

Undergrad Report

The Men of Gamma Zeta Having an Excellent Semester and Year


Greetings from the men of Gamma Zeta! As the fall semester of 2004 continues to roll along, things here at Gamma Zeta remain strong. We are having a great semester full of house improvements, scholarship achievements, and great social and philanthropic events. We recently had homecoming here at the chapter house and were proud to have the '84/'84.5 pledge classes back for a reunion. Undergraduates are still talking about the stories they heard and really enjoyed meeting and hanging out with the alumni. I would like to let everyone know that the alumni support and continued involvement in the house is important and appreciated by all of the undergraduates.

We have made some great improvements here at the chapter house, including adding three new flat-screen computers in the computer lab and TVs in the dining hall. As usual, Gamma Zeta continues to remain committed to scholarship. We were recently privileged by the visit of former worthy grand chief and worthy master **Robert Simonds '43** to our chapter house for the annual scholarship night and dinner. While here, brother Simonds presented two scholarships and recognized those members who had the most improved and highest GPAs from the previous two semesters.

Our dedication to philanthropic events remains stronger than ever. This semester, members have already participated in Theta Hoops, Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, Gamma Phi Golf and many others. We also recently held our annual American Red Cross blood drive and exceeded our goal for the fifth straight semester, allowing us to set our sights even higher in the spring.

The men at Gamma Zeta are also proud to continue the tradition of being a chapter with a "work hard, play hard" philosophy. We have had a full semester of social events. The annual Outhouse Party was a great time. The pledge dance this year was a huge success, and the house looked amazing. This semester we have had exchanges with the women of Alpha Chi Omega at Lava and Delta Gamma at

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Gamma Zeta News

Gamma Zeta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
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Alumni Profile

ATO in the Spotlight

Q+A with Brother David Krug '92

David Krug has been on the house corporation for the past nine years. His major goal for the house is to lead a new capital fund-raising campaign sometime in the next few years. He's striving to meet a need and create a "superfund," and place the money raised in an endowment. David firmly believes money should be raised both for scholarships and an endowment for the upkeep of the house.

It takes a lot of funding to keep the house in fantastic shape, as David has learned. He points out that if the house corporation were to have a predictable stream of resources, they could do a much better job of managing the property and preventing major issues from arising. Such a campaign would be unique and would probably be the largest ever at the University of Illinois.

David still enjoys going back to participate in homecoming activities and wishes more people would make the trip to see the team play. He is also in the process of organizing a 10-year reunion for the '95 and '95.50 pledge classes for Homecoming 2005 and still needs to track down a number of brothers.

In his career, David is a partner with CK Developments, a real estate development company, as well as Green Street Properties, a real estate brokerage firm in Chicago. His focus is on the brokerage side of helping clients identify undervalued investment properties in downtown Chicago.

The following is from a Q&A interview with David.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

I really enjoyed the atmosphere in the house on home football Saturdays, from the time I was flipping burgers on the grill up until I was the president overseeing the organization of what was really a great event, week in and week out.

What advice would you give the current members of the undergraduate chapter?

Enjoy your time on campus and at Gamma Zeta. Also, there is a very healthy and active Gamma Zeta alumni network all over the country, and they should seek assistance or support when needed.

How would you like to see the house grow?

The house is at a healthy size, numbers wise. It needs to continue to adapt and change with the times. One innovation I'm proud of: Five years ago we wired each room for direct access to the Internet, and we were the first fraternity on campus to do so. We need to continue to look for ways to keep the house experience alive and well. One thing we should consider is renovating the back wing of the house. We could knock down some walls and make the rooms bigger, or we could add a third-floor addition with "senior suites" to encourage the seniors to stay in the house.

Tell us about the house corporation.

One thing Gamma Zeta does well is keeping the house corporation young. It's important for the house corporation to be able to connect with the undergraduate members of the house. I've seen

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Dave and the Three Sisters.

a full changing of the guard and am proud that I have had a hand in recruiting some of the people. I'm excited for **Mark Van Zandt '99**, who is in line to take over the reins from **Patrick Jensen '95**, who has done a fantastic job over the past three years.

What have you found rewarding about not only being part of the house but also serving the house corporation?

Everything I do with the house I find rewarding. I still owe the house a lot for all it's done for me. Think about how many job opportunities have come your way through contacts from the house. Think about how many people have met their future wife at the house. Think about how many good times you've had while in the house and afterward. How can you put a price tag on that? We all owe Gamma Zeta and ATO a lot for what they've done for us.

How can alumni make a difference in the house?

There are three major ways alumni can have a direct impact on the house. 1) Get involved in the house corporation or help organize a class reunion. 2) Participate in alumni activities and pass along rushee suggestions to current house members. 3) Support the house financially. Everybody can make a difference. **Jim Dobrovolny '67** has not been an "active" member of the house corporation for years, yet he is an irreplaceable asset for us. Jim is still very active as a legal advisor to the house and still, to this day, helps keep an eye on the house during student vacations and breaks. I can't tell you how many times Jim has been called to the house in the middle of the night to answer a false burglar alarm or fire alarm. We could use a few more people like Jim who give unselfishly year in and year out.

Brothers are encouraged to contact David at davekrug1@yahoo.com. ■

A Homecoming Thank You

A big thanks to all the alumni who came back to Gamma Zeta this past homecoming to make it such a success! A special thank you goes out to those from the classes of '84 and '84.5.

Handing Over the Reins

After four years as house corporation president, I will be handing over the responsibility to **Mark Van Zandt '99**. Mark has been extremely involved in the house corporation over the last two years and has brought several great ideas and initiatives to Gamma Zeta. Mark has also recruited several new members to the house corporation team.

On behalf of the house corporation team, I thank you for your commitment and continued interest in Gamma Zeta. If you have any questions regarding the chapter, contributions or contacting fellow brothers, please do not hesitate to contact us.

VTL,

Patrick Jensen '95
House Corporation President
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Letter from the New President

Brothers:

I am excited to begin my tenure as president of the Gamma Zeta House Corporation. With the experience of the existing house corporation team and fresh ideas provided by the new board members, great things lie ahead for our undergraduate brothers and the vast alumni network.

As always, I strongly encourage open communication among the house corporation members and the undergraduates. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns; I will work hard to address your issues in a timely fashion.

Moreover, I would like to extend a personal thank you to **Patrick Jensen '95** for his continuing commitment to Gamma Zeta and the house corporation. Although his term as president is drawing to a close, I hope he will continue to volunteer his time and expertise for the betterment of this organization.

To those whom I have not yet met, I look forward to getting to know you all on a personal level as we go forward.

VTL,

Mark Van Zandt '99
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Chapter News Flashes

Here is some information, updates and color commentary from the house corporation:

- The 5th Annual Matt Heldman Golf Outing was another outstanding success, as we raised over \$13,000 in new scholarship money. Thank you to all who participated and contributed.
- The chapter was recognized nationally as a True Merit chapter. Congratulations to the undergraduates for a great year.
- Check out the Web site at www.atoillinois.com. We plan to add resume posting both for undergraduates and alumni soon. Please feel free to post any comments or feedback on the site.
- In our continued effort to enhance the physical attributes of the house, the house corporation would like to offer any alumni class and/or pledge class the opportunity to petition a room in the house. In return, we will rename the room after the respective alumni/pledge class and dedicate a plaque listing the specific donors. Any room in the house may be selected. Please contact the house corporation if you are interested. ■

Edward B. Giller '38

(14415 Soula Dr. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87123-1941) In retirement since 1990.

Thomas A. Clark '39

(504 First St. N.E., Apt. 225, Sartell, MN 56377; thomasclark2@compuserve.com) I am living in a senior apartment near my daughter. I would like to have information about sponsoring a room at the house. Please let me know what is involved.

H.C. Murchison '43

(7905 Hillfawn Cir., Dallas, TX 75248-5331) I enjoy my angel wife of 56-plus years, two super sons and two super teenage grandchildren in south Texas. We all stay happy, healthy and reasonably sane. I had a delightful phone chat with **Bill Stoneberg '43** several months ago.

Keith D. Nickoley '45

(1388 Aitken Dr., Bannockburn, IL 60015-1833) I am doing well and enjoying the retirement years.

Ronald W. Henson '56

(2305 Ramshead Ct. S., Waukesha, WI 53188-1562; rhenson@wi.rr.com) I will be taking a bicycle trip to Spain on March 12. We'll be on the Costa Brava (northeast coast) near Girona, cycling the same Mediterranean roads that Lance Armstrong and the U.S. Postal team train on.

Gary R. Kortkamp '56

(2162 Chenoweth Ct., Rockford, IL 61107-2576; g.kortkamp@insightbb.com) Class of '60, U.S. Navy 1961-66, Quaker Oats & Pillsbury Operations 1966-99. Sandy and I have four children and five grandchildren. Our eleventh career move brought us to Rockford with Pillsbury, Green Giant (in Belvidere) in 1991. We're retired since August 1999. We kept our tickets for Illinois football, so we continue to make the 2.5-hour trip for home games in Champaign. Our current interest seems to be more with the family tailgate than the football game. It's been a long time since **Al Wagner '56** and I organized the last reunion for our pledge class. If enough of us are interested, maybe we could try it again next fall around a game.

Richard E. George '57

(311 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-3309; reg021@aol.com) It's fun reading about many of the guys who were in the house during the late 1950s and early 1960s, so I am adding mine. Judy and I live in Elmhurst, Ill., and Bonita Springs, Fla. It's been 50 years of dating and 43 years of marriage this year. We have three

children and six grandchildren. See

Dennis Schlemmer '57, **Larry Auster Miller '58** and **Gresham Brebach '58**, and their wives, often.

William B. Hopper '58

(P.O. Box 734, Taylorville, IL 62568-0734; hoptakitisi@aol.com) For golf, be my guest at The Estancia Club in Arizona (480-502-3003), or the Minocqua Country Club, one of the best in Wisconsin (715-385-2953). I'm happy to have guests.

John F. Bush '59

(21 Tarpon Cir., Winter Springs, FL 32708-4111; jfbush@pobox.com) I was elected mayor of Winter Springs, Fla., in 2002. Winter Springs is a suburb of Orlando. I am currently working as a software consultant for the Office of Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island.

David H. Cameron '59

(331 Club View Dr., Great Falls, VA 22066-3805; dhcamero@aol.com) My brother, **George "Ladd" Cameron '55**, passed away December 13, 2003. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the University of Illinois ATOs — especially **Kent Ramm '54**, **Bruce Burgess '54** and **Bob Allison '54** — whose long friendships with Ladd played an important part in his life and helped keep his spirits up throughout his battle with prostate cancer.

Steven A. Lamb '72

(30422 Lake Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140-1247; csal2pp@aol.com) Beth and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary by going on a Caribbean cruise with Nancy and **David Pesavento '72**. I am president of North Coast Urology and was selected as one of the "Top Doctors in America."

Jack M. Klues '74

(312 S. Derbyshire Ln., Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6716; jack.klues@smvgroup) As CEO of Starcom Mediavest Group based in Chicago, I have had the opportunity to connect with brothers in my business. **Frank Voris '87** is my global CFO and right arm. I am trying to convince Claudell (**Rich Clausing '74**, CEO, Lord and Taylor) what swell people we are and that he should hire us. C'mon Rich, a guy has to eat.

Craig A. Nadborne '75

(5936 N. Paulina St., First Floor, Chicago, IL 60660-3272; craignadborne@myexcel.com) I was recently promoted to partner in my company, Ann Anovitz Associates.

Michael G. Casteel '84

(608 Goldpoint Trace, Woodstock, GA

30189; mgcasteel@hotmail.com) I am finally achieving my goal of owning my own business. Our new business venture serving the metro Atlanta area's builders, contractors and "do-it-yourselfers" opened in March 2004. It is called North Metro Discount Building Material, and my two partners and I are excited about our prospects for tapping into the enormous growth of the new housing market in Atlanta.

Steven P. Werner '89

(25 Covington, Mission Viejo, CA 92692; stevenwerner@cox.net) I want to say thanks to all those expressing concern over my recent diagnosis of brain cancer. Your thoughts and prayers have helped our family through a new stage in our lives. Brotherhood is more than just friendship, it is a lifelong commitment to each other. All my best.

Scott C. Brakenridge '94

(2502 Live Oak St., #234, Dallas, TX 75204; sbrakenr@comcast.net) Started my residency in surgery at U.T. Southwestern/Parkland Memorial Hospital on July 1. Moved to Dallas in June and bought a condo in Deep Ellum. If you swing through Texas, let me know.

Andrew M. Raucci '94

(905 Bakersfield Ct., Miamisburg, OH 45342; draucci25@yahoo.com) I got married June 12, 2004. I am working at TermQuote/Ingram & Associates Inc., selling disability and life insurance, annuities, etc. E-mail me if anyone is going to be in the Cincinnati area.

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T.K. Wendell's. Additionally, we are looking forward to our upcoming exchanges with the women of Kappa Delta and Kappa Alpha Theta and our winter semiformal.

The men at Gamma Zeta are excited to finish the year strong and are committed to doing so. On a personal note, as I finish my term as worthy master, I would like to thank all of those undergraduates and alumni who helped make this one of the best experiences in my life.

If any undergraduates or alumni have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (217) 778-9960 or eversden@uiuc.edu.

VTL,

Jeff Eversden ■

Alumni UpDates

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Ryan Potts '96

(881 Chancel Cir., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137; jrp@cliffordlaw.com) Alison (Kappa Alpha Theta, 1999) and I had a baby girl, Avery Elizabeth, on April 5, 2004.

John Frank '97

(1423 W. Wolfram, Chicago, IL 60657; jjfrank22@yahoo.com) Great to hear that everyone is doing well. I am currently working at Antares Capital Corporation, where I'm responsible for the purchasing, monitoring and trading of our large-cap CDO investments. I got married on September 13, 2003, to Tiffani Richardson (Delta Zeta, Indiana University).

Jesse J. Lucco '97

(125 High St., Boston, MA 02110; jlucco@ta.com) I will be in Chicago for a reunion-type weekend March 12-14. A few New York friends will also be joining. Staying with **Nate Ernst '97**. My cell is 917-584-8563.

Jeffrey Stephen Piper '97

(906 W. Lakeside Pl., Apt. #3E, Chicago, IL 60640; jsp@svoco.com) I recently moved to Chicago after a prolonged stay in Milwaukee. I have accepted a new position with Svoboda Collins, a mid-cap private equity firm.

Jonathan Berns '98

(218 N. Harrison St., Apt. 2, Davenport, IA 52801-1312) I will graduate from chiropractic school next February with a doctorate in chiropractic.

Thomas Bruno Bruce '99

(2023 N. Sheffield Ave., Apt 1R, Chicago, IL 60614; thomas.bruce@morganstanley.com) I am providing wealth management and investment strategies for families and individuals. Let me know if I can help.

2004-05 Basketball Schedule

University of Illinois basketball has started! What a great time to come back to campus and get together with your ATO brothers! Check out game dates and times below:

Wed., 11/10/04 Robert Morris, UIC Pavilion, W 74-61
Tue., 11/16/04 St. Edwards, UIC Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.
Mon., 11/22/04 Georgia Tech, UIC Pavilion, Fox Sports Chicago, 7:00 p.m.
 Wed., 11/24/04 Bowling Green, at Bowling Green, Ohio, 6:00 p.m.
Sat., 11/27/04 South Dakota State, UIC Pavilion, 3:00 p.m.
 Tue., 11/30/04 Illinois State, at Normal, Ill., 7:00 p.m.
Sat., 12/4/04 UW-Milwaukee, UIC Pavilion, Comcast, 7:00 p.m.
 Sun., 12/12/04 UNC Wilmington, at Wilmington, N.C., 1:00 p.m.
 Tue., 12/14/04 Duke, at Durham, N.C., ESPN2, 8:00 p.m.
 Sat., 12/18/04 DePaul, at Rosemont, Ill., Fox Sports Chicago, 1:00 p.m.
Tue., 12/21/04 UW-Parkside, UIC Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.
Thu., 12/23/04 Saginaw Valley State, UIC Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.
 Thu., 12/30/04 Detroit, at Detroit, Mich., 6:00 p.m.
 Mon., 1/3/05 Youngstown State, at Youngstown, Ohio, 6:00 p.m.
 Thu., 1/6/05 Loyola, at Chicago, Ill., Comcast, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/8/05 Pennsylvania, UIC Pavilion, 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/15/05 Cleveland State, UIC Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.
Thu., 1/20/05 Detroit, UIC Pavilion, Fox Sports Chicago, 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., 1/22/05 UW-Green Bay, at Green Bay, Wis., 7:00 p.m.
 Wed., 1/26/05 Wright State, at Dayton, Ohio, 6:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/29/05 Butler, UIC Pavilion, Fox Sports Chicago, 3:00 p.m.
 Sat., 2/5/05 UW-Milwaukee, at Milwaukee, Wis., ESPN, 1:00 p.m.
Thu., 2/10/05 Youngstown State, UIC Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., 2/12/05 Cleveland State, at Cleveland, Ohio, 4:30 p.m.
Mon., 2/14/05 UW-Green Bay, UIC Pavilion, Comcast, 7:00 p.m.
Thu., 2/17/05 Loyola, UIC Pavilion, Fox Sports Chicago, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., 2/19/05 ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday, UIC Pavilion, TBA
Wed., 2/23/05 Wright State, UIC Pavilion, 7:00 p.m.
 Sat., 2/26/05 Butler, at Indianapolis, Ind., Fox Sports Chicago, 11:00 a.m.
 Tue., 3/1/05 Horizon League Tournament First Round, location TBA, time TBA
 Fri., 3/4/05 Horizon League Tournament Quarterfinals, location TBA, time TBA
 Sat., 3/5/05 Horizon League Tournament Semifinals,
 location TBA, Fox Sports Chicago, time TBA
 Tue., 3/8/05 Horizon League Tournament Finals, location TBA, ESPN, time TBA

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