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FROM THE GM

Hayden Baird '15
Grand Master, Gamma-Rho

Greetings to all men of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. First and foremost, I would like to wish the best regards to each of your respective chapters and hope we are all collectively striving to live up to the four pillars that were instilled upon us at initiation. Gamma-Rho has been extremely busy this past year, and I would like to take this opportunity to update the men of Kappa Sigma on some of our individual and collective achievements as a chapter.

We are incredibly happy to announce that Gamma-Rho will be receiving our second consecutive FACE award this Summer at the biannual conclave in Las Vegas. This marks the 3rd time Gamma-Rho has ever received this honor, and the first time that our chapter has received the honor in consecutive years.

Gamma-Rho continues to excel in intramural sports, as our football and soccer teams both finished runner – up in the Greek league out of twenty-two total organizations.

Brother's Trevor Hernstadt '15, Max Paredes '15, and myself have still yet to lose a single match this intramural golf season without a single loss in the match play format. The championship matches will be held next month. Last fall, Gamma-Rho initiated 28 excellent men into the chapter. Many of these brothers have already taken on many lucrative house roles, including Drew Willis '16 (By-Laws Chair) and Carter Jaenichan '16 (assistant to the President).

Individually, brother Jake Shepp '14 was selected to lead and operate the Eller career fair, marking the first time in Gamma-Rho history that a brother filled this position. Brother Nick Harden '14 just received an official offer to intern at the prestigious United Talent Agency this Summer, where he will be working amongst some of the most influential Hollywood Talent agents of our time. Brother Matthew Salem '14 has accepted an offer from Citi Bank in San Francisco to intern this Summer. Salem is the only student in the entire Eller College to receive an offer from Citi Bank, we are very impressed and proud of him.



Jake Shepp (pictured on left), a current Gamma-Rho majoring in Business was just selected to join the Bobcats Senior Honorary for the 2017-2018 school year. He joins Jonah Weiss (pictured on right) as the 2nd Kappa Sigma Bobcat since returning to campus. Bobcats is a prestigious organization comprised of thirteen of the university's top students, who got to where they are through a rigorous application process. Their experience only begins as a Senior, and is carried on through a lifelong dedication to the support and advancement of the UA. Jake would like to thank the Gamma-Rho undergraduates and alumni who have supported him the entire way."

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KEY CHAPTER LEADERS & ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS 2016-2017

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Nick Maccarone '13

AA Report

Greetings Brothers,

The Fall16/Spring17 academic year is behind us, and I write this as the outgoing and now incoming Executive Committee has now been duly elected and sworn in. This time of year offers a sense of completion and renewal. There is never a better time to reflect on what we've done right, perhaps gotten by, and what we can do to get better. That goes also for myself as the Alumnus Advisor. No time was been wasted in preparation for Fall17, and just this past weekend on April 9th both new and former officers held a transition leadership day in historic Bisbee, AZ. We spent the greater part of the day at alumnus Brother Adam Roth's family B&B (the School House Inn). I highly recommend if you should travel to the fun and eclectic Bisbee. Goals and outcome were discussed from each Officer position along with key committee chairs such as Greater Cause (philanthropy), Risk management and Alumni development. The identity of the Chapter starts at the top, and immersing themselves in open dialogue was productive and will keep improvement of Chapter operations and moral. There is a good chance Gamma-Rho may achieve recognition in back-to-back years the annual FACE Award, something they have not accomplished at previously summer Conclaves.



Again, I thank our volunteer alumni helping push and support Gamma-Rho. Our efforts are Not without challenges. Advisors attempt to be both guardians of the Charter, but also lend an ear if needed. We keep reminding and expounding upon the Fraternity's 4 pillars of excellence. If you've forgotten them, they are Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Brotherhood. That all said, if you live or work near another Chapter, do think about the idea of offering a little of your time, mentoring your wisdom, job experience, and perspective of having been in their shoes. Gamma-Rho undergrads do appreciate career advice and hearing some to the 'old' what we did adventure stories, which most serve as analogies to 'do-not replicate that story'. Embellishments indeed.

I hope everyone has a blessed and fantastic summer.

AEKΔB
Mark McLearn '88
Alumnus Advisor, Gamma-Rho

Chapter Accomplishments

- **Spring Rush marked 3rd consecutive recruitment** in which Gamma-Rho boasted the highest retention rate of any fraternity on the U of A campus
- Gamma-Rho's **return rate was over 95%** and 80% of bids were accepted
- **7 new brothers were initiated this Spring**, first class in Gamma-Rho history in which 100% of the original class were initiated
- **10 of 13 brothers who applied** to the prestigious Eller College of Management were accepted
- **GPA remained above the All Men's and All Greek average** last semester
- Gamma-Rho was recognized as a Jackson's Chapter, with **100% of members choosing to donate** on the Steven Alonzo Jackson day of giving.
- Gamma-Rho also **pledged to donate a certain amount each month** to the National Scholarship foundation for Kappa Sigmas.



Hey Jude, May The Force Be With You

This past fall, Gamma-Rho worked with the fine ladies of Delta Gamma to raise money for a four-year-old boy named Jude who is battling leukemia. The effort, led by Philanthropy chair Joe Haines 15', raised over \$12,000 dollars. Jude's father was a Kappa Sigma brother at Beta-Mu, the University of Minnesota, and said the look on his son's face was "absolutely priceless, one of the most amazing things I have ever seen."

Support Gamma-Rho's Boot Camp Philanthropy



The Story

The Brothers of Kappa Sigma's Gamma-Rho Chapter invite you to donate to our annual Philanthropy benefiting the Military Heroes Campaign, The American Red Cross, and other Military specific Service Organizations. The theme of Kappa Sigma's Boot Camp reflects our Chapter's goal to bring awareness to the sacrifices made by members of the U.S. military and their families. Please help us try and reach our goal of accomplishing \$30,000 to support our beloved Veterans. You can support their efforts with an online donation here.

<https://www.youcaring.com/militaryheroescampaign-786396>

\$12,000
Already raised

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Andrew "Andy" McEldowney '83

Brother McEldowney has always been active with Kappa Sigma. As an undergrad he served as GM, GP and GT. "GT was a very difficult

job then, probably worse than it is now, but otherwise what I had to do is nothing compared to what our officers are responsible for now. I did receive scholarships from the SEC, but back then we didn't have them at the chapter level. On a number of occasions while I was GM I got to interact with Brian Seastone, back when he was a baby UA cop. The best thing I did as an undergraduate was rush the hell out of a guy named Matt Noble. I like to think I was the one to get him to pledge."

In addition to holding multiple positions in the house, Brother McEldowney was all over campus. He was in the Primus, Sophos and Chain Gang service groups. He was also an RA in Apache Hall. Rooms weren't assigned, so working the desk on check in day Andy chose the "fun" kids for his wing. They had a great time but he wasn't asked to return for a second year.

After graduating with a Bachelors in Business Andy started and Allstate Agency where he was a multiyear Honor Ring and National Champions winner, as well as recognized as a Quality Agency. He then became a Pharmaceutical Rep with GlaxoSmithKline. "With GSK I launched 8 new brands, exceeding incentive goals for all products, was selected to be an Associate Product Trainer and served on the Field Advisory Board. Lots of other awards, trips, etc. This was a fun job." He was both top of his class and rookie of the year with Farm Bureau Financial Services, won the Heritage and Blue Vase as well as the Pace Setter Award both years before he decided it wasn't for him. After 25 years, he realized he just wasn't meant to be a corporate employee. He struck out on his own, founding Tucson Insurance Associates. In his words, he's better off because he can take better care of his customers and earns more for his efforts. Best of all he hasn't dreaded the thought of going to work one single day.

McEldowney has been involved in the community, following his children's interests. He was a Cub Scout leader, has coached youth sports and "schlepped" a lot of Girl Scout cookies. Brother McEldowney has also been involved with Gamma-Rho as an alumnus. Before we had our current house he

served on the House Corporation Board of Directors. As a campaign volunteer during the fundraising Andy spent a great deal of time soliciting donations from classmates. He has, on several occasions over the years, held the title of AAA, though with little involvement until the chapter returned. "This has been tremendously rewarding on a personal level and I think, at least hope, I have developed some relationships that will last. I also hope I have been half as valuable to them as they have been to me."

In regards to Gamma-Rho, "To be honest Kappa Sigma has been mostly a social thing for me, but I mean the long term friendships that I have developed, not just the college parties. To this day my wife Kerry and I meet socially with brothers and their spouses frequently. I think I also developed some leadership skills, and certainly some skills in herding cats."

Andy and Kerry have three children, Jordan, 27, Lindsay, 24, and Madison, 21.



Mark McLear '88

My attraction to join Kappa Sigma was liking the eclectic diverse group from all backgrounds and degree pursuits, but also felt that I could

make an immediate positive impact with involvement. It was my 3rd fall at the UofA. Having gone through Rush as a freshman, and ultimately not making a good connection to a fraternal organization. I was merely collecting my 'Stamp', took the steps up from Cherry Street, the walkway through the wood fencing, and a large man (Brother Brennan) sitting on a stool to my left greeted me first. I'm not sure what the initial exchange was, but he responded in sarcastic tone. This was an immediate breath of fresh air from the over-sold 'we're so cool theme' that pervaded Rush. Not a minute had gone and a microcosm of the Chapter's diversity unfolded before me. That spring pledge class, we named the 'Smalls', as there were only seven of us.

Kappa Sigma was a tremendous experience as an undergraduate, both in terms of motivation to collectively advance our recognition on campus, and giving me useful life tools and lasting life-long relationships. Kappa Sigma is in many ways, a family. You not only reconnect and

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reminisce with Brothers from your time, but make new friendships throughout life. I felt the need to give-back by accepting the Alumnus Advisor position a few years ago, and from doing that, have extended that family with our young undergrads and other amazing alumni at recent Conclave and Leadership Conferences.



Scott Polston '85

As an undergrad, Scott Polston was an integral member of the Gamma-Rho Chapter. He served as Grand Master, Grand Treasurer as well as Alumni Relations Chair. In '86 Brother Polston was a winner of the Kappa Sigma

Scholarship and Leadership Award.

Scott spent 17 years with Watson Chevrolet, ultimately as a sales manager, before retiring from the car game in 2007. He is now co-owner of Garment Graphics and Promotional Products.

He has been very involved with the community. Polston is the assistant coach of the varsity baseball team for Pusch Ridge Christian Academy. He also serves as a deacon for the Catalina Foothills church. He is past president of Caballeros Del Sol, recognized by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for facilitating trade relations with Mexico. Also hosted the Sonoran Region Trade Conference, which had 65 reps including Mexican mayors, directors of trade, tourism, etc. Polston is also past president and a multiple Paul Harris fellow with Saguaro Rotary. He is also a past disaster action team member with the American Red Cross.

Brother Polston has also continued to be active as a volunteer for Gamma-Rho. He currently serves the chapter as an Assistant Alumnus Advisor and is the House Corporation Treasurer.

He reflects on Gamma-Rho, "My undergraduate time gave me valuable leadership experience. Currently, it's an opportunity to connect with alumni brothers and continue the legacy of good stewardship for the Housing Corporation set by Dave Stallings. I'd like to contribute to the legacy of Kappa Sigma and Gamma-Rho, specifically the part that reflects the true ideals of the fraternity and brotherhood."

He and Holly have two children, Ryan, a 2014 graduate of the United States Military Academy and currently a Lieutenant in the US Army, and Megan, a 2016 graduate of Hillsdale College and currently Operations Manager for the Independence Institute in Denver.



Sean Litsky '99

Sean had a positive outlook as an undergrad. So much so that he was the first and, to the best of his knowledge, only Optimism Chair. He's kept that

mindset throughout his life.

Shortly after graduating the University of Arizona with a B.A. in History in 2002 he took a teaching post with Tucson Unified School District, where he continues to brighten the lives of today's youth. And scout potential Gamma-Rho's. He continued his education, and in 2010 he earned his Post-Bach Teaching Certificate from Pima Community College.

He and Rickiana Estrada have three children, step-daughter Amber, 21, step-son Adan, 18, and Alexander, 2.

When not in class or spending time with his family, he's been volunteering his time. He is a past Advisory Board Member of Devereux Arizona, which helps foster children and parents, as well as being honored as past Precinct Committeeman of the year in his legislative district.

He's also been very dedicated in service to the chapter, having served as a member of the Gamma-Rho Alumni Advisory Board as an assistant alumnus advisor. His efforts earned him an award as the Kappa Sigma Fraternity's 1st Year Volunteer of the Year.

"The Gamma-Rho Chapter of Kappa Sigma means so much to me in too many different ways to list them all here. I think the most important meaning that comes to mind when I think about our beloved fraternity and chapter is loyalty. I am a lifetime Tucson resident (except for 19 months of my life). I went to one elementary school, one middle school, one high school, one university, and belong to one Greek Fraternity.

"I am happy to say that I have lifelong friends that were first introduced to me as Brothers. I know that if they needed anything and I had the ability to assist, I would and if any of my brother's needed any assistance from me, I will of course be there if I am able. This is not a bond that develops easily for everyone, but by the grace of a higher power, we have been blessed with this Fraternity, this Chapter, and each other to guide us, help us grow, and be of service to one another when called."

The Long Walk Home

Think it's a long walk to the nearest Circle K to pick up some supplies for the big game? The office? How about walking back to campus for Homecoming? Think it a bit much?

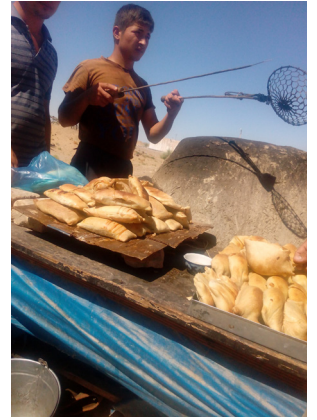
That's got nothing on Joel Rapp '88.



In November of 2014, Joel decided he was going home to California, and that he was going to take the scenic route. The very scenic route. From Galle, on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka.

With his trusty cart Colin in tow, he set off. Flash forward to March, 2017. As this is written he's traveled well in excess of 10,000km through Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, across the Caspian Sea, through on to Austria, Germany, England, off to Scandinavia by boat, and further along to Iceland.

Along the way he's been made and traveled with friends, including a 63km stretch from Kirchheim Unter Teck (a suburb of Stuttgart on the boundary of the

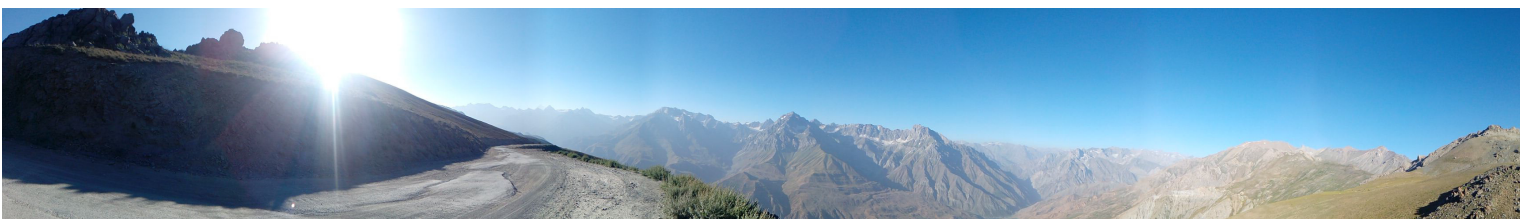


greater Stuttgart area) to Ulm, with an overnight in Leichingen with Mike Honigstein '91 as well as enduring a bit of a kerfuffle while traversing Pakistan.

As of the time this is being written, Brother Rapp is back on North American soil, having landed in Canada and headed back for the good old US of A. Check out his progress on TLWH.org or on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Long-Walk-Home-1469564586659296>)

Maybe you might even be able to join him for a stretch as he heads west.



Alumni Updates



Josiah Dean '83

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Two years ago, Josiah and his wife purchased the Historic Balch Hotel. Their 18-room boutique hotel welcomes guests from throughout the world to relax, reconnect and rejuvenate.



Mike Wilson '86

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Mike got married last year to his sweetheart, Shanna, in

Paso Robles, California. Brother Keller and Brother Dewire both attended the wedding. Currently, he is still living in LA after 20 "odd" years and just bought a house with his wife in the valley. Mike says, "I figure everyone has to move to valley at some point, if only to experience mildly soul-crushing traffic on a daily basis." Mike is currently running data engineering for Whalerock Industries and spent most of his time trying to figure out how to get people to download the Kardishian sister's iOS apps just a little bit more than they already do. He said, "Thankfully (?) the Kardishian's are always up to something zany."



Craig Lowden '96

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After 3 years of living the life tranquilo in Asuncion, Paraguay, which saw a visit by Erik Rostvold '96 as well as a rooftop full moon Christmas of Cuban Cigars and Malbec with George Jenson '82 and their better halves in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Craig and Katie are off to Bogota, Colombia this summer.

Nicolas Martino '13

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Nic is a law student at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. He is currently working as a law clerk for Jones, Skelton, & Hochuli, PLC. This past semester, he wrote a law review article about offshore wind energy that will soon be published in Jurimetrics: The Journal of Law, Science, and Technology. Nic will graduate in May 2018.

Undergrad Intro

Dalton Shoemaker '14

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Dalton is entering his senior year at the University of Arizona. This summer, he is working as a Financial Advisor Intern for Edward Jones in Brea, CA. He hopes to stay with the firm full-time following his graduation from the Eller College of Management in May 2018.

Thank you to our donors



We'd like to thank our alumni, undergrads and parents that supported Gamma-Rho in the last year, whether donations to the House Corporation, Educational Foundation or our columns on the UA Greek Park, your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
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	John Fung '84	Ryan Mahlstedt '97	Craig and Wendy Vesling

If you would like to list your name on the Kappa Sigma Pillar in the UA Greek Park, please contact Matt Noble. We have 65 donors so far. To be listed you must contribute a one-time gift of \$500 or pledge to pay it off over the next 3-5 years. You can reach Matt at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250 with questions.

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Our donors are the key to ongoing excellence of Gamma-Rho Chapter. Please let us help you make a mark on our chapter by creating a planned gift that honors your wishes. The Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation of Arizona is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation that benefits the undergraduate members of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the University of Arizona. We help fund educational programming, educational areas of the chapter house, and scholarships. Please let us know where you want to make a difference!

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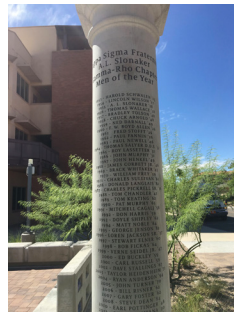


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Andrew Comrie, UA Provost, and his wife Lee with Brothers Tom Keating '62 and Matt Noble '84 at the University of Arizona celebration of reaching its \$1.5 billion dollar goal in CampaignNow.

Arizona NOW and Never Settle have already begun transforming the UA so that we advance our goals as one of the nation's premier super land-grant universities.



Kappa Sigma has named an Arch & Pillars in the new UA Greek Park. If you want to add your name to the list of donors, please contact matt.noble@fmgutucson.com.



Mark Fitzgerald '13 and Sandra Day O'Connor



Steve Perri '88, Randy Christensen '89 and Jim Nowak '87



Scott Sandberg '94, Pat Moran '92 and Sean Litsky '99

(GM Report, continued from front page)

This spring marked the transition of officers and instillation of the new Executive committee. I replaced brother Dalton Shoemaker '14 as Grand Master. Dalton served as Pledge Class President, Grand Procurator, and then Grand Master, and the fraternity is forever indebted to his three years of servitude. Boston Lotto-Newquist '15 moved from the Treasurer position up to Grand Procurator, replacing myself. Brothers Ian Mahanes '15, Danny Cox '15, and Zack Mckee fill the GMC, GT and GS spots respectively.

This Spring also marked the graduation date for past Grand Masters' Jake Hernandez '12 and Ben Rabichow '13. I would

like to thank each of them for giving me their blessing and support to serve as the next Grand Master of the Chapter. Both their work was instrumental in laying the foundation that allowed Gamma-Rho to become the force it has on the University of Arizona Campus. From our chapter to yours, we wish you nothing but the best, and hope each and everyone of you is enjoying chapter success and feeling honored to be apart of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Diligence is your watch word, whatever you do, do well, and may success attend your efforts.

Sincerely,
Hayden Baird '15
Grand Master, Gamma-Rho