

## Lambda Chi comes back

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The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity is returning to campus after an 11-year absence.

The fraternity, which was founded at Boston University in 1909, was formed at the University of Richmond in 1918 and held its charter until 1999.

The Lambda Chi Fraternity Board of Directors declared the chapter inactive after it violated alcohol, hazing and risk management regulations, according to a Jan. 28, 1999, Collegian article.

But an underground organization that used the title, "Lambda Chi Alpha," was active until around 2007, spokesman Matthew Schultz said. Schultz works for the national Lambda Chi organization as an Educational Leadership Consultant.

"The reason you remove someone from campus is to clear out their old ways," Alison Bartel Keller, director of Greek Life said. "And so when they come back in, they come in trained from headquarters. Their alumni are trained to changes within the national fraternity. They have a positive, correct and renewed initiative. So, old ways aren't even known to these men."

Schultz, along with Senior Educational Leadership Consultant Patrick Voldness, stationed themselves at the Student Activities office and started recruiting members on Jan. 19. The men used word-of-mouth recommendations from administrators and students as the main way to find potential recruits.

"This past weekend we went to all the sororities and asked them for referrals of men who have good character," Schultz said. "Usually sorority girls are pretty good judges of who's a good guy."

Students from all grade levels were given bids. Recruiting from every class year is typical of a fraternity start-up, Keller said.

Senior Kevin Grayson first heard about the fraternity at a Richmond College Student Government Association meeting at the beginning of this semester.

"At that point in time, I didn't really even think about it," he said.

Grayson later met with Voldness after fellow senior Mike Murray urged him to check it out, and quickly became interested. He liked the type of members it attracted, and the fraternity's openness and diversity.

"It doesn't try to change us and mold us into what they think we should be," he said.

Grayson said the fact that the fraternity did not use a pledge system also attracted him.

"I knew a lot of guys that pledged fraternities my freshman



Photo by Leigh Donahue

The 31 associate members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity receive their pins at a ceremony on Sunday night in the Tyler Haynes Commons. They can become full members in April.

year, and they just seemed like the most depressed people on campus," he said.

Rather than entering a pledge system, students who accept bids between now and the initiation ceremony in April will become associate members in one of three associate member

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## Richmond a great value, despite price

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The Princeton Review has included the University of Richmond on its list of the 50 best-value private colleges in the nation.

According to a USA Today article about the list, the selection criteria included more than 30 factors in three areas: academics, costs and financial aid.

"It's wonderful to be regarded as a best value, particularly during weak economic times," said Gil Villanueva, the assistant vice president and dean of the Office of Undergraduate Admission. "It affords prospective students and families some gauge in understanding how we stand apart from the 3,700 other colleges and universities in America."

"Let's look around our campus. It screams value. When families dig deeper, and they will, they realize Richmond does an excellent job in preparing women and men for leadership roles in society. Yes, we offer generous financial aid. We meet 100 percent of demonstrated need. We have merit scholarships. But in the end, our success is measured by our alumni's success. And our alumni, since the dawn of time, have been very successful."

It is important for the admissions office to understand students' level of satisfaction across the board, Villanueva said. Admissions officers need to know about what is happening on campus, because prospective students and their parents are savvy and will

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## New program brings different schools together

### Mentoring program is meant to bridge school and generational gaps

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Two Westhampton College Government Association members started a mentoring program that partners University of Richmond undergraduates with School of Continuing Studies students.

Six undergraduates and nine SCS students signed up for the program – SCS/Undergrad Connections – with the hope of bridging the gap between the different schools on campus, Class of 2011 Senator Elizabeth Hailand said.

Hailand and sophomore Asha Phadke, WCGA class of 2012 president, were inspired by the idea at Spider Senate Saturday, where they met with student groups and the Richmond College Student

Government Association to discuss campus initiatives, student concerns and the continued implementation of President Edward Ayers' strategic plan.

Hailand sat at a table with an SCS member and the topic of discussion turned to the strategic plan's mission of cross-school bonding.

"We talked about how it would be nice for the SCS students to form bonds with the rest of the campus so that they could actually have that pride of being a Spider and a Richmond student," Hailand said.

It was that conversation from which the idea of SCS/Undergrad Connections grew. Hailand took it on as a special WCGA assignment and collaborated with Phadke and SCS Student Government Association's President Karen O'Connell to implement the program.

Hailand and Phadke were interested in increasing the ties between the SCS and undergraduate programs as a way to help the SCS students feel

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Asha Phadke and Elizabeth Hailand started a mentoring program for undergraduate and SCS students. They said they hoped to help bring the different schools on campus together.

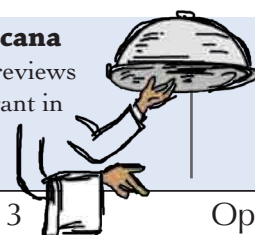
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