

Gamma Zeta Alumni Association  
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**Alumni Association President - Matthew Bowles**

In 2010 our beloved *Alma Mater* celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a myriad of events throughout the year. BGSU will continue construction on the Stroh Center, our new athletic complex and convocation center, as well as the new Wolfe Center for Musical Arts. The University will launch the “Bring Back the Glory” campaign to restore BGSU Hockey to national prominence and continue working toward building its national reputation through the Centers of Excellence initiative.

And that is just the beginning. 2010 will also see the Old Gal kick off her 60<sup>th</sup> year at Bowling Green State University, plan a legendary Homecoming to celebrate the milestone, streamline alumni support for the undergraduate chapter with the christening of the Chapter Council and witness a grass roots movement by our loyal legions of Alumni Brothers to build the To Better the Man Endowment to new heights. By all accounts – there has never been a more exciting time to be a Falcon and a Gamma Zeta alumnus.

2010 will offer unprecedented opportunities to get involved – or just reconnect. If you ever had any interest in helping to plan Homecoming, we have a committee for that. If you have ever wanted to work with the undergraduates – now is the time. If you have been thinking of making a contribution to the To Better the Man Fund, rally some of your pledge Brothers and make a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift together.

Stay in touch in 2010 with old friends or meet new fellow alumni in your area. A Gamma Zeta Alumni Group is booming on LinkedIn and 2010 will feature the roll out of a new website format offering alumni the opportunity to connect, re-connect and interact like never before. As always the Black Lantern and Homecoming remain solid bets for staying in touch.

Needless to say, I am looking at a glass that isn't half full – its spilling over. So get ready for a whirlwind of anniversaries, opportunities and activities in 2010 and until then, have safe and merry Christmas and holiday season.



2000's era Alumni Brothers recently completed a trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, for a weekend of golf, tailgating and college football. Please contact 2000's decade rep Aaron Shumaker if you would like to receive information on future impromptu outings.


**Greek Village Update**

The rumors and preliminary discussions regarding building a new “Greek Village” housing area for Greeks on BG’s campus has been floating around for a long time. But lately the concept is getting more attention from BGSU.

On November 4th, the Alumni Association attended a meeting on campus with members of the Greek Life office, other Chapter representatives, and the research group from Boston that BGSU hired to put together a housing program for the new Greek Village units. Once that space program is completed, it will be sent to the architect hired by the university to start working on preliminary layouts of the units.

At this point, the study has recommended (4) different sized units... 6 beds, 12 beds, 18 beds, and 26 beds. The smallest unit (6 beds) would be a shared house concept between two chapters, while the others would all be stand-alone units. Our unit would be a 12 bed (two story) unit and would include spaces such as: (4) two person bedrooms, (4) single bedrooms, house director apartment, living room, computer room, kitchen, dining area, public restrooms downstairs, restrooms for occupants on both floors, chapter room, mail area, laundry room, storage areas, rec room, and possibly a bicycle storage area. They hope to be able to have each chapter incorporate unique touches into their individual units, and would also like to explore the possibility of allowing the chapters to raise money to add additional rooms or special touches to each chapter house if they could do so.

The Alumni Association will continue to monitor the situation and keep the Alumni informed, but at this time the Greek Village concept is still just that - a concept.

<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>Alumni Association Officers:</b>	
	The Gamma Zeta Alumni Association consists of the following alumnus of Alpha Sigma Phi at BGSU:	
	President- Vice President- Treasurer- Secretary- Chapter Advisor- Communications- '50's Rep- '60's Rep- '70's Rep- '80's Rep- '90's Rep- 2000's Rep- Web Site- Development-	<p><b>Alumni Association Officers:</b></p> <p>Matt Bowles ('01) bowles.matthew@gmail.com</p> <p>Mike Gerboth ('92) gerbs1015@yahoo.com</p> <p>Tom Dedrick ('67) tdcurveball@yahoo.com</p> <p>Sean Mulder ('92) sean_mulder@yahoo.com</p> <p>Gregory Robinette ('79) greg.robinette@gmail.com</p> <p>Dave Kreienkamp ('93) daveyk@mindless.com</p> <p>Lee Blakemore ('52) lee-nell@comcast.net</p> <p>Frank Wahl ('66) fhwahl@woh.rr.com</p> <p>Paul Slygh ('72) slypr@hotmail.com</p> <p>Kirk Hogrefe ('86) kh64@oh.rr.com</p> <p>Steve Swaggerty ('98) pesh_247@yahoo.com</p> <p>Aaron Shumaker ('03) shumaker.aaron@gmail.com</p> <p>Bob Thomas ('77) bobthomas@exhibitmanagement.com</p> <p>Ed Leedom ('86) egclfp@aol.com</p>
		
	For all the latest news, visit the Alumni Association Website at: <a href="http://www.bgalphasigs.com">www.bgalphasigs.com</a>	

<b>2009 Annual Giving Fund</b>	
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 <a href="http://www.bgalphasigs.com">www.bgalphasigs.com</a>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>E-Mail: _____</p> <p>Other: _____</p>
Please make checks payable to “Gamma Zeta Alumni Association” and send to:	
<p><b>Donation Levels:</b></p> <p>Anniversary (\$59 and up)</p> <p>Brotherhood (Other \$ Amt)</p>	<p>Mr. Tom Dedrick</p> <p>18303 Crystal Lakes Drive</p> <p>North Royalton, OH 44133</p>

## Alumni Association stance on Greek Village

With the Greek Village project at BGSU looming somewhere on the horizon, the Gamma Zeta Alumni Association decided to put together a letter to the University to document our feelings and provide our input on the project. You can read excerpts of the letter below. If you would like a pdf copy of the entire letter, or would like to provide your own feedback please contact any member of the Alumni Association.

The Gamma Zeta chapter was founded at BGSU in 1950 and is one of the oldest active fraternal organizations at the University. The alumni of Gamma Zeta have always had special connection to our Chapter House, located at 1 Old Fraternity Row. Scores of alumni have fond memories of the house from years (and even decades) past and look forward to the opportunities to recall and share those memories during return trips to campus, especially during Homecoming.

The Association asks the University to consider steps to preserve the traditions and memories of its alumni, to the extent possible, when working toward the development of new Greek housing. Possible means of preserving the traditions and character of the original houses may include the incorporation of physical pieces of the original houses, such as the stones of the fireplace, planks and other personal touches of the chapter and the alumni, into the construction of the new houses or the addition of memorialized 'house histories,' documenting in some manner the original houses, to be placed in any new houses in much the same manner that a composite photograph documents the past.

As with all student organizations on campus, membership numbers will rise and fall over time, and Alpha Sigma Phi has experienced that same historical fluctuation. Gamma Zeta has been able to maintain its address at 1 Old Fraternity Row for decades because of our continuing ability to fill the chapter house with brothers who wish to live there. The Alumni Association has identified three main factors that have enabled us to achieve this continuity which is so integral to our chapter's success:

**Size:** Membership rosters for our chapter have fluctuated from less than 20 to over 50 at points in our history, with the number of available beds in the house ranging between 12 to 15. While at times it has been an internal struggle to fill the last bed or two, the chapter is very comfortable with the number of beds we currently have, and would prefer to remain in the 12-15 bed range.

**Location:** The second factor is a great location that is prominent on campus. While it has been made clear that no location has been determined yet for the Greek Village, it is obvious that land is at a premium for potential locations. Brothers want to live in the house because of a prominent location with easy access to campus and the campus facilities they regularly use. Off campus brothers, or brothers living in other residence halls, spend time socializing at the house because of its location. A poor location for the chapter house, such as on the fringe of campus where it is not easily accessible between classes would be detrimental to the chapter's success. While we would welcome being part of one large Greek Village, the location of our individual chapter house is more important to our organization, and we would support smaller groupings of greek houses around the campus if it maintains a better location. To the same extent – we would also not be in support of being a stand-alone unit away from any other greek unit.

**Features:** Lastly – the brothers who live in the house want to live there because of the features that make it unique, and in general more desirable than a typical residence hall. Even more important, and what separates the house from a residence hall, is that our Chapter House is the true "home" of our chapter on campus. It acts as the hub of activity where all brothers, regardless of where they live, gather and socialize. The new facility truly needs to be a stand-alone house with the features we enjoy in our current Chapter House such as a kitchen, dining area, meeting/study area, computer rooms, pool/rec room, TV lounge, etc.

## 2009 Delta Lambda Award

The Alumni Association would like to honor Brother Frank Wahl ('66) for winning the Alumni Association's highest award at Homecoming 2009.

The Delta Lambda Award is given out every year at Homecoming to an alumni brother who goes above and beyond the call of duty to continually support the Alumni Association and the undergrads.

Brother Wahl has been an active member of the Alumni Association for many years, helping out in any way asked of him... even hosting an Alumni Association meeting at his house and feeding the members who were present. Currently Frank is serving as the 1960's decade representative, and we look forward to his presence on the Association for a long time.

"After having several days to come down to earth after such a fabulous weekend, I want to tell you how much I appreciate receiving this award. It is very special to me and will always be cherished. Thanks to those who nominated and selected me. It also meant a lot to have the son of my deceased Big, Mike Gerboth, and my Little, Tom Dedrick, there.

To me it's an award every day to see what the chapter has achieved and the brothers, as all of you, that it has produced. Again, thanks to all of you for what you do for Gamma Zeta!"

- Frank Wahl

### Livestrong



Thanks to Gamma Zeta alumni and active brothers at Homecoming 2009 who contributed "pocket change" to "LIVESTRONG", Alpha Sigma Phi's official national philanthropy. A total of \$122.95 was collected during Homecoming weekend and has been forwarded to LIVESTRONG via our fraternity headquarters. Bravo!

## Chapter Advisor - Greg Robinette ('79)



The Alumni Association is proud to announce that Brother Greg Robinette (Purdue - '79) has joined the Alumni Association, and has accepted the position of GCA (Grand Chapter Advisor) for the Chapter. With Greg's experience and background we know he'll be a great resource to the undergraduates as well as the Alumni Association.

Greg was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was initiated into Alpha Sigma Phi in 1979 while a student at Purdue University, and fondly remembers his undergraduate experience as an Alpha Sig.

Upon Graduation in 1982, Greg joined the Army where he served on active duty for 13 years. In 1995, he moved to Bowling Green, Ohio and began working as an engineer with the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company. In 2000 he graduated from the University of Toledo College of Law and now works as a patent attorney with MacMillan, Sobanski & Todd, LLC in Toledo. Greg still serves as a Colonel and the G2 with the Ohio Army National Guard.

Greg and his wife Tina have four children, including a daughter who is a freshman at BGSU, a high school sophomore, a second grader, and one in pre-school.

Greg is involved in the Bowling Green community. He is former vice chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the current vice chairman of the Bowling Green Planning Commission, and is a member of the chamber of commerce.

When asked to comment about his recent appointment as the Gamma Zeta GCA, Greg said that he was "pleased and excited to be again involved with our great fraternity. I am especially excited to work with a chapter with such a rich tradition of excellence. I look forward to growing the Chapter Council and serving as a mentor and advisor to the undergraduate officers."

## Homecoming '09

The Alumni Association would like to thank all Alumni who returned to BG for the weekend, as well as the Undergraduates who attended, for making Homecoming '09 another successful event.

Brother Bob Thomas ('77) also deserves special recognition for once again parking his RV at the stadium to provide a location for tailgating prior to the football game - as can be seen in the pictures to the left. Thanks Bob!



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