

UPCOMING EVENTS

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We invite you and your families to come join the celebration on campus as Illinois takes on Ball State. More information will be posted online at www.atoillinois.com as the date draws nearer.

Saturday, November 17, 2007 Fall Alumni Gathering

House Corporation would like to show its appreciation for all alumni and invite you and your families to join us for a game watch in Chicago as the Fighting Illini football team takes on Northwestern. Details will be forthcoming.

For more information about these events, please see page 2.

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2007 Home Football Schedule

We'd love to see you if you are in town for any of the following six home games this coming fall:

9/8 – Western Illinois, TBA

9/29 – Penn State, TBA

10/6 – Wisconsin, TBA
(Dad's Day)

10/20 – Michigan, 7:00pm CT

10/27 – Ball State, 11:00am CT
(Homecoming)

11/17 – Northwestern, TBA



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HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

Capital Campaign Plans are Underway, Undergraduate Chapter Completes Successful Year and Many Events are Planned for Alumni

*Remember to Visit Our Alumni Web Site at www.atoillinois.com to Stay
Up-to-Date on ATO Happenings*

By Jeff Piper '97

Gamma Zeta closed another successful chapter in its history, finishing the 2006-2007 academic year very strong. Our newsletter's intent is to both inform our membership of new developments and also enable undergraduates and alumni to reflect on the progress we have made and acknowledge other members' outstanding accomplishments. Since our last newsletter, there have been a number of positive events at the House, while there are also multiple notices and reminders to pass along to fellow alumni. Here are some of the highlights:

Gamma Zeta Notes

- **Undergraduate Update** – At the time of our last newsletter, the Chapter's new leadership had recently been elected and articulated the following goals for the academic year: i) a top-10 academic ranking among fraternities, ii) financial collections of 95% or better, iii) maintain a minimum of 75 live-in members, and iv) launch the University's only marquee

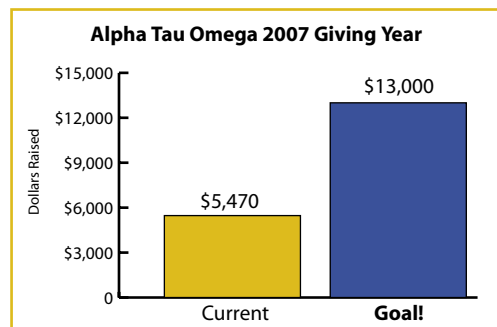
campus-wide philanthropy event. Throughout the balance of the fall and spring semesters, this group of undergraduate leaders, consisting of President **Kyle Gillen**, Treasurer **Aaron Zaluzec**, Vice President **Jimmy Skuros** and House Manager **Lee Newmark** (collectively, "House Committee,") worked diligently to improve the fundamental living conditions and outlook of the brotherhood. I am happy to report that the membership has made substantial strides towards achieving each of these goals, while internally a number of indicators continue to exhibit encouraging trends and play a significant role in building positive momentum within the Chapter. For the third consecutive semester, we have reached capacity and maxed out the number of members living in-house. Maintaining this 100% capacity level will be essential to securing our financial flexibility in the coming years. Financially, the Chapter is on solid footing thanks to the efforts of Treasurer **Aaron Zaluzec** and House

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Get Your Name on the 2007 Honor Roll!

The 2007 Giving Year is Already Halfway Over

Since 1/1/07 we have raised \$5,470 from 42 gifts. We need your support to reach our goal of \$13,000. Donate today by calling our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699 or visiting our website www.atoillinois.com. Remember, the reason that you are reading this newsletter is the same reason that you should give today: to keep up with your relationships from fraternity days and help provide the same experience for future Alpha Tau Omegas.



Corporation Treasurer **Ryan Roth**. For the spring semester which ended May 2006, the house achieved its best collections rate ever, posting a 95%+ delivery rate. The philanthropy chair and committee are in the planning stages for hosting its new campus-wide charitable event. These advances will prove integral in solidifying the next generation of leaders and ensuring the future success of the Chapter.

• **Miles to Go** – Unfortunately, the House is facing its share of challenges too. Following leadership missteps and ineffective officer transitioning, bad habits had compounded and created multiple issues, including poor house maintenance, unstructured pledge programming, and risk management violations. Realizing the problems weren't going away on their own and that the House Committee needed additional support, House Corporation hosted a leadership retreat for all undergraduate members on February 24. The programming for the day included breakout sessions, departmental conversations, communications and strategy composition, and a goal-setting session; the combined effect of which we hoped would establish a new sense of respect and positive attitude regarding the Fraternity. By the end of the day, and proved via the results at the end of the semester, we were confident we had employed an initiative for ongoing improvement which continues today. Special thanks to House Corporation representatives who participated in the day's activities.

• **Chapter House Improvements** – It is imperative that we remain competitive with alternative housing options on campus. We must also combat the inevitable aging and abuse of the Chapter House. As such, House Corporation has secured over \$300,000 of financing to complete much needed aesthetic and safety enhancements over the summer. The largest task at hand will be the retrofitting of the Chapter House for a fire-suppression sprinkler system (as mandated by local and National Fraternity guidelines), as well as the refurbishment of exterior French doors (living room wings and dining room) and wrought-iron work, building a new TV/recreational room, and furniture replacement.

• **Mom's Weekend** – April 14-15, 2007 marked the annual Mom's Weekend at Illinois. As is customary, the undergraduates welcomed their mothers and families with a traditional Saturday morning brunch and

charitable auction, followed by a night on the town. This year, the Mom's Day Auction successfully raised \$8,350 benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

• **Upcoming Announcements** – Undergraduate President **Kyle Gillen** and House Committee members have been busy finalizing Gamma Zeta's 2007 Annual Report. We are optimistic that the Chapter will be nationally recognized and receive another True Merit bowl later this summer. Furthermore, in August, House Corporation will be awarding various scholarship grants to undergraduate applicants based on their academic, extracurricular and philanthropic achievements. In the meantime, we'd like to extend our congratulations to each of the graduating seniors!

• **Summer Rush Referrals** – We are all fully aware of the importance of a successful new member campaign, so please continue to feed the pipeline with new referrals. The Summer Rush Committee is busy planning for an event or two and it would be ideal to include some great prospects in the mix. Please send along any relevant information on proposed candidates to President **Kyle Gillen** (kgillen2@uiuc.edu) or Rush Chair **Jeff Vranek** (jvraneck2@uiuc.edu).

Alumni Notes

• **Upcoming Capital Campaign** – House Corporation is in the development stages of launching a multi-year, multi-million dollar campaign to establish an endowment that will provide capital resources for Gamma Zeta for years to come. Shortly, we will be kicking off this effort in earnest. If you are interested in joining the Campaign Committee, please contact me at the information on page 3.

• **Remember Your Roots** – We are constantly seeking to improve our alumni network and encourage you to visit our website at www.atoillinois.com. This great tool, which is administered by Affinity Connection and managed internally by our communications chair, **Jeff Williams '02** (jwbmail@yahoo.com), is key to improving our communication effort going forward and will be essential in keeping you abreast of Gamma Zeta news and events in the future. Through the website, you are also able to submit updated alumni records on yourselves and brothers, and make donations.

• **Volunteering** – If you are interested in helping out with House Corporation in any capacity, please contact me at the information

listed on page 3.

• **Dedicated Room Renovations** – Remember the good times in Room #11? Or perhaps Room #4? Would you like to memorialize your legacy forever? Since the alumni-dedicated-room renovations program began, we have successfully renovated two rooms in the House. Good news is that there are more than 40 remaining that could use a facelift. In exchange for your generosity, we will gladly dedicate the room, as you so desire, by mounting a plaque in your honor. If you are interested in donating money that will be used to renovate specific bedrooms at the House, please contact me at the information on page 3.

Dates to Remember

• **Friday, August 3, 2007** – The 8th Annual Matt Heldman Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled to be held at Big Run Golf Club in Lockport, Illinois with a 1:00pm shotgun start. This annual outing, a perennial favorite of Gamma Zeta Taus, raises a significant amount of money each year to support the Heldman Scholarship endowment and undergraduate living on campus. This event honors and pays tribute to Matt's outstanding character, positive mental attitude, discipline, and respect of others; values that seek to epitomize Gamma Zeta's membership. Please join us again this summer in commemorating one of our brothers and toasting to countless years of unforgettable friendships and memories – non-ATO's are welcome to participate. Details for the event will be made available upon registration. Please contact **Ryan Anthony** (ranthony@lasallecapitalgroup.com, 312-236-7041) or **Patrick Jensen** (patrick.jensen@duffandphelps.com, 312-697-4665) to register your foursome today.

• **Saturday, October 27, 2007** – Homecoming at the University is always a special weekend. We invite you and your families to come join the celebration on campus as Illinois takes on Ball State. Kickoff time is yet to be announced, but plan on stopping by the house for a catered party and socializing with fellow Gamma Zetas. Other post-game activities will include a cocktail reception and live entertainment. More information will be posted online at www.atoillinois.com as the date draws nearer.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Thomas M. Whiston '53

(10320 Cameo Terr., Sun City, AZ 85351-2221) I get to see many ATO Brothers at our 1957 and 1958 class reunions. We have had seven reunions and plan more. The next one will be in Austin, Texas in 2008, we hope.

Edmond L. Schmulbach '57

(110 West Center St, Lebanon, IL 62254-1408; elschmulbach@chartner.net) I enjoyed our last reunion in October 2006. Hearing from brothers is a pleasure, and I would love to hear from anyone in the area.

William Masters '65

(4 N. Ravensfield Ln., Ormond Beach, FL,

32174-3892; bill82543@aol.com) I retired from the Navy last May. After my enlistment in 1964, I spent a four-year "Junior Year Abroad" in Southeast Asia. A couple careers and a million adventures later, Grace and I are living the good life in Ormond Beach, FL. If anyone knows where my NROTC instructor is now, please let him know that the guy who would never make it in "his" Navy is a comfortably retired Rear Admiral.

David Krug '95

(1718 W. Superior #2W, Chicago, IL, 60622-5648; davekrug1@yahoo.com) I'm currently a Partner at McHugh Homes located in Chicago. We specialize in small-

to-medium scale residential and mixed-use condo projects downtown. I also serve on the National ATO Board and continue to help out with Gamma Zeta.

J. Casey Martin '02

(PO Box 11860, Aspen, CO, 81612-9177; jcmartin@illinoisalumni.org) I will be retiring from my first career as a ski bum this fall when I will start at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. My girlfriend, Katy and I will be moving to Chicago from Aspen at the end of June.

Register On Our Web Site to Access the Member Directory, Alumni Updates, Monthly eLetters and More!
Are You Registered On www.atoillinois.com?

- Go to www.atoillinois.com and click on the First Time Login link in the upper left corner, and type in your last name when prompted.
- Once you select your record, you'll be asked to enter your Member ID, which can be found above your name and address on this mailing, or in our newly upgraded monthly eLetters.
- Your username will be your email address—one less username to remember!
- You can set the site to remember your password for next time, so there's no need to log in every time you visit.

If you any trouble with the registration process, click the Tech Support button at the top of the screen for technical assistance.

Revisit Your Past By Checking Out Our Photo Archives

Wouldn't you like to see photos of you and your friends on our Web site? You can make that happen by submitting them today. Visit www.atoillinois.com and upload your photos to your profile or send them to content@affinityconnection. Make sure to mention they are for Alpha Tau Omega at Illinois.



1960 Pledge class. L-R; The late Tom Anderson, J. Kent Mchose, Ron Henson, Jim Flint, and Dave Koehler.

HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

your families to join us for a game watch in Chicago as the Fighting Illini football team takes on Northwestern. Similar in style to our basketball game watch in March at the Schoolyard Tavern in Chicago, this should allow all of us to get together in a casual setting and enjoy complimentary refreshments and good times. Details will be forthcoming.

On behalf of the House Corporation Board, we sincerely appreciate your commitment and continued involvement in Gamma

Zeta. If you have any questions regarding the Chapter, making donations or contacting fellow brothers, please do not hesitate to contact me or other House Corporation Board members. House Corporation will continue to work closely with the undergraduate members and alumni to ensure a positive experience is associated with Gamma Zeta, now and for years to come.

"...to have no narrower limits within which to work together for the elevation of

man than the outlines of the world."

- Otis Allan Glazebrook, 1880
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Jeff Piper Gamma Zeta '97

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UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

Undergraduates Look Forward to Developing a Marquee Philanthropy Event, Recruiting New Members and Improving the Chapter GPA

Events for Homecoming and Dad's Weekend 2007 Are in the Works!

By Kyle Gillen '08

Gamma Zeta has closed out yet another successful year at the University. In our 112th year at the U of I, Gamma Zeta has continued to excel both in the classroom and outside of it. As the new school year draws near we look to improve upon our success. High on our list is the desire to create and carry out plans for a "marquee" philanthropy event. Our contributions have been felt on campus and in the community in a variety of ways, but we have yet to develop a Greek-wide philanthropy event that can be unique and our own. All brothers were encouraged to return to campus with their own ideas. Our goal is to have an idea selected, and plans laid out by Labor Day Weekend.

The spring semester saw the graduation of 26 brothers from Gamma Zeta. They'll be dearly missed and will start their careers in a vast array of fields from investment banking to athlete representation. Ahead of us is the task of finding new members to take the place of these graduates. This is a task that Rush Chairs **Phil Lubin '09** and **Erminio Caporale '09** are up to. Our goal is 30 new members for the fall and 15 in the spring. We are already well on our way with such summer rush events as a rooftop Cubs game and a mid-July BBQ.

Last year, Gamma Zeta improved our GPA to 3.22 which was good enough to be 7th out of 45 fraternities. Current members look to improve upon this GPA and have

the semester-long goal of maintaining a place in the top ten. On top of our classroom involvement, many brothers have participated through other means. In the fall, 25 members will be volunteering as tutors at Garden Hills Elementary School. Several will also be coaching area youth football and soccer teams.

Of course, despite what seems to be a full load, we manage to find time for social events. Football block this year is with Gamma Phi Beta, and we have scheduled exchanges with the women of Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, and Delta Delta Delta. We also look forward to planned events for Dad's Weekend and Homecoming.

Plans for a Capital Campaign are in the works. Find out more details on page 2!



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