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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

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# THETA PIPER



*Jack Joiner  
(left) and  
Collin Ryan  
(right) in  
Australia*



## **JACK JOINER '25 AND COLLIN RYAN'S '25 EXPERIENCE ABROAD**

Collin and I are living together and studying at the University of Wollongong in Australia. Sharing this experience with a fraternity brother has made it even more enriching as we explore Australian culture and the environment together. We've visited the Sydney Opera House, fed kangaroos, hiked the Blue Mountains, and witnessed an epic AFL comeback. We've also made friends from around the world and embraced new perspectives. While this opportunity has been incredible, we miss our brothers back home.

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## **FORMER ACADEMIC CHAIR DOM DILUZIO '26 ON ACADEMICS AT AXA**

Theta Pi secured the fourth position in GPA rankings among fraternities last fall, boasting a new member average of 3.29, the highest in the fraternity community. Ratul Pradhan achieved an impressive perfect 4.0, while 19 brothers maintained GPAs exceeding 3.5. This fall, we have risen to the third overall fraternity, and our goal is to maintain that status. To support our academic success, we have organized study hours twice a week, and our joint study sessions with sororities have been particularly successful.



# MAX ROBINS' '24 OUTGOING PRESIDENTS REPORT

Over the past year, I served as High Alpha of Theta Pi Zeta, facing challenges from changing Greek life policies and a shifting campus environment. With the support of my executive board and brothers, we had one of our most successful years, earning recognition as Interfraternity Chapter of the Year, achieving significant philanthropic goals, and initiating 23 new members.



*Brothers accepting Order of Omega awards.*

*From right to left:  
Artie Keegan, Max Robins, Cam Case*

In Fall 2023, Gettysburg College introduced a reflection-based evaluation method for Greek chapters, requiring detailed reporting from each executive board member. Though initially daunting, our team pulled together, resulting in one of our strongest years for programming, including successful brotherhood, mental health, and community events.

Reflecting on my presidency, I'm proud to have contributed to Theta Pi's growth and organizational excellence. I've witnessed our brotherhood strengthen, and I'm confident that my successor, Patrick Murphy, will continue this tradition. As High Iota, Patrick re-wrote our risk management policy and has already demonstrated strong leadership as High Alpha. I look forward to supporting him as an alumni brother.

In ZAX,  
Max Robins  
ΘΠ 1660



*Graduating Brothers in the Class of 2024*

*From right to left: Ken Gould, Ryan Allen, Max Robins, Ryan Monaco, Brendan Strey, Artie Keegan, Jed Keegan, Jack Comegno, Jack O'Neill*



# TRACK ATHLETE UPDATE

In our recent track update, Brother Arthur Keegan '24 impressed with an 11th place finish in the 60m dash at the Centennial Conference Championship, clocking in at 7.24 seconds and earning the 8th spot all-time in Gettysburg History. He also led off the men's 4x200m relay. Brother Luke Demato '24 showcased his skills in the Triple Jump, landing 16th in the conference with a jump of 11.19m, after hitting a personal best of 11.33m earlier in the season. Brother Andrew Cappello '26 excelled in shot put and weight throw, achieving personal records of 10.89m and 10.55m respectively. Despite facing injuries, Brothers Aidan Kiernan '25 and Dominic DiLuzio '26 are determined to bounce back this spring and make a strong comeback.



*Artie Keegan  
'24*

## ALFREDO ROMAN '26 ON HIS X-SIG EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER



*Alfredo Roman  
'26*

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Last summer I had the great opportunity to carry out research in Gettysburgs' X-SIG (Cross-disciplinary science institute at Gettysburg). During my 8 week internship in the program I developed large machine learning models using Python (a high-level programming language) that were able to predict waves of Covid-19 using publicly available and anonymized data from cell phone locations. My model was able to preemptively predict when waves were going to happen and could be used in future pandemics to better guide policy and supply chain management issues. Additionally, being able to partake in hands-on research allowed me to see how my future in academia could play out and allowed me to practice valuable skills like communication between departments and intrinsically motivated research goals.

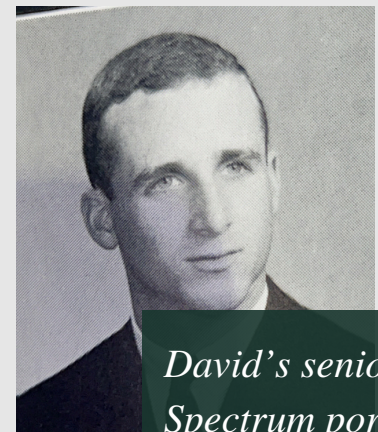
# MY LAMBDA CHI EXPERIENCE AND HOW IT SHAPED MY FUTURE

*By David Radin '65 Theta-Pi 589*

This essay will focus on events and emotional reactions to circumstances during four years of my undergraduate life that resulted in ultimate changes in how I developed as a person, few of which I could have predicted as I entered college. I still remember vividly as a freshman, our third day on campus, gathering near the steps of the chapel awaiting a signal for the fraternity upperclassmen from all 13 houses to descend on us, scrambling to madly sign us up for “dates” to visit their respective houses during rush week for both parties to decide on how compatible we’d be with each other.

Obviously, I accepted Lambda Chi’s offer to join, and learned shortly thereafter that because I was Jewish, the brotherhood was up until 4:00 AM discussing whether to accept me because the national fraternity had a “white Christian” policy. That changed the following summer, another story.

Gettysburg at the time had 13 fraternities and seven sororities, and of roughly 1300 students, men outnumbered the women 2 to 1. Tuition, room and board was just over \$2000 a year (I may be off, but not by much). We wore chinos, button-down shirts and sweaters, were well shaven and with short haircuts. It was a dry campus, and the house would fine brothers \$5 if they were caught drinking in the house. We had a house mother and a cook. We were well behaved and ate good food. We invited faculty and their wives to join us for dinner on Tuesday or Thursday nights, and we wore coat and tie for those occasions.

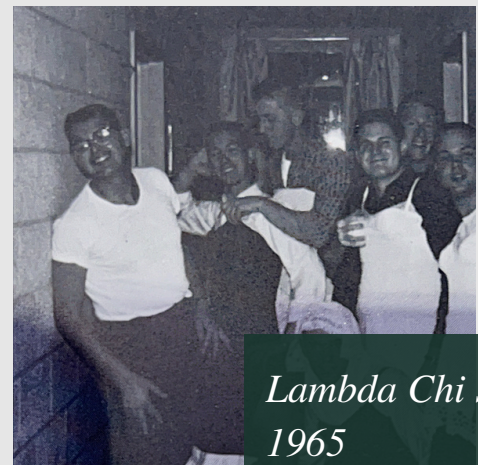


*David’s senior  
Spectrum portrait*

I was a sophomore, living in the house during the second semester, when elections for new officers took place. I was hopeful at getting nominated for a slot because I loved the house and all it stood for and felt that I had a lot to contribute. I was nominated for four offices and got none of them. I was really bummed out and embarrassed. After the brother’s meeting, I was in my room feeling sorry for myself, when my big brother, Duncan Evans entered the room, closed the door, sat down and asked how I was feeling. This was about to be the first time in my life I was ever given explicit feedback on how I was perceived. I can remember almost exactly his words: “Here’s what was discussed about you. You are universally liked as a friend and brother. You’re outgoing, funny, have good ideas, and an all-around good guy. But you’re not ready for a leadership role yet. You’re too boisterous, seek to be the center of attention when it may not be appropriate, and tend to find humor in situations that don’t call for it. You definitely have leadership potential but need some time to learn how to act more maturely, and you’ll be ready.” That conversation formed the basis of my future professional inclinations, although I was unaware at the time of its impact. A gut punch, indeed.

I nursed my wounds for a while, and was named Scholarship Chairman, a non-officer job, but a member of the executive committee. I saw this as a strong gesture of confidence in my future potential. I gradually changed my approach to life, and the next year I was elected High Kappa, Pledge Chairman. I dove into my new role with gusto. In those days, the national fraternity send representatives called “Traveling Secretaries” around the country to visit every chapter house and advise them on all matters of life as Lambda Chi’s. When our “TS” (as they were called at the time) had a sit-down with me, he said that fraternities all over the country were evaluating the concept of “hell week” (the period before the initiation ceremony involving mild/ fun to severe hazing) and listed alternative activities for us that would be more in line with contemporary thought about character and leadership development across national campuses. I had doubts, but he did convince me. I presented this concept to the executive committee who wholeheartedly agreed, and I prepared my presentation for the brotherhood to change our version of hell week. I knew it would be a tough pitch to give, because hundreds before us, including all the current brothers, had participated in the Lambda Chi version of hell week, mostly with fond memories because we had all endured the same thing to be there.

I rehearsed that pitch over and over, walking in the alley at night, saying sentences over and over, with the right emphasis on the right words, the right pauses, the right tone and inflections. At the brother’s meeting, I gave my speech, I sat down. And brother Alf Kramer, High Alpha from the prior year was called on, he stood, and said, “I move that we accept Brother Radin’s proposal in toto” There was no discussion. A vote was called, and the proposal was unanimously accepted.



*Lambda Chi social  
1965*

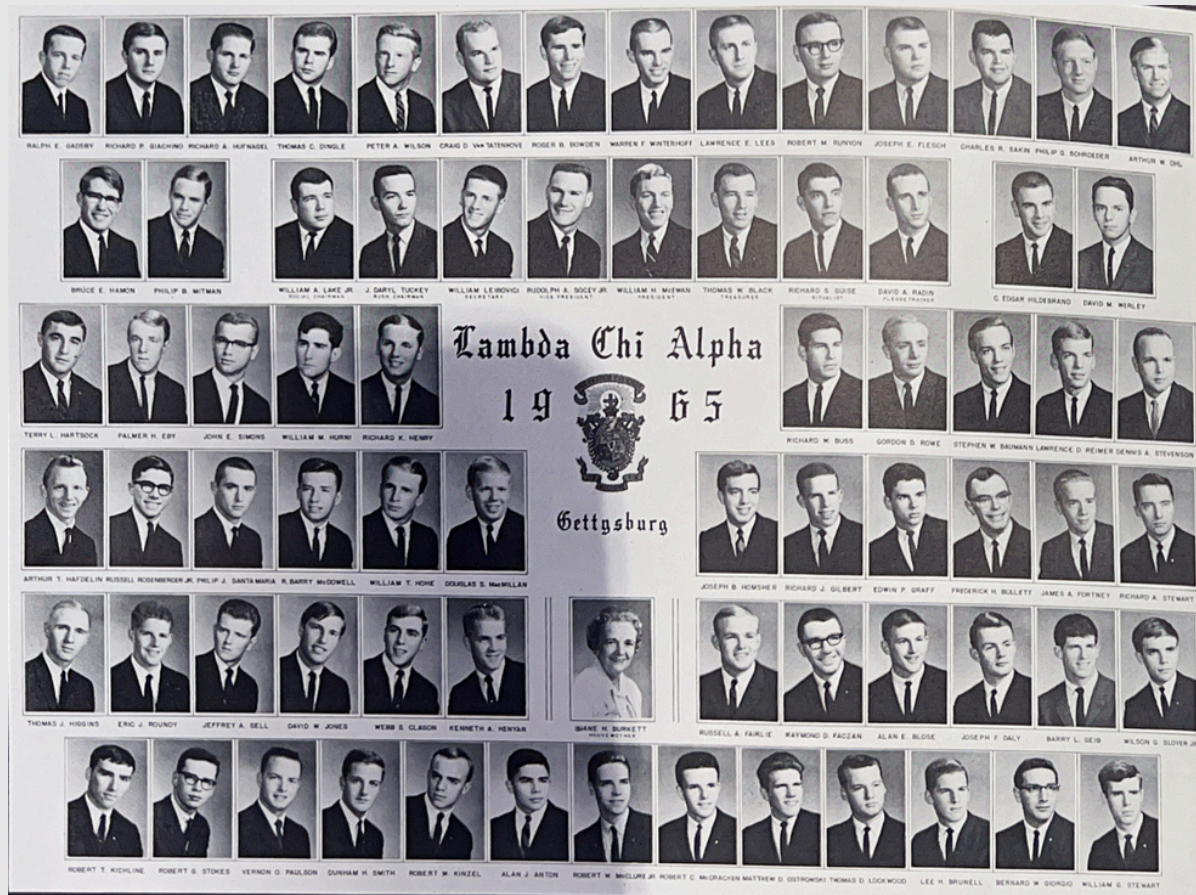


*Lambda Chi was the newest  
renovated fraternity in 1965*

Fast forward about 10-15 years. I took that speech preparation experience to new levels, and at an annual performance review was told by my boss the Division Vice President, that I was “the best pitch man in the Division” . That skill propelled my career ahead and after retirement I coached individuals and taught classes in public speaking.



As for the speech at the brother's meeting about changing our approach to hell week, it taught me how every second spent in perfecting an important presentation results in high return on investment. And, as my career progressed, I was given the opportunity to lead a team in the development and facilitation of a course for all supervisors in my company to teach the skills required in good supervision, especially coaching and giving feedback. To this day I have worked on and honed those skills with young Gettysburg alumni and undergraduates with whom I've become friends and coach.



A year after I graduated, my college sweetheart from G-burg and I got married. Three Lambda Chi's were in attendance, one being my best man. Along with the camaraderie and fun one experiences as a Lambda Chi, it's easy to overlook the incidents we have as young men that help chart our futures. In my case, this realization didn't hit me until my 40's, and I began reflecting on how I evolved as a man and what I value. In-person communication skills are vital for seasoned and emerging leaders to master. Use your Theta Pi experience to your benefit, and learn how to listen and speak skillfully, and you shall see great results as your life unfolds.

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# A GREAT YEAR FOR PHILANTHROPY

The Theta Pi chapter is deeply committed to philanthropy and community engagement, demonstrated through our successful initiatives over the past year. In November, our members participated in Movember by growing mustaches and raising over \$500 for the Movember Foundation. This February, we partnered with the American Red Cross to host a Blood Drive, where we collected 35 units of blood, saving 105 lives.



As we continue into 2024, we remain dedicated to making a positive impact. This April, we successfully revived the beloved tradition of Watermelon Bust, with all proceeds benefiting Feeding America. Looking ahead, we are excited to host another Blood Drive with the American Red Cross this fall and explore additional ways to benefit the Gettysburg community.

Our chapter's ongoing efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to service and philanthropy, and we are proud of the contributions we've made—and will continue to make—in support of those in need.

## Money Raised 2023-2024

- **\$2500+** for the Movember foundation
- **\$500** for Adam's County SPCA
- **\$1500** for Feeding America
- **\$1400** for Adams County SPCA in Pie a Pi, Pie a Chi with AOII, ADII, ΣΧ
- **\$800** for Feeding America through the Antica 5k with AOII and AXP



# MEET HIGH EXEC



## **Dominic DiLuzio - President**

Hometown: Chadds Ford, PA

Major: Political Science &  
Public Policy

Campus Involvement: Cross  
Country & Track, Student Senate

“I am excited to lead a great group of guys to do great things.”

## **Colin Kilbreth - VP External (Philanthropy)**

Hometown: Nottingham, NH

Major: Buisness

Minors: History

Campus Involvement: Not In  
Our House

“I look forward to being involved with the community to create new service opportunities for the brothers.”



## **Harry Turner - VP Internal**

Hometown: Barrington, RI

Major: Psychology

Campus Involvement: Psi Chi  
Honor Society.

“ I am really excited to get the opportunity to plan and carry out fun events that strengthen the brotherhood.”

## **Patrick Flaherty - Treasurer**

Hometown: Westfield, NJ

Major: Buisness

Minor: Economics

Campus Involvement: Finance  
and Investment Club

“I am excited to leave a visible, lasting impact on the house that will be appreciated for many years after I graduate.”



# NEW FLOORS, NEW WALLS AND NEW PROGRAMS THANKS TO THE HOUSING CORP

The brothers of the Theta Pi chapter are a motivated and resourceful group, committed to enhancing our fraternity. Over the past year, we've strategically allocated our budget to key areas like recruitment, brotherhood events, and improving the structural integrity of our house. Thanks to this dedication, we initiated the largest associate member class on campus last year, solidifying our place as one of the largest fraternities.



We've also focused on creating meaningful experiences, such as a brotherhood Thanksgiving where we cooked and served for each other, and organizing a thorough cleanup of our living space. This semester, we've improved our social spaces with new couches, and we are grateful to the housing core for providing us with new floors. Special thanks to Hank Har (SDSU '68) for helping brother Aidan Kiernan '25 repaint the first floor.

Looking ahead, we aim to renovate our heavily used kitchen and transform our side yard into a more inviting social area with a firepit. Alumni donations are crucial in sustaining our progress, especially in the competitive fraternity environment created by the lower student count at Gettysburg. Your support helps us strengthen our bonds, enhance recruitment, and improve the overall quality of our housing.

# A GREAT YEAR FOR NOT IN OUR HOUSE

Hello, my name is Colin Kilbreth and as a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, I serve as the Not in Our House Representative. The Not in Our House committee meets biweekly each semester to discuss ways to better our college-wide community in regard to sexual assault awareness. A few things that my role entails are meeting with a committee of representatives from each chapter, organizing specific events that raise awareness to sexual assault awareness, such as the “Its on Us” and “Walk a Mile” campaigns, and to encourage members of our brotherhood to attend said events.



*Brothers taking the yearly Not In Our House photo.*

It is also important to note that this relatively new program would not have been possible without the help of brother Cameron Case '25 that as philanthropy chair for IFC helped build a lot of the foundations for the program.

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## RECRUITMENT AND AM UPDATE

This fall, we are pleased to announce the addition of 10 associate members. Among them, 7 are sophomores and 3 are juniors. While this recruitment class is smaller than we had hoped for, we are still thrilled with our chosen brothers and are optimistic about what lies ahead. We aim to make a significant effort in spring recruitment and again next fall.



*AM's after big-little ceremony. From right to left: Luke Wallace, Brendan Callahan, Matt Nioradze, Matt Maratea, Jacob Fletcher, Graham Ladley, Jim Higginbotham, Quincy Flett, Justin Musmanno (Not pictured: Rob Papadeas)*



# **Thank you so much for reading this edition of the Theta Piper!**

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donation to the Theta Pi Annual fund  
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such as buying new equipment for  
common spaces and doing much needed  
maintanance on the house.**

**Without the help of donors like you, the  
chapter would not be as healthy as it is  
today.**

## **REUNION WEEKEND 2025**

Planning to attend Reunion Weekend 2025?  
Please fill out the form within the QR code to  
share your contact details and your event  
preferences. We are so excited to host you!

