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## HOUSE CORP REPORT

### New Board Members Already Making a Difference with Alpha Omicron

*By Doug Ralston, Secretary, Lambda Chi Alpha – Alpha Omicron Chapter Housing Corporation Board of Directors*

Lambda Chi Alpha – Alpha Omicron Chapter recently added new members to its Housing Corporation Board Of Directors in December 2011. There are now five active members on the board. They are:

**Jon Geise**, President  
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**Ryan Birch**, Vice President  
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**Tony Drake**, Treasurer  
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**Danial Kibble**, Director  
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These five members meet monthly to discuss and review house issues, projects, plans and budgets. They work closely with the current house members, alumni and University personnel to implement their responsibilities.

The end of February provided Housing Corporation board members with the chance to meet with the officers of the local chapter house, the Alumni Advisory Board and its members and university officials in a large meeting held in the Student Union building on campus. The meeting covered a range of topics aimed at enhancing and enriching the current members and their university experience through the collaborating of the various parties present. The meeting was the first of its kind, a huge success and plenty of work for everyone involved.

This same weekend all members of the local chapter took part in a call bank to reach out to alumni in an effort to update contact

information and to find lost brothers. This call bank will take place periodically throughout the year in a continuous effort to make our communication links as strong as possible. Coupled with this effort will be a number of new and revamped initiatives to keep and preserve the bond of the Lambda Chi brotherhood.

On the heels of this renewed push by all parties, the Housing Corporation is pleased to report a highly successful spring rush class. Lambda Chi has signed 21 new associates for the 2012 spring semester. This represents the largest rush class in over four years.

The Housing Corporation has begun the long and difficult journey of accessing the chapter's building needs. We will take a very critical look at the current state of the house and how to make it better fit the needs of the members and students, both now and in the future. All options will be explored and input will be solicited from many sources.

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The Housing Corporation board believes the local chapter house is at a critical point in its life, but is excited by the renewed commitment from so many who wish to aid the house in a successful transition. We encourage all to become involved at any level as this will be a heavy load.

## HOUSE UPDATE

### Time for an Update

#### *House is Getting Updated This Summer with the Help of Lambda Chi Alpha Brothers*

*By Tony Drake*

As typical for a house built in 1925, there comes a time when it will need updating and this is the year.

As we take a look at what we want our house on Third Street to look like for the future, we will spend some time and money this summer cleaning up and repairing several areas of the house.

First, we will fix the “ghetto” bathroom. We expect a major overhaul from new tile

throughout to new stalls. We intend to make some minor changes to the second and third floor bathrooms, which include fixing tile and installing new vanities.

We will also tackle lighting issues in the front yard, which include porch lights and the light on our fraternity sign. We also intend to put up new Greek letters that are more modern.

For the longer term, we need to start

thinking about a major renovation to the house. Just what that may entail will be decided from input we receive from you on our new website, [www.lcaiu.com](http://www.lcaiu.com). So please provide your thoughts and comments.

All of this takes money. We appreciate the support from our alumni as we progress through these vital issues this summer. Donating to the house is easier than ever with our new alumni website.

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

### Education Foundation Making Strides with Students

#### *Scholarships are Being Awarded and Great Improvements are Being Made through the Work of the Educational Foundation*

*By Steven Latterell*

The Alpha Omicron Educational Foundation established in 1994, has had the purpose of providing grants to improve the educational facilities of the Alpha Omicron Chapter and scholarships to the chapter's members.

During the past two years, the foundation funded a \$3,000 grant to the chapter to improve the quality of its internet service, and has provided \$9,000 in student scholarships.

In addition, this past year saw the beginning of a GPA incentive program for

the undergraduates. Under this program, the member with the highest semester GPA is awarded a \$300 scholarship and the member with the most improved GPA as compared to the previous semester receives a \$200 scholarship.

The foundation's board of directors currently consists of 12 chapter alumni who meet on a quarterly basis in Indianapolis to review grant and scholarship applications. The board holds an annual alumni weekend

fundraiser at the chapter house each June, and assists the housing corporation with its annual golf outing fundraiser in Indianapolis each August.

Please be on the lookout for information concerning these events in the coming months. Contributions to the foundation are generally tax deductible for federal income tax purposes and can be sent to 1001 E. New York St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

## ALUMNI ADVISORY REPORT

### Alumni Advisory Board Formed to Bring Brothers Together

*By Tony Drake*

In our efforts to reinvigorate our alumni involvement in Alpha Omicron, we are excited to announce the formation of the Alumni Advisory Board. The mission of this board is to work concurrently with not only our National Office but to also team with Housing Corporation and the Educational Foundation Board to promote the spirit of Lambda Chi Alpha on the campus of Indiana University.

This group will have the opportunity to work closely with the university, alumni and undergraduate members of the house to help foster a strong working relationship in which

the students have the ability to apply their skills and talents to ensure the future of AO.

We encourage all alumni to give their input to ways we can improve upon the AO experience. We have launched a new website, [www.lcaiu.com](http://www.lcaiu.com), and we encourage all alumni to register.

In the meantime, please contact Bob Disinger at [bob@disinger.com](mailto:bob@disinger.com). Bob's goal is for Lambda Chi Alpha members to be known as Gentleman of Indiana University.

#### *Below are the members of this board:*

Bob Disinger – AO 1200  
John Edgeworth – AO 1095 1/2  
Robert Scott – AO 1198  
Michael Kern – AO 1360  
Pete Baker – AO 1055  
Joel Wilmoth – AO 1114  
Kel Preston – AO 1126  
John Roush – AO 1203  
Jason Buck – AO 1574  
Aaron Falber – AO 2009  
Gray Stratton – AO 1128  
David Skirvin – AO 1166  
Ken Shidler – AO 501  
Joe Boyle – AO 1202  
Joshua Carter – AO 1586  
Travis Smith – AK 1362  
Ryan Birch – AO 1685  
Tony Drake – AO 1219  
Doug Ralston – AO 1188

### Bryce Tobias '14 Outlines the Importance of Alumni Involvement with Active Chapter

*Bryce Tobias '14 is a sophomore in the Kelley School of Business majoring in Finance and Corporate Innovation. He is the current social chair at Lambda Chi and the starting goalie for the IU Water Polo Team.*

**Why did you join Lambda Chi?** I joined Lambda Chi because I had a good friend from high school who was in it and he showed me around, but once I met all of the guys in the house I really felt comfortable and at home.

**What is your best Lambda Chi memory so far?** My best memory so far would probably have to be this year's White Rose Formal in Chicago. We started downtown and danced the night away in the Sears Tower. It was pretty awesome.

**How have you become involved in the fraternity?** I've become pretty involved in the fraternity through intramural athletic teams and various positions such as rush chair and external social, which I hold currently.

**What is your favorite part of the spring semester at Indiana?** My favorite part of the spring semester is when the sun comes out and the guys hang out on the front porch and Lido deck all day. I also love the Little 500; can't forget about that.

**What are your plans and goals for your future?** My plans and goals for the future are to advance the social standing of the house while the social chairman and hopefully become the president of the house next year.

**What other activities are you involved with on campus outside of Lambda Chi?** Outside of Lambda Chi I am the starting goalie on the IU Men's Club Water Polo team.

**Have you had any direct experience with your alumni? If so, what was the best part about it?** I have had a lot of direct experience with alumni because of the recent resurgence in alumni participation. It is pretty

awesome getting to hear stories from the '80s and '90s. Also, they are really trying to help undergrads out with job placement and summer internships in our fields of study which is a huge help.

**Why is it important for alumni to remain connected with the active chapter?** It's important for them to stay connected because in reality they put a lot of work into the house when they were undergrads and by staying in touch, they can make sure that the chapter maintains the same goals and values as when they were actives. Also, being able to tell rush guys that the alumni donated our new pool table or that a few brothers got internships with alumni is a great tool, because it helps to show that there is more to our fraternity than just partying and a place to live.

**Brothers and alumni interested in contacting Bryce can reach him at [btobias@umail.iu.edu](mailto:btobias@umail.iu.edu).**

## CHAPTER SEES NEW IMPROVEMENTS

### This Spring is Turning into a Success

*By Eric Lamott, President*

Spring is now well under way and the chapter has been making great progress. We have seen a great deal of changes lately thanks to improvements in our alumni relations. The chapter house is now the proud owner of two new 50" flat screen TVs, a new pool table, a drinking fountain and increased security. This is only the beginning and there will be many more improvements and renovations in the near future.

We have 21 new associates joining the chapter. We have not seen this large of a spring class in many years. We are projected to hit at least 60 live-ins in the fall, which is right on pace with hitting our goal of 75 live-in members by 2013.

We started an alumni outreach effort where brothers call alumni to update contact information. This is so we can further improve our alumni relations because our alumni are what keep our chapter strong. If you did not receive a call and you would like to be updated, you can e-mail our Alumni

Chairman, **Ryan Thie**, at [rythie@imail.iu.edu](mailto:rythie@imail.iu.edu).

Other goals for the spring include expanding our philanthropic efforts and meeting new sororities. We hope by continuing to improve our reputation within the Greek community, it will in turn enhance our recruitment efforts.

The bike team is training hard and promises to be a competitive team this year. Last year we had a good team going into Little 500 and unfortunately, did not qualify for the race. The team has moved on and has become even stronger and faster. We expect great things from our team this year.

There is a lot of momentum right now driving change as well as success. This is an exciting time to be involved, and it is easier to get involved now more than ever before. If you have not been to the house in a while, I strongly urge you to start planning to visit next homecoming.

## PLEDGE ROSTER

### Spring 2012 Pledge Roster

**Matt Chartier**, Brentwood, Tenn.  
**Anthony Calderone**, Carol Steam, Ill.  
**Justin Rabinove**, Shelton, Conn.  
**Rob Esrock**, St. Louis, Mo.  
**Matt Barkley**, Denver, Colo.  
**Domenic Gallo**, Chicago, Ill.  
**Nick Risner**, Larchmont, N.Y.  
**John Nguyen**, South Bend, Ind.  
**Craig French**, Orland Park, Ill.  
**Taha Aziz**, St. Louis, Mo.  
**Ron Moore**, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Jacob Speybroeck**, South Bend, Ind.  
**Rohun Saigal**, Naperville, Ill.  
**Noah Davis**, Kansas City, Mo.  
**Jordan Rooks**, Edinburgh, Ind.  
**Cam Kelley**, Portola Valley, Calif.  
**Kyle Mylnarik**, Noblesville, Ind.  
**Davis Tillbury**, Carmel, Ind.  
**Zach King**, Carmel, Ind.  
**Austin Beaupre**, Noblesville, Ind.  
**Trey Swanson**, Valparaiso, Ind.

## GOLF OUTING

### Chops Looking Forward to This Year's Lambda Chi Alpha Golf Outing

Mark your calendars, Chops. The golf outing this year will be held on Friday, August 3. We will be moving the venue this year to a location closer to Indianapolis. Keep an eye out for details, but for now, mark your calendars.

Over the past five years, this event has raised nearly \$10,000 for our educational and housing foundations. If you have not had a chance to attend, please make an effort to get out this year. We have many generations of Chops represented and we have a very good time.

Whether you are getting a foursome of pledge brothers together or just coming down to see who you run into, the outing has proved to be successful.

We have had between 10 and 16 foursomes in the past and are hoping to get 25 this year. In addition, the House Corporation is working with the chapter to sponsor a number of undergraduate foursomes to enable participation with our active brothers. As usual, prizes and recognitions will be awarded. Please make an effort to be a part of the event. Hit the range this spring and get ready for this year's outing.

## ON THE WEB

### New Website Set Up for Alumni

Check out our new website at [www.lcaiu.com](http://www.lcaiu.com), Alpha Omicron Chapter's online community for alumni. This is your site, so send us photos and stories from your days as an active brother. Send us information about reunions, get-togethers you are having with your brothers, and updates in your life to share with other fellow alumni. This site was developed to keep Alpha Omicron brothers connected, so please submit content to our alumni relations firm who hosts our website at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).



*New Board Members are Making a Difference with Alpha Omicron...Find Out How Inside!*

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