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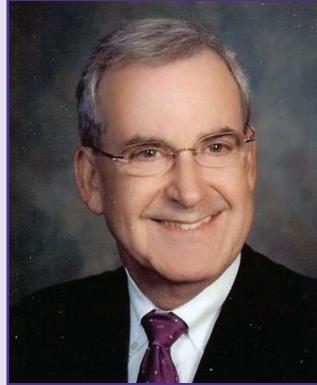
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IN MEMORY OF DON SHERMAN, GP 364

New Scholarship Fund Established in His Honor

Our mentor, friend, and brother, **Don Sherman, GP 364**, passed away last fall. Don's service to our fraternity at our Chapter level and nationally was astounding. Don served as Chapter adviser for eight years and was instrumental in establishing our alumni and housing boards, on which he served as president and treasurer for more than 30 years. Nationally, Don served on the Lambda Chi Alpha Educational Foundation board as treasurer, and was awarded the Order of Merit.

Don spoke recently of his commitment. "I joined the Chapter as a pledge in my freshman year, one of 20 in the pledge class. The Chapter House held 40 men at the time and I moved into the house in 1954, which was the year that the new addition was built. I was fortunate in living in the new addition as a junior and senior. Afterward, I had the privilege of serving as the Chapter adviser for eight years and during one of those, the brothers received the Grand High Alpha award. I became the Chapter adviser



because I loved Lambda Chi Alpha and have always found it to be rewarding to work with young people. Our Chapter members have always evolved around values with quality attracting quality."

Thank you, Don, for your devotion and dedicated service to the preservation of our Lambda Chi values and growth of our Chapter. **Don requested, for his memorial, that brothers donate to his scholarship fund at the OU Foundation. Donations can be directed to The Lambda Chi Alpha Don Sherman Brotherhood Scholarship and mailed to The OU Foundation, 100 W. Timberdell Road, Norman, OK, 73019.**

In Z.A.X.,
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THANK YOU, GENEROUS ALUMNI

In fall 2016, generous alumni responded to our call for support and donated to Gamma-Rho Zeta. These funds were used to provide scholarships and leadership opportunities, contribute to our capital campaign efforts, strengthen our alumni relations program, and create our memorial walkway. Supporting these opportunities helps us continue Gamma-Rho Zeta's legacy at the University of Oklahoma. Donors are listed in their cumulative giving level and by their respective giving program.

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Continuing a Legacy

Andre Champagne, GP 1264 Remains Committed to Lambda Chi Alpha

Hoping to find an organization that offered him a well-rounded experience, **Andre Champagne, GP 1264** discovered his home in Lambda Chi Alpha. With an organization composed of members with interests all across the board, Andrew remembers members having a genuine respect for one another and investment in the overall integrity and reputation of the Chapter on campus. "We were well respected and were leaders in the Greek community as well as student life on campus," he said. "I took pride in how well we worked together in creating the environment where different types of people supported one another and shared the common goal of protecting the brotherhood."

Throughout the year, Andre returns to Norman to cheer on Sooner athletics, and this past fall, he gained a new perspective when both of his children joined Greek chapters at OU. **Bailey, Associate**, Andre's son, followed in his footsteps and joined Gamma-Rho Zeta, and his daughter, Brandee, joined Kappa Kappa Gamma. "I'm very proud of how Lambda Chi has stayed true to its values over the years and feel certain that my son will have an awesome and meaningful experience as well."

Andre played baseball for the Sooners and lived in the Chapter House for two years and believes he learned a lot from watching his brothers excel in their respective leadership positions. "Lambda Chi exposed me to a lot of different people with different interests and aptitudes for



a variety of things," he said. "It helped me recognize how to appreciate the differences and strengths of people and how to motivate others to work together to accomplish goals. The ideas of the brotherhood are inspiring and the loyalty that is promoted and required is a trait that continues to be valuable to me in my life."

Andre is proud to see how the Chapter has stayed true to its culture and values since his undergraduate years and is happy to see how Gamma-Rho Zeta continues to be a top Chapter on campus. He advises current members to take advantage of the full college experience by taking academics seriously from the beginning, getting involved, and having fun. "You will look back to these years as one of the best times in your life," he said. "The more you put into the house and the success of the Chapter, the greater the reward you will have as a member. You have to be invested in it and take pride in the legacy to fully appreciate the brotherhood and what it can offer you in return."

Andre and his wife, Charise, an OU Kappa Alpha Theta alumna, have been married for 26 years. Andre is the president of a mid-size IT consulting company and enjoys Sooner sports and playing hockey, golf, and tennis. In their free time, the couple also enjoys traveling. Andre and Charise live in Flower Mound, Texas, and he can be reached at andre-champagne@home.com.

Active Members Strive for All-Around Success

Academics, Membership Involvement, and Alumni Engagement Remain Top Priorities

The success of Gamma-Rho Zeta over the past year came to fruition when the Chapter was awarded runner-up for the President's Trophy award at the end of last spring. The men of Gamma-Rho continue to set higher standards on campus in areas from academic excellence to extracurricular involvement. Gamma-Rho is marked by the quality of our men as they serve in a variety of leadership positions on campus and throughout the community.

Undergraduates Emphasize Academic Excellence

We made great strides throughout the past year, as the Chapter increased its GPA to a 3.28 from the past year's average of 3.20. With another .08 improvement in GPA, the Chapter would surpass the current first place chapter GPA of 3.34. The Interfraternity Council average is a 3.1, and Gamma-Rho is ranked fourth by chapter GPA. The fall 2016 associate class earned a 3.32 average GPA, which ties them for first place for new member GPA. The addition of new scholarships, study resources, and collaborative learning opportunities has proved successful over the past year, and the men of Gamma-Rho will be pushing hard for another productive year in academia.

In addition to our academic success, the past year proved to be one of the most successful new member education programs to date. There are an unprecedented 57 associate members out of 60 who will be initiated this spring. The new member education program has continued to challenge the associate members of our Chapter and mold them into young men worthy of our bond.

Members Prioritize On-Campus Involvement

In the community, our members have already logged more than 3,200 volunteer hours as we



David Doshier, GP 2593 and Sarah Stagg were named the 2016 Homecoming king and queen.

strive to achieve our goal of logging 4,000 hours this year. **David Doshier, GP 2593** is Lambda Chi's newest OU Homecoming king. This past fall, David was named the 12th Lambda Chi to receive this honor since the award's inception, just 15 years ago in 1985. Daniel is an industrial engineering major currently serving as the High School Leadership Conference chairman. Furthermore, **JD Baker, GP 2648** was recently elected Student Government Association president and was sworn into office on December 7, 2016. JD is a public relations major and the founder of the OUr Mental Health organization. In addition, the men of Gamma-Rho continue to hold a vast number of leadership positions on campus, including the Relay for Life chairman, Oklahoma men's lacrosse president, LEAD team chairman, and CCEW interns.

After a newly revamped point system in intramurals, the current standings place Lambda Chi in fourth place with 781 points. In the pursuit of our 24th intramural championship, our Chapter will rely heavily on our big hitter, **Chad "The Cheese" Sullivan, GP 2623**, to push for a win in the upcoming softball and soccer competitions this spring.



JD Baker, GP 2648 was sworn in as the Student Government Association president last fall.

Alumni, Connect with Gamma-Rho Online

It's an exciting time for our Chapter in terms of alumni engagement. After the growth in alumni involvement that we experienced this past year, we have set out to continue creating opportunities for alumni to reengage with Gamma-Rho Zeta. To stay up to date on game day tailgating information, alumni events, networking opportunities, and other events with the Chapter, please:

- Join our Facebook page, OU Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni
- Join our LinkedIn page by searching Lambda Chi Alpha – University of Oklahoma
- Update your contact information at www.oulambda.com through the alumni tab on the homepage
- Contact our High Rho, **Josh Cardosi, GP 2710**, at joshuacardosi@gmail.com

Gamma-Rho is looking forward to continued improvements in academia, service, and involvement. Our men are proud of the history at 904 College Avenue, and every year we strive to top the last. By striking a balance between academic success, philanthropy, and social involvement, our members are leaving a lasting impact on Greek life, our campus, and the surrounding community for years to come. The success of this Chapter would not be possible without the support from Mom Roberts, **Rodger Lalli, GP 1894**, and all the Gamma-Rho alumni.

In Z.A.X.,
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