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LAMBDA CHI BROTHER IN ACTION

Brother Creates Cost-Effective Insulin Pump Which Could Help Millions

The shift lasted until midnight most nights. Hour after hour, **Tyler Mitchell** worked diligently on a project that had been his dream for as long as he could remember. Every night he worked harder than the last, not because he had to, but because of the great desire to make a difference in the diabetes community,

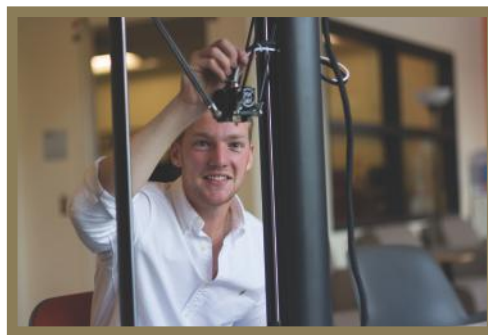
a community which he had been a part of for as long as he could remember. And so he continued to work on his project, one he hoped could change the face of diabetes forever.

This past summer, Mitchell of the Theta-Pi chapter at Gettysburg College was involved with the prestigious Digital Technology Fellowship through the college. Through this opportunity, Mitchell was able to choose a project to research and execute, all fully funded by the college. Mitchell knew that project had to be creating a cheaper insulin pump.

"I knew right away that was something I really needed to do and try to do," said Mitchell. "I've had a want to build an insulin pump for a really long time."

Mitchell's desire to create a more accessible insulin pump began in high school. The now college junior remembers talking with diabetic individuals in his school and community, asking what they might want in an insulin pump. From these conversations, he started to conceptualize what he could actually change, given the proper funding.

"It's been a want of mine for a really long time, but I've never had the means of doing it; it takes some technical knowledge that I didn't have and skills that I didn't have," said Mitchell. So when he learned of the Digital Technology



Mitchell says that he has received immense support for his project from his Chapter Brothers.

Fellowship, Mitchell knew he had to seize the chance.

The main goal of Mitchell's project is to provide normal people with a functioning pump that would break the stigma of expensive medical technology. In the end and the way that Mitchell has built his pump,

it will be \$9,200 dollars cheaper than the pump that is currently on the market.

Mitchell's pump works as a microcontroller, basically a mini computer. It is capable of running different programs, and with the data that Mitchell can manipulate, the pump would be able to inject insulin.

Looking forward, this kind of pump that Mitchell has created could be revolutionary. Because the pump operates as a small computer, if the government approves universal satellite WiFi (which has been discussed frequently now), this pump could change millions of lives.

Mitchell keeps his project in perspective, though. There is still much to flush out with the pump, but the idea of allowing people across the country and world to live a more normalized life with diabetes is reward enough. "Helping people has been the motivation for years, and that's why I'm doing what I'm doing," said Mitchell. "I think it's pretty evident that my goal behind it wasn't making a profit, I'm trying to make it as cheap as possible."

"Really the main goal behind it is making the lives of people better just so they can live normal lives. I figured if I could make one thing that could help millions of people, at least financially or in general for their health, that's huge for me."

ALUMNI REMIND US WHAT A FRATERNITY IS ALL ABOUT

“While passing the gavel at brothers’ meetings was always great, my two best memories of my years in the house were our weekly Pipes & Gripes sessions and my favorite – the Battlefield Tour during pledging.” – **Matthew Nielsen '94**

“I worked for two years and then did two years in the Army, including one year in Korea, before entering college, so I was as old as the seniors. I was reminded by the LXA President in my pledge year of 1956 that notwithstanding my ‘advanced age,’ I was expected to respect the brothers as I did my meal service and other work as a pledge. It was a good learning experience that I carried forward in my life. My experience as a Lambda Chi Alpha brother was a very memorable part of my great four years at Gettysburg College.” – **Norman H. Henry '60**

“Lambda Chi Alpha makes great men better, and I know that I am indeed a better man.” – **Hugh McStravick '09**

“When I was social chairman, we were decorating the house for the Christmas judging, etc. I, along with a couple of brothers, went out into ‘the woods’ late one night and cut down several fir trees to use in our decoration theme. The next morning, in the light of day, I noticed on the bottom of one of the trees a bronze plaque which read ‘First Prize, Adams County Fair, Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower.’ Needless to say, I thought the police would swoop down and cart me away! Now, as I look back on the adventure, I can only kick myself for having disposed of the plaque so that

there was no evidence that could link me to the crime. What a keepsake that could have been.” – **Richard “Mitch” Mitchell '62**

[In 2012] “I came back for the 45th reunion of our Class of ‘67 and visited with the brothers at the chapter house. What impressed me the most were the current brothers that I met. Each and every one was a tribute to the traditions of a Lambda Chi. I was impressed by their warmth, congeniality, and especially their intellect. Keep up the good work or we will have Mrs. ‘B’ return and whip you guys into shape.” – **Ken Henyan '67**

“My kids have been fortunate to meet some of my fraternity brothers. They have seen how close of a friendship some of us still have, which is a great testament of the bond that was developed over four years at Gettysburg.” – **Rodd Ruland '79**

And this quote from a brother who graduated 100 years ago. Although he has gone on to the Chapter Eternal, his words are living today:

“At the start we had no well-known fraternity name, no large body of alumni, no wealth, no house in which to live. We demonstrated, nonetheless, what the founders of the fraternity system many generations ago had shown — namely, that a true fraternity is not built of brick and mortar, but is a thing of the spirit which lives in the hearts of its members.” – **Donald F. Lybarger '19** (*remarks on the occasion of the burning of the mortgage on March 15, 1958*)

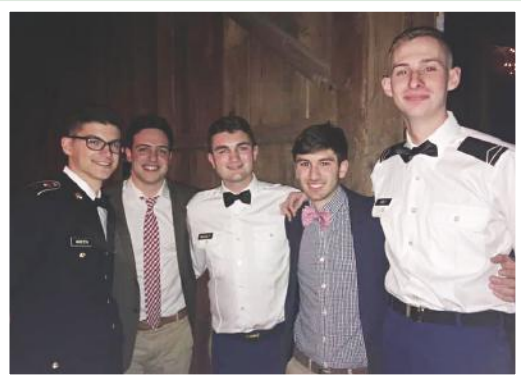
CHAPTER HOUSE ACTIVITIES



Brothers **Will Valentine '20**, **Johnny Kovacs '21**, and **Christian Whitsel '21** helped out with the senior citizen exercise program today! Good to see some Brothers getting physical.



Lambda Chi had a big philanthropy week in March! The Pie-A-Lambda-Chi table at Relay for Life was super successful! Finished it up with a flag football tourney to benefit the local charity SCCAP. Pictured is the LXA team in action.



Here's a throw-back to the Military Ball with DJ Kobi Wolf and the ROTC guys.

2018-19 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank You!

Congratulations to the following brothers who have already shown their support for Theta-Pi this year!
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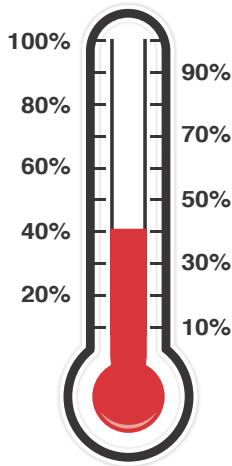
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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE – A CALL TO ACTION

GOAL: \$7,500

Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong



Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is eight months in with \$4,645 collected from 51 brothers. We want to thank those 51 brothers (you can find them above and under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Theta-Pi so far this giving year!

Our 2018-19 giving year goal is \$7,500.00. Last year only 67 out of 1,033 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We still have the potential

to meet our goal—but we need your *immediate* help.

Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?

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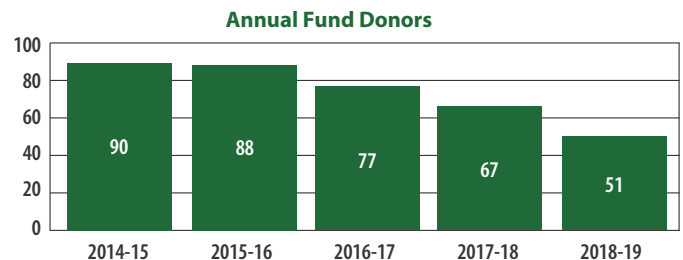
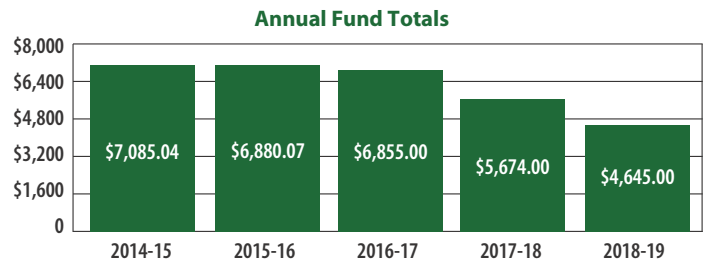
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"My becoming a Lambda Chi was a major positive experience in my life. That's why I give."

Our college days came and went, but the real Theta-Pi experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**

"Because those before me gave and allowed me to benefit from the Theta-Pi experience – Give Forward."



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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA IN THE 70S

Brother Michael Eckhardt Remembers How Lambda Chi Changed His Life

“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.”

—**Michael Eckhardt ’79**

Have you ever asked yourself why you give-if you give, that is? If the statisticians are right, only one brother in ten is likely to give back regularly once they put on their cap and gown. There are lots of good reasons to give, of course. Do you believe in affording the next generation of young men the same experience you had with Lambda Chi? Maybe something good happened

to you just by being together in that house, sharing those experiences that helped make you who you are now. If, like Brother Mike, Lambda Chi had a profound influence on your life, consider giving today!

