

The Black Lantern

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



Gamma Zeta Alumni Council
P.O. Box 382
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Homecoming 2002:

Please note it on your calendars that Homecoming 2002 will be the weekend of October 4-6 this year. More details will be forthcoming in future issues of the Black Lantern.

Please contact your respective Alumni Representative for any questions or comments you may have regarding the weekend.



Above:

Brothers Todd Chambers, Joe Stout and Adam Barrick plant a garden for an elderly BG woman.

Left: Brothers Mike Harmon, Nick Gresko and Justin Lesche paint a barn for a needy family in Wood County.

Undergrad President:
in the fact that our six new members, who have since been fully initiated, completed their pledging semester. I am pleased to announce that they are now preparing to embark on their journey through "The Flight", an intensive four year personal development program which focuses on such things as leadership, community involvement and personal goal setting. Having completed a number of phases myself, I can attest to the fact that they will reap exponential benefits from doing so.

While brief, I hope this report helps shed some positive light on the commitment that we as undergrads have chosen to make as brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. In the same regard, we welcome suggestions and ideas in reference to areas in need of improvement. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me at (419) 214-1441 or tyfoust@hotmail.com. I hope to see all of you at our next Alumni function.

Fraternally Yours,

Ty Foust
President



I sincerely hope that this report finds you doing well and enjoying the accomplishments of your chapter as we share our fraternal experience with you. As president of the chapter, I can assure you that we are doing everything in our power to achieve academic excellence, improve our community, and better ourselves as gentlemen, like Alpha Sigma Phi's motto "To Better the Man" would suggest.

Last semester proved to be a very successful one for the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi's Gamma Zeta chapter. I am pleased to report, as many of you may already be aware of, that our chapter earned a very distinguished honor on the scholastic front. With an overall chapter grade point average of 3.12, Alpha Sigma Phi not only had the highest Greek organization GPA, but exceeded the all men's campus average. Since it's founding in 1845, Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity has placed academics as it's most prominent priority, and it brings great satisfaction to me knowing that the efforts of your undergraduate chapter helped maintain this deep heritage. In terms of tradition, however, Alpha Sigma Phi has also aspired to be the premier philanthropic fraternity. Gamma Zeta takes this charge very seriously, resulting in an accumulation of over 1500 hours of community service during the last semester alone, with the Spring 2002 semester looking just as promising.

Last semester was also very rewarding

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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

Alumni Council Officers:

The Gamma Zeta Alumni Council consists of the following alumnus of Bowling Green State University. Please feel free to contact any of them at any time regarding alumni issues or questions you may have!



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Original Charter Signees:

In continuing to honor the founding brothers of the Gamma Zeta Chapter, the Alumni Council would like to recognize all the original founding brothers whose signatures appear on the charter that hangs above the fireplace in the chapter house. We truly owe a debt of gratitude to those who are still with us today, and to the memory of those who have passed on to the Omega Chapter.

Frank A. Abazia	Warren R. Abell	Paule C. Boyer	Gerald M. Brown	John K. Burbridge
William A Cameron	Russell E. DeDonjay	Myron E. Dreslinski	Thomas Durbin	Glen D. Glaze
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Ralph W. Scott	Charles W. Splain	Louis T. Summy	Merle Taylor	Donald Tindell
Eugene Devarka	Robert F. Wall	Donald C. Weber	Herbert Wischow	Charles Wyans
Richard Zbornik	Edward Claflin	M. Herald Mikle		

The call came one night:

The following letter, re-printed with the permission of Herbert C. Wischow ('83), demonstrates how the bonds of brotherhood carries past the undergraduate years:

“The call came in one night. It was from a recent Alumnus from Gamma Zeta, who settled in to the New York area. He was calling on behalf of the Chapter’s Alumni council, but he did not want money, he just wanted ideas on activities that would be of interest to other Alpha Sig’s in the New York – New England area.

He thought that this would be a great way to strengthen the Alumni – Chapter relations, perhaps we could meet at a Baseball game or other sporting event. Events like this would help bridge the bond between brothers throughout the generations.

In our conversation I mentioned that my Dad was a charter member of Gama Zeta, and he is now resting at home after heart surgery. How about that, he replied, “We just finished the 50th anniversary video for the chapter, he might be in it. Why don’t I send it to you and you can check it out? Let me know what you think of it!”

Sure enough, he called back the next day too say that the tape is on its way, Express Mail, with a pre-paid return envelope. A few short days later it was in my mailbox as promised.

I called my Dad and told him about the Alpha Sig that called, and said I would bring the video down the following weekend. As luck would have it, his VCR wasn’t working, with a tape stuck in it, but I persevered and after several attempts I was able to get the old tape out and clean the machine enough to play the tape.

We sat back and watched the tape, and there he was in the photos! I could see his tired eyes light up as he traveled back in time, back to his college years. He immediately recollected the names of brothers he hasn’t seen in the past half century, the founding members of the old gal on BGSU.

The video went on into the future passing by my years in 82-84, and on to the present day. I felt a link, between all the brothers of our chapter, a connection stronger than the years that have passed. A bond between the generations thanks to a brother who called me out of the blue, and sent us this tape.

A few months later, my Dad passed away to the Omega chapter. And I still think about the brother who called and sent us the video. I remember the excitement in his voice talking about it, and the happiness it brought my father on one of his few Sunday afternoons left on this earth.

Herbert K. Wischow
Gamma Zeta 50’
Omega Chapter April 25, 2001

And to the brother who sent the tape, a special thank you!”

Herbert C Wischow
Gama Zeta 83’

Chapter GPA:

The Alpha Sig undergraduates had the highest Fraternity GPA on campus for Fall Semester in 2001. They topped the ranks of all the other fraternities with a 3.1 overall GPA. Delta Chi came in second with a 2.87 overall GPA. Congratulations to the chapter on this achievement!



Left:
Picture of the Lanterns used by the Chapter in the most recent Black Lantern processional held at Bowling Green.

**Gamma Zeta Alumni Council Executive Board
Nomination Form**

This year, five positions on the Executive Board of the Alumni Council are up for election. Two at-large positions, the 1950’s decade representative (reserved for a Brother initiated in the 1950’s), the 1970’s decade representative (reserved for a Brother initiated in the 1970’s), and the 1990’s decade representative (reserved for a Brother initiated in the 1990’s).

Please nominate a Brother(s) you feel would make a great addition to your Alumni Council Executive Board. Once you complete the top portion of the form, send it to the Brother you are nominating so that they may attach the appropriate biographical information. **All nominations with attached biographical information must be RECEIVED by July 1, 2002.** Nominations should be sent to Frank Wahl, 3950 LeFevre, Troy, OH 45373.

Information for the NOMINATOR to complete:

I nominate name _____
for (position) _____
Reason(s) for nominating this individual:

Signature of nominator: _____

Date: _____

Information for the NOMINEE to complete:

On a separate typed sheet of paper, please provide the following information and attach it to this form:

- 1. Alpha Sigma Phi Involvement (Undergraduate, Alumni, Gamma Zeta, National, etc.)
- 2. Professional Experience
- 3. Community Service
- 4. Reason(s) for wanting to be on the Alumni Council Executive Board
- 5. Any other information that you want your Brothers to know before they vote.

This information will be distributed to all Brothers, along with the ballot, in the middle of August. All ballots must be **RECEIVED** by Frank Wahl by September 30, 2002. Winners will be announced at the Alumni reception during Homecoming weekend.

By signing below, I indicate that I accept the nomination for a position on the Alumni Council Executive Board. Further, I agree to make every reasonable attempt to attend and/or participate in all meetings, events, or programming efforts of the Alumni Council.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Alumni News:

Congratulations to the following Alumnus on their special events:

Joe Bazan ('91)
Joe and his wife, Sheila, are the proud parents of Grace Elizabeth, born on September 7, 2001. Joe has also opened up another Lighthouse Pools store in Wooster, Ohio.

Darren Dunn ('92)
Congratulations to Darren on his recent engagement to be married.

Bob Radwan ('91)
Congratulations to Bob and his fiancée Char, on their recent engagement to be married.

Rob Sawyer ('90)
Congratulations to Rob and his wife on the recent birth of their baby boy, Benjamin Hobbs Sawyer, 8 lbs., 21 inches long. Born on 3/4/02.

Ryan Honeyman ('93)
Congratulations to Ryan and his fiancée Moira on their recent engagement to be married.

Lee Blakemore ('52)
Congratulations to Lee for being notified that on March 20 he will receive the annual Childrens Service Award by Sierra Nevada Childrens Services, headquartered in Grass Valley, CA. And congratulations to him and his wife for recently celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary.

House Improvements:

The undergrads have identified an area of the chapter house that they would like some alumni help in fixing up!

The chapter designation sign in front of the house is a little outdated and has been painted about 80 times over the years, and they would like to replace it with something very nice that would proudly announce the chapter location.

If anyone has expertise in wood signage or would like to donate time or money to this cause, please contact your decade representative.