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## FOUNDER'S DAY MAY 9, 1992 IN MURRAY

The Thirty-third Annual Founder's Day Celebration for the Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega will be held in Murray on Saturday, *May 9, 1992*, at the Murray Country Club. This year's Founder's Day will focus on the groundbreaking for the construction of our new Chapter House. A reception for alumni and Chapter members is scheduled for Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Fraternity House. Saturday's festivities will start at 8:30 a.m. with a golf tournament at the Miller Course. A groundbreaking ceremony will follow at the site of the new Chapter House on

the southeast corner of Main and Sixteenth Street at approximately 4:00 P.M. The evening's festivities will continue with a Founder's Day Dinner/Program to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Country Club to be followed by a dance later that evening. A separate announcement and registration return will be mailed to all alumni in the very near future. You are encouraged to make room reservations now by contacting the Holiday Inn at (502) 753-5986 or Shoney's Inn at (502) 753-5353. Record attendance by alumni is anticipated. Make plans to attend!

## Property swap with University finalized

The final details of the property exchange between the Alumni and Housing Association and Murray State University for the lot proposed for construction of the new Chapter House at the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Main Streets were finalized following a meeting on January 14, 1992, in Owensboro. That meeting occurred between representatives of the Alumni Association, the University, and the Real Properties Division of the Finance and Administration Cabinet for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Finance and Administration Cabinet has approved the exchange conditioned upon ATO obtaining a zoning change for the new House site. Approval for the rezoning of the new lot by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the

Murray City Council is expected in March. The exchange of Deeds is anticipated to occur in early April. The University has agreed that the Chapter may continue to use the present facility at 101 N. 16th Street until at least January 1, 1994, if the construction of the new House is not completed before that date.

The Board of Directors, at its meeting on December 18, 1991, has voted to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on the new lot on May 9, 1992, during Founder's Day. The Construction Subcommittee is continuing forward in the development of the final Plans to construct a brick colonial designed House on the new lot. These Plans should be submitted to the Board of Directors in the near future for final approval.

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## Lawsuit against national dismissed

The National Fraternity has announced that a wrongful death lawsuit filed in Davidson County, Tennessee, against a Tennessee Congressman and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has been dismissed against the Fraternity. The suit was initiated after three students from a Tennessee campus had stopped at the Murray State campus ATO Chapter House on December 13, 1990. The students had visited the ATO House for only a short period of time before leaving. The students did not appear to be drinking at the House and no alcohol had been served by anyone in the Chapter to the Tennessee students in accordance with

ATO's strict Risk Avoidance Policy. Some four hours after their visit to the ATO House, the students, while returning to their campus, were involved in a traffic accident in Graves County. One student was killed and the two other students were seriously injured.

The National Fraternity was dismissed from the suit late last year. The active Chapter was not a party to the litigation. The Chapter's adherence to ATO's Risk Avoidance Policy was credited by the National Fraternity as a significant factor in the exoneration of ATO's liability for the accident.

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## Chapter activities highlighted

Academically, ATO posted another good semester under the watchful eye of Jare Nall. We had an active chapter G.P.A. of 2.4. David Arterburn was honored at our all-Greek assembly with a 4.0 in the area of pre-med.

In sports, the 91-92 school year has seen a tough struggle for the All-Sports trophy. We opened the season with a strong showing in softball going 7 - 1 and taking first place. In flag football we had a good showing but got beat by the Chops 14 - 12 in the championship game. As a result, we were dead-locked in points going into the second half of the year.

But the Taus were fired up coming back off break going undefeated in basketball. If we can have a good showing in volleyball, we should go on to our third consecutive All-Sports crown.

We are also staying active in the community. Last December we participated with Sigma Sigma Sigma collecting and distributing toys to underprivileged children in the community. Over 50 actives participated in this project that received coverage in the Murray Ledger and Times.

We can also take pride in our adopt-a-high-way program. There are two miles of highway 94 that we clean and take care of when needed.

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## Little sister contributes \$1,000.00

The ATO Capital Construction Fund Drive received an unexpected boost at Homecoming this past October. Elaine Spalding, a little sister who attended Murray State in the late 70's, surprised alumni by making a \$1,000.00 donation during the annual alumni reception at the House. Elaine was impressed with the success of the fundraising drive and requested that she be permitted to participate in the construction of the new House as an expression of her past and present support of ATO. Elaine's contribution will be permanently commemorated in the Chapter House in the same fashion as other lifetime contributors to the Construction Fund Drive. Any other little sisters desiring to contribute or brothers who wish to

contribute as a memorial to any little sister are encouraged to do so.

Hopefully, Elaine's commitment and dedication will serve as a stimulus to alumni brothers to join in the fundraising campaign to construct the much needed new Chapter House that will stand as a memorial for many years to come to the heritage and tradition of Zeta Lambda Chapter established during the past 33 years.

Elaine is presently the Vice President of Marketing/Communications for the Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce and resides in Louisville. Many thanks again to Elaine from the alumni of Zeta Lambda Chapter for her continued support of ATO.

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# Construction fund drive proceeds

The ATO Capital Construction Fund Drive, initiated at Homecoming in October of 1990, has now passed the \$100,000.00 mark for pledges and contributions as of February 1 of this year. Coupled with other undesignated alumni funds committed by the Board of Directors to the project, we are now approximately \$65,000.00 short of our stated goal of \$200,000.00. Fundraising efforts will continue on an increased level during the next 90 days. The Board of Directors has voted to continue the fundraising drive through Founder's Day. All monies pledged and donated to the Capital Fund

Drive shall continue to be maintained in an interest-bearing Trust Account at the Bank of Murray and will not be utilized until construction begins. More than 80 brothers have become Lifetime Members of the Alumni Association by making contributions of \$1,000.00 or more to the Capital Construction Fund Drive to date.

Any alumnus who wishes to contribute to the Capital Construction Fund Drive may do so by calling collect, Jeff S. Taylor at (502) 686-8084, Loman Brown at (216) 659-3518, or Mike Sanford at (619) 566-3843.

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## Dear Brothers:

As Alpha Tau Omega is setting the standards by which all other fraternities at Murray are measured, I am truly honored to have been elected President. The newly elected administration is very enthusiastic about the upcoming year.

I have recently attended two Regional Leadership Conferences and I attended The Leadership Institute this past summer. Last Fall I served as Rush Chairman and last Spring I served as Pledge Trainer. I am also currently serving as President of the Interfraternity Council (IFC). I feel that with these accomplishments and experiences along with the attitude not only of the other officers but the entire chapter, that Zeta Lambda will increase the distance between itself and second place.

Being number one is not easy. Sometimes people want to relax and rely on their past accomplishments to move forward. Since May 9, 1959 Zeta Lambda has worked hard to become number one, and will continue to work hard to remain number

one. A few goals for the upcoming year are: 1) To work hard on new methods of fund raising to help ensure the financial stability of the chapter as we prepare to move into our new house 2) To become more involved in campus and community activities so that non-greeks can see that we are not "Animal House" and do away with bad publicity and 3: To better our relations with other greeks on campus.

Some programs that I hope to implement at Zeta Lambda are long term programs that will hopefully benefit the chapter in years to come.

I look forward to meeting all of you at this years Founder's Day on May 9. On that day we will celebrate the ground breaking for the new house, the beginning of a new era, and our 33 year reign atop the greek system at Murray State University.

Fraternally,

Brian Wilmurth, President

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## Pledges

Jason Adams Murray, KY	Brian Mills Mayfield, KY	Bryan Anderson Murray, KY	Matt Owens Carterville, IL
John Boone Princeton, KY	Doug Payne Murray, KY	Chris Dill Murray, KY	Joe Sandefur Boonville, IN
Phillip "Bud" Driskill Grand Rivers, KY	Brent Shephard Hopkinsville, KY	Jason Holland Eddyville, KY	Jeff Smeathers Owensboro, KY
Ryan McMurtry Boonville, IN	Jarrold Smith Beechmont, KY	Brian Merrill Boonville, IN	Michael Thomas Taylorsville, KY
Mark Miller Calvert City, KY	Mark Wahl Lincoln City, IN	Rob Miller Chaffee, MO	Steve Wewrin Henderson, KY

## New Officers

A new administration has been recently elected. The eight capable young men will be taking over after spring break. The new officers are as follows:

**President**  
Brian Wilmurth  
East Prairie, MO

**Historian**  
Shawn Byrum  
Boonville, IN

**Vice-President**  
Chad Angle  
Evansville, IN

**Secretary**  
Tom Brockman  
Louisville, KY

**Worthy Chaplain**  
Ben Stilwell  
Boonville, IN

**Sergeant-At-Arms**  
Grant Simpson  
Louisville, KY

**Treasurer**  
Bruce Thurmond  
Murray, KY

**Doorkeeper**  
Will Jay Bennett  
Mayfield, KY

## Looking for lost brothers

Please send any current information that you might have on ATO-Zeta Lambda members that have moved recently.

We currently utilize a mailing list supplied by ATO national and try to cross check this list with one from Murray State to confirm the most current addresses and phone numbers. Keeping track of 'younger Alumni' is especially difficult due to frequent career changes and relocations. We have also discovered through our phone-a-thon efforts that many of our addresses and phone numbers are to parents of our members.

Obviously if you are reading this and you received it in the mail we have a current address, but please take a few minutes to send the address and phone number of a Brother that is not receiving our newsletters and information.

The opportunity to contact a 'Lost' Brother and renew his interest in our chapter is very important to the Active Chapter in Murray and the Alumni Association.

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

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

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Approx.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge Class Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Alpha Tau Omega  
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Murray, Kentucky 42071

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