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Will Shlosh, far right, is initiated as Gamma-Psi's 1,000th member.



Alumni President Walt Keiper '85 honors Don Williams '50, GP 231, as the alumnus with the lowest Gamma-Psi number in attendance at the 1,000th-member ceremony.



Above: Joe Giansante '76, who traveled from San Francisco, is recognized by Alumni President Walt Keiper '85 as the alumnus who traveled the farthest to attend the 1,000th-member ceremony.

Right: A large group of alumni attended the 1,000th-member initiation ceremony and reception.

Making Chapter History

Gamma-Psi Initiates Its 1,000th Member

On Friday, April 16, 2004, our Gamma-Psi Chapter initiated its 1,000th member, Will Shlosh, with a ceremony and reception that was attended by 100 alumni and undergraduate members. The historic event was held at the Banana Factory Arts Center just off campus. The ritual team put on a superior performance of our ritual for all in attendance. **Larry Finnegan '83** said,

"The ceremony was awesome and it brought back so many great memories of my Lambda Chi experience." The brothers from the '70s made up the largest alumni group in attendance, with 12 members present.

Two special awards were presented by **Walt Keiper '85**,

alumni president. The first honored the alum who traveled the furthest distance to attend and went to **Joe Giansante '76**, who came in from San Francisco, Calif. The second award, given to the lowest Gamma-Psi number present, went to **Don Williams '50** (GP 231), a former house corporation president. Thanks to **Bill Brichta '76** who designed a T-shirt commemorating the grand event for all in attendance.

On Saturday, April 17, the weekend celebration continued with **Kevin Sullivan '98** coordinating the alumni/undergrad spring golf outing at the Bethlehem Municipal Golf Course. Sullivan stated, "We had the best weather day of the year, and all 40 golfers had a great time — look for an expanded golf outing event next spring."

A big thank you goes to all our alumni who have made a contribution in honor of our 1,000th initiate. You helped us set a record of over \$5,000 in contributions in the first four months of the year. It's not too late to send your gift; see inside for details on how to contribute. We appreciate your support. ■



Alumni from the '70s are honored as the decade with the most brothers in attendance at the 1000th-member ceremony.



Chapter Update

By Mike Monaco, High Alpha

Residential Environment Report

Gamma-Psi Zeta has continued to excel in the RER requirements set forth by the university as we have done in the past. Our score last semester was a 75, which puts us over the passing mark of 70. This is the last semester of RER evaluation, and the chapter has every intention of being near the head of the pack when the scores come in. As many of you are aware, the Greek system at Lehigh is undergoing some major changes as requested by the Task Force on Greek Life. In future years, a more subjective evaluation will be used, requiring each house to make a formal presentation about what it has done in the past year.

Academics and Campus Relations

We continue to work extremely hard to adhere to the social policies of Lehigh University. Since the new high zeta took over in late October, the house has not been on any kind of probation. Our high iota has been diligent in helping to keep our house safe and helping us stay off of any further probation. We continue to keep ourselves among the highest achieving houses in G.P.A. Last semester we achieved a 2.98, seventh among fraternities. This was higher than the all-male and all-fraternity averages.

In addition, we had officers from the Lehigh University police come and talk to the brothers about drinking and driving. We still continue to build our relationship with our faculty advisor, Bob Haldeman, a Lambda Chi from Florida Tech. Bob has been up to the house for dinner on several occasions and has a sincere interest in becoming more involved in the future.

House Update

We continue to make improvements to the physical condition of the house wherever we can. Some of these include the repainting of the center stairwell as well as some long-overdue detail work to the computer room, composites and walls. I think that the biggest house improvement has been the overall attitude of the brothers toward keeping the house clean, not only because we don't like to live in filth, but because now the health and safety standards of the university require us to do so. These improvements continue to benefit our house in the rush process and enhance

our overall reputation as one of the top houses on the hill.

Campus Leadership and Involvement

Many of the brothers in our house are still involved in activities outside of the fraternity. Mike McCarron '04 is a head tour guide as well as a panel member for the admissions office, actively promoting Greek life. Dan Vander Valk '04 and Adam Amoss '04 continue to work as student consultants for Library and Technology Services. Greg Solarz '06 is a chairman on the recently formed Association of Student Alumni. In addition, Michael Hellman '06 was added as one of 12 members to the reformed IJC board. We also still have brothers who participate in school and club sports such as baseball, football, and various intramurals.

Philanthropy/Community Service

As always, we maintain a strong commitment to philanthropy and community service. This year's food drive was a great success. We repeated our mark from a year ago by collecting over 6,000 pounds of food. Our former vice president,

Joe Ellison, worked extremely hard to make that happen. We are still actively involved with volunteering at the South Bethlehem Boys and Girls Club. We also participated in the Adopt-a-Family Program, in which a fraternity adopts a needy family and assists them during the holidays through donations contributed by the brothers. Brothers bought presents throughout the holiday season for a designated family and met that family at a December reception.

Alumni Involvement

I would like to extend special thanks to those who attended or contributed to the 1,000th Gamma-Psi ceremony. I feel that this is an important stepping stone to a closer relationship between the undergrads and the alumni. We are currently thinking of more ideas for future involvement. Two of these include a house improvement day with alumni as well as a career day, in which alumni of varying professions would come back and give advice to some of the current members. If either of these two events sounds interesting, please contact me so we can gauge the level of interest. If anyone ever has any questions, concerns, comments, or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at mfm4@lehigh.edu or (610) 974-1048. Thank you for your time and generosity. ■

Web Updates

Our Web Site Needs You!

Your contributions are supporting the continued development and maintenance of our Web site, www.lxalehigh.com. The more you utilize this great communication tool, the more useful and interesting it will be. Here are some ways that you can contribute content:

Share a photo — The next time you are reminiscing about your days at Lehigh, go through your photo album and find some good shots of the house and the brothers of your era. Post the photos yourself by clicking on "submit your photos" under the photo on the home page; or send them to our alumni relations office for posting, either by mail or by e-mail to news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to

include your name, the fraternity name and school name.

Update your contact information — If you've changed jobs, moved to a new city or just to a new apartment, we want to know! Use the alumni updates feature to make sure your information is current so your brothers can reach you.

Submit a profile — Our Web site has a feature that lets us get to know our brothers better. Go to the menu on the left side of the screen and select "submit a profile." Answer the questions to let your Gamma-Psi brothers know what you've been up to all these years!

Photo Album

Gamma-Psi 1,000th-Member Initiation Ceremony and Reception



Left: Brothers from the '80s enjoy the Banana Factory Arts Center Gallery

Below: Alumni from the '80s in attendance at the festivities



Above: Brothers from the '90s at the reception



Above: Alumni from '00-'03 in attendance

2003-2004

New Initiates

Welcome to our newly initiated brothers!



The newly initiated brothers for 2003-2004 are (left to right) Jared Preston, Jason Devlin, Matt Lagowski, Will Shlosh, Chris Trautner, Sean Sullivan, Tom McInerney, Mark Careva, Dave Langsam, Ryan Bird, James Nouss, Mark McGill and Jeremy Thies.



Above: Brian Sullivan '98 and Kevin Sullivan '98 welcome their newly initiated younger brother, Sean Sullivan, into Gamma-Psi.

Alumni UpDates

For more alumni news, please go to www.lxalehigh.com.

Thomas M. Rienzi '41

(676 Elepaio St., Honolulu, HI 96816-4779; rienzielepaid@netzero.com) Aloha! I am enjoying Hawaii. I am retired in this lovely spot! I still remember Lehigh and our frat house. I was only a freshman at Lehigh, since I went to West Point after freshman year. I work as a Catholic deacon and am married with two children. Our son has passed away, and our daughter lives here in Honolulu.

Harry E. Hinman '51

(90 Corona St., Apt. 1007, Denver, CO 80218-3886) I greatly enjoy the Gamma-Psi newsletter. I say "howdy" to all my brothers from the classes of '47-'53 that were at the Delaware Ave. house with me. As a retired petroleum geologist, I've taken up cruising in a big way. If you get to Denver, please look me up.

G. Richard Gessner '60

(1715 Fairway Ter., Clovis, NM 88101-3123; g.gessner@cox.net) Instead of planning and supervising the construction of I-25 in El Paso County/Colorado Springs, Colo., I am now working in the Civil Engineering Squadron of the 27th Fighter Wing, Air Combat Command (F-16s) at Cannon AFB about 10 miles east of Texas and 100-plus miles from everywhere. It would be great to hear from any of the old '58-'63 gang who are still breathing.

Donald L. Speakman '64

(604 Long Point Rd., Grasonville, MD 21638-1070; speakman@shore.intercom

.net) I hosted the third Lehigh LXA reunion for the LXA brothers of '60-'66 in September 2003. We had an excellent turnout with good food and lots of fun. The following weekend, we got flooded by hurricane Isabel. I will send more information on the reunion within the next month or so.

Gerald A. Plante '68

(124 Glengarry Ln., Hainesport, NJ 08036-2260) I retired from Saab in Georgia after 29 years and have continued work in motor vehicle safety by joining Subaru in New Jersey. I have also continued to resist war and hatred and promote peace and justice. Aside from going to Sweden and Japan for work, I have been back to Vietnam and have traveled to Nicaragua, Haiti and Ghana.

James C. Williams '77

(5712 Fresh Meadow Dr., Macungie, PA 18062-9034; mrjwilly@ptd.net) I had the pleasure of attending the initiation of GP 1000 with my father, **Don Williams '50**, GP 231. The next day I enjoyed the golf outing in a terrific foursome including **Ken Green '77**, **Ted Dahne '73** and my dad. The undergraduate brothers put on a VERY good performance of the ritual, and they are doing well in all that they do.

Mitchell G. Handman '78

(860 Heatherstone Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312-2505) With our youngest enrolled as a freshman at the University of Southern Calif., my wife Fran (Fran Wald '78) and I are officially empty-nesters. Our daughter is living, and most importantly working, in New York. We work together at our construction and development company in

Malvern, Pa. Our free time is spent at our shore house in Margate, N.J. We would love to hear more from our class.

Gregg B. Reich '89

(1249 Washington St., Cape May, NJ 08204-1740; gregg@newjerseysurfco.com) Best wishes to everyone. If you are in south Jersey being a shoobie in '04, please give the locals a call: (609) 898-1054. (Except for Bill Ross! Just kidding ya, Billy.)

Robert S. Edwards '90

(rob@downtowndc.org) I've been in DC since 1996 and am currently the president of the D.C. alumni club. I'm the executive director of an economic development organization in a "transitional" neighborhood in D.C. I graduated from the police reserve academy almost two years ago and spend most weekend nights on the streets. I sell residential real estate and lease commercial real estate in my "spare time," and I just joined the board of directors of the local HIV health clinic, Whitman-Walker Clinic. I am doing well! Look me up if you're passing through.

Brian Sullivan '98

(1205 Timberbrooke Drive, Bedminster, NJ 07921; brianxsullivan@yahoo.com) I became engaged in July to Leigh-Anne Turpock, and we are planning a June 2004 wedding.

Since our last publication, we have learned of the death of **Harry Keller '30**. Lambda Chi Alpha mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

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