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President's Message

Dear Alumni Brothers:

As we begin the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the status of the Zeta Lambda Chapter at Murray State. In my opinion, we have made many accomplishments in 1995.

For the past three years, we have won the fraternity AllSport Championship. We have been able to place several of our members in leadership positions on campus organizations. Examples of these are Student Government, Student Ambassadors, and Summer Orientation Counselors. Brother Dave Washburn and Sara Thompson, a former ATO sweetheart, were recognized as MSU's Outstanding Senior Man and Woman for 1995. Scholastically, we have the third highest GPA among fraternities on campus. The major accomplishment of this past semester was our Fall Pledge Class. After an excellent rush effort by the active chapter, we were able to recruit sixteen quality men who will be an asset to our fraternity.

Our chapter has also undergone a change from a single advisor to a Board of Trustees composed of four alumni. From my perspective, this new format appears to be working well.

I appreciate the cooperation we have had from you over the past year, and I hope that the relationship between the active chapter and alumni continues to grow stronger. Should you need to contact me or have any potential rush prospects, please call me at (502) 753-7605. Love and respect to all my brothers.

Sincerely,
Michael Hopkins
President, Zeta Lambda Chapter

Immediate Financial Goal of Housing Corporation

Brothers, we have an immediate goal of paying off our furniture note of approximately \$22,000 but we need your help in doing so. We desperately wanted to pay this off before Homecoming 1995, and even with the generosity of some brothers, the response to our call for help was not overwhelming. This note is a real strain on our cash flow and if we could negate it, our comfort level with our obligations would be greatly improved. Some of you heeded the call and your donations were greatly appreciated but we find ourselves still fighting this note. *Brothers, we really do need your help—Big Time!* At Homecoming 1996, my tenure as president of the Alumni Association/Housing Corporation will expire and a new president will take office. *I do not want to leave the new president with this debt.* So I beg you, if you have not yet donated to the house, please join your brothers who have. Help leave your mark here at MSU. We have over 900 ATO alumni and the number who have participated is approximately 200 for a participation rate of 22%. Guys, surely the fraternity meant something to all of us and we can do better than this. Consider this a personal challenge to get involved to perpetuate this fraternity on MSU's campus.

Please mail a check NOW to:

Dave Hornback, ATO Housing Corp. President
c/o Peoples First National Bank
P O Box 1080
Murray, KY. 42071-1080

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Housing Corporation Financial Report

Most Alumni are aware of our financial problems with the property and are helping us reach our goal of solid footing. Here it is in a condensed version. Alumni donations and projected lease income were enough to build the Chapter House, Carriage House, etc. In order to furnish the facility we borrowed approximately \$43,000 based on Alumni pledges. Most Brothers honored these pledges and some Alumni stiffed us. We returned to fund raising and have reduced the debt to a current level of \$22,000. The income from the active chapter is budgeted to pay fixed expenses related to the property, mortgage, taxes, insurance, etc. All monies raised from the Alumni are used to reduce the short term note. We currently spend all income on fixed or variable cost, (maintenance and repairs). We do not have a reserve for improvements and replacement of major items; we need to replace carpet in the next few years; we need to seal coat the asphalt parking lot now to extend its useful life. A memorial to Lost Brothers is a top priority and additional landscaping is always wanted. The short term note must be paid this year. This debt has a strangle hold on our Association and we cannot proceed with any projects until this debt is eliminated.

Income:

Active Chapter Lease..... \$39,000

Expenses:

Mortgage (\$2016/mo 7% fixed 20 year) .. \$24,192

Property Taxes \$4,577

Insurance \$2,420

Maintenance and Repairs \$5,975

Pest Control, Filter Svc. \$326

Bank Charges, Misc. \$70

Total \$37,560

Important Housing Corporation Information

At Homecoming, the Housing Corporation passed unanimously a motion to require annual dues of \$50 to become a member. The only persons exempt from said dues would be those persons who are already lifetime members (those persons who have already contributed \$1,000 or more toward the financing of the fraternity house). It is important to remember that these dues ARE NOT required to be a member of the Alumni Association. As a member of the Housing Corporation, you would have voting rights on issues as they pertain to the house. Certainly, we would like every alumni to belong to the Housing Corporation, as well. Our success with the house depends directly on the alumni support and involvement that is received. I would sincerely urge you, if you are not a lifetime member, to join the Housing Corporation and support us with not only your dollars, but also your input.

The Board has decided to take our show on the road. We plan to have our February meeting in Paducah on February 10, and the March meeting in Louisville. When plans are complete, we will contact brothers in those areas with the specifics. Please support us on our "road show" if we come to your area by attending the meetings!

Gamma Alpha Pledge Class

- Robby Peak Morganfield, KY
- Donnie Knupp Grand Tower, IL
- Heath Keller Hopkinsville, KY
- Justin Adams Hopkinsville, KY
- Lee Jay Smith Hopkinsville, KY
- Jermi Redden Benton, KY
- Brian Puckett Calvert City, KY
- J.R. Reynolds Benton, KY
- Adam Grogan Murray, KY
- Damon Cahoon Murray, KY
- Justin Miller Murray, KY
- Justin Grant Uniontown, KY
- Michael Carpenter Murray, KY
- Jason Bogle Milburn, KY
- Stewart Brown Paducah, KY
- Denny Null..... Mayfield, KY

The members of the
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION/HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD
are as follows:

- Dave Hornback · President
- Brian Wilmurth · Vice President
- Jamie Crady · Secretary
- Marc Peebles · Treasurer
- Doug Glass · Housing Coordinator
- Tom Adams · Mark Edwards
- Brad Dowell · Kerry Harvey

Announcement

HOMECOMING 1996 October 4 & 5, 1996!

To All Brothers—HOMECOMING 1996 will be on the weekend of October 5 and Murray State will be playing Austin Peay! Mark this day on your calendar, plan yourself a mini-vacation and come back "Home" for 1996. Having completed a 1995 season that saw the Racers go 11-0 and win the OVC Championship, having the coach, Houston Nutt, named National Division IAA Coach of the Year and having two of the players named All American, the football team looks forward to an exciting 1996 campaign. Brother Chris Dill became the all time scorer at MSU with his "Golden Toe". ATOs have always played a big part in MSU athletics and 1995 was the same.

There has been some discussion of trying to revamp Homecoming to get more alumni to attend. We want to get feedback from *you* to see if it is at all feasible. What was discussed is as follows:

Friday Afternoon - golf outing

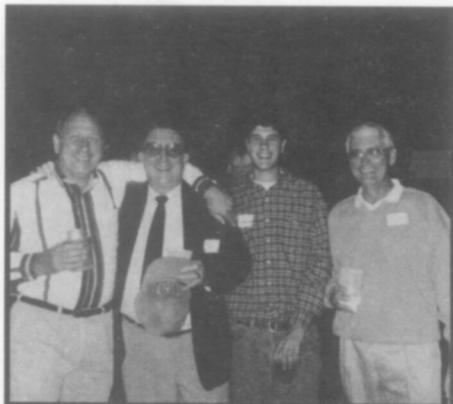
Friday Night - a "light" cocktail reception at the house

Saturday evening - a BYOB dance and get together at the house.

Now, we *really do* need your feedback regarding this format, but before I go any further, I want to clear up some misunderstandings which are bound to exist. The Alumni Association HAS to charge for Homecoming.

It is our only way of deferring costs. What Costs you might ask. We have insurance, refreshments, bar attendants, etc. In 1994, we lost about \$300 and in 1995, we made about \$300. As Saturday night is a BYOB affair, we would anticipate that the costs for homecoming would be the same as in past years. *Please let us know your feelings about this new format. Your response will guide us on what we will do for 1996.*

Again, mark your calendar for HOMECOMING 1996 and plan to attend.



— Random photos of 1995 Homecoming. —

Alumni Update:

As of this writing, I have found out that Brother Larry Mullen, alias LA-LA or Granny, has suffered a mild heart attack. That was bad enough but the "mild" heart attack culminated in heart surgery resulting in a 5 bypass operation. I really take this to heart as Larry was Worthy Master when I was Secretary of the Fraternity. He was also my roommate and stole my clothes after I ironed them so he could wear them to class! Larry is a superior individual for those of you who have never had the pleasure of meeting him. If you would like to send a card or letter you may do so by mailings to: Larry and Jeanne Mullen, 145 Old Meadow Way, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Telephone: (407) 626-1407.

Davey Carr has retired from the military and is a teacher and Athletic Director at Murray High School. His son Michael is an officer in the ATO Chapter here at Murray.

Jamie Crady and Ellen Bennett Crady are expecting their first child in June. We are all in hopes that the baby will look like Ellen! Jamie is employed at Paschall Truck Lines here in Murray.

Mark Edwards is soon to be married and joining the throng of the immensely happy. He will wed Tanya Jones and we all send our sympathy to Tanya.

Steve and LaVeeta Story have recently moved back to Murray. Steve is President of Peoples First National Bank of Calloway County. His daughters are students at MSU; Angie is a senior and Stephanie is a freshman. Welcome home, Steve!

Jeff Taylor, an immensely successful attorney in Owensboro, was honored at Homecoming this year by being presented with the David Moffitt Award for Outstanding Service. Jeff has worked countless hours, as you all know, to make the new fraternity house a reality. No one deserved this honor more than he. Congratulations and thanks, Jeff.

David Graham was also honored at Homecoming by being presented the Presidents Award for outstanding service to the Fraternity. David has also worked in visualizing the new house and putting in countless hours, unselfishly, to make it happen. Fellas, we owe David and Jeff more than we could ever repay.

If you have had any change of address or anything that you would like to let us know about, you can contact either Frank Emmons via the "Net", or send it to us here in Murray. We really do want to fill the newsletter with information about you!

Brother's Eternal

It is always sad to remember someone who was taken from our midst too soon. Often times, as we are separated by distance and time, we do not hear of our brothers who have passed away. In honor of our deceased brothers and their families, we feel it fitting to bring to your attention the names of those brothers who have joined the Chapter Eternal.

Dr. Robert F. Alsup - Former Advisor

Charles Raymond Myers

Michael P. Butler

Ken Coleman

Mark T. Finley

Benjamin R. Foulk

Scott A. Wilson

Mark Barber

Terry Prater

James M. Harris

Timothy R. McEnroe

Jerry L. Munson

Roger D. Partington

Ronald Watts

Maurice Weitlauf

David Moffitt

Dickie Hodge

If we have not received word of a passing and you have information regarding such, please let us know. We certainly want to honor and remember all our departed brothers.

ACTIVE CHAPTER DATE FOR
SPRING 1996

April 20 - Frog Hop

Information for the Zeta Lambda chapter should be sent to ATO, P.O. Box 821, Murray, KY 42071.

Alpha-Tau Omega
1511 Main Street
Murray, Kentucky 42071

KIRBY A RHINES
4306 RIVANNA DR
LOUISVILLE KY 40299

Newsletter Compliments of Brother Lanny Stegall

This newsletter is being brought to you thanks to the generosity of Brother Lanny Stegall of Louisville. The only requirement was that we send it to his correct address! At Homecoming '95, Lanny got tired of us moaning about being broke and yet wanting to try to send out a newsletter and he personally funded this newsletter to you. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Lanny. If you would personally like to thank him, his address is:

Lanny Stegall
4505 Payne Mill Road
Versailles, Kentucky 40383

"Surf the Net with Emmons"

At this year's Homecoming, Brother Frank Emmons graciously agreed to help the Alumni Association in gathering news, information and other tidbits from those of you who are "computerized". This information will be used for FUTURE editions of the Alumni Newsletter. If you would like to contact Frank via computer, you can do by addressing as follows:

FEMMESI@AOL.COM

Frank will then route this information through Brother Brian Wilmurth here in Murray. *So guys, please send us information about yourself, your kids, your job or anything else of interest to your brothers.*

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