



Capital Campaign Kick-Off!!

Current members of the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity have united with chapter alumni to make a significant contribution to future students' educational experience at BGSU. The chapter has reached the \$90,490 mark in its \$300,000 "To Better the Man" fund-raising campaign.

On Nov. 28, the Gamma Zeta chapter presented two checks to the University. The first, for \$16,335, was raised by undergraduates in the chapter and represents pledges over the next five years. The second, for \$74,155, came from alumni pledges.

Attending the ceremony were chapter alumni from as far back as 1950—in Bill Cameron, a founding member of the group, and Joe Zimmerman, a 1979 graduate who helped make the alumni check presentation. Former chapter presidents were also in attendance, including Gordy Heminger, Steven Swaggerty, Aaron Shumaker, Rocco Sciarabba and current chapter president Steve Dutton. Sciarabba and Shumaker, both current undergraduate students, co-presented the undergraduate check on behalf of over 40 chapter members present at the ceremony.



Celebrating the Alpha Sigma Phi donation were (left to right) Rocco Sciarabba, past president of the fraternity; Dr. Edward Whipple, vice president for student affairs; Douglas Smith, vice president for University advancement, and Aaron Shumaker, another past Alpha Sigma Phi president.

"It was very beneficial to see undergraduates contribute so much," commented Ed Leedom, a 1989 BGSU graduate and president of the Alumni Council, after the ceremony. "It was a phenomenal effort on their part."

Most of the \$300,000 to be raised will go toward scholarships, with \$48,000 dedicated to endow a campus leadership program open to any BGSU student. Resources will be given to Student Affairs annually in the form of matching funds. Other initiatives to be funded include a leadership scholarship, individual academic scholarships, recruitment scholarships and housing scholarships. "I would like this campaign to show that Greeks make a positive contribution to BGSU and that we're about much more than the stereotypes; we're about something positive," said Steve Dutton, current president of the fraternity.

The idea for the fund-raising campaign came about when the fraternity celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the BGSU chapter in 1950, Leedom explained. "I'm proud to be part of an innovative initiative here on campus," he added. This collaboration between BGSU and a fraternity is the first campaign of its kind at the University.

Founded at Yale in 1845, and headquartered in Carmel, Indiana Alpha Sigma Phi is the nation's 10th oldest college fraternity. The Gamma Zeta chapter of the fraternity has been at BGSU since 1950. Alpha Sigma Phi has over 600 alumni from the Bowling Green campus. In recent years the chapter has enjoyed much success, currently holding the distinction of being the recipient of the "Grand Senior President's Award," a recognition from the national fraternity for being the best chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity nationally. In addition, as of the spring 2005 semester the chapter was the fraternity at BGSU with the highest grade point average.

The campaign is entering its active solicitation phase where leaders on the alumni council will be contacting alumni requesting pledges to the campaign. "It is exciting to be in this partnership with the University, because a gift to the campaign is a gift to both the fraternity and the University," said Kevin Konecny, chapter advisor to the group. Alumni and friends of the chapter may make contributions online via the BGSU web site. Once at the site donors should specify the "Alpha Sigma Phi to Better the Man Campaign."

<http://giving.bgsu.edu/development/fundingopps/onlinegiving.jsp>

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Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2006! The council has a lot of things coming up in 2006 and we hope you'll consider becoming an active alumni member if you're not involved with the council yet!



Gordy Heminger wins Delta Lambda Award

Gordy Heminger (with plaque at left, shaking hands with past winner Bill Cameron) is the newest winner of the annual Delta Lambda Award. The award is presented annually to an outstanding alumnus, based on their continued involvement with the chapter.

The award was presented to Gordy at Homecoming 2005, at the Awards Banquet that took place at the Elks Lodge in Bowling Green on Saturday night during the Homecoming Festivities. After graduating from BGSU, Gordy traveled for the National Fraternity serving as a Chapter Leadership Consultant. He then returned to BGSU and earned a Master's degree in College Student Personnel. During his graduate studies he continued to be involved with the Fraternity by serving on the Alumni Council in a variety of roles to include: decade representative, secretary and president of the Council.

He has continued to serve the undergraduate chapter as the Faculty Advisor, a role he assumed in 2004. Gordy currently serves BGSU as a Coordinator of Greek Affairs.

History of the Delta Lambda Award

On October 6, 1963, the first step toward reactivating the Gamma Zeta Chapter began when 17 men organized a local fraternity at Bowling Green State University known as Delta Lambda. On March 13, 1965, after a ten-year absence from Bowling Green State University, Delta Lambda local fraternity, became Alpha Sigma Phi; and like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, the Gamma Zeta Chapter was reactivated.

The Delta Lambda award was first created in 1967 and was awarded to an outstanding senior member of the chapter at that time. In 2001, the Alumni Council reinstated the award so that all Brothers of the Gamma Zeta Chapter would never forget the dedicated work of the men of Delta Lambda.

The Delta Lambda award is presented every year at Homecoming to an alumnus demonstrating outstanding service to the Gamma Zeta Chapter.

2001 Recipient: William A. Cameron

2002 Recipient: Chris Conrad

2003 Recipient: Edward G. Leedom

2004 Recipient: Kevin S. Konecny

2005 Recipient: Gordon F. Heminger

Alumni Updates

Got a new address you want to share with your fellow alumni? A new job you recently started? How about some good news that you want to share. Please send any updates to the Alumni Council. This helps us to keep our database up-to-date and we always have room to publish updates in upcoming newsletters.

Help Wanted

The Alumni Council is looking for an alumni with experience in graphic design or web design to help out with our website. The volunteer would work in conjunction with our current webmaster, Bob Thomas, in order to keep the site current. For more info, please contact: bobthomas@exhibitmanagement.com



Ed Leedom pinning the Delta Beta Xi Award on Brother Joe Zimmerman at the Capital Campaign Kick-Off event at Bowling Green State University.

Brother Joe Zimmerman wins '06 Delta Beta Xi Award

At the kick-off for the capital campaign on November 28th, Brother Joe Zimmerman was presented the prestigious Delta Beta Xi award, by current chapter advisor Kevin Konecny on behalf of the national fraternity. The award was presented to Brother Zimmerman in recognition of his outstanding alumni service to Alpha Sigma Phi. "The Greek experience was a turning point in my life and the leadership experiences I had as an undergraduate helped develop my character, making me who I am today. Giving to this campaign is a way to repay the University for the opportunities I received as an undergraduate member of the Greek community" said Zimmerman.

This national award recognizes outstanding service to the Fraternity. The Delta Beta Xi award key is worn only by Brothers who are recipients of the award. Each year the Grand Council elects no more than ten Brothers to receive the award nationally. Brothers who are recipients of the Delta Beta Xi key are nominated by chapters or alumni brothers.

The Grand Council has awarded the following alumni of Gamma Zeta Chapter the key: Donald C. Flegal, 1969; Larry D. Philippi, 1985; William A. Cameron, 1990; Robert A. Wade, 1991; Edward G. Leedom, 1994; Kevin S. Konecny, 2004; David R. Kreienkamp, 2004; Joe Zimmerman, 2005

An Alpha Sig for Life! (submitted by Ed Leedom)

Remember when you were a new brother, shortly after you took your oath? You had gone through pledging, passed your test, and survived initiation. You were excited to be a new brother and the question on your mind was, what now? From there, your big brother and your friends probably helped to guide you until you found your niche within the chapter.

When talking with colleagues, customers and friends, fraternity affiliations occasionally come up. Invariably, these people will say “I was a...” Alpha Sigs fortunately do not have to say that. Brotherhood in Alpha Sigma Phi is for life. Upon graduation, we all moved on with our lives...pursuing careers, family interests and other obligations. But once in a while, in a quiet moment, you no doubt reflect back upon your college days. Maybe it was a memorable fraternity event with your friends, maybe it was a time when a brother helped you out of a difficult spot, however it was most likely about some aspect of your time as an undergraduate brother in Alpha Sigma Phi. Your affiliation with Alpha Sigma Phi continues today, albeit in a different way than during your days as an undergraduate.

What is the alumni council? Am I a member? These are questions that I am asked frequently when discussing the alumni council with alumni brothers of our chapter. It is easier to answer the second question first, as the answer is yes, provided that you are an initiated member in good standing of the Gamma Zeta chapter. The first question is also fairly simple and I'll try to answer that now.

The alumni council was formed in October, 1993 by a group of alumni who saw the need for the chapter to have the support of more than just the Grand Chapter Adviser. The purposes of the council are threefold: “To further create and perpetuate Brotherhood among alumni Brothers of the Gamma Zeta Chapter; to maintain a working relationship with the undergraduate members of the Gamma Zeta Chapter; and to provide mentors and assistance to the Gamma Zeta Chapter.”

Over the past 13 years, the group has evolved from a band of recent alumni to a broad organization that includes representatives from each decade of the chapter's existence. The breadth and depth of the experiences brought to the group by the various members is very important, and leads to a thorough discussion of issues from a wide variety of perspectives in meetings of the executive board of the council. In future articles, we will look at the organizational structure of the council, but for now, let's look at how the council goes about executing our mission.

1. To Further Create and Perpetuate Brotherhood Among Alumni Brothers of the Gamma Zeta Chapter

The current Executive Board of the Council has interpreted this to mean that we need to communicate with our alumni via The Black Lantern, our website, www.bgalphasigs.com, and to facilitate events in which alumni can gather to share brotherhood, such as the Homecoming events each year. A great deal of our time has been spent recently in upgrading our communications abilities so that we can deliver information to our alumni in a 21st century way. Specifically, we have revamped the website, changed the look and feel of The Black Lantern, created an online version of The Black Lantern, and conducted an evaluation of our Homecoming events to make them informative and relevant to our ever expanding alumni base. We continue to evaluate new and better ways of reaching our geographically and demographically diverse base of alumni.

2. To maintain a working relationship with the undergraduate members of the Gamma Zeta Chapter

The board has interpreted this part of our mission to mean that the alumni council should work with the undergraduate chapter members to support issues which are relevant to an undergraduate, while at the same time safeguarding the legacy of the alumni brothers who have contributed to making the chapter what it is today. The council has done this through frequent meetings with the Grand Chapter Adviser (GCA), the undergraduate leadership of the chapter, and members of the university administration. In order to facilitate communication between the undergraduate chapter and the alumni council, and to give the undergraduates an opportunity to have input into issues that the council is considering, there are two undergraduate chapter members that attend each meeting of the Executive Board of the council. These undergraduates also are eligible to vote in matters that come before the board. The alumni council, through the GCA, supports the chapter with the university administration as well. This typically involves areas such as serving on an alumni advisory board through university Greek Affairs, as well as developing relationships with university administrators in the alumni office and in Student Affairs. The council also ensures that the legacy left to today's undergraduate brothers continues to be upheld at a level that we have all come to expect of our great chapter.

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3. To Provide Mentors and Assistance to the Gamma Zeta Chapter

The mentoring and assistance provided to the undergraduate chapter is a dynamic and flexible characteristic of the alumni council. We have, at various times, held leadership workshops for the undergraduates, worked with specific officers on project-related tasks, and served as objective observers and advisers in working with the chapter leadership on various chapter management tasks. However, this part of the mission of the alumni council has recently been reinterpreted. We are now taking on a new and interesting challenge.

The council has been working over the last two years to establish an endowment fund through the BGSU Foundation. As you may read in the article announcing the official campaign kickoff, we are now entering the active phase of this campaign. The officers of the council have given generously of their time, talents, and resources to get the campaign to this point, and we look forward to sharing the good news with you in upcoming issues of *The Black Lantern*. The endowment fund is the centerpiece of the alumni council's vision of the future for our chapter. But the establishment of the endowment is about much more than just money. The endowment fund is the means by which our chapter achieves a permanent legacy at BGSU, and begins to share Alpha Sigma Phi's core values with the members of our chapter and the overall undergraduate student body at BGSU.

As the members of the alumni council continue to move forward with our vision of supporting Alpha Sigma Phi and our values at BGSU, facilitating opportunities for alumni brothers to reconnect with old friends, and mentoring the current generation of undergraduates, we invite you to join us. Remember, brotherhood in Alpha Sigma Phi is for life!

Homecoming 2005 Wrap-Up:

Homecoming 2005 has come and gone, and we were happy to see the many alumni who came back to join in the celebration with the members of the undergraduate chapter.



Alumni enjoy the banquet at the Elks Lodge on Saturday evening.

The weekend events kicked off with a Friday evening reception for the alumni and undergraduates so they could meet each other and catch up on what happened in the last year. Saturday began with a gathering at the chapter house, then continued with tailgating at Doyt Perry Stadium before the game, and numerous

alumni and undergraduates attending the football game. Our annual awards banquet and dance was held afterwards at the Elks Lodge.

The weekend events wrapped up Sunday with the Alumni Council business meeting at the Student Union, as well as the highly anticipated

undergrad/alumni flag football game in the oval behind the chapter house. Sorry, but as of press date, we haven't heard who won this year! Plans are already underway for next year and we hope to see all of you there! If you have any questions or need help making arrangements for the Homecoming weekend, do not hesitate to contact a member of the council.



Members of the current undergraduate chapter enjoy the Saturday evening banquet with their dates at the Elks. (Photos by Lee Blakemore)

Alumni Involvement Opportunities

With the launch of the *To Better the Man Capital Campaign* the future looks bright for the Gamma Zeta chapter. The Alumni Council is looking for alumni who are willing to serve in a variety of volunteer roles as the campaign moves forward. Members of the Alumni Council will be in touch in the months ahead to share volunteer opportunities and to keep you informed regarding the progress of the campaign. To volunteer to send an e-mail message to Ed Leedom (Ed.Leedom@harborfund.com).

April 2006 Newsletter Submission

The submittal deadline for items to be included in the next *Black Lantern* Newsletter is March 15th. The *Black Lantern* strives to maintain a regular publishing schedule of three issues per year. One each for the spring semester, fall semester and summer. Any items, updates, pictures or items you may find of general interest to our alumni can be submitted to the editor, Dave Kreienkamp via e-mail at daveyk@mindless.com. Items can also be mailed to Dave at 5817 Holcomb Road, Wayne, Ohio 43466. All submitted items will be scanned and returned.

Black Lantern: Electronic Version

The Alumni Council can now e-mail a pdf version of the newsletter to alumni who request it instead of the paper copy via mail. Please e-mail the editor at "daveyk@mindless.com" with your correct e-mail address to receive the newsletter via e-mail.

First Winter Wedding Held 27 Years Ago! (submitted by Joe Zimmerman)

Winter wedding surely brings back good memories for most of our chapter's alumni. But how many of the current undergrads and recent alumni know the history of this event that still continues to this day? The following is the article and picture that appeared in the BG News after that very first event in 1979.

I DO DO YOU ? Dated: February 4, 1979

"The first annual Alpha Sigma Phi "Winter Wedding" went off without a "hitch" this past weekend. On Saturday, February 3, 1979, Mike Curran (Alpha Sigma Phi) and Patty Clerico (Chi Omega) were joined in a mock wedding ceremony in the University Union. Honored guests included all the fraternity and sorority Presidents, houseparents and select Greek Leaders. A special appearance was made by Jerinanbella Douglas, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Houseparent, as flower girl.

The wedding festivities began when the brother's held their first annual Bachelor's party at the Alpha Sigma Phi House. Then the next morning the brothers arranged to have flowers and wedding cake delivered to their house for the campus reception which was to follow the marriage. A receiving line was formed after the ceremony and the bride and groom greeted their guests. The wedding party was formed of friends of both the bride and the groom.

The purpose of the wedding was to have an activity which many Greeks could participate in and also to give the Alpha Sigs a chance to meet people throughout the Greek system.

Since this year's event was such a success the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi have decided to incorporate the "mock wedding" into their permanent calendar of activities. Look forward to attending the second annual Alpha Sigma Phi Winter Wedding in 1980!"

Many of the participants of the first Winter Wedding are still actively involved with the fraternity, many have kept in touch over the years. Here is an update as to "Where are they Now".

Groom: Michael Curran, passed to the Omega chapter in 1991. Omega tree planted in his memory in 2000.

Bride: Patty Clerico, is a former lil sis of Alpha Sigma Phi and member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She now resides in Hayward, CA and is a Senior Project Manager – Graphic Designs for Cisco Communications.

Maid of Honor: Tammy Marchand, a former lil sis of Alpha Sigma Phi and member of Chi Omega Sorority. She now resides in Cleveland Ohio and is Director Advertising and Promotions for the Stars on Ice Show (the tour founded by Scott Hamilton).

Best Man – Joe Zimmerman, member of the Alpha Sig Alumni Council. Living in Atlanta and active in alumni affairs for the university and the fraternity.

Groomsmen: Jamie McCloskey lives in Florida, and is the Associate Athletic Director for the University of Florida Gators
Jeff Hendricks is in banking and resides in Urbana, Ohio
Mike Gardner is President of his family business in Wisconsin and serves on the local school board

Priest: Greg Group, living in Mentor, Ohio currently Commodore of the Cleveland Yacht Club

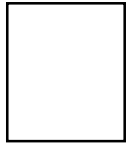
Father of the Bride: Larry Phillippi, now living in San Diego, CA. Was active with the national organization of Alpha Sigma Phi.



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2006 Annual Giving Fund

The Alumni Council is continuing to raise funds during 2006. Please cut out and return this 'coupon' if you are interested in making a donation of any amount. As always, your donations are the only source of daily operating funds we have, so please donate! Any dollar amount donated helps keep this newsletter and other planned activities going! (Unfortunately, contributions to the Annual Fund are not tax-deductible)

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