

Fourth Annual Alumni Golf Outing August 1, 2003

Schedule of Events

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration

1:00 p.m.

Shotgun Start

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cocktails, Auction, Dinner and Awards

9:00 p.m.

AfTau Party at Zella in Chicago

Get your foursome ready! We travel this summer to the northern suburbs to play at the recently renovated Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling, Ill., on August 1. The club has spent millions renovating the golf course (new greens, bent-grass fairways and better bunker placements) over the past two years.

Chevy Chase Country Club is 30 miles north of downtown Chicago and 20 miles east of O'Hare Airport. Cost per golfer for the event is \$150 and includes range balls, electronic scoring, GPS yardage system, cocktail party, dinner and much more. Please indicate in your response who will be in your foursome.

We will be renting a bus that will leave from Zella (1938 N. Clybourn) at 11:00 a.m. and returning after the event in time for the AfTau party. The cost is to be announced soon. Don't drink and drive! Please indicate if you are interested, or e-mail **Greg Foster '98** at gfooster@fathomsolutions.com.

Hole sponsorships are \$500 each. For more information on sponsoring a hole, please contact **Paul Wilkowski '00** at pwilkowski@hotmail.com.

Additionally, we are looking for unique prizes to auction off. In the past, we have auctioned Illini or ATO memorabilia, tickets to sporting events, rounds of golf, clubs, etc. If you have something you would like to dedicate to the cause, please contact **Ryan McNaughton '02** at rmcnaughton@huronconsultinggroup.com.

Proceeds of the 2003 Alumni Golf Outing benefit the Matt Heldman Memorial Scholarship. To register for the event or to make a tax-deductible donation to the scholarship, please contact **Dave Krug '95** at (773) 750-3706 or davekrug1@yahoo.com. ■

Gamma Zeta News

Gamma Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
University of Illinois

June 2003

Alumni Profile

The Former Chief Illiniwek



Q+A with William D. Forsyth '83

The days of exhibiting his Illini pride as the infamous mascot are long gone, but the memories and friendships created by Brother "Biff" Forsyth '83 in the halls of ATO in the early '80s are stronger than ever.

Why did you join ATO?

I joined ATO because of camaraderie and commonality I experienced when I visited the Gamma Zeta Chapter during fraternity rush. The fraternity brothers took great pride both in

the physical plant and the esprit de corps of the members, and that made a lasting impression on me.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

My favorite memory of the fraternity was the general buzz and activity of the house during the course of the average evening. Walking into the fraternity around 10:00 p.m. on a weeknight, the activities ranged from intensive studying in certain rooms to casual conversations in others. Some fraternity brothers were on their way out to a late night of studying while others were headed out to the bars for last call. ATO seemed like a virtual microcosm of university life.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

The greatest influence the fraternity has had on my life since graduation has been in the numerous lasting friendships maintained in the years following graduation. Some of the people I respect the most remain my closest friends, and I would likely not have known them but for ATO.

With whom do you still stay in contact? Who would you most like to find?

I stay in contact from time to time with a number of people, including **Steve Norgaard '85, John Compall '83, Tom Casey '83, Doug Altenberger '83, Pete Lantero '81, Nick Roder '85, Matt Manzella '85, Paul Casey '85, Mike Casteel '84** and **Dan Thompson '85**. I'd most like to get together again with **Roger Brown '85**, a dentist in Colorado; we had a lot of great times in college.

Tell us about your family: Have you married? Do you have children?

I married the former Martha Goldrick in 1988; we now have four children (Will, 11; John, 10; Mary Therese, 8; and Andrew, 3).

What other activities or organizations were you involved with during your college days?

I was involved in several activities in college, but the one that was most time-consuming was portraying Chief Illiniwek. Other organizations in which I participated included Interfraternity Council, Student Alumni Association, Student Ambassadors, Mortar Board, Big Brother and Special Olympics.

Did you live in the house?

I lived in the house for all four years with a wide variety of roommates. My first room-

(Continued on Page 3)

New Donor Plaque Dedicated

How Close Are You to Being Listed?

A spectacular new bronze plaque hangs on the south wall in the library at 1101 W. Pennsylvania, recognizing those donors who have contributed at least \$1,101 to Gamma Zeta.

On March 8, over 100 Gamma Zetas gathered for the plaque dedication ceremony and a cocktail party in the east and west living rooms at the house. The highlight of the evening was the keynote speech delivered by **Robert J. Simonds '43**, former worthy master and ATO worthy grand chief and the largest contributor to Gamma Zeta. Special guests included Wynn Smiley, national executive director of ATO, and Steve Siders, National ATO Foundation president.

The plaque recognizes the cumulative gifts made directly to Gamma Zeta over the past 30 years from various campaigns, donations, and events including the Second Century Campaign in 1995 and, most recently, the 2002 Alumni Golf Outing to raise funds for the Matt Heldman Memorial Scholarship.



(L-R) Matt Menna '93, Ryan Roth '95, Duane Teske '68, Robert Simonds '43, Dave Krug '95, Patrick Jensen '98 and Jeffrey Piper '97 in front of the plaque.

The plaque was custom made in Champaign and was designed to be able to move names to higher giving levels as their donations increase over time. There are currently 115 names on the plaque and five gift levels.

If you would like to know how close you are to getting your name on the plaque, please contact **Dave Krug '95** at davekrug1@yahoo.com. We plan to add new names each year during homecoming festivities.

For a complete list of Gamma Zeta donors, please visit www.atogammazeta.com/donors.html.

Robert J. Simonds Circle
(\$75,000 and up)
Robert J. Simonds '43
and family

Thomas Arkle Clark Circle
(\$50,000-\$74,999)
Frederick C. Philbrick '11
Howard H. Cook '17
Dean A. Olson Sr. '37
Stewart D. Daniels Jr. '44
The Sinnock family
in memory of
J.D. Sinnock '83
Brandon Peele '98

Stewart D. Daniels Circle
(\$25,000-\$49,999)
C. Donald Ainsworth '39
James M. Unland '40
Keith G. Wells '42
William R. Schnirring '47
Donald L. Leuthold '48
Robert H. Bacon Jr. '49
Cary D. McMillan '80
David J. Bryant '84

Founders Circle
(\$10,000-\$24,999)
Anonymous
William D. Melton '27
Robert E. Vogeles '48
Richard Voell '54
Thomas R. Anderson '61
Larry E. Austermler '62
Gerald J. Kostelny '75
William T. Barry '77
Nobel D. Olson '77
John C. Aymond '80
David A. Bradley '90

Gamma Zeta Circle
(\$5,000-\$9,999)
Edward B. Giller '38
Robert M. Schram '40
Lewis J. Dunn '44
Hugh E. Cross '46
Thomas C. Garrison '49
William F. McCarty '52
John L. Heath '54
Brad R. Krey '81
William D. Forsyth III '86
John V. McNeil '92
Matthew R. Menna '93

1101 Circle
(\$1,101-\$4,999)
Robert J. Peele
Robert W. Yates '23
William J. Carey '35
Walter T. Morey '37
M. Ray Carroll '38
Jack D. Boggs '39
Richard K. Brown '39
Marion J. French '39
William J. Lane '39
Jefferson D. Giller '40
Albert E. Benoist '41
John W.C. Carlson '44
Ralph D. Creasman '45
Tom Crews '46
Herman Hertenstein '46
John E. Twomey '46
Edward D. Mountz '47
Stephen D. Stoddard '47
Bill N. Conard '48
Victor L. Twomey '48
Thomas H. Krigbaum '49
C. David Schmulbach '49
Jim A. Mitchell '51
Edward J. Ptacek '51
John H. Seiler '51

Jack A. Young '51
Bruce E. Rodgers '54
Tom Whiston '54
Grant Dixon '55
Dennis R. Schlemmer '61
Arthur Hasse '62
Bill Hopper '62
Bradley B. Palmer '62
Ralph Converse '63
Richard J. O'Neill '63
James T. Frakes '68
John Mulliken '68
Duane Teske '68
James R. DeBord '69
Thomas W. Hough '73
Donald G. Armstrong '77
Richard V. Clausing '77
Ron Ewing '77
Jack M. Klues '77
David J. Seiler '77
David J. Koscielniak '78
David Lauschke '78
Rick Lauschke '78
Craig A. Nadborne '78
Jeff Whitnell '78
Douglas Hager '79
William F. McCarty III '79

Rick Rogich '79
Craig Burnette '80
Dan Touhy '80
David D. Teuscher '81
John A. Cochrane '82
Bryan W. Leonard '82
Peter N. Lantero '84
Michael J. Serio '84
Gregory A. Lowenstein '88
Jeffrey S. Wallace '88
Kurt L. Hoefler '89
Thomas E. Paul '89
Nicholas G. Roder '89
Robert W. Vyverberg '90
Douglas Ausnehmer '91
Jonathan M. Bradley '92
Scott D. Voris '92
Quinton D. Baily '93
Paul Dioguardi '95
Mathew T. Huston '95
Scott S. Keegan '95
David P. Krug '95
Anthony Perkins '97
Andrew M. Rucci '97
Gregory K. Foster '98
Patrick J. Jensen '98
Nathan Ernst '00 ■

This Old House

We receive a lot of questions and feedback (both negative and positive) on how the house looks. We appreciate all of the comments and like to hear your thoughts. We have a unique organization in that everybody is an expert on the house because everybody has lived there. We will try and address one specific area of concern via this article each newsletter. This time we will talk a little about the wood walls in the east and west living rooms and in the main foyer.

The wood walls are one of the most celebrated features of the house and one

that a lot of us have (sometimes) fond memories of working on during Hell Week. It was a mini-tradition of sorts to sand down the walls each winter and apply a new coat of oil. This work would make the walls shine for weeks and would make us all proud to be living in such a nice house. However, all of this attention has actually hurt the wood. We've had a couple of professionals look at the wood, and they told us to stop treating the wood each year. Evidently we have sanded down the wood too much in some places, and there isn't much wood left. A second problem that

exists is that we've applied too much oil in some places and the oil ends up running down the walls and leaving ugly marks that are hard to sand down.

The solution to this problem is to have the wall professionally treated every 10 years or so. The walls look good, but we are looking to have them professionally treated in the next year or two after we raise the necessary funds to do so. We hope this information is helpful. Please be sure to let us know if you have any other concerns or questions about the house. ■

Keeping the House in Good Shape

By Patrick Jensen '98, House Corporation President

Thank you for your donations, feedback and responses from our last newsletter. Our objective is to provide you with a steady flow of information on the chapter, current members and alumni. We hope you find the newsletter to be informative and meaningful.

This past semester, we upgraded the TV room with a state-of-the-art home theater system and purchased several new pieces of furniture for the living rooms and the library. As the spring semester ends, the house corporation will be reviewing the chapter house and our budget to determine the next improvement project. Possibilities include restoring the dining hall, upgrading the heating system, renovating a couple of bathrooms, expanding the parking lot, upgrading the laundry room and sponsoring a select number of rooms to be significantly upgraded.

Again, on behalf of the house corporation, I thank you for your continued interest, dedication and donations to Gamma Zeta. We hope to see you at the Matt Heldman Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, August 1. ■

Alumni Profile...continued from page 1.

mate was Pete "Noe" Lantero, and subsequent roommates included **Ed Conlon '81**, Doug Altenberger, **Andy Smith '83** and **Steve Norgaard**. The most memorable time I had with roommates was sitting in the room and playing backgammon while talking about a wide variety of issues, from academics to sports to personal lives. While the backgammon game itself seemed important at the time, in retrospect it was unimportant relative to the experience of getting to really know other people.

What do you do for a living?

I currently own a company that is involved in the business of institutional investment management. We help money management firms attract and retain business from a wide range of pension funds, endowments and foundations in the U.S., Australia and Europe. In conjunction with this business, we established a mutual fund company that provides top-flight investment options to smaller organizations across the country.

What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?

I am involved in a number of charitable organizations, including one that I established at my company, the New Frontiers Foundation. This foundation targets underprivileged Chicago-area youth and provides them with educational and social opportunities that serve as the springboard for their emergence as capable and productive adults. I also serve on the advisory board of a Chicago-based charity, Mobile C.A.R.E., which treats children afflicted with asthma but who have no means to seek professional treatment. Finally, Martha and I co-chair our parish sharing committee, which spearheads the outreach to a number of inner-city parishes and food pantries.

What are your goals for the next few years?

My goals for the next few years include allowing sufficient time to watch my children grow up while trying to maintain and grow my business and maintaining close contact with friends. My first priority is being there for my family, but friends have always been and will continue to be extremely important to me and my family.

Brother Forsyth can be reached at bforsyth@frontier-partners.com. ■

Chapter Report

An Outstanding Spring Semester with the Help of Dedicated Alumni

By Jeff Scolaro, Worthy Master

I would like to thank all alumni whose names appear on our recently dedicated donor plaque. It was reported in this semester's "ATO Palm" that we have the most alumni donors of any ATO chapter in the country. This is a fantastic achievement and a major reason for the continued success here in Urbana.

We are also pleased to report a successful 2003 spring semester. It was a busy time for the Gamma Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, as we were active in all aspects of the house's operations.

We began our semester with the initiation of 28 new members who make up the '06 pledge class. We kept up the membership pace by recruiting 13 spring pledges who make up the '06.5 pledge class; these new members will be returning for initiation week after the summer break.

Once again, our semester contained a full social calendar. Gamma Zeta held three exchanges in addition to our annual second-semester social events. We have planned three more exchanges next semester in addition to homecoming, football block and Outhouse.

Our philanthropy team did not let up in the spring. Alpha Tau Omega hosted another successful blood drive at the Illini Union. With the help of our Mothers' Weekend auction, we were also able to raise \$2,500 for the Y-Me Breast Cancer Foundation.

With the undergraduate aspects of the house holding strong and the continued interest and generosity of the alumni, Gamma Zeta is doing quite well. I would once again like to thank those alumni who donate both their time and their effort to our chapter. If you should have any questions regarding the house, please contact me at scolaro@uiuc.edu. ■

"Night Train" Dedication

The sculpture, "Night Train," by Michael Dunbar was dedicated on September 5, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. It was given to the University of Illinois and the College of Fine and Applied Arts by ATO Brother **Robert Vogele '48** (Graphic Design, '50) and his wife, Ruth ('49).

The red sculpture stands at the corner of Taft Drive and Sixth Street. More photos can be seen at www.arch.uiuc.edu/

[Admin/calendar/NewsandEvents/NightTrain.html](#). ■



Robert and Ruth Vogele, the donors

Alumni UpDates

H.C. Murchison '43

(7905 Hillfawn Cir., Dallas, TX 75248-5331) Recently contacted pledge brothers after over 50 years. Rang in New Year's Day in England as I did in 1945 in a very bombed-out England. I was at Gamma Zeta one semester in 1942 and was never before so intimidated by an alleged educational institution, but so beautifully helped by my brothers. Gamma Zeta changed my life!

William F. McCarty '52

(205 E. Scott St., Tuscola, IL 61953-1836) A good time was had by all the members of the pledge class of 1952 and their spouses, who returned for the Illinois/Indiana homecoming weekend. Celebrating 50 years as ATOs at a gathering on Friday night at Biaggi's were **Joe Baker, Stan Bush, Kip McLaughlin, Rich Sampson, Dick Swanson, Bob Twohey** and I. After enjoying a great victory for the fighting Illini, we enjoyed dinner at the Champaign Country Club. On Sunday morning, We hosted a brunch at our home in Tuscola.

Ronald N. Carlson '53

(121 Hendrix Dr., Spartanburg, SC 29316-8383) My pledge brother, **Robert "Bob" Welton**, passed away Jan. 5, 2003. He was the musical backbone of Gamma Zeta during his years at Illinois, as a sax player and chorus leader.

Ronald W. Henson '56

(2305 Ramshead Ct. South, Waukesha, WI 53188-1562; rhenson@wi.rr.com) I am the eye doctor at the brand-new Wal-Mart Supercenter that opened Jan. 22, 2003, at Delavan, Wis., on I-43 just 22 miles east of Beloit, near Lake Geneva. [Photo below provided by Ron.]



ATO brothers and friends at Bidwells (circa 1957)

Arthur A. Hasse '58

(1830 Linson Ct. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546) I sold my company to a large public company in 1996, and I bought it back in 2001. I cannot believe that people my age

are retired. Working is too much fun, as long as I can play golf and tennis frequently. I have a daughter at Indiana and a daughter at Michigan State. We are Big Ten all the way.

J. Kent McHose '59

(P.O. Box 23533, Silverthorne, CO 80498) We have retired and moved to Silverthorne, Colo. We are in the midst of ski country (Keystone, Copper, Vail), living at 8,700 feet elevation. This year we will climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in June. I was chairman of Filmer Department Stores in New England for five years prior to retirement. We have five children and six grandchildren. I would be very interested in knowing the diversity of the ATOs at Illinois. We have adopted and raised four biracial children. I always felt bothered that my children would not be welcome at ATO. I hope I am wrong and that you are no longer an all-white, exclusive fraternity.

Richard M. Murphy '62

(6350 Bernadette Ln., San Diego, CA 92120-3030) In November 2002, I was elected mayor of San Diego, Calif., America's seventh-largest city. For details, check out the city's Web site at www.sandiego.gov.

James L. Dobrovolny '67

(1206 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61821-3225) I have twin sons graduating in finance from UI. Spencer finished in the fall of 2002 and **Chris '99** in May 2003. Chris is an ATO and was a walk-on for golf, lettering twice for the coach, another brother ATO.

Edward Michael Houlihan '70

(7330 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63130-4047; emhouli@swbell.net) In 2002, Mary and I spent 10 days in France visiting Provence, Lourdes and Paris. We renovated a home in University City, Mo., near Washington University and Clayton. I would like to hear from **Tom Krzeczowski '69, Lee Carpenter '67, Ted Eissfeldt '69** and **Todd Mangun '70**.

Lawrence C. Eppley '79

(437 W. Rosiland Rd., Palatine, IL 60074-1098; leppley@bellboyd.com) Currently I am serving as chairman of the board of trustees at the University of Illinois.

Michael L. Mason '81

(3505 Kingsbere Ct., Marietta, GA 30062-4297) I recently left the law firm of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP and joined the legal services group of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta. I am living in Marietta, Ga., with my wife, Lisa, and two children, William (8) and Abigail (5).

Recruitment Continues in Summer

Recruitment does not stop when school ends for the year. Rush events are currently being planned for the upcoming summer break. We are looking for a strong '07 pledge class to ease the burden of a large graduating senior class. If you have any information regarding potential Gamma Zeta members, please contact our summer rush chair, **Tommy Wetherald**. He can be reached via e-mail at wetherald@uiuc.edu. ■

Mark W. Daniel '87

(300 E. Roosevelt Rd., Ste. 300, Wheaton, IL 60187-1908) I was married to Olga Schiele-Daniel on Dec. 30, 2002.

Brett H. Smith '87

(1111 W. William St., Champaign, IL 61821-4506; ubc@uiuc.edu) I am the pastor at University Baptist in Champaign and teaching part time at Urbana Theological Seminary. I received my Ph.D. from Northwestern University in June 2002, with my dissertation "Envisioning and Embodying a Public, Protestant Paideia at the University of Illinois, 1867-1880."

Michael A. Terry '90

(310 E. 71st St., Apt. #7E, New York, NY 10021; materry55@aol.com) Lynne and I had a son, William, born Dec. 7, 2002. The three of us will be moving to Vail, Colo., for a sports medicine fellowship in August. Come visit!

David P. Krug '95

(3105 N. Ashland, #349, Chicago, IL 60657; davekrug1@yahoo.com) I moved back to Chicago last fall after spending 18 months in Sydney, Australia. I am currently working in real estate sales and marketing for @Properties in Chicago. ■

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

William C. Champion (11/17/94)

Frank E. Hewitt '31 (11/98)

Arthur F. Zeman '41 (4/9/03)

Robert G. Welton '53 (1/5/03)

Alpha Tau Omega mourns their passing and extends sincere condolences to their families and friends.