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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

Read more inside!!

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

Alumni Council President:

You know the feeling? When you get a notion to try to do something, and with a lot of hard work by volunteers, you end up making the event really big? That's exactly what's going with the Alumni Council's plans for the 50th, coming up this October 7th & 8th, during BG's Homecoming weekend! What started off as a notion to plan a nice celebration for the 50th Anniversary of the chartering of the Alpha Sigma Phi Chapter at BG, has turned into quite a weekend long party. We're hearing from fellow alumni that haven't been back in years, and they're coming back from all over Ohio, and from as far away as Florida! Quite honestly, we're going to be expecting between 85 to 100 alumni to be present at different times throughout the weekend celebration.

There are so many Alumni that need to be thanked for stepping forward and helping to actively participate in the planning or promoting of this celebration, I can't possibly name them all, but they certainly know who they are! Two of them are Brian Perry ('93) for putting together a great homepage on the internet for the Gamma Zeta Alumni, and Joe Zimmerman ('77) who has been invaluable to us in contacting alumni and promoting the event.

The rest of this Black Lantern Issue is going to be concentrating on the 50th Celebration...so I'll quit taking up precious space. If you're coming, look forward to having a great time, and if you have any questions please give me a call. We'll see you in October!

In Phi,
Dave Kreienkamp ('93)



Above: An undated picture found in the attic of the Chapter House. Presumably it is a picture of the original founding fathers in 1950, in front of Ivy Hall, the first spot Alpha Sigma Phi called home. In 1964, we moved into the former Sigma Phi Epsilon house, where we still remain today.



Above: ('66-'67) Alpha Sigs were jammin' in the Attic in this picture.

Right: A picture of the House Decorating competition for Homecoming of '66, in which the chapter took 1st place. (Thank you to Frank Wahl ('66) for sending in these pictures)



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Check out the Alumni on the web at www.gammazeta.20m.com

Thanks Joe for your help!

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Again, a huge thank-you goes to brother Joe Miller ('90) for donating the time and expense to produce the copies of the Black Lantern which we mail out to over 450 alumni of the chapter!!



Above: A picture dated from 1978, with the caption saying "Alpha Sigs raid Delta Zeta!"

Sig Fact: The first Winter Wedding Formal at Gamma Zeta began in 1979! An Alpha Sig "married" a Chi-Omega.

Below: Santa & The Elves has become a yearly tradition, in which a graduating senior is honored with being voted as Santa, and second place gets to dress up as Mrs. Claus. Then the group heads to the bars to reward students with candy canes



Gamma Zeta Chapter History

In September of 1946 the Rover Club was organized as a local club on the Bowling Green Campus by a group of 12 students. The club split into two factions in 1947, one of which was the Chi Alpha Social Club. The organizers were William Thompson, Donald Groshong, Ralph Scott, and Robert Henry. The Constitution of the newly formed fraternity was ratified by the Student Senate on February 23, 1948. A pin of black and gold was then adopted by Chi Alpha.

On April 6, 1949, Chi Alpha was recognized by the IFC as a local fraternity. Fall semester of 1949 opened with twenty-eight members returning to college. In keeping with the ambitions of the fraternity, its largest pledge class was formed. In spring of 1950, the fraternity, through the kindness of Dr. Prout, was able to reach previously unattainable heights by receiving on-campus housing accommodations in Ivy Hall. In April, 1950, an all campus semi-formal dance was sponsored to celebrate Chi Alpha's recognition as a local fraternity. In May of 1950, Chi Alpha petitioned Alpha Sigma Phi. Bill Cameron did an outstanding job heading the petitioning committee. The petition was accepted by Alpha Sigma Phi, and forty-six members of Chi Alpha became the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Alpha

Sigma Phi on June 3, 1950.

Gamma Zeta continued from 1950 through 1954. Because of the Korean conflict, the membership declined and Gamma Zeta was put on inactive status in 1955.

The first step toward activation began on October 6, 1963, when a group of nine juniors and eight sophomores organized Delta Lambda. On February 17, 1964, Delta Lambda petitioned IFC for membership as a local fraternity. On February 19th, IFC granted Delta Lambda associate membership.

In the fall of 1964, the Brothers of Delta Lambda took up residence in the old Sigma Phi Epsilon house. Delta Lambda petitioned Alpha Sigma Phi, in order to re-colonize the inactive chapter, and was given colony status on September 25, 1964. On October 3, the twenty-nine members of Delta Lambda were initiated as pledges of Alpha Sigma Phi. Chosen as advisor was Dr. Robert Henderson, an alumni from Westminster College.

(The above was re-printed from the May 1969 Issue of the Black Lantern)



Who's coming back???

The following brothers have noted that they are planning on attending the 50th celebration in October. In no specific order they are: Bill Cameron, Rick Jackson, Bernard Borowski, Kirk Hogrefe, Kevin Konecny, Dale Eckard, Michael Neeb, Paul Slygh, Joe Jardine, Joe Zimmerman, Jack Jardine, Robert Thomas, Doug Tidd, Greg Group, Rick Vendt, Paul Quinn, Jeff Hendricks, Jamie McCloskey, Steve Evanko, Dave Horner, Mark Patton, Tim Hoopingarner, Jim Dickey, Gordy Heminger, Glen Olson, Ed Leedom, Dave Kreienkamp, Joe Miller, Myron Dreslinski, Al Koontz, Greg Lesinski, Brian Perry, Matt Dobransky, Bret Perry, Bob Radwan, Marc Palmer, Tim Swann, Mark Ryan, Mike Gerboth, Troy Mack, Rob Sawyer, Dave Robison, Louis Popek, Mike Segna, Blake Parkins, Mike Pheifer, Brian Sinclair, Paul Adelsperger, Rob Ellis, Rich Viertel, Jeff Born, John McCumber, Frank Wahl, and many more to come!!!!

If you haven't committed to coming back to BG for the 50th Celebration yet, please do so by sending back your RSVP form that you should have received a few weeks ago. If you have not received one, or have misplaced it, please contact us and we'll get another out to you ASAP.

Sigs On Video!!

Thank you to Blake Parkins ('93) for taking time from his job at Purdue University to produce a video presentation highlighting the last 50 years of the chapter at BGSU. The video will be shown during the Saturday evening banquet at the Elks Lodge. Also thanks to Sean Mulder ('91) for doing the narration of the video. If anyone would like a copy after they see it, we will be selling them for the cost of the tape, and shipping and handling.

Sigs On-Line!!

Also, thank you to Brian Perry ('93) for his time in putting together a web site for the Gamma Zeta Alumni. His site can be found at:

www.gammazeta.20m.com

On the site are links to the Alpha Sig HQ page, the Chapter's Homepage, and e-mail addresses of a lot of Gamma Zeta Alumni.

Gamma Zeta Memorial Tree

At the 50th Anniversary Celebration, there will be a memorial tree planted next to the Chapter house on campus to honor those from our chapter who have passed onto the Omega Chapter. It is being planted in memory of David Bishop, Mike Curran, and Dave Zimmerman.

Thank you to Joe Zimmerman for leading up this effort to honor these brothers from our chapter, and to Kevin Konecny for helping coordinate the effort with BGSU.

We also wish to thank those who contributed towards the purchase of the tree and plaque. They are:

Rick Vendt, Bob Thomas, Joe Jardine, Rob Ellis, Dave Horner, Dale Eckard, Steve Evanko, Joe Zimmerman, and Patty Clerico-Parham (lil'sis).

Thanks for paying Dues:

Thanks to Lee Blakemore ('52) who recently donated money to pay his yearly alumni dues!!

50th Anniversary Weekend Schedule:

As you have been hearing, there is a lot of stuff planned for the Alumni and their families to enjoy when they return to BG for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in October. It also coincides with Bowling Green's Homecoming weekend. For more information on the activities planned by BGSU, visit their homepage at www.bgsu.edu

The schedule of events that the Alumni Council and the Chapter have planned are as follows:

Friday October 6th, 2000

7:00 - 9:00pm Alumni Reception (w/ cash bar)
Doyt L. Perry Stadium, President's Box
East Side of Stadium

Saturday, October 7th, 2000

8:00 to 9:30am Continental Breakfast at Chapter House
8:00 to 10:00am Golf at Stone Ridge (Bowling Green's new course)
Tee times posted at Chapter House
11:30 to 1:30pm Pre-game Falcon tailgating - Stadium
1:30pm Football Kickoff, BGSU vs Akron
5:30pm Memorial Tree Dedication at Chapter House
6:00 to Midnight Anniversary Banquet at Elks Lodge, BG

Sunday, October 8th, 2000

10:00am Alumni vs Undergraduate Flag Football Game
Old Fraternity Row by Chapter House

Rick Vendt also wishes to pass on an invitation to alumni to meet him and other alumni at Brathaus on Friday evening, both before and after the Alumni Reception

Congrats to Ed Leedom

Congratulations to Ed Leedom ('86) on his recent re-election to the Grand Council during this year's National Convention in Washington D.C.

2000 Alumni Directory

Joe Zimmerman is compiling biographies from alumni to be included in a directory to be distributed at the 50th Anniversary Celebration. If you have not done so yet, please get your information to him to be included.

Undergrad Scholarship

Joe Cook, a current undergraduate of Gamma Zeta chapter, was the recipient of an \$125.00 scholarship by the Alumni Council to help him defray the expenses of traveling to the National Conference, held this year in Washington D.C. Joe wishes to thank the Alumni for continuing to pay their yearly alumni dues, thereby allowing the Alumni Council to make this type of scholarship available.



Above: Picture of the Alpha Sig basketball dribble to University of Toledo, in preparation of a 1979 basketball game.