

# THE CRIMSON & GOLD



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## One Hundred 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 goal for this centennial year is to raise \$100,000 for a number of projects that are needed: 1) Upgrade windows in the old house and addition; 2) Install a new furnace/air conditioner system; 3) Establish additional scholarship endowments; 4) Expand the housemother's quarters; 5) Update the kitchen; 6) Revitalize our Chapter/dining room.

As 2004 winds down, it would be a great time to review your tax position. All contributions to the Zeta Chi Educational Foundation are tax deductible. ZX would welcome any donation of stocks and bonds. Don't forget to consider a place in your will for the foundation.

Brothers, please reach deep into your pockets. We look forward to a grand celebration in May 2005 for our 100-year anniversary and hope you will consider making plans to join many of us at the party. (More information will follow)

Send contributions to the Zeta Chi Alumni Association, PO Box 294, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Best wishes, Dennis Seager '70

## ZX Welcomes Pledge Class

This year's pledge class is big boost to the house and is continuing to build the house. It is expected that these new men of Zeta Chi will be great assets and bolster the house in the GPA race. The scholarship chair is putting in much time and effort to make sure the freshmen make a smooth transition to college life.

The list of pledges, at the time of publication

Brett Algaier  
Sam Coffey  
Keith Gaboury  
Zachary Hughes  
Derek Huninghake  
Nathan Jones  
Dmitri Miller  
Ryan Naylor  
Greg Rodgers  
Nick Wasser  
Jeremy Webb

Dennis Krebs, the Alumni President had this to say about rush, "Just thought I'd let you know that I think Rush started very well. Scotty Allison has the guys very well prepared."

Zeta Chi need men like these to take us into the next one hundred years, welcome to a grand tradition.

## Robin Burnham Active President

Robin Burnham is the active chapter president for the fall semester. He is a senior with majors in both psychology and English.

He plans to graduate in May 2005 with a BS in psychology and a BA in English.

Robin had this to say about this year's rush, "Not the numbers we would like exactly but we have some really good guys and the members are working harder then I have ever seen. I think we will have a quality rush this year."

## **Dennis Krebs Alumni President**

*By Dennis Krebs*

*President, Zeta Chi Alumni Association*

I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. My wife, Theresa, and I graduated from Baker in 1981. Our son, Jason, is a sophomore at Baker and a Zeta Chi. Our daughter, Melissa, is a junior at Shawnee Mission West. I have worked in the insurance industry over 23 years. I am currently a commercial lines underwriter for EMC Insurance Companies.

I know in replacing Wayne Butler as Alumni President, that I have some really big shoes to fill. I believe Wayne was in the position 8 years. I feel I learned a lot from Wayne and really appreciate Wayne's dedication and loyalty to Zeta Chi.

This 2004-05 school year will be an exciting year for Zeta Chi. We will be having our Centennial Celebration and 100th Stag on May 21 & 22, 2005. Please make every effort to attend these events, and celebrate 100 great years of Zeta Chi history. Let's have a great time launching the second hundred years.

Now, we have some work to do. The housing facility needs our help. The last real improvements to the house were made in 1984. During the past 20 years the other houses have made some big improvements in their physical structures. Unfortunately, this does have an impact on rush. There are several areas needing our attention to get us back on equal footing with the others. First, we need central air conditioning and more efficient heating. Secondly we need to better insulate the house and add energy efficient

windows. It has been 7 years since the house exterior was painted. In surveying the condition of the house this summer I noticed that there are not gutters all around the house. This has led to water leaking into the Chapter room and kitchen area. During work week the actives tore out much of the drywall on the lower level. We have bids for these repairs for labor and material approaching \$7,000. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 before May 2005 to have the house in top condition for the 100th Anniversary.

Another project, I would like to complete by next May is the Zeta Chi Memorial. Ed Ziembinski, from the class of 2002, has proposed we establish a memorial to all Zeta Chi's killed in active duty defending our country. I think this is a great idea and it fits in well with the historical significance of our house.

Finally some good news, we received 8 new pledges during formal rush. These are quality young men. They will be valuable assets in the next few years as we try to grow the active membership

Keep Zeta Chi in your thoughts and prayers during this next year ( and always) Talk to your classmates about attending the Centennial Celebration. Challenge each other to donate to the capital campaign. 2005 will be an exciting year to be a Zeta Chi!

Faternally,

Dennis Krebs

## **Ramble On 2004**

Ramble this year will be November 20, 2004. Working together on a common goal builds brotherhood. Ramble is one of the oldest traditions of Zeta Chi.. In years past it has been cold and rainy, dry and windy, calm and warm, sometimes in the fall sometimes in the spring. No matter, it's always a good time.

## Zeta Chi Dad's (and Alumni) Day

Saturday November 13, 2004 will be the next Dad's Day. This is a change in date from the previous announcement. The alumni organize the day for the fathers of actives and pledges. All alumni are invited to attend and help with several house repair projects. Time will be set aside for fellowship with the men of Zeta Chi; all are invited to the banquet.

Dad's Day is now a tradition. Everyone has a good time and all alumni are invited. Make your plans for Dad's Day and to meet the men and their dads.

For information contact Bob Burnham, (303)567-4706 bobburnham77@yahoo.com.

## BU Family Day



Brandon Weckbaugh watches as the game begins.

Parents were treated to a Baker football victory. The Wildcat's game was a come from behind nail biter. Fortunately the Baker team came out on the winning end. Through out the game the Wildcat Band played for the crowd and the team.

Baker University Family Day was September 18, 2004, an annual event. The parents met with the president and other officers. They asked questions about the house. The officers explained about house dues and the planned events. The scholarship chair said that everyone was expected to study. He explained the house

expectations of each pledge and active. Then the parents were given house tours.



Greg Rodgers plays cello

Sunday morning the BU orchestra played at the United Methodist Church. The orchestra has five Zeta Chi members, Scotty Allison, Mike Davis, Nathan Jones, Greg Rodgers, and Brandon Weckbaugh.

## Zeta Chi Floods

The basements throughout Baldwin are evidence of a very wet summer this year. Although the flooding is not near the magnitude of that in Florida the damage to the Zeta Chi house is estimated in the thousands of dollars.

The damaged sheetrock has been removed. The walls have been dried out to prevent mold. The soggy carpet was removed. The paneling shows a waterline, evidence of the water level.

Much work remains to recover from the flood damage. The first task of the trustees is to prevent water damage in the future. They have called in a professional to evaluate the current situation and make recommendations. From this they will make a decision.

## Charitable Giving

*By Ed Zeller*

Secretary, Zeta Chi Alumni Association

Areas of need in society, such as health, education, general welfare, etc., which are not addressed by private enterprise or charitable organizations, may eventually become a government responsibility. Assisting the charities of one's choice can decrease the need for government involvement in these areas of society. Our ZETA CHI fraternity needs all of its

brothers to consider giving more to the fraternity to ensure its survival for 100 more years and beyond. Yes, money is a great gift, other donations of time and furnishings are just as beneficial.

#### **Reasons for Making a Charitable Gift**

Many persons make gifts or bequests to charitable organizations for a number of reasons. Some of the more common motivations would include the following.

- Compassion for those in need
- Feeling of religious, moral, and ethical obligation
- Perpetuation of one's beliefs, values, and ideals
- Aspiration to assist a given group
- A desire to share one's good fortune with others
- A desire to reduce income taxes
- Utilizing strategies to reduce estate taxes and improve one's estate liquidity position

Whatever the reasons, U.S. tax law is designed to encourage these gifts.

#### **Things that can be donated**

- Property - which includes cash, tangible and intangible personal property or real estate
- Income such as from rental property, without giving the property to the charity
- Retirement assets i.e. IRA's, 401(k)'s, 403(b)'s, Roth IRA's, annuities
- Life insurance death benefit - If charity owns the policy and donor pays the premium, then the premiums paid can qualify as a charitable contribution for a potential itemized tax deduction

#### **Different Types of Charitable Gifts**

Some donors prefer to make outright gifts of cash or other valuable assets to their favorite charities. Other individuals, although they would like to make an outright gift, depend on the income from their assets for their daily needs. Often, such donors decide to

wait until they die to transfer assets to a charity, through a will or trust. However, there are methods which allow a donor to make a gift now, while still retaining an income for life. The most popular of these methods are listed below.

- Charitable remainder annuity trust
- Charitable remainder unitrust
- Pooled income fund
- Charitable gift annuity

Another gifting technique assigns an income interest to the charity for a period of years (or the lifetime of a person), after which the remainder passes to the donor's heirs. Gifts made in this manner involve what are known as charitable lead trusts.

#### **Potential Financial Benefits of Charitable Gifts**

- Can provide an income tax deduction
- In many cases can avoid or delay payment of capital gains tax
- May increase personal after-tax cash flow
- May increase the amount passing to one's heirs<sup>1</sup>

Consult with your financial, tax and legal advisors to determine which method and types of gifts are best for you to give to the charity/charities of your choice.

<sup>1</sup>Under the Tax Act of 2001, the federal estate tax is gradually phased out until its final repeal in the year 2010. If Congress does not act at that time to repeal it for the years following, it will automatically revert back to the rates in effect during the year 2001, with an exemption of the first \$1,000,000 of assets.

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**P.O. BOX 294**

**BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS 66006-0294**

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- ÿ YES, I am donating \$100.00 to the One Hundred Grand Years capital campaign.
- ÿ YES, I am donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ (please provide exact amount) for the 100 Grand Years campaign.

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