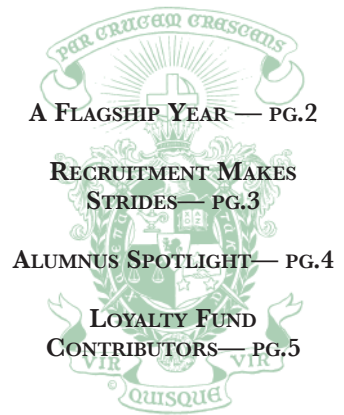


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SPRING 2010

Spring Brings Flurry of Activities and Events

- Alumni Association Plans Banquet and Golf Tournament
- Mom's Club Takes on Dining Room Remodel

*"...And winter slumbering in the open air,
wears on his smiling face a dream of spring."*

-Coleridge

Winter is indeed wearing away here in Norman, Oklahoma. The large snow storm of Christmas has melted so I can see my garden and start planning for spring planting. Spring brings hope and renewal, and a lot of work.

Spring brings renewal and a lot of work to the campus, also. Soon the drab winter landscape will be replaced with Molly Shi Boren's tulips, flowering dogwoods, and redbuds. Our actives, just back from holiday ski vacations, are already planning for the beaches of spring break. Scandals practice begins almost concurrently with classes, and of course there are the spring parties to plan. Amazing that these young men are able to concentrate on studying as they do.

Spring is also a busy time for your Alumni Association. From coordinating with the Mom's and Dad's clubs on the White Rose Banquet to the ongoing planning of our premier alumni event, the

Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament. Additionally, the planning and hardwork associated with our premier alumni golf tournament progresses. The tournament is scheduled for the weekend of April 30 this year. More information and registration details are included in this issue of the *Gamma Rhover*.

We are working with the Mom's Club on a remodel of our dining room. At a recent meeting, one of our new moms opined that the paneling is the same as when she, a KKT, practiced Scandals there in 1980. The board had to inform her that it pre-dates that by some time. Thanks to the Mom's Club for taking this project on! And thanks to the many alumni who regularly contribute to our Alumni Association to support projects like the newsletter, golf tournament, et al. We appreciate and could not function without your support.



I wish a joyous spring to you all and hope you enjoy this issue.

Bob Canfield, GP 876

Gamma Rhover Editor
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Notice of Annual Meetings

S.P. Holding Company and Alumni Association

The annual meeting of the Gamma-Rho Alumni Association and the S.P. Holding Company, both non-profit Oklahoma corporations, will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., respectively. These meetings will be held at 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.

These meetings are being held as specified in the bylaws of the corporations. For more information call **Bob Canfield, GP 876** at (405) 364-2931.

Gamma-Rho E-Communications

Our Facebook group has been launched! Please log into www.facebook.com and search "Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni—Gamma-Rho Zeta."



We are also in the process of updating our e-mail address list. Please help us out and send your current e-mail address to **Rennie Cook, GP 1547** at rennie@ou.edu.

A Flagship Year Shapes Up

Undergraduates Set Ambitious Goals for 2010

President's Trophy

The 2009-10 school year is shaping up to be a flagship year for Gamma-Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha as we begin our defense of the President's Trophy for the outstanding fraternity on campus. We signed 74 new associates, increasing our associate class by more than 20, which is larger than other fraternity pledge classes, and even some sorority pledge classes. We did not just sign for numbers though. This year's class is full of National Merit scholars, all-state athletes, and members of PLC. With several of these freshmen already serving as Zeta officers, we are sure that this class will raise the bar here at Lambda Chi and across the University of Oklahoma's Greek system.

Academics

Last semester was an incredible one for Lambda Chi academically. With overall G.P.A.'s increasing across campus, grades are becoming more competitive every semester. This fall, our members dominated, earning a 3.294 combined G.P.A. and ranked first in member grades. Our new members finished in third place with a 3.038 combined G.P.A. This placed Lambda Chi in an overall rank of third place among fraternities. Our 3.2 over-

all G.P.A. is the highest, or close to the highest, that Gamma-Rho has ever achieved. Individual statistics were also incredible. We had 25 4.0's this semester, with 14 earned by members and 11 by our associate class.

Intramurals

Through the last few decades, Lambda Chi has become accustomed to winning the intramural championship nearly every year. This year is no different—we are poised to win the trophy again. This semester we have our most dominant sports coming up, basketball and soccer. Our guys are committed to keeping the intramural championship trophy at 904 College.

University Sing

This year Lambda Chi did very well in University Sing. Paired with Delta Gamma, our act "The Flash" worked as a part of the overall superhero theme. Lambda Chi made sure to grab some hardware at the awards ceremony. We finished third overall and our new High Beta and Low Rho of the fall 2009 associate member class, **Michael Williams, GP 2348**, won Best Supporting Male Lead. Next year, Lambda Chi will be paired with the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma and look to exceed this year's third-place finish.

Initiation

In January we completed the initiation of the fall 2009 associate member class. We initiated 55 associates, making it one of the largest classes in Lambda Chi's history. It was a very successful initiation and we thank all of the alumni and alumni advisors that attended to help us perform the initiation. Special thanks go to Chapter Adviser **Rodger Lalli, GP 1849**, **Rennie Cook, GP 1547**, **Kevin Estep, GP 1806**, **Zach Osko, GP 1941**, **Adam Clinton, GP 1582**, and **Craig Parish, GP 1541** for their help with the event.

It is an exciting time here at 904 College—a time of growth and expansion, of rising expectations, and continuing success across all aspects of Greek life. On behalf of the Chapter, I invite you to join us in this exciting time here at Lambda Chi. Our house remains your house and we appreciate your support in our endeavors as we develop men who excel in academics, athletics, campus involvement, community service, and as gentlemen. We hope you will join us here at Lambda Chi Alpha for all the excitement and success that our future holds.

In Z.A.X.,
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Alumni Encouraged to Make Connections with Undergraduates

I recently had the opportunity at Chapter to present the James C. Benson Award to **Aric Yarberry, GP 2266**. Jim's widow, Trisha Bunce, and their daughter, Gabe, assisted with the presentation along with brothers **Craig Parrish, GP 1541**, and **Todd Kahoe, GP 1619**. It was an honor to stand with Trisha and Gabe to recognize the great man Jim was to so many people. It was an honor to stand with Todd and Craig to share with the undergraduates how Jim taught many of us what it means to be a Lambda Chi and to "always represent what we represent." What a wonderful celebration of an exceptional young brother like Aric Yarberry in a room full of outstanding undergraduate brothers. I wish all of you could have been there.

The newly established Alumni Association was created with two main goals. First, that through our communications and celebrations we would allow our alumni to reconnect with their brothers and remember their days at 904 College. Second, that we would create opportunities for you to contribute to our undergraduate brothers and the Chapter that gave you so much. Your financial support has helped fund scholarship programs along with alumni and Chapter initiatives. I hope you make a gift again this time.

Our undergraduates are also looking to alumni for mentorship in their



Rennie Cook, Craig Parrish, Trisha Bunce, Gabe Benson, Jim Benson Scholarship winner Aric Yarberry, and Todd Kahoe.

careers as they seek internships and enter the job market. They need alumni brothers to hang out and swap stories on game day. They know that Lambda Chi at OU is much bigger than themselves. These undergraduates want you to come back and tell them your piece of the Gamma-Rho story, just as we shared Jim's story.

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SUMMER RECRUITMENT MAKES STRIDES

Undergraduates Plan for Growth

Recruitment is the lifeblood of any chapter. Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Oklahoma has been a top fraternity on campus and a top chapter in our national Fraternity. This is due to the quality of men we recruit and is evidenced in the great accomplishments Gamma-Rho achieves. This year's recruitment has gotten off to a fast start and I 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 about the amount of money, but how it is spent. For us to remain successful we need alumni recommendations for prospective members so that we can quickly focus on qualified individuals.

This summer we have recruitment events planned in cities such as Dallas, Norman, and Tulsa. In order to make summer recruitment successful, we need your help and support. We appreciate any type of donation whether it is money, food, use of a lake house, etc. If you would

like to be updated on when events will be hosted in your area, please e-mail me at adamsmith@ou.edu. We want you to be a part of bringing in another great associate class to Gamma-Rho.

If you have a recommendation for a prospective member, please take a few minutes to send in his contact information. 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. Gifts can be made out to Lambda Chi Alpha Rush and mailed to:

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c/o Stone and Koskie CPAs
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Norman, OK 73069

In Z.A.X.,
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Welcome, New Initiates

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Michael Williams, GP 2348
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Alex Younes, GP 2383

We are proud to announce our fall scholarship winners:

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Matthew Nash, GP 2306
Courtlyn Shoate, GP 2260

\$400 MALONE SCHOLARSHIPS:

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Robert Elliott, GP 2305
Andrew Murphy, GP 2258
Kyle Prince, GP 2274
Brett Roggenkamp, GP 2261



\$500 DON SHERMAN AWARD (OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE):

Chris Ray, GP 2349

\$1,000 JIM BENSON AWARD:

Aric Yarberry, GP 2266

For more information on making a tax-deductible gift to support AXA scholarship at OU, please contact **Rennie Cook, GP 1547** at (405) 823-2178 or rennie@ou.edu.

Southern Hospitality Guides Alumnus

Spotlight on Stanley “Pat” Shouldice, ΓP 371

Southern hospitality was a welcome addition to his vocabulary when **Pat Shouldice, ΓP 371**, moved from a small town in Alberta, Canada, to Norman in 1952. Arriving after three days on a Greyhound bus, Pat started his studies in petroleum engineering and began the life that would bring a host of friendships and interactions with that hospitality.

Pat’s first meeting with Lambda Chi Alpha came when he took a job as kitchen manager to make ends meet. After getting to know the men of the Fraternity, he was asked to pledge and become a member himself.

“The Chapter House was my Oklahoma home, Ma Murray was my Oklahoma mother, and the friends I made were my brothers. Being initiated into Lambda Chi impacted my entire life. It was there that I learned life skills, from living on a budget to building solid relationships.”

Pat met his wife, Jane, at OU and after graduation the two remained in the United States while Pat began his career in the oil industry. As the two built their life together and Pat grew in his career, a return to Canada occurred and the opportunity arose for Pat to start his own company. In 1962 Pat created Nowco Well Service Ltd. The company grew substantially over the years and ultimately did business in over 20 countries.

“The secret to success is 50 percent who you know, 25 percent what you know, 10 percent hard work, and 15 percent blind luck. I saw these things come together as I made my way through the oil industry and the business world. The largest assets in my career were the people I met, particularly those with a link to Oklahoma or Lambda Chi. It seemed that no matter where in the

“The Chapter House was my Oklahoma home, Ma Murray was my Oklahoma mother, and the friends I made were my brothers. Being initiated into Lambda Chi impacted my entire life.”

world I went, I could always make a connection because of one of those.” Pat worked diligently to build his company and career, constantly reminded of the importance of treating others with hospitality and respect.

Pat and Jane split their time between Arizona and Alberta and have four children: Cindi, Terri, Patti, and Kelly, and 11 grandchildren. E-mail: patricks3@cox.net

2010 Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament

The annual Loyd Harris Golf Tournament has become a tradition for many Gamma-Rho alumni and enjoys overwhelming support. As the tournament has developed, so have the reasons to be involved. A portion of the day focuses on scholarship for our undergraduates by remembering a brother we lost.

Brother **Jim Benson, ΓP 1464**, lost his battle with cancer seven years ago. In memory of Jim’s love for Gamma-Rho, his widow, Trisha Bunce, and several fraternity brothers established the James C. Benson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors Jim’s legacy by recognizing an outstanding junior or senior member who “always represents what we represent.” The recipient must be involved in the ritual, support the Chapter, contribute to the brotherhood, and not be afraid to sing with the band at Destination Unknown.

Last year, members of the golf committee and Jim’s associate class joined together to raise money to endow the scholarship with the OU Foundation. Their efforts created a \$20,000 endowment for the scholarship. This year’s recipient of the \$1,000 cash award, **Aric**

Yarberry, ΓP 2266, said, “It is just an honor and privilege to be associated with a man who knew and lived the ritual like Jim.”

2010 Loyd Harris Golf Tournament Schedule of Events

Alumni Reception
(golfers and non-golfers welcome)

Friday, April 30

7:00-9:30 p.m.

904 College

Loyd Harris Alumni Tournament

Saturday, May 1

Registration: 11:30 a.m.

Shotgun start: 1:30 p.m.

Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course

An e-mail and letter registration form are forthcoming. Many thanks to the golf committee for their hard work!

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GAMMA-RHO LOYALTY FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank You, Alumni

Thank you to all alumni who have contributed to the Gamma-Rho Loyalty Fund. The fund supports the publication of newsletters, contributes to summer recruitment expenses to keep our Chapter competitive on the OU campus, builds up our scholarship funds as needed, and supports other necessary areas of our Chapter and Chapter House.

The donors below have contributed to the Loyalty Fund and are listed in their cumulative giving level. We have updated the list to reflect previous sponsors and donations to our annual Loyd 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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Save the Date

Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament

Friday April 30–Saturday, May 1
Jimmie Austin OU Golf Course

Details inside or e-mail reparrish@mac.com.

Alumni Mailbag

The following is a sampling of alumni responses to our recent update request.

Court Moore, GP 202 retired from the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth but says he has been “recycled.” He also fills in a missing piece of our Chapter’s history (see article below).

John Vanderpool, GP 276 retired in 2003 and had the opportunity to spend three weeks in Europe with his wife, Ruth. While he had to wait until he turned 70 for his first grandchild, John keeps busy writing his autobiography.

John Reid, GP 574 writes in to congratulate the Chapter on their strong recruitment last summer. He and his wife, Sarah, enjoy retirement in Illinois and spend time with their eight grandchildren.

John Pickens, GP 692 retired in enemy territory (Austin) and sends in his congratulations to the Chapter for their great year.

Scott Roulett, GP 1156 and his wife, Kim, live in McKinney, Texas, and have two teenage sons. Scott hopes they will be future Gamma-Rho Lambda Chis.

Jason Skurcenski, GP 1324 lives in Colorado with his wife, Natalie, and writes that he enjoys getting the *Gamma Rho*. OU basketball fans will remember Jason from the great Billy Tubbs-coached teams of the 1980s. When the Sooners were destroying their opponents, the student section would start chanting SKI!...SKI!...SKI!, wanting Jason to come in and signify the game was in the bag!

Jay Eshelman, GP 1647 writes that he enjoyed the articles about the history of the house on its 80th birthday. He suggests a contest about the top ten myths regarding the house.

Good idea, Jay! Keep your eyes open for this in future Rhovers. – Ed.

In Memoriam

We are sad to report notice from our alumni update forms on the following brothers’ demise:

Ray Patton, GP 300

Jerry Benson, GP 620

Ramon Williams, GP 637

Our condolences to the friends and families of our departed brothers. And many thanks to alumni who wrote in with information on lost brothers. Your help in keeping in contact with alumni from your classes is an invaluable aid to keeping our database up to date.



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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.*

AXA Reclaims 904 College from OU after WWII

I hear many alumni and actives refer to the years of World War II as the time when the house was closed, as were all the fraternity houses on campus. This is not the case. Some time before the onset of the war, Gamma-Rho Zeta shut down and ceased to exist. How the house reverted to the ownership of the University I do not know. All I know is that when I came to OU and went through rush in the fall of 1946, Gamma-Rho was just reorganizing and had about 10 active members.

I had been enrolled at the University of Arkansas, but at the last minute I made the decision to attend OU. I contacted the University of Oklahoma and was told that there was a forming chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha on campus but they could not participate in recruitment as they were not yet an approved organization. I contacted **G. B. Higgins, GP 190**, who was the president of the re-forming Chapter and after the start of school I was invited to pledge.

In the fall of 1946 there was no Chapter House and no hope of regaining possession of 904 College. By the time I was initiated we had located several pieces of property that might have made more or less adequate chapter houses. They were all in terrible shape and poorly located, but one of them seemed better than the others. Of course we had no money to invest in property and almost no alumni base to help us. The famous “Duke” Flad came from headquarters, agreed that the property might do, and agreed to help us find the necessary funding.

We were just about ready to sign the contract to purchase the inadequate property when I got an excited call from Brother Higgins. The University had contacted him to ask if Lambda Chi Alpha might be interested in purchasing its former house from the University, which no longer had any use for it. The answer was a resounding “yes.” In time for rush week 1947 we were in the house. The house had been used as a women’s dorm and had not been maintained, but with all of us pitching in, it was ready for occupancy literally hours before the start of rush week.

I was in the first initiation class after we became a legal entity on campus. I look back to those days of struggle just to gain a foothold in campus society, and I marvel at how far the Chapter has come from the days of its rebirth. I am grateful to have been a part of that rebirth, and I believe it is a story that needs to be told.

Yours in ZAX,

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