

Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association

“Service for Brothers”

President’s Message: *Jerry Walsh, 29th pledge class, UD Class of 1987*

Dear Brothers,

Another academic school year has finished and what a year it was! We accomplished many things this year and will accomplish much more next year!

We had a great turnout in March for the A-10 basketball tournament in Atlantic City. I was unable to attend the actual tournament. However, due to our fundraising ability for the University of Dayton (UD), I was invited to a pre-tournament gathering with the UD athletic director and Dr. Dan Curran (UD President).

Trip DeGroff and Bill Fajardo accompanied me and we had planned to speak with Dr. Curran about our fraternity’s disappointment about Alpha Nu Omega being forced to go national. Unfortunately, Dr. Curran did not show up because he was sick. We were able to speak to Debra Reed, Vice President for the Office of Advancement. We explained to her that our fraternity is very involved and dedicated to raising funds for the UD through the Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship Fund. However, if we are forced to go national, the funds would probably cease to continue for obvious reasons.

Trip and Bill did a fantastic job explaining our goals to Ms. Reed and she was very receptive. Ms. Reed told us that the university has recently adopted a plan to raise over \$300 million dollars for UD and they need all the help they can get.

I sincerely believe that if we continue to support UD through our scholarship, they will continue to work with us in order to maintain a local fraternity.

With that said, Founding Father Marty Malloy, Fraternity Advisor Dr. Bryan Bardine, and current President of Alpha Nu Omega Patrick Morrison, met with the new Director and Assistant Dean of Students, Ms. Sarah Schoper. The informal meeting was used to discuss the future of Alpha Nu Omega. Marty sent out a detailed letter to everyone in early March summarizing the meeting.

Basically, the university has plans to eliminate local fraternities from campus and Sarah Schoper has been tasked with enacting and enforcing the plan. Later that same month, I flew to Dayton and Marty and I met with Sarah Schoper again, to confirm our assessment of this new plan.

This plan to will force Alpha Nu Omega and all other local fraternities to go national has been around for many years, but now UD is taking steps to make it active. Sarah Schoper stated that they have begun transitioning the Greek Council and IFC into a governing body. Ms. Schoper believes this will all improve Greek life on campus by having “the best standards of practice” that national fraternities offer.

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Marty and I explained to Ms. Schoper that having a strong alumni association would be a better alternative to going national because we have many dependable, supportive alumni to give direction to the active brothers and to act as a governing body. We also mentioned that our alumni association would be willing to purchase a liability insurance policy to further demonstrate that we are serious about protecting UD from lawsuits. We also reiterated the fact that the Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association has no intention of supporting the idea of taking our fraternity national.

Ms. Schoper understood the fact that we do not want to discard our history and traditions in order to accommodate the university's notion that national fraternities provide better support for the members of Greek life than do local fraternities. Ms. Schoper promised that she would talk to her superiors to see if purchasing insurance and staying local was a viable option.

Brothers, I also want to let you know that we have done plenty of research about going national. I have personally spoken to many national Greek organizations and in doing so, have concluded that I would not consider joining a national Greek organization and lose our legacy.

All we can do now is wait it out. If we are allowed to continue as a local fraternity, we will most likely be required to purchase liability insurance. If we purchase this policy, it will cost approximately \$6,000 per year. The plan will be to eventually shift this expense off to the active brothers, but right now, they do not have the numbers to support this expense. The alumni treasury currently has approximately \$3,000, so I will need your help to raise the remaining \$3,000. Annual membership dues have not been collected for 2010 yet, so I am asking that loyal Alpha Nu Omega alumni contribute by paying your dues as soon as possible or purchase a car raffle ticket instead.

We are also in need of your tax deductible donations for the Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship Fund. In order for you to pay your dues or make a tax deductible donation or buy a raffle ticket for a 2010 Toyota Camrey or Prius simple and easy, I've included the link to our secure PayPal account. Just click on the link below to contribute. Dues are \$100 per year.

<http://www.alphanuomega.net/40th/index.html>

Finally, I am very proud to announce that the newly elected President of the active brothers, Patrick Morrison, is this year's Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship winner. Pat was the obvious choice this year due to his tireless leadership amongst the active brothers. I called Pat last week to tell him the good news and he was extremely grateful for the financial assistance.

I also want to thank all of you who are about to pay your dues, donate to the Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship Fund, or buy a car Raffle ticket.

Yours in Brotherhood
Jerry Walsh (29th Pledge Class)
President
Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association.

Letter From the Vice President: Trip DeGroff, 7th pledge class, UD Class of 1975

Dear Brothers of Alpha Nu Omega,

I just returned from a trip that included two stops in Pittsburgh and one in Dayton. The reason for the trip was my 35th class reunion. That's right, 35 years. I don't feel it, but I know I'm getting old. But I was able to make it through five nights in a row with my fellow brothers. We all had a great time!

Speaking of trips, it took one to get the Pittsburgh contingent together again for a small reunion. That "trip" was me, Trip DeGroff. It seems like every time I go to Pittsburgh I feel the need to get these guys together again. I started making calls and we gathered and had a fun time on Thursday evening. These guys like to make me feel important. They're great guys! The last time we did this we had about 17 alumni show up at the Saloon in Pittsburgh. This time we assembled at the Pittsburgh Bottleshop. We had about 18 people total on Thursday night and gathered again on Sunday evening after the trip to Dayton.

The guys that came out were Ted Alexovich (Boob), Don Puglio (Gulio), Mark Rosi (Sonny), Pete Bellina (Puccinni), Gary McAfoose (Foosse), Don Boccardi (Turk), Phil Ignelzi (Iggy), Paul Zavarella (Zav), Mark Lowery (Whale), Jim Cinque (Cink), John Ocepek (Septic), Eddie Bittner, Daren Fetcko (Derwood), and John Sheehan. Some had friends or wives in attendance. Even a Phi Kappa Mu guy was there Sunday evening.

It was a really fun night. The last time I was out there was about four years ago. I really need to make more visits out to Pittsburgh to get these guys together. I must say I did speak with at least a dozen more who were not in attendance and I am happy to report that it seems as if all are doing quite well.

Before heading to Dayton, we made a pit stop back to the Pittsburgh Bottleshop on Friday morning for breakfast/lunch. The waitress was amused because she remembered us from the previous night.

Foosse, Sonny, Gulio, and I headed for Dayton. I was hoping for a better ANO turnout only because the year we graduated there were close to 40 seniors at a time when we had 80 brothers on campus.

In attendance from my class were Pete Bellina, Bill Rahe, Don (Steady) Kovich, Mike Skelton, Fred Pollutro, Mike Mariscalco (Scalco), and Bart Mattiace. We also ran into others in Dayton, including Marty Malloy, Ken Burgess, and Steve Coy. We got together for our traditional quarts at Kramer's. From the class of 1995 were Greg Staresinic, Brian Fairbanks, Tom Gillen, Mike Burke, Pat Glavic, and Bryan Bardine (our newest honorary brother and Fraternity Advisor). From the class of 2000 were Jeff Hunsacker, Adam Molina, Ryan Black, and Tony Bauccho. I'm sure there were others there, forgive me if I forgot to mention your name.

At this time I would like to request that anytime we have a major event that you please respond to let us know whether you will be in attendance. This will allow us to meet up more easily and we can make sure that we touch base with all brothers who attend. We all need to remember to take some time to respond to each other so we can all get together at these events. Just last weekend we wanted to get all of the ANOs together from the different classes for a group picture, but the communication was poor. I hope all involved will do better next time. Please, it is not too hard to do this. It is in the best interest of the Fraternity.

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The Fraternity did get a lot of exposure over the weekend. We had the largest contingency of any other group in attendance. We had over 30 brothers there. There were also at least two active brothers that I spoke with while in Dayton, Fletcher Skelton and Pat Morrison. Thank you to all who showed up.

Don Puglio and I attended the President's Breakfast on Saturday morning. I spoke with the President of the University on Friday evening at our class party about our dilemma with the University. He asked me to email him the details, but I am not planning on doing anything until it is time. I want to keep a low profile as long as possible. We did lose one more of our allies, however. Bill Hunt, Vice President of Alumni Relations, followed suit after Regis Lekan, President of the office of Advancement left for Wright State. Bill took a job as President of Moeller High School in Cincinnati. I met with Bill multiple times over the weekend and he will always be in our corner. If we any sort of recommendation letter down the road, he said he would be happy to provide one. I also took the liberty of inviting him to our reunion in October. He said he would like to be there if his schedule allows it. I did make some new friends and hope to have them in our corner. James Brothers, Associate Vice- President of Student Development would be one of them.

As for news on Bruce Hartman, there has been no change in his condition. He continues to hang in there, but I must say his quality of life is failing him. I'm sure he, along with our Founding Father Rich Shea (Snacko) and Sid McPeck, are in our prayers.

One big announcement I have is that all of you will be asked to buy a chance to win a car and sell another ticket to someone else (unless you want to purchase both tickets we send you). Included with the first chance are your paid dues. Since we only have about the same 20 guys paying dues, we thought we would add a little incentive where you would have 1 in a 500 chance of winning a brand new car. That sounds like a pretty good incentive to me! It also helps your fraternity keep up the Col. Paul Kelly fund, paying our annual insurance premiums, handling most other expenses of the Fraternity Alumni Association, and supporting the active brothers. We would like to do this each year to fund the scholarship. Of course, everyone is free to donate any amount they want over and above the ticket sales if they feel the urge. All we are asking each one of you to do is take on the responsibility of buying or selling two chances to win the car. I hope we can count on all of you to support this endeavor!

Thank you all! I am already looking forward to seeing you the first weekend in October!

See you guys,
Trip DeGroff
Vice-President
Alpha Nu Omega Alumni Association

Treasurer's/IT Officer's Report: *Steve Coy, 3rd pledge class*

Our alumni bank account currently has \$3,100.00. We could really benefit from members paying their dues. We have also completed our 2009 Tax Return which is required to maintain our 501 (c) 3. The tax return has been filed and I do not expect any audits or problems with the IRS.

Secretary's Report: *Bill Fajardo*

Please send me your comments, questions, and concerns to add to the quarterly newsletter. If you have anything interesting you would like to share, please let me know.

Other Alpha News

This year, the Annual Alpha Nu Golf Tournament will be held on October 1st 2010. This year's tournament will be bigger and better than ever! We plan to have the UD Girls Golf Team participate in the tournament. If you or your 3-person team needs a 4th, why not inquire about renting a "ringer" for the day? We will also have a \$25,000 Hole-in-One award this year... make a hole in one and you'll win \$25,000. Finally, we are thinking about opening the tournament up to friends of Paul Kelly from Carroll High School, so don't be surprised to see some new faces on the course this year. Brothers, we need to make this event bigger and better in the coming years if we intend to keep contributing to the Col. Paul Kelly Fund. Remember, the proceeds from this tournament go directly to our scholarship fund, which directly supports our active brothers and the University of Dayton. There will also be a home football game the next day (Oct 2nd) against Valparaiso. As always, we have scheduled a tailgate party prior to the game, so don't miss out on burgers and beer. Finally, tradition dictates that we will start the weekend off on Thursday Sept 30th at Harridans Pub, owned and operated by Mike Haley (4th Pledge Class).

We need your help

Please consider purchasing a ticket to win your choice of 4 different Toyota models: 2010 Toyota Camry Hybrid (Retail Value \$28,000), Toyota Prius II, Rav 4 or Scion. Purchasing a raffle ticket will help the Alumni Association tremendously. Our organization could really use a healthy bank account in order to pay our insurance, support the Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship Fund, and to support our active brothers. The active brothers need our help more than ever these days. Their numbers have taken a big hit due to a large group of seniors graduating this year and with all the sudden changes in recruiting pledges, they missed out on having 8 to 10 more pledges last spring. They are predicting a big pledge class this fall but they could sure benefit from having a little extra cash to help with being more visible on campus. The active brothers are also going to be very involved in selling tickets for the car raffle. They have been tasked to sell tickets at major events such as freshman orientation, Sunday mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel, football and basketball games, etc.

Joseph Airport Toyota in Vandalia is our sponsoring dealership and they have agreed to deliver a "show room" model Toyota to any of these events for the active brothers. This fund raising effort is a win/win for everybody. The active brothers will learn alternative ways to raise funds rather than just raising every brother's dues. The Alumni Association will be raising badly needed funds to support our scholarship fund, and operating costs etc., but the biggest winner could be YOU! With fuel prices on the rise why not take a chance on an automobile that gets 50 MPG? If this raffle is successful, it could make a huge difference in the way we operate at the University of Dayton. If all goes well, we intend to raffle off a new automobile every year or every other year in order to raise funds. You have to be in it to win it so look for your tickets in the mail in the next two weeks or so.

Prayer Request

Founding Fathers Rich Shea and Bill (Sid) McPeck have been fighting some serious illnesses lately and they need your prayers.

Message from the President of the Active Brothers—*Pat Morrison*

The spring semester was very productive for Alpha Nu Omega. We dealt with the challenges of the new recruitment policies and were able to induct three new members. Although there was a shaky start, with new officers in almost every position, we were able to adapt to our new roles. We put together the annual Bowling for the Heart philanthropy event to raise money for the American Heart Association, and we continued many of the traditions and events that I am sure all of you remember.

The fall Semester looks to be a good one. If we can continue acting responsibly, the administration will have no choice but to change its perceptions of us. I think our two biggest goals are increasing our numbers and attaining a better house. However, these are also our two biggest challenges. The new recruitment process took us from a very realistic possibility of a ten person pledge class, to a three person pledge class. There are a lot of red tape and technicalities involved that can keep perfectly adequate candidates from receiving a bid. This semester we will need to be one hundred percent on top of rush to recruit a sizeable pledge class. Our three new freshmen will be an asset in getting sophomores to pledge in the coming semester.

Another challenge is attaining a new house. It is great to finally have a frat house, but the house only holds three brothers and it was scheduled to be demolished the year the school awarded it to us. The fact is that no one responsible for having the house taken away is around anymore, and it is high time that the school recognized this and awarded the frat a bigger and better house. If we can treat the house with respect for one more year, I believe this can happen.

This semester, there were several meetings regarding the future of ANO on campus. The subjects of these meetings included the need for insurance, the discussion of liability issues, and whether we will be forced to go national in the coming years. While many questions remain unanswered about our future, I strongly believe that our biggest asset will be our junior class this year. They represent well over half of the fraternity and have the potential to lead us back to where we have been in the past.

Finally, I would like to say that I am honored to have received the Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship for the coming semester, and I want to thank all of the alumni for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Pat Morrison
President ANO 68th pledge class

Alpha Nu Omega Car Raffle

*Purchase your
ticket today!
Only \$100
per chance
Only 500 chances
will be sold!*



Funds raised will go directly to the Col. Paul Kelly Scholarship at the University of Dayton. Col. Kelly was killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom 01/20/2007. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students who demonstrate leadership or volunteerism.

The raffle winner will have a choice of 4 Toyota Vehicles:

2011 Toyota Camry Hybrid, 2010 Toyota Prius II, 2010 Rav 4, or a 2010 Scion

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For official raffle rules and information or to purchase a ticket online, visit

www.alphanuomega.net, email jwalsh@alphanuomega.net or call 703-317-9056.