



Gamma Zeta Alumni Council
P.O. Box 382
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Alumni Council Officers:

The Gamma Zeta Alumni Council wishes to thank the outgoing officers for their dedication and hard work over the last four years. At homecoming in October, new officers were elected to fill the open positions on the council. Congratulations to the new board of officers.

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Gamma Zeta Chapter
Founded at BGSU in 1950



Above: Past Grand Chapter Advisors (L to R), Bill Cameron, Ed Leedom, Dave Kreienkamp, and Kevin Konecny at the Elks Lodge Banquet.



Above: Brother Bill Cameron ('50) accepts the first ever Delta Lambda award at Homecoming. The award is meant to recognize Alumnus whose contributions to the chapter go above and beyond the call of duty, and honors the men of Delta Lambda, who re-chartered Alpha Sigma Phi at BGSU in 1965.



Above: Seven returning members of Delta Lambda at the Elks Lodge. They are (top row L to R): Chris Conrad, Ron Dielman and Tom Dedrick. Seated on the bottom row (L to R) are: Frank Wahl, George Momirov, Jay (Rick) Jackson, and Don Flegal. The men of Delta Lambda were recognized this year for their re-chartering of Gamma Zeta at BGSU.

Homecoming 2001:

Once again, Bowling Green was the scene of another fantastic Homecoming weekend for the Alpha Sigma Phi alumnus who came back to celebrate the weekend festivities.

The weekend kicked off with an Alumni Reception at the Elks Lodge on Friday evening to welcome the Alumni back, and keep them informed of the planned events.

Saturday morning began with an Initiation ceremony, put on by the undergrads to re-unite the alumni with the rituals of Alpha Sigma Phi that united them many years ago. This year Tim Brown and Ron Dielman (former pledges that left BGSU before being initiated) were initiated into the Mystic Circle.

Saturday afternoon was a football tailgating party behind the chapter house. A cookout provided the food for the brothers and Alumni before many headed out to see the football game at Doyt Perry Stadium.

Saturday evening was the traditional Homecoming Banquet at the Elks Lodge. The evening centered on a buffet dinner, an awards program, and then dancing.

The weekend came to a close on Sunday with the 2nd annual Alumni vs Undergrad football game behind the chapter house. The Undergrads made up for last years embarrassing defeat, and won 7-6. The series is now tied at one game apiece.

Homecoming 2002 Committee:

The 2002 Homecoming Planning Committee, under the guidance of Joe Zimmerman, will begin meeting in January to plan the 2002 Homecoming Weekend. The Alumni Council set as it's goal to have over 100 alumni in attendance for the weekend, so your help is needed to make this happen. Thanks to Scott Plickert, Sean Mulder, Dave Brim, and Bernie Borowski for volunteering to serve on the committee. The committee is still looking for additional volunteers, so if you are interested, please contact Joe Zimmerman at his e-mail address for further information. (JZimmer855@aol.com)



Above: Group photograph of all brothers, both Alumni and Undergraduate, at the 2001 Homecoming Banquet. Right: Shaun McClarnon (right) accepting the Alumni Council Book Scholarship from Alumni Council President, Dave Kreienkamp (left).



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Check out the Alumni Council on the web at www.gammazeta.com

Gamma Zeta Charter Restoration Project:

The Gamma Zeta Chapter has been at Bowling Green State University for over 51 years. Though the chapter has endured the test of time, our precious Gamma Zeta Charter has not been as fortunate! Last year several alumni brothers began to notice that the Charter had seen better days. The visible signs of water damage and acid scarring had begun to give the Charter a yellow color.

The Alumni Council decided to take action to reverse the damage that had been done to the Charter. The years of direct exposure to the acid in the paper matting surrounding the charter, as well as the acid in the board upon which the charter had been mounted, was the primary cause of the deterioration that had occurred.



Above: The charter, before restoration.



Above: The charter, after restoration.

BGSU has a historic document preservation center on campus (Center for Archival Collections). The Alumni Council brought the Charter in to have it professionally evaluated by the Conservator at the Center. He recommended that in addition to removing the Charter from the old frame, we also do some restoration work and have the Charter encapsulated in a pH neutral environment. This work was successfully completed in October and the charter has been restored and reframed. It now hangs proudly in its rightful place above the fireplace in the AlphaSig House where it belongs.

The Alumni Council would like to thank the brothers who came forward to donate their monies for this great project. Due to their contributions, the Charter will be able to be hung above the fireplace for all to see for years to come, and honor those who had the foresight to form our great chapter at Bowling Green State University.

Decade Representatives:

The Decade Representative positions have been created to incite better communication between the alumni and the council. The Decade Rep's also provide a contact point for an alumni to go to for information or to report important happenings to. The council is proud to have all Decade Rep positions filled at this time. Please contact your respective representative if you need any information or would like to volunteer your time to the council.

September 11, 2001:

A day that will live forever in the minds of all Americans. Who will not remember where they were when they got the word that the U.S. had been attacked on their own soil?

Please keep the Alpha Sigs who have been affected by this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers. We know of at least 2 alumni National Guardsmen who have been called up to active duty, and 1 undergrad who has been activated.

70's Decade Representative:

Bob Thomas pledged Alpha Sigma Phi in 1976 and most enjoyed the office of Social Director which he held for two years. He continues to use those skills today as founder and President of Exhibit and Event Management. Bob also spent 20 years at Battelle – a scientific research company in Columbus before striking out on his own.

He stays in touch with many Alpha Sig Brothers and visits them during his extensive travels. Bob has served on several Boards of Directors and just finished two years as Chairman of the Board for the Trade Show Exhibitors Association. He also Chairs the BGSU Cooperative Education Advisory Board.

Bob lives in Columbus Ohio with his wife Rena (met at BG) and two boys Charlie 14, and Sam 10. They enjoy Blues Music, family vacations, and technology toys.

50's Decade Representative:

Lee Blakemore, a native of the greater Detroit area, was initiated in 1952 when the struggling chapter was located in Ivy Hall; shortly afterward it moved downtown B.G. on Court Street. Mark Brown was his big brother; Bill Cameron was Mark's big brother.

After graduation in 1955 Lee was in sales for Goodyear for several years which sandwiched a span in the Navy. He retired as a national marketing manager from Amoco Chemical in 1993 which is now part of BP. He had been transferred to the West Coast by Goodyear in 1960 where, except for three years before retirement, he spent the remainder of his career. Lee is married to Nell (42 years) and they reside in Penn Valley, California. Their married children, Shari, Jill, and Mark, all live in Northern California.

Lee is past president and a board member of a local United Way agency, and is the coordinator for YOUTH CANDO, a community service program for middle and high schools.

2001 Delta Lambda Award:

Following is an excerpt from Ed Leedom's award presentation speech for Bill Cameron.

There are a few times in everyone's life when you meet a person who has a profound effect on you. For me, this year's recipient of the Delta Lambda award is such a person. He showed me that membership in Alpha Sigma Phi is not just an undergraduate experience, but instead is an experience which can mature and even improve as time goes by.

Tonight's recipient is a member of what Tom Brokaw has called "The Greatest Generation". He has spent his entire adult life serving others and is in part responsible for all of us being here this evening. After serving in the armed forces in World War II, he came to Bowling Green to learn to be a teacher. After graduation, he moved through the educational world into yet another form of public service, spending the balance of his career as an officer for the Social Security Administration.

Tonight's honoree worked with the chapter as Grand Chapter Advisor from the mid 80's through the early 90's and was instrumental in helping to ensure the continuation of the chapter in 1986-87. At that time the chapter had 8 active members and no active alumni council and was nearly ready to fold. This gentleman met with us in the unit directors apartment one evening to assist us in making the decision on whether to close the chapter or to try to rebuild it. Even though he is a founding father of our chapter, he did not try to impose his will on us. He very simply and candidly stated that this was our chapter as well as his and that if we decided to move forward and keep the chapter alive, he would be behind us 100%. And was he ever...his support and contributions to the chapter were ongoing and unwavering.

He worked alone for the chapter with Alpha Sig national headquarters and with the administration at BGSU and on more than one occasion, cleared a path through the bureaucracy for the chapter to follow. The example of alumni leadership shown by tonight's honoree inspired a group of undergraduates that had no external support system and helped to establish a direction for the chapter that continues today. This gentleman has set the standard by which all other alumni volunteers are measured and serves well as an example for those who have followed him.

90's Decade Representative:

Brother Adelsperger joined Alpha Sigma Phi in the Fall of '94. During his time as an undergrad, Paul served as Editor, PD at Large, & Vice President. Paul also served on the IFC Exec Board as VP of Membership Development. After graduation in the Summer of '99, Paul moved back to Cincinnati, where he now works for a commercial printing company.

Submitting Information:

Any Alumni brother may submit an update or article on themselves or their family and professional accomplishments by submitting it to the Editor of the Black Lantern, Dave Kreienkamp. You can e-mail it as an attachment in Microsoft Word, or send it via normal mail to the P.O. Box address. Any pictures submitted will be scanned and returned.



Above: Ed Leedom congratulating Bill Cameron on receiving the Delta Lambda Award.

Development Committee:

Tom Dedrick is heading up a committee of alumni to study better ways to provide future funding of the Alumni Council. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please drop a letter to the P.O. Box, or e-mail Tom at tdcurveball@yahoo.com

Regional Event Committee:

Gordy Heminger is head of a committee to plan regional events for alumni throughout Ohio and possibly other areas. Please contact him at "gordonbgsu@aol.com" if you are interested in helping out.

Chapter Support Team:

The Chapter Support Team consists of a group of Alumni brothers or community members who have different life experiences, united by one goal. That goal is to share their respective experiences with Undergraduate chapter officers who may be able to use that input in their respective positions.

The Chapter Support Team is up and running, thanks to the willingness of the following Brothers to volunteer to help the undergraduate officers: Steve Swaggerty, Greg Lesinski, Brian Perry, Donald Reese, Chris Conrad, Mike Segna, Kyle Dray, Joe Bazan, and Glen Olson. The Support Team is still in need of additional volunteers so if you would like to help the chapter by serving on the Chapter Support Team, please contact Gordy Heminger at 419-352-6673 or gordonbgsu@aol.com.

Alpha Sig Videos:

The Council is still 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.