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Dennis Krebs Alumni President



*By Dennis Krebs
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It's autumn in Baldwin City and that means that the maple trees are pretty. October on the Baker campus is always special to me.

Although formal rush was disappointing, the actives have been working hard to build a pledge class. I think the group of guys we have is now very cohesive. For the first time in recent memory, the active chapter had a cumulative grade point average over 3.0. The general feeling is that GPA will continue to go back up. It would be nice to win the Scholarship Cup once again.

I was down to campus for Family Day on September 23rd. The house looked great. It was also good to see the new turf at Liston Stadium. Too bad the score wasn't better. If you go to Baker games, make sure to appreciate the performance of the band. About 6 or 7 band members are Zeta Chi's.

It is not too early to start thinking about Stag 2007. I would like to see lots of guys from the large class of 1982 there for their 25th anniversary.

Fraternally, Dennis Krebs

Charles Eckert

Linda Eckert sent the following note about her father:

"My father, Charles F. Eckert, Baker '38, passed away July 21 in Princeton, NJ at the age of 89 after a brief illness. He always talked about his years at Baker and as a ZX member. Thank you. Linda Eckert"

ZX 2006 Pledge Class

This year the house gained a few outstanding new pledges. Pledging is down in all the fraternities this year. There are as many opinions on this as there people talking about it, but one fact stands out, there are not as many men attending Baker as in years past.

This pledge class will continue to 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.

Zeta Chi alumni can get involved by mentoring these new pledges and the actives. Areas for mentoring can be your professional area or position in the house. If you are interested call Robin Burnham '05 at 913-262-1019 or send email to Bob Burnham '77, BobBurnham77@yahoo.com, the newsletter editor and your information will be passed on the responsible person.

Mentor Program

Jim Armstrong challenged the alumni to step up and mentor the active chapter. Mentors can provide a valuable service to the house.

If you are interested please contact Robin Burnham 913-262-1019.

Addition to Len Sapp's

Len Sapp asked to announce the birth of his son. He writes: "Len (ZX 1997) and Lindsay (Phi Mu 1999) Sapp welcomed Dylan James Hamilton, born May 20th, weighed 8lbs and 20in. Happy and healthy. Regards, Len"

New Fothergill

The following is an open letter from Cody who stepped down recently from the board.

Greetings Zeta Chi's! It is 12:22 AM, and of course I am awake as Rita is nursing our new little angel!

Emelia Claire Fothergill was born at 3:15 AM on Tuesday (August 8) morning at St. Lukes Hospital. We just came home this afternoon, and everything appears to be going splendidly.

Emelia was 6 lbs., 9 oz., and 19 3/4 inches tall at birth. She seems very healthy, and appears to be nursing pretty well. Wow, what an amazing experience to see your first child born! I'm sure many of you can remember that moment quite clearly.

The delivery went extremely well. We got to the hospital about 10 pm Monday night, and Rita really only had to push for about 15 - 20 minutes during labor before she was born. Remarkable! Emelia will never be a Zeta Chi, but if lucky, maybe she can at least date one one day!!

Anyway, our new phone number is (913) 888-7160, and our new address as of June 24th is 12500 W. 81st Place, Lenexa, KS 66215. We will send some photos of Emelia soon, but in the meantime, we would love to hear from you!!

Cody and Rita Fothergill, New Parents

Treasures Report

By Trace Gaskell

Treasurer, Zeta Chi Alumni Association



During the spring the Alumni donated over \$17k. Thank you very much. Keep in mind insurance and taxes cost the fraternity just over \$21k per year.

We still have many projects that are needed to keep our members safe according the City of Baldwin so keep that in mind when you send in your dues and a "bit more".

Baldwin isn't the quaint small town it used to be, so the inspector is more stringent than ever. Anyway, I was supposed to have a detailed report done for this newsletter but things happen. I will have a detailed report outlining the alumni expenses for your next newsletter.

So instead of boring you with financial details, I'll tell you a little about myself and maybe some of you may follow suit. Let Bob Burnham know what you're up to. I mean your life is more exciting than mine, right.

I graduated in 1994 with a BS in Economics. I am currently a Senior Project Accountant/Financial Manager for Design Build projects at Black & Veatch and have been with B&V for a little over seven years.

Black & Veatch is a privately held engineering and construction firm in Kansas City. I am married and have four kids with one on the way. We have been living in Lee's Summit, Missouri for the past five years. I have been active in the alumni association for the seven or so years. If you want to be treasurer let me know, the job is a piece of cake. (well not really).

I started with the alumni group doing special activities like the golf tournament and bowling days out. (Call Larry Kutcher if you want more golf outings.)

Outside of work, the kids, and the wife; I try get in some softball, basketball, and or golf. (Call me if you just want to play golf on a Saturday and have big a donation for the house.)

This last year I found a little time to run for Mayor of Lee's Summit. I lost in a landslide to the incumbent. This is good thing with a baby on the way. Deep down inside I'm sure Dennis Krebs was happy I lost; he didn't have to find a new treasurer for the Alumni.

I still keep in touch with a few alumni from my years. I have been in a keeper fantasy football league with the guys since '93. Interesting bunch if I say so myself. I am sure I have almost put you to sleep so, remember Zeta Chi this year and send in your dues and bit more.

Don't forget to drop us a line and tell us what you are doing these days.

For the Good of the Brotherhood

Gordon Barnhardt, 1958, "Sorry I can't make it this year, as I have a grandson graduating from high school on that day. Best regards to all."

Scott Banker, 1996, "Sorry to miss stag. I'm moving from Miami to Washington, DC."

Ed Zeller, 1993, "Sorry I will not be there this year. I have a nephew graduating that day near Sioux Falls, SD. Enjoy your time back to the House and campus!"

Alan Watts, 1978, "Due to my son graduation high school, I will not be able to

attend stag. My regards to all. Have a great stag."

Mark Doty, 1969, Regards to Big 8 and all brothers in the bond! Best wishes for a great stag."

Steve Crouch, 1973, "Sorry to miss this year. Visiting our daughter in Pittsburgh, PA."

Ed Schwaneke, 1962, Had a great time last year at 100th celebration. See you in 2007 (45 years) if possible. Hi hi for Zeta Chi and God Bless!"

Doug McKinney, 1976, "Sorry to miss our 30th. Heading to Moab the week before and have a wedding on Sat. and will preach on Sunday. Both boys are in College, Andy – Psyc major at U. Northern Col. Chris – recreation major at CSU. Just moved to Parker. Lynette is still teaching music Co. Springs. We love living and serving in Colorado. Gratings to all the 76er's"

BU Preview

Baker University is hosting prospective students November 11, 2006. BU Preview is an opportunity for High School Seniors and Juniors to give Baker the "once over." Contact the admissions department, <http://www.bakeru.edu/> for more details and pass the information on to any high school students that you think might be interested. We chose Baker they might also.

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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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