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UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming
October 2-4

**Lehigh vs. Lafayette
Alumni Tailgate**
November 21

Stay tuned to
www.lxalehigh.com
for details about these
upcoming events.

SHARE!

Send Us Your Alumni Update

Alumni updates are an opportunity to brag about your family, share career accomplishments, reminisce about Gamma-Psi memories, share stories about recent reunions, spread word of an upcoming reunion, or share pictures of any of the above. This is YOUR chance to update your Gamma-Psi brothers about what's new with you. Don't miss your chance! Send an alumni update to alumninews@affinityconnection.com today or submit an update at www.lxalehigh.com under the 'Alumni Profiles' tab.

HAVE IDEAS?

Without an active chapter, staying connected is our only hope for preserving the future of Gamma-Psi. You can help by planning an alumni event to get our brothers back together. Whether it's in Bethlehem or elsewhere, let's plan a golf outing, a tour, a dinner, you name it. Send your ideas to **Anthony Franchina** at bgpz.inc@gmail.com. Look for future alumni events in upcoming communications!

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Tailgate at the Lehigh-Lafayette Game

Mark your calendars for the Lehigh-Lafayette game and our alumni tailgate on November 21! Known as THE RIVALRY, the Lehigh-Lafayette football game is the most-played college football rivalry in the nation. It's a game you won't want to miss.

We hope to see you there! Visit our discussion forum under the 'News' tab on www.lxalehigh.com to tell us if you plan to attend.

Stay tuned for more information in upcoming communications.

SAVING OUR CHAPTER

Daniel Grow '83 Reminisces About His Time at Gamma-Psi

"Our chapter really is worth saving"

Our chapter is really worth saving, despite the fact that it is very different from when we were there. We had so much more autonomy.

I will always treasure the evenings spent studying and just chilling with Mark Memolo, sitting under his loft, dreaming about the future, and listening to 'the Dead'. My roommate, Clem Palevich, was amazingly steady, smart, and now accomplished. John Quarmley was at times a pain in the ass, but a real leader and very smart. Brad, Rich, Jeff, Ray, Larry, Per, Victor, my little bro, and my big bro, all helped shape who I am.



I came into the house as a very naive, green, unsophisticated young man, the first in my family to ever attend college, and emerged much more aware of how the world works. We learned how to push the limits of safety and trust, to work hard and play hard, and we knew that someone had our back. We grew up. Through my amazingly talented classmates, I was initiated into the world of achievers, partyers, and players in ways that one could not have predicted.

I treasure the experiences with each of them.

Read more alumni responses on page four.

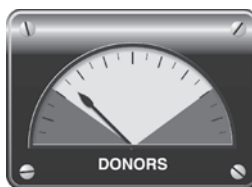
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Have You Made Your Gift Yet?

Your Gift Will Help Keep the Gamma-Psi Chapter Alive

We need you now more than ever. We're working to turn things around after our chapter's violations of Lehigh's code of conduct in 2013. We need your help to build momentum and to turn things around for our chapter!

We've set a goal to raise \$10,000 from 100 donors this year, and are coming in at \$3,489 from 24 donors. With just five months left in the giving year, we need your help. Your gift this year is critical.



Each gift is an *investment*. It will help keep our alumni association going and give us the resources to keep our brotherhood alive until we can recolonize. Your spirit, heart, and continued support is what will help Gamma-Psi return to Lehigh. Will you step up to keep our brotherhood alive in these tough times? We're counting on you!

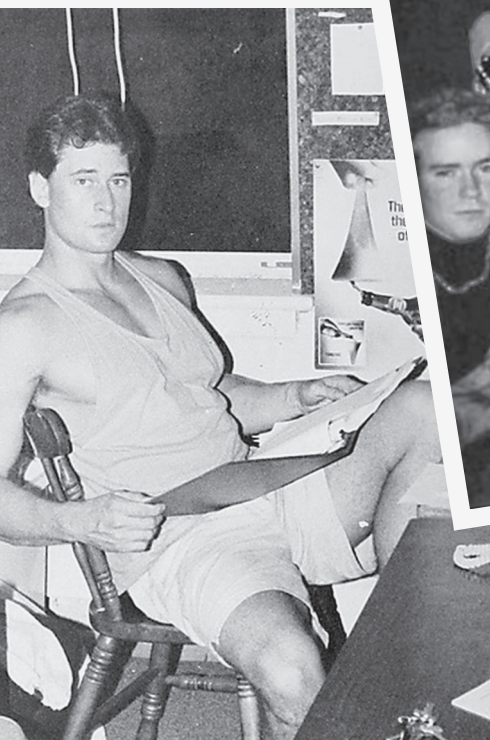
To make your gift to the annual fund, visit

www.lxalehigh.com and click on the 'Donate' button in the top right corner.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA THROUGH THE YEARS

Take a look at your Gamma-Psi brothers from all eras! Have some photos like these to share? Upload them at www.lxalehigh.com or send them, along with captions, to content@affinityconnection.com to be featured in upcoming communications.





Photos courtesy of Lehigh yearbook *The Epitome*

Finding the Heartbeat of Gamma-Psi

Alumni Share Their Gamma-Psi Memories and Thoughts on the Current Standing of the Chapter

It's been over a year since our chapter faced Lehigh University Code of Conduct violations. As we wait to apply to return to campus in 2018, we want to hear from you! We need your support, now more than ever, but we can barely find a heartbeat. Just a few of you have spoken up about your Gamma-Psi experiences

and your desire to ensure a future for the chapter on Lehigh's campus. Have you shared your thoughts yet? If not, visit www.lxalehigh.com and click on 'Discussions' under the 'News' tab to join the conversation.

In a time when fraternities across the nation are facing violations and possible probation or termination, it is now

more important than ever that we come together and make a solid plan for the coming years at Gamma-Psi. *It's time to start planning our future.* We need your support, as well as your input about what changes to make upon our return to campus. Tell us your thoughts today at www.lxalehigh.com!

"I'm looking forward to the chapter being reinstated and regaining an on-campus location. It is unfortunate that this happened, and I hope the current Lehigh chapter members can regain the confidence of the university."

- Vince Fagan '80 (Gamma-Psi 653)

"Since they have been kicked off campus, I no longer give back to the brotherhood. Quite frankly, I'm very disappointed in the brothers of Lambda Chi at this point. It's a shame to give money to them for various reasons (including a new chapter room), only to have them kicked off and lose the house."

-Anonymous



"Lambda Chi and Lehigh changed my life – it really did. Here's how. We had such a wide range of characters with serious students, talented intramural athletes, and bizarre brothers (the names are well known, trust me) that you got to experience everything. Had we been the house of all Lehigh baseball players, for example, we would have truly missed out. And most interesting of all in the mid 70's, we had open—read unsupervised—band parties. On occasion, we had six or seven on the Hill blaring live music on a Saturday night."

Several of those first Gamma-Psi friendships remain to this day, and I'm sure other brothers in later classes would say much the same. Surprisingly many of the specific details of this night in 1975 or that incident in 1976 exists in great detail and memory. And there is an abundance of fine, photographic evidence in many, many unscripted shots taken by house photographers (thanks, Glen Wagner) to fill in the blanks.

As fate would have it, the chapter provided the moment when I met my future wife and yes, even a photo exists of that for a great personal memory. When I came back to Lehigh after 2 years to start on an MBA, Gamma-Psi was home again for me in 1978-79 (thanks, Jeff) and another round of new friendships. Undoubtedly with so many positive experiences there, my career turned sharply toward working full-time in the university environment – including Lehigh for a dozen years – and continues that way today as a CIO. In between we sent four children through Lehigh, although one became a Sig Ep which I'll never understand, and got back when we could for the home football games.

But it all started with a double room on the third floor at Gamma-Psi."

-Bill Brichta '76