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FALL 2015

Gamma-Rho Zeta to Honor Capital Campaign Donors Attend Room Dedication Ceremony Dad's Day Weekend

Remember this. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously - 2 Corinthians 9:6

The Sigma Phi Housing Corporation, Gamma-Rho Zeta Alumni Association, and the capital campaign committee are grateful to all of our alumni and friends who pledged and donated to the *Continuing our Tradition of Excellence* campaign. You have helped us re-plant the “withered and ugly seed” that was our Chapter House into “good ground” where it can flourish to house future generations of Lambda Chis. More than 2,600 young men have passed through its doors and called it home in the 85 years of its existence at the University of Oklahoma. Only two other fraternities on campus approach that record of longevity.

We now have a house that is safe, healthy, and one to be proud of. It houses undergraduate brothers who set the standard for fraternities at OU. No other chapter has won as many

President's Trophy awards for outstanding fraternity on campus; awards for grades, intramurals, philanthropy, community service; national fraternity awards; as well as individual awards for our brothers.

Your alumni association would like to announce a room dedication ceremony on the Saturday of OU's Dad's Day game against Iowa State, Saturday, November 7. There will be a tailgate party and a brief awards ceremony for our key donors with the plaques that will be affixed to the rooms in the house that, through their generous donations, qualify for our room naming awards. We hope all alumni can attend, whether attending the game or not.

Our honorees are:

- Don Sherman, GP 374
 - David Magstadt, GP 1612
 - Raj Patel, GP 1120
 - Matt Porter, GP 1615
 - Ron Elkins, GP 393
 - Conrad Masterson, GP 581
 - Truman Edminster, GP 855
 - Carrie Lou and Jim Draper
- In memory of **Garrett Draper, GP 1310**

- Dr. Kevin Hook, GP 1427, Scott Mabrey, GP 1498, Tim Clay, GP 1466, Travis Carter, GP 1422, Darren Loftis, GP 1486, John Weaver, GP 1435, and David Willis, GP 1431

In honor of **Mike Dicus, GP 1430**

- Dr. Rennie Barnes, GP 1535 and Craig Parrish, GP 1541
- Dennis Cameron, GP 1043, Truman Edminster, GP 855, and James McCarthy, GP 794

In memory of **Davis Cameron, GP 874** and **Max Cameron, GP 2239**

Please join us in honoring these generous friends and alumni, especially if you have not had the opportunity to tour our renewed Chapter House.

I will end with this. As the seed has been planted in good ground, it still requires “light and water” to flourish. There is still a need for alumni contributions and room naming rights are still available.

Yours in Z.A.X.,

Bob Canfield GP 876

President, Sigma Phi Housing Corporation

ROOM
DEDICATION
Saturday,
November 7

Gamma-Rho Zeta is hosting a room dedication ceremony at the Chapter House on Saturday, November 7. We hope to see many loyal alumni back at the Chapter House to honor our donors. There will also be a tailgate party before the Dad's Day game vs. Iowa State!

BEING A LEADER IN GAMMA-RHO ZETA J.D. Baker, GP 2648 Reflects on His Lambda Chi Alpha Experience



J.D. Baker, GP 2648 joined Lambda Chi because he felt a strong presence of brotherhood and knew that he could develop into a better version of himself through the values and relationships he formed through the brotherhood. **Jake Pasdach, GP 2473, David Doshier, GP 2593, Brandon Turney, GP 2664, Parker Randels, GP 2646** and **Jimmy Kaczmarek, GP 2430** were the biggest influences in his decision. Each of them took personal time to speak with him about who he was and what Lambda Chi Alpha stood for. “I knew these were men I wanted to call my brothers and spend a lifetime with.”

J.D.'s undergraduate experience has been met with many trials, but with many triumphs as well. He believes that he has grown into a better person because of the people he (Continued on page 3)



GENEROUS ALUMNI MAKE SCHOLARSHIPS POSSIBLE

More Than \$7,000 Raised

In spring 2015, alumni generously responded to our call for supporting Gamma-Rho Zeta and gave \$7,145 to Lambda Chi at the University of Oklahoma. These funds will be used to provide scholarships and leadership opportunities to our undergraduate members. The accomplishments and success enjoyed by our undergraduates are directly attributed to the ongoing and loyal support from our alumni.

Gold Level (\$1,500 and above)

Dr. Adam B. Smith, GP 1013

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Jason R. Hartpence, GP 1867

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Byron J. Bailey, M.D., GP 351

Frank K. Kyger, GP 339

Larry E. Kerr, GP 417

Jerry D. Hagan, GP 459

M. Patrick McCabe, GP 466

E.T. Laird, GP 468

Conrad J. Masterson Jr., GP 581

William E. Pitts, GP 603

Jim R. Swafford, GP 613

James R. Robinson, GP 626

Charles W. Snider, GP 627

O. Michael Collins, GP 638

Gary W. Farabough, GP 762

Gregory W. Raynor, GP 1022

Michael C. Brakefield, GP 1300

Charles D. Richardson, GP 1722

Trevor J. Tullius, GP 1905

M. Scott McCoy, GP 1966

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Family and Brotherhood in Lambda Chi

Brian Ringer, GP 1296 Shares His Experience

"From day one, Lambda Chi was more than a fraternity to me. The members and associates became another family," shares **Brian Ringer, GP 1296**. Through his membership, he has been able to develop lifelong friendships and learned skills that have helped to shape his life today.



One of Brian's fondest memories is the day he signed with Lambda Chi Alpha. Despite having a member of another fraternity tell him to rip up his pledge card and join a different house, Brian knew that Lambda Chi is where he wanted to be. During his undergraduate years, he spent time making memories at destination unknown parties and recruiting trips. "My associate brothers and I set out to do great things on campus and I think that translated to the real world too."

Many of the lessons Brian learned at Gamma-Rho Zeta have helped him throughout his professional and personal life. "Lambda Chi Alpha taught me about working with others and how to respect leadership." He has been very successful in the technology world, working for several companies in web hosting, media, and software development roles.

When asked about what advice he would give to the undergraduate members, he said, "Enjoy college, study, innovate, lead, and support your campus and Chapter, but also try to accomplish something great while you are here."

Brian worked on campus for seven years, which allowed him to remain involved with Gamma-Rho Zeta. He has served on the alumni association for several years and is the current president. "I've been surprised by how little things have changed in the house and the membership; this is still a

top Chapter on campus." He has been impressed with the high quality of brothers who continue the Chapter's legacy.

He and his wife, Kristan Gray Ringer, *Delta Delta Delta*, have two children, Gray Michael and Aimee Grace. Their children want to follow in their parents' footsteps and join the same Chapters they did. He remains busy keeping up with their children's sports and being outside. Brian keeps in contact with many Lambda Chi brothers who live in Norman and through social media. Contact Brian at brianringer1@gmail.com.

Your Gift Counts Anytime!

If you would like to make a gift at any time to our annual campaign, you can do so online or by sending a check with the following gift form to our P.O. Box. Your support of the Gamma-Rho Zeta Alumni Association is greatly appreciated!

Mail your gift (using form) to:

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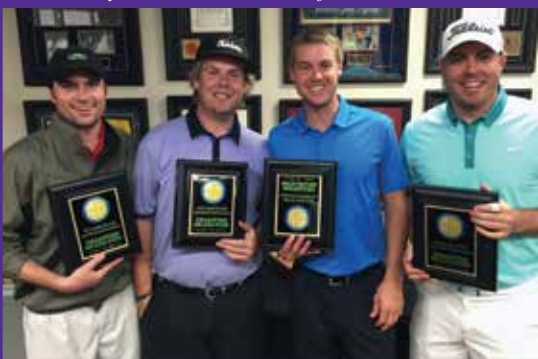
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Will be used to support alumni communication and activities, and Chapter recruitment.

Winners of the A flight at the annual
Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament.



17th Annual Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament

The 17th annual Loyd Harris Alumni Golf Tournament was a huge success! We had more than 100 alumni in Norman to participate in the event. I would like to extend a special thanks to all of our sponsors; we couldn't host the tournament without their continued support!

Also thanks to the tournament committee and their efforts to host another outstanding event. We wouldn't have the event without the planning of **Craig Parrish, GP 1541**, **Todd Kahoe, GP 1619**, **Colby Korsun, GP 2061**, and **Tyler Woodward, GP 2122**. Thank you, brothers!

Alumni competed in two flights, and the course had two longest drive and two closest to the pin competitions. After a two hole playoff, the winning team of A flight was **Henry Benton, GP 2205**, **Tyler Woodward, GP 2082**, and **Colby Korsun, GP 2122**. The winners of Flight B, after a scorecard playoff, were **Craig Parrish, GP 1541**, **Justin Hiersche, GP 1541**, **Kyle McCord, GP 1541**, and **Drew Mildren, GP 1441**. Thank you, **Coby Greenhaw, GP 1441** and **Paxton Grey**, owners of Case of Champions in Oklahoma City, for donating the trophies that were presented to the winner!

A save the date for the 2016 tournament will be posted online later this year, so be on the lookout. We are also looking for someone to chair the raffle sub-committee and hole sponsor sub-committee. If you have ever wanted to help organize the Loyd Harris Golf Tournament, please contact **Craig at reparrish@mac.com**.

Gamma-Rho Zeta Remains on Top at OU Success in Academics, Intramurals, and Philanthropy

While closing out the school year, Gamma-Rho Zeta proved to go above and beyond of what was expected. The members set the bar high for the next school year and are excited for the fall semester.

Chapter Wins Sooner Scandals

Gamma-Rho Zeta finished up the spring semester by winning Sooner Scandals with the women of Gamma Phi Beta, placed third in academics, and second in intramurals. Additionally, sophomore **Blake Pettigrove, GP 2592** won best male lead and overall we won best set and vocal performance. Lambda Chi is paired with the women of Pi Beta Phi for the annual University Sing in the fall.

Gamma-Rho Zeta Wins Multi-Cultural Award

A furious finish to the intramural season brought us just short of another championship, placing second overall. We continue to excel academically, finishing third among fraternities in grades with a 3.10 GPA. The Chapter continues to have a strong presence in on-campus activities. We won President Boren's Multi-Cultural Award. With recent adversity on campus, this award was given much emphasis and a strong recognition.

More Than \$7,000 Raised for Big Brothers Big Sisters

Our service to the community continued with our annual White Rose Pageant that raised \$7,400 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Norman. Additionally, we hosted a car wash for our national philanthropy, Feeding America, which raised more than \$200 and 2,000 pounds of food. **Zak Anderson, GP 2540** was chairman for



The men of Gamma-Rho Zeta were paired with the women of Gamma Phi Beta for Sooner Scandals this past spring.

Relay for Life, a campus-wide event that raised more than \$180,000 for the American Cancer Society this past spring.

Ambitious Goals for Fall Semester

We have signed yet another promising associate class that will be the future of Gamma-Rho Zeta, and we look forward to being the best on campus again. With our momentum and potential, we have the ability to be something to put in the record books. We look to winning the President's Trophy with our promising goals in the fall. I, along with the rest of the men of Gamma-Rho Zeta, extend our hand and reach out to any alumni that have yet to see the renovated Chapter House and experience a football game day unlike any other. We hope all is well and look forward to this year!

In Z.A.X.,
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BEING A LEADER

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surrounds himself with, especially his brothers at Gamma-Rho. "I love the bond we have here and hope to continue it for more years to come." One of the many traditions that J.D. enjoys at Gamma-Rho is Wednesday dinner. He likes the opportunity to share a meal with his brothers, whether they're a senior or a freshman.

The Chapter has taught J.D. how to lead others effectively. "Our Chapter, university, even the world would be lost without leadership. Leadership provides direction and a purpose to a cause or an organization. Leadership comes as a great responsibility, but also a great reward. It is an

opportunity to develop more of oneself and serve others. There's only one type of leadership: servant leadership. When a leader has learned how to follow and serve others, then there's nothing he can't do and nowhere he can't go."

J.D. is from Edmond, Okla., where he attended Edmond Santa Fe High School. He is double majoring in public relations and public affairs and administration. He is also serving as house manager for the 2015-16 school year.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for members of the S.P. Holding Company and the Gamma Rho Alumni Association, non-profit Oklahoma Corporations, will be Sunday, October 25, at 3:30 p.m. at the Chapter House (904 College, Norman, Oklahoma).

The meeting will be convened for the following purposes:

- To elect officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year until the next annual meeting of members.
- 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 8763

Secretary, S.P. Holding Company



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Chapter Eternal

Roy V. Bynum, GP 235, entered Chapter Eternal at age 85 in Indianola, Okla. Roy held memberships and participated in many civic, local, statewide, and national organizations. Most notably, he was a longtime member of the board of directors of the Southeastern Public Library System of Oklahoma, a 32 Degree life member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, a McAlester Rotary Club-Paul Harris Fellow, member of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Pittsburg County Historical and Genealogical Society, and Indianola Public Schools Alumni Association board of directors.

Richard E. Ryder, GP 441, entered Chapter Eternal on February 12, 2014.

Alumni News

Dr. Jackson D. Haraway, GP 243, now lives with his daughter, Lucinda Hammons, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. "So, I guess that makes me a sooner-hog."

Jim L. Litton, GP 290, shares that his wife passed away in November 2014. Jim lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.

James W.H. Denton, GP 418, and his wife, Carol, live in San Diego, Calif., and spend much of their time at their country club. They

participate in the local OU club activities and support the San Diego Sociological Society activities. E-mail: jwdenton@san.rr.com

Fred D. Singleton, GP 429, is at home taking care of his wife, Helen, who has trouble getting around. Their son and his family live in Oklahoma and he is in charge of the computer department of the state supreme court. Their daughter lives in Virginia, but comes home once or twice a year. "Life is good. No complaints." E-mail: fhoneton@cox.net

Robert C. Parrott, GP 646, worked in oil and gas until the recent downturn. He now enjoys traveling and fishing. He completed running the Boston Marathon in 1998. He also keeps up with six grandchildren. Robert lives in Oklahoma City, Okla. E-mail: parrott813@sbcglobal.net

Noah H. Ewing Jr., GP 683, and his wife, Anna, live in Purcell, Okla. They have two sons, Alex and Eli, who both graduated from Harvard in 2003. Alex graduated from Harvard Law School in 2006 and is an intellectual property litigator and lives in Boston, Mass., with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children. Eli graduated Yale Law School in 2007. He is an intellectual property litigator in San Francisco, Calif., where he lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two sons. Noah and Anna fly to both coasts to see their sons and host them and friends often. "If not for Harvard, they would both have been LXAs at OU." E-mail: noahanneewing@juno.com

Eddie Mike Caswell, GP 902, graduated from OU in 1978 with a BA in journalism advertising. He moved to Dallas, Texas, and worked in corporate public relations departments. In 1992, he earned a M.Ed. in counseling from the University of North Texas. He has been in private practice since then and is a licensed professional counselor in Dallas.

Chad W. Higbee, GP 1265, and his wife of 24 years, Sheila, are in the midst of a busy season of life. They have five children: Evan, Lauren, Megan, Owen and London, who are all involved in athletics. Chad continues his work in hospice care, where he has been leading teams for 20 years. Sheila continues her role as the family's biggest supporter and chief organizational officer at Rockwall Heath High. The family lives in Rockwall, Texas. E-mail: chadhigbee@hotmail.com

Jay A. Eshelman, GP 1647, was promoted to regional president for Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. He will now be running the property and casualty business in the central U.S. Jay also helped start an Affinity Insurance Practice for Gallagher, which is a specialty focused on creating customized insurance programs for groups, associations, and franchises. This growing practice now has offices in Boston, Sarasota, and Kansas City. Jay and his wife, Kim, live in Tulsa, Okla. E-mail: jay.eshelman@ajg.com