

# GAMMA + Rho



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◆ UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ◆

— SPRING 2009 —

## Gamma-Rho Zeta Honors 100 Years of Lambda Chi Excellence

- ◆ Gamma-Rho Zeta hosted centennial banquet in February
- ◆ Lloyd Harris Golf Tournament is the weekend of April 24; all alumni are invited to attend
- ◆ Ambassador **James R. Jones, GP 490** visits Gamma-Rho Zeta

Greetings from Sigma Phi. This is a special time for Lambda Chi Alpha. Our Fraternity is 100 years young and centennial celebrations are to be held throughout the year. Gamma-Rho hosted a centennial banquet in conjunction with the White Rose formal, which was a grand event. It was wonderful to see many alumni join us.

Alumni are invited to return to Norman for the Lloyd Harris Golf Tournament, which will be held the weekend of April 24. This is our premier alumni event, and the golf committee is working hard to finalize plans. This year there will be a reception at the Chapter House on Friday night with beverages and a barbecue planned for all participants. Even if you don't play golf, plan on attending the reception for good food, fun, and fellowship. The annual meeting for election of Sigma Phi officers and our new alumni organization, Gamma-Rho Alumni Corporation, will be Saturday morning before tee time. All participants are urged to attend this brief meeting.



The Chapter enjoyed a successful fall semester and began the spring with a slate of new officers, new initiates, and new goals. Last October the Chapter benefited from an unexpected visit from noted alumnus **James R. Jones, GP 490**. Brother Jones was known to all of the active members during my undergraduate years. We never had the opportunity to meet him, so this visit was a special treat for me. Details on his visit and other Chapter happenings are included in this newsletter, along with alumni updates and event information.

I would like to thank all who contributed to our Gamma-Rho Loyalty Fund. These contributions allow us to publish this newsletter and support the Chapter with recruitment and scholarship aid. These individuals are listed within this publication. As always, if you enjoy receiving the *Gamma Rho*ver and appreciate being updated on our Chapter, please help us by contributing to this fund.



In Z.A.X.,  
**Bob Canfield, GP 876**  
President  
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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING TO ALL MEMBERS

The annual meeting of members of the S.P. Holding Company, a non-profit Oklahoma Corporation will be held on **Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m.** at the Chapter House 904 College in Norman, Oklahoma, 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  
**Robert Canfield, GP 876**, Secretary  
S.P. Holding Company  
For more information,  
call (405) 364-2931.

## Lambda Chi Alpha Established 100 Years Ago



*George Orrm, GP 295, LXA Educational Foundation President Mark Bauer, Rodger Lalli, GP 1894, and Grand High Alpha Ed Leonard visit at Gamma-Rho's centennial celebration on February 28.*

The year was 1909. On a blustery day in November at Boston University, our principal founder, **Warren A. Cole**, realized his vision to create a new national fraternity. That vision has blossomed into one of the world's most successful fraternal organizations, comprising 195 active chapters and colonies, 255,000 initiated brothers, and 10,000 active undergraduates.

The National Fraternity's centennial celebration will encompass 16 months of receptions and banquets, culminating in a ritual exemplification at the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral this summer. One of the first receptions was held in Oklahoma City on November 11 at the Meinders School of Business on the OCU campus. Active and alumni brothers from chapters at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, Tulsa University, and OCU attended. Special guests included Lambda Chi Alpha Educational Foundation President **Mark Bauer** and Grand High Alpha **Ed Leonard**.

Gamma-Rho Zeta hosted our own event to celebrate this momentous milestone. Sigma Phi, the active Chapter, and Mom's Club hosted the Centennial White Rose Banquet on February 28 in Norman. This was a nice event with a cocktail reception followed by a dinner and dance, and Gamma-Rho brothers celebrated Lambda Chi's storied history in style.



*Noted OCU alumnus Herman Meinders, High Pi Rodger Lalli, GP 1894, Grand High Alpha Ed Leonard, and several undergraduates celebrated 100 years of Lambda Chi Alpha at a centennial banquet in conjunction with White Rose formal. It was wonderful to see so many alumni attend!*

## A Note from the Summer Recruitment Chairman

- ♦ Recruitment is becoming increasingly competitive at OU
- ♦ Alumni are encouraged to make prospect recommendations and gifts to help recruitment efforts
- ♦ Contact **Daniel Jones, GP 2300** if you would like to be informed of recruitment events in your area

Recruitment is the lifeblood of any Chapter. Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Oklahoma has been one of the top fraternities on campus throughout its existence and one of the top Chapters in our National Fraternity. This is due to the quality of men we are able to recruit. This is evidenced by the great accomplishments the Chapter has achieved as reported elsewhere in this newsletter. Recruitment this year has already begun, and I strongly believe we are in for another great year.

Fraternity recruitment is becoming more and more competitive. Our main competitors on campus have increased summer recruitment budgets such that they now outspend us three to one in some cases. However, it is not all about the money, but how it is spent. For us to remain successful we need alumni support in recommendations of prospective members who live up to our standards. This allows us to quickly focus on qualified individuals.

This summer we have several recruitment events planned from Dallas and Norman to Tulsa and everywhere in between. We need your help and support in order to make these events and summer recruitment successful. The donation of a few extra barbecues, or 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 be money, food, a lake house, etc. If you would like to be updated as to when we are hosting events in your area, write to **Daniel Jones, GP 2300** with your e-mail and he will 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 have a person to recommend for membership, please take a few minutes to note the information we require on the form on page three. This information can be e-mailed to the summer recruitment chairman at [Daniel.E.Jones-1@ou.edu](mailto:Daniel.E.Jones-1@ou.edu) or mailed to the address on the form.

If you would like to assist Lambda Chi in remaining the best fraternity at OU, please consider making a recommendation or a donation to help with our summer recruitment.

In Z.A.X.,  
**Daniel Jones, GP 2300**  
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# FALL CHAPTER REPORT

While Gamma-Rho Zeta did not place first on campus in grades this fall, the Chapter was still consistent and finished third. In fact, the Chapter G.P.A. of 3.12 was an improvement over the last two fall grading periods. The members took the challenge from the associate members and completed the semester with a 3.17, while the associates came in at 2.98. Congratulations!

In addition to academics, Gamma-Rho continues to dominate in intramurals. We are in first place in campus intramural standings after the fall semester due to our first and second place finished in both football and basketball. We look forward to more success this spring.

## Gamma-Rho Academics

Chapter G.P.A. for the previous five semesters:

Fall '08	Spring '08	Fall '07	Spring '07	Fall '06
3.121	3.189	3.110	3.083	2.923

Congratulations to the following 18 members and five associates who earned a 4.0 G.P.A. last fall:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Bijan Azimi, GP 2269</b>    | <b>Matt Hardy, GP 2218</b>      | <b>Brett Roggenkamp, GP 2261</b>    |
| <b>Ben Bigbie, GP 2148</b>     | <b>Daniel Hart, GP 2213</b>     | <b>Darwin Roman, GP 2311</b>        |
| <b>Blake Bugg, GP 2294</b>     | <b>Matt Kline, GP 2211</b>      | <b>Garrett Schwab, GP 2152</b>      |
| <b>Eddie Coates, GP 2093</b>   | <b>Will Langenberg, GP 2288</b> | <b>Brandon Smith, GP 2259</b>       |
| <b>Tyler Coker, GP 2210</b>    | <b>Mitch Mosley, GP 2177</b>    | <b>Patrick Westerheide, GP 2164</b> |
| <b>Wil Dakil, GP 2304</b>      | <b>Matt Nash, GP 2306</b>       | <b>Lee Woodside, GP 2267</b>        |
| <b>Robert Elliott, GP 2305</b> | <b>Alex Parker, GP 2309</b>     | <b>Zach Wszolek, GP 2172</b>        |
| <b>Evan Fuller, GP 2268</b>    | <b>Colton Redding, GP 2171</b>  |                                     |

## Birth of a New Colony

At the end of January brothers from Gamma-Rho Zeta drove to Lawton to perform the associate member ceremony for a new colony at Cameron University. The approval from the National Fraternity came at 10:20 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, and the first official action for the new colony was the associate member ceremony performed by brothers from Gamma-Rho at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 25.

**Christiaan Bester, GP 2255, Brandon Coates, GP 2250, Hassen Essaili, GP 2252, Aric Yarberry, GP 2266,** and a brother from Southeastern presented the ceremony, which was attended by the associate member candidates, families, girlfriends, and faculty from Cameron. What a great opportunity Gamma-Rho had to help start a new colony and be a positive influence on the growth of Lambda Chi Alpha.

## Welcome, New Initiates

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Jeff Abbott, GP 2316</b>    | <b>Cody Mitchell, GP 2326</b>    |
| <b>Brian Barrett, GP 2307</b>  | <b>Matt Nash, GP 2306</b>        |
| <b>Scott Barrett, GP 2331</b>  | <b>Khoi Nguyen, GP 2313</b>      |
| <b>Ryan Cargill, GP 2336</b>   | <b>Alex Parker, GP 2309</b>      |
| <b>Will Dakil, GP 2304</b>     | <b>Wes Pendry, GP 2332</b>       |
| <b>Andrew Edmonds, GP 2319</b> | <b>Logan Perryman, GP 2337</b>   |
| <b>Robert Elliot, GP 2305</b>  | <b>Landon Reiter, GP 2318</b>    |
| <b>Evan Fielder, GP 2329</b>   | <b>Darwin Roman, GP 2311</b>     |
| <b>Alex Kaiser, GP 2325</b>    | <b>Brock Rogers, GP 2321</b>     |
| <b>Ben Lancaster, GP 2323</b>  | <b>Patrick Ryan, GP 2310</b>     |
| <b>Addison Martel, GP 2335</b> | <b>Lemar Safi, GP 2317</b>       |
| <b>Jacob Matthews, GP 2328</b> | <b>Ryan Schwieghart, GP 2320</b> |
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## RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

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Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended \_\_\_\_\_

Is prospect a AXA legacy? \_\_\_\_\_

Reference submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ambassador Returns to 904 College

## SPOTLIGHT ON JAMES R. JONES, ΓP 490



*High Alpha Yousef Essaili, ΓP 2252 presents Ambassador Jones with a signed print of the Greg Burns painting of the Chapter House.*



*Brother Jones presents the James R. Jones Outstanding Service Award to Ben Bigbie, ΓP 2148.*



*Ambassador Jones visited the Gamma-Rho Chapter to tour the Chapter House, answer questions from undergraduates, and catch up with Lambda Chi happenings.*

One of Gamma-Rho's more famous alumni, Ambassador **James R. Jones, ΓP 490**, paid a visit to the Chapter House on October 31. Brother Jones was in Norman for a meeting with David Boren, president of the University of Oklahoma, and requested the opportunity to visit the house and meet the current active members. A reception, organized by Mom Roberts, High Pi **Rodger Lalli, ΓP 1894** and Chapter members, was held in his honor.

The ambassador was escorted by University Registrar **Matt Hamilton, ΓP 1140**. Brother Jones addressed the actives, guests, and alumni in the dining hall and answered questions from the undergraduates. He later toured the house, viewing the refurbished basement and his former room.

Gamma-Rho honors an undergraduate each year with the James R. Jones award to acknowledge outstanding campus involvement and activities. The membership votes on the current member who best exemplifies qualities and achievements of the ambassador during his time at OU. Ambassador Jones himself made the presentation to this year's award recipient, **Ben Bigbie, ΓP 2148**. In honor of his visit, Sigma Phi President **Bob Canfield, ΓP 876** and **Yousef Essaili, ΓP 2252** presented Brother Jones with a signed painting of the Chapter House commissioned by the Mom's Club and painted by noted Oklahoma artist Greg Burns. We hope the ambassador will feel free to come back to his college home in the future!

### Brother James R. Jones' Career At-a-Glance

- ◆ High Alpha, Gamma-Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Oklahoma, 1961
- ◆ Georgetown University Law Center, LL.B., 1964
- ◆ Chief of Staff for President Lyndon B. Johnson, the youngest person to hold this position
- ◆ U.S. Representative from the first District of Oklahoma, 1973-1987
- ◆ Chairman of the House Budget Committee and ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee
  - ◆ Chairman and CEO of the American Stock Exchange, 1989-1993
  - ◆ U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, 1993-1997
- ◆ Currently provides business development advice and consulting for clients primarily in Mexico and Latin America

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# GAMMA RHO LOYALTY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

## *Thank You, Gamma-Rho Zeta Alumni*

Thank you to all alumni who have contributed to the Gamma-Rho Loyalty Fund. The alumni corporation supports the publication of the newsletter, contributes to summer recruitment expenses to keep our Chapter competitive on the OU campus, contributes to our scholarship funds as needed, and does other support for our Chapter and the Chapter House.

The donors listed below represent brothers who have contributed to the Loyalty Fund at their cumulative giving level. We have updated the list to reflect previous sponsors and donations to our annual Lloyd Harris Golf Tournament. We recognize the importance of this event in fostering alumni involvement in our Chapter.

*Thank you again for your generous support of Gamma-Rho Zeta. It is making a difference!*

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2009 LLOYD HARRIS  
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WEEKEND

**Friday, April 24**  
Gamma-Rho Alumni Party  
7 to 9:30 p.m.



**Saturday, April 25**  
Golf Tournament  
Jimmie Austin OU  
Golf Course  
4-Man Scramble  
(Two Flights)  
Shotgun Start at 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds from this year's tournament will go to the Jim Benson Memorial Scholarship.

Look for more details to follow. Please contact lxa.ou@me.com or rcparish@mac.com with questions.

We are in the process of updating our e-mail database. If you forward this notice to any Gamma-Rho alumni, please copy lxa.ou@me.com in the message. The e-mails will not be shared with any other organizations and you will not be spammed from our list.



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## Alumni Mailbag

Alumni, you are encouraged to send updates and messages to the *Gamma Rhoever* at P.O. Box 722800, Norman, OK 73070.

**Courtland M. Moore, GP 202** is a retired Episcopal priest and lives in Plano, Texas. He is involved in the North Texas Episcopaleans, a non-profit organization.

**George E. Orr, GP 295** is retired and active in the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. His current project is restoring the clock tower at NEO in Tahlequah. Brother Orr was awarded the Order of Merit in 1994.

**James W. H. Denton, GP 418** is retired and lives in San Diego, Calif. He is involved in a strong OU alumni club there, and Lambda Chi has a good presence on the San Diego State campus. Although he regrets not being closer to OU, he says one cannot feel too sorry for him given his locale.

**Theo M. Seikel Jr., GP 430** is retired from the FBI and American Airlines and lives in Edmond, Okla.

**E. Trice Laird, GP 468** lives in Atlanta, Ga., and was in LKOT and was an Outstanding Senior Engineer at OU.

**Joe R. Holladay, GP 731** coaches basketball. Following 10 years at Kansas, he is in his sixth year at North Carolina, where he helped the Tar Heels win the 2005 National Championship. Brother Holladay writes that he reads every word of the *Gamma Rhoever* and enjoys the new format.

**Jack P. Gatewood, GP 560** attended law school at "that university down South" and graduated in 1967. He is semi-retired and is trying to contact members of the spring 1961 initiation class to stage a 50-year reunion in 2011. He invites all of these brothers to contact him at (830) 755-8124.

**Bill E. Pitts, GP 603** congratulates the actives of Gamma-Rho Zeta on their great year at OU.

**Scott Allen, GP 935** is in the music business and has a progressive rock band called Voodoo Monkey Child, which will release a new double CD soon. You can check them out at [www.voodoomonkeychild.com](http://www.voodoomonkeychild.com).

**William S. Winton, GP 1148** lives in Dallas, Texas, and has two daughters who are involved in sports. Hannah (15) plays volleyball and basketball, while Olivia (12) plays lacrosse and field hockey.

**Trey Long, GP 1253** lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., where his wife, Lindee, is president of the OU alumni club. They host watch parties for OU games at the Tilted Kilt Pub in Scottsdale. He notes that **Scott Fish, GP 1342** dropped by for the Cincinnati game and it was great to catch up. Any Arizona brothers are invited to come by.

**Stephen C. Farrar, GP 1255** lives in Fort Worth, Texas, and has qualified for the Texas B.A.S.S. Federation state championship seven of the last eight years.

We regret to inform you that brother **Ray Patton, GP 300** passed away in January 2008. He served in the U.S. Marines from 1954 to 1959 and worked for 20 years as a city planner. The thoughts and prayers of all brothers in ZAX are with Ray's family and friends.