

The Turnpike

Oklahoma State University - Gamma Chi

Winter 2012

Fall 2012 was a very busy but successful semester for the men of the Gamma Chi chapter. The chapter participated in many philanthropy and community service project, dominated in intramurals and placed in homecoming competitions.

Gamma Chi was paired with the women of Phi Mu for this year's homecoming celebration, "The Life, The Legend, The Legacy." The chapter was very successful in this year's



homecoming. They placed third in the Football Frenzy competition and took fifth in the house decoration competition.

The Pike University Leadership Summit was held on Nov. 2-4, 2012 in Kansas City. The Gamma Chi chapter had 25 members in attendance at this event. Those members were able to learn about recruitment, new member education and other chapter management skills that can go directly to improving Gamma Chi. The next Leadership Summit is scheduled for Feb. 22-24, 2013 in Dallas; many members are already planning to attend this event as well.

The men of Gamma Chi places top three

in intramurals every year. This semester, the Pike intramural football and soccer teams went to the championship games.

Giving back to the community is a high priority for the Gamma Chi chapter. This semester members hosted a Red Cross blood drive with the women of Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Delta Pi and the men of Sigma Nu. A Halloween festival was hosted for the children of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. On Dec. 1, the chapter hosted the first annual Toga for Tots philanthropy event in conjunction with Quo Vadis. All proceeds went to benefit Toys for Tots. In addition to the chapter events, members participated in other philanthropy events such as Chi Omega's Wish Week and Kappa Alpha Theta's Cupcakes for Casa.

Twenty-nine new members were recently initiated into the chapter on Nov. 30. Gamma Chi is excited to now be able to call these men brothers. Recruitment Chairman, Cecil Ray, currently has 10 men ready to sign bid cards for the spring semester.



Big plans are in the works for the spring semester, including the 2nd Annual Firehouse Fever philanthropy week benefitting The Firefighter's Quest for Burn Survivors. Events for the week include a sorority fire hydrant decorating competition, a fireman's challenge relay race, a mock dorm room fire and a benefit concert closing out the week.

featuring the popular Casey Donahew Band. For more information about Firehouse Fever or to donate contact our philanthropy chairman Julian Jones at julian.jones10@okstate.edu.

Gamma Chi is also proud to announce it will be bringing back ShipWrecked on April 6, 2013, the night of Greek Discovery Day. Construction of the ship will begin about a week before. The chapter would like to get alumni involved in with the building who have Ship-Wrecked in the past. For more information on how to help, email Ryan Tomlinson at ryan.tomlinson@okstate.edu.

The Founders' Day Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for March 9, 2013 in Stillwater. The day is filled with events to reconnect alumni. Events include brunch, a golf tournament, cocktail hour and closing out the day with the banquet. Scottrade Founder and CEO and 1964 Gamma Chi initiate, Rodger Riney will be the featured guest speaker for the banquet. For more information about the banquet and to RSVP, visit <http://osupikealumni.weebly.com/>.

The chapter is extremely excited for what is in store for the next semester. Follow the chapter on its quest for the Smythe by visiting gam-machi.pikes.org, 'Like' Pi Kappa Alpha – Oklahoma State University on Facebook and follow @OkStatePIKES on Twitter.

