



SIGMA NU—ZETA LAMBDA ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Zeta Lambda Re-Colonization Update

"At the end of the day, guys join fraternities to be part of a brotherhood and have an impact on the surrounding campus and we can definitely offer that. But Sigma Nu has an upper hand in that it is a clean slate. It has the possibility to be completely different than any other fraternity, and if guys are willing to take a chance, it can definitely be something that this campus has never seen." - Will DeViney

After 13 long years, the alumni's recolonization effort was realized when, in January, the 13-year-dormant Zeta Lambda chapter officially became a colony of Sigma Nu! Our first semester has now been completed. Assembly, management and training of both the colony and alumni advisory board has been led by Expansion and Recruitment Consultant **Will DeViney** (ΔO 1676, University of Idaho). Brother DeViney has done a fantastic job recruiting young men who are dedicated to becoming Knights of the Legion of Honor. During the semester, four additional Headquarters staff members visited Tulsa to help with recruitment. Expansion Director **Alex Taylor** (NB 5, Huntingdon College), Associate Director of Expansion **Alex Retzloff** (Λ 1325, Washington and Lee University), and Leadership Consultants **Evan Winebarger** (ΘK 754, Georgia Southern University) and **Mark Gockowski** (ΖΓ 794, Kent State University) each spent a full week recruiting in Tulsa. (cont)





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The recruitment process today is much different from when we were all in college, lasting nearly half of the semester. Potential new members (or PNMs) are interviewed several times before being offering a bid. Most of the bids offered were accepted. Recruitment at TU has been challenging; however, the current manpower of 18 bids signed very well may be a spring semester record at TU!



The candidate class has completed Phase I of Sigma Nu's Leadership, Ethics, Academics, Achievement and Development (LEAD) program. Phase I of LEAD starts with "Fraternity" which instills the value of brotherhood and ensures that they join for the right reasons. Other topics such as social responsibility, risk reduction and national fraternity structure are included. A major highlight of the semester was a LEAD session hosted by **Tim Fischer** (ZΛ 446) and past Regent of Sigma Nu **Joe Francis** (Alpha 275 / EE 1310, Oklahoma State University). The semester ended with an inspiring LEAD session, "The Ritual: The End...The Beginning" facilitated by brother **Marc Nelson** (ZΛ 513).

Alumni will be happy to know that many of our Zeta Lambda traditions have been revived – pledge pops, White Rose formal, the Alumni-Active football game, brotherhood events and many others to come. At the advice of alumni advisors, the candidates even answer roll call at meetings with the number of classes they missed in the previous week.



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A solid alumni advisory board (AAB) was assembled early on, whose charge it is to advise the active colony on various aspects for success. In addition to its at-large members, there are seven primary advisors appointed to mentor the colony: Chapter Advisor **Jim “Chilly” Childress** (ZΛ 359), Finance Advisor **Paul Burgess** (ZΛ 385), LEAD/Academics Advisor **Dr. Joe Crowder** (ZΛ 268), Social/Risk Reduction Advisor **Chase Snodgrass** (EE 2400, Oklahoma State University), Recruitment Advisor **Tony Bertotti** (ZΛ 592) and Alumni Relations Advisor **Dr. Carey Waters** (ZΛ 481). The AAB is chaired by brother **Dr. Jeremy Edwards** (ZΛ 489). Brother Edwards has even been nominated for Chapter Advisor of the Year by Sigma Nu headquarters.

Zeta Lambda plans to take custody of the 7th Street House on fraternity row, within the next year, once the colony is of sufficient manpower to perpetually fill the house with the required 26 residents.



Zeta Lambda alumni look forward to the future where our chapter thrives just like it did in the good old days. With this solid start, all of the hard work over the past several years is finally paying off! However, there is still much work to be done. Your help and support is crucial to Zeta Lambda’s success. We need to have around 65 members in good standing in order to re-charter our beloved chapter.





Zeta Lambda Chapter — Important Dates

* Saturday 4/22, 10pm: Let's Zeppelin (Brother Marc Nelson's band. ZΛ 513.) at [Ales & Tails Festival, Vinita OK.](#)

* Sunday 4/23, 7pm: White Rose Formal at Brother Doug Redmond's (ZΛ 547) home.

* Monday 4/24 is the last day of TU regular classes.

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* Thursday 4/27 through Wednesday 5/3 are TU final exams.

* After finals impromptu brotherhood retreat at Grand Lake (Jacob Hall is hosting).

* Friday 5/19, 6pm: Alumni Advisory Board Meeting, at Albert G's BBQ Restaurant (Downtown Tulsa). Spouses are welcome to attend. This will be the last AAB meeting of the semester.

* Mark your Calendars **NOW** for TU Homecoming 2017:
Oct 13-15th Homecoming Weekend
Oct 14th Sat. TU vs. Houston, and Zeta Lambda Tailgate



Zeta Lambda Alumni Spotlight — David Thomas Herr ZΛ 524 / BK 1286

Hello Zeta Lambda Faithful! Let me take you back to 1991 when a kid from Kansas committed to come to the University of Tulsa for a chance to chase a dream of playing tennis in college. During the summer before my initial fall semester I was contacted by the Sigma Nu Rush Chairman Dave Hammon (ZΛ 469) to attend “Watersport Weekend” with Sigma Nu Actives, Little Sis’ and other potential recruits. I never really considered joining a Fraternity or thought of myself as the “fraternity type” (honestly because I didn’t really understand what it was all about) but as I look back now on the crucial decision I made, to not only go Greek but to commit to Zeta Lambda, it was life changing for me! Sigma Nu and Zeta Lambda helped shape the man I am today. . . The bonds forged with my pledge brothers / active chapter and the lessons learned about LOVE, TRUTH and HONOR over my time at TU / ZL have remained with me throughout my adult life.

As I write this letter I am reflective of the past 26 years (since the day I signed with Sigma Nu) and remain as honored today as I was back then to be a part of such a great organization and group of men. I have gone on to build a 23 year career in the Energy Trading Business, married a beautiful southern belle (Catherine) and together we are in the process of raising our 3 children (Hudson 7, Lauren 6 and Declan 7mos). The values and beliefs of Sigma Nu have also significantly contributed to the philanthropic presence in my life: I currently serve as Chairman of the MD Anderson Advance Team, I am the President of The LPG Charity Fund (industry organization) and serve as an Executive Mentor to the College of Business Administration for Kansas State University.



We all have defining moments in our life and while we might not realize their importance or significance at the time we tend to look back at their impact on the direction of our life and revel in their influence on your life. Sigma Nu and more importantly Zeta Lambda was one of those defining moments for me and I would bet a large portion of my Zeta Lambda brother’s feel the same way as Sigma Nu truly is a way of life and extends well beyond the confines of 4 years of College!!

Fraternally,

David T Herr (ZΛ 524 / BK 1288)

Zeta Lambda Alumni Nu's

In December of 2016 **Brother Jim Hicks** (ZΛ 528) accepted the position of North America Controller for The Crosby Group in Tulsa, OK. He explained to me what they did and I remember being very impressed, but I've since forgotten. Something to do with pipes.



Brother **Marty Jennings** (ZΛ 515) has recently accepted a position as a Sales Engineer with Palo Alto Networks.



Brother **Antwane Owens** (ZΛ 544) and his lovely wife Katrina have moved to Seattle, Washington where Antwane has accepted the position of Senior Manager North America Retail Finance with Amazon.



Brother **Paul Burgess** (ZΛ 385) is finishing up his 34th tax season as a lawyer and/or CPA. Melanie, his wife of 30 years works part-time with him along with another CPA. Their offices are with the law firm of Barber and Bartz in downtown Tulsa. Paul was a legal intern with Barber and Bartz from 1990 to 1993 while attending law school at TU.

Site: paulhburgess.com

Brother **Matthew Ryan Bishop** (ZΛ 520) and his lovely wife Wendy welcomed their first child. Silas Ryan Bishop was born in July of 2016.



Brother **E. Wes Bethel** (ZΛ 362) has recently started a new position as Adjunct Associate Professor, Computer Science Department at Old Dominion University.





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