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NOTE: NEW WEBSITE

Please visit our new website for additional details, including the Treasurer's Report, a current list of contributors, donations form, and all-new electronic ways to donate to support our chapter!

<http://theta-tau.org/>

The State of the Chapter

Brothers,

It is with warm regards that I write to you to update you on the state of the Theta-Tau chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. I was elected the chapter's High Alpha at the beginning of December 2016, along with a great Executive Board and High Zeta. We entered our positions in a difficult time, as the chapter was still facing sanctions from an event held in September 2016.

In the middle of January 2017, there were a series of unfortunate circumstances that occurred during a few of our events, and those happenings led us to another investigation. During that same time period, the school's administration was investigating other fraternities for similar circumstances, and our investigation was extended until the end of March. A week after the March hearing, we were found to have broken our probationary terms from the incident in September 2016. We received sanctions from both Wake Forest and fraternity's International Headquarters, who were working closely with each other on the investigation. The letters and sanctions from Wake and IHQ respectively are posted on the new website: <http://theta-tau.org/>.

Despite all the hardship the previous two semesters, we continue to have many very impressive achievements, if I may say so myself. To start, we initiated 17 new members into our brotherhood. In their new member education, they contributed hundreds of community services hours alongside initiated brothers to the Winston-Salem community. I know these 17 have what it takes to become great brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha. Theta-Tau also continued its tradition of holding the highest GPA on campus with a combined 3.36, and we had 36 brothers make Dean's List. Another great tradition we have is an overwhelming amount of representation on Wake 'N Shake's (the school's largest student-led event) Executive Board. This year we had 5 brothers hold a position on the board, with former High Alpha, Michael Hanamirian, as an overall Co-Chair. Not only did we have leadership within Wake 'N

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Shake, but we contributed money as well. We lead all fraternities on campus with over \$16,000 raised, passing last year's mark by \$4,000. We also co-founded a new tradition. On February 7th, we helped the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority throw a date auction. At this event, students of Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State could purchase a date with members of both organizations and proceeds went to Feeding America. Combined we raised over \$600 in one evening.

Though this semester has had its share of trials and tribulations, Theta-Tau has worked hard, and will continue to work hard, to ensure that we are still one of the best organizations on Wake Forest's campus, and a model for Greek Life at Wake Forest.

In ZAX,
Benjamin Cochran, ΘT 1203



Left to right: Brothers David Santola, Dillon Foley, Mike Hanamarian, Anthony Palumbo, Jackson Gamer, Alex Fulling and Charles Wilson at The Military Bowl in Annapolis, Maryland. Wake defeated Temple with a final score of 34 - 26.

Alumni Articles

Brothers,

It is my distinct pleasure to write to you about Brother Zachary Pipkorn (ΘT 1150) of the Class of 2015. As of November 19th, 2016, Zac is commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, making him a third generation serviceman. For those of us that know Zac, we know how long he has wanted such an esteemed position, how hard he has worked, and how many obstacles he was able to overcome to be where he is today, serving our nation with honor.

Despite a few physical setbacks, including an ankle surgery that rendered him handicapped for a short period of time, and a deference of his dream for a little over a year after graduating from Wake Forest, Zac kept up his attitude and determination, and was admitted to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA in September of 2016. He spent the next 10 weeks in a grueling training course, that over half of the candidates in his class were dismissed from. But he passed with flying colors, and scored an exceedingly high score on his exit exams.

Now that his commissioning is complete, Zac has returned to Quantico for six months of infantry school, which he is expected to graduate from in June of this year. Excluding all of the long days, late nights, and physical pain, his social media pages show him tossing grenades, firing off M2 .50 caliber machine guns, and MK19 grenade launchers - if only we could be so lucky! There is no other job like it in this country.

From infantry school, he hopes to continue on to flight school in his home state of Florida. The good Lord, Wake Forest, and Lambda Chi Alpha have blessed us with men like Zac who continue to protect our land, sea and sky on behalf of freedom and democracy. So I hope you will join me in prayer and supplication that He will continue to protect Zac in all his endeavors, both foreign and domestic, in years to come.

In ZAX,

Noland Griffith (ΘT 1136)



From left to right: Zac's grandfather, Zac, and Zac's father, at his graduation ceremony in November 2016. Brothers Noland Griffith and Kyle Adamson were also in attendance.



Alumni News

Brother Jordan Schuler recently accepted a job as an Associate for an oil and gas private equity firm in Houston, TX, leaving his analyst role at Credit Suisse.

Brother Eric Schmid was accepted to and will be attending Boston College Law School, beginning July 2017.

Brother Taylor Heys is engaged to be married to Caroline Dodd in May 2017 in Kansas City, MO.

Brother Blake Rutledge is engaged to be married to Hailey Hershberger in Sept. 2017 in Los Angeles, CA

Brother Nick Woodcock recently accepted a job as an Analyst with the Man Group in Charlotte, NC, leaving his role at BB&T in Winston Salem.

Have Alumni News for the next Tauker? Send your updates to sweemb14@wfu.edu

Whether it be a new job, graduation from graduate school, engagement, marriage, birth, move to a new location, or any other important update, we want to hear about it and share it with the rest of the brotherhood.

High Pi & TTAA President's Report



Brothers,

As many of you know, I am currently serving in the role of High Pi (chapter alumni advisor) and TTAA President, and I feel I am struggling to fulfill my duties in both arenas.

To alumni both young and old, the TTAA could really use your help. If any of you would like to take an active role on the TTAA Board of Directors, no matter how small or large, we would welcome your service with open arms. We have a very good chapter that continues to lead the school in both GPA and organizational leadership.

If you have not heard the news, a few brothers did not use proper judgement in recent months and violated the terms of the chapter's probation, which Lambda Chi Alpha nationals has now extended through 2018. The young men responsible have been suspended from fraternity activity through the end of the year.

The TTAA will be meeting soon to discuss how the chapter will operate in the future, but it is my hope that all of you will continue to support the chapter in every way. Let it be known that in my last fraternity advisor meeting, I asked the Director of Greek Life how many fraternities were being investigated and she said "11 out of 12". I truly believe that Wake Forest is cracking down on fraternity life.

I will be posting the sanctions from the national office on our new website, which I hope you will all visit for further chapter news and updates (<http://theta-tau.org/>).

In ZAX,
Frank McNally, ΘT 1175
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2017 Wake 'N Shake



From left: Theta-Tau brothers Garret Barnes, Mike Hanamarian, Graham Gilliam, Ray Villani, Alex Macre. All five were executive members at Wake's biggest philanthropy event. The event raised over \$330,000 for cancer research, and Lambda Chi led all fraternities in fundraising with \$16,464 raised. Thank you to all who supported us!

High Rho Report



Brothers,

I am honored to have been elected as this year's Alumni Relations chairman for the Theta Tau chapter and am looking forward to serving for the next semester. I encourage all of you to visit our new and improved website at <http://theta-tau.org/> for chapter news and updates, as well as

photographs of the brotherhood in action.

As High Rho, I serve as the link between the current brothers of the chapter and our large alumni base. One goal I have is to formally create an Alumni Advisory Board (AAB). The AAB would serve to improve the operations of the chapter and advise executive members on important decisions related to internal and external affairs. With the current state of our chapter, input from alumni both young and old is more valuable than ever.

This new board is intended to provide a medium through which alumni and brothers can work together with greater facility. Numerous brothers, young and old, have reached out to me looking to get involved already, and I hope to grow the AAB as large as possible. Please reach out to me via the contact information below if you have any interest in serving, no matter the capacity.

I appreciate your continued dedication to our chapter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email (sweemb14@wfu.edu) with any questions or concerns you may have.

In ZAX,
Matt Sweeney ΘT 1218