

Lambda Chi Has Highest New Member GPA for Spring 2001 Rush

Since our inception in April of 2001, academics have remained a focus for the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha, Colony 130. In our first active semester, this group of men, who came together to found a tradition of excellence, immediately took the top spot among the other fraternities at Gettysburg for highest GPA during a single semester. Since then, our colony's efforts to uphold a high standard of scholastic achievement have continued.

The past two semesters, Colony 130's associate member class has had the highest overall GPA, a direct result of fine-tuned recruiting and the acknowledgment that grades play a significant role in our college careers. With the implementation of new academic programs for the fraternity on the horizon, and a growing emphasis on scholastic achievement, Colony 130 seeks to maintain the highest academic standing among the Greek community for semesters to follow.

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Alumni NEWS

Late 80s/Early 90s Gather for Reunion

More than 40 brothers and their spouses gathered in August at the inner harbor in Baltimore for a gathering of brothers from the late 80s/early 90s. Geoff Jackson, 1991, organized the event.

Doug Ritter, active President, joined the brothers as well. "It was amazing to see so many brothers from different years get together. What a great group of alumni!"

A difficult Lambda Chi quiz (what is the Lambda Chi flower?), a buffet dinner and a Baltimore Orioles game finished off the evening. Geoff Jackson thanks everyone who helped put the event together and who attended.



Brothers in attendance at the 80s-90s reunion in Baltimore

Letter From the President

Dear Brothers,

As the New Year begins, it is with much happiness and excitement that I am able to report on the state of our fraternity at Gettysburg. As you know it was only three years ago that we were faced with perhaps the most difficult period in the Chapter's almost 90 years at Gettysburg. Faced with a dwindling membership and mounting debt, the alumni house corporation spent many months struggling over the future of our fraternity. It was after careful consideration of all options and discussion with the actives and alumni that we made the difficult decision to close the Chapter house. With support of the national fraternity as well as Gettysburg College, we were able to recolonize during 2001 with a great group of active men who have helped resurrect Lambda Chi Alpha at Gettysburg.

The active membership now leads the campus with one of the strongest overall GPAs. Each member of the Chapter is involved in several on-campus activities. In fact, during the 2002 Alumni Weekend, two members of the Chapter received the College's prestigious Linnaean Award recognizing campus leadership and scholarship. Only three male and three female students are presented this award each year; having two of the three men come from our House is truly amazing! Amazing, but not surprising. The men leading our active colony are an incredible group. It is because of their hard work that the colony is scheduled to receive its Charter on February 15, 2003.

I take great pride in inviting you to attend the Charter

Ceremony on Saturday, February 15, 2003. The black tie event will take place at the ballroom at the Gettysburg Hotel on Lincoln square. I hope that as many alumni as possible can attend.

In closing, the state of our fraternity is great! Our active membership is increasing and our financial outlook appears bright. However, we must not rest on our recent successes. Now is the time that we must solidify the Chapter's future. Alumni involvement is critical. The Chapter will only survive with your support. Whether its financial assistance or donation of your time, no amount is too small. We all recall the oath of fraternity that binds us together. As time has taken our lives in different directions, we still all share the bond that began at 113 West Broadway, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I urge you to get more involved with the Chapter's alumni association. Attend an alumni weekend during the fall or spring or just stop by the House and meet the actives - I'm sure you'll be as impressed as I am.

Please feel free to contact me at (201) 368-0017 (h) or (201) 573-1810 (w) or e-mail GAPadovano@aol.com for more information about the Charter Ceremony or about how you can help your fraternity continue to prosper.

I wish you and your families a healthy and happy New Year.

Yours in ZAX,
Gregg

Letter from the High Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha Colony 130 has achieved and accomplished more than anyone thought possible during our first year and half back on the Gettysburg College campus. Our fraternity has offered so much to the campus and has established a niche here at Gettysburg like no other organization has done before.

This fall, our main goals were to recruit a solid associate member class and satisfy the qualifying standards for the Theta-Pi charter. Our fall recruitment was a great success and it was conducted alcohol-free. With the signing of 12 new men, we were able raise our total roster to 42 men and to satisfy the last of the 15 chartering standards, which has enabled us to charter. The chartering application has been submitted to International Headquarters and we are currently waiting to receive our acceptance. The date for the chartering banquet has been set for Saturday, February 15, 2003 in the Hotel Gettysburg Grand Ballroom. Elections have been completed for the 2003 calendar year and officer transitioning is taking place. I have the utmost confidence in these brothers that they will continue the great success and tradition of Lambda Chi Alpha at Gettysburg College.

Yours in ZAX,
Douglas Ritter

!!! Reminder !!!

Remember to keep the date
February 15, 2003 OPEN.

It is the day that
**Colony 130 will receive
its charter.**

Please refer all RSVP's
and questions to
Matthew Callahan.

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Undergraduate Happenings

Commitment to a Clean House Earns Respect from Students and Neighbors

By Douglas J.D. Walo

During the summer of 2001, the newly colonized brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha at Gettysburg College reclaimed good old 113 West Broadway. Striving for nothing short of excellence, we have developed a comprehensive, full-fraternity cleaning system. This

commitment to cleanliness has earned respect from our students, especially Gettysburg's sororities, as well as our local neighborhood.

For the purpose of enhancement of the quality of living and to encourage pride and respect in Lambda Chi Alpha's House, numerous capital projects are being pursued and regular full-fraternity work days have become semester traditions. Lambda Chi Alpha has set a high standard and will continue to strive for excellence. ■



Lambda Chi Alpha Wins Greek Week Championship

By Justin Greer

In an upset victory, the Lambda Chi boys won the Greek Week Championship.

This year's competition had several components. The week began with a community service project, which was setting up the local little league baseball field for the beginning of the season. The brothers of Lambda Chi came out in full force for this event. They had more brothers at this event than any other house. And they came out of the event with the lead in the Greek Week standings.

The second component was the Greek Week games. The brothers did not exactly show off their athletic prowess in these games but they held their own and still had the lead heading into the final event.

The final event was Airbands, a competition designed to highlight the fraternities' acting and singing abilities. The brothers put on a stunning performance of Michael Jackson's legendary video *Thriller*. It was a hard fought battle but the boys of Lambda Chi prevailed over second place Sigma Alpha Epsilon to win the Air Bands competition and the overall Greek Week Championship.

The prize for winning this competition was pride and bragging rights, and \$1000 dollars to be donated to our charity.

It was the perfect capstone for the one year anniversary of our refounding. ■



Brothers celebrate their winning Airband performance at the Greek Week Championship.

Operation for One Full Year

By Douglas J.D. Walo

- Colony 130's Founding Initiation – April 7, 2001
- One Year Anniversary of Colony 130's Founding Initiation – April 7, 2002
- Date of Submission of the Application for Charter – October 16, 2002

Lambda Chi Alpha Colony 130 has grown dramatically throughout the course of the past year and a half. We have grown in size. We have grown in potential. We have grown in both personal and fraternal expectations. We have gone through the struggles of learning the difference between the Executive Committee Meeting, The High Zeta Meeting and the Colony Business Meeting. We have witnessed a Lambda Chi Alpha Greek Week Championship in our first complete academic year as a colony. We have struggled to come to know and understand the importance of risk management and how it is done. In response, we have developed one of the most successful risk management programs Gettysburg

College Greek life has ever known. We have debated policy upon policy in hopes of creating a set of By Laws to govern ourselves. We have found a special home for the Lambda Chi Alpha's Initiation Ritual in the heart of this fraternal brotherhood.

We espouse the values and ideals of Lambda Chi Alpha in all of our decisions and behaviors. We have set out to create the miracle of fraternity and something truly special has happened at Gettysburg. Lambda Chi Alpha Colony 130 is not just any fraternity. Colony 130 is the epitome of fraternity. Colony 130 is a brotherhood that defines true brotherhood and is capable of surmounting the insurmountable. ■

Gettysburg Brothers Visit Denver for Lambda Chi's 49th General Assembly

By Douglas Stuart

Every four years, the International Fraternity accommodates representatives from all active chapters and colonies in a new host city in order to conduct the business of Lambda Chi Alpha. Hosting hundreds of Lambda Chi's this year was the beautiful city of Denver, Colorado for the 49th General Assembly.

The week began with a two day Impact Leadership seminar. All sessions were held at the University of Denver, located in a rural suburb of the city. Brothers Doug Ritter and Doug Stuart attended this two-day event, graduating from Level Four and Level Two, respectively. Brother Doug Stuart acted as the delegate for the Theta-Pi Zeta colony at the assembly, which entitled him to one vote on behalf of the Gettysburg brotherhood in the legislative meetings that decide many of the laws and activities of the Fraternity. Brother Doug Ritter attended as the International Ritual Team (IRT) Captain, reserved for one undergraduate from across the country and involving countless hours of rehearsal and dedication.

Some of the most significant decisions made on the Fraternity's legislation include: an increase of chapter fees; passage of an anti-discrimination policy; the implementation of an alumni ceremony to facilitate a proper transition from undergraduate to alumnus status; nomination and installation of six members to the Grand High Zeta; and recognition of the office of High Theta in the Fraternity's ceremonies.

Workshops on operating programs implemented by chapters across North America were arranged for all brothers to attend. Gettysburg was honored to accept a scholastic award from the General Fraternity commending the colony's GPA ranking of third among fraternities on campus in its first year of operation. ■

Addressing Hunger: North American Food Drive

By Douglas J.D.

Last spring, Colony 130 continued its participation in the world's largest single-day philanthropy, Lambda Chi Alpha's North American Food Drive. Last year was the 9th annual N.A.F.D. Internationally, 2.9 million pounds were raised! Colony 130 raised 5,950 pounds of non-perishable food for South Central Community Action Programs, S.C.C.A.P., which assists deserving families in the greater Gettysburg Area.

Although the primary focus of N.A.F.D. is to alleviate hunger as a social problem, the service also plays a key role in tightening the fraternal bond within our brotherhood. Brother Douglas Stuart said, "I love the N.A.F.D. because I see our brotherhood come together to feed the people in our immediate community."

N.A.F.D. has gotten better with each semester of experience. We have set a goal of 6,500 pounds of food for the fall. ■

Rho Report

By Justin Greer

In our second year back on campus we, the active brothers have found ourselves wanting to improve our relationship with the alumni. We like hearing about the "old days" and what being a brother meant to you.

We would like to see you all maintain and possibly restore old friendships that were forged during your time as a brother. We hope that you will help us realize the future of Lambda Chi Alpha at Gettysburg and instill in each other and us the passion for our fraternity. ■



Thanks to all who attended Alumni Weekend 2001

Alumni UpDates

Gordon A. Mickley '43
(202 Draw Bridge Ct., Greensburg, PA 15601-9279; mmickley@webtv.net) Would like to hear from Brothers of Gettysburg of '43, '42, '41, and '40. Appreciate your taking the responsibility of recolonization.

Thornton G. Smith '50
(42 Brookmead Rd., Wayne, PA 19087; vafs@aol.com) All of us owe a great debt of gratitude to those alums who worked so hard to get the chapter active again. Ginny (Heeser '55) and I will be going to Switzerland to celebrate the birth of our fourth grandchild.

Edwin N. Partikian '52
(510 23rd St., Apt. MB, New York, NY 10010; parted@attglobal.net) Congratulations to all the attendants and alums who worked so hard to re-open Theta Pi Zeta. and a special note to **Ron Miller, '54** on his induction to the Hall of Athletic Honor.

Henry J. Bargmann '55
(P.O. Box 4, Bomoseen, VT 05732) Retired, but still have a few communications consulting clients. I am keeping active in alumni activities and am absolutely delighted we have an active chapter again. All are to be commended for their effort.

Richard W. Ruesch '60
(1075 Cathermu Ave., Naperville, IL 60540; rlruesch@aol.com) Retired from Navista Financial Corp in January after 38 years. I am enjoying golf, travel and seven grandchildren.

Frederick A. Huestis '63
(2009 Hoods Creek Rd., New Bern, NC 28562; huestis@always-online.com) Mini Reunion at the beach! Six Brothers and wives spent the July 1-7, 2001 week together at Avon on Hatteras Island, NC. **Fred Huestis** and wife Chantal organized this year's get together. **Kirby Kiick** and wife Judy, **Ken McCluskey** and wife Sandy, **John Shaeffer** and wife Mary Lou, **Bob Schiek** and wife, Mary, and **Fred Von Eiff** and wife Judy. They came from their homes in New Bern, NC, East Stroudsburg, PA; Bradenton, FL; Milford, DE; Blacksburg, VA and White Plains, NY. **Paul Phenicie** and wife Sandy were not able to make this year's get together due to building a retirement home in Calabash, NC. We all had a good time enjoying the beach, sunsets, and many other fun activities including a great 4th of July party. But the

best part was catching up on happenings in our lives, children, grandchildren, etc. and reflecting back on our past. A great time was had by all.

Robert L. Taylor '63
(503 Long Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241) My twin sister, Nancy, and I are both doing well.

Christopher Shenk '63
(248 Boston Post Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; judy@gymnasticsvillage.com) I am a retired from Federal Law Enforcement. I work part time at a local hardware store and assist wife with business, a gymnastics school celebrating 25 years. My hobbies are day soldiers, trains and I hike and ski in fall and winter. I also cycle (long distance) in late spring and summer. I enjoy planting and trimming in our 15 acres of woods, wetlands and ponds. I recommend retirement.

Russell A. Fairlie '67
(1160 Limekiln Pike, Ambler, PA 19002) Congratulations on a successful recolonization. Good luck getting 113 W. Broadway back in shape.

Vernon O. Paulson '68
(51 Ivy Hill Rd., Red Bank, NJ 07701) Son Erik was a Lambda Chi at Elon College in North Carolina. He graduated in May, 2001. He was also President of the IFC in his Junior year. Would love to hear from **Ralph Gadsby '66**.

David W. Dunn '75
(215 North Fulton St., Strasburg, PA 17579; dunnfam@desuper.net) I am still working as Director of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. We celebrated our 25th anniversary. My son Jeremy, now a senior psych/theater double major at University of Richmond. My daughter Beth, is a freshman at Ursinus College.

Robert M. Green '75
(3100 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 415, Washington, DC 20008; verde753@bellatlantic.net) Congratulations on the remarkable recolonization. I am really glad to hear it.

John S. Stidman '76
(713 Gladstone Cir., Salisbury, MD 21804; stidmancdst.dman@aol.com) Tell **Bob Arsenault '76**, Judge says hi. Recently recovered from stage 3 cancer surgery.

John W. Cipollini '80
(2510 Guilford Ave., Baltimore, MD 21218; johncipollini@msn.com) New job--partner in Mason Hale Group, providing health care for college students. I celebrated my first anniversary with my new wife, Jeanne, in July 2001. Three children previous marriage, Alex, Angela, Annette. We often get together with **Jim "Moose" Morrison, Theta Pi, '80**, who is doing very well. Jim teaches Biology and Chemistry at the Gilmor School in Baltimore.

Michael W. Herbert '87
(26 Martha Dr., Trenton, NJ 08610; mwhlegal8373@aol.com) I have been married to my wife Kim for 10 years and I have three daughters. I currently represent many local municipalities here in central New Jersey.

Michael H. Mayone '88
(125 Saddle Hill Rd., Stamford, CT 06903-2307; mmayone@aol.com) It was great to meet the active Brothers at Homecoming. They are a quality group of guys that exhibit the true meaning of brotherhood. I hope to see more alums at the next LCA event, especially, those from the '80's.

Scott Strong '92
(R. R. 2, Box 816C, Liverpool, PA 17045-9621) Amy gave birth to our second child, Thomas Scott Strong last year and we are all doing well.

Marc A. Ferriere '96
(29 Cosgrove Rd., Willington, CT 06279) Just received a promotion to Materials Test Specialist at Gerber Scientific in Connecticut.

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