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State of the Fraternity

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High Alpha

As the temperatures outside are rising, so are the spirits of the Theta Tau Zeta. The past semester has been an incredible, even unbeatable, time of growth for our Chapter. The Theta Tau Alumni Association has continued to grow and surpass national standards. New members joined our ranks and have demonstrated



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The Undergraduate Brothers receive the Charter at the Banquet on November 3rd

their unconditional understanding of brotherhood. In the annual Food Drive, our brothers raised 65,000 pounds of food and placed 11th out of 200 in the nation. Lambda Chi Alpha International Fraternity granted our Zeta its charter and brought together generations of Theta Tau Brothers. Also, as the semester came to a close, negotiations with the Student Life Committee secured the lounge below our letters. The agreement provided ASIA, a minority student organization, one of the rooms in the lounge, and we are looking forward to a fruitful partnership. Once again, Lambda Chi Alpha lounge space, housing and letters will be brought together. Yet the undergraduate brothers of Theta Tau believe that the current semester will be the best yet. On February 2nd, we welcomed nine new members into the Lambda Chi Alpha family. The Association ceremony was held in Wingate, and the evening

carried on with dinner, a party below our letters, and a retreat attended by all undergraduate members. Our entire Zeta is excited about our new Aspirants, and we know that this, our largest Associate class since recolonization, is a step in the right direction.



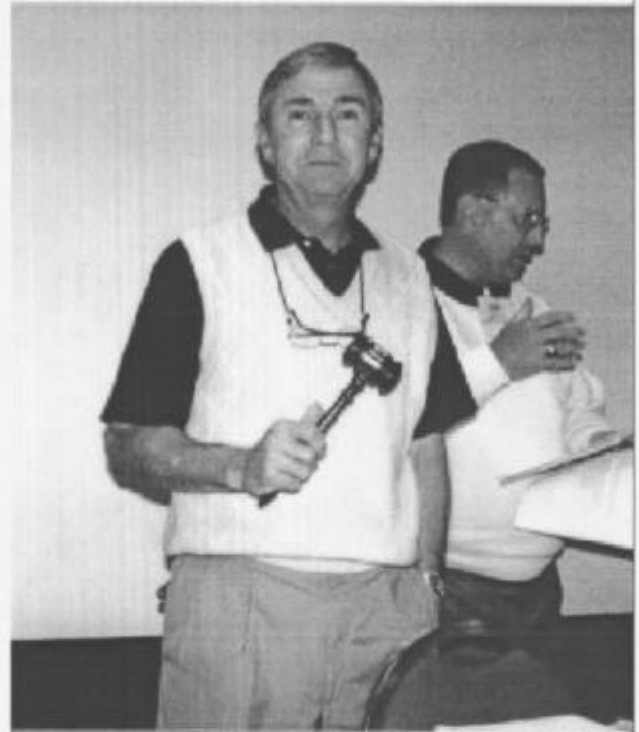
Master of Ceremonies Dan Anthony (High Pi) introduces the next speaker during the presentation of the charter on Nov. 3.

The calendar for this semester promises to be exciting for everyone. Thus far, 50,000 pounds have been raised for next semester's Food Drive, and more events have been lined up to bring the total above 90,000 before we even begin the fall semester. We will again be working with the Adam's Mark Hotel in Winston-Salem to raise funds for our lounge, and our Vice President has been providing us with more service opportunities than ever before. We have scheduled parties and cookouts with many of the sororities on campus, including Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega. In February we will be having Brotherhood ski retreat, and of course, come May, the much anticipated Myrtle Beach Formal.



Undergraduate brothers sing a few traditional LXA songs at the Charter Banquet.

The Alums have provided us with immeasurable support over the past year, and we cannot thank you enough. We invite you to drop by and see us at any time, and we especially hope that you will consider attending our Initiation ceremony later in the semester. Your assistance has helped us stand out on campus and to make this Zeta's future its strongest ever. ✚



TTAA President Walter Murray receives a gavel inscribed with his name as a thank-you for his hard work as President of the Alumni Association.

Letter From The President

Walter Murray
Zeta 412
President TTAA

As I stated in my last message, the rechartering of Theta Tau was going to make Homecoming 2000 very special. And was it ever! Having had many opportunities to attend social and business banquets, this one was as well organized by our undergraduate brothers as any I have ever attended. The speakers they lined up were absolutely super. Ken Zick of Wake Forest, Brad Peabody of LXA International, Father Jude of Wake Forest and our own Dan Anthony, High Pi were all

exceptional. Their messages were loud and clear that certainly the LXA Chapter at Wake Forest is on an unusual path when it comes to fraternities. The dedication to the true ideals of brotherhood along with the self-imposed discipline that our Chapter maintains is a unique situation in today's fraternity environment. It is also that environment that is going to get the support from universities and national fraternities in the future. You can be proud that our fraternity is the leader on the Wake campus in so many categories that really matter, and I'm sure will be the model for the International Fraternity in the future.



Brothers gather around after a game of golf during Homecoming weekend.

Many of our brothers from a wide variety of classes attended this special weekend event. Naturally there were many that I had never met, some older but most younger than myself. It was fun reliving the times and comparing various campus and fraternal activities that each shared and to



The Grand Hi Pi from the international Fraternity gives a speech before presenting the charter to the brotherhood at the charter banquet.

see how they changed from one decade to the next. The best thing for me was the opportunity to meet more of you.

We are off to a grand start for 2001, with many goals and challenges ahead of us. We are meeting these challenges head on, and with the help of both

alumni and undergrads, I'm sure that we will accomplish much this year. Support for the Chapter's needs may be greater now than it has been for many, many years, so I would encourage each of you to take a moment, reflect on your fraternal days, and see how you might lend us some support.

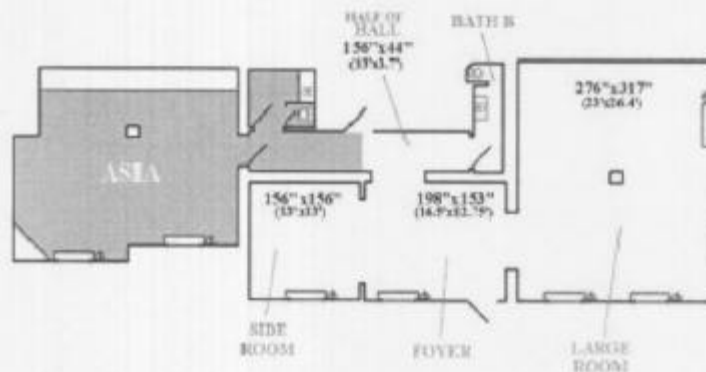


Brother Bright gives a stirring speech during the Fall TTAA meeting over homecoming weekend.

Housing Report

By Drew Senter
Zeta 792

After finally receiving lounge space under our letters on the quad, we have a new project in store. The chapter has a very limited amount of lounge furniture and amenities to add to our new lounge next fall. As this semester progresses we will be finalizing the plans for it, concerning layout, furniture, and any additions which will need to be made. Having this new lounge space is only a small contribution to our foremost goal, which remains recruitment.



Layout plan for the new lounge under our letters.

If we are to solidify our position and impress those we are recruiting, then a first-class effort is designing the lounge is essential. The bottom line is this. We have a very limited budget, yet we need furniture, flooring, sound equipment, bookshelves, a TV, a VCR and many other odds and ends. To make this thing a success we call on our brothers. If you have any items which you could donate or feel like you can make a financial contribution, we would be very appreciative. This new lounge is going to be a great addition to our chapter on campus. Let's make it work! ➔

Theta Tauker Mail Bag

This is a new section that we will be starting in the next newsletter. Please send in any letters questions or comments that you have and we will place them in the tauker.

If you would like to submit something to the T.T.M.B. send your comments to:

Lambda Chi Alpha

PO box 7467

Winston-Salem, NC 27109

-Or e-mail them to:

highrho@theta-tau.org

Our Trusted Trustees

Some of our outstanding alumni have decided to return to Wake Forest in order to serve it as it once served them. These brothers return to Wake on the Board of Trustees. We are very lucky to have two outstanding men representing Lambda Chi Alpha on the Wake Forest board of trustees. Brothers Mike Queen and Bruce Gupton.



Brothers reminisce and catch up on old times at the TTAA homecoming last fall.

Brother Mike Queen: I had previously served on the Alumni Council of WFU and in the Alumni in Admissions program for several years. To be honest, when Dr. Hearn called to tell me I had been nominated to serve as a Trustee of the university, I was more than shocked. But I eagerly accepted. (I have yet to say 'no' to WF when I have been asked to do something.) At my orientation session I was surrounded by the CEOs of three large corporations, our former Governor, Jim Hunt, and several other folk of some stature. I wondered how a Baptist preacher from eastern North Carolina might fit in with that group. It has been an awesome experience. The members of the board are wonderful people who love Wake Forest and have only the highest goals in mind for the school. They also have an often times difficult job. By virtue of the name, we hold the university 'in trust'. Each of us feels a huge sense of responsibility to that end. The decisions made by trustees and administrators almost always displease some constituencies of the university community. Students, faculty, administrators, staff support people, alumni, parents, contributors, the community and fans all have a vested interest in some aspect of university life. Deciding where limited resources go, planning for the future soundness of the university, and continuing to chart a course of excellence in all that we do requires tough decisions that do not please everyone. But we do take that responsibility gladly and with great seriousness. Certainly one of the great benefits of serving as a trustee has been the opportunity to learn so much about the inner workings and complexity of the university. I count it one of the high honors of my life. It has also provided me the privilege of paying back a small part of the debt I owe to Wake Forest. I came from West Virginia in the fall of 1964 to enroll as a freshman, the first in my family ever to go to college. That first semester was huge struggle for me, but pledging Lambda Chi Alpha made all the difference. I did not join my class on pledge night (as we called it then). But the next day, after encouragement by two senior brothers (Ken Moser/Pres. of the Sr. Class and Cliff Lowery/Pres. of the Student Body), I began what has to this day been one of the finest set of relationships I have ever known. When I recall my days at Wake, 80% of my memories center in the LX house. I would not trade those years for anything. I was privileged to be present for the presentation of the new charter

last year for the reestablishment of Theta Tau Zeta. In conversations with Tom Helmbock (Exec. Dir. of LXA in Indianapolis) leading up to the granting of the charter, he told me that the Grand High Zeta was greatly impressed by the quality and character of our current chapter. All of us who have known the joys of brotherhood in LXA celebrate the new letters on the wall above your new lounge space. But more than that, we celebrate the new spirit of excellence which seems to permeate all that you do. Keep up the good work and you will continue the tradition of drawing into your circle the best and brightest that Wake Forest has to offer.



Having a ball at the Charter Banquet.

Website Gets More Than a Facelift

By Bob Akers, Zeta #968
Webmaster

Ever since the inception of the Theta Tau Alumni Association in 1999, it has become more and more obvious that there truly is something special about this bond of Brotherhood that we share. I have seen that, rather than losing some of the excitement that we as brothers enjoy during our undergraduate days, the alumni of this chapter have retained to this day the enthusiasm they have always exhibited as Lambda Chi's.

Features:

- can be found at www.theta-tau.org
- downloads in less than 30 seconds
- bios and photos of each undergraduate brother
- old issues of the Theta Tauker at tauker.theta-tau.org
- password protected portion for initiated brothers at alumni.theta-tau.org, includes:
 - message board
 - chat room
 - most recent addresses and phone numbers of all graduated brothers



Screenshot of the new website for Theta-Tau chapter of LXA.

As such, it has become increasingly obvious to me that our former website would no longer "cut it." It had been sufficient for a student organization with less than thirty members. However, as the alumni association grew, I recognized that the website no longer represented just the undergraduate chapter—it now represented all graduates of Theta-Tau Zeta, especially the 150+ active brothers of the association and current undergraduate membership.

We have added a number of features in an effort to make this new website a place for all brothers of Theta-Tau to gather. Whether you wish to check on the latest happenings of the chapter, to find the address of an old friend, or even to exchange ideas with your fellow alums, we hope theta-tau.org will soon become your favorite place on the Internet. ➔

High Delta Update

By Ryan Whitley #979

With the goal of attaining chapter status achieved, the next big task for Theta Tau Zeta is an increase in membership. This spring's recruitment period was intense, but it paid off well. The brothers put one hundred percent of their energies towards the rush process and their commitment resulted in the issuing of eleven bids. Of those eleven, nine accepted and went through the Associate Membership ceremony, filling the largest AM class since the re-colonization. Their names are: Matt Hinson, Brad Abrahams, Reid Nance, Dan Schaff, Daniel McGinley, Brent McQuirt, Chris Reilly, JD Stallings, and Matt Morgan. With them they bring many varied backgrounds and a myriad of new

perspectives to the chapter. They have all been assigned a big brother and are now going through the Associate Member process. With this spring's recruitment period over, it is time to begin looking towards the fall. The challenge has been issued for every brother and AM to propose to the chapter one man whom they feel would make a good addition to Lambda Chi Alpha at Wake Forest. Recruitment groups have been assigned to follow up on the gentlemen recommended, and, if all goes well, we should issue a high number of bids in the fall. The chapter is truly dedicated to increasing numbers while maintaining quality, and the results of their dedication speak for themselves. Any alumni who know of someone who is or will be attending Wake Forest please, send Ryan Whitley, High Delta, an E-Mail at: highdelta@theta-tau.org. With our current enthusiasm, commitment, and your help, this chapter will only continue to grow in number and in character. ➔

Oh What a Year!!!

A report From the High Rho:

Michael DeFrancesco #970

Hello! I am Mike De, the new High Rho of the undergraduate chapter. I hope that you have enjoyed this installment of the Theta Tauker. It comes at a momentous time in our chapter's history.



Establishment and creation of the new Jim Steadman award for Alumni Involvement.

On November 3 2000 The Theta-Tau colony became a chapter once again. The Grand Hi Pi from the International Fraternity presented the Theta Tau chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha with its charter at a formal banquet. Also we have received the lounge under our letters in Davis residence hall,

solidifying our presence on campus with our own tower. We, the undergraduate brothers very much appreciate the work that you, the Alumni have put forth in our collective effort to further our brotherhood on this campus. Now that we have achieved so much we may now face our greatest challenge, We must not become complacent, we must work together and support each other to help each other grow. We have the luxury of being one of the largest Alumni Associations in LXA in the country. The alumni of this chapter have been wonderfully supportive.



That same weekend the TTAA hosted its second annual homecoming weekend. Brothers spent time together and participated in the second annual TTAA golf tournament. The turnout for the event was wonderful. Many Alum came back to the campus and spent time together catching up on old times. It was overall one of the most successful weekends this fraternity has enjoyed since its recolonization. Finally I want to thank all of the alumni. Your dedication and support has taught all of us what it really means to be a brother. Thankyou. ➔

TTAA Member List

H. Michael	Parks	199	Tom	Howell	383	James N.	Martin, Jr.	535
Beverly	Barge	201	Ken	Marler	384	Andrew	Porter	538
Jerome	Morris	204	Jim	Steadman	385	Thomas	Horner	546
Ed	Christman	206	Tom	Hope	390	Roy	Wright	550
Dan	Fouts	233	Tom	Lowe	392	Bob	Johnson	560
Hatch	Champion	249	Jimmy	Spillman	394	Len	Preslar	561
Joe	Woodruff	250	Bob	Stanley	395	Richard	McCotter	568
Ivey	Mason	256	Claude	Richards	401	William	Patton	569
Bev	Lake	259	Jim	Biesecker	403	Greg	Tuza	600
Louis	Burney	265	Julian	Drake	404	Rick	Detlefs	605
W. R.	Yarbrough	268	Robert	English	405	Decker	Youngman	612
Buck	Rish	278	Mike	Huffman	408	Lawrence	Kilbourne	632
Charles	Woodard	290	Charles	King	409	David	Grundies	635
Rodney	Beals	294	Walt	Murray	412	Jim	Perdue	637
Bob	Moneyham	297	John	Smith, Jr.	414	Jon	Bolton	645
David	Barefoot	305	Lee	Weddle	415	Mark	Farmer	655
Lyndel	Poe	312	Phil	Chase	416	Frank	McNally	658
Jimmy	Matthews	315	Dan	McGinn	420	Datha Gary	London	669
Joe	Ferguson	318	Donald	Moore	421	Norris	McDonald	689
John	Cella	322	George	Fleetwood	425	Jack	Welker	729
Ralph	Walker	324	Lawrence	Wingate	434	Walter	Thompson	747
Bruce	Liles	327	Bruce	Gupton	439	Charles	Petzinger	828
Howard (Boots)	Mims	332	Bob	Hancock	441	Gary	Porter	829
Bob	Crumpler	335	David	Marshall	443	Steve	Ireland	860
Bob	Demsey	337	Steve	Martin	444	Scott	Juvelier	877
Bruce	Hutchson	340	Ken	Moser	445	Peter	Van Nort	911
Von Baxter	Hamrick	341	Bill	Nelson	446	Kevin	Mooney	920
Cleve	Wilkins	342	Bert	Grisard	454	Jeremy	Shelton	928
Wilburn	Berry	343	John	Martin	461	George	Scott	929
Joe	Mims	345	Larry	Ammons	462	Ryan	Rich	931
Roy	Hughes	347	Walt	Harlow	464	Greg	Omland	933
Fritts	Biesecker	350	Roger	Kramer	468	Patrick Joseph	McDonough	935
Dave	Bright	351	Cliff	Lowery	470	Brent Howard	Martin	937
Carl	Hoffman	354	John	Moore	472	Mchenry	Kane	939
William	Fennell	362	Richard	Jania	483	Ryan	Bowles	941
Warren	Bloodsworth	363	Johnnie	Jackson	491	William Kyle	Irwin	942
Maurice	Horne	370	Mike	Queen	499	Jaak B.	Rannik	944
Phil	Poe	373	Stephen	Royster	502	Tim	Fisher	946
Chic	Forbes	374	Carl	Tucker	505	John	Lanuti	952
Winston	Futch	375	Thomas	Gactje	508	Charles	Seitz	954
Gene	Petrasy	377	Thomas	Robinson	513	Adam	Fier	956
Tom	Roberts	378	Bill	Tucker	518	Bradley	Stephenson	957
Ogden	Allsbrook	379	James	Hobbs	521	Dan	Anthony	MU 796
Bob	Bright	381	George	Bode	526			
Landis	Ferrell	382	Jay	Devaney	527			
			George	Spencer	531			

Total Membership: 134 Brothers

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