

Gamma Xi Centennial Weekend

The weekend started off on Friday, October 22, 2010 with a tailgate party attended by 120 prior to the UC vs South Florida Football game. We rented a huge tent on Sigma Sigma Commons next to the Alumni Association house. The tailgate party was catered by City Barbeque with plenty of beer and wine for all. The football game was a Friday night nationally televised game on ESPN. Much to everyone's chagrin, UC lost to South Florida 38-30 on a beautiful night in Nippert Stadium and a packed house.

On Saturday, we had a luncheon at the Richard E. Lindner Center Room 850 which overlooks Nippert Stadium. Close to 100 people enjoyed a casual lunch and a great presentation by Myron Hughes, Director of UC's Alumni Association. Tom Humes (Gamma Xi '71) also made a presentation ably assisted by Jeff Williams (Gamma Xi '75), the President of UC Foundation Board of Directors. After the presentations, interested people toured UC's new and vastly updated campus and ended up with a hard hat tour of the new Delt house.

Saturday night brought the Centennial to a wonderful conclusion with our Dinner Dance at the East Lounge of Paul Brown Stadium. 250 people enjoyed the cocktail hour, the program MC'ed by Joe Kormos, the dancing, and the wonderful view of downtown Cincinnati as the day turned to night. Highlights of the program included welcoming remarks from UC's President Gregory Williams, the construction video narrated by Tom Humes, state of the undergraduates report from undergraduate President Eric Shrider, keynote speaker Mike Ullman (Gamma Xi '69 and President of JC Penney), presentation of national Delt award to Mike Ullman by Ken File, and re-enactment of presentation of national Delt award to Dan Earley (Gamma Xi '65) that Dan received at the previous Karnea in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2010.

The Cincinnati Hotel was the center of activity for our out of town Gamma Xi guests. Bus transportation was provided to and from all of our events.

The weekend was chaired by Paul Trenz ('75), Dan Long ('75), Pat Martin ('73), Saralou and David Durham ('68), and Elliott Stapleton ('03).

Although Gamma Xi was founded in 1909, we thought it more appropriate to celebrate our centennial around the construction of the new Delt shelter soon to open in January 2011.