

# Kappa Sigma

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## Homecoming 1997

On Saturday October 25, 1997 The Alumni Association held its Semiannual meeting. The meeting was attended by about 13 Alumni and members of the active Colony. The meeting was very positive. The attitude of all was optimistic. Although we have met with many obstacles we have overcome them all and are still moving forward. A new poster and ad campaign was developed and presented to all. The Fiat Lux, Campus Center Blue Screens and mass E-mailing will also be used to get the message out. We will address rumors quickly and aggressively.

The renovation plans of the Party and Chapter rooms were welcomed and agreed upon. The funds of which still need to be raised.

The Alumni Association will gain full control of the house the day after graduation and begin with the cleanup and renovations so that when the active colony returns to campus for Fall 1998 they will be able to move right in and once again our letters will be on the house. We will have the best house in the valley and Alcohol will no longer play a major role in parties.

Mark Mattar started the fund raising campaign with a jolt. He pledged to match up to \$20,000.00 in donations for the renovation fund.

The meeting ended very upbeat. All were pleased with the progress and are now looking towards the next 5 years.

Saturday evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. In a short period of time the colony learned the Initiation ritual and brothered new brother Edwin Perez and three honoraries: Todd Metzger, James Maire, and Adam Gates.

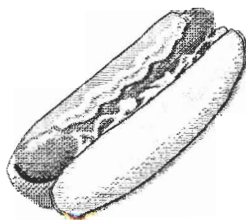
## Congratulations!!

Congratulations and welcome to our new Brothers who were brothered on Saturday October 25, 1997.

Edwin Perez KE 1356  
Todd Metzger KE 1344  
James Maire KE 1345  
Adam "Gator" Gates KE 1346

**The Board of Directors  
would like to wish  
all of our brothers &  
their families a  
Happy, Healthy  
Holiday Season & a  
Prosperous New Year!!**

**Hot Dog  
Weekend  
April 25, 1998**



## Matching Donation Challenge Made.

**ATTENTION!! ALL LAMBDA CHI'S FROM KAPPA SIGMA ZETA!!!** A Challenge has been made to the Brothers of our chapter.

Mark Mattar, KE1073 has pledged to match up to \$20,000.00 in donations for Renovation Phase II. He will match any donation that comes to the Alumni Association between October 25, 1997 and May 1, 1998 up to a grand total of \$20,000.00.

Mark, who graduated from Alfred University in 1982 with a degree in Ceramic Engineering is Owner and President of FEDMET in Buffalo, New York. He has returned to Alfred on several occasions over the past few years and has enjoyed the camaraderie of brotherhood. Learn more about what Mark has been up to since leaving Alfred, with his wife Janet, in 1982 in an article in this issue of the Kappa Sigma.

**LET'S MEET  
THE CHALLENGE!!**

## NOTICE!!

*Receiving the Kappa Sigma for the first time in years? If so, see From the Editor in this issue for an explanation. Keep us informed about your address and life. Your brothers want to know.*

# ALCOHOL & ALFRED

Five years ago when we lost our charter one of the major reasons for it was violations of the National's Risk Management policies. In plain English beer. When the Alumni banned together to work and bring back our chapter to the Alfred campus we made a commitment that Alcohol will no longer be our selling feature.

One major concern that was discussed at the Alumni Association meeting was the alcohol on campus. Alcohol is still flowing freely at many Greek parties. Several weeks ago a University Fraternity and a Tech Fraternity were raided by the Alfred Police. Several Brothers were arrested for serving minors. This will continue to happen as the residents of Alfred get more and more disgusted with students pissing in their bushes and acting rudely and obnoxious at late hours.

The time has come for the University administration and Trustees to take a stance on the alcohol issues. They must now set the guidelines that the Greek community as a whole must follow. Those that don't should be abolished.

The Greek Community under the guidance of Paul Kingsbury has made many advances but they have still not come up with how to control the Alcohol. The local Greeks are in violation of State and Federal laws and the National Greeks are in violation of not only State and Federal laws but they are also in violation of their National rules.

If the Greek system does not change their alcohol policies then Lambda Chi will have an even harder time recolonizing. With the renovation of the house we will be able to offer an alternative to drinking. A party room that offers all the modern conveniences for a good time. Excluding alcohol.

The time has come for our alumni to speak up and be heard. I urge each and every one of you to sit down and write a letter to the Trustees and President Coll urging them to set the guidelines that ALL Alfred Greeks must follow in order to remain recognized by Alfred University.

Alfred will not be leading the world in this. Many campuses have done this. Some colleges have done

## Financially Speaking

As we enter our last year as landlords I am happy to say that all is well. Except for the areas of the house that were not renovated 5 years ago the house is in good condition. Plans are currently under way for renovation 1998. These plans include the renovation of the chapter, party, and TV rooms along with the kitchen and the sleeping porch. New flooring, lighting, sound system, and furniture will be purchased for these areas. The estimated cost for this is \$40,000.00. currently we have raised over \$3,000.00. We are a long way off. We need your help. Many have donated their time over the past 5 year working towards getting our fraternity back on the Alfred campus. Some have contributed money to this renovation fund. Unfortunately we have not heard from the majority of you. The current challenge that was made by Mark Mattar is a challenge we can no afford to ignore. Meet the challenge. please, dig into your pockets and make a donation to the Alumni Association so we can get our chapter house back in good condition and help the colony to become the strongest fraternity on campus.

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even more. Some have banned the entire Greek Community while others have forced their campuses and the Greeks to go dry.

Alfred needs to be somewhere in between, and now is the time for us to speak up and be the driving force. Without this our recolonization will be very difficult. We will make it but it will not be easy.

So take those few minutes and sit down and write a letter. It will help the future of Lambda Chi Alpha at Alfred University.



A heartfelt thanks goes to those brothers who have donated to the Alumni Association during 1997. As we end our time as Landlords to non brothers we are moving into a different gear. We must complete the renovations that were started 5 years ago. The Chapter and Party rooms are in need of some major work. We need to raise almost \$40,000.00. We are on our way but there is a long way to go. We have the best physical house in Alfred and the strongest brotherhood. We need to provide an environment that will attract today's students without the use of alcohol.

I hope to see this list grow in 1998. Mark Mattar KE 1073 will match every dollar donated to the Association between now and May 1, 1998. So, if you have not yet donated please dig into your pockets and send what you can. Your donation now will count as double thanks to Mark. Please don't put it off we need your help now. Thanks to 1997 donors:

John Badgley  
Steve Coleman  
Lou DiCesare  
Dale Edwards  
Mitch Feldman  
Paul Fleischner  
Daniel Foster  
Dave Fuertsch  
Mike "Jerry" Garcia  
Lou Gigliello  
Jeffrey Harger  
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# Mark Mattar

## An Alfred Success Story

In Spring 1978 I pledged Lambda Chi Alpha. KE 1073

We had a great pledge class. The name on my brush was "Zero". It is funny the things you remember about the good old times. Bev the cook. My big Brother - Scott "Dick" Howard. My roommates - Mark "Scooter" Rizzuto, and Mark Maillie - a room with three Marks. Howie Lockhart came back often when we were pledging. He and George Thompson would sleep on the bar to guard the tap from any outside invaders. The brothers band and the song Jeff Miller helped write - I love techies, they have a lot to say, how's the weather, and what's the price of hay, I want to marry a techie, a girl with.....

I only lived in the house one semester - the first semester of my Junior year. My grades were never very good but living in the House really made them suffer. I failed out. I could not master Calculus, and since you need Calculus for Physics, I failed both classes. My advisor told me I should take up a trade and never come back to Alfred.

I transferred to the Tech for one semester. Many people on the "U" Campus never knew I was not going to school with them. I even kept my chairman position on one of the Student Government Committees.

I moved to Alfred Station with two other brothers - Dave Geibel - his best line - Gal, I love you cus you're the only one - and Bob "Blaze" Pulos. We had a great place. Blaze's father owned it. We always watched "Mash" after dinner, every Tuesday night was card night. Blaze was a teacher and he looked very green several mornings when he drove off to work.

I was Secretary of the house for 1 or 2 years. I enjoyed being part of the group that managed the house.

I purchased a motorcycle and drove all over with "Quick" Carl Woodward. I often took the bike over the hills to St. Bonaventure where my girlfriend was studying.

I married Janet after my Junior year. Scooter was in my wedding party. Reality soon set in. I needed to graduate and get a job. We moved into Almond and lived in a blue trailer. My grades got much better.

Jan and I spent lots of time at the house. The house meal plan was the cheapest way for us to eat. There was a great group of Pinochle card players and we played often especially with Dave "Wheatly" Walker, Dave "Hondo" Henderson, Mike Rivkin, and Dave Beckwith.

I graduated as a Ceramic Engineer after completing the 4 1/2 year plan in January 1982.

US. Steel made me a job offer I could not refuse so we moved off to Gary, Indiana. I was the Ceramic Engineer for the second largest steel plant in the U.S.A., and I loved my job. USS had a great training program. I quickly learned more than most metallurgists know about steelmaking. I also started on my M.B.A. at this time.

In the early 1980's the US steel industry was very sick and in 1985 my position was eliminated.

My next job was with Nalco Chemical. I was Project Manager in charge of Marketing a product line to the mini-mill section of the steel industry. Again, I was very lucky because Nalco had a great marketing and sales training program. I was in school 3-4 days each month. We moved to Naperville, IL - a thriving western suburb of Chicago.

In 1988, I started a new job with a company importing ceramics from Austria. We represented the largest Magnesite Refractory Company in the world - Veitscher. I made frequent trips to Europe and traveled extensively throughout the USA selling and servicing the products. I was again lucky because one of the Veitscher products worked great and we developed an 85% market share. I got to know many of the key people in the Steel industry and many became close friends. I finished my MBA in 1988.

In 1994 I started my own company with a friend. FEDMET resources was the first and is the largest exporter from China of finished industrial Ceramic used in the steel industry. I design and market the products and my partner who speaks Chinese works with our manufacturing facilities in China. I travel to China 2-3 times per year and my partner goes there 5-8 times each year. We sell our products around the globe.

You can find out about FEDMET at [WWW.FEDMET.COM](http://WWW.FEDMET.COM)

*In 1994, Janet and I moved to Buffalo. We have 3 girls - Leanne 11, Julianne 9, Dianne 5. Living in Buffalo allows them to be close to all their grandparents and gives us some extra baby-sitting help.*

*Lambda was my home for four years and my best friends were Lambda Chi's. The House files were helpful, but I could not have graduated without the help of my brothers, especially John Kelso and Dave Johnston.*

*My donation to the Housing Corporation is dedicated to all the brothers that worked so hard to bring the chapter back to life, especially Mitch "Marty" Feldman. their efforts have been and continue to be tremendous. I have met most of the current Alfred Brothers and they deserve a First Class house. Lambda Chi should be housed in a First Class House because Lambda Chi Alpha IS a First Class Fraternity.*

*Watch for upcoming  
club meetings in your  
area.*

*Attend any club  
meeting and meet new  
brothers or renew an  
old friendship.*

*Interested in hosting a  
club meeting in your  
area? Contact any  
Board member for  
information.*

*It's easy, it's fun.*

## NEW YORK CITY CLUB MEETING



On Friday, October 17th the New York City Club held its second meeting at Chelsea Commons in Manhattan. Those in attendance included, John Badgley, Russell Berger, Mitch Feldman, Jeff Flamman and his wife Darcy, Mike "Jerry" Garcia, Irwin Kotcher, Mitch Orenstein, and Richard Widdicombe. Scrapbooks of past years were present and brought up many good times that were had.

Everyone in attendance had a good time and enjoyed reminiscing and talking about the good old days at Alfred.

Watch your mailbox for notices of future club meetings. If you would like to hold an area club meeting please write to the Alumni Association for a list of Alum in your area.

## From The Editor

You may be receiving the Kappa Sigma for the first time in many years. If this is so WELCOME BACK! Over the past two years I have been working to try to get our mailing list up to date. Each year we have gotten closer and have found more and more brothers, thanks to the help of the University, National and other brothers.

If you are receiving the newsletter for the first time in quite a while there is much news. Let us know and I will send you back issues of the Kappa Sigma and bring you up to date. The Alumni Association currently has four mailings per year. *Keep in touch, Keep informed!!*

## Missing Brothers

We are currently trying to locate the following brothers. If you know the whereabouts of any one on this list please let us know. We want to keep everyone up to date on the happenings of Lambda Chi and the brothers.

Ernesto Acosta  
Nelson Albrecht  
Mark Anderson  
Stuart Atha III  
Michael Bender  
Randall Boiko  
Randolph Bray  
Roger Brex  
Lowell Bunnell  
Jay Byrne  
Andrew Cole  
Sam Crosby  
David Daignault  
Walter F. Davis  
Edward C. Dean  
Richard Dunne  
Ralph Duttonhoefer  
Gary Fam  
Curt Fischer  
Paul Fisher  
William Fox  
James Freney  
Louis Fuhrmann  
John Germain  
Nabil Ghorra  
Georges Ghorra  
Sgt. M. E. Grace  
Charles Greene  
George Gregory  
Alexander Griffith  
William Hannell  
Lee Hedges  
Robert Helliesen  
James Hentschel  
John B. Hoffman  
William Hopkins  
Thomas Hughes  
Allen Jacobs  
Donald Jalbert  
Johathan Jedel  
Robert Johnson

Michael Johnson  
Joseph Kintoki  
David Kopp  
Dyer B. Lake  
Michael Landsittel  
Joseph Lucente  
James Marshon  
David S. Martin  
Arlie McGuire  
Francis McNeerney  
Daniel C. McNeerney  
Rod Melendez  
Paul Petit  
Richard Range  
Robert Rao  
Robert Reitz  
Charles Robins  
Michael Same  
Gunnar Sandnes  
Walter Schlehr  
Robert Seiffert  
Frank L. Smith  
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Raymond R. Smith  
Charles K. Snyder  
William H. Streat  
Gregory Szejd  
Jerold Thomas  
Robert Tite  
Richard E. Vlasak  
Joseph E. Vollers, Jr.  
James Kelly Voltmer  
Hien Do Vu  
Robert L. Wade  
Paul J. Webster  
Paul Weiss, Jr.  
Ross West  
Floyd Whitaker  
Clark Whitman  
Homer C. Wilkins  
Smith Wright  
Jeffrey Yigdall

**LET'S MEET  
THE  
CHALLENGE!!  
DONATE  
TODAY!!**

**Please help us find our missing  
brothers!**



# An Open Letter

Dear Brothers,

I have just returned home from Homecoming weekend 1997 and felt that I needed to share some thoughts, feelings and hopes concerning the KE chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at Alfred University.

Twenty four years ago I was a freshman and a pledge of Lambda Chi (we were called pledges, remember?). I went to my first homecoming weekend activities. "Omar" was the personification of our energy, enthusiasm, industry and brotherhood, although at the time, I really didn't have a full appreciation of all those things.

If you haven't returned to campus recently, you should. There are a great many changes to see. There are also far more memories there to visit and embrace. Walk around campus and down Main Street. You will not be unaffected. This weekend I had the companionship of my sons, 11 and 15 years old. Perhaps as a result, the importance of where we (Lambda Chi) were, what we have been through and where we are headed became clear. My sons may or may not attend Alfred. That is their decision. But, in any event, each year a new class of freshman will arrive and repeat much of what we did on our watch. Some will join Fraternities. The best will become Lambda Chi's. That is my point.

The current brothers of Lambda Chi are working hard to keep the colony alive. I have met them and they are as good a group as we ever were. They have faced serious difficulties. A class of 8 perspective's evaporated down to a class of ONE, the result of rumors concerning the chapter house, its ownership and our occupancy of it. Beginning with the Fall '98 semester we will be back in OUR house. **IT NEEDS RENOVATION!** Think back to your time at AU. Where would the Chapter have been without the house (Whichever one you were in) and without the house being everything we were the best there was. These renovations will not come cheap. We need nearly \$14,000.00 by April 1998 to renovate and equip the party room. I was there this past weekend. It is **NECESSARY**. Imagine your years at Lambda Chi without the Party Room. **GET THE POINT?** The Chapter Room is in need of major work as well. The balance of the house needs sprucing up. Luckily, most of the physical plant has already been renovated due to the efforts of the last five years. The total bill for the remaining project is nearly \$36,000.00. We currently have over 1350 brothers of our Chapter. I was never really good at math but my calculator tells me that's about **\$25.00 per brother**. **TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS** is beer money for most of us. I'll bet that nearly half of us spend more than that on lunch at least once or twice a month.

A brother recently asked, tell me why I should help? He pondered that maybe it (Lambda Chi) was for a different time, a different era. It is not enough, he felt, if the help is just so we have a chapter house to visit on infrequent occasions. Well, I have a reason. The future brothers should have the same chance that we had. I learned a lot by becoming a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha. I carry it with me every day. Most of the time I don't think about it but it is there. Usually I'm too busy with my family, career, household chores and other commitments. Most of my memorabilia of Lambda Chi and AU fell victim of many moves and a divorce. (Stuff disappears when that happens.) But those things are only trinkets. My real possessions from my time as an active brother of Lambda Chi are deep within me. They are inside each of us.

If you can't visit the campus, look up another brother and call him. Take a little time. Shut out all the serious distractions our lives provide. Look inside. Think about the brothering ceremony. Remember all that being a brother of Lambda Chi and our chapter meant to you. Think about why you "could have pledged all year and pledged and pledged some more". I am sure you will find those reasons, stored unconsciously in your heart, mind and soul. Once you have found them, wrap yourself up in them. Then, listen to yourself and do what you know is right. Help to the best of your ability. Brotherhood is what it has always been about.

Yours in ZAX,

Tom Nicotera, KE 952

## Irwin Kotcher has Merri Moments

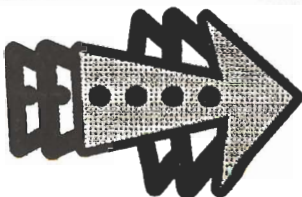
After spending 13 years in the advertising industry, handling accounts such as Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, Sheraton, Roy Rogers, and Konica, to name a few, Irwin KE 950 and his wife started a premium/advertising specialty company named Merri Moments, Inc.

Merri Moments has two divisions. The company started out by supplying stationery, forms, business cards, Christmas cards for both individuals and businesses. Two and a half years ago, the company started supplying it's clients with all types of promotional products and advertising specialties. These items include, but are not limited to shirts and hats (both screened and embroidered) magnets, gym bags, coffee mugs, food products, crystal awards, portfolios, pens, stress balls, just to name a few.

Whether you are looking for an item to give away at a trade show, include in a mailing, Christmas gift to customers or employees, or a recognition program, Merri Moments can provide the right item for all your needs. Representing over 4500 different companies that offer close to 500,000 different products, there is virtually no product that can't be customized for a specific need.

Irwin has made a generous pledge to donate a % of all sales that he gets from Brothers to the Alumni Association. So, feel free to give Brother Kotcher a call at (516)825-7524.

**Hot Dog  
Weekend &  
Association  
Meeting  
April 25, 1998  
Meet the Colony**



## Renovation Phase II

The day after Alfred University's Graduation 1998 we will take back our house. What this means is that the Alumni Association will once again have full control over the entire building as compared to leasing the entire building to a single entity.

What does this mean. Well for one thing it means that WE ARE BACK! Brothers from our fraternity will be able to live in the house starting this summer. The balance of the rooms will be filled with University students. The colony has already started to sell space and the University is trying to fill some rooms for us with graduate interns. In either case the house should be filled for the 1998/1999 academic year.

Once we take back the house the renovation phase II must kick in. The Chapter, Party, and TV rooms along with the kitchen must be renovated. These areas are in need of new flooring, ceilings, wall coverings, furniture and equipment such as sound, video and security items to help assure the success of the Colony.

Along with this work the entire house will undergo a thorough cleaning, painting, and general sprucing up. We have kept on top of major repairs over the years but certain items do need some attention. New shower heads will be installed in every bathroom, mica board will be installed above each shower to stop mildew problems, a new master key system will be installed on all doors to provide additional security for all tenants. Money for these items have been reserved and the work will begin immediately upon our taking over the house.

The money for the Chapter, Party and TV rooms is what we need your help on. Without these renovations the Colony will have a very difficult time surviving and competing with the other houses. The Colony has enough on its plate trying to support the house and all of its upkeep. It is up to the Alumni to help make this work. Without Alumni

support this renovation can not take place.

I urge each and every one of you to look into your hearts and remember the good times that Lambda Chi provided you with and what Lambda Chi did for you. Once this is done support it in whatever way you can. No donation is to small. With the matching gift that is before us we can not lose. Let us show the new brothers what brotherhood is all about. Remember the Bridge Builder?

An old man, going a lone highway,  
came at the evening, cold and gray,  
to a chasm vast and deep and wide;  
the old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
the sullen stream had no fear for him;  
but he turned when safe on the other side  
and built a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"you are wasting your strength with building  
here;  
your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
you've crossed the chasm deep and wide;  
why build you this bridge at evening tide?"  
The builder lifted his gray old head ----  
"good friend, in the path I have come, " he said,  
"there followeth after me today,  
a youth whose feet must pass this way;  
this chasm that has been naught to me  
to that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
he, too, must cross in the twilight dim ----  
good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

Will Allen Dromgoole

**Give today!! Your support is  
greatly needed and will be  
greatly appreciated!!**

## Contact the Colony

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Alfred, New York 14802  
They would love to hear from you.

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SEND YOUR DONATION TODAY!!**

# THOUGHTS FROM OUR NEW BROTHER!

By Edwin Perez KE 1356

I thought it would be nice to share my story as the only Associate for the fall semester 1997.

It all began with my dream to be a part of something that is important; values which I believe go beyond that of the ordinary with men that share those values and who I was to call brothers later on.

The Associate Ritual took me for a wild ride. At first I was expecting to go through the ritual alone. Then the possibility of having some other students join me on my journey got me excited even more; however, this meant postponing the ritual another day. It was a great disappointment for me because it always seems that whenever there best thing in my life is going to happen, it ends up out of my reach. Perhaps the greatest disappointment was finding out that the others students that would have joined me never did. I went through the ritual a complete nervous wreck not knowing what would happen, but knowing it would all be done soon and that it was the first step in joining the Fraternity I have become so fond of, respected, admired, and had so much faith in because of what it stands for.

Associating had its ups and downs, but mostly ups. I immediately began to feel the sense of belonging and before long I grew anxious and only wanted to be a part of Lambda Chi Alpha even more. Through the Big Brother sessions, hanging out as a group, the Ped, and my position as High Iota (Risk Manager) I was able to learn that Lambda Chi meant business. I immediately began to work on things for Risk Management and made it a priority to learn the Creed. The only thing that was slowing me down was the fact that I was not yet a fully initiated member yet. With a hungry mind I would interrogate the active brothers of Kappa Sigma Zeta only to run into walls at times; all I heard was "you will have to wait until your brothering." Now my anxiety grew more.

The day of Initiation come around. It is Homecoming weekend which means a lot of work for the parade, some community service, initiation, and a celebration afterwards. To me it meant having to follow a list of things to do. Everything from haircut to boxers, to getting ready in a period of 5 hours. I started becoming nervous when the list of things to do was not getting any shorter any time soon.

It took one argument with my roommate to destroy my mood for the one night that would change my life forever. Sadly, I was upset most of the night. Things began to overwhelm my mind. I was nervous. What is going to happen in there behind closed doors; was I only going to learn the secret I have been wanting to learn or was there something else. I heard someone tell me before going into the Gothic that night. "do not worry about your problems, your wish is soon to come true - IF you make it through the night." What would happen in there that would take away the possibility of being brothered? The long TWO HOUR wait seemed endless, but it was made shorter by the company of 3 Honoraria's and the most magnificent people of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Now we were taken upstairs and prepared for our journey. Needless to say we were practically frozen. I became nervous as words filled my ears and mind in what seemed like a matter of seconds. So much to learn, so little time. Then it was THAT. you guys know what it was. I almost had a nervous breakdown. It was not because of the idea of what happened, but because of the idea that I thought I would not be allowed into the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity because of a wrong decision.

It was over. Never did I feel so proud before John Badgley placed the brother pin over my heart. Never did I feel so much a part of something until we sang our song, the Brothers song, together strongly and in the name of Lambda Chi Alpha. I was now truly, a fully initiated brother.

# COLONY PROGRESSES POSITIVELY

By: Tom Skopayko KE1353  
High Beta

The semester has moved by so quickly for the brotherhood. However in its quickness we have achieved quite a bit of success. The first of these being the initiation of Edwin Perez, who has become a great asset to the Fraternity. Not much before initiation we participated in the homecoming parade with Delta Zeta Sorority and successfully won with our beautiful float. Not long after homecoming we also participated in the North American Food Drive (sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha National Fraternity), in doing so we accumulated approximately 2500 pounds of food mostly donated by local businesses. There was a contest on campus to see which group could raise the most nonperishable food in pounds and Norwood Hall won the first prize pizza party. The food was then donated to the Hornell Salvation Army in hopes of distribution to the needy of the area.

Along the same lines we participated in WORM week by handing out worms at the homecoming game. Student activities this semester sponsored a community service contest in which the fraternity that gained the most hours of community service by December 12th would win one hundred dollars that would be donated to the charity of their choice. Our goal was to win it but Sigma Alpha Mu won, but we weren't far behind in second place.

On a brighter note the brothers have adopted a highway along Route 17 near Belmont in hopes of showing the community that we are back. The fraternity is also, along with 7 other cosponsors supporting the 1998 A.I.D.S. Walk. Along with these activities we have also been busy in representing ourselves very well if I may say at the Student Senate and the I.F.C. Mind you it is quite hard sitting at an I.F.C. meeting and listening about nothing more than ways to dismiss and avoid the new tapping policy which is optional.

However, besides this it looks like we are here to stay and with the continuous help from the University toward this new open tapping policy we are going to keep moving forward actively pursuing and increasing our numbers as next semester approaches. This in turns means that **LAMBDA CHI ALPHA IS HERE TO STAY!**

## A Word from High Phi

As you may have heard, the brothers of Kappa Sigma Zeta have started the expansion of our Colony with the successful initiation of Edwin Perez, KE 1356. While we were hoping for higher numbers, we are anything but disappointed in the quality of what we got. Edwin has been the perfect first Associate (Guinea pig), in that he was eager to learn, and understanding of our lack of experience. In the end, we all gained from our association by achieving a stronger, more confident brotherhood.

Now that I have shared the news of our new brother, I would like to those alumni that came to the aid of their fellow brothers when we were in a bit of a tangle. We had planned on having the Mansfield Chapter come and do the initiation on homecoming so that we could have more brothers in attendance. We thought that everything was going as planned. Then, three days before we were to brother, the carpet was pulled from under us when we found out that Mansfield could not perform the ceremony. Now, with many brothers expecting to see the ritual performed, we had no choice but to do it ourselves. In the next three days, we were able to practice the complete ritual about five times. As the final day arrived we neared our starting time and nervously got prepared. We wondered if we could actually do this ceremony which most of us had only seen the one time that we where brothered. I am now glad to say that we did indeed pull together as a brotherhood to put on a near flawless rendition of the ritual.

I would like to thank those that helped to make the weekend a success. If we did not realize it before, we now see that this organization we got ourselves involved in less than one year ago, is one that will be with us for the rest of our lives. Hopefully we too will be able to help the lives of future Lambda Chi's the way we have been helped by all of you. Thank You!!

Yours in ZAX,  
Oren Kuhn, KE 1352  
High Phi

## ALFRED INTRODUCES NEW GREEK POLICIES

On November 9th, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Greek System Advisor, Paul Kingsbury introduced a new University tapping policy. Under the old policy, each Fraternity participated in a formal rush, usually the third week of the semester, and tapped their new members on the Friday of that week. After this date no new members could be brought into the Fraternity until the next semester. Under the new policy, Fraternities and Sororities have the option to bring in new members whenever they decide to. The only limitations are that Association cannot begin before the first tapping date set by IFC, and all Associations must be over before the second to last week of classes. Association of any individual man or woman may not last more than six weeks.

While Delta Zeta and Lambda Chi Alpha are the only two Greek organizations currently in favor of the new policy, Dean Kingsbury has made it clear that the new policy is here to stay. In a letter to all Greek Presidents he said "Although the majority of Fraternities and Sororities are vehemently opposed to these processes, growth and progress should not and can not be hindered in support of the "status quo" and lethargy. We, as members of fraternal organizations, must be prepared to meet the changing needs of our potential members. To do anything else is to invite extinction."

Next semester the colony plans to take full advantage of the new policy. We also plan to fully participate in formal rush. Since most Fraternities will not choose to take the option of having more than one class of new members, IFC still plans to set a formal rush week. However, after the set IFC tapping date we will continue to associate new members as we find them. This will help us significantly in trying to reach the chartering standard of membership numbers. Currently that is the only standard that we are having trouble with. Brian Durand, Director of Chapter Services, from the International Headquarters will visit Alfred in January to help kick off next semester's recruitment program. We are very psyched about the new tapping policy and can't wait to start implementing it.

Yours in ZAX,  
Greg Allen, KE 1351  
High Alpha

## The 47TH General Assembly

On June 20-23 the 47TH General Assembly of Lambda Chi Alpha will be under way. This is the first General Assembly that Kappa Sigma Zeta will be attending since the shutdown. This year the Assembly will take place at the Marriott's Camelback Inn in Scottsdale, Arizona. All alumni are welcomed to attend the Assembly. During the Assembly an Alumni Conference will also be convened. Several Alumni from this conference will be selected to sit as full voting members in the General Assembly. At the Assembly, amendments to the Constitution, Statutory Code, and the Ritual will be voted on. New members of the Grand High Zeta will also be elected, including a Grand High Alpha. Kappa Sigma and several of its brothers have also been nominated for fraternity awards which will be presented during the Assembly Awards Banquet. Alumni delegates will be charged \$392.00 for a 3 night package or \$424.00 for a 4 night package. This price includes registration fees, meals, and the hotel room. There is an extra \$32.00 charge for arriving on the 19th. If anyone would like more information please contact me at 607-871-3981 or at LAMBDA CHI@Bigvax.Alfred.Edu.

Yours in ZAX,

Greg Allen KE 1351  
High Alpha

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The Board would like to thank Lou DiCesare and Scott VanWoert for their dedication to the Board as Vice President and Secretary during these trying times. As they continue to serve as Board Members we are sure we can count on their experience and knowledge in years to come.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following outgoing board members Matt Culley and Ernie Germano for a job well done.  
**THANKS!!**

Yours in ZAX,  
The Board of Directors

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# *From The President*

The idea of "Fraternity" is one rooted in years of mystery and lore. However, it is as relevant today--as it was in the early days. Young men still need to join together in a common bond to learn from each other and mature. Yes, Fraternities are still relevant--but Fraternities have not stood still over time!

Fraternities have changed a great deal over the past years partially because of the needs of young men have changed--and partially because society and its laws have changed. Hazing--under aged drinking--irresponsible drinking--over litigious people--drugs--unsafe sex--sexual assault! All of these combine to create a new fraternal world--fraught with risk! This risk must be managed if Fraternities are to survive.

In my opinion, the key to success in this new Fraternal world is twofold. Firstly, there must be an absolutely involved and professional Alumni Association/Housing Corporation. Secondly, there must be an atmosphere of "managed self destiny".

The first point -- an involved and professional Alumni Association/Housing Corporation -- is a difficult subject to tackle. There needs to be a right combination of people on the Board of Directors, coupled with people in the organization that are interested in what happens, and are motivated to get involved in some way to benefit the Fraternity. In our case, the bulk of the Alumni Association seems to be neither terribly interested, nor significantly motivated. This remains despite the enormous dedication and effort of a precious few alumni. The task at hand is for you, the individual, to look inside yourself--remember the experience called Lambda Chi Alpha--and decide right now if you will take action. Did Lambda Chi Alpha give you enough that you feel that urge to give back to yet another generation? If you answer yes to this question, then you need to act now!

The second point -- the concept of "managed self destiny"-- is something that is quite new to us-- but is very important. It describes the interaction between an Alumni Association and the active chapter that it supports. In one sense, the Alumni Association must be able to direct, discipline, guide, and mentor the active chapter--while at the same time, that same Alumni Association must allow the active chapter to create its own self--its own personality! To a great extent, we have done well in this area as a whole but we have to assure that all Alumni support the chapters self creation.

We must all realize that we are not the members of the chapter--we must not live vicariously through the chapter--and we should not define the chapter too finitely. This is the job--the joy --of the active members: to create themselves! To ourselves, we owe fond memories: to the active chapter members, we owe the room to let them develop themselves, and the advice that may assist them in their effort!

Yours in ZAX.  
Steve Coleman KE 1105  
President

*Congratulations*

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Contact a brother today. Renew  
an old friendship. You'll be  
surprised how good you'll feel  
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else feel good.

# A Word From Our V.P.

I'll never forget the day the National broke the news to the Brotherhood that our charter had just been suspended...and later revoked. I came back from class to the rage and disorientation of our brothers, standing outside the house. Tears came to our eyes knowing how much we had built over 80 years, and how easy it was to lose in a matter of minutes.

It's difficult to conceive how big the thing is that we're a part of! Not only in terms of people, but in terms of *concept*. I am a proud Lambda Chi. I became a brother for a few reasons,...a connection to my father (since he and I don't see eye-to-eye on many other things), new friendships, and something to leave Alfred with that I would return to and be proud of.

Through the five years I have been involved in our return to Alfred, the same question has been raised: "Why should I be involved in the Alfred brotherhood?"...and that's a great question! You answer for yourself! What does it mean to you?!

But now Lambda Chi is back! The new colony needs our involvement! **NOW**. They only have 6 members to do **ALL** their rushing. They do the best they can, but they need our help! And the least we can do is attempt to give them a fighting chance to have what we had!

Our brother, Mark Mattar of Buffalo has made a challenge to match dollar-for-dollar any funds we raise between now and May 1, 1998, up to \$20,000.00! The proceeds will go to the remodeling of the party room in the chapter house at Alfred, which will help the new colony rush and make the house better. This is an incredible opportunity for us to step up to bat! Let's accept this fundraising challenge as a brotherhood! If you can get in touch with the brother from your pledge class, graduating class, or from the years you attended Alfred, you can present your funds together. We would only love to recognize your success!

Take care, and good luck in all your pursuits.

Yours in ZAX,  
John S. Badgley, KE 1335  
Vice President

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Please include any additional information that you would like to have included in the next issue of the Kappa Sigma Newsletter.

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# AULAMBDA

## "Keeping Lambda Chi's Connected"

Many brothers have commented on how good the Internet connection has been. Several brothers have found other brothers that they have lost contact with over the years and have been able to, through the Internet, restarted these old friendships. If you are on-line just drop us a quick note with your address and you will be added to our list. The list is growing quickly we have almost 100 brothers on-line and I know that there are more of you out there.

In 1998 the active chapter will be publishing a full directory of all Alumna with their home addresses and Internet addresses. So, don't hesitate send us an E-mail today and get in touch with that Brother you have lost touch with. Please check your addresses below and let us know if there are any mistakes. If there is an \* next to your name, please check you address and let us know your correct one. Some servers are now becoming case sensitive (upper/lower). Thanks.

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## WELCOME BACK!!

Robert "Shep" Schilling KE1253  
After a false report of Robert's Death we are happy to announce he is alive and well and living in Kingsport, TN.

Shep invites any brother passing through to stop by for a visit. He lives just off Interstate 81 and always has a spare bed for a brother.

Sheps can be reached at  
rschilling@naxs.com

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Jamie Rigoni  
on his  
engagement to  
Laura Spooner

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Robert Steilen  
Recently sold his  
Buick/Pontiac/GMC Truck  
Dealership in Easthampton, NY.  
He is now retired and playing  
golf 7 days a week.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Geoffrey Hartman, President  
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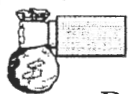
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Lou, Leslie & Bailey DiCesare  
on their new addition  
Christopher Michael  
born on September 1, 1997  
at 4:53 PM weighing in at  
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Steve & Sharon Coleman  
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6 lbs. 12.2 oz  
She joins Caliph, Julian and Jay.  
All are doing well.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

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Married in 1991 to Stacy Marie  
and has two sons  
Daniel III 2 & Justin Sebastian 1

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Mark Falzone  
as he starts his new  
position as Analyst with  
The Pillsbury Corp. in  
Minneapolis.  
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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Francis W. Stanton, Jr....  
on his retirement in 1994 from Proctor &  
Gamble after 30 years service. He started  
his own business, Stanton Information  
Research Service. in late 1994

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Aaron "Cody" Codispoti  
He will be working as Volunteer Coordinator for Rural Sanitation in La  
Paz, Bolivia for the next year. Cody has been working abroad for the  
Peace Corps for the past few years.  
You can reach Cody via E-mail at acodispoti@pcbo.ibw.com.ni

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other brothers, please pass it on so that it can be  
included on the board. Information about marriages,  
promotions, re-locations, births, awards, etc.... We  
want to know what everyone is up to. Remember  
this newsletter is for the Alumni.*