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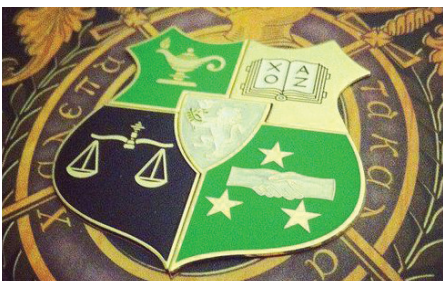
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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

OUR ESTEEMED UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT WEIGHS IN



Fall term is always the busiest time of year for us as a fraternity and I am pleased to say that we are seeing large strides in member growth and development. Younger members have been stepping up into leadership roles, both as officers and in heading up particular efforts as non-officers.

Through the summer, a significant amount of planning was done to ensure the chapter walked into fall recruitment as one cohesive, prepared group of collegiate brothers. At our first recruitment event, more than 60 potential members came through the house and I was so proud and impressed with how the chapter members reacted. They were friendly. They were engaging. They were having fun. And most importantly, they were themselves. No matter where I looked that night, I saw nothing but smiles on everyone's faces, both members and potential members. I am very optimistic about the recruitment efforts this fall not just because of this energy and liveliness, but also due to the quality of men inquiring about Lambda Chi Alpha. As a senior who will be graduating in June, it is comforting to see these things because I know the chapter will be in good hands when I leave and the legacy of this chapter will continue to live on for years to come.

Of course, the chapter has encountered its fair share of issues over the past six months. However, the character and determination of a chapter is not judged off the challenges it faces, but instead on how it reacts and perseveres through them. The challenges we face teach us how to stand together and surge forward. To stand up for what we know to be right and not be afraid to take action when we see someone struggling. This fraternity has been faced with issues I would have never dreamed of and, each time, has resolutely stepped forward, one step at a time, until the problem was nothing but a memory.

Some of my fondest college experiences happened in Lambda Chi Alpha and my closest friends are people I call brothers. My hope is that present and future members can also have the same privilege of undergoing such a life changing experience. I am happy to say the path this chapter is traveling now is right in line with that vision. Thanks to this fraternity's internal relationships and connections, the house continues to be not only a dwelling place for college students, but also a home for brothers.

Anthony Iacono is our current High Alpha and has held the position for two and a half years

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

OUR REVERED CHAPTER ADVISOR RECOUNTS THE RECENT SUCCESSES



I am happy to share with you recent news for Epsilon Kappa Zeta since our last Escutcheon in the spring.

Philanthropy is still a strong value of the Chapter. The Chapter raised over \$4,000 at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held in the Drexel Armory. The Lambda Chi team led the 62 teams entered by raising more than 10% of the total raised.

Relations on campus are strong as well. At the Drexel Fraternity and Sorority Life Annual Awards Reception, the Chapter was recognized with awards for academics, brotherhood, service and Greek unity. Two Brothers hold Inter Fraternity Council office for 2013-2014. Ryan Pratt is VP of Membership Development (a new position,) and Eddie Hopper is Athletics Chairman.

At the General Fraternity level, the Chapter has joined a select rank of Zetas when the petition to begin the Inner Circle Journey this fall was approved. The June Cross & Crescent and now the General Fraternities website include a Chapter Report Card for each Zeta. Drexel has scored high in all categories.

Eight undergraduates attended the Stead Leadership Seminar in Memphis where the Chapter was recognized with awards for Alumni Publication, Warren Cole Recruitment Program, Rev. S. George "Doc" Dirghalli Scholastic Programming, Lewis A. Plourd Fraternity Education and Harm Reduction. Your past donations have helped subsidize the costs and allowed so many members to attend Conclaves, Leadership Seminars and General Assemblies. The Give 10 campaign has earned the Chapter one scholarship to next year's General Assembly in Miami.

Exceptional work at harm reduction has provided the Chapter with low Risk Management Assessments. This work and the standing on campus are evident when a National Sorority selected Epsilon Kappa to co-sponsor a social with alcohol, as part of a pilot program trial. Sorority/Fraternity co-sponsored alcohol socials were unheard of.

Your continued support of the chapter, whether it be time, talent or treasure, is much appreciated and I enjoyed seeing many alumni at the summer Bar-B-Q and I hope to see many of you at upcoming events on campus.

Mark Stitz is our current High Pi. He is also the Vice President at Crossing Construction Co.

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PUMPKINS ARE NOT JUST FOR CREATING JACK-O'-LANTERNS AND PIE THIS OCTOBER. EPSILON-KAPPA HOSTED ITS 2ND ANNUAL SMASH BASH AT DREXEL PARK. TEAMS OF FIVE TO SEVEN COMPETED IN VARIOUS PUMPKIN THEMED COMPETITIONS INCLUDING: PUMPKIN BOWLING, PUMPKIN TOSSING, PUMPKIN PIE EATING, WATERMELON/ PUMPKIN CARVING, AND, AS THE EVENT NAME SUGGESTS, PUMPKIN SMASHING.

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This year's Smash Bash featured several teams, including teams from other Greek organizations and a team of, at the time, potential new members that have almost all become associate members since then. All of the teams participated in several events, including a relay race that required every member of the team to complete a different activity such as a crab walk and finding a bandanna in a tub full of smashed pumpkins, and a pumpkin carving contest that lasted throughout the entire course of the event. In addition to the events, there was a station set up for pumpkin smashing, where anyone could use a hammer built by several of the brothers to smash a pumpkin for \$5.

SMASH BASH

By Adam Lynn





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Smash Bash was eventually won by a team featuring brothers Anthony Iacono, Tommy Neff, Mike Elmer, and alumni brothers Chris Wozunk, Johnny Andrus, Anthony Picataggi, and Nik Bournelis. They donated the most canned goods, which was the biggest part of the competition, while also placing first in pumpkin bowling and second in pie eating and pumpkin carving. Special thanks to everyone

who came out to support us in any way that they could, and we hope to see more alumni at next year’s Smash Bash!

The event raised over \$2,000 and numerous cans of food for Feed America. Lambda Chi Alpha’s National Headquarters reached a partnership with Feed Park on July 27th, 2013 to help increase food drive resources available to local chapters.





THE BOND OF BROTHERHOOD

By Theodore Speedy

TWO BROTHERS DECIDE TO HAVE
AN ALUMNI BBQ OF THEIR OWN



A few weeks ago, there was a little LXA shindig to celebrate the end of summer. You say you didn't get an invitation? It was a fun affair, I'm sorry you missed it. It would have been better if more brothers could have been present, but it wasn't held at 3401 Powelton Avenue. It was held on the shore of a beach on the other side of the world.

I have been out of college for three years now, serving in the US Navy, and am stationed in Sasebo, Japan. Being so far away from home is often lonely. Luckily, even though I am far away from home, the bond of LXA is still strong. I have kept close ties with the brothers I went to school with, and one of them is even stuck out here with me. Alex Gallagher EK-1480, is stationed on the USS ASHLAND, and when he is in port, we find time to create new memories together, and to share some old ones as well.

Alex and I took some time out of our hectic Navy schedules, defending freedom, and making sure Brother McGarrigle feels safe and secure at night, to relax and enjoy the last day of summer. We threw some burgers on the grill, and toasted our American way of life. There was even a small fireworks display.

Having this BBQ, made me realize something. Of all the things the fraternity offers, it is the bond of brotherhood which I cherish most. It's great to have brothers wherever you go. Even in future life, you might meet brothers in different parts of the country, or the world, that you can connect with.

It's a great feeling when you can share memories with a brother of common times spent together. Our shared undergraduate experiences are the fond memories of the past. Sharing the stories brings back happiness of past days, and makes the future less frightening. The farther from your college years you get, the more you want to remember and embrace those memories shared among friends. Stories are important.

Sharing common memories brings us together, it strengthens that bond of brotherhood.

It's important to keep that bond together. We are directed to maintain relationships between brothers and Alumni. It is important for two



reasons. The Alumni support the undergraduates, with resources, time, guidance, and experience. They should be what we aspire to. And from an alumnus' perspective, being kept in touch with the fraternity reminds me of the good friends I have had, and the memories we shared.

It also reminds me of my obligation to support the chapter for the rest of my life, to ensure that the bond becomes perpetual, and that future brothers are given the opportunity to be able to take part in those shared experiences, and create memories of their own.

I'm thankful for the brothers that have reached out to me, keeping me in the loop with current fraternity business. I look forward to the time that I am back home for good, and can share some memories of the good old times, and make some new ones.



ANNUAL TRIP TO JIMMY'S ROADHOUSE

By Chuck Persing

Small groups of us have made periodic road trips to the Railroad House over the years and we have formalized an annual alumni road trip each August. This year's road trip was a success; we descended on Jimmy G's Railroad House, after our August 24 alumni meeting, ready to socialize and relive the good old days. Each year we add a few new faces (and not too pretty at that) to the group. This year we added: Bruce G. Stegman (EK 864), Carlos Suarez (EK 874), Jeff & Mrs. Fylstra (EK 1034), and Nik Bournelis (EK1473). Naturally the regulars were all in attendance: Al Barskey (EK 792), Jim Giuffrida (EK 855), George Montgomery

(EK 869), Mike Zeigler (EK 887), Steve Cohen (EK 898), Chuck Persing (EK 903), Mark Stitz (EK 906) and John Teoli (EK 945).

Aby and April are great hosts, Jim's son was our bartender, service was great, food was great, no one left hungry or thirsty but at times the choice of food was called in question. Aby is always complaining about me in some way and this time he was critical of my choice of food the last time I was there. I had ordered a plain burger and he complained that they are famous for burgers and toppings so this time I ordered a burger with one topping from each category, about 8 different toppings! After the cook refused to make it the burger arrived in all its glory!

I am happy to report that the burger was great and to the amazement of all I finished it without the expected gastrointestinal issues. Mark Stitz who was my passenger on the drive home was especially relieved that no gastrointestinal issues occurred.



ALUMNI BBQ

By Dan Adams

UNDERGRADUATES INVITE ALUMNI TO THE HOUSE FOR A BBQ TO SHARE STORIES AND HANG OUT

On Saturday, August 8th, 2013, active and alumni brothers reunited at the 3401 Powelton Ave chapter house for the Annual Alumni-Undergraduate BBQ. Among those in attendance were Albert "Mert" Hill Jr (EK 612), Richard Sasin (EK 675), Kenneth Johnsen (EK 682), Richard Holmes (EK 834), Steve Cohen (EK 898), Chuck Persing (EK 903), Mark Stitz (EK 906), Richard Barbor (EK 953), Galen Breuninger (EK 968), Dennis Carr (EK 1017), Bryan Bet (EK 1461), Nik Bournelis (EK 1473) and Kyle Musal (EK 1487).

Alumni brothers were able to relive the times they shared with the fraternity and the House. Undergraduate brothers shared how the fraternity is currently doing and heard stories from the past.

Brother Chuck Persing remarked, "Each time I go to the house I feel like that 20ish guy and the memories of great times flood back."

Thank you to all the alumni brothers who were able to attend, and special thanks to Brother Ryan Pratt (EK 1489) for organizing the event!

All kidding aside we had a great time, Aby and April were great hosts and we all spent an enjoyable afternoon reliving our college days and sharing what has happened since. Don't get left out and join us for the 3rd Annual Alumni Road Trip to Jim Giuffrida's Railroad House - Saturday, August 23, 2014!

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INNER CIRCLE



On September 29th, alumni and undergraduate brothers returned to the ritual chamber. This time, it wasn't to welcome associate members into the bond of brotherhood but to take new steps in their own journey. This continuation of ritual that is open to both alumni and undergraduates is called the Inner Circle.

On September 28, 2013, International Headquarters (IHQ) ran a retreat at the Chapter House. During this retreat, IHQ reviewed the chapter's implementations of Outer Circle, recruitment, member education, and the big brother process.

After the review, each member was asked to self-reflect on their lives and the turning points that have occurred. This reflection was very similar to what is found during Pre-I week. After this reflection, members took the next steps in the Inner Circle and the first evolution occurred.

What is the purpose of this addition to ritual? For undergraduates, this creates the opportunity for further growth by returning to ritual. Inner Circle augments the teachings of Initiation and provides additional self-reflection. Complimenting the crescent as symbol of

continued growth, the Inner Circle provides physical embodiment of this ideal.

For alumni, there is the chance to continue to learn and to grow in the ideals of Lambda Chi Alpha. It allows alumni to bond with the undergraduates and experience something completely new at the same time. Finally, alumni can reflect deeply on their time as an undergraduate brother.

Overall, the chapter has been very positive about the whole experience and they are very excited to continue learning more about Inner Circle as they become ready.

AM CEREMONY

On October 26th our chapter saw twenty new Associate Members join us through the Associate Member ceremony. An additional member joined the Monday after, bring the total number of new members from a highly successful Fall Rush to twenty-one. All twenty-one men will begin the fraternity education process starting November 1st and will strive towards the goal of being fully initiated brothers on January 25th, 2014.



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January 25-26, 2014	Drexel Homecoming
May 2-3, 2014	Drexel Alumni Weekend
May 3, 2014	EKZ Annual Alumni Meeting

Dates are subject to change. Please visit <http://ekzalumni.org> for up-to-date information.