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## President's Report

**Greetings everyone!** I hope that you all enjoyed our extraordinarily cool summer (here in the Northeast at least) and are enjoying the nice fall weather and settling into the back to work/school routines. Once again it is time for our themed newsletter. This time around we will be focusing on the future.

With the Alpha Pi Lambda Executive Board terms coming to an end a short five months from now, and a new Exec Board coming in March 2015, what hopes do you hold for the future of the Pi? What traditions do you hope are carried on? What goals would you challenge the Alumni and Undergraduate brothers to accomplish? Are there things you hope can be improved upon in the upcoming years?

Personally, I think that we have made great progress over the past number of years. Firstly, from re-establishing the fraternity, raising the funds for the renovations to the house, moving back into the house and implementing the older traditions such as the A-Ball, the Holiday Party, Work Weekend, the Pig-Nic and the Alumni vs. UG sporting events. Additionally, I would hope to see some of the new traditions such as the January off-site retreat and the Senior Send Off and BBQ continue.

As for the goals, I challenge the broader Alumni base to get involved. It seems to be the same small cast of characters that participate in our meetings and events. I can personally tell you that many of us are a bit burnt out. We need new blood to come back and show leadership to the UGs and to provide new perspectives. I sometimes feel we are getting stale and need new ideas and energy going forward.

Alumni involvement would be the most important improvement that could be made for the future of the Pi. There is a reason why the Pi brotherhood has an average of 3.14 GPA spread over 100 brothers....because we are there!

As an additional goal and challenge, I would like to see another round of fundraising that tops the original outstanding campaign.

### Only 5 Months Away!!

### The 80th A-ball is coming up quick!!!

### Please prepare to join us at the Inn of Penn for the main event on March 7th

To date, we have raised close to a quarter of a million dollars and need to at least double that during our next campaign if we want to continue to care for our Castle on the Corner. We just had a major scare with some internal structural concerns that would have diverted a substantial chunk of our monies away from the improvements to the façade, front porch and entryway, but dodged a bullet. My eventual dream and ultimate goal is to re-open the fourth floor, but this will come at very steep cost. We need your help not only as a physical presence, but also in terms of continued financial support.

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In closing, this will be my last newsletter as President of the Alumni Association. It has been an honor and a great privilege to serve the Pi over the past five years. I thank everyone deeply from the bottom of my heart for your support and, at times, understanding of my frustrations. I also most sincerely would like to thank the Exec Board who made my job that much easier over the years.

So, it is with sadness (OK, and maybe a wee bit of joy ;-}) that in just a few short months, the Friday night Alumni meeting prior to the 80th A-ball to be exact, that we will elect a new President and Exec Board.

I encourage as many of you as possible to attend the meeting and even step up and run for some of the offices. As an incentive, we will be shortening the terms of service from five years to two. I can tell you that five years takes it's toll!

We have set a very strong foundation and mutually trustworthy relationship with Drexel over the years under Dave Kaganovsky, I and our respective Exec Boards. As the Dean of Drexel Fraternity and Sorority Life has stated, we are the "Gold Standard" at Drexel for Greek life. The future for the Pi has never been brighter. So bright, in fact, that "we gotta' wear shades!"

Adolphus,

Ed (Schick) Schickling, ('86)

## Vice President's Report

As my time serving on the Alpha Pi Alumni board is coming to an end it seems appropriate to reflect upon my vision and hopes for the future of our organization. It is somewhat easy to sit back smugly and think that any future without me will not be as bright, because no one will care as much, or no one will be as good, or no one will work as hard, but that would be my ego taking over my thoughts. The truth is that our future needs me to step aside in order for it to get brighter.

Let me explain my thinking here. For 10+ years now my thinking has been based on a set of facts that I have been learning about the Alumni, Drexel and our Undergraduate brothers. As much as I try to ignore some of these things that have changed, the bottom line is that it is not possible. This set of facts worked for me, but it won't work for our new leaders. The people who guide the Pi in the future can't be handicapped by my view of the past. Drexel has changed, the Undergraduates have changed, and the Alumni have changed. Let me take Alumni as an example. We now have approximately 100 new Alumni over the last 6 years. This new blood is only moderately involved in the Alumni at this point. As long as fossils like me are still involved there isn't any room intellectually for this younger element to get involved. They don't carry the same baggage and views of the past as I do and therefore will think differently. They won't constantly reference the dark days when we were exiled from campus.

This is why the future will always be brighter. New leaders are not shackled by the baggage of the past like those of us that have lived it are. We can still provide counsel, but our views and insight should be much less influential in this context and only used as a guide rather than the driving force as to why things are done.

So do I believe our future is bright, absolutely! Will there be growing pains, absolutely. I do believe new leaders will step up to the plate and do what's necessary. They will bring new blood, new ideas, new passions and their own vision for the Pi. Then, as only fossils can do, we will sit back and take credit for all the good stuff because we taught them everything they know!

Adolphus,

Chuck Gunheim ('82)

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## Treasurer's Report

The fiscal year ended this June 30<sup>th</sup> and overall we operated in the black by \$1.7k -- excluding the deposits made for the A-Ball during the FY which were reclassified to the Balance Sheet as a prepaid. One negative was that our revenue was down by 15% vs. budget. The biggest contributor to the decline was due to the 50% decline in attendance at the Pig-Nic. Also, dues were down \$800 vs. past year --- so pay up!!!

| SUMMARY                       | BUDGET        | ACTUAL          |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Total income</i>           | 22,625.00     | 19,244.54       |
| <i>Total expenses</i>         | 22,326.00     | 17,565.65       |
| <b><i>Profit / (Loss)</i></b> | <b>299.00</b> | <b>1,678.89</b> |

Even with a decline in revenue, we were able to manage expenses and thus the overall P&L performance resulted in a profit of \$1,679, which will be reinvested back into the House.

In the past newsletters, I have asked for everyone to donate to the Building Fund. For this newsletter, I want to ask everyone to donate "TIME" this year. I know we need cash flow in order to support the organization, but we also need people's time and commitment in order to have a successful Alumni Organization. Over the past year, we have had very limited participation in all our events. I know we all have families, jobs, and other commitments; however I want to personally ask you to donate at least one day over the next 6 months to appear at an Alpha Pi Lambda event, as we cannot sustain a positive Alumni Corp without your time!

You can donate to the Alpha Pi Lambda Building Fund by either sending a check to the address below payable to Drexel and writing "Alpha Pi Lambda Building Fund" in the memo line or you can send a payment through our PayPal account and I can transfer this money over to the Building Fund. Dues, as always, are \$40.

**All Building Fund checks can be sent to:**

Drexel University, Office of Institutional Advancement, 3141 Chestnut St, Suite 310, Philadelphia, PA 19104

**All dues checks can be sent to the following address:** PO Box 8717, Philadelphia, PA 19101

**Our PayPal account is:** President@alphapi.org

Adolphus,

John McFadden ('01)

## Undergraduate Relations Chair

Over the past five years, Alpha Pi Lambda has gone through a period of tremendous growth. After returning to campus in 2006, it took a couple years for us to reestablish ourselves at Drexel University. Within five short years they were able to successfully grow from 30 members to 100 members. As Alumni/Undergraduate Relations Chairman, I have thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the Undergraduates and watching them continue to mature as an organization. As Alumni, we should be proud of the Undergraduates for all their accomplishments since they moved back into the house.

The Alumni have taken several steps in order to help the Undergraduates develop into the strong organization that they are. First, the Alumni were able to raise enough money to start awarding the Alpha Pi Lambda Scholarship Fund in 2013. I hope to see this new tradition continue for many more years.

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## Undergraduate Relations Chair (Cont.)

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During our monthly meetings with the Undergraduates, we always emphasize the importance of academics, and this scholarship is just another way to help them remain focused on their schoolwork.

Additionally, the Alumni Corporation hosts an annual leadership retreat for the Undergraduates. This off-site event, held at the beginning of the calendar year, allows the Undergraduates to take some time and set their goals and priorities for the year. This event has helped the Undergraduates find some of their problem areas and work to find ways to improve their organization. I am already looking forward to 2015's retreat. The Alumni can always use some new faces to attend this event. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

I hope we can continue to have more Alumni involvement. I know that everyone is busy with their various commitments, but see if you can spare some time for Apple Pi. Drop by the House for a meeting, come to work weekend, stop in for the Holiday Party. You will be able to see what kind of organization we are now and will be in the future.

Ed Dolphin ('09)

## Athletic Chair

### Softball:

Everyone knows that the Alumni always beat the Undergrads in every sporting event, but this year's softball game was a complete laugh as the old heads stuck it to the young bucks 22-2. The Alumni benefited from a stacked top of the order and some horrible fielding by the Undergrads.

### Golf:

We want to thank everyone who attended the Annual Alpha Pi Lambda Golf Outing this year. A total of 43 golfers attended the festivities at Indian Springs Country Club in Marlton, New Jersey. The course was in the best condition it has been in years and we luckily got through the round before the rain started.

Congrats to the foursome of Michael Palo, Michael Gabriel, Tony Elm, and Michael Rinaldi as they posted the lowest score at -7. The long drive and closest to the pin contests were both won by Myron Williams.

Please be on the look out for information regarding next year's Golf Outing. As usual, we are looking for suggestions to improve this event, so please feel free to send your comments our way.

### Football:

The game is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th at 1:00pm. Please meet at the house at 12pm and we'll go to the fields from there.

Myron Williams ('03)

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## Judicial Chair

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

The focus of this issue of our newsletter is “Our Fraternity’s Future”.

Although we have many recurring old challenges and a developing set of new challenges amidst an increasingly difficult “zero tolerance” environment at Drexel, I am happy and proud to say that our future is bright.

Since our return to Drexel, our fraternity is strong and getting stronger because, the Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni, acting in concert with our Undergraduate brethren, have embraced and actively developed our core strategy. The strategy demands in concrete and substantive ways to “Build the Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity by encouraging each and every brother to become an uncommon man.” That core strategy is manifested through goals, expectations, policies, resources, personal interaction, and guidance from both the Alumni and Undergraduate brothers. We must do our best to provide help to our Undergrad brothers to achieve both personal and shared satisfaction through academic excellence, leadership and management development, excellence in sports, strong support to the community and philanthropy, and solid support to fellow Greek life organizations. This commitment to the core strategy generates a strong positive social bond, maturity, self-confidence, brotherhood, friendship, honor, and loyalty. Furthermore, this model of personal and organizational development is dynamic and self-reinforcing. It helps to build character, motivate good conduct, shape behavior, incentivize responsibility, and attract potential new members and talent that aspire in similar ways.

Our shaping strategy seeks to influence Drexel in ways to bring about environments that are more favorable to our fraternity and other Greek organizations. Additionally, our strategy is manifested through participation and influence in other Drexel Alumni organizations. Some examples include, the Board of Regents, Alumni financial support that is linked to APL, and direct interaction and influence by our Alumni E-Board members with Drexel deans and administrators.

Our hedging strategy seeks to first avoid and second mitigate risk to the fraternity associated with highly negative outcomes should they arise. This strategy relies on Brothers taking care of Brothers, the existence of good policies that are understood and adhered to, and rapid, open, and honest communications between the Undergrad and Alumni Executive Board members when an incident does occur.

Although our fraternity’s future is strong...for now, there are cracks. We, the Alumni, absolutely must interact periodically with our Undergrad Brethren in larger numbers, to a greater degree, across graduation years. Events where we could interact include at parties and socials, sports events, and, most importantly, at monthly Alumni meetings. If there are one or two Alumni at an Alumni meeting and one Alumnus on the telephone, we don’t have a quorum and we simply lose credibility with Undergrads that are present.

A robust and diverse Alumni-Undergrad interactive relationship is the foundation that the above multi-faceted strategy and our future success rest upon. If the foundation is weak, everything built on that foundation will crumble.

This is the change that I want to see.

Adolphus,

Pete Altavilla (‘83)

## Alumni Corner—Lockheed Martin Apple Pis

In 1989, my father was sent to Florida to work at Cape Canaveral on a new space program looking at the outer reaches of Mars. His employer, GE Aerospace, allowed him to bring our whole family to Florida to witness the launch. We were permitted to walk the control room and see how the team conducts a launch sequence. Eight years old at the time, I eagerly went over to an empty seat and strapped on a headset pretending that I was going to give the astronauts their quest. From that moment on, I knew exactly where I wanted to work.

For those of you who are not engineers, Lockheed Martin is global security and aerospace company which creates advanced technology systems, products and services including innovative and critical defense products for the military. There are numerous Lockheed Martin facilities across the Philadelphia region; little did I know, my goal of working for Lockheed Martin would also be tied closely to my time at Drexel University and my participation at Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity. To my surprise, this would be the fate of many Pi brothers who preceded me and came after me.

In the 1990s, many aerospace companies merged as the defense market contracted. GE Aerospace became Martin Marietta, which then became Lockheed Martin. My goal never wavered. My first job with Lockheed Martin came in February 2005, when I joined the company as a Supplier Quality Engineer. My job was to write quality specifications for material ordered for aerospace functions. This was a far cry from my degree and background (B.S. in Information Systems and Technology), but I did my job diligently and tried to apply any academic knowledge I could. Soon, a job became available in Lockheed Martin's Moorestown site for a Software Quality Engineer, which seemed more in line with my academic studies. I immediately jumped at the opportunity and was fortunate to be hired for the position.

When I first arrived in Moorestown, it took some time to complete orientation and new hire activities. During this time, they sat all the new hires together in a room to begin onboarding with emails and phone calls to brief them on their new roles. I sat next to an older gentleman named Richard Pedersen. We quickly realized that we had a lot in common. We both enjoyed the engineering field, we both missed our collegiate experience, and we were both alumni of Drexel University. As our conversations got more detailed, Rich revealed that he was an active member in Greek life at Drexel, more specifically a brother at Alpha Pi Lambda. My eyes immediately lit up and I eagerly exclaimed that I too was a brother. We shared stories about our various leadership roles in the house. Rich was a Pledgemaster for our current Alumni President (Ed Schickling) and our Judicial chair (Pete Altavilla). Currently, Rich has enjoyed a great career at Lockheed Martin. He is in a distinguished group of engineers and technologists known as LM Fellows; he won a distinguished award for technical innovation from the company; and he currently holds 6 patents (an additional 5 are pending). He also served as the Alpha Pi Lambda social chairman and the IFA rush chairman.



Brother Richard Pedersen (center) with top Lockheed Executives at Annual award ceremony.

As our careers moved on, I was accepted into a prestigious program known as the Operations Leadership Development Program (OLDP). This program allowed me to spend six months of the year rotating through various leadership-related jobs across the U.S. As part of this program, we are required to attend leadership conferences that include speakers, lectures and team building exercises. One of the speakers in particular interested me because of his message and his age. He was a vice president, but didn't look any older than 30, and he spoke of the challenges in rising up the ranks. As he spoke in front of some 600 future leaders, his career development especially interested me because it echoed exactly what I was trying to achieve. He was a Drexel and Penn graduate who had a technical background, but decided to join the OLDLP rather than focus on his engineering strength to further expand his business acumen and skill set. Later on, I would find out that not only was he a Drexel graduate, but also a contributing member of the Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni. His name was Jon Rambeau.

Currently, Jon is vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's Training and Logistics line of business in Orlando, Fla. His accolades are numerous, but in talking to some of his co-workers they frequently mention his ability to lead programs through

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## Alumni Corner—Lockheed Martin Pi Boys (Cont.)

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challenging times on a path to becoming more successful. Jon has explained the importance of training and simulation on many news outlets and is currently responsible for more than 4,500 employees. He also serves on the Board of Directors of various companies throughout the U.S. While with Alpha Pi Lambda, he served as House Manager, President, and Vice President of the Drexel Intra-Fraternity Association.

Months passed and suddenly I was at the end of my rotational program. My last job was to serve as a manufacturing program manager working for a senior manager in charge of managing the Moorestown production floor. As I walked into his office to introduce myself and determine what my responsibilities were, I noticed a short smile grow on my new manager's face as he reviewed my resume. He shook my hand and said "I see you're a Pi brother as well." My new manager was Mike Zarvalas. While at the house, he created the huge wooden crest which now resides in the dining hall of the fraternity; he was also House Manager for 6 terms. At Lockheed Martin, Mike was also a graduate of the OLDP and oversees all manufacturing project managers at the Moorestown site. His team is responsible for the cost and schedule commitments for all production hardware for major programs such as the Aegis system and TPQ-53 ground based radar system. Mike's accolades are extensive and he is one of the youngest senior managers at the Moorestown site.

Finally, as I rolled into my full time job as a test engineer/project lead, I had the privilege to work with many excellent Undergraduates of the fraternity through our leadership workshops and various other Alumni Corporation events. At our senior sendoff event this past May, we congratulated our undergrads for wrapping up their studies and beginning their new life as young professionals. One Alpha Pi Lambda leader came up to me with a big smile and said "I just got hired at Lockheed Martin in Colorado and I'm so stoked!" This brother was Bob Sorgi, a former President of the fraternity and frequent participant at our Leadership workshops. Bobby was known for his organized agendas at the Alumni meetings to discuss Undergraduate topics. I look forward to working with Bobby, even if it's only to offer what mentoring advice I have.

Lockheed Martin is just one company where our Fraternity has a significant Alumni presence. I could write a similar article about many different Fortune 500 companies, but I just wanted to illustrate one thing: we are a talented group of Alumni. As we enter the next administration of Alumni Executive board members, I'd like the Alumni out there to think about the experiences you had as an Undergraduate managing the organization that helped you excel in the workforce and what you can offer to help our current Undergraduates. The future is bright for our Fraternity; we Alumni have a lot to offer besides just money. If we can come together with a common goal, to become the uncommon man, more stories like mine will be commonplace within our Fraternity.

Adolphus,

Eric Zaremski ('04)



## Support the Pi !!!

As the new Alumni Executive Board terms are coming around we need the Alumni base more than ever. If you have some spare time and would like to help preserve our wonderful house and organization, please come out to support.

## Scholarship Fund

It is with extreme pride that I am able to announce the recipient of the second Alpha Pi Lambda Scholarship award! Abraham Giorgis, a Junior Science in Engineering major with a Triple Minor in Finance, Economics and Mathematics who maintains a 3.47 GPA was presented with the award at the Sr Send-Off ceremony on May 3rd. Abe served as the Undergraduate President and was one of several brothers who applied and were assessed based on their contributions to their community and to Drexel, and how they strive to become the uncommon man. On behalf of the Scholarship Fund Committee I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the applicants, each of whom would have been a worthy recipient of the award.

The awarding of the second Alpha Pi Lambda Scholarship is another milestone in building our legacy and further solidifies our foundation in the Drexel Community. Because of your generous donations, the Scholarship Fund continues to grow with over \$50,000 in gifts and pledges which allowed us to double the amount distributed this past year. I'd like to give thanks to all of you who have contributed since we established the fund in 2010.

For those of you who may be considering a donation, the Alpha Pi Lambda Endowed Scholarship Fund offers another way for you to contribute to the legacy of the Alpha Pi Lambda fraternity. 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 attracting new members.

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 e.mail at [joeileen@comcast.net](mailto:joeileen@comcast.net) or by phone at 1-267-230-4032. 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.

Adolphus,

Joe "Appy" Apostolico ('84)

## Undergraduate Report

When I first joined Apple Pi, I never thought that I would become the President. However over the past four years, the experiences that this brotherhood has given me has shaped me into a better student, a better brother and most of all a better person. The desire for improvement is embedded in the Pi's roots.

This past summer quarter we were able to improve on our previous cumulative GPA by receiving a term GPA of 3.2. Additionally this last spring we tried something new and decided not to take on a class of new members, instead we focused on strengthening the current brotherhood. With this objective in mind, we successfully introduced the Junior Member program to continue the development of our newly initiated brothers. Additionally we assembled a committee to revamp our constitution. This upcoming term we are looking forward to bringing in a select group of new members that we can call our fellow brothers.

We also have several community service and philanthropy events planned with We Feed The Homeless Philly coming up this fall, which include a Thanksgiving dinner fundraiser, a clothing drive and a canned food drive. I want to thank the Undergraduate students for all of the hard work and time they have put into the fraternity and continuing to make Alpha Pi Lambda a better place. Without the guidance and support of the Alumni many of our successes would not be possible.

Adolphus,

Saam Tashayyod (Undergrad President, '14)



Abraham Giorgis, the 2014 scholarship fund award winner with Joe Apostolico.

## 80th A-ball Report

The 80<sup>th</sup> A-Ball is only 5 months away! As we have done in the past, we are planning a full weekend of activities with crescendo during our always fantastic Saturday night ball. All of us on the A-Ball planning committee, the APL Alumni board and the Undergraduate brotherhood are hoping that as many Alumni as possible will attend this upcoming event.

### Friday March 6th

- Early evening, Brotherhood meeting and casual get together at the house. Everyone invited, brothers and family.

### Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

- Noon, Crimson and Gray Society on Drexel's campus and the induction of new members into this honorable group
- Early afternoon, Campus tours
- Late afternoon, Happy hour and house tours at the fraternity house
- 7 pm, The main event, 80<sup>th</sup> A-ball

This year we will be celebrating 80 years of a unique and amazing fraternity at the **The Inn at Penn**. Room rates are set at \$159/night and we have reserved a block of rooms. The A-ball itself will be \$130/person or \$260 per couple. Down \$5 from the 75<sup>th</sup>! So hold the date now! In November look for your invitation and plan on joining us as we celebrate our past, present and future at the 80<sup>th</sup> A-Ball

Adolphus,

Chuck Gunheim ('82)

## Pictures (Senior Send Off, Work Weekend)



## Remembering Chuck Hawn

Brothers,

It was brought to my attention that an extremely dedicated Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni and active Drexel leader recently passed away. He has done a tremendous amount of philanthropy work for the university in the Los Angeles area. He is was also very supportive of the fraternity through donations and general support. Drexel sent the following email to Los Angeles Alumni. Please say a prayer for him and his family.

Dear Los Angeles Area Alumni,

When you met Chuck Hawn, '51, you simply couldn't forget his passion and dedication to Drexel University.

Chuck served for decades as the leader of the Drexel Alumni Club of Los Angeles. He helped countless alumni get established in the area by connecting them to the local alumni network. He ensured that the southern California alumni network was strong and vibrant by coordinating local alumni events and hosting visiting university officials. He was a dedicated Alumni Ambassador, helping Drexel recruit dozens of students from southern California over the years. He also established a scholarship that the Alumni Club presents to a current student enrolled at Drexel from southern California.

Chuck passed away on April 30, 2014 at 85 years old. His lifetime involvement with his alma mater was truly inspiring – as was his mission to touch the lives of Drexel students as a tireless champion of the LA Alumni Club Scholarship.

We knew Chuck well and each of us want to share a story of his devotion to Drexel, his tireless support of alumni and students, and his remarkable ability to rouse those around him to his cause.

*My story is a simple one of gratitude. Chuck was the last president of the former, Drexel University Alumni Association of Greater Los Angeles. He took the reins at a time when most of the board thought that we had done everything possible to motivate our membership to action. When he became president, the amount of money that had been raised for the LA Alumni Club Scholarship was not sufficient to permit the endowment. We talked about the importance of getting the fund endowed and within a few years it happened with our heightened fundraising and Chuck's leadership. We all enjoy the legacy of the scholarship fund but it became a part of Chuck's life. He was devoted to helping those freshmen."*

– Cash Sutton III, '73

*Chuck was an exemplary Drexel ambassador and leader in Southern California. He was always available to help Drexel alumni in their time of need. He wore his Drexel colors on his sleeves. It would be tremendous to honor Chuck by contributing to and growing the LA Alumni Club Scholarship to assist needy Drexel students from Los Angeles."*

– Theodore P. Michaels, '82

*I first met Chuck at an Alumni Club Leaders' conference on campus in the early '90's. I remember Chuck's passion and love of Drexel evident in his words and deeds and remember being in awe that Drexel had such a strong leader in such a faraway place - Southern California. About 8 years later, I relocated to Southern California and immediately re-connected with Chuck. I wasn't surprised to find that he still had the same level of enthusiasm and passion for Drexel as the day I first met him. The LA Alumni Club Scholarship was near and dear to Chuck's heart and he worked tirelessly to keep the scholarship program going. On countless occasions, I witnessed the pride and joy Chuck had in introducing scholarship award recipients to alumni. How fitting would it be to keep this tradition alive, knowing that it's exactly what Chuck would have wanted?"*

– Jeffrey M. Lisinicchia, '90

Chuck was an incredible man and a dear friend. In memoriam, we ask that you join us and offer your condolences by contributing to the **LA Alumni Club Scholarship**. This is a time to preserve his legacy and celebrate his lifelong investment in Drexel – an institution he loved so much.

There are three ways you can make your gift:

**Online:** [giving.drexel.edu](http://giving.drexel.edu) and enter Chuck Hawn Memorial in the Additional Instructions field.

**By Mail:** Payable to **Drexel University** and send to: **Drexel University, P.O. Box 8215, Philadelphia, PA 19101**. Write in the memo section: **Chuck Hawn Memorial**

**By Phone:** Call the Drexel Fund at [215.895.2612](tel:215.895.2612). Someone will be happy to assist you.

# Alpha Pi Lambda Announcements

## Telecom Information

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 or noted on our Apple Pi calendar. If possible, all local Alumni should physically attend at least one meeting per year.

DEDICATED DIAL-IN NUMBER  
**1 (605) 715-4920**  
 ACCESS CODE  
**695-5944**

## The Better Half of the Pi

We had a couple of Pi brother’s get married since the last Alumni Newsletter. On behalf of the Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni Corporation we would like to congratulate the newest members of the Pi family.

- Mr. Tysen Miller and Lindsey Cole (October 4th 2014)
- Mr. Vincent Gerbino and Erica O’Brien (May 31st 2014)

## In Memoriam

We were informed that we lost a great Pi brother. The Alumni Corporation would like to send our deepest condolences and ask that everyone keep his family in your prayers.

- Hubert L. Carroll
- Chuck Hawn

## New to the Pi family

We want to congratulate Brother **Mark Bickerton** and wife **Kim** on the birth of his new daughter **Olivia**. She will join her Brother **Mikey** as part of the Bickerton Family.

We also want to congratulate Brother **Harry Sandu** and wife **Becky** on the birth of his second son **Logan**. He will join his Brother **Ethan** as part of the Sandu Family.

## Got an Announcement?

Know of any recent Pi marriages, new additions, or other pertinent Alpha Pi Lambda information? Please contact Eric Zaremski at ezaremski@gmail.com. The Alumni Corporation will make every effort to publish the information in the next newsletter.

## Events Calendar

The following events are planned for the upcoming Pi season. Please try to make every effort to attend at least one of these events!

- Football —15 November 2014  
(1pm, meeting at house at noon)
- Holiday Party—6 December 2014  
(7pm)
- Basketball—24 January 2015  
(1pm, meeting at house at noon)
- A-Ball—7 March 2015  
(7pm)
- Spring Work Day—18 April 2015  
(11:00am)

## Alpha Pi Lambda Fundraising

We have made significant progress in our fundraising efforts, but still have a long way to go. If you have the means, please donate to one of our fundraising efforts. Your contributions will help sustain the Pi for future “uncommon men”.



