



THETA LAMBDA BRIEFS

Theta Lambda Zeta ~ Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity

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A TIME TO GIVE

I know, I know – the last thing you want to hear is a pitch about donating money and/or time to another organization. Fresh off an election and in a period where the economy still hasn't decided what it wants to do, giving just doesn't seem to be on the top of everyone's priority list.

However, our chapter needs our help. Much to the chagrin of the Alumni Board, we have not held a formal giving campaign for the chapter in nearly twenty years. And, it is starting to show...our records indicate that our scholarship fund, designated for academic and leadership scholarships, will be depleted within the next five years. The Board's operating expenses have been running less than \$1,000 per year for the past five years. While we have been diligently making provisions for unexpected expenses and while we have been able to set aside a substantial reserve from our kitchen account, we are still in dire need of replenishing the scholarship account. Simply put, any dollar amount will point us in the right direction.

If you have been paying attention over the past few years, you will have noticed that our chapter has outperformed expectations and has done an outstanding job in preserving the future of our chapter. Each year, the chapter is recognized for its excellence in programming, leadership, community service and academics. It is now our turn to pay tribute to their successes. If you'd like to make a donation to the Alumni Board, please send your check, made payable to "Theta Lambda Zeta Alumni Board", noting in the 'memo' section, "Scholarship Foundation Donation" to:
Charlie Chedester
528-9th Street
West Des Moines, IA 50265

As always, any donation is tax deductible.

On behalf of the undergraduate chapter, I thank you for your consideration and donation. Giving today will help guarantee Theta Lambda's future!

GET IN THE GAME

Working in conjunction with the undergraduate chapter, alumni will be going head-to-head with each other in two upcoming events.

On Saturday, November 20, 2004, alumni and undergraduates will battle it out on the Paintball field in the first annual Paintball War. Following the 'games', brothers will be gathering at the Sports Page in Indianola for college football and brotherly fellowship.

On Saturday, December 18, 2004, we will be gathering at the chapter house for a "Texas Hold 'Em" tournament and brotherly fellowship.

Details for each event will be sent shortly.

CHAPTER NETS EIGHT NEW MEMBERS IN FALL RUSH

Following three (3) days of formal recruitment in mid-September, the brothers welcomed eight (8) outstanding men signed in to Theta Lambda Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha. This brings the current chapter total to 32. With formal recruitment behind them, the brothers are now focused on another successful informal recruitment process which hopes to net another 8-10 men. Congratulations to our newest brothers – welcome to Lambda Chi Alpha!

1. Nick Fidler – Des Moines, IA
2. Jeff Liggett – Waukee, IA
3. Travis Slama – Kansas City, MO
4. Will Cozart – Des Moines, IA
5. Curtis De Vetter – La Crescent, MN
6. David Steward – Storm Lake, IA
7. Nathaniel Schmidt – Forest City, IA
8. Alex Bardole – Des Moines, IA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following is a list of upcoming events for the chapter. For additional information, visit:
<http://calendar.yahoo.com/thetalambda2004> or contact Brannon Wright (High Alpha) at 515.962.4464

- Fall Initiation 11/23/04
- Paintball Outing 11/20/04
- Texas Hold 'Em Tourney 12/18/04
- Chapter Meetings Sundays at 7:00



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet two of your Board of Directors: Charlie Chedester and Eric “Slim” Updegraff. Charlie, Theta Lambda 1133, graduated from Simpson in 1999. He and his wife, Katherine live in Valley Junction, Iowa with their two dogs, Dakota and Gus and their rabbit, Buzz. Charlie works as a Financial Consultant for commercial and residential properties. Capitol Connection, LLC and Mortgage Innovations, LLC is owned and operated by Mark Bittle (a Simpson Alum), Charlie and two others. Charlie was previously a controller for AEG in St. Charles, Iowa.

Charlie enjoys using his education along with the many skills that Lambda Chi helped him build. By having officer responsibilities as an undergraduate, it has helped him become a successful financial consultant. Believing in the fraternity as he does, Charlie is proud to serve on the Alumni Board to help ensure that the opportunities continue to be there for all brothers who come through the doors of Theta Lambda Zeta. In his free time, Charlie still enjoys getting out on the golf course and hunting. Other than that, he would love to have more functions with his fellow Lambda Chis.

Eric Updegraff, better known as ‘Slim’, was recently elected to the Board at the annual meeting in October 2004. Slim graduated from Simpson in 2001 with a degree in Economics. After graduation, he attended the University Of Iowa College Of Law for three years. During this time, he became a member and staff writer for the Journal of Corporation Law, one of the most respected legal reviews in the nation. Eric attended the College of Law on a full tuition scholarship from the Iowa Law Foundations called the “Iowa Law Merit Scholarship.” Eric graduated from the College of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree in May 2004. His grade point average put him in the top twenty percent of his graduating class.

After graduation from the College of Law, Slim took the Iowa bar examination in July 2004. He passed the exam with a score in the top five percent in the nation. Currently, he is working as a law clerk on special projects for Bruce H. Stoltze of the Brick Gentry law firm in Des Moines.

A jovial sort who makes self-deprecating humor his trademark, Slim enjoys spending time with close friends and family, playing video games reading a good book that has nothing to do with law. Recently, Slim foolishly volunteered to join the Alumni Corporation Board, dooming himself to spend more time working with Kellar. One would think that all this education would have taught him better...apparently not!

ALUMNI WEB SITE

Stop the presses...the Theta Lambda Web site is alive and kicking! Matt Mallinger, Theta Lambda alum and resident Web designer has been spending the past few months redesigning our Web site. The site now houses pages including Alumni Board meeting minutes, upcoming events, links to the undergraduate chapter's Web site as well as other important links. Most impressive, however, is our alumni database. Working with the general fraternity, we've been able to update our database, which is now online. Many thanks to Biph for working on the site! Check it out: www.lxalumni.com

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GOT A QUESTION

If you have any questions, comments or would like to submit an article for a future Theta Brief, contact one of your Board members listed below:

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