



Gamma Zeta Alumni Council  
P.O. Box 382  
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# Homecoming 2001

Return to Bowling Green and celebrate  
Homecoming 2001 at BGSU  
October 5th thru 7th

**Don't miss:**

**Tailgating**

**Officer Elections**

**Falcon Football**

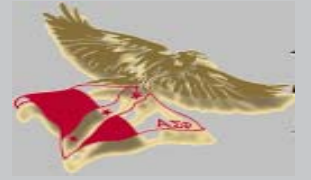
**Alumni Banquet**

Have questions?? Please contact your decade representative or other officer!!

# The Black Lantern

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



## Alumni Council President:

Has it been four years already since that October night in 1997 when I was elected president of this council? Sometimes it seems like years ago (ha..ha.. nothing against you guys, well, not all of you at least), and sometimes it seems like just yesterday. Since 1997 I've been through a lot: my first major job after college, as well as my decision to leave that first job and get my second one two years later. I also got married, bought my first new car, and eventually lost touch with some friends from college. All these things have only made me a better alumni as I am able to better understand the constraints that our

alumni face in making a dedication of time to the Alumni Council. Is it ironic that I be leaving my office now, after being a better fit for it now than I was four years ago when I was fresh out of college?? Not really, I have every intention of maintaining a presence with the council and supporting the soon to be elected officers.

I'd like to thank all the officers that have stepped up to a leadership position over the last four years. Some have had to leave their positions due to other constraints, but not until after a significant contribution was made by them. Also, thanks to all those brothers

who have stepped up to donate time and money to the council, thereby helping the council continue to reach it's goals. And lastly, thanks to the undergrads who have done a magnificent job of maintaining the old gal since I've been gone. In closing, I'd like to wish the new officers a smooth ride, and don't lose site of the goals of the council and the alumni it serves. I hope new alumni brothers will continue to become involved with this great group every day!

Dave Kreienkamp ('93)



## Chapter President:

Dear Brothers,

As the Fall Semester rapidly approaches, there are many events to which the chapter is looking forward. Some of those events are Fall Recruitment, our Mud Volleyball Philanthropy, and especially Homecoming, in October. We are looking forward to seeing all of you that can make it back to campus at that time. This will be a weekend full of fun and brotherhood with events and many activities planned with the help of the Alumni Council. Please consider making the effort to come and visit and enjoy the hospitality of the house and undergraduate chapter. I think you will find the house to be looking better than ever, and a strong

brotherhood ready to greet you. We would really enjoy having you attend any or all events, or to just have you stop by and say hello.

We are determined to be the top chapter on campus, and would like to talk with you about all of our accomplishments which we believe will put us in that position. We have a lot of work to do next semester, so until then, enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you in the fall.

"All in Phi, we can Fly"

Joshua Wymer  
Chapter President

## The Rock Rises Again:

This summer, BGSU took on a new beautification project to clean up the Peregrine Pond area of the campus between Harshman and Kreischer Quads. The pond was drained and filled in with dirt and the entire area leveled off to plant new grass and trees. To the dismay of the Greek community, while attempting to move the original rock (aka: "Paint the Rock" tradition), it shattered and was irreparable. However, a big thank-you goes out to BGSU for promptly locating a new "rock" and placing it in a new location. The new rock is in the grassy area between the Student Services Building and Kreischer Quadrangle, and will remain for future Greeks to enjoy.

E-Mail the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council @ [alphasigs@iname.com](mailto:alphasigs@iname.com)  
Write the Alumni Council at "Gamma Zeta Alumni Council P.O. Box 382, Bowling Green, OH 43402"  
Check out the Alumni Council on the web at [www.gammazeta.com](http://www.gammazeta.com)

### **Decade Representatives:**

We would like to welcome our two new decade representatives! Only the 80's decade rep. position remains vacant.

Mr. Paul Adelsperger was initiated in 1995 and lives in Cincinnati. We would also like to thank Paul for helping to find a new sponsor to donate the copying of this newsletter.

Also joining the council is Mr. Lee Blakemore. Lee was initiated in 1952 and is assuming the role of the 1950's decade representative. He currently resides in Penn Valley, California.

### **Alumni Council Nominations for new Officers:**

The deadline for nominations for positions on the Alumni Council expired on August 1, 2001 and the following Brothers were nominated: Joe Zimmerman and Kevin Konecny for at-large positions; Frank Wahl for the 1960's decade representative; Dave Kreienkamp for the newly created Editor position. Unfortunately, no nominations were received for the 1980's decade representative position. Anyone interested in serving as the 1980's decade representative should contact Dave Kreienkamp or any member of the Alumni Council. The new officers will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from among the four at-large members of the Alumni Council. The new officers will be announced at the reception on Friday night of Homecoming weekend, with their term officially beginning the following day. The new members of the Alumni Council join Gordy Heminger and Glen Olson on the council.

### **Updated Contact Info:**

As time goes on, the number of incorrect addresses that we have in our database continues to grow. If you have any new contact information, for yourself or a fellow brother, please remember to forward it to us. Please include new addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses! As always, if you would like contact information for brother you have lost contact with, please contact us and we may be able to help you out.

### **Brother Spotlight: Bernard Borowski**

Bernard B. Borowski, one of the founding Brothers of Delta Lambda and Gamma Zeta, currently works as a Department Service Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. He has been married to wife, Barbara, for 28 years and has two adult children. Daughter, Lisa, is in the Ph.D. program in American Military History at Kansas State University, and son, Bernard, is a paramedic for an ambulance service.

Bernie retired from the United States Army Reserves in 1996. He is a Vietnam Veteran and is active in several veteran organizations such as the VFW, American Legion, and the American Division Veterans Association. He also serves as a trustee in the Cleveland Grays Armory Company and the First Cleveland Cavalry Association. Bernie is also a Civil War Re-enactor with the 7<sup>th</sup> OVI Regiment.

Bernie started at BGSU in the fall of 1961. His first roommate at Rodgers

Hall was David Phillips, another founding brother of the chapter. In the fall of 1962 Bernie, along with John Varis, Dave Phillips, Rick Jackson, and Richard Deutsch met in the lounge of Kohl Hall to discuss the stereotype of the fraternity system on campus, along with hell week activities and hazing of pledges. They held a strong belief that these activities do not make a brotherhood. In the spring of 1963 they petitioned the university for recognition as a local fraternity. The first meeting of Delta Lambda was held in Rodgers hall. In 1964, Delta Lambda moved to its present house and began discussions with Alpha Sigma Phi about re-activating the Gamma Zeta chapter. This was accomplished in May of 1965. Being a new fraternity on campus, Bernie reports that sororities would have nothing to do with them, but they did receive strong support from the sisters of Delta Pi, as some of the brothers were dating sisters from Delta Pi. Some of Bernie's other roommates were David Phillips, Fred Ankerman, John Holtsberry, and Don Flegal.

### **The Delta Lambda Award:**

The Delta Lambda award was first given out in the late 1960's to an undergraduate of senior class standing who had made significant contributions to the chapter. The award was created to not only recognize an outstanding senior, but to ensure that future Brothers would remember the men of Delta Lambda. The men of Delta Lambda are responsible for Alpha Sigma Phi still being around at BGSU. Some forget that there was a time in the 1950's and early 1960's when Gamma Zeta was not an active chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. A local group called Delta Lambda considered affiliating with several national fraternities, before deciding on Alpha Sigma Phi. In 1965, thanks to the men of Delta Lambda, Alpha Sigma Phi had a second founding at Bowling Green State University.

To keep the memory of Delta Lambda alive, the Alumni Council will again be awarding the Delta Lambda award at the 2001 Homecoming dinner banquet on Saturday night. The recipient of the award will be an alumnus, who has made significant contributions to help the chapter since graduation. Alumni are considered for the award based on three main qualifications:

1. Volunteer work for Gamma Zeta (Alumni Council, Advisor, etc.)
2. Financial contributions
3. Attendance at Alumni Events

This year, the award will be awarded by the Alumni Council. In years to come, nominations for the award will be taken, and voted on by the general membership of the Alumni Council.

### **50th Anniversary Wrap-up:**

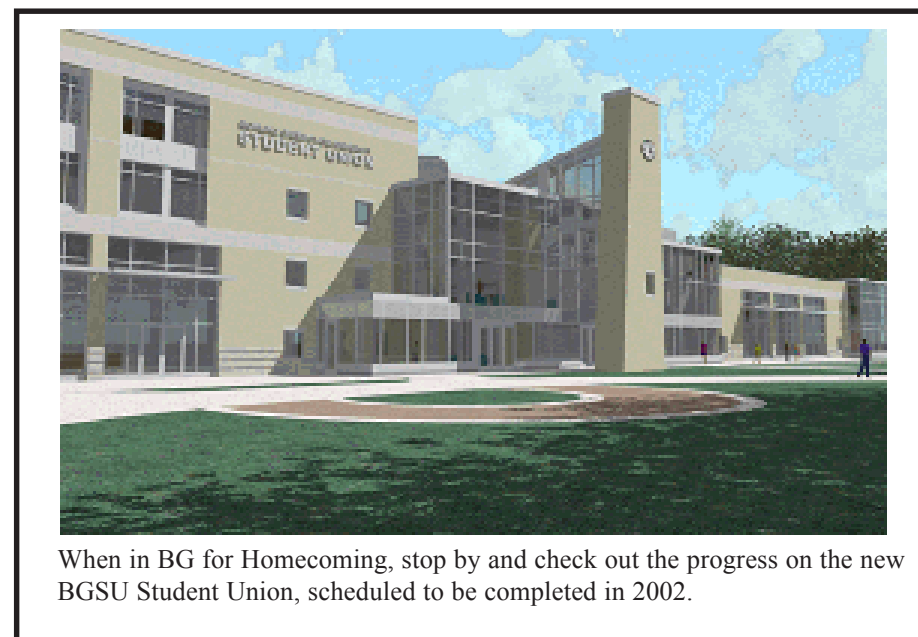
Homecoming 2001 is rapidly approaching, please make plans now to attend this year's festivities. This year we will be recognizing the brothers from the 60's decade. The only major change this year is we need to require an advanced RSVP and payment, as many events will require a ticket for admission this year. The planned activities for the weekend are as follows:

Friday, October 5, 2001  
7:30 to 9:30 Welcome Reception (Ice Arena Lounge)

Saturday, October 6, 2001  
8:00 to 9:00 Continental Breakfast (Chapter House)  
9:30 to 11:30 Initiation (Brothers Only - Off Campus)  
Noon to 2:00 Pre-game Tailgating (Chapter House)  
2:00 Football Game - (BGSU vs Kent State)  
6:00 Cocktails (Elks Lodge)  
7:00 to Midnight Banquet and Dancing (Elks Lodge)  
Guest Speaker - Mr. William (Bill) Dallas ('75)

Sunday, October 7th, 2001  
10:00 to ?? Alumni vs Undergrad Football Game  
Chapter House  
(Alumni lead series 1-0)

This year promises to be another great turnout. If you have any questions regarding the weekend, or need any help making arrangements for the weekend, please contact a member of the council.



When in BG for Homecoming, stop by and check out the progress on the new BGSU Student Union, scheduled to be completed in 2002.

### **Undergrad Book Scholarship: Lights, Camera Action:**

Each year at Homecoming, the Alumni Council gives away a book scholarship. The scholarship is currently \$100. If any alumni are interested in donating towards a book scholarship for a deserving undergrad, please contact a member of the council.

While in town for Homecoming, check out the new permanent lighting BGSU has installed at Doyt Perry Stadium. BG has installed the lighting in order to hold evening games and to boost attendance. If you make it in town for a night game during the season, please stop by the Chapter House to say hello.

### **Congratulations:**

"I am sending you this mail to let you all know the latest news from the Sawyer Clan. My wife and I are expecting a baby some time between February 17th and February 21st of next year.

The mother to be is fine and is getting use to the morning sickness. Funny though, why is it called morning sickness?..... It rarely happens in the morning!!!!  
Hope all is going well in all of your lives, as ours will surely be changing very soon.....

In Phi,  
Robb Sawyer"

### **Fundraising Committee:**

Every year the Alumni Council's budget consists solely of the yearly dues that we collect at Homecoming. In the past this has been enough to allow the council to function throughout our calendar year.

However, with the expanding visibility of the council and the increased mailings and activities, the council is running into a situation where our limited financial resources could begin to hinder our progress.

The Council has come up with some initiatives and ideas, and is currently looking for any volunteers who may be interested in serving on a fundraising committee. Please contact us if you are interested.

### **Alpha Sig Videos:**

The Council is now selling copies of the video presentation from the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The video is an 8 minute long narrated history of the chapter. The narration is set to music from the "Songs of Alpha Sigma Phi" record, while select (and sometimes embarrassing!) pictures from each scrapbook found at the chapter house roll by on 3 second intervals. This is a very high quality production by one of our own alumni, Mr. Blake Parkins ('93). To order the video, please send a check for \$20 made out to the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council, and send it to the P.O. Box address on the front of this Black Lantern newsletter.