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A Note From the Desk of the Commander

The ultimate challenge with any group is the balance between work and play. For Lambda Pi, the balance of business and brotherhood we currently hold makes me proud to have lead this chapter for 2017. We have struggled with numbers, but our motivation and dedication to improve our chapter and grow as men proves we can overcome any obstacle. During the summer retreat, we came together not only to bond, but to strategize for the upcoming semester. The goals we set were high and required effort from all of chapter. Yet, for the first time since I joined this chapter three years ago, we have achieved every goal we could and more.

As the internals of chapter strengthened, so did our external image. We have hosted socials, a community service event, a large philanthropic block party raising nearly \$2000, another successful No-Shave event, and of course a few parties to keep that balance.

With each passing week and executed event, I see individual and chapter goals being chased and achieved. I witness my brothers growing into the men they want to be, the men Sigma Nu knows they can be.

-Fraternally,
Andrew Walsh

#326



Remembering Brother Noah Tash

Brother Noah Tash badge #342 became an active brother during the fall of 2016 semester. Noah came from Clio, Mi to pursue a degree in music. His love of music led to Noah's involvement in both his high school and the Eastern Michigan marching bands. Apart from Sigma Nu and band Noah was also a front desk assistant at Downing hall. Brother Tash joined Sigma Nu for the reasons we all did. He believed in the values of love, truth, and honor. He brought his own passion and wanted to impact the lives of others, by giving as well as learning from life lessons. Our brothers provided Noah with what he called his family away from home. Noah's time in chapter was short but being the talented young man he was, he left a lasting legacy.

After Noah's passing we wanted to do what we could to help his family and held a fundraiser at Noodles & Company which raised over \$1,500. Noah's mother, Jennifer Tash ordered a brick to be placed at headquarters with his name which will help carry on his legacy. Noah's high school in Clio, Mi had a memorial scholarship fundraiser to be given to a student from his old school. Many brothers attended, and his mother invited those over twenty one to raise a glass to Noah at the bar.

Michael Figgs who was commander during Noah's candidacy says "Noah was an amazing brother. He never failed to light up a room. He came into everything with a smile on his face and a good story to tell. He may have only been in Sigma Nu for a short while, but in that time he proved what it meant to be a brother! I watched him grow, laugh, and raise spirits. It made me happy to see what kind of man he would become. I'm sorry that he's gone, he had so much life to live. But he will forever remain in our hearts." "Rushing with Noah was probably one of the greatest things I have ever experienced in my life. He taught me to be bold and share love and not to fear the obstacles life throws at you." (Jordan AbuSara #343) "I loved how whenever I said something ridiculous I could count on Noah to respond with sarcasm and lighten the mood for everyone." (Ethan Vaughn #339) "My favorite



memory of Noah is whenever I would drive him places we would listen to show tunes and he would sing along to every song." (Jason Keeney #345)

Overall Brother Tash came into chapter as a fun-loving free spirit who always had something to smile about and always knew how to brighten up your day. Noah would often enjoy going to and participating in impromptu brotherhoods whether the whole gang was there or if it was only a couple of us, either way, he loved the bonding experiences and one on one conversations. That, in particular, was one of his many talents! He always loved to chill and spend time with his brothers because he knew that he could make you feel special and important and he never wanted anything in return. So whether it was dancing around in our underwear being drunk and goofy or if it was just a smooth car ride of great memories and in-depth conversations, Noah was always there to help, in bad times and good he always made it a priority to be there for us. We Love You, Noah!

-Jojo Abu-Sara Jason Keeney

Current Events

With the multitude of different organizations around campus it has been easy to let some of the smaller councils become forgotten. In an effort to bridge the gap between us and the other councils we held our first social with Sigma Lambda Gamma from Multicultural Greek Council. While fostering new relationships we have been working just as hard at maintaining older relationship. We have continued to hold socials with many of the sororities on our campus such as Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Nu Phi, Sigma Kappa, and even reached out to greek life at other schools such as Phi Sigma from UM Dearborn and the Sigma Nu chapter from Kettering University.

Along with our dedication to developing relationships with other organizations on campus we have worked hard to help improve our community through service and philanthropy. At the end of the Winter 2017 semester the brothers did a service project for Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion Indiana. They house exotic animals that were either abandoned or seized by the state and in need of homes. We built toys for spider monkeys and visited the facilities to deliver them much to the enjoyment of the staff and brothers. This Fall semester the brothers participated in a Normal St Block Party philanthropy event where we raised money for hurricane relief. Each frater-

nity or sorority hosted on Normal street hosted an event to raise money through carnival style tickets. Our car smash proved a hit as we were able to raise money for a good cause and grow closer to our neighbors. We also continued our tradition of hosting cleaning up Ypsi which saw a marked increase in participation this year. It proved to be another event that helped us get to know our community and meet some of the students and locals that help make up our city.

While leadership is common among our brothers, some have gone above and beyond and we wish to recognize them. Tyler Blizzard was selected to be a member of Orientation Team, Ethan Vaughn served as VP of Internal Affairs for the Interfraternity Council and Tayler Rodgers was involved in the acting group Close-Up.

-Ethan Vaughn





Family Tree

Thanks to the work done by brother Tayler Rodgers Lambda Pi now has a comprehensive family tree that can be viewed in detail under the Alumni heading on the website www.emusigmanu.com

E-board Elections

Many outstanding brothers were chosen to lead our chapter during elections. Sophomore Ethan Vaughn was elected Eminent Commander after serving as Lieutenant Commander, and chair of service, philanthropy, and fundraising. Tayler Rodgers won his election to serve as Lieutenant

Commander for the upcoming year. Tayler previously held the position of Candidate Marshall. In charge of Recruitment is Trevor Spangler, another sophomore, the previous social chair. Alexandros “Alex” Deming will be chaplain after serving as academic chair. Khader Abu-Sara switched E-board positions from recorder to his current position of Candidate Marshall. Timothy Zink will remain treasurer after successfully defending his position. Anthony Cocuzza joins his fellow sophomores on E-board as the LEAD chairman. Miles Allan and Justin Mayfield were elected to recorder and academic chair respectively, both of their first elected po-

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Recorder	Miles Allan	mallan2@emich.edu
Scholarship	Justin Mayfield	jmayfie5@emich.edu



Congratulations to the inaugural winner of the Alumni Excellence Award—Nathan Rowe! After the voting was tallied he emerged victorious over runner-up Jim Grinias. Nathan was a founding member of Sigma Nu here at Eastern Michigan and was a legacy from his father. After school he has had a successful career in the Marines and has continued to live by our values of love, truth, and excellence.

This semester we will be hosting an alumni pub crawl on January 13th at 7 pm. We are also happy to announce that we will once again be hosting Salute to Honor to allow for reflection and recognition of individuals from the past semester and to look forward to the future. For up to date news on upcoming events check the alumni chapter communications Facebook page. We hold meetings on Sundays at 1:15 in room 300 of the EMU student center.

About the Editor:

Joseph Thorsrud grew up around the Lambda Pi chapter of Sigma Nu. He is a legacy from his older brother Kristoffer who would take him around to stay at the house and meet the brothers back when he was younger. Joseph is a sophomore biology major from Kalamazoo Michigan.

Alumni Updates

Do you want to be included in the next Newsletter? Have you had a major life event recently happen that you wish to share with your brothers? Then write to us at alumni.emusigmanu@gmail.com and you could be featured in the next issue!