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House Improvements



Senior Jeremy Hogue and his future father-in-law have lunch during ZX Dads Day in the re-finished chapter room.

This is one of the projects financed by the 100th year anniversary fund raising campaign. The wall behind Jeremy was torn out after the flood two years ago. Now the walls have been repaired and a sump pump installed to prevent future flooding.



The House Mother's apartment now has a new look and a permanent occupant. The apartment was cleaned up, fixed up, and painted. On the house mother's door is a sign that reads "MOM rules at ZX."

The largest project to be completed was the upgrade to air conditioning. Our house

is the last one to install central air. This has been a disadvantage over the years to active chapter during rush. The utility bills will be lower and the comfort higher. The trustees wanted this project complete before starting on the much needed window replacement.

Many of the windows needed replacing even before A/C units were placed in them, but after years of window units the windows have are in greater need of replacement. New energy efficient windows will be another great improvement to the house.

The active chapter and trustees extend a hearty thank you for all your support. It has been one hundred rich and glorious years.

If you missed the opportunity to contribute to the 100-year projects do not fret, there is still work to be done. The current critical need list is: 1) Upgrade windows, in the old house and addition, to air tight energy efficient windows, about \$3,000; 2) Update the kitchen with a new hood that meets the current city code.

As 2005 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 keep Zeta Chi in mind. All that you have done and can do makes a difference in the lives of the men of ZX. Send contributions to the Zeta Chi Alumni Association, PO Box 294, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

ZX 2005 Pledge Class

This year the house gained many outstanding new pledges. This pledge class will 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

Dmitri Miller
Nathan Jones
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Jake Benjamin
Brandon Jacobs
Nate Swihart
Trevor Hedberg
Larry Westbrook
Kyle Jones

Zeta Chi needs men like these to take us into the next one hundred years. If you stories of your pledge class please sent them in to be printed in the news letter for all to enjoy.

Dennis Krebs Alumni President

By Dennis Krebs

President, Zeta Chi Alumni Association

Well the 100th year of Zeta Chi is winding down. 2005 has been a very eventful year for Zeta Chi. In addition to the 100th Anniversary Stag; we have made significant improvements to the living quarters of the active chapter.

At last count there were 8 new pledges. I have met most of them and believe they are the right men to lead the house in the future. I certainly believe with the quality of the men in the house at present the future of the house is very bright.

This past Saturday, we had our fall Dad's Day. Many thanks to Bob Burnham for organizing this event, even though his son, Robin, has graduated. We had a great time working on projects around the house, eating, watching the Baker Football team win and did I mention eating? Senior Jeremy Hogue is the cook for the active chapter this year. I guarantee you that they are eating well I enjoyed meeting new dads

and getting reacquainted with some I have met before. We have already planned our Spring Dad's day for March 4, 2006.

While meeting with the dads this weekend we walked around the house reviewing things that need to be done to the house. Again, it is obvious that windows need to be replaced in the brick section of the house. I would estimate \$3,000 for that project. The city of Baldwin is going to require that we replace the fire suppression system over the kitchen stove. This too, will be nearly \$3,000. There is a walnut tree at the southwest corner of the house that needs to be trimmed away from the house before it goes through the roof. This will require a professional due to the height, electrical lines and proximity to the house and deck.

As I have mentioned before, the house needs to be painted. Much prep work will be required before we can paint. The soffit on the front porch needs repair. There are holes in the siding in the back section and the side porch is now tilting to the right. We would like to get alums and active together in June to start working on this project.

Of course, this will all take money. Unfortunately, we have pretty well tapped our resources for the projects already completed. We finished about \$15,000 to \$20,000 short of our \$100,000 goal. If we get to the \$100,000 total we would be able to complete these projects and have a little cushion for regular maintenance.

Hope you have a great Holiday Season and look forward to 2006.

Fraternally, Dennis Krebs

Ramble On 2005

This year's Ramble was a success. 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

Dad's Day was held on November 5, 2005. 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.



The Zeta Chi president, Jason Krebs, is removing the A/C stand outside the living room. The stand is no longer needed because the house now has central air, made possible with funds raised by the 100 year campaign.

The dads spent Saturday morning working on projects around the house. Saturday afternoon they took a break and watched the Baker Wildcats win their last home game of the season. After the game they got together and talked about the house. Dinner followed the meeting. It was the end of a great day.

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

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

Treasures Report

By Trace Gaskell

Treasure, Zeta Chi Alumni Association

Gentleman, The dues and bit more have dropped off with the completion of many projects. Many of you were able to see the numerous improvements made to the house when you attended Stag.

It is my understanding the fire inspections has revealed many other new improvements that need to be made. The Alumni Association currently has \$4800, and with future expected rent payments from the active chapter we have just enough cover insurance and taxes for the year. If we want to make these improvements without dipping into Educational Fund we need again to step up and do what we need to do.

The Alumni Association currently owes the Educational Fund \$62k. This is higher than in previous years. Many of you donated this last year for house improvements to Educational Fund. Those funds were lent to the Alumni Association for the house improvements. Without the house loan the Educational fund is worth a little over \$90k. The fund continues to grow each year with your donations and from investment performance.

The educational fund continues to generate more cash from its investments than it pays out in scholarships to the active chapter. We continually challenge the young men to reverse this trend.

Furniture Donation

Jim Horlacher came into some office furniture and thought of Zeta Chi. He told the supreme council "I've got some office furniture that is available to whoever wants it."

Some of it was in good condition and some was not. Some of it could be used at the house and some could not. Thanks Jim for helping out.

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Saturday, November 5, 2005, 12:00 noon

Saturday, December 3, 2005, 10:00 AM

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 - ÿ YES, I am donating \$_____ (please provide exact amount) for the 100 Grand Years campaign.

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