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## One Hundred Grand Years



Zeta Chi celebrates its 100th year anniversary with a fund-raising goal of \$100,000. For one hundred rich and glorious years, our fraternity has stood tall and prospered through many hardships. As we look forward to the next one hundred years, it is time to reflect and challenge ourselves as alumni to make a donation to that future.

Our fund raising for the Fraternity house is going very well and we have a number of large pledges. The Trustees have established 4 levels of giving they are Brotherhood \$100-\$499, Crimson and Gold \$500-\$999, Wreath and Scroll \$1,000-4,999, and ZX Lamp \$5,000 and more. As a reminder put on your calendar May 20th, 100 anniversary party with other Baker alumni classes at Double Tree Hotel , Overland Park ,KS and the big blow out at Baldwin on May 21 at the ZX house. Plan on being there...more details to follow.

**Letter from the Treasurer:** We have made significant progress in reaching \$100,000 for 100 years. We have raised a little over \$36k since last stag. Thank you to those that sent their support and to those that haven't; I

know the check is in the mail. We really need to make a big push to make the \$100k by stag. The house really needs your support to bring it into this century. A special thanks to Ed Zeller who has been working with a contractor and the active members of the house to prepare the basement for new floor drains. Gary Weckbaugh, father of Brandon, has been working with the Trustees to give the kitchen a face-lift.

Trace Gaskell

Send contributions to the Zeta Chi Alumni Association, PO Box 294, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

### **100-year anniversary request:**

If you would like to write a letter or send photographs to be included in the 100 year stag program please send to: Trace Gaskell via the above ZX address or email to [gaskella@bv.com](mailto:gaskella@bv.com).

## **Dad's Day**

Saturday November 13, 2004, was Dad's Day. The house manager organized the projects for the day. All had a great feast that evening. The dads of Actives and Pledges were invited to attend a day full of fun and good food. All alumni are also invited to attend every Dad's Day and help with several house repair projects. This year more alumni took part than ever before.

Dad's Day is becoming a tradition. The dads had such a good time that the moms don't want to be left out. So the first Mom's Day will be held on May 7.

## Zeta Chi Remembers

Gene Chub remembers:

Some will remember that the "pantry" was still a wooden floor at least through 1951. I can remember the early breakfast brothers always coming down and asking why so many cereal boxes were opened, several of one kind.

Well, as the first one down for breakfast from 1948 through spring 1951, I know because I ALWAYS opened a new box. You see, as I ran down the stairs to the kitchen each morning, I always heard a loud paper rustling sound as I rounded the corner into the pantry and sometimes actually saw the noise makers: HUGE cockroaches that had spent the night free-loading in on the ZX food bills.

Happy memories, all you cockroach eaters!!  
Gene Chubb '51.

Send your memories to Bob Burnham, the newsletter editor and as many as possible will be included in the spring issue. Contact Bob Burnham, [BobBurnham77@yahoo.com](mailto:BobBurnham77@yahoo.com) or mail to PO Box 302, Idaho Springs, CO 80452.

## Message from the Pres



A message from Dennis Krebs, the Alumni President, elected in May 2004.

In the words of the late L. R. Magee '44, Progress! Since the October newsletter several positive things have occurred for Zeta Chi. We have been making progress on our capital campaign. As of mid-December we have raised approximately \$22,000. Dennis Seager has worked hard coordinating this project and has contacted many people. While we still have a long way to go, this initial progress is encouraging.

On November 13, we had a very positive Dad's day. We accomplished several

projects around the house. It was also a lot of fun having the actives and their dads together for a really great dinner.

We have made progress on repairs to the chapter room. Drains will be installed and a sump pump will be added to alleviate further water damage in the basement. The ceiling has been reinstalled in the kitchen. Soon we will be looking for bids on guttering, air conditioning and new windows as we continue to upgrade the physical structure. Thanks to Ed Zeller for helping to coordinate some of the bids on the basement.

In November, I met with John Frazier, the new Dean of Students at Baker. He will be a strong supporter of all Greeks at Baker, but particularly Zeta Chi, as he is an alum of an independent fraternity at Heidelberg College in Ohio. He certainly understands the challenges facing independent fraternities. I know our active chapter has a great working relationship with him. Unlike the other three fraternities, Dean Frazier has not had to take disciplinary action with Zeta Chi. Zeta Chi fraternity has a great reputation on the Baker campus.

The actives continue to make progress on rushing new members. Several new young men have been added after formal rush. Probably the best news about our new members is that most will do very well academically. The active chapter is looking forward to the best cumulative grades in several years.

Planning continues on the 100 Year Celebration and the 100th Stag. Please plan on getting together with Zeta Chi brothers on May 20 and 21. If you have already contributed to the Capital Campaign, thank you. If not, please consider a contribution. I look forward to seeing everyone in May.

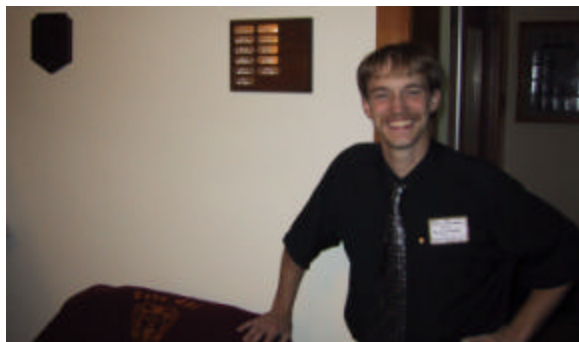
Faternally,

Dennis Krebs

## Stephen Ward Passed

Stephen Ward, class of 1949, is a brother that will be missed. Blessings and Prayers to his family. He passed away Dec 8th, 2004.

## Active President



Robin Burnham was the active chapter president for the 2004 fall semester.

The house had a rough start to this semester. The turnover in the treasurer position left the house with some money problems to solve. The problems were isolated and solved. Today the house is financially sound.

The flooding this summer cause major problems on the lower level. The active chapter took out the water-damaged material. They made the chapter room ready for the contractor to start work on a permanent solution, work starts in January 2005.

Many issues lead to a down turn in brotherhood at the house. The supreme council may it stronger by providing leadership training. Robin said, "We are training the officers to lead by example." Leadership training is now provided to all new members in the house. So they can "Lead by example."

Work continued this semester on the memorial plaque for the "ZX brothers war memorial."

In the face of declining numbers of men on Baker's campus, the house has picked up new pledges and the house numbers have grown. The pledge class is an academic asset, most have GPA's above 3.0.

Pledge project was a haunted hayride. The money they raised went to charity.

The active chapter raised funds during Maple Leaf festival. They set up the barriers for the event. Other fundraising possibilities are being considered.

One of the most successful Dad's Days was held this fall. Robin said, "With the trustees there this time, it was lead by example."

## Scotty Allison Active President Spring 05

Scotty is the active chapter president for the spring semester. He is a senior with a major in music. He plans to graduate in May 2005.

## Officers for Spring 2005

Active Chapter Elections were held in December. The new officers are:

President- Scott Allison  
Vice President- Matt Clark  
Secretary- Carlo Washington  
Treasurer- Robin Burnham/Ryan Naylor  
Scholarship- Jason Krebs  
Rush- Brandon Weckbaugh & Brett Algaier  
Chaplain- Keith Gaboury  
House Manager- Jeremy Hogue  
Social- Derek Huninghake and Cole Esau  
Historian- Kyle Michalski  
Alumni Relations- Sam Coffey  
Intramurals- Cole Esau  
IFC- Jason Krebs and Sam Coffey  
Student Senate- Ryan Naylor

## Stag 2005

Start making your STAG plans. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Zeta Chi will celebrate its 100-year STAG. Send an e-mail/letter to your roommates, pledge brothers, and friends and make plans to be in Baldwin. Stag invitations will be coming your way before long.

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