

# THE GAMMA-RHO GAZETTE



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## 90 YEARS OF TRADITION: A LEGACY OF DISTINCTION...

When the local Delta-Phi fraternity affiliated with Kappa Sigma in 1915 as Gamma-Rho Chapter, its members established a tradition of excellence and brotherhood which has been cherished and nurtured by each succeeding generation of members.

There are now approximately 900 living Gamma-Rho alumni who, with few exceptions, were members of an active chapter that was the clear and universally acknowledged leader on the University of Arizona campus. Year after year, individuals and as a groups, the men of Gamma-Rho have distinguished themselves for high academic standards, excellence in varsity and intramural athletics, a commitment to service, and campus leadership.

Kappa Sigma at The University of Arizona has produced hundreds of successful and influential professionals in law, medicine, finance, education, architecture, entertainment, government, public service, and other fields. Many have owned or managed thriving retail, manufacturing, and service businesses and corporations.

The dimension of brotherhood has always been the chapter's greatest strength. Many close ties which began at one or another of the Gamma-Rho chapter houses have flourished for entire lifetimes. Some of these bonds of brother-

### HOMECOMMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### Friday, November 4th

- 8:30 am - Golf Tournament at Del Urich
- 6:00 pm - Reception at the Chapter House
- 7:00 pm - 90th Anniversary Banquet/Hall of Fame Ceremony at the Chapter House
- 9:00 pm - 90th Anniversary Party

#### Saturday, November 5th

- 10:00 am - Board Meeting at the Chapter House
- 11:30 am - Tailgating on the Mall
- 4:00 pm - UA vs. UCLA
- 7:00 pm - Post-game Party

hood extend across an entire class; others have continued in small groups. Large numbers of alumni are residents of the same communities, while others still sharing the bond, live across the country from each other. The common interests of Gamma-Rho brothers have changed in many cases, but the beginnings of friendship will always go back to their association in the fraternity.

The Gama-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity has proven itself through the years and the present active chapter is carrying in the rich traditions handed down over the past 90 years. Since its re-chartering in 1980, Gamma-Rho has slowly but steadily grown into a chapter of great strength and one all brothers should be proud of. The chapter membership currently sits at around 160 actives and pledges.

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# ADVISOR'S REPORT

Greetings,

Hopefully by the time this is published I will know many more of you. I have just begun as the new Alumni Advisor for the chapter. I must admit I'm a little intimidated at this point but also excited about the possibilities. My most immediate goal is to get to know the brothers. To this end a quick bio follows:

I am a Kappa Sigma from the Beta Chi chapter at the University of Missouri at Rolla. I was initiated in '95 and graduated in '98 with a BS in Ceramic Engineering. While there I served as Rush Chairman, GS, GP and GM. Kappa Sigma defined my college experience and much of my life since, definitely for the better. My chapter went through many of the same issues Gamma Rho currently faces and know that they can be resolved while strengthening the brotherhood.

I currently work for Brush Ceramic Products. They brought me here three years ago to work as process engineer. Tucson has been great so far. I hope the Gamma-Rho experience will make it even better and that I can return the favor.



If you have any input or questions for me, feel free to call, or stop by the house.

AEKDB,

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## 2005 A.L. Slonaker Hall of Fame Inductees

ZENAS NOON SR. '24

JON HUNTSBERRY '62

TED FOWLER '50

STEVE INMAN '65

CHUCK LYTLER '59

ERIC STEVENSON '82

Don't miss their induction ceremony on Friday, November 4th,  
at the Chapter House.

## 90 YEARS... (CONTINUED)

Due to its legacy of distinction at Gamma-Rho, alumni and undergraduate chapter members are attempting to rebuild the chapter archives and hopefully write a chapter history that we can have finished by our 100th Anniversary. It will be called "Gamma-Rho Chapter, 100 Years of Distinction." We are attempting to locate newspaper articles, old University of Arizona yearbooks, and photographs of Kappa Sigma functions which can be placed in the archives. In the meantime, we are producing a DVD of our 90-years that will be on display at our 90th Anniversary on November 4-5, 2005.

Our goal is to demonstrate to the chapter that there are the torch bearers of a legacy of excellence at the University of Arizona which has existed since the es-

tablishment of Gamma-Rho in 1915.

Alumni and undergraduate leaders have been restructuring the scrapbooks of the chapter; however, we have learned that there are huge gaps in the history of the chapter and the success of this project rests with you. So please we encourage you to write about your experience as a Kappa Sigma and how this experience affected you and your life. Also, we would like to reproduce any materials you may have in your possession.

If you would like to contribute to the success of this project, please contact Matt Noble at [matt@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt@fmgtucson.com) or 520-990-3250. Thank you.

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# UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE

Brothers & Parents,

As the new 2005-2006 school year begins, I am greatly looking forward to the events and brotherhood that will take place in the Gamma-Rho Chapter. The chapter had great success last year and we are looking to grow even stronger this year. We have a number of events organized throughout the year that will shine the spotlight on our Gamma-Rho Chapter. This year marks the 90th anniversary of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity being on campus, making this year's Homecoming celebration a very special one. Our alumni and undergraduates can look forward to a memorable awards ceremony and party to commemorate the thriving success of our chapter. The celebration will be hosted at the fraternity house this year where there will be food and drinks for all alumni to bond with their past brothers. All of the undergrads and new pledges are excited to spread our success as a chapter to our past brothers.

The rush program was a huge success this year and we can't wait to extend our ritual to all of the 47 new pledges. Our expectations for our new members are high, and the chapter is confident that our pledge program will turn these guys into great Kappa Sigma's. We have recently received recognition for having one of the best recruiting classes in the nation for the 2004-2005 school year by taking 68 total pledges. Brothers in the chapter are also keeping up our

great reputation on campus with involvement in the intramurals program. Almost each night of the week there are brothers giving 100% effort by taking part in flag football, soccer, and hockey. Last year, our intramural basketball team finished 3rd place overall in the University standings. Due to the recent tragedies with Hurricane Katrina, we as a chapter have made it a priority to do all we can to help the victims get back on their feet. We have teamed up with the Alpha Phi sorority to gather clothing and hygiene products to donate to families who have lost everything. Each year we succeed in giving back to the community due to our annual softball philanthropy called "Chicks with Sticks." It is great fun for the brothers of Gamma-Rho and other sororities to play softball and give the benefits to local charities.

The chapter has various brothers involved in the community and other local clubs on campus. The house as a whole has a stellar GPA as we stress academics as a number one priority. We look forward to the upcoming school year and greeting our past and present brothers at our Homecoming celebration on the weekend of November 4-5.

AEKDB

John Burckle '03  
Grand Master



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# THE LAST 90 YEARS



for my brothers at  
Gamma Rho -  
Bob '80 something White  
class of '48  
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# ALUMNI UPDATES



## J. ROBERT WHITE '48

Bob White may now be retired, but he certainly has not slowed down. He has been "wonderfully married" for over 50 years to his loving wife, Jane. They currently reside in Scottsdale, AZ. After graduating from UA, Bob flew for the Navy for quite a while. When returning to Arizona, Bob spent much of his time co-founding two country clubs, The Rim Country Club and Chaparral Pine Country Club north of Phoenix, near Payson. In Scottsdale, Bob now spends time traveling the world and golfing, as well as being actively involved in the Arizona Country Club. Bob's wife, Jane golfs as well, and is purportedly even a better golfer than Bob. • 6012 Calle Rosa Scottsdale, AZ 85251 • 480-947-4555 • jrobertwhite1@yahoo.com

## JORDAN LEE BROWN '87

Since graduation, Jordan Brown has kept up an interesting life. He keeps in contact with several of his Gamma-Rho brothers, all of whom live, along with Jordan, in Tucson. Jordan worked various jobs around town until starting his own business in 2002. He is currently a Principle Member of JL Hildebrandt LLC. In his spare time, Jordan "moonlights" as a personal trainer and studies paranormal psychology. • PO Box 44307 Tucson, AZ 85733 • 520-327-4596 • jordanlbrown@hotmail.com

## CHRIS BOWMAN '89

Chris Bowman has found since graduating The University of Arizona that his Gamma-Rho brothers will never be far behind. He has traveled around the world and found that, "No matter where n brother tries to escape to (Bolivia, Gabon), [he has] learned that there are usually three more that are more than willing to go find him there." After graduation, Chris hitchhiked all the way to Nicaragua to help rebuild a small town after the

Contra War (and was, of course visited by several brothers while there). He has taken his worldly knowledge to his current job as the Corporate Development Manager for South America for Bucyrus International. He is also married to his wife, Krista. • 419 College Street Lake Mills, WI 53551 • 920-648-3707 • Christopher\_Bowman@yahoo.com

## WILL LEWIS '92

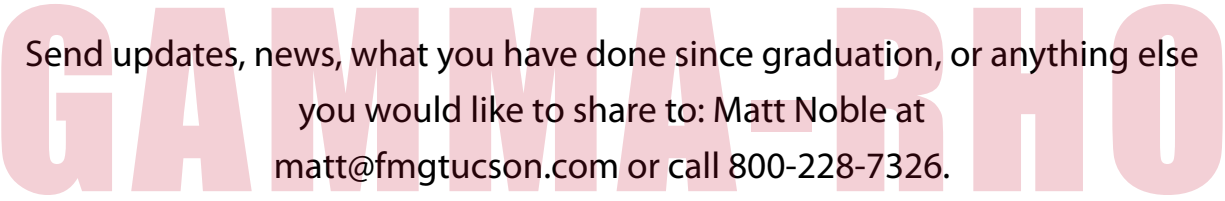
Will has managed two primary things since graduation, an "ever-growing family", and real estate. He is currently a Senior Sales Agent for Kipnis Reality. He also has three children: Roman (12), Victor (4), Sophie (2), and another on the way due this October. He, his wife Monica, and their children call Tucson home. • 961 E. Calle Mariposa Tucson, AZ 85718 • 520-760-4146 • lewisw4@aol.com

## ERIC IRVING VORRIE '93

Since graduation, Eric has continued living in Tucson. However, he has certainly not stayed put. He has traveled to the United Kingdom and Mexico. He is also planning on a trip to Germany next year with fellow, Gamma-Rho, Joe Gallego. Eric watched the European World Cup in Edinburgh, Scotland when Manchester United took the whole thing. Back in Tucson, Eric worked at a few well-known spots such as Dirtbag's and Malloney's after graduation. He is currently working at Script Save as a Network Administrator. This December, Eric is moving to Vermont to work on his Masters in Information Assurance at Norwich University. Eric still sees several of his Gamma-Rho brothers, such as Scott Sandberg '94, Tom Benzell '97, and John Muehrcke '86. • 1352 W. Desert Dew Pl. Tucson, AZ 85737 • 520-829-5203 • evorrie@comcast.net

## LET YOUR BORTHERS KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN UP TO!

Send updates, news, what you have done since graduation, or anything else you would like to share to: Matt Noble at matt@fmgtucson.com or call 800-228-7326.





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If you have not made a contribution to date, but are willing to support the Gamma-Rho Chapter, please feel free to contact Matt Noble at [matt@fmgtucson.com](mailto:matt@fmgtucson.com) or 520-990-3250.

## MEMBERS OF HERITAGE SOCIETY MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Alumni, parents, and undergraduates give to the Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation in many ways - cash, securities, property and planned gifts. However, they all give for the same reason - because Kappa Sigma made a difference in their lives.

For some, it was because the fraternity became a home away from home. For some, it was because the fraternity helped develop their leadership, organizational and social skills that have benefited them in their lives. For some, it was a member who helped them deal with a very difficult time in their life. For some, it was because they feel the chapter made a difference for their son. Whatever the reason, we know it is because Kappa Sigma made a difference in their lives.

People reflect on their estate plans, wills and financial assets for many reasons. Some are prompted to do so by their accountant or attorney. Some have children that they need to plan for. Others reach middle age or later and decide it's time to take a crack at planning for that unfortunate date in the future.

Some people decide to include charities in their plans because they don't have heirs who need to inherit their assets - or at least not all their assets. Some understand they can improve

their tax situation by bequeathing a portion of their estate to a charity. Some decide that they want at least a portion of their accumulated wealth to support organizations they value the most - and in some cases that is Kappa Sigma.

You can help support the educational and housing needs of the chapter by making an estate gift of any size. The foundation asks that you discuss your charitable intentions with the potential executors of your estate to ensure that your final wishes are honored. We also would appreciate notification of your wishes so that we can recognize you as a member of the Heritage Society (we can keep in confidential if you wish) and we can make appropriate plans for future.

For more information, please write:

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## WILDCAT SEASON IS HERE!

### DON'T MISS THE REST OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON:

Sat, Oct 29	Oregon State
Sat, Nov 05	UCLA**
Sat, Nov 12	Washington*
Fri, Nov 25	Arizona State

\* home games

\*\* Saturday, November 5th is Homecoming!!

### GET READY FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL:

Sun, Nov 27	Virginia*
Sat, Dec 3	Houston
Thur, Dec 8	Northern Arizona*
Sat, Dec 10	St. Mary's*
Sat, Dec 17	Utah

\* home games