

# THE CRIMSON & GOLD



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## Stag 2009



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Dear Zeta Chi Alumni:

104 years of Zeta Chi. If you haven't visited Baker and Greater Baldwin City in the past few years this year would be a really good time to renew old acquaintances. Baker University's celebrated its sesquicentennial last year, and so starts the next 150 years. Many special events are taking place during alumni weekend. Baldwin City now boasts three banks, a fitness center, plus many other new stores and restaurants! If things continue to change Kansas City may become a suburb and a GPS may be required to find the house for next year's STAG.

STAG is on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Zeta Chi will celebrate its 104th STAG. While some things do change here, we try to keep other things the same. The important part of STAG is YOU. We hope you can find time to attend this year. Send an e-mail/letter to your roommates, pledge brothers, and

friends and announce that it is time for a reunion!!

Plan to attend and bring your son, nephew or neighbor. Please fill in the enclosed card and return it to us and include a few words for the good of the order, or a favorite memory you have of your days at Zeta Chi

The schedule for STAG is etched in stone—Mid-afternoon, gather at the Zeta Chi house, meet friends, and check out your old room.

5:00 pm – Zeta Chi Alumni Association Meeting in the Dining Room

6:00 pm – Zeta Chi STAG dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church.



## Fifty Years, Class of '59

If you know a Zeta Chi from the class of '59 please contact him and encourage him to attend stag this year. Contact one of the trustees if you are interested in heading up a class project for the class of '59.

Classes with special reunions are the classes of 1999, 1984 and 1959, 10, 25 and 50 years, respectively. If you have Internet access check out the Zeta Chi web sit at [www.zetachi.org](http://www.zetachi.org). Look under brothers to review the list of those with email address and add yours if it is not there.

***Return your stag card today.***

## Scholarship Cup returns to its rightful home ZX



The Zeta Chi's are ranked number one this semester in the race for the best GPA. The men of ZX have worked hard to make this happen. Anyone who was ever in the house when the cup came to rest on our mantel knows the satisfaction this carries with it, the payoff for the long hours of study.

Jeremy Hogue, said "... if you have not heard yet the house got the best GPA on campus with a 3.1 GPA!"

Keep up the good work. Has the cup found its permanent home? Everyone is behind you in this effort. Congratulations.

## Alumni President Report



Stag 2003

Gentlemen, the second semester is almost half done and the active chapter is doing well. They are getting involved in committees, clubs, boards, tutoring and class work. The alumni board is pleased with their progress and growth in scholarship, citizenship and brotherhood. I know this sounds trite, but this is what I believe to be true. The board recognizes a need for more living and study space in the near and long run. We plan to rebuild the west addition. We plan to install new energy efficient windows, tear off the old siding, re-side with materials that will be compatible in appearance with the original house. We are now totally wi-fi.

Come to stag and join the celebration. Fraternaly, Steve R. Sublett

## Treasurer's Report



Taken Stag 2006

Financial status:

The Alumni Association holds a little over two thousand dollars in the checking account after paying our insurance premiums. The General Liability policy is a little over \$4,700 this year, approximately the same as last year. The property insurance premium is \$8,000 this year, also the same as the previous year. We still owe Douglas County the second half of the 2008 property taxes totaling almost \$3,000. Some quick math; to cover the essential items almost takes \$19,000 to keep the house open. Most of the \$19,000 is covered by the active payments to the Alumni, but we still need the alumni support to fully fund the alumni association account. I appreciate your continued support. A big liability that has grown over the past few years is the house loan owed to the Educational Fund. Currently, the Alumni owe the Educational Fund \$118,000. (By the way the county says the house is worth \$408k. Maybe we should ask them to buy it.) Back in 2003, the Alumni only owed \$38,000 on the house. The increase is due to the repairs and upgrades done to the house that were funded by generous donations to the Educational Fund and then loaned to the Alumni Association.

The Educational Fund holds \$4,000 in its checking account and nearly \$8,000 in the money market account held in the brokerage account. Our investments have taken a beating, but we don't hold the investments to grow the principal. All but one investment either pays interest or dividends. We continue to reinvest dividends into new investments.

Trace Gaskell

## Presidential Visit

(reprinted from the winter newsletter)



President Long in Denver 2008

For the last several years the Burnham's of Denver have hosted a picnic for all the Baker University Students in Colorado. The picnic is held in July or August just before students need to make the long trip across the flat country of Eastern Colorado and Western Kansas to Baker's campus.

Dr. Long, Baker University President, had a conference in Denver scheduled the same week as the picnic. She was able to arrange a side trip and greet the Colorado students at the picnic. The students and their parents had a chance to talk with Dr. Long one-on-one. The typical Colorado afternoon thunderstorms held off until the end of the picnic, making for a pleasant event.

Bob and Marion Burnham plan to hold the picnic again in 2009. As with every year, BU alumni are invited to attend. Students and especially their parents enjoy taking with those that can tell them about the school. No thunderstorms allowed.



Ramble 2001

## Newsletter on the Web

Zeta Chi is moving forward on information highway. The newsletter is and has been available on the Zeta Chi website, under the Alumni link. The website has been under going construction. If you have not been there lately you should plan a visit. The newsletter pictures come out in black and white in the printed version; they come out in color on the web. As more and more of our brothers take the on-ramp to the information highway it makes sense to use email to announce the posting of the newsletter. <http://www.zetachi.org/>

If you have email and are willing to receive your newsletter via the web send your email address to the editor, Bob Burnham at [BobBurnham77@yahoo.com](mailto:BobBurnham77@yahoo.com)

The less money we spend on postage and the fewer trees we kill, the more that can be put into the house. If you are looking for the email address of a brother many of them are posted on the ZX web site, or send a note to Bob Burnham.

## Brother Can You Lend a Hand?

### Networking with Brothers

The Zeta Chi database is used to send out this newsletter. The information is only shared within the fraternity for fraternity business. However, in these troubling economic times networking can become more important than ever.

To this end, Ed Zeller has suggested that we ask for each brother's profession and company. If you are retired, then the information that you feel is appropriate.

In Ed's suggestion he said "I was thinking this could be a source to help with potential job connections and mentoring possibilities, along with sources for when we need things done to the house."

If you agree with Ed, than include this information when you return your stag card.

## **ZX Trustees**

If you have questions or better yet answers feel free to contact one of the trustees.

Steve Sublett - President  
Jeremy Hogue - VP  
Ed Zeller - Secretary  
Trace Gaskell - Treasurer  
John Austin  
Mike Bandre  
Cody Howard  
Scott Chase  
Robin Burnham  
Karl Krawitz  
Merle Parks  
Dru Sellers  
Dennis Seager  
Orrin (Oke) Potter  
Bob Burnham – Newsletter



## **Officers for Spring 2009**

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

President - Andrew Linenberger  
Vice President - Josh Thompson  
Treasurer - Ethan Bailey  
Secretary – Eric Loux  
Chaplain – Andrew Linenberger  
Scholarship Chairman - Jason Vitale  
Rush Chairman - Scott Ireland  
Rush Chairman - Andrew Simons  
Social Chairman - Jason Vitale  
Social Chairman - Adam Tebben  
Risk Manager - Kyle Jones  
House Manager - Jesse Kern

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## Zeta Chi Building Fund

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**ZETA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. BOX 294**  
**BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS 66006-0294**

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- ÿ YES, I will attend Stag this year! Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_  
ÿ NO, I will not be able to attend Stag  
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ÿ YES, I am paying my \$25.00 2008-2009 Zeta Chi Alumni Association Dues in order to support the publication of the newsletter.  
ÿ YES, I am donating \$100.00 to the Zeta Chi Building Fund capital campaign.  
ÿ YES, I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ (please provide exact amount) for the building fund.  
    Brotherhood - \$100 - \$499  
    Crimson/Gold - \$500-\$999  
    Wreath/Scroll - \$1000 - \$4999  
    ZX Lamp - \$5000+
- ÿ New Address or changes please check.

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email address May we publish it on the ZX website? Yes\_\_ No\_\_

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Company Name

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