

## COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

This past fall semester Gamma Chi chapter has taken great steps toward becoming a Smythe chapter, as evidenced in this newsletter. We won our second consecutive Chapter Excellence Award this past year. Our exec is excited for the future of our fraternity and building on the past year's success. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Founder's Day Banquet. Thank you for your continued support.

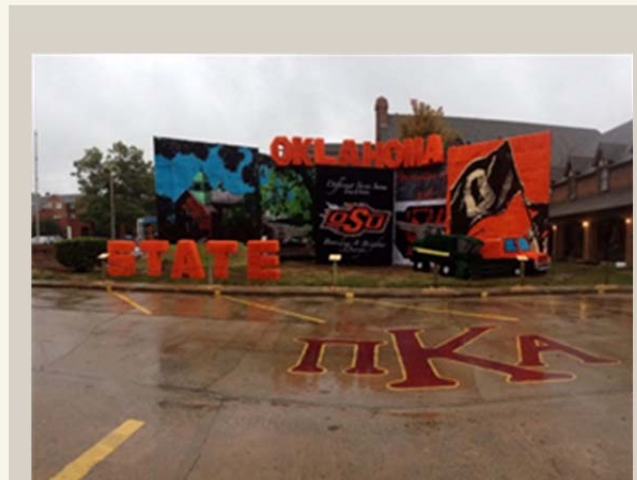
*-Spring 2014 Gamma Chi Executive Board*

## HOME COMING

We were paired in Homecoming with the women of Alpha Delta Pi to create our interpretation of "Banding a Brighter Orange; Different Faces, Same Tradition". Being paired with these women has allowed us to create long lasting and intimate relationships thus furthering our sorority relations to an area that has not been reached in years. Additionally, participating in homecoming allows us to be looked upon highly by the Stillwater/OSU communities adding to a long lasting tradition we hope to continue for years to come.

## PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE

Our chapter prides itself on supporting our community in various ways. We have already completed over 2,500 hours of community service, which is more than we completed last academic year. Our new community service program has shown great success and we look forward to increasing our hours this next semester. This past semester we successfully held our first annual philanthropy event, "Welcome to the Jungle" supporting the Taylor Trudeau Foundation. The house held a sorority powder-puff football tournament and had an exotic petting zoo for a great cause. This single event raised over \$5,000 for leukemia research. Our chapter is excited about next year's philanthropy event and has already begun planning.



## INTRAMURAL DOMINANCE

The Gamma Chi chapter continued the tradition of dominating the intramural competition by placing this semester and making it to the soccer and football championship. We take great pride in being a force to be reckoned with on and off the field. By maintaining our current intramural status we will be in perfect position to be first in the all-around competition this year.

## RETURN OF SHIP WRECK

Last year we successfully brought back the tradition of Pike Ship Wreck. We built a 50ft long, 12ft wide, and 30ft tall wooden ship that quickly became a Greek row icon. This event was crucial to setting our fraternity aside during Greek discovery day. We have already begun planning for this year's ship, which will be bigger and better than the previous years.

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## COMMITMENT TO ACADEMICS AND PLEDGE EDUCATION

This past semester's exec took a stand on improving our chapters GPA. We held our members accountable for the decisions they made in the class room enforcing required study hours to those who did not meet the chapter standard. Along with this, members who did not meet this standard were subjected to social probation, refraining them from attending all date parties including formal until GPA requirements were met.

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This past fall the Gamma Chi chapter initiated 17 outstanding young men. These new members worked hard for eight long weeks in order to meet the requirements for initiation. This year we held our pledges to a new standard for grades by implementing more study hours, recording all test grades and future tests in order to help regulate their grades. Throughout the eight weeks the pledges were required to study every weekday from 6-9 in order to meet the chapter standards required for initiation. At the time of initiation, the pledge class GPA was a 3.4 overall. We hope to keep this ball rolling for upcoming pledge classes to achieve, so throughout their college careers they keep the ideals instilled in them during pledgeship.

