg students is a pretty amazing part of the job. While I can't always think of myself as just a Lambda Chi alum, I do get to connect as a fellow Greek alum with Gettysburgians from all eras and chapters.

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attending (forgive me if I omit someone) were Rich Ruesch, **Pat** and **Norm Henry**, **Dan Selak**, **Dave Hertzler**, **Jim Garman**, **Bob Willoughby** and **Jim Zerbe**. Sadly, Jim died about a year after the reunion. I remember telling my wife that it was hard to believe that 50 years had passed since we graduated. The guys were basically the same people we were in college (hopefully, a little more mature...at least in my case). After our 45th reunion, we had such a good time we decided to have a mini-reunion in Gettysburg in 2008: **Bill Wunner** attended that reunion. If I recall correctly, **Steve Bishop** attended our 45th reunion.

**Brothers can reconnect with Bill at
bfleisch2@verizon.net.**

Reconnect with Joe at joseph.t.gurreri@gmail.com.

CHAPTER UPDATES

Growing Our Chapter and Our Legacy

Theta-Pi Achieves Top GPA, Recruits a Large Class and Makes a Difference Locally and Globally

By Kevin Bardon, President, Theta-Pi Chapter

Brothers continue to expand Theta-Pi's great legacy on campus, achieving the second-highest fraternity GPA of 3.11. Sigma (Scholarship Chair) **Blake Chiapetta** has been working hard to assist brothers with establishing study schedules and enforcing mandatory study hours to help brothers improve their GPAs.

At the time of this writing, Rush Week was in full swing and Theta-Pi had a rush class of 20 men. The fall new member class

yielded 19 men, a 58% increase over the previous year. Four of these new members have moved into the newly-renovated basement rooms, bringing them even closer to the brotherhood. With a large number of graduating brothers this spring, the chapter is actively "courting" new members for next year's rush.

Philanthropically, Lambda Chi again held its "For Jake's Sake" 5K on campus and donated the proceeds to the Ronald McDonald

House in Harrisburg. The chapter also donated to Kiva, a program that directs contributions to developing regions of the world. This money is considered a loan, and the recipients work to repay the loan so that the original contributor can regain the money to donate again to a different family or region. This truly is the gift that keeps on giving. Finally, the chapter plans to again hold its annual North American Food Drive this spring.

CHAPTER REPORT

Our Award-Winning Chapter

Join us in congratulating the following brothers for their accolades this academic year:

Ben Rodgers - Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society

Kevin Bardin- Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society

Timmy Meads - Class of 2016 President

Frank Arigo - Class of 2016 Vice President

Andrew Bellis - COSIDA Academic All-American 1st team (soccer), NSCAA Scholar All-Region, Margaret E. Fisher Award, College Nominee for Rhodes, Marshall, and Truman Scholarships, Center for the Study of the

Presidency and Congress Presidential Fellow, Eisenhower Institute Fellow, Greek Male Junior of the Year

David Gilmore and **Matt Maynard** - 2013 Linnaean Award Recipients, given to a senior who is voted on by the student body for having made a positive impact on campus.

David Wemer - Rhodes Scholarship Nominee, President of Phi Alpha Theta, Eisenhower Institute Fellow. He was also highlighted on the Gettysburg homepage for receiving the Raymond J. Cunningham prize for having written the best undergrad history paper in the country.

Bradon Tower - Eisenhower Institute Fellow: a prestigious public policy program awarded to seniors who are forced to organize on campus presentations. Recent Guest speakers include former head of NASA Charles Bolden.

Andrew Bellis and **Devin Geiman** – Featured on Gettysburg's homepage for their achievements on the soccer field and accomplishments in the classroom.

Stay tuned for much more news and information from the active chapter throughout the spring semester at www.lambdachigettsburg.com.

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