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Alumni Association Update

At the end of 2016, the Alumni Association lost its leader, Scott Ciochetto, to career and family priorities. Efforts to find a replacement leader came up short. As such, the fledgling Alumni Association was placed on hold. While this may seem to be a setback, the active chapter and the House Corp have been able to absorb the focus areas that had been in the Alumni Association's domain. This change will end up as net-positive for the Epsilon-Zeta chapter. There will be better efficiencies in the two-structure approach than the previously envisioned three-structure approach.

The Alumni Association had been working on a number of projects and goals. Moving forward, these projects will still be completed but they will be split up between the active chapter and the House Corp. The active chapter will be charged with planning and implementing alumni events, and the House Corp will take care of alumni communications and records as well as fundraising. Indeed, structural changes within the House Corp have already occurred to support the organizations expanded scope. The active chapter planned and implemented the spring Alumni Hockey Weekend as they will the upcoming Back to School Work Weekend in August and Homecoming Weekend in October.

Alumni Association set-back aside, these are very encouraging and exciting times for Epsilon-Zeta! The active chapter is in new territory with membership and campus involvement. The relationship and standing with the University and with Lambda Chi Alpha HQ are incredibly positive. The House Corporation is continuing to march in the right direction on many initiatives. It is a great time to be a proud Lambda Chi! Especially one from Epsilon-Zeta!!

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In this newsletter, you will hear more about the success and improvements of the active chapter and the House Corporation and the help that is needed to take Epsilon-Zeta to yet higher areas. The team is especially pumped about the newest fundraising initiative that seeks to eliminate the remaining House Corp debt in short order, thereby freeing the House Corp financially and helping to pave the way for what's next for our chapter house. We hope many of you will support this important, timely initiative.

We want to send a big thank you right off the bat here to all of the chapters supporters. You know who you are and you are truly appreciated! We hope to see many of you alumni at the chapters upcoming alumni events. Until then, in ZAX, take care.

Fundraising Status

By House Corp Fundraising Chair – Paul Skorick

Epsilon-Zeta is still in need of financial assistance from our generous alumni to keep things moving in the right direction for our chapter. We are currently raising funds for: on-going maintenance, updating the chapter house, paying down outstanding debts (late 90’s flood repairs, furnaces, recent bathroom remodeling), scholarships, and increasing the House Corp reserve fund.



We set a short-term goal in 2013 of raising \$250k to move our chapter to new heights in the coming years and to ensure our long-term success. 2013-2017 YTD fundraising is at \$176,543 as of this writing.

We continue to make great progress and we would like to thank you for the continued support!!



“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared”. –Buddha

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Debt Elimination Fundraising Campaign

Our goal with fundraising has always been focused on scholarships, funding House Corp operating budget shortfalls, increase House Corp reserve funds, funding House Corp projects and paying down House Corp debt incurred due to damages from the 1997 flood disaster and the more recent bathrooms remodeling project. By the time you get this publication, you should have already received your letter making known our goal to pay off our debt ASAP. When we retire this debt, it will dramatically improve the financial position of the House Corp's financial position, allowing for capital improvements that will extend the life of our chapter house for years to come.

Brother Ron Sitzer has been generous with his time to really drive some strong momentum into this campaign by reaching out to other brothers to commit to this fundraising campaign. We are well short, at this time, of hitting \$75,000 and so OUR chapter needs your help. I encourage all brothers to do what they can to help eliminate the debt so we can free up money for operating and capital improvement needs.

You can mail a check to Lambda Chi Alpha House Corporation at PO Box 13454 in Grand Forks, ND 58208. Please put debt elimination on the memo line. You can also go to our website <http://ndlxa.org/documents/donate.html> to make a donation and designate the money be used for debt elimination. Please donate what you can towards this very critical fundraising campaign.

Passing of Brother Gayle R. Bare

The brothers of the Epsilon-Zeta Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of North Dakota are saddened to learn of the death of one of their own. Brother Gayle R. Bare passed away on September 14, 2016. Brother Bare was initiated in 1953 as EZZ 279. He met his lovely wife Joan, a native of Grand Forks, while attending UND, and proposed to her at one of the Lambda Chi formals. He graduated from UND with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1956.

Brother Bare worked in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area his entire career. After starting his career as an assistant City Engineer for the city of Minnetonka, MN, he became a well-known and respected salesman in the Twin Cities and Midwest region, selling steel and concrete sewer pipe to the heavy construction industry.

Gayle and Joan raised four children and lived in Brooklyn Center, MN from 1958 until 1999. They full time RV'd around the country for the next 12 years before finally settling down in Albertville, MN in 2011, where he lived at the time of his death.

The Brothers send their thoughts and prayers to Brother Bare's wife and children.



Brother Bare

Academic Chapter Update

By High Alpha – Kass Longie

As has been the trend for the past few semesters, the active chapter has grown in both numbers and in the quality of operations. This fall, we initiated 16 men into the brotherhood, and we added 12 more in the spring. This has helped us to break 70 members, a benchmark we have had our sights on for some time. In the coming fall, our goal will be to reach 90 members and become the largest fraternity on campus by the spring of 2018.

I also mentioned that we have made more improvements in complying with tasks and goals set forth by our headquarters. In January, I had the pleasure of learning that we are in the top 20 out of 190+ chapters in Lambda Chi Alpha!

We have also had some amazing individual accomplishments this year. Erik Hanson (EZZ 1144)

was elected as the UND Student Body Vice President and Jordan Schaeftbauer (EZZ 1150) was elected to the University Senate. I was impressed with the support provided by the house in their respective campaigns.

Last but not least, we have once again made impactful contributions to our local Feeding America food bank, St. Joseph's Food Pantry. In the fall, we were able to donate over 6,000 pounds of food and this spring we added to that total with a cash donation north of \$400 after our rejuvenated spring philanthropy.

The chapter is in a great spot and I cannot wait to see what the coming year holds! Thank you to all brothers, alumni and active, for the continued support.

Brother John Quinones (center), host of ABC's show "What Would You Do?" with two EZZ actives during a visit to UND.



August Work Weekend

By House Corp Vice President Jason Lanctot

Greetings Brothers! Planning has begun for the annual work weekend at the EZ chapter house. It is scheduled the weekend of **August 18th**.

I know you've all been chomping at the bit to have the experience of a lifetime– you know, helping your brothers, having some fun, acquainting, reacquainting, and getting things done. I'm sure you all really want to know what we've got planned, so I'll skip the long-winded-ness that you all know I am capable of and get to it.

We'll meet at the house at noon Friday to greet and discuss how we want to approach projects to be done. We'll probably allow two hours or so. (I'm sure there won't be any bs-ing). We will start our projects after said bs-ing, hopefully, around 2:00 pm. Tools will be supplied by me and the fraternity, but any tools you bring are welcome! Please, if you do so, label them so we can keep track.

I look forward to working with as many as can make it this weekend! I know life gets busy and I hope I greet you all in good spirits! Please make the time if you can, but don't worry if you can't. Many of you have given a lot to the fraternity. Without your help, we wouldn't be the fraternity we are today, so thank you for that and in advance, hopefully, for your help this **August 18th–20th**.

There is an event page on Facebook and details will be updated on Facebook as the weekend approaches. If you have any questions, concerns, or input please contact me via Facebook, and I'll give you further contact info if necessary.

Graduating Senior

At the end of Spring 2017 semester, one member from the Epsilon-Zeta chapter will be graduating and continuing in his respective professional career— Brother Adam Johnson, EZZ 1143. He is a native of Woodbury, MN and is graduating with a degree in Economics. We thank Brother Johnson for all that he has done for the active chapter and wish him the best of luck in the future.



Graduating Senior

Our Newest Brothers

This Spring the chapter recruited, retained and initiated 12 men into our bond. The following is a list of the newest brothers along with their hometown and major:

- Taylor Schaubert EZZ 1209, Bismarck, ND, Political Science and Finance
- Brandon Petrick EZZ 1210, Grand Forks, Chemical Engineering
- Adam Mach EZZ 1211, Minto, ND, Mechanical Engineering
- Seth LaBrecque EZZ 1212, Grand Forks, Kinesiology
- Stephen Bliss EZZ 1213, Eden Prairie, MN, Commercial Aviation
- Luke Schurtz EZZ 1214, Arlington Heights, IL, Aviation Management
- James Schmidt EZZ 1215, Mandan, ND, Business Economics
- Nicholas Richard EZZ 1216, Sacramento, CA, Aviation Management
- Markal Giovanetti EZZ 1217, Fresno, CA, Chemical Engineering
- Brody Graff EZZ 1218, Maple Grove, MN, Commercial Aviation and Air Traffic Control
- Zakari Hernandez EZZ 1219, Grand Forks, Computer Science
- Sam Strom EZZ 1220, Grand Forks, Marketing



Spring 2017 Initiates

House Corporation Update

By House Corporation President – Kevin Till

In the months since the Fall 2016 EZ Reader was mailed, House Corp has been busy with our various initiatives. There have been changes to our scope and organization, on-going financial planning, a transition to the new property insurance, and the usual, and irregular, maintenance and repairs.

We've undergone a major change. The Epsilon-Zeta Alumni Association efforts have been put on hold. The Association had been responsible for fundraising and communications; now the House Corp has expanded its scope to include these important alumni aspects. The Association was also involved with alumni event planning and implementation, however, we would be ill-advised to also take this on, legally as well as liability, to protect our main asset; the chapter house. So, alumni events will be covered by the chapter moving forward.

With your House Corp changing scope and organization, with the formal approval of the restated Articles and Bylaws, we have held elections for new board members and officers. Your House Corp new Board of Directors / Officers are: Kevin Till – President, Jason Lanctot – VP / Maintenance and Repairs, Jim Schnack – Treasurer, Ray Parks – Secretary, Paul Skorick – Alumni Chair (Fundraising and Communications), Randy Ritterman – Director, and Ben Frisvold – Director. Your Honorary Directors are: Jody Gunlock, Bob Graveline, Brent Skjerseth, TJ Serr, Ron Sitzer, Dave Hillesland, and Scott Ciochetto. Please help me congratulate and give a huge thank you to these brothers who are donating their most precious resource, their time, to our beloved fraternity. Brothers, the energy you put in and the example you set is invaluable for our chapter! We also recognize the active chapter officers, Kass Longie, Jason White, and Josh Jansen, the Alpha, Tau, and House Manager, respectively, who continue to be important advisory contributors to the House Corp. Thank you, gentlemen!

In the last few months, above the regular, expected maintenance and repairs, we have had a number of more substantial expenses that have significantly exceeded a few of our budget assumptions. We had unforeseen heating system and plumbing repairs. We also incurred a large expense for main floor tile maintenance. These excess maintenance expenditures, combined with lower than expected year-to-date fundraising, have reduced the House Corp general funds account considerably. While yet not a crisis, we are looking to tighten our belt with expenses for the remainder of the year, and are hoping that fundraising picks up significantly. Nevertheless, since December, House Corp has increased its reserve fund account balance by ~8% from ~\$13k to ~\$14k. Additionally, we have been able to pay off a little extra on our outstanding loan debt. It now stands at ~\$74k, down from ~\$82k at the last update. Near-term elimination of our remaining debt and the continued, steady build-up our reserve funds are both still high priorities and significant progress is being made on each.

We continue to prioritize our list of larger future improvement projects and drive the fundraising to support them and to save for further projects. We are still hoping a number of the following projects may be completed in the next 1.5 years: back yard patio / parking, dorm room electrical upgrades, additional kitchen equipment, fire alarm monitoring, security camera system, key fob access for primary doors, exterior lights hardwired / photocell, new tile flooring on the main floor, refinish or replace top hall dorm doors, and resurface main floor wood walls. Brothers, we have our work cut out for us, but I believe we can do this! As always, I sincerely say, to all of you who have been supporting these worthy efforts through time, talent and/or treasure: Thank You! This always has been, and always will be, a team effort. Together we will propel Epsilon-Zeta forward for many generations to come.

High Pi Update

By High Pi – Randy Ritterman

2017 is shaping up to be another strong year for our chapter. We recently initiated the spring class of twelve very solid young men with great potential, hosted a very successful Parents weekend and formal, and had another successful visit from Nationals (via the ELC–Educational Leadership Consultant). The chapter continues to grow in both numbers of brothers and strong leadership.

One of the questions that I often get asked is why I spend the time, energy and money on being the advisor for the house. I can sum it up very quickly – the young men and their potential. Whether it is Jack LaMoine who has improved an already commendable GPA every time I ask for a bit more; Zach Neameyer who has turned from a rather shy awkward freshman to one of the leaders in the house; Collin Bates who has gone from quiet, unassuming to High Gamma (secretary) and has no problem voicing his opinions; Erik Hanson who is running for student body president; Ryan Keller who has been accepted into PT school with a perfect GPA; or Collin Blair who has found his footing and has become a very active brother.

When I became the advisor we were at a critical time for this chapter, we could have either slid backward into oblivion or shot for the stars. We chose the latter. Thanks to the great leadership of our past presidents – Dan Frank, Joe Price, Patrick Sewich and now Kass Longie – this chapter is now over 70 men strong and ranked one of the top chapters for Lambda Chi in the nation. I didn't do this. The young men of our chapter did it. I look to our future and see great leaders in our most recent initiated Spring 2017 class.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and admiration for last year's president Patrick Sewich. He led the chapter with wisdom, strength and fairness far surpassing his years and look forward to the year ahead working closely with president-elect, Kass Longie. Thus far, Kass has displayed strong leadership skills and solid impartial judgement.

Brotherhood is like branches on a tree. We might grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.



2017 Officer Installation

Upcoming Events

- Work weekend–August 18th
- Homecoming– October 7th. More details to come in September/October.



Hockey Watch Party Dinner

High Rho Closing Comments

By High Rho – Harrison Krank

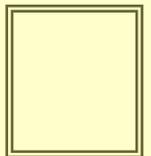
The 2017 Spring semester at Lambda Chi Alpha brought with it prosperity and growth. The chapter has over 70 active brothers. 73% of them are involved in other student organizations. Many of our brothers serve high-up on student government. With only one senior graduating, the numbers and strength of our brotherhood will only grow stronger in the upcoming school year.

In February, the chapter hosted an event for our alumni, in which we provided Qdoba before the Fighting Hawks hockey game, and after the meal we had a watch party. 55 of the 70 active brothers attended and the kitchen area was full of brothers dining together.

For the first time in years, the chapter has such a high interest of brothers to live in the house that many rooms will be doubled-up this fall. The Brothers of Lambda Chi are invested in growing our house to even greater numbers. The goal of High Kappa Talon Schloesser to have over 100 active brothers! The average chapter size for fraternities at UND is 55 members. That places Lambda Chi Alpha as the second largest fraternity at UND.

With the growth and involvement that our chapter has been in recent years, the future looks bright for the upcoming semesters and we hope with the help of our alumni to grow stronger as a brotherhood.

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