



Alpha Sigma Phi

Gamma Zeta Chapter

Bowling Green State University



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The Black Lantern Newsletter

Gamma Zeta Alumni
Association

A Letter from the President

Hello Brothers,

Welcome to the fall 2018 edition of The Black Lantern. I hope you all had a great summer and are now starting to settle in to your family's fall routine. The official first day of fall is right around the corner (September 22!) which means Homecoming is right around the corner as well. I trust you've all marked your calendars for October 12-14 for Bowling Green's best Homecoming weekend! Bob Thomas will be coordinating the pregame tailgate party that he's done such a great job with over the past few years. Joe Reece is coordinating other events as well, including a continental breakfast at the chapter house (and yes, we will have plenty of piping hot coffee!) Saturday morning. Reece will share more details in his column elsewhere in this newsletter.



Gamma Zeta Alumni at the Summer Golf Outing in Bowling Green. We hope you can make it next summer! Please watch future issues of the Black Lantern Newsletter for more information.

I would like to recognize Scott McHenry, the HSP, who has done a great job of leading the undergraduate chapter during his time in that role. While I was serving as co-GCA, Scott was a pleasure to work with and his efforts led the chapter to winning a Gold Cup at this summer's Grand Chapter (formerly national leadership conference & convention) for the first time in many years. Congrats to Scott and the undergraduates! We are all looking forward to seeing how the chapter will continue to improve with each passing semester.

I'd like to welcome Eric Heilmeier as our new Grand Chapter Advisor. My interactions with Eric thus far have shown me he is truly committed to our undergraduates and will be an extremely valuable resource for them as the chapter continues to strive to win the Grand Senior President's Cup. Having an engaged advisor and chapter council is essential for the long-term viability of a chapter, and without the dedication of this team of alumni, our chapter would not be experiencing the success it has recently. There are many requirements placed on the local chapter by both the university and the national fraternity, and these responsibilities require a concerted effort by undergraduate officers, directors, and their alumni peers to ensure the standards for success are being met and exceeded. If you're interested in serving on the chapter council, please reach out to Eric whose contact info is listed in this newsletter.

The alumni association is also looking for ways to better meet the needs of the alumni base and the undergraduate chapter. We will be asking again for you to tell us how the association can best serve your needs as a chapter alumnus and how you think we can best impact the undergraduate chapter, as your feedback is essential! Please take a few minutes to respond to the opportunities to provide feedback when they are presented to you. The executive board will be utilizing your feedback to sharpen our focus on how to best meet your needs by redefining our mission and purpose. We will be providing more information to you as this process unfolds.

I am looking forward to seeing you in BG for Homecoming, and at other events the association will host throughout the year!

In Phi,

Glen Olson

Alumni Association President

Alumni Association Scholarships

Due to the generous donations of our alumni to the TBTM Scholarship Fund over the years, the Gamma Zeta Alumni Association is able to offer four scholarships per year to the undergraduates.

Undergraduate New Member Scholarship

The first scholarship is a \$500 book scholarship. It is awarded each semester to the most deserving New Member, based on a points system that takes into account the New Member's cumulative GPA, number of community service hours, philanthropy dollars raised, and their involvement in other campus organizations. The selected New Member receives \$500 applied to their BGSU account at the beginning of the following semester.

In addition to providing financial assistance, the scholarship serves as a great recruitment tool that the chapter promotes during the recruitment process. This helps the chapter in continuing to attract quality new members during the rush process!

Undergraduate Parlor Fee Scholarship

The second scholarship is intended to assist the undergraduate chapter in meeting their financial obligations of living in the new chapter house.

A requirement of living in the new house, the undergrads are responsible to pay a semesterly "Parlor Fee" to BGSU. This fee is an amount set by BGSU that the chapter must pay each semester, and is in addition to the room and board costs paid by the individual members living in the house full-time.

The chapter has the opportunity to earn \$500, \$1000 or \$1500 each semester from the Alumni Association. The amount the undergraduate chapter can earn is based on how well they do that semester in terms of three criteria: number of new members initiated, number of brotherhood events held that semester, and number of community service hours performed by the undergraduate members.

The hope is that this scholarship will give the chapter an advantage over other chapters on campus who do not receive assistance in paying their semesterly parlor fees. This will help in recruitment, as well as help keep the fee manageable during the years when the number of undergrads on the chapter roster naturally swing lower.

Thank you to all the alumni who have contributed to this cause over the years! The Alumni Association is excited to begin giving back to the chapter in this manner, and as the fund continues to build we will be able to give back even more to the undergrads.

Chapter House Bricks

The Alumni Association has a limited number of actual bricks from our beloved home at '1 Old Fraternity Row' that was torn down at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Each brick is adorned with an engraved plaque, and sells for \$75 each if you are able to pick it up in person, or \$100 each if you want it mailed to you. The bricks will be at Homecoming, and the proceeds go to the TBTM Scholarship Fund. To order a brick, please contact Dave Kreienkamp at daveykgb@gmail.com or via cell at 419-308-4952.

Alumni Obituaries

The last Black Lantern Newsletter was sent late in 2016 - and shortly after we received the news from Brother Dale Eckard's family that Dale passed away in 2013. Below is his obituary:

Dale Edward Eckard, 58, died June 11, 2013, following a brief but valiant struggle with stomach cancer.

Born Sept. 15, 1954, to Willard L. and Betty Ilene Eckard in Massillon, Ohio, Dale made Houston his home since 1986. His father preceded him in death in 2007. Survivors include his mother Betty, New Albany, Ohio; brother Paul Eckard and wife Lynda of Gahanna, Ohio; nephew Justin and wife Tammy Eckard and niece Jocelyn Eckard of Westerville, Ohio; eight grand nieces and nephews; and many close and dear friends all across the country.

After earning a degree in business administration from Bowling Green State University, Dale launched a most successful career in human resources. At the time of his death, he was a director in human resources for Cameron Drilling Systems in Houston.

Dale was well known for his infectious smile, wicked sense of humor, friendly and caring manner and generosity. He usually was the first among us to initiate fun and innovative get togethers centered around many of our shared passions-great food, the arts, fun parties and life's celebrations. As football season approached, he was a happy man indeed rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes and Houston Texans. An avid supporter of the Montrose Counseling Center, he was an active member of The Four Seasons and an enthusiastic fan of experimental and musical theater. He enjoyed all types of music and performing arts, especially Cirque du Soleil, Bette Midler and The Music Box Theater.

If we are fortunate, some of us have friends like Dale. Here was a man who loved and treasured his many friendships and family members. It wasn't unusual for him to call and extend an invitation to dinner, "just because." He was kind and thoughtful. He lived joyfully. And yet, after he learned of his own health crisis, Dale faced death with true dignity and courage-becoming a useful and meaningful example for all of us.



Study Room Furniture

When the undergraduates moved into the new chapter house in 2016, the University provided a standard set of furniture for a majority of the house... including the chapter room, bedrooms, kitchen, etc.... Upon move-in, the Alumni Association donated a large flat-panel TV to the undergrads for use in the chapter room, and the rest of the furniture provided by the University was deemed as acceptable for the time-being.

After living in the new house for a while, the undergrads have identified the need for new furniture in the first floor study room, and asked the Alumni Association for assistance. The study room a highly visible room just inside the main entry to the chapter house, and is meant to be used as a quiet room that provides a place for undergrads to study! A novel idea right?



The Alumni Association did some research on new furniture and associated costs, and is excited to announce we will be using a portion of our spendable funds to provide new furniture for the study room! We are in the process of ordering 8 fully adjustable desk chairs, and an 8' conference room style table, and the new furniture should arrive and be placed in the room before the holidays.

If any of our alumni feel this is a cause close to their heart, and would like to make a donation to support this purchase, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Alumni Association.



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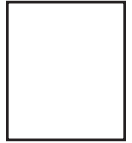
We also have a Facebook group page! Next time you're on Facebook, please take a moment to search for the group "Alpha Sigma Phi - Gamma Zeta Alumni" and join our group.


If you have any Alumni updates you would like to have included in an upcoming version of the Black Lantern Newsletter, please submit them to Dave Kreienkamp at 'daveykgb@gmail.com' or contact Dave at 419-308-4952

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	The Gamma Zeta Alumni Association consists of the following alumnus of Alpha Sigma Phi at BGSU:	
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For all the latest news, visit the Alumni Association Website at: www.bgalphasigs.com		

2018 Annual Giving Fund

The Gamma Zeta Alumni Association Annual Fund is used to pay for the operating expenses of the Alumni Association. This includes the website, Black Lantern Newsletters, Homecoming expenses, and other ways to support the chapter.

Gifts to the 2018 Annual Drive may be made by check by using the form to the right, or by credit card at www.bgalphasigs.com

Donation Levels:

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