



Club President's Letter

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News and Information for Alumni and Friends of Lehigh University

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Alumnus,

The past year was an eventful and successful one for the Lehigh Club of Illinois. Our mission is to connect alumni to the University by fostering a sense of community here in the Chicago area as well as to promote the interests of our school in any way we can. Our events have attracted diverse range of individuals, from 1950s alumni all the way to recent graduates, alumni from Indiana and Wisconsin, as well as parents of current students. I thank everyone who has attended events over the years.

Our goal is to unite as many Lehigh alumni as possible from all classes and affiliations by offering a variety of events. We are not a fundraising arm of the University, we are merely a means of providing fun through social, cultural and educational programming.

Some of our events have included joint Patriot League Happy Hours, a Lehigh night at the legendary Second City Improv Club, a highly successful Lehigh-Lafayette Cubs outing at Wrigley Field (successful in number of attendees, not in Cub victories!), and a night at Ravinia. The highlight has always been the annual **Lehigh-Lafayette Telecast**, which is our biggest and most fun event of the year. Lehigh and Lafayette alumni have come together at Joe's Bar in Chicago during the past few years to enjoy the legendary rivalry. Although the 2004 result was not to our favor, over 85 alumni from both schools attended, making it one of our most successful events!! In February, we also sold out of all our tickets for the **Second Annual Second City** comedy event. Please look for an upcoming announcement about our **Lehigh-Lafayette Cubs Outing**, scheduled for **Friday, July 15th 2005**.

In addition to social events, the Club also plays an active role in promoting Lehigh throughout Illinois by attending college fairs, interviewing potential students and attending the **Incoming Student Sendoff** held at the end of each summer at the home of a generous alumnus.

The Lehigh Club is a volunteer-run organization. As such, I would like to formally recognize our volunteers and personally thank them for their contributions. The Club is run by a Board of Directors who help plan the calendar and manage other Club business like marketing, event planning, Club recruitment and creating the newsletter. Our board members include:

Brian Kruse '97, Vice-President
Suzanne Cascarano '00, Treasurer
Phil Anthony '86, Secretary

I would also like to thank **Alex Tait '93**, who has recently stepped down from the Board for many years of hard work and **Kathy Kaehler** who helped with our Ravinia event.

Over the years, many of you have asked about becoming involved. NOW is your chance!! The Lehigh Club of Illinois is always looking for new members to help plan and coordinate the activities we sponsor. If you have an interest in being part of a select group that supports our Club, we will be having a meeting on **Tuesday, May 3rd** at the home of Brian Kruse from 7:00pm-8:00pm. You can RSVP to Brian at brian@guaranteedrate.com. Please consider being a supporter of our chapter and help us strengthen the Lehigh Club of Illinois! One way you can help us is by filling out and mailing the survey at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support and participation! The Lehigh Club of Illinois is for all alumni, family and friends - we look forward to seeing you soon at our future events!

Sincerely,
 Marc Ippolito '92

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following events!

July 15, 2005: Annual Baseball Outing, Cubs vs. Pirates

July/August 2005: Annual Incoming Student Sendoff

November 19, 2005: Annual Lehigh/Lafayette Telecast Party

E-MAIL INVITATIONS

All event invitations are sent via e-mail, so please make sure the Alumni Association has all your current contact information. We recommend you sign up for **Lehigh's Lifetime E-mail Forwarding** (especially if you have AOL, which often treats Lehigh e-mail as spam). If you do so, you will be assured of receiving e-mails regardless of your address. This service will never expire and can be accessed by going to <http://www3.lehigh.edu/alumni/alumlifetimeemail.asp>.

CLUB MEMBER SURVEY

If you are a Lehigh alumnus and live in Illinois, you are automatically a member of the Lehigh Club of Illinois regardless of how many events you attend. In order to help us better serve our constituency, please fill out the survey below and mail it to: Marc Ippolito, 4430 N. Clifton #2, Chicago, IL 60640. Thank you for your input!

- I am willing to help in planning events
 I am interested in serving on the Club Board of Directors
 I am interested in serving as a contact person for Lehigh undergraduates or recent graduates in my profession or field of endeavor: _____

Do you have children? Would you like family events that include them? If so, what ages are your children? _____

What events would you like the Club to sponsor that would encourage your attendance and involvement? _____

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip: _____

E-mail* : _____

* e-mail used for automated event invitations

-- or --

I prefer printed mail communications (event invitations and newsletter) sent to the address above.

Please mail this survey to:
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