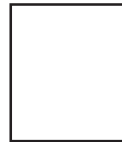


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**2003 Development Campaign**

The Alumni Council is continuing to raise funds during our 2003 Development Campaign. Please cut out and return this 'coupon' if you are interested in making a donation. Your donations are the only source of funds we have at our disposal, so please donate! Any dollar amount donated helps keep this newsletter and other planned activities going!

**Donation Levels:**  
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# The Black Lantern

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

May  
2003

**Sigs on the Front Line:**

It is nearly impossible to miss the daily coverage of events taking place in Iraq. As with many conflicts in the past, the Gamma Zeta chapter has at least two of her own involved in this effort.

Bob Radwan ('91) is a Captain with the Army's 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, which has been mobilized to provide back-up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division outside of Baghdad. Bob is in charge of a unit which is delivering fuel to the mechanized artillery. You may have heard stories in the news that these supply convoys are under attack from terrorist units periodically.

Tom Gilmore ('85) works for a civilian airline flying large cargo jets from the U.S. to Iraq. Tom and his company are transporting material and equipment to the Middle East in order to ensure that the logistical/supply needs of the troops are being met.

Our chapter has a long and proud history of service to our country. Gamma Zeta was founded by many World War II veterans when they returned to college on the GI Bill in the early 1950's. With the call to arms for the Korean War a few years later, our chapter was closed until the mid 1960's when it was resurrected from a local fraternity (Delta Lambda) chapter.

Two other brothers currently serving are Tom Hollender ('95) and Mike Beals ('96). If you know of anyone who is serving in addition to these brothers, please let us know. Regardless of your opinion on the war, please keep these individuals and any others that are unknown to us at this time in your thoughts and prayers.

**Undergrads participate in 2003 Dance Marathon at BGSU**



Dance Marathon 2003 broke the records of all the previous years. This year the event raised a total of \$322,159.40, all which was hard-earned money for the kids. The Dance Marathon was held in the Student Recreation Center on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, from 10:00 AM on Saturday till 6:00 PM on Sunday evening. This equaled out to thirty-two hours of excitement, emotions and, of course, dancing.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi were extremely involved in this year's event. Twenty-eight brothers participated in the event in one way or another. Five were dancers who had the most difficult task of everyone involved, dancing for thirty-two hours. Overall the Alpha Sig brothers raised a total of around \$7,000 and of that amount \$2,000 was from chapter fundraising such as selling t-shirts or fleece pants, but the other \$5,000 was raised individually by brothers.

The president, Jon Brooks, was a dancer for a third time and was quoted as saying "It's a fulfilling and emotional experience and I was glad I did it for the kids." Once the music stopped on Sunday evening the exhausted dancers dropped to the floor and the room became filled with emotions. The volunteers realized that all of their hard work will benefit the sick children of Toledo's Children's Hospital. Once the brothers were back at the house that night, no time was spared because talk of next year's event had already begun.

Sincerely,  
 Kevin DiNarda

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### **New Council Officers:**

The Alumni Council is happy to welcome aboard two new officers who have stepped up to volunteer their time to our group.

Brother Josh Wymer ('98) has joined the council as the new secretary for the Council, filling a position that had been vacant. While an undergrad, Josh was extremely active at BG, serving in numerous positions including President of the Chapter. After graduation from BG, he then went to work at the Alpha Sig Headquarters in Indianapolis.

Brother Kevin Konecny ('99) has come aboard to serve in the newly created position of Development Chairperson. While Kevin was attending BG and completing graduate studies, he was assigned to the position of House Director for Alpha Sigma Phi. He quickly befriended the chapter and was offered the opportunity to be fully initiated as a brother. Seizing the opportunity, Kevin has since remained active with both the Chapter and the Alumni Council.

### **2003 Falcon Football**

Bowling Green State University has released their 2003 Falcon Football schedule. If any alumni are interested in returning to BG for a game, please feel free to contact the chapter house to coordinate a visit. Or contact the Alumni Council to see if any other alumni are coming back for that game.

August 30 Eastern Kentucky  
Sept. 6 at Purdue  
Sept. 13 Liberty  
Sept. 20 at Ohio State  
Oct. 4 Central Michigan  
(Homecoming)  
Oct. 11 at Western Michigan  
Oct. 18 at Eastern Michigan  
Oct. 25 Northern Illinois  
(Family Weekend)  
Nov. 4 (Tues.) at Miami  
Nov. 15 Kent State  
Nov. 22 at Ball State  
Nov. 29 Toledo

### **Undergrads visit HQ:**

On the weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup>, sixteen brothers made the three and a half hour trek to Carmel, Indiana, home of Alpha Sigma Phi's national headquarters. President Jonathon Brooks organized the retreat as part of the ongoing effort to build and perpetuate skills for the officers of the chapter. Upon arrival on Friday night the first visit was made to the headquarters. "It was truly an astonishing sight to see where our heritage comes from," said Philanthropy and Fundraising chair Scott Pogros.

Saturday morning was an early one that led to seven hours of vigorous work. The first task for the group was a goal-setting session, as well as working through some recruitment ideas. As the day progressed each of the sixteen officers in attendance went through leadership seminars and personal development sessions. Saturday concluded with a scheduling and budget meeting led by President Jonathon Brooks and Treasurer Craig Tuttle.

At the conclusion of the meetings, all the brothers went out to dinner. This was followed by a lot of fun and exciting brotherhood to round out an exhausting day of hard work.

Sunday entailed a final trip to national headquarters, to reflect upon a successful weekend. Freshman officer, Editor, Kevin DiNarda commented by saying that "this weekend really led to not only leadership development for the chapter but a lot of personal growth for myself." Another first time attendee to national headquarters and freshman officer, Recording Secretary Brandon Jirousik said that "I not only have a better understanding of my position, but the chapter as a whole."

By Matthew S. Maurer & Aaron Shumaker

### **Homecoming 2003:**

Please mark your calendars for the weekend of October 4th and 5th of 2003. As usual we will have a lot of festivities planned for the weekend in addition to activities planned by BGSU. Friday night will include an Alpha Sig Alumni Reception at the Student Union and Saturday will include a cookout, tailgating and the dinner at the new Stone Ridge Golf Course Club house. Hope to see you!

### **From the Undergrads:**

I hope this newsletter reaches everyone in good spirits and in good health. After a long and sometimes trying semester, the undergraduate chapter is in full swing and ready for the summer months to arrive.

Some of the events that are still remaining in the five weeks of school left are Family Weekend that is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, a couple of big community service events such as Bike for the Heart and Adopt-a-Highway, several brotherhood events, as well as Senior Service and Greek Awards. This semester we are graduating 8 brothers that have given their time and service to the undergraduate chapter and hopefully will continue to as alumni.

Currently, the undergraduate chapter is working with the Alumni Council to plan next fall's Homecoming event. Hopefully this year, we will have a large turn out and everyone will have a good time. Be looking for invitations from either the undergrads or the Alumni Council sometime over the summer months.

Other than that, the undergraduate chapter is still going strong and carrying on the respect and reputation that Alpha Sigma Phi deserves on this campus, as well as the traditions that all of you laid out for us in the past. Even though the chapter right now is young, we are gaining knowledge and expertise with everything we do. And above all, the undergraduate men of Alpha Sigma Phi, are proud of our accomplishments and are continuing to "create and perpetuate brotherhood" within the walls of our beloved brotherhood.

As always, if you have any questions and concerns feel free to reach me via e-mail at [jomby17@hotmail.com](mailto:jomby17@hotmail.com) or by phone at (419) 352-7847. I look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

Fraternally,

Jon Brooks, Gamma Zeta President

### **Alumni Contact Info?:**

As always.. the Alumni Council is looking for help in finding any contact information for those brothers who we are not currently in contact with. We research both BG's alumni database and the Alpha Sig database at Headquarters, but some still manage to slip thru the cracks. If you know of anyone who may not be receiving the newsletter, please pass on their information!

### **Alumni Summer Golf Outing:**

In an effort to plan alumni activities around the state, where we have a larger alumni base, the Alumni Council is planning an alumni golf outing in Cincinnati, Ohio on Saturday, August 30th. Later that day, there is also the opportunity to attend a Cincinnati Red's baseball game.

The day will start off with 18 holes of golf, followed by dinner down on the River and then the Cincinnati Reds ball game in the evening.

The Red's are hosting the St. Louis Cardinals in their new home, the "Great American Ball Park", on Saturday August 30th at 7:10 PM.

The details for the weekend are still being worked out and will be provided soon. Most of the weekend will depend on how many alumni would like to attend. For those who are interested or want more information please email Paul Adelsperger at: [netfix2112@yahoo.com](mailto:netfix2112@yahoo.com)

Please put "Sig Golf Outing" in the subject line of your email. We would like to have everyone's response by June 13th. At that time a follow up email will be sent out with more information. We hope to see everyone there.

### **Chapter House Thefts:**

It has come to the attention of the Alumni Council that over the course of Homecoming weekend in October of 2002, several items came up missing at the chapter house.

These items included custom Alpha Sigma Phi doormats donated by a recent Alumni to the Chapter House, as well as two ritual swords that hung on the wall in the formal room. Replacement costs of these items are upwards of \$800.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of Homecoming weekend, the house remains largely open to anyone who wants to walk in for a visit, both alumni and non-alumni. So far there are no leads on what happened to these items.

We ask that any alumni who might have any information on this theft, or who might have seen someone suspicious around the chapter house that weekend, please contact the alumni council. Thanks for your help.

### **Alumni News:**

Congratulations to Jason Vincent and his wife, Anne Marie, on the birth of their new baby girl.

Congratulations to Brother Paul Adelsperger ('95) on his July 12th marriage to Jennifer Ward.

Congratulations to Brother Marc Palmer ('96) on his April 26th marriage to Katie Dabkowski.

Congratulations to Brother Tim Swann ('93) who will be getting married on August 9th of 2003.

Congratulations to Brother Ed Leedom ('86) and his wife Suzanne on the birth of their new baby girl.

Congratulations to Brother Greg Lesinski ('93) on his May 17th wedding to Amanda Meeker.

Congratulations to Brother Troy Mendenhall ('97) on his May 31st marriage to Ruth Clum.

### **Undergrad Scholarship:**

Undergraduate Brother Jon Brooks has been chosen by the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation to receive a \$435 grant to cover the full cost of the UIFI (Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute) leadership conference.

Several of the Alpha Sigma Phi's national staff members have attended this conference as undergraduates; and everyone who attended said it is a great experience for undergraduate leaders. This is an honor for Jon and is a testament to his leadership abilities that the fraternity foundation has chosen him to receive this scholarship.

### **Alumni Web Site**

If you have visited the Alumni Council Website ([www.gammazeta.com](http://www.gammazeta.com)) in the last few months, you may have been welcomed by the site of a lovely lady in a bikini trying to sell Herbalife Weight Loss products! Have we resorted to a new way of fundraising?? Not quite!

To make a long story short - late last year, the council thought we had renewed that domain name with our previous seller, only to learn that our seller had been bought out by another company that ended up not honoring our previous purchase. Nobody can figure out what "gammazeta" has to do with Weight Loss, but regardless, someone else now owns that web address.

The Alumni Council has since registered "www.bgalphasigs.com" as our new home page, and is currently designing a new site to fit our needs. We're not sure when our site will be completed, but please stop by "www.bgalphasigs.com" next time you're out on the internet to see if our new page is up and running! And hey - if you feel the urge to purchase any weight management supplements, just visit the old site!

### **Alumni Needed:**

The Alumni Council is looking for some alumni who might have time and expertise to donate to the undergraduate chapter.

Currently, the undergraduate chapter is looking for alumni (or other professionals in the field) who can advise once in a while when it comes to Legal Matters and Tax Preparation advice for the chapter.

There are no problems currently, so don't let that stop you from volunteering! The undergrads are just trying to find some alumni to bounce questions off of.



(Photo by Steve Stout)

Brother Bill Dallas ('75) was the Homecoming guest of honor last fall at Graham High School in St. Paris, Ohio, where the new football stadium is named after him. The GHS alumni donated a major portion of the monies that were used to build the bleachers on the home side. Pictured is Bill Dallas (left) and Athletic Director Mike Ludlow during pre-game festivities.