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Grand High Zeta Grants Charter to Theta Tau

By Daniel Anthony, High Pi
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The wait is finally over! The colony was granted its right to be reinstated as a chapter by the Grand High Zeta this past April. The undergraduate brothers have worked tirelessly for four years to achieve this latest milestone in their quest to regain their status as the finest fraternity on Wake Forest's campus.

Indeed, I was permitted to inform the undergraduates of the decision of the Grand High Zeta at the April 17th chapter meeting. I wish you all could have seen their faces when the announcement was made. How I wish it would have been your ears instead of mine that endured the howls of delight and gratitude.

You are invited...

Homecoming/ Charter Weekend 2000
November 3 & 4

Friday

Golf Outing at Tanglewood 8:15 AM

Charter Banquet at the Ramada 6:30 PM

Saturday

Breakfast at the LXA Lounge 8:30 AM

Presentation at Pugh Auditorium 10 AM

Tailgate / Football WFU vs. Duke TBA

Alumni Dinner at Catered Affair 7 PM

- Information sent under August mailing
- RSVP with Lee Weddle, (910) 762-1473



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The undergraduates' celebration would have been for naught had it not been for the efforts of the Theta Tau Alumni Association and, in particular, the persuasive influence of Brother Mike Queen (#499). Brother Queen was able to effectively communicate to the national fraternity administrative

staff the enduring efforts of the undergraduate brothers to achieve all but one of the standards for chapter membership (that being total current membership roll).

Brother Queen sought and received direct communication with Executive Vice President Tom Helmbock. Brother Helmbock and his fellow staff at National Headquarters reviewed the outstanding work of the undergraduates to represent the ideals of the fraternity and to out perform the great majority of active chapters regarding operating standards of performance. The administrative staff recommended to the Grand High Zeta that The Colony at Wake Forest once again become active.

The Grand High Zeta, with unexpected speed, approved the reactivation of Theta Tau Zeta.

As you can see, we, the Association, can and do make a difference in the life of the undergraduate chapter, for which the undergraduate brothers are deeply grateful. My hat is off to you TTAA members for making this most important achievement finally possible! ✚

A Message from the President

So much has happened since the spring publication of our Theta Tauker, that it is really hard to report on all of it. Our Theta Tau Alumni Association's (TTAA) membership is now up to 122, and we hope those of you that have not joined will do so in the very near future. Dave Bright (#351) and Jim Steadman (#385) have been hard at work contacting many of you, and are responsible for our membership being what it is today. Keeping track of some 700 Theta Tau brothers is quite a task, but one that they have devoted many, many hours to, with never a complaint. Dave has created a large e-mail list of brothers, and if you would like to be added to this list please let Dave know at dbright@worldnet.att.net. This has proven to be a great way for many of us to reconnect and stay in touch.

Our goals to assist the undergraduate chapter have not changed. We have already been able to provide financial assistance to a newly initiated brother, and there are plans to expand on this each semester. By attending some of the weekly chapter meetings, we have been able to provide them with some direction and guidance, and assist them in some of the traditions of LXA that we knew. We are also planning to assist the undergraduate chapter in their rush and lounge needs. There is a sincere feeling of gratitude from them and an appreciation that the alumni have gotten involved and are supportive of their efforts.

With the rechartering of Theta Tau, this is going to make Homecoming 2000 very special. You simply don't want to miss this event! Not only will you have the opportunity to enjoy a weekend with those you were so close to in the past, but you will meet an outstanding group of young LX's, along with their advisor (High Pi) Dan Anthony, who has devoted so much of his time and energy to Theta Tau. This will be a busy weekend with golf, the banquet, tailgate party, football game and dinners, but one that we are all looking forward to. Please make an effort to attend, as we all want to see YOU. Simply fill in the registration form and send it in. Look forward to seeing you in November.

Yours in ZAX,

Walt Murray '63, Zeta 412



*(l to r) Phil Hodes, Tim Fisher, John Lanuti, Greg Omland
(not pictured) Walt Murray, Craig Taylor*

Formal at the Beach, Not Just For Undergrads

By John Lanuti '99, Zeta

Every so often, with emails, phone calls, and deadlines piling up, we all need a vacation, we all need the beach. What could be better than relaxing by the shore, meeting the new active brothers, reminiscing with other Lambda Chi alumni, reliving the good times and enjoying some even better times with all the surf, sand, sun, and fun you can handle.

This past April, I had the privilege to join the undergrads at Myrtle Beach for their Formal Weekend. Four or five recent alums and I rented our own house, near enough to the undergrads to mingle, but distant enough to allow us our own freedom. Enjoying some football, volleyball, and some good old fashioned sun bathing, it gave us some much needed time away from our busy work schedules, as well as a chance to observe the strength and camaraderie of the active brotherhood, to recall our own times back at Wake Forest, and to reflect on how far we have come as individuals and as a fraternity. And if you are the dancing type, the actual Formal is a great way to impress the girlfriend, or perhaps even, the wife. Can't dance? Don't worry, it is totally optional!

Myrtle Beach offers a plethora of other dazzling activities and stellar nightlife for the enjoyment of you and that special someone. Together with the active brothers, the other fellow alumni, and all the associated women and dates, we enjoyed a terrific and relaxing get-away for the weekend, forming new friendships and rekindling old ones. What can I say...it was a blast! Perhaps I'll see you there next year? ↕

Alumni Spotlight: Judicious Brothers

Brother I. Beverly Lake, Jr. was born in Raleigh and grew up in Wake Forest, North Carolina. Lake graduated from Wake Forest University and the Wake Forest University School of Law. He served on active duty in the United States Army as an Intelligence Staff Officer from 1956 to 1958 and in the United States Army Reserve from 1958 to 1968. From 1989 to 1992, he served in the North Carolina State Militia as State Staff Judge Advocate. Justice Lake has attended the National Judicial College, completing a comprehensive course of study for judges nationwide.




Justice Lake began his legal career in 1960 in the private practice of law in Raleigh. In 1969, he was appointed Assistant Attorney General in the North Carolina Department of Justice and served in this capacity until he was promoted to Deputy Attorney General in 1974. While in the Department of Justice, Lake represented the Revenue Department and was Director of the Public Utilities Division of the Attorney General's office, representing the public in all utility rate cases. He represented the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the \$60 million sale of all its public utilities.

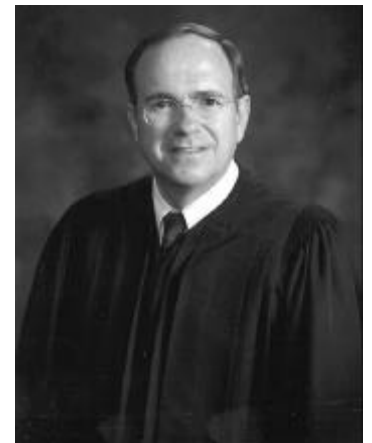
Justice Lake was elected to the North Carolina Senate twice, serving from 1976-1980. He represented Wake, Harnett and Lee Counties and was ranked one of the ten most effective Senators in the North Carolina General Assembly in 1979 by the Center for Public Policy Research. Justice Lake chaired both the Senate Judiciary II Committee and the Public Utilities and Energy Committee.

In 1985, Governor James G. Martin appointed Lake Special Superior Court Judge, and he served in this capacity until 1991. While a Superior Court Judge, he held both criminal and civil court in 63 of the 100 counties in the state. In 1992, Governor Martin appointed Lake Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and in 1994, Lake was elected to the Supreme Court for a full eight-year term.

Committed to service in his community, Justice Lake has long been active in local civic organizations. He has been a member of the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce; the Raleigh Executives Club; the Weswyn Club of Raleigh, where he served as President; and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. He presently serves on the Advisory Boards of the Occonechee Council, Boy Scouts of America; the School of Law, Wake Forest University; and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As for his experience with Lambda Chi, Lake comments "I greatly benefited from my undergraduate days at Wake Forest as a Lambda Chi brother. My brothers in Lambda Chi were family and taught me much about peer interaction in those formative days, and enhanced my overall campus involvement. I am very close to them today." 
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Brother John C. Martin, a 1965 graduate of Wake Forest University, is currently serving as a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Justice Martin has distinguished himself in many aspects of life since receiving his JD from WFU in 1967, including outstanding contributions in the legal



field, military service, and community involvement. Justice Martin worked with an independent law practice for his first several years after receiving his JD and then went on to work at a North Carolina Superior Court. Since then he has worked with another independent practice before returning to the Court of Appeals, which he worked at in the mid-80's. Justice Martin is a member of several professional organizations, including several county Bar Associations. He also found time to be a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969. In addition, Martin has found time to hold positions on the Board of Visitors and the Alumni Council at Wake Forest.

Justice Martin has also been involved with the Administrative Boards at several churches in the

Raleigh-Durham area. His distinctions include being named the 1976 Durham “Man of the Year”, and has appeared on lists of “Who’s Who in America” as well as “Who’s Who in American Law”. Brother Martin is married to Margaret Rand Martin. www.aoc.state.nc.us/www/copyright/coa/bios/martinj.html †

Reflections of a Dedicated Alum

By Jim Steadman '64, Zeta 385

When the Tauker asked me to write my reflections of the experiences as a Brother in Theta-Tau, I realized that that it has been 42 years since I entered Wake as a freshman. I followed my two brothers the oldest of which had graduated that Spring and the older, Mike, was a Sophomore and a member of LXA. My first experience with LX was a visit from Mike and David Tschorn inviting me to drop by the house and meet the brothers. From that day forward, the Brothers took time to get to know all of the “rushees” and involved us in the social structure of the fraternity. By the time first semester was over, the “rushees” had formed a bond among themselves that would last a lifetime.

One of the biggest events of my life was the Initiation. Unless you’ve been there, you can’t explain it. The Initiation set high ideals and principles for us to live by. Over the years, those memories of the initiation have reinforced and been part my spiritual growth.

Over the years, small groups of Brothers would meet for small reunions. It was several years ago that I received a Tauker and realized that the colony was reaching out to the alumni to inform the alumni of its efforts to re-establish LX. As I thought about what a great time my fraternity experience had been, I realized how much I missed seeing my Brothers.

By contacting Hi Pi Dan Anthony and High Alpha Sam Newlands, I was encouraged to pursue a reunion that would involve the interaction of the alumni and the colony. After discussing a reunion with several brothers, we decided to have a small reunion of the Brotherhood from the 50’s and 60’s. The reunion was by all standards a success. Little did I expect that it would be such an emotional experience for all of us. The bonds of Brotherhood that had been formed 42 years ago had stood the test of time and grown more precious.

That reunion was the formation of the TTAA. With the help of many Brothers, the association was

formed with the belief that a strong alumni association can be of strength to the Chapter. Within months the Brothers responded by joining. Nationals had denied the colony Chapter status because they had not met a standard of at least 40 members. One of our first goals as an association was to contact National and seek a waiver of this standard based on the excellent record of the colony in other areas. The alumni efforts were successful and the Grand High Zeta approved the Charter to be formalized this November 3rd.

As some of us have grown older and found our health slipping away, the prayers and support of our Brothers is comforting and a continuation of the caring for each other that started 42 years ago. †

Spring Gatherings in Raleigh & Clemmons

By David Bright '59, Zeta 351

On April 19th, a number of WF Lambda Chi Brothers met at the Peddler Steak House in Raleigh. Brother William (Hatch) Champion organized the event. In addition to Brother Champion, those present included Brothers Jim Steadman, David Barefoot, Lee Weddle, Bev Lake, John Martin, Ralph Walker, Bob Hedrick, Joe Mims, Howard (Boots) Mims, John Cella, and Dave Bright.

On April 29th, Brother Wilburn Berry hosted a similar event, an afternoon cookout, at his home in Clemmons. In addition to Brother Berry, those present included Brothers Maurice Horne, Fritz Biesecker, Mike Huffman, Jim Steadman, Walt Murray, Julian Drake, and Dave Bright.

Both events included delicious meals, a time for renewing friendships, warm fellowship and updates on the accomplishments of our current Wake Forest Lambda Chi Brothers and TTAA activities by Brother Steadman and Brother Bright. Many war stories &/or tall tales were remembered and shared to the delight and laughter of all. It is amazing how accurately and in such detail each adventure was recalled after all these years!

The TTAA strongly encourages its members to take the initiative to organize dinners and gatherings in their local areas. If you are interested in organizing an alumni dinner, please contact Jonathan Dowling, High Rho, to obtain a listing of alumni in your area. †

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Alumni Shorts...

Brother Sam Newlands '00 tied the knot this May to Kristina Woolard '00 in Winston Sanlem, NC. Sam is now pursuing a Ph.D. at Yale University in the Philosophy of Religion.

Brother Frank "Pinto" Wilson '00 exchanged vows with Katie Wooten '00 this June in Medford, Oregon. Katie is in her first year at the WFU Medical School.

Brother Greg Omland '98 tied the knot this June to Erin Lutz '00.

Brother Chris Kocher '00 will be in France this year teaching English as a Fullbright Scholar.

Brother Phil Hodes '99 is currently working as a Quality Manager at First Capital. Phil was the generous Donor who provided two Brothers with Scholarships to attend this past Spring Formal.

Brother Brad Stephenson '00 will be attending Northwestern University on scholarship to pursue his Masters in Theatre.

The Chapter Report

*By Andy MacDougall, Zeta 964
High Alpha*

The brothers of Theta Tau have returned from another summer renewed in their efforts to further their advancement of the fraternity. This past semester has seen the graduation of several brothers instrumental in the colony's successes, the addition of several new brothers, a memorable formal weekend at Ocean Isle/Myrtle Beach, the capturing of first place in WFU's annual "Greek Week" events, and most importantly the granting of our charter from Nationals. Everyone has now come back from a long summer enthusiastic about the upcoming charter banquet, and preparations are well underway. Without a doubt this is the focus on everyone's mind, as the culmination of several years of hard work has finally resulted in reaching our goal. The brothers have been divided into different groups to handle the management, entertainment, and publicity aspects of the weekend, which will be held in conjunction with our annual Homecoming events. Our Alumni Association has also been very helpful, and we hope that the chapter continues to receive the advice and support from our now extensive alumni network. We are expecting a great turnout this semester at the banquet and are excited about the chance of meeting/re-acquainting with some of our alumni.

Along other lines, we are pleased to announce the newest members of the Lambda Chi family, Associate Members Cedric Terrell McNebb and Zachary

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Tate Hall. The Association ceremony was held in our lounge on September 8, with several alumni and friends witnessing the event. AM night concluded with a party on campus and a retreat attended by all the brothers and new AM's.

This semester we are planning several events in addition to the Homecoming/Charter activities in November. The undergrads will once again be working at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Winston-Salem during the Vantage Golf Banquet to raise some much needed funds. We will also be fulfilling our obligation to the community by participating in a potato gleaning event on campus as well as attempting to break last year's colony record in the Lambda Chi International Food Drive. Mixed in, of course, will be several social and recruitment activities both on our own and co-sponsored with sororities. Already we have had successful events with Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta sororities, and several other events are in the works.

Overall, the brothers here at Theta Tau understand how much work has been put in from our recent graduates and alumni so we are proud that we will be able to finally accept the charter. I encourage as many people as possible to come back and make it to our events during Homecoming weekend. We will do the best we can to make it a memorable time for everyone. ✚

Theta Tau Alumni Association, Inc. Registration and Alumni Shorts

Name: _____

Class of _____ Zeta # _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Other news we should know about: _____

How did Lambda Chi benefit your undergraduate and /or
post graduate life? _____

Reservation information for this fall's Homecoming weekend was distributed in an August mailer. If you did not receive this packet or would like more information, please contact Lee Weddle. Contact information on reverse.

We are currently designing a new feature that will allow alumni to find each other on a web site directory. A username and password will be distributed in the next issue of the Tauker.

Would you be opposed to your profile and contact information being published on a website that only Theta Tau alumni could access?
Yes _____ No _____ Indifferent _____

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