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## Opening Comments from the Editor

Greetings Brothers, friends, and family:  
 Hope this letter finds you and your families well. We strive to bring you a better EZ reader each time. Feedback is always welcome regarding articles, topics you would like to see, etc. Please reach out to me if you have any suggestions for ways to improve this newsletter. Email is best ([alendway@gmail.com](mailto:alendway@gmail.com)) or Facebook direct message.

Thanks for reading.  
 Andrew Lendway

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## Brother Erik Hanson–Student Body President

Brother Erik Hanson, Epsilon–Zeta 1144, is a senior majoring in Accounting with a minor in Political Science. This past year Erik served as our Student Body Vice President with a goal to make a better community and university. In his work he has managed to bring a new and exciting environment to UND football tailgates, as well as a successful push in Bismarck at the State Capitol for lowered student fees. As of May 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year, he was elected as our Student Body President to further his legacy and to better connect the community and the university. Two of his current projects include improving the downtown area of Grand Forks and advocating for more student jobs to keep students in the area for summers.

Brother Hanson also serves on the Student Advisory Committee or SAC, an organization run by our national headquarters that chooses brothers who prove their leadership abilities and are eager to use these skills to better the general fraternity. Erik has been able to manage his busy schedule while maintaining academic excellence and heavy involvement within our own chapter. Brother Hanson is role model for our chapter and we are very proud of his accomplishments!



Brother Erik Hanson (L)

## 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 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 have set a short-term goal of raising \$250k to move our chapter to new heights in the coming years and to ensure our long-term success. 2013-2018 YTD fundraising is at \$224,469 as of this writing. We continue to make great progress and we would like to thank you for the continued support!!



"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant". –Robert Louis Stevenson

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Tom Anderson	David Larson	Scott Shoberg	Mark Dockter	Curtis Pulkrabek	Rodney Charnholm	Ron Sitzer	Terrance Severson
Bruce Bartl	Robert Latvala	A.J. Sitzer	Donald Gornowich	Michael Purington	Scott Ciochetto	RD Slotsve	Rodney Wilson
Steve Berg	Brad Maas	Richard Skaflen	Dustin Haug	Dan Ruebke	Daryl Evenson	Thomas Snellings	David Wright
Jan Bjork	Michael McCann	David Solbert	Jake Hodny	Glenn Schumacher	Jim Greshik	Sheldon Stackelhouse	
Jeff Blakely	Gary McFarlen	Jack Spah	Marvin Hodny	Keith Sethen	Jody Gunlock	Kevin Till	<u>White (\$10,000+)</u>
Jason Block	Mark Monette	Roger Stebleton	Brian Horvath	Paul Skorick	Andrew Hager	Tom Wade	Duane Littlejohn
Dean Brown	Adam Oldenburg	Dave Stromberg	Kenneth Johnson	Tim Stallman	George Hallenbeck	Don Will	Jack Marcil
Jared Brown	Orlando Overland	Jeff Swenson	Darold Johnson	Pat Thibert	Bruce Heen	Jason Ziemer	Randy Ritterman
Dustin DuFault	Erin Pechacek	David Syvertson	MD Johnson	A.R. Timm	Jay Hildebrand		Brent Skjerseth
Robert Dunbar	Jon Penne	Gregory W. Tschider	Nathan Kenner	Gregory Tschider	Jeff Kjoson	<u>Gold (\$3,000-\$9,999)</u>	Gerald Vandewalle
John Einan	Brian Peters	Norman Vietz	Derek Kobetsky	Jeffrey Ulness	Rick Boyd Lafleur	Roger Birdbear	
John Gezelius	Landon Ramsey	Richard Vinger	David Koland	Sam Vaagan	Milton Lindvig	Eugene Fuchs	
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Seth Hagan	Alex Schanilec		Andrew Lendway	Carl L Wysocki	Allen Olson	Terry Hodny	
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Jason Lanctot	Dave Shimek			Robert Charnholm	TJ Serr	Brian Pedersen	

## Debt Elimination Campaign Update

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. We've sent two letters recently regarding the Debt Elimination Campaign making known our goal to pay off our debt ASAP.

Brother Littlejohn and Brother Sitzler have been generous with their time to really drive some strong momentum into this campaign by reaching out to brothers to commit to this fundraising campaign. The fundraising results are showing the impact they and many other brothers are having. We are getting close to the \$75,000 goal and eliminating the chapter's debt. **As of this writing, we've raised \$51,026—leaving us \$23,974 left to go or about 32% left to go.** Paying down the last third will be no easy task, more so than ever, OUR chapter needs your help. I encourage all brothers to contribute any dollar amount you can. Once we free up more money for operating and capital improvements, it will position our chapter house better for the future.

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.

## Graduating Seniors

The Epsilon-Zeta Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha had 11 brothers graduate UND this spring and move into alumni status. While we will miss their contributions to Lambda Chi Alpha during their undergraduate years, we are extremely proud of these brothers. They have helped build the foundation of our house. Eight of the 11 held officer positions, including High Alpha. Most have careers lined up and some are pursuing graduate or doctoral degrees.

- Hunter Halonen, Managerial Finance and Accounting, EZZ 1120
- Patrick Sewich, Accounting and Investments, EZZ 1128
- Jake German, Petroleum Engineering, EZZ 1145
- Zach Neameyer, Air Traffic Control, EZZ 1154
- Zach Davis, Investments, EZZ 1155
- Patrick Williams, Petroleum Engineering, EZZ 1158
- Nate Gourde, Marketing, EZZ 1159
- Ryan Keller, Physical Therapy, EZZ 1161
- Ryan Danielson, Commercial Aviation, EZZ 1171
- Wyatt Rush, Marketing, EZZ 1185
- Jason White, Commercial Aviation, EZZ 1190



## Academic Chapter Update

By High Alpha – Mitchell Mader

As the chapter president of Lambda Chi Alpha I am pleased to inform you all that this year has been great for the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of North Dakota. I am humbled by the fact that the brothers and alumni look up to me to grow that chapter like the presidents have before me.

I am by no means running this presidency alone. I am guided by the many brothers who help me make the right decisions, and our alumni advisor, Randy Ritterman. I am blessed to be surrounded by friends like Talon Schloesser who serves as our IFC President and an elected senator of the student body. Erik Hanson was just recently elected as our student body president– a position highly regarded by the university and the thousands of students who vote each year. Brother Jordan Shaeftbauer is a two-term elected student senator and has helped build stronger bonds between the house and the university. Many of our brothers are involved in other clubs and organizations, such as the student band, bass fishing clubs, and a variety of business and degree related organizations.

As a chapter that strives for excellence, we place a heavy emphasis on academics. Last semester we placed third among 13 fraternities competing for the highest GPA. Another accomplishment comes from our National Headquarters that has placed us in the top 20 in national fraternity rankings. This comes from the hard work and dedication that our brothers have done to make this chapter what it is today.

Perhaps what makes us shine the most is community service. Brothers dedicate time and money supporting events like Relay for Life, the Special Olympics, and a variety of other philanthropies hosted by the Greek community and the university. Our biggest accomplishment every Fall is when we collect food from the Grand Forks community and donate it to the local food shelf, St. Joseph Food Program.

Last fall we were able to donate 5,500 pounds of food just in time for Thanksgiving. Being able to go out and interact with the community and give back to those less fortunate than us is truly a humbling experience and one that builds great relationships with a community who supports us greatly.

Our chapter has grown significantly in the recent years because of the new standards set. We no longer need to scrape up numbers to fill our chapter house. Our officers and the active chapter work hard to ensure that our position as a top house on campus and nationally is achieved every year. These experiences that we make running a successful fraternity translate into the real world. Taylor Schaubert, our vice president, has gained experience planning an event for hundreds of people. Aaron Mader, our treasurer, has learned the skills to manage a budget of \$80,000 each semester.

The brothers are doing their part to renovate our aging house by refurbishing the bedrooms with new paint, free-standing lofts, hardwood floors, and lighting. The president's suite is the most recently renovated room after Randy Ritterman donated \$300 to put in new floors. The room now has a fresh coat of paint, hardwood floors, new lights, and updated amenities. We hope to continue improving the quality of living for the in-house brothers. During Work Week this coming Fall we are planning on fixing a lot of worn items and improving the landscaping. We hope to receive donations of time, talent, or money to help improve the house.

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha are working hard every day to improve our chapter at the local and national level. We continue to see new leaders emerge and take on expanding roles that contribute to the success of our chapter. Our ambition is to build stronger ties with headquarters, university, the Greek community, and of course our alumni. The active chapter would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued



## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Banquet

Lambda Chi Alpha at UND is celebrating this fall our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a chapter with a banquet planned for Homecoming Weekend. The active chapter and alumni are in the planning stages of the banquet to commemorate this significant milestone in our chapter's history.

Homecoming weekend is September 21–23. As of this writing, we plan to have a banquet on Friday night, the 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Boardwalk Bar and Grill in East Grand Forks. Other events are also being planned.

It will be similar in format to the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet but we do plan to shorten the program to allow more time for socializing.

Invites will be sent out later this summer so please watch your mailbox and make sure your address is current.

If you are able to help work on the planning or organizing of this event, it would be greatly appreciated. Let Randy Ritterman, Jason Lancot, or Andrew Lendway know or post on the all-member Facebook group.

More details to come—please continue to watch the all-member Facebook group page.

Here are other UND related Homecoming events:

- The Potato Bowl and Homecoming Parade is at 10:00 am Saturday.
- The UND vs Idaho State Football game will be on Saturday with a tailgate gathering pre-game. Game time is 4:30.
- Other events updated on the webpage.

<https://undalumni.org/alumni-homecoming-events>



85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary group photo.

## High Pi Update

By High Pi – Randy Ritterman

Four short years ago, our chapter had only 25 brothers; now, we have over 70. And the credit for this amazing growth goes to the young men of our chapter and the hard-charging leaders who have served as chapter presidents: Dan Frank, Joe Price, Patrick Sewich and, most recently, Kass Longie. These gentlemen executed an aggressive turnaround plan, working with alumni to rebuild the pride and integrity of being a Lambda Chi Alpha brother, and igniting an enthusiasm that's taken on a life of its own. Their hard work has created a new foundation. This foundation is filled with promise and potential. This foundation has a bold future. But this foundation faces unknown challenges, and will run into all sorts of twists and turns. Fortunately, the chapter will move forward under the strong and very capable leadership of its current president, Brother Mitch Mader—a man in whom I have every confidence will not only maintain the foundation of his predecessors, but, will build it up higher than ever before.

Lambda Chi can take pride in its recent involvement and successes around the campus. Talon Schloesser serves as the IFC President and is the newly elected off campus senator. Erik Hanson is the current student body Vice President and recently elected student body president. We have the third highest GPA among fraternities on campus—in fact, almost twice as many brothers achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher this past semester than just one year ago. I've even had the privilege of writing several recommendations for graduating brothers wishing to enter graduate and doctoral programs. (The brothers often hear me say "Education is the one thing that no one can take away from you". Well, that and constant reminders to "study, study, study!")

Back in the late 1970s when I left my small hometown in rural North Dakota to come to UND, my mother gave me a great piece of advice. She said, "Life is full of decisions. Don't let life pass you by while you are trying to decide. Make a decision and move forward, don't 'what if' or second guess. Own that decision and put your all into it." That doesn't mean that we shouldn't learn from our past mistakes or that every decision will be perfect. It means that whatever you do, if you put your heart into it, no matter how it turns out you can rest knowing that at least you tried your hardest to do your best.

When I became the adviser in 2013, I decided to put my all into helping this chapter turn itself around. I knew it had the right people and the right ideals to become the best fraternity on campus. I believed it could even become one of the top Lambda Chi chapters in the nation. I also knew it would take a group effort. So, we went to work. We became more selective, rushing stronger candidates to join the chapter. We began holding active brothers accountable for their grades, their finances, and their personal behavior. We made the difficult decisions to let members go who couldn't toe the line—in fact we said goodbye to more than a few friends along the way. However, all of this has led the chapter to where it is today: truer to Lambda Chi's original ideals, better fit for today's young men, and better prepared for the world of tomorrow.

Remember, as Winston Churchill said, "*Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.*"

## Our Newest Brothers

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

- Ian Koltes, EZZ 1238, Champlin, MN
- Noah Yak, EZZ 1239, Moorhead, MN
- Patrick Meyers, EZZ 1240, Bloomington, MN
- Tyler Purdy, EZZ 1241, Las Vegas, NV



## Upcoming Events

- Fall Work Week TBD
- Homecoming 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet. Friday Sep 21, 2018.

## In Memoriam:

The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha are saddened to learn of the deaths of Charles L. Graveline and Howard Bartholomay.

Brother Graveline passed away April 28, 2017 in Naperville, IL at the age of 77 from cancer. Brother Graveline graduated from UND in 1961 with a BS of Civil Engineering and went on to work for both Standard Oil and AMOCO for 33 years. Brother Graveline worked throughout the Midwest and was Manager of Commercial Sales at the time of his retirement.

Brother Bartholomay, EZZ 1067, passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Jordan, MN at the age of 27. Brother Bartholomay was initiated in the Fall 2008 class before transferring to his home state of Oklahoma in 2009 and the University of Oklahoma. Brother Bartholomay worked for Amazon in the Shakopee, MN Fulfilment Center. Brother Bartholomay was an avid curler who served as president of the OU Curling Club.

## High Rho Closing Comments

By High Rho – Derek Wachter

It has been a good semester for the EZ chapter. Our main focus for the upcoming Fall 2018 semester is the 90th anniversary alumni event. We continue to work hard to encourage more alumni participation because we find it very valuable for our alumni to work with the chapter.

Another focus for the upcoming Fall 2018 semester is to recruit a large rush class. Finally, we are planning on having an alumni/active event this summer. Perhaps a golf scramble or another event. More information to come on this so please check the all members Facebook page for updates. We are hoping to become more active with our alumni and to keep on improving and making our chapter the best it can be.

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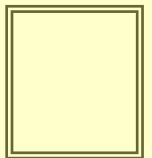
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