



Alpha Sigma Phi

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HOMECOMING 2007 WRAP-UP



Above Left: Undergrads Travis Rose and Greg Lautzenheiser serve on the 2007 Homecoming Court at BGSU.

Above Right, Left, & Below: Undergraduates and Alumni enjoy the pre-game festivities while tailgating at alumni brother Bob Thomas' RV outside the stadium. Thank-you to Bob for bringing the RV and getting a great spot in the parking lot!



Homecoming 2007 is now but a memory, but once again it was a very successful event that was attended by the largest alumni turnout since the 50th Celebration in 2000.

The Homecoming festivities began with a Friday night reception at Ziggy Zoomba's where nearly 100 alumni and undergraduates congregated to enjoy appetizers and cocktails while catching up.

Saturday's events kicked off with a memorial service at the chapter house to honor those brothers who have passed into the Omega Chapter. This was followed by officer elections for the Alumni Association and lunch at Quarters. From there, everyone headed out to the tailgating event at Doyt Perry Stadium, where Bob Thomas parked his RV for the weekend and had his grill fired up. The football game was attended by a group of Alumni and undergrads, who saw BG defeat the Temple Owls, the newest member of the MAC Conference.

Saturday ended with a reception at Sam B's in downtown BG. At the reception our first two undergraduate scholarships were awarded from the To Better The Man fund. Representatives of BGSU were also present to accept a \$1000 check from the Alumni Association to fund a campus-wide leadership initiative in the name of Alpha Sigma Phi. The regular business meeting for the Alumni Association was held on Sunday morning, ending Homecoming '07.

Homecoming 2007 Attendees:

The following alumni brothers were all in attendance at Alpha Sig functions over Homecoming weekend:

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| Paul Adelsperger | Lee Blakemore | Matt Bowles | Bill Cameron | Dave Claibourne | Adam Combs |
| Chris Conrad | Tom Dedrick | Mike Dragar | Steve Dutton | Steve Evanko | Mike Finelli |
| Steve Frase | Aaron Garver | Matt Guggenbiller | Gordy Heminger | Kirk Hogrefe | Tim Hoyt |
| Ryan Hughes | Matt Humberger | Joe Jardine | Dave Kreienkamp | Ed Leedom | Bernard Little |
| Dan Loar | Matt Maurer | Dick McConnell | Cliff Nelson | Marcus Palmer | Scott Pogros |
| Don Reese | Rocco Sciarabba | Aaron Shumaker | Brent Swander | Bob Thomas | Craig Tuttle |
| Frank Wahl | Jon Wickline | Earl Wolfe | Ryan Whiteside | Rick Vendt | Joe Zimmerman |
| Tom Hollender | John Toth | Doug Redinger | Greg Amend | | |

Undergraduate Update - Joe Schoch - President

For the undergraduate chapter, it is hard to believe that the Fall Semester is coming to an end. However, the past Spring and Fall Semester have been very productive. In the Spring Semester, the brotherhood came together to raise money for one of our own. A brother in the chapter was hit with the reality that his little niece was diagnosed with Leukemia. When we heard about that, there was no question about what we were going to do for our Spring Philanthropy. The brothers organized Bike for Leukemia. We had designed and sold t-shirts while peddling an exercise bike for 48 hours. As little as this may seem, the community of Bowling Green State University raised \$890 for our brother's family to help cover the never ending medical bills. Furthermore, this Fall we hosted our annual Mud Volleyball for Canine Companions. This year, teams stretched beyond Greek Life. We had representation from the "independents" and the College of Business Administration. The total money raised this year was \$400 dollars.

Looking back on the recruitment of Fall '07, we have a very impressive group of gentlemen that we will welcome into our brotherhood very soon. The Delta Phi pledge class is a class of 10 New Members that have developed a fraternal bond to each other and our chapter. Many of them even ran for executive and cabinet positions.

On December 2nd, we installed our brand new H-Officers. We all have high expectations from these brothers. We all know that they will carry on the traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi to the fullest extent.

Omega Chapter:

It has recently been brought to our attention that Ralph Lindstrom ('51) entered the Omega Chapter on March 31, 2001.

Happy Holidays!

The officers and members of the Alumni Association would like to extend our wishes to every alumni and their family for a joyous holiday season, and a healthy and successful 2008. We hope to hear from all of you in the upcoming year, or see you at one of the upcoming events. Thank you to all alumni who have been an active supporter in 2007.

Contact Information:

As the Alumni Association continues to try to make the transition from a print edition of the Black Lantern to an electronic on-line version - we need correct e-mail addresses for alumni more than ever. Please take a moment to contact any member of the Alumni Association to update your contact information, including a current e-mail address. You can also choose to remain on the mailing list for a print copy if you prefer to receive the newsletter in that fashion.

Also, please send any pictures, articles, or personal updates you may wish to have included in an upcoming newsletter to us, and we'll make sure to include it.

"To Better The Man":

As part of the continuing development campaign to fully fund the "To Better The Man" Fund at Bowling Green State University, the members of the undergraduate chapter were approached to make individual pledges over a period of one year.

The goal was to achieve 100 percent participation among the undergraduate brothers, in order to raise a minimum of \$3,000 in new pledges. During this campaign, 43 undergraduates have made a pledge to the "To Better The Man" fund, raising a total of \$2,965 in new pledges. Fundraising efforts are still underway, and it is expected that the goal of \$3,000 in pledges from the undergraduates will be exceeded.

To put this in perspective - when the "To Better The Man" fund was first conceived and development efforts began, the undergraduates were also approached at that time to make individual pledges towards the fund. At that time, 100% of the undergraduates made pledges to the fund for a total of approximately \$11,000 in new pledges. This means that the undergraduates have been approached twice and have made pledges of approximately \$15,000 to the fund.

It's obvious the undergraduates believe in the goals of the "To Better The Man" Fund, and appreciate what the fund will do for future members of the chapter. A huge thank-you goes out to all members of the undergraduate chapter who have pledged money to the fund, and continue to support the goal of "To Better The Man."



Left: Alumni from the '50's were well represented at the Homecoming festivities, including Lee Blakemore and Bill Cameron (Top), along with Cliff Nelson and his wife (seated at bottom)

Right: Brothers Joe Zimmerman (left), the 2007 Delta Lambda Award Winner, and 2006 winner Lee Blakemore (right), hold the recognition plaque that hangs in the chapter house. The Delta Lambda Award is awarded every year at Homecoming to an alumni brother who goes above and beyond the call of duty to continually support the Alumni Association. Thanks to Joe and Lee for all they've done.



Book Scholarships



Undergraduate Brother Billy DeClerq accepts his \$300 "To Better The Man" Book Scholarship at Homecoming 2007. The book scholarship is one of the first items to be funded by the "To Better The Man" Fund and will be given out every year at Homecoming. Another \$300 book scholarship was also given out to Bernardo Acqira (not pictured).



Blast From The Past:

Five Generations of Alpha Sigs in this photo from 1980 are Mike Curran ('79), Angelo Pontello ('80), Rob Ellis ('74), Mike Gardner ('79), and Chuck Hiller ('73)

"Memories of 1968" by John Putnam ('66)

One of my fondest memories from my days at BGSU and Alpha Sigma Phi was bitter-sweet in many ways. It occurred during Finals Week in the spring of 1968.

My roommate, brother Gary Smith, and I were studying for upcoming tests one evening, when the door to our room swung open and in came brother Tim Struna from the room across the hallway, and he told Smitty and me to put our books down, that we were going for a ride. Brother Tom Tobin, one of Tim's roommates, had a car nicknamed "The Goat", and they, along with another of their roommates, Jim McBride, and I headed downstairs in the Sig house. Along the way we picked up my Big Brother, Bill Brenneman, and somehow all six of us crammed ourselves into "The Goat", and with Tom behind the wheel, we drove off into the beautiful spring night. It was probably around 10:00 p.m.

Tom drove east of the campus, where it was still mostly farm fields, and for the next hour or so, Tom drove aimlessly around, with the radio playing one good song after another. At times one of us would be talking, at other times we'd all be talking at once, and at other times no one would be talking, as we listened to a song and stared out at the darkness. All of us were going to be moving off campus in the fall, to spend our senior years in off-campus housing, and it was kind of sad. We'd grown close during the years we'd spent living in the fraternity house together, and we reminisced about all the good times we'd had during those years, never bringing up the fact that this might be the last time we'd all be together at the same time, even though I'm sure we all thought about it. Plus, we were all worried that Bill Brenneman might be getting drafted in the not too distant future and then end up in Vietnam. We didn't talk about that, either, and fortunately that didn't happen, and Bill was back on campus in the fall.

It was kind of a magical moment when everything seemed good and being a member of Alpha Sigma Phi and being a friend and a brother to these guys in the car meant a lot to me. When we got back and Tom parked outside the fraternity house, "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" by the Beatles was playing on the radio, and even though Tom had turned off the motor, we all sat there and listened to the song in its entirety. When the song was over and we began climbing out of the car, Tim Struna said something along the lines of, "That just proves what a great group the Beatles are. We're packed in the car like sardines in a can, and yet we sit there and listen to the whole song, even though we've all heard it a million times before." Maybe that was true, or, maybe, as I've thought at times over the years, none of us wanted that special time to end.

"Getting Involved Again" by Lee Blakemore ('52)

Not long ago, I agreed to contact 1950's Alumni (yes, I said 1950!) on behalf of the Gamma Zeta "To Better the Man" Fund. I had the privilege of phoning a number of the brothers, and in many cases this was my first conversation with most of them in over fifty years. What a delightful experience! Since I had been initiated in 1952, I didn't actually know a few of these brothers. I didn't know what to expect, but I was amazed at the warmth and sense of brotherhood that typically greeted me. Some conversations lasted as long as 40 minutes!

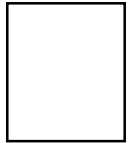
Surprisingly, some wanted to know about me, my career and family, even before I had the opportunity to ask about them. I learned that most have had interesting careers and some are involved in post-career activities serving society in positive ways. They wanted to know about today's Gamma Zeta. And, some asked about other brothers and reminisced about "those days".


It's refreshing to know that after half a century, Alpha Sigs still embrace the spirit of the Old Gal brotherhood. Thank you brothers for remembering and caring!

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