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ALUMNI REPORT

Alumni Return to Lehigh for Lambda Chi's Centennial Celebration

Gamma Psi Chapter Celebrates 85th Anniversary

By Arsenio Rodriguez '04

On October 4, 2008, the brothers met at Lehigh to celebrate not only Lambda Chi Alpha's 100th Centennial, but also Gamma Psi's 85th Anniversary at Lehigh. Many of



Brothers returned to Lehigh to celebrate Lambda Chi's Centennial together.

our alumni returned for good food and great friends. In addition to eating and drinking, it gave the actives and the Board of Trustees an opportunity to share with the alumni Gamma Psi's new renovation initiative. All in all, it was a huge success, and everyone had a great time.

Thanks to all those who made it possible. To view photos of the event, check out our website at www.lxalehigh.com and click on the photo album tab on the left hand side of the page. The photos are in the album titled "85th Anniversary Tailgates."

If you have pictures of your own that you wish to add, send them to me at arsenio@alumni.lehigh.edu, and I'll be sure to add them.

FUNDRAISING

Annual Fund vs. Capital Campaign: What's the Difference?

Our **annual fund** helps to continue our communications program, including *The Gamma-Psider Press*, our website and other publications. It also allows us to hold alumni events and provide support to the active chapter. We need your help to continue these programs. Without your help, these may be possible.

Your support of our **capital campaign** will provide our fraternity with the necessary funds to complete required and necessary renovations at the house, allowing Lambda Chi Alpha to remain competitive at Lehigh and continue to recruit the strongest new members possible.

As of December 3, our 2008 annual fund had raised \$4,135. The 2008 giving year ends on December 31. Help us to kick off the 2009

giving year by making a contribution to the annual fund.

Donations to the annual fund can be made on our website at www.lxalehigh.com or by calling our toll-free credit card hotline at 800-975-6699.

Help Bring Our Numbers Back Up!

2008	\$4,135
2007	\$5,456
2006	\$10,519
2005	\$10,632
2004	\$7,430

Annual Fund Giving by Year

CHAPTER UPDATE

Chapter GPA Ranks Above All-Men and All-Fraternity Averages

Gamma Psi Awarded Bronze Status by University

The Gamma Psi chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha is continuing to thrive through this semester. Our GPA for the spring of 2008 was 3.126, putting the chapter above both the All-Men's and All-Fraternity averages. This GPA also improved our ranking to fifth, up from our ranking of ninth in both last spring and last fall. During this semester, an impressive 23 percent of the fraternity made Dean's List.

The fraternity was awarded with an overall

rating of bronze from the University, which is considered a solid level of achievement in the accreditation process. The chapter excelled specifically in the area of leadership and received a silver rating for that area.

The chapter also attended the International Winter Leadership Conference for the first time this past January to help us continue our growth as individuals and as brothers. This semester, we will continue to

provide dedicated service to the community around us. We collected 1,500 pounds of food during the North American Food Drive and will again participate in Relay for Life. Also, this spring, we will take part in Strikes for Tykes, with proceeds benefiting the Boys and Girls Club. We also had multiple brothers volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Bethlehem, PA.

GAMMA PSI 85TH ANNIVERSARY



See more pictures online at www.lxalehigh.com!

2008 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The following Honor Roll of Donors recognizes the alumni who have contributed to our annual fund for the 2008 giving year which ends December 31. Be among the first to add your name to the Honor Roll of Donors for 2009 by making a contribution online at www.lxalehigh.com or by calling our toll-free credit card hotline at 800-975-6699.

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Reflects donations received as of December 3, 2008.

Ronald Small '65 Shares What He Learned from Lambda Chi

“Life Becomes More Valuable When You Do Things for Other People.”

The values **Ronald Small '65** learned in Lambda Chi Alpha taught him many things, but mainly that it was important to take care of others. While traveling in Thailand, he met Father Ray Brennan, a Catholic priest who wanted to create a school teaching computer science to handicapped children.

“I was blown away,” said Ronald of the idea. He decided to stay in Thailand and assist Father Brennan set up the school. The school began with twenty children in a little red school house and has since grown into the largest handicapped school in Thailand, with more than 600 students.

“You learn about taking care of other people, whether they are your brothers, or in a larger sense, everybody in the world. Life becomes more valuable when you do things for other people.”

Q. Why did you join Lambda Chi?

A. I met several of the other brothers who were rushing the fraternity and I was so impressed by them. I knew Lambda Chi Alpha was the fraternity I wanted to be a part of.

Q. How has fraternity life changed since when you were in college?

A. Fraternity brothers now seem like they are more responsible.

Q. What was your major at Lehigh and where have you worked since you graduated?

A. I majored in Electrical Engineering at Lehigh. When I graduated, I went to the University of Pittsburgh to continue my studies. But, one day I was reading Playboy Magazine and I saw the Playmate of the Month was from Malibu, CA. Immediately I decided to quit my graduate school program, get a job and move to Malibu. I started my own company and was very successful. I always knew I wanted to retire early and was able to retire at the age of 40.

Q. What are some of your best memories from the fraternity?

A. My favorite memories are the ones having to do with the parties, but that doesn't mean that those are the most important ones, they were just the most fun. I learned a lot of important lessons from the fraternity as well, especially from looking at the other brothers who were a lot smarter than I was. I began to understand better ways to do things.

“I hope to offer a small scholarship to the person performing the best at Lehigh in the Gamma Psi Chapter of Lambda Chi. Hopefully, this will encourage the brothers to do well.”

Q. What else were you involved in during your time at Lehigh?

A. I was in a few other clubs, but none of them were as important to me as Lambda Chi.

Q. Did you live in the fraternity house?

A. Back then, everyone did, it was almost a requirement when we were in college.

It was a great experience to live with a bunch of guys who were all friends and all knew each other.

Q. Do you still stay in contact with anyone from the fraternity?

A. **Don Speakman '64** has a reunion every couple of years that I attend along with a lot of other brothers from around the time I graduated. It's nice to see everyone again.

Q. Tell us about your family.

A. I'm married and have one daughter and two grandsons who I will see again at Christmas. My two grandsons, Drake and



Ronald Small '65 and family.

Zane, are very young. Drake will probably be a football player, and a good one at that. His father was on the Fresno State football team. Zane was just born this year. I'm not sure yet, but his mother says he will be a basketball player.

Q. Why do you continue to financial support the fraternity today?

A. I remember when I was in college and we all were tight for money. I support the fraternity mainly for that reason.

Q. Why should other alumni also donate?

A. Three years ago, I set up a fund at Lehigh that Gamma Psi members have been donating to. In a year or two, I hope to offer a small scholarship to the person performing the best at Lehigh in the Gamma Psi Chapter of Lambda Chi. Hopefully, this will encourage the brothers to do well.

Q. If you could give advice to the current undergraduates, what would it be?

A. When you're at Lehigh, find something that you absolute love to do and love to learn. That is your profession.

Do you know of a Gamma Psi alum who would make a good profile subject? If so, contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention “The Gamma-Psi Press” in the subject line).

ALUMNI UPDATES

David A. Lynn '58

(31 Devon Dr., Pinehurst, NC 28374-6713; dlynn4@nc.rr.com) I retired in 2003 and moved to Pinehurst to play golf.

Wayne Martin '64

(132 E. Hudson Dr., Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087-1104; martywayne@comcast.net) As an older member of the alumni, I think it would bore brothers to hear about everything that I have done since graduation. Suffice to say, I have had a happy, successful life that includes the ups of marriage, births of children and grandchildren, travel to many far flung places and the downs of war (Vietnam), deaths of loved ones and most recently, a wife of 43 years going through chemotherapy for breast cancer. I am semi-retired and will be fully retired at the end of 2008. Most importantly, it appears from retirement parties, that I have collected a ton of friends along the way. I feel very blessed for that. Now I'm starting to get sippy, so I'll quit.

Joe Kobulsky '84

(215 Regency Dr., North Wales, PA 19454-1615; jkobulsky@comcast.net) **John (JC) Compton '84** was married this past May

to Keely Henderson in upstate New York. Brothers **Ross Brinley, John Beltz, Bran Bushey, Dave Titus, Adam Speck** and their wives attended with me and my wife Marion.



*Joe Kobulsky and other Lambda Chis and their wives at the wedding of Brother **John Compton '84** this past May.*

Thomas B. Pursel '92

(P.O. Box 67100, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7100; tpursel@gfnet.com) Audrey Samantha Pursel was born on November 19, 2008. She joins my other two daughters, Natalie (4) and Ava (3). I'll be trying to figure out how to live with 4 girls...

Tom Figueroa '96

(126 Blue Teel Circle, Audubon, PA 19403-1955; figueroat@jmssearch.com) Here is an old picture I found of the Class of '96 when

we were NIB dogs (or maybe recently after initiation) as well as some pictures of a golf trip to Colorado that a number of LXA alumni went on in October.



Tom Figueroa and other 1996 grads close to initiation back in the early '90s.



Noel Hedgecock '98, Jason Galinski '98, Kevin Sullivan '98 and Tom Figueroa '96 at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver.

Lehigh to celebrate Gamma Psi's 85th Anniversary and Lambda Chi's Centennial. See more pictures from the celebration inside on page 2!



Gamma Psi Celebrates its 85th Anniversary, the Chapter is Awarded Bronze Status by the University and More...All Inside!

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