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UPCOMING EVENT

Preparing for the Celebration of the Century

As Theta-Pi prepares for its 100th anniversary in 2016, the Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association has a great opportunity to rally alumni around this milestone celebration. Stay tuned for more information.

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YOUR INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Do You Realize You Own Investment Property in Gettysburg, Pa.?

You literally own 1/972 of 113 W. Broadway.



"The alumni of the fraternity own the house. We are one of a handful of fraternities on campus that still own our own property. While that makes for more work on our part, we're proud of the fact that it's our fraternity and not the college that owns the building. The building itself dates from the 1870s and has been home to the fraternity since 1933."

- David Crumplar '06

There are many ways to say it, but it really comes down to this: You don't know what you've got until it's gone.

Fortunately, we can all realize this and act upon it before it is too late. Recently, one of our alumni asked a question that many of you are probably thinking: "What is happening at the LXA fraternity house?!" He had received a telephone call from a brother who had stopped by the house. A walk around the outside of the

house indicated that it was in disarray, with trash strewn all around.

All of this, however, raises some interesting questions. As proud alumni of Theta Pi Chapter of LXA, what are we thinking? Other Gettysburg chapters like Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu are literally building and rebuilding upon the hope of new generations. LXA needs a competitive advantage.

The undergraduates are taking great strides to focus on a very positive, results-driven strategy for future success.

There is, no doubt, much work to be done on both sides — alumni and undergraduate. Thanks to your generosity, the alums have stepped up heavily in recent years to complete many improvements. But we cannot stop here. Think about how you can contribute. Find out more on page 3.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Taking His Focus on Service to Those Who Need It the Most

Enzo Pinga '11 Cofounds Urban Agriculture Company in Home Country

Enzo Pinga '11 made the 8,590-mile trek from his native Philippines to Gettysburg College in 2007. Just five years later, Enzo returned to the Philippines to make a difference.

"I thought, what better place to make a difference than in my home country, the Philippines," said Enzo, who decided after his study abroad experiences that he "must do something that would make an impact."

He says it was the valuable knowledge and experiences he gained at Gettysburg that equipped him for his path after graduation and cultivated his global understanding and desire to help others. Traveling to South Africa for a semester abroad, then returning shortly after graduation on a Project for Peace grant, made a particularly strong impact on Enzo.

In 2012, Enzo cofounded Bahay Kubo Organics (BKO), a nonprofit urban farming and sustainability company that aims to help grow fresh food for the individuals and communities who need it the most. To Enzo, this meant not only providing less fortunate communities with fresh food, but also building those communities around urban agriculture.

"What struck us the most was the idea of a vertical farm in the city — a building that is producing lots of food with zero waste," said Enzo. Being a recent graduate, he knew this was an ambitious goal, but after some research, he came across an exciting new system. "We discovered aquaponics, a technology people were using to increase efficiency and maximize space for urban farming."

BKO specializes in aquaponic systems, which



combine aquaculture — raising freshwater fish — with hydroponics — cultivating plants in water. Waste from the aquatic animals is broken down into vital nutrients and used to fertilize the plants, while the water is circulated back into the system.

Aquaponics is a relatively new technology, and BKO is on the forefront of implementing it. In order to create successful prototypes, Enzo conducted research with the Filipino Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. He has taken this knowledge to work in the Metro Manila area, educating communities on urban agriculture and actively presenting his work with urban agriculture at sustainability conventions.

"Our mission is to spread the technology as far and wide as we can, building farms in places that need it most, for people who do not have regular access to healthy food," said Enzo.

BKO has already worked with numerous nonprofit and charitable organizations in the Philippines, including the Fairplay

for All Foundation, an organization for the empowerment of street children, who commissioned BKO to build a rooftop farm at one of their centers to help improve the kids' nutrition.

Enzo's journey in the last seven years has come full circle, having traveled far from home, only to return with a wealth of knowledge and experience from his time at Gettysburg College and Lambda Chi.

Now, Enzo's next journey begins. BKO is striving to spread urban agriculture technology all over the world, especially to the people who need it most.

To Enzo, his time as an undergrad prepared him for this new chapter.

"It's about more than a Gettysburg education; it is a Gettysburg experience."

[Read the full story on the web!](#)

WANTED: LOST BROTHERS Guilty of Not Having a Current Email Address

We're missing email addresses for nearly 60% of our alumni base. If you haven't been getting our electronic messages, please update your information at www.Lambdachigettsburg.org by logging in and going to the Home > Connect > Profile page.

Here is a short list of lost alumni.

Richard Altemose '49	Michael Dalton '80
Hans Hinrich Suhl '52	Glenn Cavada '84
Robert Gehret '58	Christopher Ellinghaus '88
Donald Hey '62	Tinku Oberol '92
Douglas MacMillan '66	Jeremy Knapman '98
Robert Kennon '70	Brandon Matzek '04
David Weise '74	Grahm Kimmerer '08
Robert Arsenaault '76	Logan Gillard '12

If you know the emails of these brothers, send an email to updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com to update his info. Our database is used solely for Lambda Chi at Gettysburg communications and is never traded or sold.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Catching Up With Eric Weaver '05

What about your Lambda Chi experience do you cherish the most?

I've always had a good group of friends throughout my life and a lot of my brothers I was friends with prior to the fraternity. However, I was able to expand outside of my comfort zone and really got to know a wide range of new types of people within the fraternity. That's what I cherish the most.

What traditions will you remember the most?

The traditions I will remember most from my undergraduate days are the rituals. The

experiences we created and our own little inside memories, quotes, etc. that came out of it are things that I'll always remember.

What do you miss the most about Gettysburg?

The more rural feel — I miss the quietness of it. Even when it was busy, Gettysburg always had a quiet, low-key atmosphere.

Reconnect with Eric at eric.s.weaver@gmail.com.

[Read more updates and share your own at www.lambdachigettsburg.com!](#)

Seven Things Every Man Should Learn



In what ways are the skills and values you learned at Lambda Chi still relevant in your life today?

From my Lambda Chi days at Gettysburg College (1976-1979), I learned to appreciate what a group of young men could accomplish together — with teamwork — whether in recruiting a new pledge class, on the intramural sports fields, in classes, etc. We were able to experience great fun, camaraderie and spirit during those very special years.

In the spirit of recruitment, share a story from your own experience from joining Lambda Chi and some advice for a new member this fall.

When I first arrived as a freshman in 1975, my only goal was to somehow make my way through college and see how it would all go — not a very focused approach, I'll admit. But

then I met Lambda Chi upperclassman **Fran Cannon '78**, who sat me down and explained to me that to get the most out of college, I would need goals of what to learn — at least seven goals — as I recall him saying. So once I pledged Lambda Chi, I was amazingly able to achieve these seven learning goals (that Fran had coached me to commit to) with the help of a diverse group of brothers in our pledge class. After all these years, I still remember who taught me what — **Josh Dare '79** (study habits); **George White '79** (discipline of both body and spirit); **Jay Eagen '79** (sense of humor); **Mike Falco '79** (humility in the face of greatness); **Larry Snyder '79** (choose friends wisely); and **Rodd Ruland '79** (how the pinball machine is a great metaphor for life). These have had an impact on me to this very day. My advice to a new member this fall: look for a rather tall-in-stature Lambda Chi Alpha upperclassman like I did, and listen carefully to his coaching, wisdom and advice.

If you could choose one brother to reconnect with this fall, who would you choose, and why?

Former U.S. Presidential Candidate **Ron Paul '59**, who was a proud brother of Gettysburg College Lambda Chi Alpha in the 1950s, served ably as a kitchen steward in the house, and passed on, legend has it, his tips for dishwashing to **Sam Fitzpatrick '78** and others who continued the legacy of making that Chi kitchen sparkle.

Share an update on what's new in your life for our alumni updates section.

After Gettysburg College and grad school, I moved to California in 1985. I still return back to "The Burg" every five years for our reunions, including our 35th reunion which was in June 2014.

**Reconnect with Michael:
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CHAPTER ETERNAL

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers. Condolences to families and friends.

- Del C. Haslbeck '45
- Harry G. Keller '45
- Louis G. Chelton Jr. '45
- William E. Dodd Jr. '46
- Andrew Hislop Jr. '46
- Richard K. Rowe '46
- Alfred Sasser '46
- E. Hess '48
- Richard Lewandowski '56
- Calvin Foltz '58
- John Mitchell '58
- Carol Youse '59
- John Daniel Freed '61
- Edward McManness '80
- Peter A. Neal '84
- David Leese '92

LAMBDA CHI MEMBERSHIP... PRICELESS!

Can You Put a Price Tag on Belonging?

Do you remember those commercials done by MasterCard which pointed out things in life that are priceless? Our version would go something like this: Four-year degree at Gettysburg: \$47,000. Cost of living at Lambda Chi: \$300/month. Value of having one of my Lambda Chi brothers introduce me to my wife and the mother of my three children: priceless.

How can you ever replicate the experiences and environment of Theta-Pi Chapter? There are things that have happened at 113 W. Broadway that could not have happened anywhere else. Belonging to Lambda Chi at Gettysburg means being related to something that is beyond other relationships or affiliations.

So, here are a few things you can do today to make sure that time doesn't run out before you let your brothers know what our chapter means to you:

- Send us an update to post on our website and in our next *Theta Pi News*. Send your email to content@affinityconnection.com. You may think, "Yeah, no one really wants to hear that stuff." WRONG! This is how one fraternity brother was able to

save the life of his daughter. Think big picture here and send us your news!!

- Help us expand the base of those brothers receiving our communications. **Go to our alumni website** to review the list of "lost" brothers ... those for whom we are missing physical and email addresses. If you know how we can reach them, please contact us at updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com. Be sure to reference Lambda Chi at Gettysburg. (Be assured that this information is utilized only for Lambda Chi Gettysburg alumni relations and will never be traded or sold.)
- Call a brother today. Let him know what is happening with you and find out what is happening with him. Make plans to return together for an alumni reunion.

For some of us, our days at 113 W. Broadway are years behind us. But in the words of Mary Schmich, those years made us who we are today. "Understand that friends come and go, but with a precious few you should hold on. The older you get, the more you need the people who knew you when you were young."



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FALL FLASHBACK

Say Cheese!

Part of being an alum is looking at photographs of your wonder years and being slightly embarrassed at how you dressed or how your hair was cut, but being proud of the experience that you had. Lambda Chi does not have a lack of photos, but we always appreciate more! We always welcome photos like the photo here, but we also welcome goofy ones, embarrassing ones, proud ones, even action-packed ones. Got pictures of a party? Send 'em to us! Black and white photos of you and your brothers in the '50s, '60s, '70s? Send 'em to us! Took a picture at homecoming? Send it to us! We will take just about any photo!

If you have any good photos lying around and have a good scanner, or a camera with photos, feel free to send them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com. Alternatively, you can go to our own alumni website (www.lambdachigettsburg.com) and upload them yourself using our "connect" button!

Have some good photos, but don't have a way to get them on your computer? Email us at alumninews@affinityconnection.com for more information on how to mail photos.



We're always looking to expand our old photo albums. Please consider sending us some really good pictures and bringing more to the alumni experience than just memories. Take those memories and make them permanent with uploaded photos!

CHAPTER NEWS

15 New Members!

Growing Our Chapter and Our Legacy

by Kevin Bardon, President, Theta-Pi Chapter



We received 15 associate members this fall semester, and we're very excited. We also plan to continue with a spring rush, which will add an additional, smaller, class to the house. There are currently 29 brothers living in the house, and with about six guys coming back from abroad for the spring semester, we look forward to

having a full house in the spring.

Thus far, we haven't encountered any issues with the house. The newly installed fans in the meeting room have helped air circulation a great deal, and the recent update to the safety units for the kitchen stove also helped us pass inspection with the school.

There's always more on the web: www.lambdachigettsburg.com