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2009 Annual Giving Fund	
The Gamma Zeta Alumni Association Annual Fund is used to pay for the operating expenses of the Alumni Association. This includes the website, Black Lantern Newsletters, Homecoming expenses, and other ways to support the chapter.	
Gifts to the 2009 Annual Fund may be made by check by using the form to the right, or by credit card at www.bgalphasigs.com	Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Other: _____
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Alumni Association - Chapter Council

Alpha Sigma Phi's National Headquarters has long been an advocate of local chapters forming what they refer to as a "Chapter Council".... which is a group of alumni brothers who are available as resources to individual officers for an undergraduate chapter. With a successful Alumni Association already in place at BGSU, yet realizing the benefits that a Chapter Council will have for the undergraduates in areas the Alumni Association may not currently cover - we're happy to announce we have integrated the Chapter Council model into our current Alumni Association.

What does this mean? We're looking for alumni volunteers to fill openings that are now available on the Chapter Council. Volunteers will be matched up with undergraduate chapter officers to mentor and/or help guide them thru their term in office. Depending on the strengths or weaknesses of the individual chapter officer, alumni volunteers could be called on to help their officer set goals and develop a strategic roadmap to execute them, or merely act as a sounding board to bounce ideas off of.

Alumni Chapter Council volunteers would be expected to attend regular conference phone calls with their undergraduate officer, as well as possibly being able to attend chapter retreats, initiations, and possibly other significant chapter events.

If you may be interested, or know of another brother who may wish to volunteer, please contact the current chapter advisor, Mr. Greg Amend at greg.amend@hotmail.com.

2008 Donors

The Alumni Association would like to thank the following alumni brothers who made a donation to the 2008 Annual Giving Campaign. This general fund provides the Alumni Association with the general funds required to put out newsletters and cover Homecoming expenses. If you would like to make a donation - a coupon is on the last page of every newsletter. Thank-you!


Jim Beeman	Dave Kreienkamp
Lee Blakemore	Ed Leedom
Matt Bowles	Cliff Nelson
Tom Dedrick	Monte Prince
Russell DeLonjay	Rod Rupp
Tom Durbin	Frank Wahl
Steve Frase	
Bob Hamilton	

House Improvements

Every alumni has fond memories of the times spent at the chapter house while an undergraduate! And over the years it's probably safe to say the current house has seen it's fair share of abuse! We're happy to announce that those coming back to the chapter house will see some noticeable improvements begin to take place.

Funds are in place, thanks to generous donations by alumni, to replace the exterior signage on the house, and we expect this to be complete by the time everyone comes back for Homecoming 2009. Also, we've been informed that improvements will be happening inside the chapter house over the summer. While details haven't been completely finalized yet, we hope to have more information soon.

1950's Decade Rep



Name:
Lee Blakemore

Initiation Year:
1952

Pin Number:
79

As an only child to wonderful parents, I grew up in a middle class neighborhood in Detroit. After graduating from BGSU in 1955, I pursued a sales/marketing career beginning with Goodyear, and finally retiring in 1993 from Amoco Chemical in Atlanta. After a stint following college in the Navy, Nell and I were married and we were transferred from Akron to Northern California where our three children were born and raised. In 1990, we were transferred to Atlanta and where I retired as a national marketing manager; we then moved to the small community of Penn Valley in Northern Cal. As a retiree, I have been blessed to work with teenagers and running a United Way program for student groups doing community service in our county for the past twelve years. It is a privilege to be the decade rep for the '50s decade brothers.

Brother Frank Wahl ('66) - 60's Decade Rep.

I still remember getting the invitation to pledge Alpha Sigma Phi in the Spring of '66. There were approximately 20 in our pledge class. This class was important as there were only 20 some actives and most of them were graduating that Spring. My room mate at Rogers Dorm, Mike Elliott, was instrumental in having me check out this new fraternity on campus as he had just pledged them. What a great bunch of guys he said, and he was correct. We went through a lot of ups and downs during the next three years, but by the time we graduated in '69, the house was over 50 brothers strong.

I remember us winning our first league trophy in hockey. What a team we had! We had a pretty good basketball team, too, led by Ron Partin and Mike Elliott. Chris Conrad lead us in remodeling the dining room and card room (did we have university permission?) and built our first trophy case for the few trophy's we were starting to accumulate, especially first place for "Homecoming 1966" for the best decorated Greek house with the "Wizard of Oz" theme. The annual basketball dribble and football toss with the TU chapter for the games and barn parties still are vivid memories. Also, I'm sure we all remember Mom Beck. Most important to me is the relationships I built with all the brothers that seems like yesterday and will last forever. We had the nicknames, too. Hoggie, Beau, Worm, Tuna, Mono, Smitty, and Pear were a few.

After graduation, I was a teacher for 8 yrs. and spent about 25 years in the insurance and financial services industry. Currently, I'm a sales associate with Menards in Tipp City, Ohio.

In March 1970 I married my wife, Wanda. We have two sons and 4 granddaughters. Doesn't look like there'll be any grandsons! We have lived in Troy, Ohio the past 38 years at 3950 LeFevre Rd., Troy, Ohio, 45473. I look forward to hearing from any of the brothers from back then! My email is fwahl@woh.rr.com and cell phone is 937-478-9411. Brother Chris Conrad and I stay in regular touch as we are only 30 miles apart... if there are others, we'd love to hear from you!

For those interested in coming back to Homecoming this year, 2009 will be the 40th anniversary of our graduation from good ole BG. The Alumni Council is inviting back all of us who graduated in 1969, as well as any brothers from the '60's. It'll be great to see each other after 40 years. So please mark your calendars to return for Homecoming 2009! More details can be found in this newsletter.

We should all be proud of what the chapter has accomplished in the past 40 years and especially this decade as they've been the top national chapter numerous times. Hats off to the undergrads. We appreciate their commitment and hard work.

Hope to see you in October, 2009!

Frank Wahl

Homecoming 2009

BGSU has announced that Homecoming 2009 will take place the weekend of October 2nd thru 4th. If you plan on attending - call to reserve your hotel room now! Below is a tentative schedule for the weekends festivities, and you can check the website (www.bgalphasigs.com) for more detailed information.

Friday - Oct. 2:	Saturday - Oct. 3:	Sunday - Oct. 4:
7-10pm - Alumni Reception at Ziggy's	11:00am - Memorial Service 11:30am - 60's Alumni Luncheon 1:30pm - Football Tailgate 4:00pm - Football Game 7:30pm - Alumni Reception at Cla-Zel	10am - Alumni Association Meeting

"To Better The Man" Fund

The Development Committee is the group of Alumni brothers who are responsible for the oversight of the "To Better The Man" endowment fund.

At the Committee meeting held in BG in January, Brother Ed Leedom was selected as the new Vice Chair, and Brother Matt Mauer was selected as Secretary. Also, a proposal was also brought forth to bring the Undergraduate Chapter President on-board as a voting member of the "TBTM" development committee, in order that the undergraduates have a voice in the endowment fund. This proposal will be voted on at the next development committee meeting.

In addition, the committee is looking for another board member to fill an open position. Please contact Gordy Heminger if you would be interested in volunteering.



Alpha Sigma Phi has had a presence on the LinkedIn professional networking website (www.linkedin.com) for some time now, and local Alpha Sigma Phi chapters have begun to follow suit by forming their own on-line groups. We're happy to announce the Gamma Zeta Alumni Association has now formed it's own group on the LinkedIn networking site: "Alpha Sigma Phi - Gamma Zeta Chapter - BGSU."

LinkedIn is a business oriented social networking site launched in May 2003. It's main objective is for professional networking, to allow professionals to connect with other business professionals they already know and work with, and to be introduced to other professionals outside of their current network. The site currently boasts a membership of over 35 million.

If you are already a member on LinkedIn, please join the group! If you aren't a member of LinkedIn, please browse over to the site and join.. as it's completely free! The site is a good way to keep in touch with alumni brothers on a professional level and to become more aware of what professions Gamma Zeta alumni are in, and in what way brothers may be able to help you. By becoming a member of the "Gamma Zeta" group on LinkedIn, you can become involved in discussions, or post items visible only among other alumni of the BGSU chapter who are also group members.

Alpha Sigma Phi Non-Member Scholarship Award

As the "To Better The Man" Endowment Fund continues to be funded by alumni donations, the Alumni Association is proud to announce that we are able to begin funding scholarships, as outlined in the spending policy that governs the fund.

One of the first scholarships to be funded is the "Non-Member Scholarship Award". This scholarship is for incoming freshman to BGSU and is awarded to a freshman based on their scholarship, leadership and service to the community while he was in high school. The obvious intent of the scholarship is assist in the recruitment effort by providing a focus on finding "Alpha Sigs" who are not yet members, but hold in high regard that traits that help make an Alpha Sig.

At Homecoming 2008, the scholarship was given to Mr. Macgregor Perkins. Congratulations Macgregor!

"I would like to thank the Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter and Alumni for recognizing me with the Alpha Sigma Phi Non-Member Scholarship award. I am very grateful and intend to do great things for myself, the University, and the community with the support of your scholarship.

The Presidential Luncheon and the Alpha Sigma Phi dinner on Saturday evening were overwhelmingly enjoyable, and I met many good people that I hope I can work with in the future."



Alumni Update - John Putnam ('66):

The following is a letter from Brother John Putnam to '60's Decade Representative Frank Wahl when discussing his return for Homecoming. (Re-printed with John's permission).

"It was good to hear from you after all these years. It's ironic that you sent that picture. I got a copy of it from Tim Struna about a year ago. Looks as though it was taken during our Sophomore year - 1966-1967. I remember those "washing the dishes" days very well. My college years will always be the best years of my life.

I got back out there during the summers of 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999- Haven't been back since. Everything looked the same except Wooster has gotten a lot wider-and there's a lot more traffic-even during the summer. I climbed up on the ladder of the Alpha Sigma Phi house and walked onto the roof. Didn't stay there long-it seemed to sag and about to collapse. I don't think anyone goes out on it anymore. Maybe they've fixed it up since then. I don't know if I'll be able to make it out for Homecoming- it depends on a lot of things.

I've tried to stay in touch with a lot of the guys- but haven't had a lot of luck. I talk to my Big Brother, Bill Brennemen, from time to time. Also have had some contact with Tim (Struna) and Smitty (Gary Smith).

Hope all is well with you. 40 years??? At times it seems to me like just a handful of years since that time."

Omega Chapter:

We have been informed that Roger Dudley ('51) passed away and has joined the Omega Chapter. His last known address was in Birmingham, Ohio. Our condolences go out to Roger's family and friends.

The Alumni Association makes every attempt to keep our database of alumni brothers' addresses current and correct, but we can't do it without your help! If you've recently moved - please help us out by forwarding your new contact information to the Alumni Association. We often run a list of "lost brothers" in the newsletter, and ask anyone with contact information for them please consider forwarding that to the Alumni Association for our records.

1980's Decade Rep

Name:
Kirk Hogrefe

Iniation Year:
1986

Pin Number:
399

Please welcome brother Kirk Hogrefe to the Alumni Association, as the new 1980's decade rep!

Kirk originally graduated from BGSU in 1988 with a BS in Business, and continued on to earn his MBA from BGSU in 1994. While at BGSU earning his MBA, he became the oldest guy to run in the Beta 500 for the Alpha Sigs at age 30! Kirk is also to thank for building the trophy case that is currently located in the front room of the chapter house.

Currently living in Amherst, he serves as Inventory Manager at Ridge Tool in Elyria, Ohio. Kirk is looking forward to reconnecting with fellow brothers from the 80's and helping to bring their ideas and input back to the Alumni Association.

Kirk can be reached by e-mailing him at: kh64@oh.rr.com

HER CAUSE IS HIDDEN...
HER RESULTS ARE WELL KNOWN...