

Congratulations, Gamma-Psi Zeta!

Our active chapter once again attained the **highest GPA** out of all fraternities at Lehigh, ranking above the all-Greek, all-fraternity, all-men and all-school averages. Turn to page 2 for details.

Chapter Highlights

Lambda Chi Welcomes 1,000th Brother

By Arsenio Rodriguez '04, High Phi

As you all may or may not know, this year's associate member class will contain Gamma-Psi 1000. You did not read that wrong. By the end of this school year, more than 1,000 brothers will have passed through our house. Needless to say, everyone in the house is very excited about this important occasion, and we hope that you all feel the same.

As this is such an important event, several alumni along with me have proposed that initiation be a little different this year. Sororities on campus perform their initiation in Packard Chapel. The university allows houses to use Packard Chapel for their initiation rituals and it allows the houses to lock the chapel to maintain the sanctity of the ritual. Therefore, we have proposed that this year's ritual be presented on campus to give all returning alumni the opportunity to come back to the university and watch this historic ceremony. It is a wonderful opportunity to reunite with old friends as well as develop ties between several different generations of brothers.

As the response has been overwhelming to this idea, it is my pleasure to announce to all alumni:

Event: Initiation Ritual of the 1000th Brother of Gamma Psi Zeta

When: April 16, 2004

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: To Be Determined

A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony so that alumni can meet and gather with old friends as well as meet the new brothers and develop a new friendship with the latest initiates into our bond. This a joyous and momentous occasion and I look forward to seeing many of our alumni return of this event. More details will follow soon, or check out our Web site at

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Lafayette vs. Lehigh

By Jeremy Beatrice, High Rho

Lehigh-Lafayette Tailgate Draws 75

Our Lehigh-Lafayette tailgate event on Nov. 22 was a great success, drawing 75 people from the classes of '71 thru '96.

Representing the '70s was **Glenn Wagner '75, Ted Dahne '73, Bill Brichta '76, Ken Green '77, Jim Pennington '72, Jim Abel '72, Glenn Diehl '71, Ken Gough '71, Gene Goldfeder '72 and Bryan Groh '71**; from the '80s was **John Compton '84, Bill Kirwan '81, Sean McMahon '83, Doug Albert '85, John Quarmley '83, Walt Torba '87, John Dorf '81, Doug Blaine '81, Steven Civitello '81 and Walt Keiper '85**; and from the '90s was **Dave Weiss '92, Doug Patridge '93, Tom Pursel '92, Jason Campbell '96, Lew Iadarola '96, Hugo Barth '90, Tom Ferrara '90, Jamie Ross '93, Jonathan D'Orsi '93,**



Jamie Ross '93 and Tom Pursel '92

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Sean McMahon '83 and Doug Albert '85



Ted Dahne '73 and Ken Green '77

Brothers from Many Generations Return for Lehigh-Lafayette



The LXA banner welcomed back many brothers who returned for a Lehigh victory.



Jonathan D'Orsi '93, Jamie Ross '93 and Tom Pursel '92

Another Record-setting Semester

Academics

As was true with last semester, we have been working extremely hard to adhere to the social policies of Lehigh University. We had a short, two-week stint of social probation earlier this semester, but we have been doing well since then. Our High Iota has been working extremely hard to keep our house safe and help us stay off of any further probation. We again attained the highest GPA out of all fraternities at Lehigh with a 3.14, improving upon our GPA from last semester of 3.08. This is higher than all-Greek, all-fraternity, all-men and all-school. Lambda Chi Alpha continues to put a strong emphasis on academics and hopefully this will continue to be a trademark of our Chapter in the future.

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 95, which is up 11 points from the fall 2002 score of 84. This tied us for the highest RER score of all of the fraternities at Lehigh. We are continuing to make improvements in our approach to university relations and other ways to maximize our RER potential.

Campus Relations

To improve on our already good standing with the university, which we believe is vital to our existence, we have been having several school officials to our house for dinner to get to know the brothers in our house. Some of our recent guests include Steve McAllister, the new sexual prevention coordinator at Lehigh, and Joel Ingersoll, the substance abuse awareness counselor. We continue to build our relationship with our new faculty adviser, Bob Haldeman. Haldeman is an assistant professor of military science for the ROTC program and is a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha himself from the Beta-Nu chapter at Florida Tech.

House Update

As far as the physical condition of the house goes, we have been trying to make improvements where we can. We continue to be complimented by Greg Brockway, associate director of residential services, about the condition and cleanliness of our house. We just recently received a perfect score on our kitchen health inspection by the city of Bethlehem. Some of the recent improvements made to the house are

the repainting of the second- and third-floor hallway walls and doors and the repainting of the pantry floor. Also, we have made another addition to the chapter room with a new 57-inch wide screen Toshiba television and new coffee tables. These improvements continue to benefit our house in the way of rush and overall reputation as one of the top houses on the hill.

Campus Leadership and Involvement

Many of the brothers in our house are still very 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. **Carlo Rivera '04** continues to work as a WIRED consultant and just received a prestigious Microsoft scholarship paying for his entire senior year tuition. We still have brothers who participate in school and club sports such as baseball, football and various intramurals.

Philanthropy/Community Service

As always, we continue to have a strong commitment toward philanthropy and community service. It provides us with a method to get our name out to people

outside of the campus in a positive light. This year's food drive was a great success, as we repeated our mark from a year ago by collecting more than 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. In addition, we will be participating in a fund-raising event co-sponsored by the IFC to raise money for the Boys Home of Easton, Pa. On top of that, we chose to participate in the newly formed adopt-a-family program, where a fraternity would adopt a needy family for the holidays through donations by the brothers. Brothers have been buying presents through the holiday season for a designated family, and will eventually meet that family at a December reception.

As you can see, we have been making great improvements in every aspect of the fraternity, striving to become hands-down the best house on the hill. Best of all, there is a very strong sense of brotherhood that I think will continue to thrive in the years to come. 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. ■

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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! ■

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

K. Ted Franck '47

(188 South Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506-2627) I am still selling telescopic gym bleachers. I received the alumni award from the Lehigh University Alumni Association on June 8, 2002.

Robert T. Schoepflin '53

(80 Cedar Dr., Allendale, NJ 07401-1125; robertschoepflin@hotmail.com) I am retired and active in local politics as president of borough council, serving on a couple of committees and on the board of senior citizens housing, which keeps me busy. I have three children, one of whom graduated from Lehigh in '81, and five grandchildren. I recently returned from my 50th college reunion and only one Lambda Chi was there, **Warren Spatz '53** from Bloomfield Hills, Mich. I keep in touch with brother **Hobie Dietz '53**, and on occasion **Harry Hinman '51** in Colorado and **Russ Handwerk '53** in Marietta, Ga. Unfortunately, Dietz is in an assisted living home in Paoli, Pa., so if anyone reads this I am sure he would appreciate a call at (610) 408-4571 or an e-mail to brosedietz@aol.com.

R. Donn Williams '56

I just checked with my son, **Jim Williams '77**, who advises that there has been no change in the chapter status. Jim tells me how super the current residents are in all facets of fraternity life — what a pleasant revelation, as it wasn't always so. Congratulations. I continue to be very involved at our church and look forward to golf in Naples in February. Keep up your responsible performance.

William P. Tellini '58

(32 Norman Way, Tiburon, CA 94920-

1135; tellini2@yahoo.com) In 1995 I finally found out what I was meant to be in life — retired. Before that I was a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. Now I am playing a lot of golf (I still have a high handicap) and am trying to master the stock market (with only very modest success). I did get back to my 25th, 30th, 35th and 40th Lehigh reunions — they were great fun. I certainly plan to be at the 50th. I hope to see all of you '58 Lambda Chi alums there. I would love to hear from old friends.

Jeffrey R. Ford '63

(6133 Swainland Rd., Oakland, CA 94611-1839) I attended the reunion of LCA at Don Speakman's '64 house for BBQ on Sept. 13, 2003, in Graysonville, Md. Prior to that I attended the Lehigh 40th reunion in Bethlehem, Pa., with **Steve Breckley '63** and **Frank Richardson '63**.

William A. Brichta '76

(5179 Applebutterhill Rd., Center Valley, PA 18034-9766; wab6@lehigh.edu) I sent my third child, Laura K. Brichta '07, to Lehigh this September with President Farrington, of all people, helping to unload the car at Richards (we got there early). Anthony '05 may graduate a year early, which would be nice, and my oldest daughter Rebecca '01 gave us our first grandson, Jack, over the summer. I hear regularly from **Terry Weiner '76**, **Gino** and **Ed Butz '76**, all of whom are doing well.

Laurence P. Finnegan '83

(105 Henning Dr., North Wales, PA 19454-1455; larfin@aol.com) Greetings to all Choppers. My wife Chris and I are enjoying raising our three boys, ages 11, 9 and 8. We have lots of Saturday morning practices to attend. Our family continues to vacation with **Joka**, **JimFin**

[Jim Finnegan '85] and, occasionally, **Wally** each summer for a week in Ocean City, Md. The Chapter house looked good during my last visit in the spring.

Sean E. McMahon '83

(4400 Loraine Ln., Bethlehem, PA 18017-8460; golfballhockeypuck@yahoo.com) I went to the last Lehigh-Lafayette game and was at the LXA tailgate. I work for a pharmaceutical company, Abbott Labs, as a sales representative. I'm hoping to have a small get-together at my house in January or February 2004 for a few alumni plus a larger party next year early in the football season. I have three kids: Caitlin, 7; Ryan, 9; and Brendon, 13. The kids are into ice hockey, swimming, basketball and baseball. If you need alumni help, please feel free to contact me at (610) 807-9314. I'm originally from Chicago and New York.

Brian D. Dorsey '87

(79 Reade Street, Studio 2C, New York, NY 10007; bd@bddorsey.com) Well, I finally took the plunge and became a full-time professional photographer. I've never been happier. I'm moving the family from Manhattan's Upper West Side downtown to a loft in Tribeca. It took the birth of my first child to realize how important it is to spend your time doing what you love. Celeste and I now have two boys, Miles, 2, and Cole, 4 months, who are our greatest joys.

Sean H. Kelly '88

(142 White Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583-6212; skelly@lehman.com) I am very happy and proud to see the Chapter's continued efforts toward excellence in all areas of fraternity operations. The results seem to speak for themselves. I have been busy with my kids Shannon and Scott and am traveling this summer to Ireland and Italy.

Thomas W. Neff '90

(Ft. Belvoir, VA ; tom.neff@eis.army.mil) Work and world events have kept my family and me running this past year. My Army career has led me to my current position, running a Department of Defense logistics system that tracks the location and contents of cargo headed to the Middle East. My wife Sheila is in the Army Reserve and was mobilized to support medical operations at Fort Knox,

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Sean Glickenhau '94 and Chris Marschall '92.

We were lucky to have the greatest of days with much sunshine and plenty of fraternal camaraderie. We enjoyed a full food and beverage spread in our tent next to Stabler Arena. And to cap a

wonderful day, Lehigh topped Lafayette 30-10! You won't want to miss our next alumni event. We'll keep you posted, and please check our Web site at www.lxalehigh.com for alumni event updates. ■

Alumni UpDates

Ky. That has left me doing the single dad thing with our son, Robert, who is 2 1/2. I would love to catch up with people.

John K. Sweet '90

(jksweet101@comcast.net) From Kathy Sweet: Just to give you an update on events at the Sweet household, John is a tax associate with King and Spalding, a law firm in New York City. He has been with them for about 10 months. Prior to this he was a tax associate with Sullivan and Cromwell, also a law firm in New York. John and I have twin boys, Justin Matthew and Hayden Patrick, who are exactly 22 months. We are also expecting our third child in March '04 (no twins this time). We have been living in Glen Ridge, N.J., for the past two years. We just saw several of John's fraternity brothers at Lehigh-Lafayette, including **Bill and Stephanie Ross '90**, Clare and **David Sievers '90**, **Tom Ferrara '90**, Janet and **Hugo Barth '90** (who just had their third child, Charles Brandon) and **Emmit Murphy '91**.

Steve E. Ploder '91

(901 W. Wrightwood Ave., #3, Chicago, IL 60614-2303; sploder@lehman.com) I've been living in Chicago for the past four years. I just came back from my honeymoon (beat **Wertzy [Eric Wertz '90]** to the alter by a few weeks). I'm working in private wealth management with Lehman Brothers. I received my MBA from Kellogg

and recently received the CFA charter. I'm excited to show my wife Lehigh and the House this weekend. Free Cubs World Series tickets if anyone wants.

Kevin M. Madaya '92

(4310 Lower Honoapiilani Rd, Apt 613, Lahaina, HI 96761; mudonmaui@yahoo.com) Aloha all. In a continuing effort to avoid responsibilities and stress, my wife Kate (yes I'm married, who would have thought) and I are heading back. As you might have known, I lived on Maui for almost three years previously. And after being on the mainland for the last few years, Kate and I decided to thumb our noses at society and are going to live the island life once again. We have established an "open floor" policy for anyone who happens to be out on our way, which basically means you'll have a roof over your head for the cost of a few cases of beer. Surfing lessons are included.

Jonathan S. D'Orsi '93

(4 Roebling Ct, Leonardo, NJ 07737; jdorsi@bear.com) Tara and I had our first child this past March. His name is Grant. We live in Middletown, N.J. I recently returned from a trip to Las Vegas with **Howie Hopson '93**, **Chris Marschall '92** and **Chris Pepe '92**.

Ryan J. O'Shaughnessy '96

(108 W. Pine St., Rome, NY 13440-3436; roshag@twcny.rr.com) I moved back to

Rome in January 2003 with my wife Kristine and daughter Reilly, who was 1 in September. I'm enjoying my new job as controller at Revere and being close to family.

Michael S. Kleeblatt '01

(6940 N. Fairfax Drive, #200, Arlington, VA 22213; mkleeblatt@hotmail.com) After working for Ernst & Young for two years in its sales and marketing group, I have moved on to working for a large consulting firm, Booz Allen Hamilton. Work is great, as is life. I am still in Washington, D.C., so if anyone is in town, give me a call at (202) 253-4334.

Marshall Kurtz '03

(2512 Brookhaven View NE, Atlanta, GA 30319; mkkurtz@att.com) I'm currently living in Atlanta, working for AT&T Business Solutions in its Core Account Sales department. I am an account executive, teamed up with an outside representative; our territory is northern New Jersey and New York City. ■

In Memory

Since our last publication, we have learned of the deaths of

T. Robert Bell '41
James P. Loss '59.

Lambda Chi Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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