

The Black Lantern

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Issue

Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity
Gamma Zeta Chapter
Founded at BGSU in 1950



From the President.....

I hope this issue of the Black Lantern finds all of you in good health and enjoying a prosperous new millennium. Wasn't the whole Y2k thing a bust? After all the predictions of a technological doomsday, it was nice to see everything transition smoothly into the new millennium. Airplanes were still flying, computers didn't crash and the bank still had my account balances correct. Although in this instance I wouldn't have complained if there had been a slight miscalculation in my favor! You know what else? Alpha Sigma Phi transitioned into the New Year without a hitch! But was there really a doubt about that one? Since Alpha Sigma Phi's founding in 1845, she has seen it all. Beginning with a dream by 3 men, she has carried on through good times and bad. And she still thrives to this day, 155 years later, to provide the undergraduate brothers of today an experience that they will not soon forget. My graduation was only three years ago, so I still hold many of those memories close to me. But my memories don't stop there. They continue to this day, every time I have a chance to get together with brothers that I shared my college days with. And one of my favorite events of continuing brotherhood is homecoming, every fall in BG.

Because this is the first issue since 1999's homecoming in October, I want to take this chance to thank everyone that traveled to BG and attended the homecoming events over the course of the weekend. It was a great opportunity to see fellow brothers and their

families and hear their memories of the chapter, and to learn where life was taking them as alumni. The condition of the chapter house was no surprise to the more recent alumni, but to the older brothers, it was incredible to see how the house looked with all the new furniture and the newly remodeled pool room. Saturday evening's dinner and dance at the Elks Lodge proved a good time for all that attended. We had a very good turnout, with approximately 30 alumni and their dates attending, along with the 55 undergraduate brothers and all of their dates. A buffet dinner was served, followed by a presentation from the alumni council, and then the DJ took over as we enjoyed the remainder of the evening.

Homecoming 2000 is now sneaking up on us, and will be here before you know. Homecoming will be on October 7th this year. And this year is a very special year for us. This year will be a celebration of Alpha Sigma Phi being at Bowling Green State University for 50 years! The Gamma Zeta Chapter was officially chartered on June 3rd, 1950. 50 years may not seem like a long time to some, but considering the number of other chapters that have gone by the way-side, it's quite an accomplishment. We don't plan on letting this date just slip by, and we're in the process of planning a celebration. I hope to get as many alumni to return to BG as we can. We currently have an alumni committee that is working on planning the weekend. I want to thank those brothers who have already stepped forward to help plan and volunteer their time for this event. More details will follow in the next Black Lantern, so watch for details. But for now, mark your calendars for the weekend

of October 7th.

And lastly, I have to take this chance to thank the brothers who took the time to pay their yearly alumni council dues of \$25. There is no obligation to pay, but thanks to these brothers, we are able to give out book scholarships, fix up the chapter house, and continue to publish this alumni newsletter. Without these dues, we don't have an operating budget. I don't like to pester anyone for money, but I encourage all of you who receive this letter to send in a check for your dues to us. You can be assured that this money is well spent, and much appreciated. Our main expenses are homecoming and postage, which isn't cheap when you send out a newsletter to over 350 alumni!! Again, I am not begging for money, but our books are hitting a point where we begin to get a little nervous, especially with the upcoming 50th celebration! So, please take the time and send in your yearly contribution of \$25. Thanks for listening to my little infomercial. Now on with the show.....

In Phi,

David Kreienkamp
Alumni Council President



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Homecoming 2000

Return to Bowling Green and celebrate
Alpha Sig's 50th year on the campus of
Bowling Green State University!!
October 7th, 2000

Alumni Day 2000

Join us in BG on April 15th, 2000

Have any questions? Please e-mail the council or call Dave at (419) 352-1675 (evenings).

E-Mail the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council @ alphasigs@iname.com

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Check out the chapter on the web at www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/greeks/alpha-sigma-phi/alphasigs.htm

From the Undergrad Chapter President:

Allow me to take the time to introduce myself. My name is Joe Reece and I am the current undergrad chapter president. For those of you who I do know, I hope all of you are doing well, and for all of those who I don't know yet, I hope to get to meet you all very soon.

Being the President of any organization is extremely demanding, yet truly rewarding. Many presidents set goals or agendas at the beginning of their terms in hopes of accomplishing them at some point later on down the road. I have decided that I would like to set initiatives. One major initiative that I hope to work tirelessly on throughout my term is working on our alumni program and relations. What is the difference between a goal and an initiative? In my opinion a goal is something that is set and hopefully achieved, but an initiative is something set and ventured into headstrong with no room for failure.

The initiative of the current undergraduate brothers in the house is to make the alumni aware of the undergrad happenings of the chapter. It is my

hope that through our extended efforts of communication with you, you will begin to feel a tie back to your Alma Mater and become involved in some way again with the Old Gal. Gamma Zeta chapter needs your support and input!

The alumni are the reason that I, and the rest of the undergraduate brothers, are able to write you this letter in order to ask you back. You have paved the way for us in some regard and allowed us to enjoy the brotherhood that you once shared at BGSU. The undergrads aren't asking for any monetary donations...just your support and involvement. I value and cherish that more than any donation.

The next major upcoming event is the 2nd Annual Alumni/Parents Day Banquet, which allows the alumni and undergraduate brothers' parents to come together for an evening. It is also a time to honor our seniors as they will be graduating. Last year's event was a success and we hope to improve on it even more this year. The event is Saturday, April 15th, and more information will be on the way soon

regarding time and place.

I hope that you understand the initiative that Gamma Zeta is taking in order to rebuild our Alumni Program. A brotherhood is for life. You do not 'punch-in' to Alpha Sigma Phi when you receive your pledge pin and 'punch-out' when you graduate. You are bonded forever. That is what makes the whole concept of brotherhood special.

If you ever need to reach me, please feel free to do so at any time. All of my information is included at the bottom of this letter. You will be receiving another letter shortly regarding more information on upcoming events.

Yours in the Mystic Circle,

Joe Reece, HSP

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Spring Alumni Day:

The 2nd annual Spring Alumni Day and Parents banquet will be taking place on the weekend of April 15th, 2000. All alumni are invited to return to BG on Friday evening and meet at the chapter house between 5 and 8pm. We will then head out for an evening of fun and renewing old ties while visiting many of the local establishments that have been in business in BG for as long as I can remember, such as Howards Club, Brathaus, and Uptown/Downtown. There will be an alumni golf tournament on Saturday, and anyone willing to donate prizes would be greatly appreciated. The Alumni/Parents Banquet will be that evening. More specific times and information on the Banquet will be coming shortly. Any questions? Please contact us!

Alumni Questionnaire:

You will find enclosed in this issue of the Black Lantern, a questionnaire put together by the Alumni Council. Please fill it out at your earliest convenience and stick it in the mail to our Vice President Glen Olson. We are trying to get some input on what brothers would like to see if they would come back for the 50th celebration in October. And what keeps brothers from coming back currently. Please be honest in answering the questions, as we want to know how the alumni feel about these questions.

Alpha Sig Alumni News:



Congratulations to the following Alumni on these special Occasions:

Weddings: Ed Leedom ('86) and Suzanne in November 1999

Engagements: Mike Pheiffer ('95) and Sharon Risner

New Babies: Glen Olson ('92) and wife Paige, twin boys
Joe Bazan and wife Sheila, baby girl Sophie Marie

Undergrads: Greg Stoner for receiving the Alumni Book Scholarship
December '99 graduates Mike Plickert, Mark Keller, and Jason Kasunik.

Congrats: Brian Perry ('93) is at Ohio University where he advises Order of Omega and the Panhellenic Council. He recently received a \$500 fellowship from Order of Omega in December.

Joe Miller ('90) was recently named Kent Branch Manager at Kinko's.

Thank you: To Kevin Konecny ('99) and Mike Pheiffer ('95) for becoming the most recent alumni to pay their lifetime dues to the Council of \$200. The money will go right to our Educational Foundation where it will be used for future undergrad scholarships.

Get Well: Dan Sturtz ('91) had a tumor removed from his brain in February and is expected to make a full recovery. The tumor was benign

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the friends and family of the following alumni who passed on to the Omega Chapter recently:

Dave Bishop ('76), Past President of the Chapter.
Frank Abazia ('50), One of original charter members at BGSU.
Dale McLelland ('50), Another of the original charter members.

If any alumni have any news they wish to share in the next 'Black Lantern' (Weddings, Engagements, Retirements, etc...) please get your information to the Alumni Council by mail, e-mail or phone call!

Alumni Mailing List:

The Alumni Council now has an active database listing of it's Gamma Zeta Alumni. Lists were compiled from the Alpha Sig National Headquarters, and from BGSU's records to compile what we hope is the most up-to-date address list we can put together.

We realize there will still be some mistakes, and would appreciate any help we can get in keeping this list up-to-date...so if you move or know of any fellow alumni who have recently moved, please forward the new address to us so we can update the database with the current info.

The updated database also means that alums who are looking for long lost friends from the chapter are more likely to get a current address from us when they ask for one.

Thank you to Joe Zimmerman ('77) for submitting the following:

David B. Bishop

Worked for Houston Power and Lighting Co.

David B. Bishop, 41, 6021 Green Briar Drive, Fairview, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999, at his home.

He was born in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 9, 1958, son of Rachelle "Rae" Fortier Bishop of Fairview and the late Lester A. Bishop.

He graduated from Fairview High School in 1976, then earned a degree in business from Ohio's Bowling Green State University in 1980. He moved to Houston and worked for Houston Power and Lightning Co. until becoming disabled.

He was president of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at Bowling Green State. He enjoyed sailing, scuba diving, tropical fish, music and traveling.

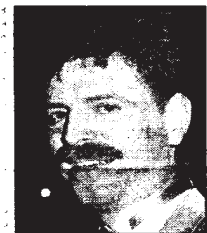
He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents Marie and Harry Bishop; and his maternal grandfather, Ralph Fortier.

Survivors include a sister, Julie Nolan and her husband, Todd, of Millcreek Township; a brother, Douglas Bishop of McDonald; his grandmother, Edna Jackson of Fernley, Nev.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be no calling hours. A service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Burial will be private at Brunstetter's Cemetery in Austintown, Ohio. Arrangements were handled by the Francis V. Kloecker Funeral Home, 2502 Sassafras St.

Memorials may be made to the VNA Hospice, 1305 Peach St., Erie, PA 16501; Sisters of St. Joseph, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, PA 16506; St. Julia Catholic Church, 638 Roslyn Ave., Erie, PA 16505; or the Humane Society, 418 W. 38th St., Erie, PA 16508.



Some images of Homecoming 1999. At left, alumni enjoy tailgating before the BG football game. Above, Alumni, family, undergrads, and dates enjoy the dinner and dance at the Elks