

# Alpha-Kappa Chats

## The Current Brothers and Associates of Lambda Chi Alpha Wish You a Merry Christmas!

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Greetings fellow brothers!

My name is Pat Patterson and I have taken Ken Engle's place as the new High Rho of our Alpha-Kappa Zeta Chapter. I am the son of Michael Patterson '82 AK 867. I am a junior English major with an Economics minor and a Business Sequence area of concentration. I am a member of the English Honors Society and I am currently a writing tutor for Wabash College.

Similar to any semester at Wabash, this fall semester has been filled with its ups and downs. Our brotherhood has intensified through weekly brotherhood events, a new True Brother education program for associates, our combined efforts at community service, and our supporting one another through the loss of freshman Patrick Woehner. The freshman class has proven to be an energetic group of individuals dedicated to the same ideals as our fraternity aspires. With the support and leadership of Lambda Chi Alpha players, the Wabash football team has ended yet another remarkable season. In addition, after almost 25 years of service, we say goodbye to our cook Barb Flaurr and welcome Patty Allmand as her replacement.

I plan on hosting various alumni events this upcoming spring semester. I look forward to hearing from and meeting each of you. As always, please feel free to stop by at anytime. On behalf of all the current brothers and associates, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Lambda Chi Alpha House



Current Brothers and Associates on Front Porch

### Special points of interest:

- True Brother education program
- New cook
- Freshman Patrick Woehner

## A Word From the High Alpha Emeritus and Our Current High Alpha



Brothers,

My name is Jason Siegel and I am the High Alpha Emeritus. When I became Alpha, my goal were to avoid contentedness and apathy and to help the house grow and progress towards its potential. Unfortunately, it will take a few semesters to determine if these efforts were fruitful. We had a very interesting year as we were faced with unique and sometimes difficult situations. From my position, it was amazing to see the strength of the house during those times.

The quality of Zeta is one of the most influential aspects of being Alpha. I would like to thank all of the officers who, through creativity and diligence, brought a great energy to the house. Our Beta scheduled weekly brotherhood events, our Theta increased philanthropy and incorporated a food drive into Watermelon Bust, our Kappa began implementation of the True Brother program, our Sigma found new ways of rewarding academic excellence and motivating others to excel, our house manager created the cleanest house that I have lived in here at Wabash, I can go on and on.

I am overall very happy with this round of elections and am excited to see what the new Zeta can do for the house.

I feel that the house is stronger and more unified than a year ago. I do not feel comfortable taking credit for that, but it has been enjoyable and educational observing our growth as a community from the High Alpha perspective.

In ZAX,  
Jason Siegel  
AK 1338



Brothers,  
My name is John X. Holmes and I am excited and proud to be the newly elected High Alpha of the Alpha Kappa Zeta Chapter. I am a junior Economics major with a Religion minor and a Business Sequence area of concentration. Since I have been a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, I have seen our past presidents and Zetas set excellent goals and standards for our house. In my opinion, through their leadership we have become the best fraternity at Wabash College.

I plan to work closely with our newly elected Zeta, as well as with alumni, faculty and our administration to make our great fraternity even stronger. I have been in contact with the Home Association President, Joe Folkening, and from what I gathered from him, the alumni are just as excited as the undergraduates are to see our continued success and leadership among fraternities on campus.

I have been meeting with our recently established cook committee and I am excited to announce that we have hired a

new cook to take over in the spring semester (more details in a later article). She will be replacing Barb Flaurr, who has been working here for 23 years. I have also been meeting with Dean Raters, discussing how we can continue to strive to be a great fraternity on campus, security issues dealing with locals, as well as safety issues and preventative measures for underage alcohol consumption.

Finally, I would like to thank the former High Alpha Jason Siegel for the job that he did. There were many issues that arose in his presidency and he handled them with excellence. He also made the transition for me as easy as possible, answering questions that I had and helping me whenever needed.

I look forward to meeting many of you. The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha welcome you to stop by at any time that any of us are at the fraternity house.

In ZAX,  
John X. Holmes  
High Alpha  
AK 1364



Brothers and Associates gathered for brotherhood event: Milk Chugging Contest

*“May we have pure hearts, that we may approach the ideal of perfect brotherly love”*



Brothers,  
It has been my privilege to serve as the High Beta the last year. During this time I have sought to improve house morale and brotherhood by increasing Phi Beta Kappa brotherhood events as well as having weekly brotherhood events which ranged from watching movies to milk chugging contests. I have also attempted to improve campus involvement. Last year we had an involvement rate of 32%. This year involvement has increased. Now, all but one member in the house is in at least one club or sport with the

average number of extracurricular being 2.4 clubs/ person.

In ZAX,  
Derek Woods  
AK 1344



Brothers,  
My name is Richard Fern. I am a Theater major with a Teacher Education minor as well as the newly elected High Beta. As High Beta, I want to focus on promoting brotherhood within the house. My goal is to create a greater sense of community within the house by

giving everyone opportunities to spend time together. Some ideas I have for brotherhood promoting activities are a house Family Feud, a type of capture the flag event, an Iron Chef cook off, etc. I believe that by participating in these events and learning more about one another we will promote the true brotherhood found in the creed. *“May we have pure hearts, that we may approach the ideal of perfect brotherly love.”*

In ZAX,  
Richard Fern  
AK 1387

### A Word From the High Beta Emeritus and Our Current High Beta

*“True Brother is a program that incorporates the ideals of our fraternity held dear since our founding”*



Brothers,  
My name is Kyle Hayes. I am currently a junior and just finished my term as High Kappa. I offered to write a short segment to explain a little about the new associate member education program. This program is known as True Brother and was unveiled at the Stead Leadership Seminar in Memphis, TN this past summer. I was one of the five brothers that attended from our chapter and learned more about this program before we implemented it this year. True Brother is a program that incorporates the ideals of our fraternity held dear since our founding, but organizes them into the seven-week associate member education program. This is an

awesome program because it finally allows for associate member education to be similar across the nation. The program ties one of the seven core values into the education for the week. I will break down the core values briefly to explain True Brother a little more.

The seven core values are Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Service and Stewardship, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. These make up the word LDRSHIP. Each week includes a story about the core value, which is addressed within the associate member meeting. This works in conjunction with the readings from the Paedagogus. Within week four, Service and Stewardship, local history is recommended. We still use the book “Yours, In ZAX”, written by Brother

Mark Rutherford. Also, beyond the core values, the True Brother program provides a little more about each officer as the weeks progress, allowing the associates more opportunities to learn about the workings of the house before they become brothers. If you have any further questions about the True Brother program, please feel free to contact me at [hayesk@wabash.edu](mailto:hayesk@wabash.edu). We look forward to the future of this program and its place within our fraternity.

In ZAX,  
Kyle Hayes  
AK 1356

## A Word from Our Current High Kappa / High Sigma Emeritus



Brothers,  
This past year as High Sigma has been a wonderful experience. My first semester entering the office we were third on campus behind Beta and Fiji. The next semester I began to focus on the time spent studying and attendance in class and saw great improve-

ment in overall house GPA, coming in a close second only 0.04 points behind Fiji's. Also, I began to stress that everyone be eligible for a Zeta position (2.67 semester GPA) and we currently have only four brothers in the house that are below that mark.

I recently was elected to the High Kappa position where I will focus on inching closer

towards being the men that we say we are. Through these efforts by our brothers, I believe that we can become a premier Lambda Chi Chapter and better men as we spring into the rest of our lives.

In ZAX,  
David Mann  
AK 1370

## A Word from Our High Theta



Brothers,  
Greetings from the High Theta! The Alpha-Kappa Zeta has always been a leader in community service on campus and continues to uphold this tradition. Upon taking office, I decided to challenge each member of the house by requiring at least five hours of community

service rather than the usual one hour. Not to my amazement, the Brothers and Associates pulled it off with no problem and everyone completed at least five hours. In fact, many of our members went beyond the required five.

So far this year, the members of our house have participated in many different community service projects including vol-

unteering at the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County, collecting more than 700 pound of canned food for the local food pantry at our annual Watermelon Bust, mentoring and tutoring underprivileged children in local schools, giving swim lessons, and many other projects. Service and stewardship, one of our Fraternity's seven core values, has truly



Brothers and Associates at the Boys and Girls Club of Montgomery County

been exemplified throughout this semester. There is no doubt in my mind that this trend will continue next semester.

The men of Lambda Chi Alpha have not only been working hard to give back to

the community in which we live, we have also hosted events such as the Faculty Dinner, Campus Services Luncheon, and Career Services informational lunch.

This semester's Faculty Dinner was a huge success. We had nearly 45 members of the Wabash College faculty join us and a great evening of discussion and camaraderie was had by all. Our chapter also hosted a Campus Services Luncheon during which the men and women of Campus Services joined the men of Alpha-Kappa in a partnership of getting to know one another. This, like the Faculty Dinner, was a huge success. We look forward to hosting similar functions with these hardworking men and women in the future.

As High Theta, this past

semester has been a very rewarding one; in fact, so rewarding that I decided to take on the responsibility again. I am looking forward to serving the men of Alpha-Kappa Zeta over the duration of the next year. The men of our chapter continue to be enthusiastic in regards to philanthropy projects. This upcoming semester is sure to be another great one.

In ZAX,  
Jeff Kessels  
AK 1381



Top: Junior Brother Wade Heiny playing jump-rope with some children at the Boys and Girls



Brothers,  
My name is Alex Moseman and I'm a freshman from Bloomington, Indiana planning to major in Political Science. The first question people ask me when I tell them I'm from Bloomington is why not IU. For me the answer was easy, I just couldn't pass up the opportunities that Wabash offered me. I jumped at the chance to go to a school where as a freshman I could have one-on-one conversations with professors from some of the most elite schools in the country.

From my first day on campus, Wabash has been everything that I was told it was. The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha have helped ease my fears of college. Weather it was preparing for a test, learning how to manage my time, or relaxing on the weekend, time at Lambda Chi Alpha has been nothing but enjoyable. Joining Lambda Chi Alpha has proved to be one of the best decisions I could have made. Even though I have only been here for a semester I have already seen the values and virtues of the house began to affect my life. I could not be happier with my decision to become a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha. Recently I was elected to house Risk Man-

ager and I couldn't be more excited to be a member of the Zeta. With initiation approaching fast I can't wait to find what else Lambda Chi Alpha has to offer to me.

Alex Moseman '11



Brothers,  
Living in a fraternity has, by far, been the most

unique and challenging experience of my life. Several things are new as an associate member of Lambda Chi Alpha, and I feel that they have impacted my life in such a way that I shall take away the lessons forever and be able to apply them to my life.

The main thing that is that the living in the fraternity has taught me is how to have a greater sense of personal responsibility. Living in a house full of sixty guys with minimal supervision requires me to really learn to keep on my self about the duties that I am responsible for, such as cleaning my room or doing my homework. Responsibility is an important life skill that I am glad to learn by living in Lambda Chi.

Another important thing that I feel I can only achieve by

living in Lambda Chi is the sense of participation and brotherhood that I feel. I know and like every brother and fellow associate member in the house. When I talk to my friends from other houses on campus, or independents, I get the sense that I everyone in my house better than they know the people in their living units, and that we have a greater sense of unity and cohesion. I know this stems from the fact that as an associate member, I remain equal to the brothers in the house in every way, except for the knowledge of ritual. The sense of equality and unity is great, because I feel more open to learn about different people, which will be very useful in the real world.

Finally, the most important part of living in the fraternity, to me anyways is the amount that I can trust each and every brother and fellow associate member. Although we may be different, and have different views, I know that if I ever need help, I can depend on my fellow fraternity members. That fact alone is perhaps my favorite reason for being a Lambda Chi. The qualities of people that surround you are excellent, and the bands of brotherhood are real. Trusting people in the real world won't be the same as trusting the

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brothers of the house, but at least I will know what to look for in the people I will put trust in.

Although the challenges of such a radically different life-style as living in Lambda Chi can prove to be, the benefits of such a membership far exceed the costs.

Ryan Hayes '11



Bench Painted by Freshman (Front)



Bench Painted by Freshman (Back)



Adi Pynenberg

*"Our brotherhood is well represented on this courageous team"*

### A Lambda Chi Inspired Football Season



Brothers, This football season has been marked by adversity and our ability as a team to overcome it. Our theme for the year is "Passion", and we have had to refer to this passion numerous times to get us through some difficult stretches. We lost our All-American QB in the first week and have been plagued by other injuries all season. Unfortunately, we experienced another setback during the Monon Bell game. As a senior, that was a difficult loss to deal with personally and as a team. How-

ever, like the adversity that came before, we have to take it and use it to our advantage.

Our brotherhood is well represented on this courageous team. Two of our four captains are Lambda Chi Alpha brothers and a handful of others have started for us at one point or another this season. We have played a great role in influencing the character of this team. It is definitely inspiring to be able to play such a great game with your brothers.

Personally, my senior season has been more than I could have ever asked for. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment so far. Like I said earlier,

there have been highs and lows, but every team experiences those. The true test is how you respond to these events that determines who you become. That has been the biggest lesson I have learned this year. All the statistics and personal attention mean nothing without the people that surround me. Wabash football has a great program that will only continue to grow, and Lambda Chi Alpha brothers continue to be a crucial ingredient to this success.

In ZAX,  
Adi Pynenberg  
AK 1339

### Lambda Chi says Goodbye to Cook Barbara Flaurr



Brothers, After almost 25 years of service, the time has come for the men of Alpha Kappa Zeta to say goodbye to Barb Flaurr. With her exit came an extensive search to find a new house cook. The Cook Replacement Committee, being comprised of 6 men, including 2 freshmen, 2 sophomores, 1 junior and 1 senior, embarked three months ago on an exhaustive effort to find an adequate person to take

over the cooking duties. We drew up advertisements for three papers and received over a dozen resumes before narrowing the applicant pool to two individuals who we called in for interviews. Finally, the committee recommended to EC that an offer be extended to Patty Allmand, who accepted last Sunday. Patty, a Covington, Indiana resident, has extensive food service experience. She has spent the last four years cooking for two different Sorority houses at

Purdue. She is the mother of two, including one Wabash alumnus from the class of '01, and is almost as excited to come assume the cooking responsibilities here at Alpha Kappa as we are to have her. Thanks to all the alumni, particularly the Professors and men on the Home Associated, who assisted our committee in finding and hiring Patty.

In ZAX,  
Mike Karam  
AK 1341



Team Captains:  
Middle - Senior Adi Pynenberg  
Right - Senior Richard Roomes

## In Loving Memory of Freshman Patrick Woehnker

*“He had a certain  
vibe that cannot  
be reproduced”*

Brothers,  
As most of you have already been notified, freshman Associate Patrick Woehnker passed away Sunday, October 28, 2007 after sustaining injuries due to a fall from the roof of Goodrich Hall. A Memorial Chapel was held on campus the week of the incident. Many Brothers and Associates as well as faculty and administration of Wabash College were present at the funeral services. Woehnker’s parents were appreciative of our sympathy. Patrick Woehnker will live forever in the spirit of his friends and family.

For more information:  
[http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=5177](http://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=5177)

Fellow Associate and High School classmate Jeremy Blazek reflects on his memories of Patrick:



In Loving Memory, Patrick Michael Woehnker impacted all of our lives, even if it was in the most subtle way. He had a certain vibe that cannot be reproduced, yet alone put into words—everyone noticed. We all admired his willingness to make us laugh with us when we were down, even if his day



Patrick Woehnker

was much worse. As a fellow associate member, I noticed his ability to take a leadership role in everything we did as a freshman class. Even though I do not know exactly what this house means yet, I know that he would have been a very ambitious individual when it came to living up to what the house stands for. He was not afraid to give the harsh truth when needed; consequently, he would help you overcome any problem. I was lucky enough to share four years of high school with Patrick and I can guarantee that his caring and ambitious attitude was not restricted to his time at Wabash, and that characteristic will live on forever in Lambda Chi Alpha.

Jeremy Blazek ‘11



Left: We painted the Bench in memory of Patrick (Front)

Right: We painted the Bench in memory of Patrick (Back)



Left: Patrick and his Big Brother, senior Brent Graham

## Alumni Updates

Greetings to '82-'88 alumni.... Anita, Ian (12), Eric (10) and I have been in the Atlanta, GA area since 2001. We love it down here – especially the weather, albeit we're in the midst of a drought – and don't miss the Indiana winters one bit. Had the good fortune to meet up with Tom Jeffers '84, Scott Douglas '84, Pete Wright '81, Dave Hayhurst '83, Mike Laudick '82, & Mike Thorpe '86 a few summers ago and catch up, but haven't had a chance to make it back up to Indiana of late. If you're going to be in the Atlanta area give me a call. Email: [gmmyers@bellsouth.net](mailto:gmmyers@bellsouth.net).

Last April I was named the recipient of the 2007 Glenn M. Knudsvig Outstanding Latin at St. Joseph High School in St. Joseph, MI for the past 13 years. I am also the assistant wrestling coach and Latin Club sponsor.

- Steve Prince, AK 967 (class of 1988)

My wife, Chris, and I are the proud parents of twins, Jackson Thomas & Nevan Ramsey.

The boys were born on SEP 3, 2007 (Labor Day & Mom's birthday!)

- Tim Jeffers

A.K. 945

Class of 1987

Just a quick update, I just completed my MBA from the University of Michigan with an A+ average GPA. And I was just promoted to Corporate Director of Strategic Communications and Planning at Oakwood Healthcare - I'm now in charge of marketing, corporate communications, and strategic planning for Oakwood Healthcare, a \$1 billion health care system based in Dearborn, Michigan.

Thanks,

Roy Sexton

Class of '95 - AK 1100

There is some big news coming up for this next year. First off, I'm officially graduating from Purdue's professional pharmacy program in May. The ninth or the eleventh of May, but I can't remember exactly. That Sunday of the weekend is when our graduation is. Then, I'll be headed to North Carolina and work with a Kroger pharmacy in the Chapel Hill/Raleigh-Durham area. I'll probably do further education of some sort, whether it's specializing in geriatric pharmacy or going into more PA or med school. Not sure what I want to officially do yet. If you don't already know, Chapel Hill is in close proximity to another brother, Sean Hayes. We'll be rockin' out with our...anyway, it'll be fun.

IN ZAX

Rhett Miller

AK 1254

Jay Scott, AK approximately 1073, is in a band called 100% Poly-They are a disco/funk/(some 80s) band called 100% Poly. Their website is [www.100percentpoly.com](http://www.100percentpoly.com). They recently played at Fuzzy Zoeller's Celebrity Golf Pro-AM tournament. Pictures can be seen on their website.

## Alumni News and Notes

In December 2006 I accepted a scholarship with the Navy. I have been working on my MBA Degree from the University of South Florida. I will graduate this December, and then be working in Healthcare Administration for the Navy, following Officer School in January. In February, my family and I will be moving to Oak Harbor, Washington where I will be stationed.

In ZAX,

Shawn Morris '02

AK 1238

Mike Laudick '82 just marked the 15th anniversary of the start-up of his business, Laudick/Brown & Associates. They provide management, fundraising, public relations and capital campaign consulting services to nonprofits across the country. They are based in Indianapolis and San Diego. Mike lives in Indianapolis.

Ross McKee will be deployed in Iraq this January. He goes to Iraq with the 76th Infantry Brigade as a platoon leader for a security company. He will be directly responsible for 53 guys. I will be in country for 12 months.

Ron Sheese lives in Toronto, Canada where he teaches Psychology and Academic Writing at York University.

Ryan Smith has been named Associate Producer with CBS's *48 Hours*. He can be reached at [smithr@cbsnews.com](mailto:smithr@cbsnews.com).



*Jack Robertson, Al Witte, Peer Lykke, Frank Kosmakos, Ron Sheese & Trent Thompson enjoyed themselves during the Class of 1967 Reunion in June.-Photo by Lynn Hope*

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### Upcoming Alumni Events

Jan 6 –12 — Initiation

Founder's Day — TBA

Wabash College Alumni Event Calendar:

[http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages\\_id=123](http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/home.cfm?pages_id=123)

Notifications for future events will be sent out when new events are scheduled.

Let me know of any event that you would be interested in, golf outing, lunch, dinner, etc.

Please feel free to stop by anytime.

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The **vision** of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity is to prepare and encourage collegiate men of good character, high ethics, and noble ideals to contribute positively to the world in which they live.

The **mission** of Lambda Chi Alpha is to offer the best fraternal experience, focusing on personal character development through leadership, scholarship, community service, and positive social experiences.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

