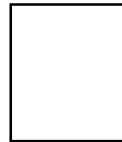


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**2004 Annual Giving Fund**

The Alumni Council is continuing to raise funds during our 2004 Annual Giving Fund. Please cut out and return this 'coupon' if you are interested in making a donation. Your donations are the only source of funds we currently have at our disposal, so please donate! Any dollar amount donated helps keep this newsletter and other planned activities going! (Unfortunately, contributions to the Annual Fund are not tax-deductible)

**Donation Levels:**  
 Chi Alpha (\$500 and up)  
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 Prudential (\$125 and up)  
 Anniversary (\$52 and up)  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# The Black Lantern

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



**From the President:**

Greetings Brothers... it's hard to believe that we are in the third month of 2004 already and things are finally starting to look warmer. With spring slowly making its way here and the snow melting away there are many things that the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council is doing to continue to work towards our commitment to "Better the Man."

First, I would like to announce the addition of Gordy Hemminger back on council. Gordy will take the role of 90's decade representative. Gordy currently resides in Bowling Green and is Interim Coordinator of Student Organization Services at BGSU. We are pleased that Gordy has returned to the council to fill this role.

There is still one opening on the council and that is the 1960s decade representative position. If there is any brother interested in filling this position by being a part of the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council and working towards the cultivation and our commitment to "Better the Man" please contact me at wymer10@yahoo.com.

We are also in the early planning stages of this year's Homecoming festivities. Undergraduate President Aaron Schumaker and Alumni Relations chair Tim Hoyt have been working diligently on the early stages of planning to make the 2004 Homecoming one of the best gatherings of Gamma Zeta brothers ever. Be on the lookout for future information on Homecoming 2004 it is sure to be a spectacular event.

Furthermore, it is my intention to continue to explore new ways of communication and cultivation with the Alumni of our great chapter. Continuing to discover new ways to the area of Alumni development and working on supporting out undergraduate chapter. As President of the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council, I would like to thank the current members of council for their hard work and dedication to the "Old Gal" and for taking time out of their lives to see that we do stay on the right path. Nevertheless, the success of Gamma Zeta and ultimately Alpha Sigma Phi does not rest in the hands of your Alumni Council...it rests in yours. Remember your commitment to Alpha Sigma Phi and continue to work on living by the Ritual everyday. Causa Latet Vis Est Notissima!

Joshua Wymer

**New 90's Decade Rep:**

The Alumni Council would like to announce the addition of Gordon Heminger ('96) on the council as the new 90's Decade Representative. Gordy recently served on council as president, and after a few years off, is back and ready to serve the members of his decade!

**New Secretary:**

The Alumni Council would also like to announce the addition of Nick Gresko ('98) to the council to fill the previously vacant rol of Secretary. This is Nick's first stint on the council. Welcome aboard Nick!

**Homecoming 2004:**

BGSU recently announced that the Homecoming 2004 festivities will be held over the weekend of October 16th, 2004. Please keep that weekend open on your calendars if you wish to come back to BG! Since the weekend was only recently announced, we have yet to solidify any plans, but the weekend will consist of the typical Alpha Sig homecoming events, including friday evening reception, football game tailgating, and saturday night dinner, banquet and dance.

**E-mail Addresses?:**

In an effort to stretch our budget and serve our alumni brothers as much as possible, the Alumni Council is experimenting with the process of doing an "electronic" version of the Black Lantern Newsletter.

While we will continue to send out traditional newsletters to those without e-mail, we're hoping to save in postage by e-mailing the newsletter to as many as possible. To help in this effort, if you wish to receive the e-mail version in the future, please forward your current address to us.

**Neal Jesse - Faculty/Staff Advisor:**



- Where did you grow up?  
Fresno, California.
- What department are you in?  
Political Science
- How long have you been at BGSU?  
5 years
- What's your favorite book?  
Starship Troopers
- Favorite movie?  
Apocalypse Down
- Favorite color?  
Black

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Dear Brothers:

Yesterday I received a replica of the original Gamma Zeta chapter charter from Brother Kevin Kovecny. Thanks so much Kevin for your thoughtfulness. It nearly brought tears to my eyes, and it is something that I will always treasure.

In all, 48 names of founding brothers appear on this document dated June 3, 1950. While I was not initiated until two years later, I had the privilege of knowing a good number of these brothers at least for brief periods. William A Cameron, with whom many of us today know and love is on the list. Gerald Mark Brown, who passed on the Omega Chapter many years ago and was my big brother, is also on the list.

I suspect that many of the brothers, both alumni and active, don't realize that of these 48, a majority were veterans of World War II and had recently returned to validate their G.I. Bill rights at Bowling Green. Our chapter was largely founded by these brave brothers who had fought for our country. Some were decorated heroes of that awful war. As far as I am concerned, they are all heroes even today.

It is important that the entire Gamma Zeta brotherhood be keenly aware that the founding of our chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi is steeped in Americanism, by brothers who committed their very lives to the protection of the freedom and liberties so valued by this nation. That is a heritage that each and every one of us and all future brothers, can and should be proud of.

In Phi,

Lee Blakemore, '52

**Undergraduate President:**

Do you have new contact information? How about any information you wish to share with the other Alumni of the chapter? Just fill out this section and return it to the council and we'll include any updates you wish in a future edition of the Black Lantern.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Information/updates you wish to share with Alumni in a future Black Lantern?

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**Undergraduate President:**

I wanted to take this time to address all of you concerning the recent events of this and last semester here in Bowling Green. Last semester proved to be a very successful one for the brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi's Gamma Zeta chapter. I am pleased to report that over 23% of the brotherhood achieved Dean's List status last semester. The brotherhood also raised close to \$600 for charitable organizations and had over 550 hours of community service. This semester has also started on a high note as the fraternity has recently initiated eight gentlemen into the brotherhood. All of these individuals have already taken active roles in the fraternity. These roles range from holding positions, to be actively contributing members of the chapter. Nevertheless, these recently initiated brothers reassure that Alpha Sigma Phi will continue to be a successful fraternity at Bowling Green State University for many years to come.

Recently, the officers of our chapter traveled to Carmel, Indiana, to our National Headquarters, for a weekend retreat. Some of the main focuses of the retreat dealt with the improving the leadership styles of each of the officers, and setting tangible goals for the chapter. Three goals that were set during this weekend were: Achieve highest Fraternal GPA which is greater than a 3.0, Accept 25 bids in the next year, and diversifying our calendar. The chapter is currently working on activities to achieve each of these goals.

I hope that this update keeps all of you abreast of all that is happening here in Bowling Green. If any of you are in the area, please do not hesitate to stop by the house. If we don't hear from you, then we'll be looking forward to seeing you in the Fall at Homecoming.

In Phi,

Aaron Shumaker

**Omega Chapter:**

Since the last Black Lantern went out, we're sad to report that Brother Dimitri Demetral has joined the Omega Chapter. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends, and other brothers who remember Brother Demetral.

**Dr. Vic Boshini receives Spirit of GreekBGSU Award:**

In the world of Dr. Victor J. Boschini Jr., it is just 18 years from serving as the House Director for Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity at Bowling Green State University to the presidency of a major American university. His path has included time as a Greek Advisor, leadership in the Association of Fraternity Advisors (including a term as president), teaching, several administrative positions, Associate Provost, and as Vice President for Student Affairs. In 1997, Dr. Boschini was named President of Illinois State University, and this summer he assumed the role as Chancellor of Texas Christian University.

With this in mind, Greek Affairs at Bowling Green State University is proud to name Dr. Victor J. Boschini Jr. as the second recipient of the Spirit of GreekBGSU Award in recognition of his leadership and achievement within Higher Education, and his long-time support of fraternities and sororities on college campuses. Vic has taken the experiences and lessons learned as a graduate student in College Student Personnel, and a graduate assistant within Greek Affairs at Bowling Green State University to the highest level in his profession.

Dr. Boschini received his Bachelor's Degree from Mount Union College, and his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Indiana University. After completing his Master's Degree in College Student Personnel at BGSU in 1979, Vic worked in a variety of Student Affairs positions at Indiana University, Butler University, and Illinois State University. He has also taught in the College of Education at all three institutions.

A member of Sigma Nu fraternity, Vic has been actively involved with the Association of Fraternity Advisors. Following a series of leadership positions, he served as President of the Association.

Joe Zimmerman, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi when Vic was the House Director said, "I recall from my under-graduate days living in the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity House, what a gift Vic had for supporting students and making them feel welcome to come to him for help. With an upbeat, energetic and positive attitude, Vic encouraged and motivated us to succeed. He had a facility for writing and often helped me to get my research papers started. When I recently reviewed his acceptance speech on the TCU web site I took delight in seeing that it is a gift that he has not lost. Congratulations Vic and thanks for the support you provided to the Fraternity some 25 years ago!"

Dr. Boschini is married to the Megan McAuliffe of St. Louis, Missouri. They have four children: Elizabeth Anne, Mary Catherine, Edward Mark, and Margaret Ellen .

**Please consider a donation to the Alumni Council:**

While 2004 rolls along into March and tax time slowly approaches, please consider sending in a monetary contribution to the Alumni Council if you have not done so already. While the gift is not tax deductible, it is certainly needed, and appreciated!

As always, the only funds the council has at it's disposal are the donations that our Alumni Brothers send in to the council. We do not receive any money from the undergraduate chapter, BGSU, or Alpha Sigma Phi National.

While the council thrives on volunteers who donate time and materials, some money is required to make our organization work. The money received goes towards postage for the newsletters, publishing the Black Lantern, handing out undergraduate book scholarships, and paying for Homecoming expenses that have become yearly expenditures as the Alumni Council has become an established group. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated, and can be sent to the return address on the front of this newsletter.

**Our Mission Statement:**

"To Create & Perpetuate Brotherhood" Brotherhood is the development of lifelong human relationships based on respect, mutual love and support. Alpha Sigma Phi provides opportunities for its members to experience Brotherhood through the creation and maintenance of Chapters.

By experiencing Brotherhood, the members of Alpha Sigma Phi grow stronger intellectually, emotionally, socially, physically and spiritually, thereby becoming more empowered to enrich society and improve the quality of life.

The chaotic state of moral and ethical values within our society has prompted many of our members to urge Alpha Sigma Phi to expand and strengthen the Brotherhood experience. In addition, increasing numbers of men desiring membership have expressed their eagerness to experience Brotherhood.

In response, Alpha Sigma Phi will actively work to create new chapters and to create an environment of respect, mutual love and support, in each chapter. Further, in support of Our Reasons for Being and our motto "To Better The Man," Alpha Sigma Phi will provide programs and services that assist each member to:

- Pursue high scholarship.
- Seek a deeper awareness and understanding of self and others.
- Recognize the qualities that make self and others unique and needed.
- Demonstrate responsible leadership.
- Exemplify integrity, patriotism, and respect for the opinions, beliefs, actions, cultures and principles of others.
- Serve others.
- Invite (without prejudice) men for membership.
- Possess self-confidence.
- Exercise autonomy.
- Demonstrate behavior, which exemplifies the Fraternity's Code of Conduct.

Alpha Sigma Phi will have succeeded when its members are successful in developing lifelong, meaningful relationships that enrich society and improve the quality of life, and "Better the Man!"