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One Hundred ZX Years



The graduating class of 2005 is the first of the next Zeta Chi Century, from left to right, Evan Frederick, Robin Burnham, Scott Allison, Kyle Michalski, Evan Crable, Rob List (Dec. 04)

Sixteen men who did not wish to join any of the existing fraternities founded Zeta Chi One Hundred years ago, May 23, 1905. Today, Zeta Chi numbers over 800 alumni. At the Friday night dinner more than 140 members and spouses were present. Over 100 ZX men were present for the annual stag dinner on Saturday. So many were there that the last in line became vegetarians

Roger White, stag organizer, has this to say: "It was a pleasure to see so many at Stag in May to celebrate Zeta Chi's 100 Anniversary. The only down side that I noted was that we ran out of meat for the meal. For that, I apologize. It is always a big guess as to how many will be at Stag. This year, 62 cards were received from Alums indicating they would come to Stag. We also knew that about 22 Actives and Pledges would be there. A total of 135 were at our

STAG! We had told the "church ladies" that we would guarantee 120 attendees (that we would pay for even if only 90 showed up). So I think they did their job well, as usual. I just did a little underestimation of the number that would actually come to STAG.

"After attempting to explain my shortcoming, I would like to thank each of you that happened to be at the end of the line, for acting in the best traditions of Zeta Chi.

"We understand that life is uncertain and that plans change that permit you to attend at the last moment. Keep coming to Stag, even if you can't tell us in advance. We will attempt to make it an enjoyable reunion even if it is a meatless evening for some."

The men of Zeta Chi are both gracious and generous. Money was raised by auction during the evening. Many cups and classes from past stag celebrations were available to the highest bidder. Chris Wegener hold the honor of paying the most for the oldest, \$200.00 for the 1941 stag glass. What will it be worth at the 2041 stag? Even one of the guests, Laurie Arnald, took away a prize glass after making the high bit.

Laurie Arnald, the daughter of John Arnald, class of 1943, accepted the Zeta Chi Alum of the Year award for her father. Not long ago, John Arnald past away. His contributions to Zeta Chi over the years are many. The men of Zeta Chi thank the Arnald family for his final generous gift. He will be missed.

ZX Hires a House Mother

ZX will have a new housemother this fall, Amanda Poage. She will live at the house in the housemother's apartment. The apartment needs repair before she can move in and that work has begun. Plans are to complete the repairs before the fall semester begins.

100 Grand for 100 Grand Years

The campaign continues with the goal of completing the top priority projects. The first project is the heating and cooling system. The electrical must be upgraded before the A/C can be installed. The trustees and taking bids for this work and hope to have it and the new heating and cooling system completed soon.

The following is a partial list of projects the top priority projects.

- New Heating and Cooling System
- 35 New Windows
- New Kitchen
- New Chapter Room

If you are willing and able to help with any of these projects contact Dennis Krebs ZXBaker81@everestkc.net email address.

Baker U Family Day

Baker University Family Day is set for September 17, 2005. The men of Zeta Chi are preparing for their parent's visit. They will spruce up the house, give house tours, and show these parents the best fraternity on campus. For more information contact Baker University Student Development at 785-594-8484

BU Preview

Baker University is hosting prospective students November 5 and 6, 2005. BU Preview is an opportunity for Seniors and Juniors in high school to visit Baker. Contact the admissions department more details and pass the information on to high schools students that you think might be interested. We chose Baker they might also.

Alumni President Letter

We are settling in to our second hundred years of Zeta Chi. I hope all of you who were able to attend the events of the 100-year weekend had a great time. I know I did. I enjoyed meeting brothers of all ages that weekend. If you were unable to make to this year's Stag, I hope you will try to get to Baldwin sometime soon. I think you will like the look of the new John Arnold room in the house. We also unveiled the Zeta Chi veterans' memorial prior to Stag. It is a very impressive monument. Many thanks to Ed Ziembinski '02, for making this happen.

This summer the trustees and actives are trying to get some projects finished such as the chapter room and kitchen. The central air is being installed this month. This should help even the playing field with the other fraternities at rush time.

The last count I had was that we have raised approximately \$85,000 in the past year. While we haven't reached our goal of \$100,000, I still think it is a tremendous accomplishment by the men of Zeta Chi. Unfortunately; we still have work to do. Each year it takes about \$20,000 just to keep the doors open. This goes for property taxes, insurance, normal upkeep, the newsletter and the Zeta Chi website.

Soon we will need to install fire doors and upgrade the fire suppression system in the kitchen to keep the fire marshal and our insurance company happy. (and me as parent of an active). New windows are badly needed in the brick section of the house. It has been 8 years since the house was last painted.

The good news is that I think Zeta Chi is stronger now than it has been in several years. We have a very diverse active chapter, who excel in many areas on Baker's campus. I'm looking forward to a successful Rush in 2005. The active chapter is poised to lead Zeta Chi's future in its second century.

Zeta Chi Dad's (and Alumni) Day

Saturday November 5, 2005 will be the next Dad's Day. It is coincident with BU Preview, something new this year. The alumni organize the day for the fathers of actives and pledges. The dads that attended the last day combined work, fun and good food. All alumni are invited to attend and help with several house repair projects. Time will be set aside to watch a Baker football home game. All are invited to the banquet after the game.

Dad's Day is now a tradition. Everyone has a good time and all alumni are invited to attend. Make your plans to be there. For information contact Bob Burnham, (303) 567-4706, BobBurnham77@yahoo.com.

Followup: Coach's Award

Coach of the YEAR. Cody Fothergill is the swimming coach at Shawnee Mission North High School. The Kansas City Star reported that he was given the Jerry Sprague Memorial Award for 2005. "The award, which is named after an influential area coach, was established in 1990 and has been given to coaches such as SM East's Wiley Wright, Blue Valley North's Greg House and St. Thomas Aquinas's Sarah Postle."

Cody was quoted "Getting guys excited to be on the team and, in many cases, to try a new sport is how I measure the success of the program," Fothergill said.

Congratulations Cody.

Grand Memories

At stag much of the conversation centers on the telling and retelling stories of days gone by. At this stag the Alumni Association as that these memories be written down. In tern, some of them will show up in this

newsletter. It may be old news, but for some it will seem like just yesterday.

Bob Shoaf's "Pink Pig" is our lead memory:

Bob writes, "My roommate, Dave Wilson, wanted to surprise a coed on her birthday, who had expressed an interest in receiving a pink pig. Dave was determined to fulfill her desire.

"I have an uncle with a farm in Southeast Kansas willing to donate a small piglet (about thirty pounds) for the cause.

"After about thirty minutes in the basement showers of the ZX house and a bottle of red food coloring, the little white, uncooperative pig was transformed into a pink pig. The pig, in a wooden crate, was smuggled into the girl's dorm room with help from someone on the inside.

"The girl returned to her room to discover the critter had busted out of the crate and generally destroyed the room. In the ensuing confusion the pink pig found an opportunity to escape into the dorm hallways. A call was made to the ZX house for assistance. I was amazed at the panic a small pig could cause.

"The pig was captured and given to a farmer outside Baldwin. I'm sure he had a tale to tell the other pigs."

Write down your grand memory and send it to the alumni association or the newsletter, BobBurnham77@yahoo.com. As many as possible will be published in the newsletter. If there are enough then we may be able to publish them altogether. So, keep them coming.

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Sunday, August 28, 2005, 2:00 PM

Sunday, October 9, 2005, 2:00 PM

Saturday, November 5, 2005, 12:00 noon

Saturday, December 3, 2005, 10:00 AM

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