

# The ATO BUGLE



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## Homecoming 97

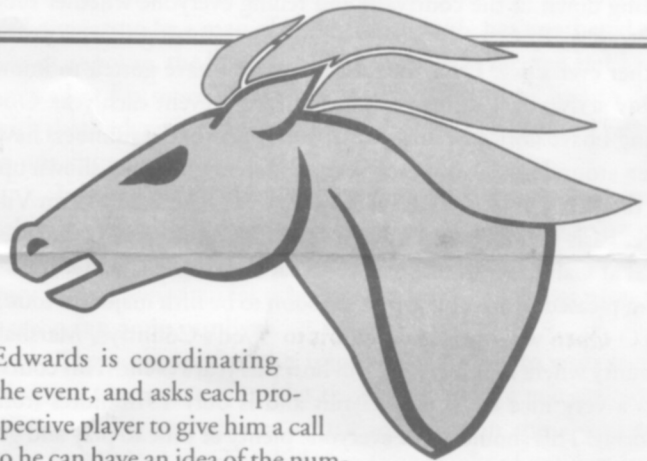
October is fast approaching, which means Homecoming at Murray State can't be too far away. This year's Homecoming is set for October 11 if you go by the university's calendar. The ATO Zeta Lambda calendar says Homecoming is October 9-11.

Your alumni board has worked hard to design a fantastic Homecoming in 1997. It may not be the best ever, but it certainly will be the cheapest and most action-packed.

As many of you know, we're trying something different this year to ensure a heavy turnout for one of the most important weekends for ATO alumni. Instead of the usual \$50-\$60 assessment per alum, we're going to go to a zero assessment this year. That's right, there will be no charge for any of the events at the house. Of course, a fish bowl will be set up to accept contributions to cover the cost, and though there is no obligation, we hope our brothers will step up and give a little something back.

Also this year, upon the urging of other brothers, we're going to push the Thursday night and Saturday night events. We'll kick things off Thursday night with a come-as-you-like BYOB "Early Bird" at the house. We've already received confirmation from several brothers who will attend so please take advantage of the opportunity to kick the weekend off right.

On Friday morning, we'll have the usual golf outing, which should be one of the best in years. This year's tour stop is the Benton Country Club. A very affordable \$35 entry fee will cover greens fees, carts, and cash prizes. Beginning at 8:30, golfers can warm up on the Bloody Mary driving range. Also, a beverage cart will be making the rounds to help the golfers replenish fluids lost while flinging clubs. Once again, former tour player Mark



Edwards is coordinating the event, and asks each prospective player to give him a call so he can have an idea of the number of players. Please make plans to play in this fun-filled event. Everyone is invited, from the weekend hacker to the established four-times-a-week player. Mark can be reached at (502) 767-0302.

Friday evening's cocktail party will begin at 8 p.m. at the house (no charge) and will include assorted refreshments and live music.

Saturday morning kicks off with a biscuit breakfast at 9:30, followed by the annual meeting at 10:30. This year's meeting lacks the controversy of last year's "Senate hearing" so it should be more enjoyable and less time consuming. That should give us plenty of time to make it to Tent City at Stewart Stadium by noon. For the first time ever, Alpha Tau Omega will have a tent in the city, which will give brothers a place to congregate. This year's Homecoming football game doesn't kick off until 3 p.m. so we'll have plenty of time to tailgate.

Unlike past years, we're going to muster back at the house at around 9 p.m. Saturday. Many brothers have expressed an interest in having a Saturday night function back at the house after going to dinner or "South," so we'll have a BYOB party Saturday night.

We have saved Sunday for recovery and travel.

# News...News...News...

## ATO Open Golf Tournament

Hello everyone! Some of you know me already but let me introduce myself for those of you who don't—my name is Mark Edwards. I realize everyone has other pressing things to accomplish, however, this year I hope as many of you as possible will be able to schedule a long weekend in Murray. I pledged in 1987 and as a pledge I remember my first homecoming golf outing. We all gathered in the courtyard at the old house and I didn't know any of the alumni. Many of you know Pat Gossum; I remember Pat sitting down in the courtyard and telling everyone whether they were an A, B, C, or D player. I have been putting this event together ever since. Over the past ten years I have gotten to know many actives and alumni by playing in this event each year. One thing I have noticed is that for whatever reason the numbers have been around 30-40, but each year a different group has shown up. In the past we have played at Murray C. C., Kentucky Dam Village, Paris Landing, and Calvert City C. C. Last year's event was held at Calvert City, however this year the course is under repair. I am pleased to announce that the soon to be fifth major on tour... ATO Open will once again return to "God's Country", Marshall County where Benton C. C. will host this year's event. This course has a very nice 6170 yard layout and is only 15 minutes from Murray. This should allow everyone plenty of time to play and get back to their weekend agenda.

Please call me if you plan to play golf. I would like to get as many pairings completed as possible before that Saturday. Also let me know if there is anyone with whom you would like to be paired.

*I can be reached during the day at 502-767-0410.*

Below are a few details:

*Place: Benton Country Club*

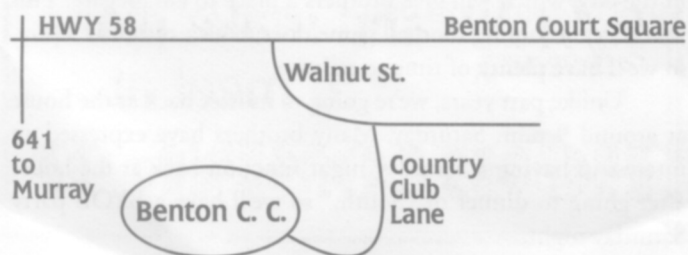
*Date: Friday October 10, 1997*

*Time: Arrive at 8:30 am to register; play will begin at 9:30 am; we should finish by 3:00 pm.*

*Format: 4-6 man scramble*

*Fee: \$37.00 ( includes green fee, cart, prize money)*

Directions to course:



## Important Housing Corporation Information

To all my brothers, I am again making a plea for you to become involved with ATO by supporting our ongoing need for funds. I know that you hate being asked for money all the time but, let's face it, with our investment in the house and the corresponding financial obligation of the Housing Corporation, it is sorely needed!

I have not personally been involved with the Housing Corporation since my term expired last Homecoming, but I can assure you that the Board and the active chapter are properly maintaining the property and your financial gifts are being expeditiously utilized.

Based upon the latest figures that I have seen, we have had only about 20% participation from the 900+ ATO Alumni regarding the finances of the house. To be a lifetime member of the Housing Corporation, your total gift giving to the corporation must equal \$1,000 or more. A name plate bearing your name will be added to the permanent plaque located in the main foyer of the House. This bears testament to future generations of your support of the ATO House on the campus of Murray State University.

Even if you cannot become a lifetime member, any gift would be greatly appreciated. If we are to maintain the house in a manner which makes us all proud, we need \$\$\$\$. We cannot allow the house to deteriorate in any manner. Based upon what I have seen and heard, the active chapter is doing their dead level best to keep the property in a sound manner. In other words, they appear to be doing their part—we all need to do ours!

I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, on of the "big hitters" when it comes to monetary gift giving, although I have tried to do what I could. However, the pleasure that I have received from being involved, both financially and physically, has been rewarding in and of itself. I feel as if I have been able to give something back to an organization which helped mold me and "made" my college years. My fondest memories are of fraternity brothers. Believe me, today's ATOs will feel the same thirty years from now. They have dreams just like we did. As alumni, we need to help their memories be good ones, as are ours.

So, PLEASE, won't you help? I beg you to give a gift and, if you can, become a lifetime member by forwarding TODAY your gift to:

ATO Housing Corporation  
P.O. Box 821  
Murray, KY 42071

# Announcement

**HOMECOMING 1997**  
**October 9 - 11, 1997!**

### *Just Come Back*

I just spent a weekend at the Street Rod Nationals in Southern Illinois with Big Time Dunn. The weekend was spent looking at hot rods, young cuties, and telling old stories. Even though it's been a couple years since we went active it seemed like only yesterday. The hot rods looked great, the cuties young, and the old stories better than ever. We talked about our friendship and how it has endured and grown over the past years and that the common bond is the Brotherhood we have shared.

One thing we always talk about is why don't more of our Brothers come back to Murray for our annual Homecoming, if not every year at least once in a while. Some of the best Brothers have never been back, and these were men to whom I looked up to and felt very close.

We had some great times with a lot of these Brothers and it sure would be good to spend a little time and just renew old friendships. Why not this year take the time to pick up the phone and find an "old friend" and invite him back to spend a weekend at the ATO house for homecoming. It's amazing how good it will make you feel.

Fraternally,  
 Rat Rat

## BECOME A LIFETIME MEMBER

Contribute \$1,000

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of the

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*Send Your Contributions to:*

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P.O. Box 821

Murray, KY 042071

*For additional information contact:*

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# Alumni Update:

## A Visit With Frank "BOOTS" Miller

For all you guys from the sixties, Boots Miller floated through Murray on his way to a family reunion at Kentucky Lake on July 17, 1997. He came by to visit with me for a while and I cannot tell you what a thrill it was to see him. Boots is a very successful "retired" businessman, who lives in Cordele, Georgia. I had not seen Boots since I graduated in January, 1967, and our visit was something I won't soon forget. For those of you who don't know, Boots has weathered some of the most devastating events that anyone could imagine and has survived and appears to be a man of strong resolve. He has weathered the loss of a spouse, the loss of a child and other tragedies, but I was amazed at his sense of purpose. Had others of us had to deal with these adversities, we would have folded our tent and cashed in our chips.

It brought home the fact that many of us haven't seen each other for years (many of us since we graduated) and truly, old friends are the best! We often think of one another but we make very little attempt to let others know where we are or what we have going on in our lives.

The purpose of all this is to encourage you to write to the Housing Corporation and let them know where you are, what you are doing and give us a little information about you and your family. You may think that no one thinks of you but I can guarantee that is not the case. Fella's let's not lose touch! We may not get to physically visit with one another but the least we can do is keep others informed of what is going on in our lives. We are scattered all over the nation and it would be good to know who is where—you never can tell, we might be passing within a mile of you each year and we don't even know it! For years, I have traveled down I-75 and didn't know that Boots lived in Cordele! Had I known, I would have seen him long before now!

Dave Hornback



Call a Brother  
 and make plans  
 to meet at

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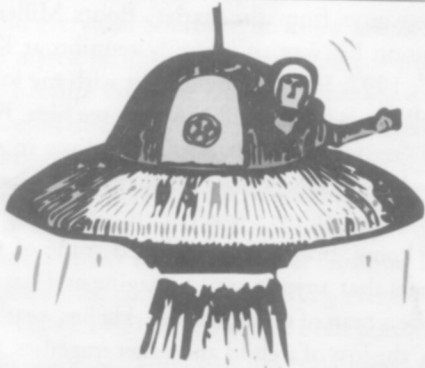
## NOTICE

We are attempting to make our newsletters more alumni "friendly." We are looking for Brothers who would be willing to write an article or share an ATO story for the next newsletter. Please mail your story to:

ATO Newsletter  
P.O. Box 821  
Murray, KY 42071

## PLAY GOLF WITH THE TAUS

See Details on Page 2.



# MOVING?

Are you changing your address or do you know anyone who has recently moved? Please help us update our files.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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