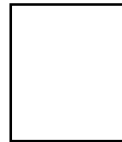


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2004 Annual Giving Fund

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)

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 Gamma Zeta Chapter
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From the President:

As I sit in front of my computer fighting writer's block, I am trying to think about what to say to my fellow Alumni and what would interest them. Then the question arises (like so many things we encounter), why in the world am I doing this? What if no one reads this? What if whatever I write has no significance to anyone that reads it?

This is a challenge I bet most of us face in many challenges in our life; facing the "What If" factor. This unfortunately is one of those occasions for me. Instead of saying "what if I do not write this article for the Black Lantern", I ask "what if the Old Gal didn't exist"?

On December 6, 1845 our founders got together in Louis Manigult's room and laid out the basic principles that set forth our organization that we have today. Thousands of men, young and old, call themselves brothers all over the country and some internationally. If the "Old Gal" would never have been, then the network of men that has been growing since 1845 never would have existed.

If you lived in the chapter house or were a frequent visitor to 1 Old Fraternity Row then I am sure there were house directors, house moms, cooks and numerous others that may have had an impact on you in your life. An impact that you may never forget. Without the "Old Gal", some of these friendships would never have been made.

Of course, there are the smiling faces and confused looks of incoming freshman on recruitment nights. Looks of wonderment and/or skepticism found on the faces or in the handshakes of every one of them that enter the door. Not knowing that someday, they would be initiated together, learn about each other, become friends, go to or be in another brother's wedding. Eventually, one day end up in the Omega chapter together. A lifelong commitment... and then some.

What if I did not walk through the door on recruitment night? What if the guys in this fraternity were of the stereotype that I did not want to be a part of? What if the stereotypes were true? Not by chance, as we all know by now, this wasn't the case. This is Alpha Sigma Phi, whose basic principles are lived by thousands of brothers everywhere.

Have you asked yourself lately the same question? How different would your life be if the "Old Gal" was not a part of it? I thank those brothers who were there to help me begin my journey in Alpha Sigma Phi. The beginning is the undergrad experience, to accept what the fraternity has to offer is to fulfill your life long commitment.

In Phi,
 Joshua Wymer



Don't miss Homecoming 2004! Enjoy Saturday evening's dinner at the historic Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids (pictured above). See inside for more details on the entire weekend!



Next time you're surfing the internet, stop by our new web page for the latest news, pictures, and information regarding the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council. Thanks to Brother Bob Thomas ('77) and others who helped put this site together. As always, if anyone has suggestions, ideas, or information to post on the website, please contact the council with your information.

E-Mail the Gamma Zeta Alumni Council @ alphasigs@iname.com
 Write the Alumni Council at "Gamma Zeta Alumni Council, 8680 Lewis Rd., Olmstead Falls, OH 44138
 Check out the Alumni Council on the web at www.bgalphasigs.com

Hamilton/Dallas Gift:

In April, Alpha Sig Alumnus Mr. Bill Dallas ('75) and gold medal winning figure skater Scott Hamilton, teamed up to make a joint donation to BGSU. Totaling \$3 million dollars, Mr. Dallas and Mr. Hamilton made the donation to start a new program on entrepreneurship at BGSU.

Mr. Hamilton's connections to the university are strong, even though he never pursued a degree there. He was adopted as a child by two university faculty members and learned to skate at the BGSU Ice Arena. He was named an honorary alumnus in 1985 and received an honorary doctorate in 1994.

A four time national champion and world champion, Mr. Hamilton, 45, won a gold medal at the 1984 Winter Olympic games in Sarajevo.

Mr. Dallas, 48, graduated in 1977 from BGSU where he was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, as well as a member of the baseball team. Mr. Dallas even had Mr. Hamilton's father as a professor. After teaching courses related to entrepreneurship at some universities on the West Coast, he began to encourage BGSU to form a program.

Mr. Dallas is currently chairman and chief executive officer of Ownit Mortgage Solutions, and co-founded B&B Restaurant Ventures with Fox Sports.

"This is just a passion of trying to help people figure out what they want to do" Mr. Dallas said. "I don't think everyone should start their own business, but everyone should be entrepreneurial."

The only other gift to BGSU larger than this was a pledge of \$6.7 million made in January by an anonymous donor to support scholarships for the President's Leadership Academy.



Above (l to r): BGSU President Sidney Ribeau accepts a check for \$3 million from BG Alumni and Alpha Sig brother, Bill Dallas (Gamma Zeta '75) and figure skater Scott Hamilton. The two paired up to give the donation to BGSU so that a new educational program on entrepreneurship can be started.



Left: The National Convention delegation takes time to celebrate the chapter's success throughout the year, taking home numerous chapter and campus awards and recognition! Congrats to the chapter!



Chapter wins National Awards:

Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to report the news of this past Grand Chapter. Gamma Zeta was very well represented this weekend as we won several prestigious awards. To begin, we won 10 out of 12 citations for the past year. Only the Epsilon chapter from Ohio Wesleyan won more citations than we did. Secondly, Matt Bowles won the Frank F. Hargear award which is given out to the top undergraduate brother in the nation who best exemplifies the Mission Statement of the Fraternity. Lastly, and most importantly, we took home the Grand Senior President's Award for being the best chapter in the nation during the past two years. I hope that all of you are as proud as I am of this accomplishment, as it is the highest award that a chapter can win. I cannot reiterate enough that things are on the rise for our undergraduate chapter. We look forward to taking this momentum into the new school year and pushing ourselves to the next level.

In Phi,
Aaron Shumaker, Undergraduate Chapter President

Editors Note: (from Ed Leedom) There is something else from the conference that Aaron is too humble to mention. Aaron also received an award from the Educational Foundation! In addition, Matt Bowles is now the second brother from our chapter to have received the Frank Hargear award. The undergraduates, and specifically their officers, have been working very hard to be the best chapter at Bowling Green, which in my opinion they are.

Some additional perspective on the Grand Senior President's award. Our chapter has now won this award two of the last four times it has been given out. As B.G. is classified by Alpha Sigma Phi as having a "large greek system", there is a great deal of stiff competition, as we compete against chapters at Iowa State, Illinois, UC Berkeley, the University of Maryland, and the University of Michigan, among many other chapters.

BG Alpha Sig wins National Brother of the Year Award:

The Frank F. Hargear Award is given every year to one undergraduate nationally who best exemplifies the values of Alpha Sigma Phi as demonstrated through his service to the fraternity, his Alma Mater, and the community. This year a brother from Gamma Zeta, Matt Bowles, was awarded this prestigious national honor at the Grand Chapter in Columbus Ohio. Matt pledged Alpha Sigma Phi as a freshman and just completed his time as an undergraduate in May. During his tenure he held several offices and served on the Prudential Committee twice. Matt was awarded the 'Brother of the Year' award locally for Gamma Zeta in May. During Spring Awards this year he was honored by the entire Greek community at BGSU with the Steven R. Hanna & Kevin L. Ross Award which recognizes an outstanding Greek Senior at BGSU. In addition, Matt was accomplished outside the realm of Gamma Zeta posting accolades that include a Student Life Award recognizing outstanding Student Leadership, being selected by BGSU as its nominee for the Rhodes Scholarship, and graduating Magna Cum Laude as well as being awarded University Honors.



Above: Brother Matt Bowles accepting the Frank F. Hargear Brother of the Year Award

When asked about the Hargear award Matt credited those older brothers who taught him the values of the Fraternity as a pledge and a young brother. After being nominated he completed a questionnaire for the committee in which he spoke of what he called his "cornerstone of brotherhood" that was built for him by the "example and dedication" of his brothers. Matt stressed in his questionnaire that hundreds of brothers have come before him in Gamma Zeta and given their time, effort, and hope to build a proud tradition for Alpha Sigma Phi at BGSU. He ended with the comment, "I only hope that I did my part to make sure that our tradition is around and respected for another fifty plus years."

Matt is continuing his education by seeking a Law Degree from the University of Tennessee, College of Law, where he enrolled this August. He currently resides in Knoxville Tennessee. Congratulations Matt on a job well-done and good luck in law school.

Keith Kalland's Legacy Lives On:

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION - (May 19, 2004)

Gov. Sonny Perdue has signed a resolution naming a 5.4-mile stretch of Ga. 138 from I-20 south to Ga. 212 after Kalland, one of Atlanta's top traffic reporters for 15 years.

Kalland, whose vast verbal repertorie kept metro Atlanta commuters laughing while also scrambling for their dictionaries, died Nov. 18, 2002, after a long illness. He was 51.

"Everyone who listened to him on the air felt they knew him" said Rep. Joe Wilkinson (R-Sandy Springs), who sponsored the resolution. "He was so personable and so entertaining. I think he did so much to calm the nerves of the metro area drivers."

Wilkinson carried a big green highway sign bearing the words Kieth Kalland Memorial Highway into Perdue's office Monday for a brief bill signing ceremony witnessed by Kalland's sons, John and Robby. John graduates this week from Heritage high school in Conyers and Robby is finishing eighth grade at Edwards middle school.

Perdue wondered aloud if there was a way to "put a ladder on that sign" in honor of one of Kalland's most memorable phrases, "the ubiquitous ladder in the roadway."

Kalland's status among Atlanta traffic reporters made it difficult to follow in his footsteps. In fact, in the 18 months since his passing, various reporters have performed his duties at WGST and Fox5 News, but none has truly claimed his position.

"Keith will never be replaced," said Cheryl White, director of operations for Total Traffic Network, which serves 11 metro radio in addition to Fox 5. "Keith created a niche for himself and a place no one else can fill." Radio listeners and TV viewers aren't alone in missing Kalland and his colorful summaries of Atlanta's twice-daily gridlock.

"I still can't believe he's not here," said Kim "The Kimmer" Peterson, afternoon talk show host of WGST. "He set the standard. He was a wordsmith."

Karlene Barron, a spokeswoman for the Georgia Department of Transportation, said signs designating the roadway most likely would be erected within a month.

Alumni Updates:

Michael Gardner ('79) recently wrote, stating that he has three children: Chris (15), Lauren (13) and Katie (6). He also reports that he's just finished up a recent 6 year stint on the Franklin School Board, serving as president for the last two years. Not ready to step out of public service, he was also just elected Alderman in Franklin District 3. In his spare time, he's also working on converting a 160,000 sq. ft. warehouse building into offices in the trendy Historic Third Ward in Milwaukee.

Chapter Update:

First, I'd like to give all of you an update in regards to how Spring Semester '04 ended for us. This semester we ended with over 2800 dollars raised for charitable organizations. That is roughly 66 dollars per member. We also ended with over 1800 hours of community service, not including Dance Marathon. That is roughly 43 hours for each member. For those of you who don't realize it, those figures are tremendous for our chapter. Last Spring semester we averaged 24 dollars raised per member and 11 community service hours per member. In addition, to round off the year, the chapter received a Bronze level Chapter Excellence award at the semester end Greek Awards Banquet.

I hope that these figures help you better understand how good of a semester is has been for us and our chapter!

In Phi,
Aaron Shumaker
Undergraduate Chapter President

Missing Brothers:

For a list of the brothers who we no longer have valid contact information on, please visit our website at www.bgalphasigs.com. If you know where any of these brothers are, please contact a member of the council with their current information.

Newsletter Advertising:

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Homecoming Events
October 15th - 17th, 2004

DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday Evening (7 p.m. - 2 p.m.)	Welcome Reception	BGSU Union
Saturday Morning (10:00 a.m.)	Breakfast ~ Memorial Service (9:00a)	Fraternity House ~ Omega Tree
Saturday Mid-Day (1:00 p.m.)	Tail-gate Luncheon	Tent City, football stadium
Saturday Afternoon (6:00 p.m.)	Football game (BG vs. Ball State)	Football stadium
Saturday Evening (6:00 p.m.)	Dinner / Dance	Nazareth Hall, Grand Rapids, OH
Sunday Morning (9:00 a.m.)	Alumni Council Meeting (all welcome)	BGSU Union
Sunday (9:00a)	Flag Football game (Alumni vs. Actives)	Fraternity House

Please plan to join us
The Alumni Council & Undergraduate Chapter
(more details and registration to follow)