

Lehigh's Greek System Must Transform

After years of study and review, Lehigh's Greek system is implementing a new chapter accreditation process. On-campus Greek statistics are staggering. There are only 22 fraternities on campus (once 32) and only 600 fraternity men (1,100 in the mid 80's). The world has changed over the last 20 years and our Greek system must transform itself to reflect the needs and desires of a new breed of incoming students. Surveys show that incoming freshmen and their parents are concerned about finding a clean, safe living environment, with more single room options and an atmosphere that allows for academic excellence. The University Board of Trustees assembled a Task Force on Strengthening Greek Life at Lehigh and developed an extensive list of recommendations.

Highlights of the Greek Task Force Recommendations include:

- Add four new Greek life advisors to the staff of two – completed this fall
- Add a minimum of eight single rooms to each house
- Require all first and second year students to reside on campus
- Require a 90 percent occupancy rate for all fraternities to retain their housing rights
- Institute an Annual Chapter Accreditation process that all chapters must pass for University recognition
- Move the recruitment period to the start of the second semester

The entire task force report can be read at www3.lehigh.edu/greeklife/taskforcereport.asp. The most recent status report on recommendation implementation can be found at www3.lehigh.edu/greeklife. To view some amazing Greek life statistics and to see exactly how our chapter is performing, go to www.lehigh.edu/%7Eindost/greek/AnnualReport3-04.pdf.

While some of these changes may seem severe, circumstances demand extensive action. We feel that the University is committed to strengthening the Greek system at Lehigh and we will work to provide the necessary support to keep our chapter strong. ■

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Back in the Day

Memories of '53 Returned to Lambda Chi

We hope these two photos of Lambda Chi House Parties in Spring 1953 will evoke memories from our senior alumni members. We do not know the identities of anyone in the 50+ year old photos. The photos were sent to us by Daniel Patton of Dallas, TX ('79 – Indiana Univ. of PA). His mother, Mary Jane (Zehner) Patton is shown in each photo with the same brother, but we don't know the identity of the brother. Mary Jane lived on Main Street in Bethlehem, was a 1948 graduate of Bethlehem High School and we believe was a Phi Mu from Moravian College. After college, she married and moved to West Chester, PA where she lived the rest of her life, passing away in 1991.

Her son Dan wrote, "Friends tell me I am crazy to give away these photos, but I don't agree.

My mother, who graduated from Moravian in 1952, is in each of the photos and although I cherish all photos of her, I truly feel these will be much more appreciated at Lambda Chi than packed away in a box in my home. Maybe these pictures are a dime a dozen, but I hope they can be enjoyed by the people who are in them."

Dan, from all of us at Lambda Chi, we thank you for taking the time to find us and return the photos for our archives. They will most certainly elicit very fond memories of years gone by. Dan also sent additional photos from 1952. We will be posting all the pictures on our website at www.lxalehigh.com.

If you can identify any of the brothers or guests in these pictures, please contact **Walt Keiper, '85** at wkeiper@fest.org. ■



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Undergraduate Report

Gamma Psi Chapter Shows Strength on Campus and in Community

Lambda Chi Alpha at Lehigh University continues to take an active role in the community. Earlier this year, 25 brothers participated in a walk to benefit ALS research. We were able to raise a substantial amount of money for this cause through personal and local business donations. Soon, we will participate throughout the Lehigh Valley in Lambda Chi Alpha's national food drive. This year's goal is 8,500 pounds as a chapter and 3 million pounds internationally. If we reach this goal it will be the world's largest single day fraternity philanthropy event!



As most of you know, due to the Greek Life Task Force's recommendations, Lehigh has altered the rush and pledging schedules for fraternities, significantly shortening both. The undergraduates view this as a surmountable challenge and are taking steps to keep recruitment numbers high for the coming years. We are dedicated to ensuring the continued existence and growth of the Gamma Psi Chapter here at Lehigh.

Please come visit us whenever you have a chance.

Yours in ZAX,

The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha,
Gamma Psi Zeta ■



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Alumni Report

Earmark your Lehigh Contribution to Lambda Chi

Lehigh allows you to earmark all or a portion of your annual fund contribution to the Lambda Chi Alpha PLA (Provided for Living Accommodation) Account. These funds can be used, with alumni approval, for special chapter house projects, furnishings and now, even scholarship programs. You can help our chapter remain competitive on campus by assisting in increasing this fund. Just make a note on your contribution to earmark a portion to the Lambda Chi Alpha PLA account. Thank you for your support! ■



Alumni UpDates

Thomas M. Rienzi '41

(676 Elepaio St., Honolulu, HI 96816-4779; rienzielepaid@netzero.com) Enjoying Hawaii. I work at a Catholic Deacon. I am married with two children. Our son has passed away, and our daughter lives here in Honolulu.

Thomas M. Rienzi '41

(676 Elepaio St., Honolulu, HI 96816-4779; rienzielepaid@netzero.com) Aloha. I am retired in this lovely spot! Still remember Lehigh and our frat house. I was only a freshman at Lehigh as I went to West Point at the freshman year. My roommate was Bill Hodson. He has passed away. Our best to you all.

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 1947-1953 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 all get to Denver, please look me up.

James S. Jephson '55



Class of 55 - Bob Hunter, Bob Engel, Helen Jephson, Jim Jephson

(266 Tilbury Rd., Endicott, NY 13760-9801; JSjephson@aol.com) I retired in 91 and spent 5 years as a ski instructor at Greek Peak and 12 years in Church offices. Our two boys have given us 5 grand children, three living local and two near Philly. My granddaughter Chris will be starting at Lehigh this month. Bob Hunter, Bob Engle & myself get together once in awhile as shown in the picture with Helen at Elk mountain. Let's hear from some more 55ers.

David A. Lynn '58

(8562 Kimblewick Ln. N.E., Warren, OH 44484-2066; dlynn@taylor-winsfield.com) I retired in 2003 and we're building our primary residence in Pinehurst, N.C. We hope

Kenneth H. Gough '71

(315 Oakbrook Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221-2545; gough@adelphia.net) Its been a year of change and achievement for the Goughs. In January, my wife Karen was ordained as an Episcopal Priest, and is currently working as pastor for the Episcopal Chuech Home in Buffalo, and also Christ Church in Albion, NY. In April I left my cushy position at Birdair (or mini Enron as I like to call it!) and struck out on my own as owner of a truck accessories company. So far it working well. In June, older son Mike received his MD from University at Buffalo, and younger son Gary received a BA and BS in Business from UB. Mike is doing his residency in Rochester, NY and Gary has joined me in my company. We hope to be able to get to the Lafayette game again this year with Glenn Diehl, Bryan Groh, Meaty Abel, and Jim Pennington.



to be in by October 2004. Our four children live in Chapel Hill, N.C., Chicago, Golden, Colo., and Boise. Dottie and I will be doing road trips to see the grandchildren. Best wishes to my fellow Lambda Chi's.

G. Richard Gessner '60

(1715 Fairway Ter., Clovis, NM 88101-3123; grgessner@cox.net) Instead of planning and supervising for 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-16's) 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) Hosted the third Lehigh LXA reunion for LXA Brothers 1960-66 in September 2003. We had an excellent turn out with good food and lots of fun. The following weekend we got flooded by hurricane Isabel.

Gerald A. Plante '68

(124 Glengarry Ln., Hainesport, NJ 08036-2260) Retired from Saab in Georgia after 29 years and have continued work in motor vehicle safety by joining

Subaru in New Jersey. Have also continued to resist war and hatred, and promote peace and justice. Aside from going to Sweden and Japan for work, have been back to Viet-Nam, and in 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

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Academic Excellence Lambda Chi Alpha has Highest Fraternity GPA

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha obtained the highest GPA (3.15) of any fraternity at Lehigh University this past spring semester. The All-Fraternity average was 2.95. In addition to being number one among fraternities, Lambda Chi

Spring 2004 GPA Rankings

Lambda Chi Alpha	3.15	#1 Fraternity
All Greek	3.072	
All Undergraduate	2.99	
All Men	2.984	
All Fraternity	2.945	

Alpha was higher than the All-Undergraduate Average (2.99), the All-Greek Average (3.07) and the All-Men Average (2.98). This academic success is attributable in large part to the ability to study together and respect housemates' need for peace and quiet on certain nights. ■

Alumni UpDates

of GP1000 with my father, Don Williams '50, GP 231. The next day I enjoyed the golf outing with a terrific foursome of Ken Green, Ted Dahne and my Dad. The actives put on a VERY good performance of the ritual and they are doing well in all that they do.

William C. Potter '78

(14472 Mooring Dr., Seminole, FL 33776-1109; bchbil2@aol.com) Enjoying life in Fla. (more so in the winter!). I visit NYC and So Be several times a year. Currently I am working on ventures through my own company including some acting. Also, I am an AmeriPlan broker. Frequently I think of the great brothers, good times, and fond memories of LXA.

Mitchell G. Handman '78

(860 Heatherstone Dr., Berwyn, PA 19312-2505) With our youngest enrolled as a freshman at the Univ. 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

Walter C. Keiper '85

(2134 Overlook Cir., Easton, PA 18045; wkeiper@fest.org) My wife, Betsy, and I are happy to announce the birth of our second daughter, Andrea, born on December 31, 2003. Her big sister, Annalise (2), is enjoying her new playmate.



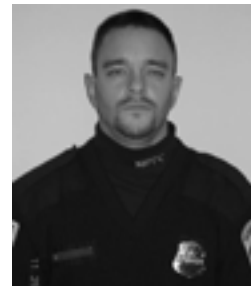
S. Jersey being a shoobie in '04 please give the locals a call. (Except for Bill Ross! Just kidding ya Billy.) Best Waves, Gregg gpz 761 in Cape May -- 609-898-1054.

Brian Sullivan '98

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

Robert S. Edwards '90

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



"Watcha gonna do when we come for you?!"

Thomas L. Scaperotto '02

(4009 W. Colonial Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA 23452; scapadapadoo@yahoo.com) I am working as a Materials Engineer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia and I just purchased a home in Virginia Beach last month. I'm hoping to get a full sized pong/beirut table by the end of the summer. Give me a call or e-mail if you want to take a trip down to the beach. ■



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