

Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni Newsletter



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President’s Report

Greetings everyone! I hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and surviving what is in my memory one of the harshest winters the Northeast has experienced. Let’s just hope that Punxsutawney Phil was wrong in his forecast and that spring will arrive soon! It is once again time for our biannual newsletter and because it seems to be working, we will stick to form and employ a theme based format. The theme this time around is “dedication”.

Dedication. What to you is the ultimate form of dedication other than parenthood? I would say military service and putting your life on the line. Our fraternity is entrenched in a rich history of military participation. From World War II to the latest middle-eastern conflicts, the Pi has seen brothers shipped overseas to fight for our nation’s freedom. Our Alumni Corner will be reflecting on one past brother who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the country he loved, Al Finn. So ask yourselves a few questions: In what ways has the Pi’s military history played an integral part in shaping your idea of dedication? What other ways has the Pi shaped your thoughts on dedication? Are there any times at the Pi when your dedication to the fraternity was tested?

Well, I do have to say that my dedication to our beloved fraternity has been tested in many ways over the years. I struggled as President of the Pi as many of you know and I still am greatly frustrated as President of the Alumni Association with the lack of involvement from our base. Although not military based (other than being a young Marine), I do have the greatest privilege to know some of our military brothers in arms through my association with the Pi and have gained great leadership insight from them. From Charles (Chuck) Vincent to Pete Altavilla and in between, I have learned what true dedication means. It is not about the individual but rather about cause and country.

At my lowest point when I sent some ugly e-mails, Chuck Vincent kicked me in the rear end with one of the most poignant quotations that I live by today: “When you are in a position of leadership, lead.” The man knows dedication.

And then there are those none military that relentlessly care about Apple Pi. David Kaganovsky and Chuck Gunheim who are the reason we are here. All, without these two gentlemen (and a handful of others) you would not be receiving this newsletter. We would be extinct as a fraternity. When I think of the dedication for the Pi, Chuck is still working for us all.

Get Ready!!!

The 80th A-ball is only a year away!!!

Please prepare to join us at the Inn of Penn for the main event on March 7th 2015!

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But, we are getting tired. We need new blood. Come on guys, we need you back. I implore the generations to come back and get involved to help preserve what General Linehan and the boys started in 1935. Dedication. Come back and be a part of our history and our future.

Adolphus,
Ed (Schick) Schickling, ('86)

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Vice President's Report

Dedication, are you kidding me Eric, can't you give me an easier topic to write about! I read Ed's article and he talked about the dedication needed to be a parent or thrive in the military, which of course requires a great deal of dedication. I tend to believe that it is somewhat more difficult to be dedicated to causes with a lower profile, like the Pi. It's also very difficult to write about dedication without putting yourself or your contemporaries on a pedestal, which I would prefer not to. To me this kind of stuff should be for free and for fun.

Most of us think back on our time at the Pi with good memories and certainly most of us have more than one outrageous story we've been telling for years (decades). Yet most of us move on in our life to new adventures when we graduate. It's hard to fathom that something as established as Alpha Pi Lambda that has been on Drexel's campus for 79 years now won't be there for another 79 years. But as established an institution as the Pi is, it still requires a great deal of shepherding to thrive.

One of the great truths in life is that it is very tough to stay in one place. Either you are moving forward or moving backward. This holds true with the Pi as well as anything else. Over the last 10 years, as we have been rebuilding both the physical house as well as the brotherhood, many things have changed. Whether it's the emphasis on grades, the charitable efforts of the undergrads or the amazing leadership retreats that are put on each year, the Pi keeps moving forward.

But all these things take work, or dedication. Each year as the leadership retreat rolls around we have to discuss who is going to lead it, are we bringing in any outside speakers, how many undergrads are going to attend and of course what's for lunch. It always seems like a lot of work (and it is) and I wonder to myself is it really worth it? Then we have the retreat and it turns out, amazing! And yes, it is worth it. The same can be said for major house projects. We work on something for 2 years and it never seems like its going to happen, then eventually it finally happens and you see the results and the answer is, yes it was worth it. A perfect example is the backyard.

So here we are, 79 years into this thing, the only local fraternity on Drexel's campus, still remaking ourselves, still moving forward, still creating outrageous stories and still helping to create the uncommon man. The Pi still needs us to move forward, today as much as ever. We need both young alumni and older alumni to join us, to help the Pi move forward

Adolphus,

Chuck Gunheim ('82)

Treasurer's Report

After the first 8 months of operations (July – February), we continue to show strong cash flow, mainly due to the revenue received from the UGs, however the Alumni dues' revenue has fallen short of both our budget and prior year numbers. With this being the case, I will be sending dues invoices to all active alumni in an attempt to increase our cash flows for the remainder of FY_2014. We need an influx of cash flow this year to pay for deposits associated with the 80th A-Ball in 2015. However to end on a positive note, for the 7th consecutive quarter our finances have been under budget and even very marginally in the black!

Based on the House improvements (re-pointing the House, the front porch, external guttering, roofing and sand stone restoration) that still need to be done, we still need your help with donations towards the Building Fund. We received approx. \$60k of donations thus far for FY_2014 (July – Feb). The great news is that we have exceeded our Phase I goal of \$125K, however we still are approx. 40% short of our overall goal of \$500k. Thank you to everyone that has donated money this year!

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.

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

My involvement with Alpha Pi Lambda has given me a first hand lesson on what it means to be dedicated. As an undergraduate, I joined a newly reinstated organization that was in its early rebuilding stages. At the time, our House was boarded up and appeared to be years away from ever being reopened. Our Alumni Corporation, with the stars aligned and a bit of good timing, pulled off a near miracle. Generous Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni and friends completed a large fund raising effort. David Kaganovksy, Chuck Gunheim and others worked tirelessly to formulate a plan to ensure that our House reopened in 2008. Our entire organization focused our collective effort on a specific cause – restoring our House and reestablishing Alpha Pi Lambda on Drexel's campus.

At times, it can be easier to dedicate one's self to a cause if there is a dire emergency or great need. The Undergraduates are a fine group of young men who continue to make themselves a better organization and brotherhood. The House itself needs a little work, but I imagine most buildings that are over 100 years old also fall into this position. Right now our Fraternity is standing on solid ground, but we need more involvement from our Alumni. Don't wait for a disaster to get involved; come to a meeting, drop by on work weekend, come to the BBQ on Alumni Weekend. You'll get a chance to see the Fraternity as it is right now, and you will also help ensure a good future.

I hope to see you sometime this Spring,

Ed Dolphin ('09)

Athletic Chair

Football (November 16th)

The Undergrads squeaked by the Alumni by scoring on the last play of the game to come away with the rare victory, but not without some controversy. On the last play of the game, the end zone boundary seemed to grow allowing the undergrad receiver to get two feet inbounds while making the game winning catch.

The Alumni are protesting the results of the game with the commissioner's office due to pledge tampering of the end zone boundary but a final decision has not been ruled yet.

Basketball (February 1st)

Unlike football, the Alumni continued their dominance of the undergrads by winning a close game at the DAC. Led by Kyle Gandy, the Alumni built a large half time lead and managed to hang on to the victory despite having a limited roster that included 2 pledges.

Next up on the calendar is Volleyball (during the Picnic), Softball (August 16th), and the Golf Outing (September 13th).

Myron Williams ('03)



Alumni huddle to discuss game plan for beating the Undergrads.



Justin Bainum evades defenders as he runs for the end zone.

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 **“Dedication”**, the recognition of the contribution and role of the men of Alpha Pi Lambda in the service to the nation while in uniform, and the subtle meaning of that proud history in shaping our ideas of dedication today.

In his farewell speech given to the Corps of Cadets at West Point on May 12, 1962, General Douglas MacArthur said of the American Soldier “...Their story is known to all of you. It is the story of the American man at arms... when I think of his patience under adversity, of his courage under fire, and of his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration I cannot put into words... From one end of the world to the other, he has drained deep the chalice of courage...” In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give...” Further, in his remarks to the Cadets about their role as leaders and stewards of our nation’s military and our Soldiers, he said, “The long gray line has never failed us..... Were you to do so, a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses, thundering those magic words: **Duty, Honor, Country...**”

Like the long gray line, ***the long line of Crimson and Gray has never failed us.*** Since 1935 and our founding brother, General John Linehan, through all of our nation’s wars and bloody conflicts to the present day, Alpha Pi Lambda Men have worn the uniform and served the nation under arms. Many have fallen and have been wounded in that service. During the recent DU Veteran’s Day Tribute in November, Drexel honored one of our fallen Alpha Pi Lambda Brothers – Al Finn, Class of 1968. 1st Lt. Albert Maurice Finn, U.S. Army was assigned to the U.S. Army’s 101st Airborne Division, 158th Aviation Battalion, C Company when he was shot down by enemy fire and killed in action near the DMZ in Vietnam on September 20th, 1970. Fred Johnson, Al Finn’s close friend and fellow aviator, who was flying 1000 ft. above him and witnessed the crash, said in a commemorative in 2007, “I’ve never forgotten you a day since that day in September 1970. Your memory, that of your crew, and four of my Rangers, who died with you, will be with me forever.”

Dedication takes many forms. During the recent APL Leadership and Management Workshop and Retreat with our undergraduate brothers, we had a very interesting and insightful discussion that linked the notion of the “Uncommon Man” and the trials, tribulations, experience, and dedication of the Continental Army under General Washington at Valley Forge with our own experience when our Fraternity was expelled from our home and as an entity at Drexel. Anthony Casola, who was President of the Fraternity during that difficult time, said that was “Our Valley Forge”. “... We dug in, built our strength, gathered allies and resources, and attacked when the time was right. We then won a decisive victory and then ultimately prevailed ... just like George Washington at Monmouth after Valley Forge and then ultimately at Yorktown...” In retrospect, it was difficult and it took a long time, but we never wavered from our goal of reestablishing Alpha Pi Lambda as a local fraternity at Drexel.

I underscore our Alumni President’s comments about the tremendous commitment and dedication of our fellow brothers who have and continue to play a role in helping to ensure for ourselves and our posterity our beloved Fraternity and do their utmost to instill in our newest fellow brothers the meaning of “Friendship, Honor, and Loyalty”. Like the Soldiers in Washington’s Continental Army and ***our own long line of Crimson and Gray***, in the face of adversity, we must dig deep and not waver. We must remain dedicated to keep alive all that we are for ourselves and for the future men of Alpha Pi Lambda. We cannot do anything less.

Adolphus,

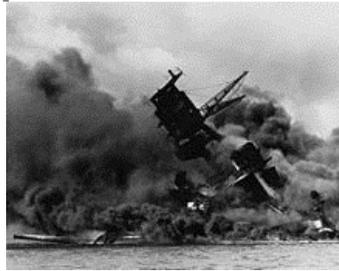
Pete Altavilla (‘83)

Dedication Trough the Years...



A group of your Drexel men decide to create a fraternity to define the "uncommon man". Led by John Linehan, Alpha Pi Lambda Fraternity was born.

1935



War breaks out in America. Alpha Pi Lambda men are called into action to serve their country. Membership dwindles

1941



Alpha Pi Lambda membership becomes mostly veterans studying under the GI bill.

1946 -1948



Our dedicated Alumni paid off the mortgage which made the "castle on the corner" the home of Alpha Pi Lambda for years to come.

1958



War breaks out again and numerous brothers are sent to fight over in Afghanistan and Iraq. Some go for multiple tours, while others are injured during combat.

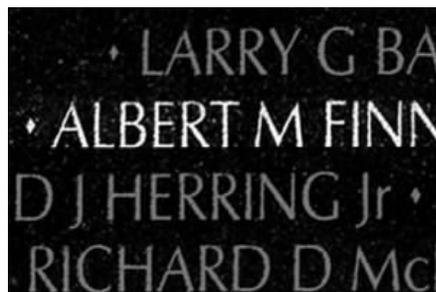
2001



A group of dedicated Undergraduates and Alumni re-open the Alpha Pi Lambda house after nearly five years off campus.

2008

1970



Brother Al Finn loses his life in a tragic helicopter accident in Vietnam.



The First Dedicated Brother—General John F. Linehan Jr.

Excerpt taken from website: http://articles.philly.com/1999-09-27/news/25488255_1_army-reserve-center-bronze-star-deputy-director

General Linehan grew up in Philadelphia and in 1930 graduated from West Catholic High School for Boys, where he was on the rowing team. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Drexel University in 1935.

He served in Europe during World War II as a company commander of the 66th Infantry Division in the Army, earning a Bronze Star. After the war, he stayed in the Army Reserve, reaching the rank of brigadier general in 1963. He was deputy commander of the 79th Operational Headquarters at the Army Reserve Center in Upper Darby from 1963 until he retired from the Army and went to work for the city in 1967.

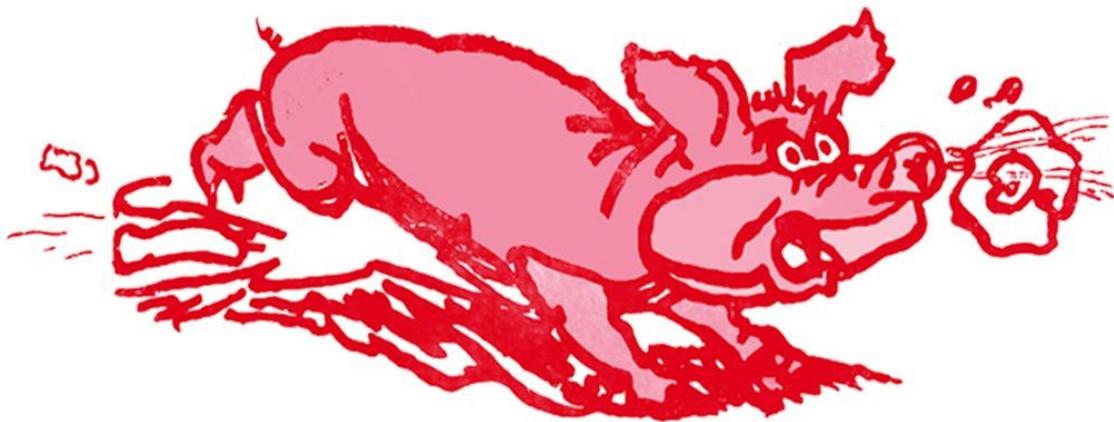
General Linehan was hired by the City of Philadelphia in 1967 to work for the Office of Emergency Preparedness because of his expertise in nuclear warfare and his knowledge of the effects of radiation.

Ten years later, he was appointed a deputy director of the office, a position he held until he retired in 1982. He lived in Overbrook while working for the city.

At the time General Linehan was with the office, it was primarily responsible for civil defense readiness. Its name, along with its focus, was changed in 1987. It is now the Office of Emergency Management, and it coordinates the city's response to many kinds of emergencies.

General Linehan loved sports. He was a member of the Philadelphia Lacrosse Association, a skillful tennis player and a long-suffering Eagles fan.

Keep General Linehan's legacy alive....



... plan on attending the 80th A-ball March 7th 2015!

Scholarship Fund

We are just initiating the second cycle to choose the next recipient of the Alpha Pi Lambda Scholarship. The application process kicks off in February and we will be announcing the winner at the May Undergraduate Sr Send-off. Those of us on the Alumni Board and Scholarship Review committee are looking forward to awarding our second scholarship and fully establishing this award as one of our annual cherished traditions.

Because of your generous donations, the Scholarship Fund continues to grow with over \$50,000 in gifts and pledges which will allow us to double the amount distributed in this year's award. I'd like to give special thanks to John Hennessy, Jim McCaskey and all of the attendees at the Annual APL and Friends Myrtle Beach Golf Extravaganza organized by Frank Rubinate and Mark Bocchetti for their generous contributions over the last six months, and of course 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 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.

Adolphus,

Joe "Appy" Apostolico ('84)

Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni Corner—Albert Finn

A Memory of a Brother and Service to Our Country:

Last November, Drexel held a veteran's day event to honor those from Drexel who have served our country. One of the veterans honored was Al Finn, class of 1968, who served and died in Vietnam.

Al was a very special person and a real Apple Pi gentleman. Joel Spiegel recently recalled our brother: "Al was from Lansdale, PA and was a first class Apple Pi - when he told a pledge to give him 20 - he always hit the floor and did them with him - I was proud to know him! Al went through Drexel in the ROTC program, graduated, went through basic training, received his second lieutenant commission and was promptly shipped overseas."

Bob Pilotti provided a newspaper article about Al. Here are excerpts:

North Penn wrestling champ died in a helicopter crash in Vietnam

By Brian Bingaman, bbingaman@thereporteronline.com

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"Everybody in high school knew him and liked him. He was a hard worker. He was a dedicated individual," said Lansdale resident Ray Moats, who graduated with Finn, and was in the 154-pound wrestling class for North Penn.

To the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, 158th Aviation Battalion, C Company, he was 1st Lt. Albert Maurice Finn — 1968 graduate of Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University) At Finn's behest, Moats gave college a second chance by enrolling at Drexel. The friends were brothers in the Alpha Pi Lambda fraternity, Moats said.

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Alpha Pi Lambda Alumni Corner—Albert Finn (Cont.)

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“He was my best friend in high school and college. He was the best man at my wedding,” he said.

Finn’s 1970 tour of duty in Vietnam began March 4. He was killed in action Sept. 20 flying a top-secret mission near the DMZ. He was 26 ... and was engaged to be married, but the engagement was broken before leaving for Vietnam.

Moats said that during one of the last times he saw Finn, they were talking about the likelihood of his going to Vietnam because he had volunteered to be a pilot.

“I’m going to try to get this (war) over, so you guys that are married won’t have to go,” Finn reportedly said.

The 1998 book “Price of Exit: A True Story of Helicopter Pilots in Vietnam” by Vietnam veteran Tom Marshall chronicles Finn’s fateful mission in detail. The mission was to land a reconnaissance patrol team — a very dangerous situation, considering where Finn and his crew were.

According to the book, a .51 caliber round came through the aircraft’s windshield, struck Finn and the Huey hit the ground traveling at a speed of 100 knots (approximately 115 mph).

In 1970 an Army Captain appeared at a Lansdale Borough Council meeting to present Finn’s parents with his medals: The Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart (all bestowed posthumously), the National Defense Service, Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign medals, as well as the Army Aviator Badge.

Hatfield resident Peggy Corrigan remembered Finn, “We lost another bright, loyal American. There are no words to describe the loss of a good friend, loved so dearly by so many people,” said Corrigan, a 1964 graduate of Lansdale Catholic High School.

Al’s location On the Wall: 07W - Line 77

We are in the process of obtaining a memorial to Al to be placed in the house. Al was the best, and these few words definitely do not convey how special Al Finn was.

Adolphus,

Joe McCaffrey (‘69)

Undergraduate Report

This past year was big for Apple Pi. When I took over as President, I wasn’t really sure what to expect. I held several chairs and executive board positions in the past, but didn’t know how it was going to be taking on such a large role. Notwithstanding, the fast paced 10 week terms we have here at Drexel, I was lucky. I joined a group of guys who always had my back. We can only measure our strength by the amount of active, engaged brothers we have and this year we were strong.

Over the course of 2013, the Pi raised record numbers for Philanthropy, as well as participating in over 15 community service events. We have also welcomed eighteen new brothers into the fraternity.



Emily Moore with a photo of her step brother Albert Finn and of a Huey helicopter similar to the one he flew in Vietnam. photo by Geoff Patton

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Undergrad Report (Cont.)

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This puts us at over 100 active members! I wanted to take the time to thank all of the undergraduates for all the hard work they put in this past year. It took everyone working hard together to lead to all of our success.

I also want to thank the Alumni base. Despite our growth in size, the Pi has been able to maintain our GPA and prove that we can do things our way, but still be better. We've always played ball with a chip on our shoulder and that attitude is one that trickles down from the top. Without the constant support and care of the Alumni, we could not have achieved such success this year.

Adolphus,

Greg Herman (Undergrad President, '14)

80th A-ball Report

In the last newsletter, I announced on behalf of the A-Ball committee that Apple Pi's 80th A-Ball will be held at The Inn at Penn (3600 Sansom St) on Saturday, March 7th, 2015. For those who attended our 75th anniversary in Drexel's Main Building, you know the type of celebration we have in mind.

This time around, I am proud to announce that the committee is in the process of planning a weekend full of events aimed to celebrate the accomplishments of both the Fraternity as well as Drexel University. We hope that you plan to take part in these events which will commence on Friday, March 6th and conclude with the A-Ball on Saturday night.

With a little over a year before our beloved Fraternity celebrates its 80th year in existence, I would like to present to you the schedule of events for the 80th Annual A-Ball.

Friday, March 6th

To start the weekend off, the House will be hosting a Brother's Meeting Friday night with light food and adult beverages. All are invited to attend the meeting and stay around to catch up with the Brotherhood.

Saturday, March 7th

We will be starting Saturday off with a brunch hosted by the Crimson and Gray Society. Currently we are collaborating with Drexel University to hold this on-campus in a University building.

Throughout the day, we will be holding campus tours to show those who have been away from the campus the work that the University's administration has done. To be honest, the campus has changed dramatically over the past few years and it really is a sight to see.

Later that afternoon, we will be holding a happy hour at the House which will lead into the main event that night at the Inn at Penn. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to build this weekend into a great experience for all generations of Apple Pi. Again, we hope to see everyone there to celebrate this milestone.

Adolphus,

Dominick Totino ('09)

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.

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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. Ryan Morson and Nicole Morris (November 29th 2014)
- Mr. Alexander Schickling and Jaclyn Petersen (March 15th 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.

-Charles Colver

New to the Pi family

We want to congratulate Brother **Mike Zarvalas** on the birth of his new daughter **Alexis Rose Zarvalas** weighing in at 6lbs, 13 ozs. She will join her Brother Cristofer as part of the Zarvalas 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!

- Spring Work Day—Saturday, April 12th (10:30am-4pm)
- Senior Sendoff and BBQ—Saturday, May 3th (3pm-6pm)
- Pignic—Saturday, June 28th (Tentative, 12pm—5pm)
- Softball—Saturday, August 16th(1pm-3pm)

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”.

