

GAMMA + Rho



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— SPRING 2008 —

Gamma-Rho Zeta Presents New and Improved Newsletter

Active Chapter Remains Successful Alumni Communication Program Implemented

Greetings from Sigma Phi. The academic year is winding down and it appears to be another successful one for the men of Gamma-Rho. Your Board of Directors has also been busy this year doing our part to help the Chapter maintain its standard of excellence. We continue to work on enhancing the physical structure of our Chapter House, both in the near term and for long-range planning.

One of the rewards I get from my presence on the board and working with the Chapter is to see the sons of men I attended college with also pass through the doors of 904 College. My own associate class was small; there were three of us in the spring of 1974 (but probably the highest average ACT of any associate class). **David Cameron, GP 874** passed away recently, but two of his sons, **Matt Cameron, GP 2073** and **Max Cameron, GP 2239**, are members. Recently I attended Room Rho and was pleased to meet **Aric Yarberry, GP 2266**, the son of another associate brother, **Scott Yarberry, GP 875**.

The big spring events are right around the corner—the annual red and white football game and the Lloyd Harris golf tournament. Please find corresponding dates in the box on page 4.

This year, Sigma Phi will host a reception the Friday night before the golf tournament in conjunction with our annual meeting. I urge all alumni coming for the tournament to drop by.

Furthermore, I would like to state that we are making concerted efforts to ensure more consistent communication with our alumni base through this newsletter. Please take time to e-mail any news about yourself, changes in jobs, etc. that would be of interest to your brothers. You can send e-mails to **Tim Rasnick, GP 1183** at soonerchop@aol.com and he will forward to the *Gamma Rho*.

In closing, I ask all alumni who appreciate this publication, enjoy reading about their fellow brothers and the current Chapter's success, and would like to assist in our work with the Chapter to please help us out. We would like to start a biannual giving plan to help us with the cost of publication of this newsletter and for assistance to the

Chapter such as summer recruitment cost. Included in this issue of the *Rho* is a card for you to mail in with a donation. Please take a few minutes to help us out. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

In Z.A.X.,
Bob Canfield, GP 876
President, S.P. Holding Co.
bcanfield@bancfirst.com

Notice of Annual Meeting to All Members

Friday, April 25
7 p.m.

747 Restaurant, Upstairs Patio
747 S. Asp Street, Norman, OK

The annual meeting of members of the S.P. Holding Company, a non-profit Oklahoma corporation, will be held for the following purposes:

1. To elect officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year until the next annual meeting of members.
2. To act upon other matters as may properly be heard before the meeting.

This meeting is being held as specified in section IV of the bylaws of the corporation by order of the Board of Directors, Secretary **Robert Canfield, GP 876**, and S.P. Holding Company.

R.S.V.P. by e-mailing soonerchop@aol.com or calling (405) 364-2931.

LAMBDA CHI GOES FOR THE TRIPLE CROWN—AGAIN

The Only Fraternity at OU to Win Grades, Intramurals, and Scandals Is Poised Anew

Overall, the 2007-08 academic year has been a huge success for Lambda Chi at the University of Oklahoma. A successful summer and fall recruitment resulted in a class of 51 new associates. After the fall semester, the associate class boasted 11 members with a 4.0 G.P.A. Initiation was held in January and we welcomed 41 new brothers into Gamma-Rho.

Lambda Chi Primed to Win Grades

During the fall semester we continued our academic success. Overall, the Chapter earned an average G.P.A. of 3.111 (a 0.188 increase from the fall 2006 semester) and the associate members earned a 3.220 average G.P.A. This resulted in Gamma-Rho, with 193 members, ranking third among all fraternities, only .02 points below first place. Twenty members and associates earned a perfect 4.0. The Chapter, in conjunction with Sigma Phi, continues to offer incentives and scholarships that encourage our members to succeed. We strive to succeed in academics, a strong tradition at Lambda Chi Alpha.

Lambda Chi Leads in Intramurals

The purple, green, and gold-clad warriors of our intramural teams once again powered to first place during the fall semester. The football team lost in the championship game to FIJI in overtime. However, three basketball teams are in the playoffs and we are favored to win. Softball

and soccer remain, which are our strong sports, and we are favored in soccer. So, it seems another intramural trophy is expected to accompany the 15 already won in the last 20 years.

Scandals and Mom's Day Fast Approaching

This spring is going to be a busy one for our Chapter with Scandals and Mom's Day at the end of March, followed by White Rose Pageant and the alumni golf tournament. We did Scandals this year with the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta, with whom we placed second two years ago. The savvy theater-goers on the inside rate us as favorites to bring home Best in Show this year.

Though the academic year is winding down, work at Gamma-Rho continues. On page 3 is a recommendation form for upcoming summer recruitment. We ask that alumni help us with prospective members and financial support that will help maintain our traditions, successes, and competitive edge. As always, if you are in town for any of the great spring activities, feel free to stop by the Chapter House.

In ZAX,

Yousef Essaili, IP 2252

High Alpha

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Fall 2007 Associate Grade Rankings

Rank	Chapter	G.P.A.
1	Delta Chi	3.53
2	Lambda Chi Alpha	3.21
6	Beta Theta Pi	2.97

Fall 2007 OU Chapter Grade Rankings

Rank	Chapter	G.P.A.	Members
1	Sigma Phi Epsilon	3.13	211
2	Pi Kappa Phi	3.11	10
3	Lambda Chi Alpha	3.11	194

Gamma-Rho Zeta Officers

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Allen, Texas

SUMMER RECRUITMENT SURE TO BE STRONG

*Support from Alumni Needed
to Ensure Success*

Throughout our existence, Lambda Chi Alpha has been one of the top fraternities on the OU campus and one of the top chapters within our national Fraternity. This has all been due to the quality of men we are recruiting. Recruitment this year has gotten off to a strong start and we strongly believe another great year is upon us.

Fraternity recruitment is becoming more and more competitive at OU and our main competitors have increased summer recruitment budgets such that they now outspend us three to one in some cases. However, it is not all about the amount of money, but how it is spent. For us to remain successful we need alumni support through recommendations of prospective members who embody our standards. This allows us to focus more quickly on qualified individuals. Please fill out the recruitment recommendation form on this page and send back to us.

We have great events planned for this summer that will take us from Dallas, Texas, to Norman and Tulsa and everywhere in between. In order to make these events successful we need your help and support. A few extra barbecues, dinners, or rounds of golf would definitely help us sign the best recruits possible!

We would be happy with any kind of donation whether it is in dollars, food, or recreational space. If you would like to be updated on events in your area, please e-mail **Devon Furber, GP 2257**, and he can keep you posted. We would love to have you be a part of bringing in another great associate class to Gamma-Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha.

If you would like to assist Lambda Chi in remaining the best chapter at OU, please consider a donation to help with our summer recruitment budget. Checks can be mailed to Bill Stone, c/o Stone and Koskie CPAs, 220 N. Peters, Norman, OK 73069.

In ZAX,
Kyler Dawson, GP 2220
High Delta
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Devon Furber, GP 2257
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2008 Lloyd Harris Golf Tournament

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA



The annual Lloyd Harris Golf Tournament has become a tradition for many Gamma Rho alumni and enjoys overwhelming support. This year's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, and does not coincide with the annual red and white football scrimmage. The High Golf Committee, headed by **Todd Kahoe, GP 1619** and **John Benson, GP 1630**, does a great job of organizing this event and will send out official invitations shortly, if not already sent by the time of publication.

Sigma Phi will host a reception for all golfers and other interested alumni and their spouses the Friday night before the tournament at the 747 Restaurant on Campus Corner. There will be complementary appetizers, a limited open bar, and a cash bar available. Alumni can also participate in the annual voting for Sigma Phi board of directors at the affair as ballots will be available. Reception information is as follows:

When: Friday, April 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: 747 Restaurant, Upstairs Patio
747 S. Asp St. (Formerly College Cleaners)

All alumni are encouraged to come by for good food, fun, and fellowship.

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's name _____

Parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

High school attended _____

Is prospect an ATΩ legacy? _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

SEND TO: **Kyler Dawson, GP 2220**, Gamma-Rho Zeta • c/o McClain Bank •
P.O. Box 722800 • Norman, OK 73070-9131

SAVE THE DATES

2008 GOLF TOURNAMENT

RECEPTION

Friday, April 25, 2008

6:30 - 9 p.m.

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747 S. Asp St.

Norman, OK

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, April 25, 2008

7 p.m.

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747 S. Asp St.

Norman, OK

LLOYD HARRIS GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 26, 2008

12 p.m.

Jimmy Austin OU Golf Course



Gamma-Rho Zeta

c/o McClain Bank

P.O. Box 722800

Norman, OK 73070-9131

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for Lambda Chi Alpha alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Oklahoma, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

Welcome, New Initiates

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