

ALPHA PI LAMBDA

Winter Alumni Newsletter 2012

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

Greetings and happy 2012 everyone! I hope that this winter issue of the Pi Newsletter finds you rested and healthy after the festivities of the season. I can imagine that I am probably not the only one hitting the gym to work off those extra holiday pounds! Lots of really awesome things are happening with the Pi since the Summer Newsletter (ex: the V.P. report) and, as I am fond of telling you, we have yet another full schedule of winter, spring, and summer activities and events lined up.



circa 1890

We have once again decided to employ a theme for all of the articles. This time the theme will be The Alpha Pi Lambda brand. One question that seems to be discussed frequently amongst the Brothers and at the Alumni Executive Board meetings is this idea of a “brand”. I would propose that while reading through this edition of the Newsletter, you all ask yourselves the following questions:

- What type of man would best exemplify the qualities and values of the Alpha Pi Lambda organization?
- What type of attributes would you hope a Brother or Alumnus to possess?
- Is there something Alpha Pi Lambda provided that helped you develop as an “Uncommon Man”?

I would be interested in hearing from you with your answers to the above questions. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me using the contact details located at the end of my report.

Let us cover some of the good stuff that has happened over the months since the last Newsletter. On Saturday, August 13, 2011, we held the Alumni vs. Undergrad softball game. The Alumni presence was overwhelming with well over 40 old heads representing a span of several Pi decades. Of course, the Undergrads got crushed once again to the tune of 24-13 by the Mob of Alumni who remained fresh due to our overwhelming numbers and outpaced the weary and, ahem, slightly dehydrated Undergrads as a result of

their previous night’s activities. Great job John McFadden for rallying the troops!

Saturday, September 17, 2011, brought the Golf Outing at Indian Spring Country Club in N.J. where over 50 Alumni had a fine day on the links. The switch back to a Saturday in the fall using a shot gun/scramble format worked perfectly and will be the same for fall 2012. Thanks to Myron Williams and Justin Bainum for organizing a great day all around. On Saturday, October 1, 2011, we held another successful work weekend with the Undergrads.

Due to the good condition of the house and the great turnout by the Undergrads, we plan to trim this down to a single work day in the spring, Saturday, April 14, 2012. On Saturday, November 12, 2011, we held the Alumni vs. Undergrad football game where the Undergrads actually put up a challenge and almost fought their way back to victory on the last play of the game. Unfortunately for the lowly Undergrads, the game “referees” were using the Calibrated International GMT Atomic Alumni Timepiece (CIGAAT), and time expired on them as they fell one yard short and lost by a score of 12-7.

On Saturday, December 2, 2011, the Undergrads hosted the annual Holiday Party and did a fine job of feeding and watering the Alumni in attendance.

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On the following Saturday, and as a side note that I would strongly encourage all of you to consider doing this year, a group of about 10 Pi's from the early 1980s and their spouses/dates met for a private dinner in South Philly. I know there are many of these decade groups from as far back as the 1950s that still get together frequently. It is a great way to stay connected and I would recommend to the younger Alumni to reach out to your friends from back in the day for at least a once a year gathering.

Special thanks to John Brna and his lovely wife Ellie for organizing the meal that included the likes of Joe (Appy) Apostolico, Sam Coniglio, Pete Altavilla, Steve Tuck, Jim (Eli) Grimes, Matt Mingione, and yours truly. The place was called Pesto, owned and operated by Concetta and is HIGHLY recommended! Tell her you know J.B. Oh, wait, on second thought, for those of you who know JB, probably best you don't!

Our most recent and most fulfilling event held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 was the Alumni and Undergraduate Leadership Retreat. Building on from last year's inaugural success, we held a one day "working session" on what it means to be a leader with about eight Alumni Executive Board and fifteen Undergrads. Half are current Undergrad Executive Board members who attended last year's retreat. The other half are new up and coming leaders of the Pi. We employed many of the tools we use in industry, such as SWOT analysis and Mind Map to develop our Mission Statement and lay out our strategy and action plans. We like to think that we are giving the Undergrads a jump start for when they join the workforce. The day was a smashing success and I want to thank Pete Altavilla and Ed Dolphin for driving the program and the day. Also thanks to Chuck Gunheim for providing the use of his church for the event and for organizing the meals.

The Alumni vs. Undergrad basketball game was held on Saturday, January 28, 2012. In what turned out to be a low scoring game, due to playing only two twenty minute periods, the Alumni squad prevailed over the Undergrads by a score of 28-20. This year, the game start time was pushed back by one hour to 2:00pm, for a good reason. The Undergrads hosted a luncheon for about 20 parents and family of the pledge class where they delivered a presentation on the ideals and benefits of being a Brother of the Pi. This allowed for the Alumni to gather at the house at noon to meet and interact with parents and answer any questions they may have had or address concerns. Thanks to Steve Spadaro for organizing the basketball game, the food, and beverages, and conducting the group tour of the house for the parents.

Here is what we have on tap for 2012, in addition to the retreat and basketball game. On Saturday, March 3, 2012 (yes, the actual day of our anniversary), the Undergrads will host the 77th A-Ball at the house. Please come by and help us celebrate that evening. A short Alumni meeting will precede the celebration. The spring work day will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Come on out and help us spruce up the house for the spring and summer. The Alumni vs. Undergrad volleyball game and Senior Send-off BBQ will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 in conjunction with the Drexel Blue and Gold weekend. We will also have a small dedication ceremony for the new backyard. Saturday, June 30, 2012 will be the date for the 3rd annual Pig-Nic at Mermaid Lake in honor of Al Link's late wife Betty. We have had a great turnout the last two years and all agreed it was a fun event that we will continue to hold for the foreseeable future. Over the next few months, we have the Alumni vs. Undergrad softball game set for Saturday, August 11, 2012 and the Alumni Golf Outing to be held on a Saturday, September 15, 2012, at Indian Spring Country Club in Marlton, N.J.

In addition to all the other good stuff we are doing, we are also now kicking off the organization and implementation of an Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP). To better assist the Undergrads in preparing to enter the workforce, we are requesting that all Alumni who are interested in being a mentor to individual Undergraduates to please send their information to the newly appointed Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP) Coordinator, Anthony Casola, at alcasola@gmail.com. Thanks to Anthony for stepping up to the challenge of coordinating this extremely important program.

The program will aim to pair Undergraduates with Alumni who are in the industry in which they have interest or will be entering. In your information, please include your name, the industry in which you work, your position, the company you work for, your contact information, your preferred method of contact, and a short bio about your work experience. You may contact Anthony via e-mail or by telephone with any questions you have about the program or further information you require:

Anthony Casola ('08)
Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP) Coordinator
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Let us double back to my earlier questions regarding the brand of the Pi. I am serious about hearing your thoughts and opinions. Please consider that all we do for ourselves, our families, our friends and the Undergrads become part of whom we are, the shadow that we cast, and finally, the legacy we leave. This is why the Pi and its members are unique not just to any other fraternity at Drexel but, I propose, anywhere else in the entire country!

Alumni Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7:00 PM EDT/EST in the West Parlor of the House (unless otherwise notified via e-mail). If possible, all local Alumni should physically attend at least one meeting per year. Please log onto the Pi website www.applepi.org and update your contact details or use the enclosed envelope to mail in your update. Also, please reach out to guys from your era that have been out of touch and organize a group visit to the house. I realize it is not possible for many of you to attend the meetings in person, so here is our teleconference dial in number and access code:

DEDICATED DIAL-IN NUMBER

1 (605) 715-4920

ACCESS CODE

695-5944

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their continued financial support. Dues are our lifeblood and make things like this Newsletter and social events possible. If you have not already done so, please log-on and pay using Pay-Pal or send in your dues in the enclosed envelope.

Please enjoy the remainder of this Newsletter and feel free to contact me by phone on 215.896.3829 or by e-mail at edschicklingjr@comcast.net with any questions, concerns, ideas, or suggestions on making the Pi even greater than it currently is!

Adolphus,
Ed "Schick" Schickling ('85)
Alumni President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope that this Newsletter finds everyone and their families well. As you have read in Ed's report, the theme of this Newsletter is the Alpha Pi Lambda brand. So what is our brand? How are we the same as all of the other Fraternities but different? There are obvious and obtuse things that define who and what we are as an organization.

First, we are local. That makes us, the Alumni, indispensable. How can the Undergrads survive, much less thrive, without the Alumni? What comes out of this is the strong Brotherhood bond that has developed between generations. Today, more than ever, there is a mutual respect between the Alumni and the Undergrads that is stronger in the Pi than any of the other fraternities at Drexel. Thus, part of our brand is lack of generational barriers.

Another strength of our brand is the house. For as long as any of us have been around, we have always called 216 North 33rd our home. That is why we get so emotional or excited when something gets fixed or upgraded, such as the backyard project. At first, when I suggested completely rebuilding the backyard, including cutting down the tree, there were cries of outrage! Think of the memories that would be lost! It was something that tied us together (literally). Then when it finally happened and Alumni saw the backyard, they were in awe and agreed it should be about the Undergrads future, not our past. Today, it is how can the house improve life for the Undergrads? While the house certainly is one of the vessels that holds the memories of our past, all of us realize that it is more important to build the memories of the future. So, perhaps another part of our brand is our shared home and memories for all these generations.

We all came to the Pi because we were already at Drexel. Sometimes in the day to day of living we forgot that. After all, much of our social lives revolved around the house when we were in school, but in the end, it was Drexel that sent us into the world. We realize this today more than ever. The Alumni leadership spends a great deal of energy fostering and courting this relationship with Drexel. Today we embrace our relationship and we are proud to say that we are part of the Drexel community. Since the last Newsletter we have had meetings and dinners with all levels of leaders at Drexel. This is reflected in the fact that we were actually bragging about the Undergrads grades to Drexel leadership! So, perhaps another part of our brand is the pride we take in our position within life at Drexel.

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Whenever you speak of a group, you are talking about a collection of individuals. When we joined the Pi, we brought our individualism and independence with us. The Pi does provide us with an overall identity at Drexel, but it never seems to overshadow the individual. In the end, it is about each person becoming the best person they can be. The flip side of that is each of us puts our stamp on the Brotherhood. It is not always sports or grades. It can be leadership or any passion at all. The Pi is not about replacing the traits and independence of the individual with some common badge, but adding to the best that is already there along with each person helping to shape the Pi of the future. So, perhaps part of our brand is the shared pride we take in our common and individual achievements along with the bright future we see for ourselves.

I could have spent my words talking about all the things that have happened since the last Newsletter, but to be perfectly honest, I'd rather save that for the Alumni meetings. This is more fun, to try and define the brand that is the Pi. Some of the words and phrases that I used are multi-generational, shared home, independence, shared memories, pride in our position at Drexel, bright future, group and individual achievements. There are many more, but to me this is OUR brand.

Adolphus,
Chuck Gunheim ('82)
Alumni Vice President

TREASURERS REPORT

The Apple Pi "brand" has gone through quite a rollercoaster over the past 77 years. I think that we all know that there have been very staggering highs and deep lows. When we think about that brand we should consider how it is viewed by all the parties important to the various markets that Apple Pi faces. In this article I will talk to you about how I think we are viewed today and what we should do to continue to improve our brand with these markets.

Drexel University – Drexel has a very positive view of Apple Pi today. They see us as an Alumni force that is relatively active in both our time and our financial support of the University. The level of trust is extremely good and that is because our Alumni Executive Board takes the time needed to participate in all Greek Alumni meetings/activities and because as a group we do not limit ourselves to just coming to visit the Apple Pi house when we are on campus. Going forward, I have two requests to help Drexel improve their view. First, please come back to campus especially during Blue and Gold days and other Alumni focused events. Secondly, please consider a donation to the University. I suggest either our building or scholarship funds.

Apple Pi Brothers – Today Apple Pi is a fraternity of leaders. I remember that in the past we used to say that we do not need to be the best in athletics or grades as long as we had the best parties. Today, I can assure you that the current Undergrads excel at all three. They are consistently lead by a great group of guys who take their job seriously. We need to support them by showing them attention, such as our recent leadership retreat and through helping them maintain the house. Have you visited the house since it has been repaired? Have you seen the new backyard? The best way to help our brand in the eyes of Apple Pi Brothers is to have Alumni participate in events and visit as often as they can. Please consider coming to an upcoming Apple Pi Alumni event!

Apple Pi Alumni – Finally, I want to address how we, as an Alumni group, view Apple Pi. The fact is that there is a lot of which to be proud. Through your donations and activity we have rebuilt and strengthened a proud organization. This is where the Alumni Board and the Undergrads need to continue to work hard to maintain the current trends. Keep the house clean and repaired, keep those grades high, and stay to the traditions that make Apple Pi great.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the Newsletter and I look forward to your next visit to the house!

David Kaganovsky ('95)
Treasurer

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

My name is Eric "Erk" Zaremski and I am the new corresponding secretary. Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of re-acclimating myself to the fraternity and meeting some of the current Undergraduate Brothers. When I first came back, my primary motivation was to help provide tools to our Undergraduate Brothers to make them into admirable Alumni. The primary inspiration for my idea was looking at a recruiting pamphlet for another stellar organization that had leaders such as Benjamin Franklin, Buzz Aldrin, and Franklin D. Roosevelt to name a few. So I thought "How awesome would it be to have a pamphlet of Alpha Pi Lambda Brothers who have made similar contributions?" This led to the theme for this Newsletter, the Alpha Pi Lambda brand.

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When I was an Undergraduate, my idea of the Alpha Pi Lambda brand was all about socializing and meeting new people. The diversity Alpha Pi Lambda fostered allowed me to converse with intellectuals, athletes, military men, and the social from all backgrounds. Fast forward seven years and these relationships morphed into lasting friendships, professional coworkers, and roommates. The one aspect of the Pi brand that is starting to shift is trying to help our Undergrads become the leaders of tomorrow. The Alumni Executive Board is trying to focus on developing our Undergrads by holding Undergraduate retreats, starting a new mentoring program, and giving them a house of which to be proud. Regardless of what you believe defines an Alpha Pi Lambda Brother, your support is needed to help shape the brand into something great.

Eric “Erk” Zaremski (‘04)
Corresponding Secretary

THE ALPHA PI LAMBDA MAN

“The Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity builds by encouraging each and every Brother to become an uncommon man.” -1935

The notion of the **“uncommon man”** and the overt implication that every Alpha Pi Lambda Man should strive to become one is a powerful enabling idea.

Who and what is the uncommon man? Given our roots as Greeks, we should look to the classical world and antiquity. The words **“uncommon man”** evoke thoughts of the heroic archetype, greatness, and wondrous deeds. In 326 B.C., Alexander the Great conquered the known world from the Hellespont to the far reaches of China and India at the age of thirty. In 53 B.C., Julius Caesar brought the glory, majesty, and civilization of Rome to the dark and barbaric world that was then Gaul, Germania, and Brittany. As two men who played a central role in the establishment of Western Civilization, few would argue that Alexander and Caesar were not uncommon men.

What of today? Is this idea somehow antiquated? Is the idea of greatness and the exploits of great men relegated to the history books? Our Founding Fathers were uncommon men. Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein were uncommon men. However, so were Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Pol Pot, Saddam Hussein, and A.Q. Khan. So, to differentiate the two, character, responsibility, accountability, vision, leadership, compassion, loyalty, insight, wisdom, achievement, dedication to duty, sacrifice, selfless service, and the pursuit of excellence in all things are necessary. These are the desired traits of the uncommon man – the **“Alpha Pi Lambda Man”**.

In 1948, President Herbert Hoover, in his remarks to the graduating audience at Wilmington College, said:

“Let us remember that the great human advances have not been brought about by mediocre men and women. They were brought about by distinctly uncommon men and women with vital sparks of leadership. Many of these great leaders were, it is true, of humble origin, but that was not their greatness. It is a curious fact that when we get sick, we want an uncommon doctor; if we have a construction job, we want an uncommon engineer; when we get into war, we dreadfully want an uncommon admiral and an uncommon general. Only when we get into politics are we content with the common man. Whatever these forces may be, you are striving to become uncommon men and women. And the future of America will be in your hands. Our full hope of recovery in the moral and spiritual world is a wealth of uncommon men and women among our people. It is our educational institutions that must promote and train them.”

These words are as applicable and true today as they were then – perhaps more so. In response to Herbert Hoover’s comments on the role of educational institutions, the **Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity** is an educational institution, both as part of Drexel University and as an entity within itself. As one of our famous founding Brothers said in 1935, The Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity clearly has a role and responsibility to **“build and encourage each and every Brother to become an uncommon man.”**

We are making powerful strides to institutionalize this idea in ways that will strengthen Alpha Pi Lambda now and in the future. We have leveraged the idea to motivate and incentivize academic achievement and excellence. As a result, academics at Alpha Pi Lambda is now a strength. The Undergraduate cumulative GPA at Alpha Pi Lambda is 3.14 a significant improvement over last year. At our recent leadership development session held downtown in Philadelphia, we utilized the recognized leadership traits of Abraham Lincoln displayed during the Civil War and his profoundly eloquent 2nd Inaugural Address as a framework to help build and strengthen the leadership abilities and qualities of the men of Alpha Pi Lambda. Abraham Lincoln was an **“uncommon man”**.

So, who is the **“Alpha Pi Lambda Man”**? *He is that man that we all should strive to be - the “uncommon man”.*

Peter A. Altavilla, Jr. (‘83)
Judicial Chairman

PICTURES FROM THE PI

Alumni Football



*(Picture on Left)
The Alumni put in their prized QB to take on the Undergrads, Novelle Aigner*



*(Picture on Right)
Undergrads huddle to try to figure out a way to beat the Alumni.*

Backyard Renovations



*Pictures from Backyard Project (Left to Right)
The foundation to the new gazebo area, The old Apple Pi Tree, and the new foundation to the basketball court*

PICTURES FROM THE PI (CONT.)

Alumni Softball



*(Picture Above)
Participants for the 2011 Alumni Softball Game*

2011 Holiday Party



*(From Right to Left)
Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni from the 80's forward,
Young Alumni hang out with old friends*

UNDERGRADUATE RELATIONS REPORT

Greetings Fellow Brothers. I hope you and your family are doing well in the New Year 2012. The Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni and Undergraduates started the New Year off with a bang (figuratively, of course) by attending our second annual Leadership Retreat. I want to thank all the attendees including Pete Altavilla, Ed Schickling, and Undergraduate President Rob Germinario for their contributions to the leadership seminar.

For me, the highlight of the day was the SWOT analysis section. Our 20+ strong group of Alumni and Undergraduates broke into smaller groups and came up with lists of Strengths, Threats, Opportunities, and Weaknesses pertaining to the Undergraduate aspects of the Fraternity. While every organization has weaknesses and aspects that need improvement, I was proud to hear the list of strengths. Two strengths in particular resonated with me, and I wish to share them with you in this article.

A sophomore mentioned that older Brothers are outgoing and approachable. Younger Brothers feel comfortable asking some of the older Brothers for advice and guidance. I was very glad to hear this, specifically because I did not have any exposure to older Brothers. I joined shortly after Alpha Pi Lambda came back to campus, so all the Brothers were my age or younger. I definitely would have benefited from having older Brothers around, and I am proud of the current group of older Brothers for embracing an open door policy and being good mentors to our younger Brothers. I thoroughly hope that our seminars and continued involvement help the Undergraduates maintain and augment this new standard.

The Undergraduates listed a strong Alumni Corporation as another strength, and I completely agree with that statement. My association with the Pi only dates back to 2006, and the Alumni have accomplished so much since then. I know it is hard for everyone to give their time and be continually involved, but I ask that you reread The President's report relating to the Alumni Mentoring Program. This is a great way to help some of the Undergraduates with their developing careers without dedicating too much time. Sometimes these guys need a little professional advice, resume review or interview tips, and I think our Alumni base can help with this. Please look into this program and see if you can take some time out of your busy schedule and help a fellow Pi Brother. This is a small scale investment that will definitely pay dividends!

Fraternally,

Ed Dolphin ('09)
Undergraduate Relations Chair

UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Undergraduates have been striving since the last Newsletter has been published. In the backyard we held our 3rd annual Luau, a pig roast, during the first week of school. The event is open to the whole campus. It packed our backyard and unofficially kicked off fall recruitment with a bang. At the beginning of pledging, we started out with 31 pledges and have finally made our way down to 21. These pledges then became Brothers on February 10, 2012. With the addition of the our new Brothers, our membership has grown to 78. We have initiated a tight group of Brothers who we all fit the mold of our current Brotherhood and reflect Alpha Pi Lambda's core values: Friendship, Honor, and Loyalty. Alpha Pi has solidified itself again on Drexel University's campus through all aspects, which include academics, community service, philanthropy, and athletics. Our academic performance has risen over the last year to raise us to 5th overall GPA in the Inter-Fraternity Council. We have collaborated with various sororities and committed our time to community service with groups such as CAN DU, Philly Cares, and the Ronald McDonald House. In athletics we won championships in basketball and floor hockey, while becoming highly competitive in bowling and football as well. The relationship between the Alumni and Undergrads has gained strength through sporting events such as Alumni football, basketball, and softball. Another key aspect to strengthening the Alumni/Undergrad relations is the yearly leadership retreat where we meet off campus to talk about current issues within the fraternity and how we can resolve them. All in all, the Undergrads have been growing and improving in all aspects and we look forward to the future, as it seems limitless.

Robert Germinario
Undergraduate President

ATHLETIC CHAIR REPORT

As stated in the last Newsletter, my goal was to have record breaking Alumni attendance including all Pi generations. I have to say that thanks to all the Brothers that attended, we not only met this goal but we far exceeded! For softball alone, we had over 45 Alumni, family, and friends show up. I know it was not easy, especially on a Saturday in the summer on the beautiful fields of West Philadelphia. I personally want to thank everyone for taking time and showing up. It showed the Undergrads that the Apple Pi Brotherhood is the strongest Fraternity on campus. We continued this success by having over 20 Alumni show up for football and another 15 Alumni show up for basketball. Let us continue this strong attendance and dominance in Alumni sports.

Softball – August 13, 2011

The biggest surprise to this years event was the outstanding attendance by the Alumni. We had so many Brothers show up that our lineup took up two pages in the scorebook. The game started out positive with a leadoff homerun by Myron Williams. However, after that the bats slowed slightly. The 1st inning ended with our Alumni President (yes you, Schick) tripping up the first base line and getting throw out from the outfield. In the second inning the Alumni bats awakened as we scored 5 runs on 7 consecutive hits. We would have had more runs in that inning if Spider listened to his base coach and did not get thrown out at third. In the bottom of the inning the Undergrads bats also awoke as they scored 3 runs to cut into the Alumni's lead. Over the next three innings the Alumni scored 2 runs each with the Undergrads only scoring 1, thanks to the outstanding pitching by Chuck Vincent. Entering the top of the 7th and the Alumni up 13 – 4, there was no taking the foot off the gas pedal as we scored another 6 runs. Going into the 9th inning, the Alumni relied on closer Neal Henner to save the game, and he did not disappoint, leading the Alumni to a whopping 24 – 13 win! The awesome news was that all 25 Alumni in the lineup had at least one hit. Great job to all!!

Football – November 12, 2011

On a beautiful Saturday in November the Alumni came out very confident looking to extend our current winning streak. However, the rust of the Alumni came out early as the first three drives sputtered and resulted in very little. In true Pi fashion the defense kept the Undergrads off the board long enough for our All-Star QB Kyle Gandy to get his groove back. Right before the half, Kyle connected with Myron Williams on a 30 yd pass and after a failed point, the Alumni were up 6 – 0. After halftime, the offense was in their groove and quickly scored again increasing the lead to 12 – 0. Entering the 4th quarter, the Undergrads changed their strategy and went into the hurry up offense and finally scored on a long bomb, and after a successful point after, cut the Alumni lead to 12 – 7. On the next offensive drive, the Alumni offense failed to convert and punted the ball back to the Undergrads. The Undergrads with less than 2 minutes left had the best drive of the game. It all ended very dramatically with a 4th and goal try stopped by the Alumni defense. Final score: Alumni 12 – Undergrads 7. The streak continues!!!

Basketball – January 28, 2011

Despite Drexel playing Delaware at the DAC during homecoming weekend, the Alumni showed up in fashion waiting eagerly to play the current IFC basketball champions. The Alumni came out on fire with an 8 – 0 lead. After this quick lead, the Undergrads knew they had a challenge on their hands and stepped up their game and went shot for shot with quicker, smarter, and better looking Alumni team. Thanks to very stout defense, smart ball movement, and timely scoring, the Alumni rolled to an easy 28 – 20 win over the “so-called” Undergrad champs resulting in a Alumni sweep of the 2011 – 2012 sporting season. Great job to all Alumni, and let's keep our streak rolling!!!

On a closing note, I want to welcome Steve Spadaro as the new Athletic Chair for the upcoming 2012 – 2013 season.

Upcoming Events:

Volleyball – Saturday May 05, 2012

Softball – Saturday August 11, 2012 @ 1:00pm (Fairmont Fields – 33rd and Diamond Sts)

Golf Outing - Saturday September 15, 2012

John McFadden ('01)
Athletic Chair

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

In the near future, we will be updating the web site (www.applepi.org) with composite pictures from the early 1990s onward. We need your help! Since composites and old picture boards of Brothers before 1992 no longer exist, we need old Pi pictures and memorabilia that tell a story about Apple Pi. If you want to donate any old stuff in your attic, please let me know and we can arrange to get them sent to the house. We would also like to know your ideas about things to include on the web site to remember and commemorate your years at Apple Pi.

Drexel is forming a significant archive of Greek Life and one idea is establishing a Greek Life Oral History. If anyone is interested in writing or taping a significant segment, please contact me. We are looking for personal recollections or stories of an Apple Pi event, for the Pi's or the Drexel archives. For example, write ups on the causes of the fraternity being kicked off campus, personal reactions from the individual perspective, and descriptions of the thoughts and actions of individuals that facilitated the return of the Pi to Drexel. Other historical areas of interest could be pictures that tell a story with personal descriptions events like the construction of homecoming displays, inter-fraternal sports, and community accomplishments, great court skits, and other memorable events that can provide a glimpse of past and present fraternity life and history.

Joe McCaffrey ('69)
 ox610@hotmail.com
 Historian

SUPPORT THE PI, BE A MENTOR

Brethren,

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to an Undergraduate please send your information to me at the below email address. The program will aim to pair Undergraduates with Alumni who are in the industry they are interested in entering.

In your information please include your name, the industry you work in, your position, the company you work for, your contact information, your preferred method of contact, and a short bio about your work experience. Thank you for your willingness to help the Brothers of the Pi.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Anthony Casola ('08)
 Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP) Coordinator
alcasola@gmail.com

ALPHA PI LAMBDA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund continues to grow with over \$29,000 in gifts and pledges. This will enable us to reach our first milestone of \$25,000, allowing us to activate the fund and begin issuing scholarships to worthy Undergraduates. Special thanks to John Brna, David Kaganovsky, Jen Wisner-Lipski, and Tony Chirico for their generous donations that have allowed us to reach this level of funding.

For those of you who may have reservations about donating to the building fund, the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund offers another way for you to contribute to the enduring legacy of the Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity and to contribute to developing the uncommon man. Think of the possibilities when potential freshmen come to the house during rush and learn that they can compete for an Alpha Pi Lambda scholarship! As our Alumni prove time and time again, we always have and will continue to attract the best of Drexel and the establishment of a permanent scholarship dedicated to Alpha Pi Lambda Undergraduates will help us continue to raise the bar for new members.

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If you would like to find out more about the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund or are interested in making a donation, please contact Joe “Appy” Apostolico either through email at joeileen@comcast.net or by phone at 267.230.4032. In addition, donations can be made directly to Drexel’s Office of Institutional Advancement by directing your donation to the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund.

We look forward to providing further updates on our progress and in seeking your contributions.

Joe “Appy” Apostolico (‘84)

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In 2004 a group of men on the 11th floor of the Towers dormitory building spent their free time sitting in the hallway getting to know each other. As these nightly events continued the reputation of their often impassioned conversations grew and other people started to join. As members of the floor rushed different fraternities on campus it was apparent to the group that another option was needed. No current fraternity stood out to the group as the right fit. As rush week passed the men of the floor became increasingly upset at the lack of suitable options.

These men decided that instead of making themselves fit into an existing fraternity, they would create a fraternity that fit them. Letters were selected, colors were chosen and officers were elected. Two ideals were instantly agreed upon and instituted. First, never ask a man to do something that you would not do yourself. This idea morphed into the understanding that if one asks someone to do something, one did it with him. Second, the gauge of the group’s success would be based on the opinions of their peers, not their own visions of themselves.

To grow the ranks of the group they held rush, threw parties, and had Brotherhood events all based out of a small house on Spring Street. As the year went on, 30 men were wearing the blue and orange on campus. As the number grew so too did a division within the ranks. Some members wished to make their dream a reality by becoming a legitimate chartered fraternity on campus but others were in direct opposition. A select number of individuals approached the Drexel Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to request permission to form their own fraternity. The administration quickly dismissed the idea. Instead, the Drexel administrator told them that a fraternity called Alpha Pi Lambda would be coming back to campus and would soon be seeking men for membership.

The men of Spring Street reached out to Alpha Pi Lambda and were invited to meet the Alumni. As it became more apparent that the group was to be given an opportunity to join Alpha Pi Lambda, a meeting was held to determine who would make the switch from blue and orange to crimson and grey. Supporters of this union made the case that Apple Pi was the kind of fraternity for a group of individuals such as themselves. The argument was brought to the table that this organization would allow them to maintain their individuality but within a larger group with a rich history. As was presupposed, the men who did not wish to join a legitimate fraternity amicably parted ways from those who wished to see their vision to fruition.

These men were inducted into Alpha Pi Lambda and moved from the 11th floor of Towers to Spring Street to the 3600 block of Spring Garden Street and in 2008 finally home to 33rd Street.

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