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Gamma Epsilon

Alumni Newsletter

Spring 2011



Greetings Alumni of Gamma Epsilon!

For those of you who do not remember me, my name is Josh Sholler and I am currently serving as the President of Gamma Epsilon. I am a senior music education major and I play the trombone. I am very excited to tell you about what has been happening in the chapter this year. The chapter is continuing to grow on and ever upward. I also want to thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope it will help to show you the exciting things happening in the Gamma Epsilon chapter as well as encourage you to contribute to the chapter's continued growth whether that involves attending a chapter meeting, our upcoming initiation ritual, sending in stories about your time at MSU as a Sinfonian, or a monetary donation. The chapter is nothing without its alumni brothers who have come before us.

On and Ever Upwards!

My name is Andrew Blumhardt. I am the Alumni Relations Officer for the Gamma Epsilon chapter of Michigan State University. It is my hope that our alumni can come together for the 2011 alumni reunion in East Lansing, visit the Spartan Sinfonia Alumni website (web address on pg. 2), and contribute to the chapters growth in one small way. Considering how many alumni there are of Gamma Epsilon, if we all contribute in a small way, the growth and success will be incredible! There are a few important ways in which you, our alumni can contribute to the growth and success of Gamma Epsilon. I know what you're thinking, but money isn't the only (or even the most important) contribution you can make! Read pg. 2 and 3 to learn how you can contribute.

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Alumni News

I want to take a moment to sincerely encourage all Alumni brothers of the Gamma Epsilon Chapter to take advantage a few ways the collegiate brothers are trying to actively engage your participation. One of our goals is to actively engage our strong alumni base. I strongly believe that alumni engagement will cultivate an even stronger Gamma Epsilon chapter.

Alumni Website

Brother S. Joseph (Joe) Levine is the Site Administrator for the Spartan Sinfonia Alumni Website. Personally, I want to say that this website is incredible! If you do one thing because of this newsletter, go to the alumni website and create a profile! It's very easy and a lot of fun. Also, you'll find information about the 2011 Alumni Reunion!

www.spartansinfonianalumni.com

2011 Alumni Reunion

That's right! The 2011 Gamma Epsilon Phi Mu Alpha Alumni Reunion is on Saturday September 10th, 2011. The plan is to hold a reception immediately following the football game and then follow the reception with a buffet dinner. There will be singing, sharing stories, photos, and memorabilia! Look at the alumni website under "2011 Reunion Info" for more information.

Initiation Ritual

Join us for the initiation ritual of our Spring class.

April 15th, 2011, Demonstration Hall

Rehearsal at 8:00 PM Knock at 9:00 PM

For more information, e-mail ritual director Byron Valentine at valent80@msu.edu.

To reduce costs, we are moving towards an all electronic newsletter. Help us by sending us your e-mail.



Smeltekop to Retire

The Brothers of the Gamma Epsilon chapter would like to thank Professor Roger Smeltekop for his 15 years of dedication to the chapter as our Faculty Advisor. This will be Professor Smeltekop's last semester at MSU. Professor Smeltekop was initiated at Gamma Epsilon in 1965. He has been a fantastic and tireless supporter of the chapter and the brothers are all so grateful for all the time and work that Professor Smeltekop has contributed. Our chapter is successful in part because of his excellent work. Please join us in thanking Professor Smeltekop for his support of our chapter, 15 years of service as faculty advisor, and his embodiment of the ideals of Phi Mu Alpha. Congratulations on retirement, Professor!



Alumni Engagement

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ΓE Alumni E-Blast

The "Alumni E-Blast" is a quick and easy way to stay updated with the chapter's current events. Essentially, it is a short e-newsletter specifically for □□□Alumni. On the first of every month (September through May) the Alumni E-Blast will be sent over the chapter listserv (gammaepsilon@sinfonia.org) and to the E-Blast mailing list.

To subscribe to the Gamma Epsilon Alumni E-Blast send an e-mail to gammaepsilonalumni@gmail.com.

To subscribe to the □□□Listserv, visit:

<http://mail.sinfonia.org/mailman/listinfo/gammaepsilon>

Contribution

We are purchasing new ritual costumes, a new grill for our bi-annual cookout, and producing alumni newsletters. We have been managing our finances very well so far. Any contribution you want to make would be welcome. It doesn't have to be money! If you would like to contribute in another way, take a moment to send us an e-mail and contribute to the "Chapter History." If you feel compelled to contribute in any way the chapter would really appreciate it!

Newsletters are very expensive to produce! Help us save money by sending us your e-mail. We'll send you an electronic copy next time!

Chapter History

The collegiate brothers are extremely interested in knowing more about the history of Gamma Epsilon. That is why we want your input! We plan on sharing your responses during our chapter meetings and our probationary classes. If you have time, send us an e-mail or letter answering any of the following questions:

Why did you join Sinfonia?

What social events did ΓE do when you were in Sinfonia?

What is your best memory as a Sinfonian at MSU?

Any advice for our chapter as we continue in our journey?

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Chapter News



What have we done?

- Increased meeting efficiency (probably a goal when you were a brother too!) by following Robert's Rules of Order.
- Every GBM has a 30 minute music song rehearsal, a musical performance by a brother, and a song share by one brother.
- Teamed up with SAI to decorate and ride on a joint PMA/SAI float for the homecoming parade!
- Were well represented at Fall Brawl, Province Mills Music Mission, and Province Workshop.
- Continued our Bi-annual College of Music cookout in the courtyard. Many faculty and students took advantage of our \$5 "Meal Dealio" and enjoyed the live jazz.
- The shack is still amazing! Sales are doing well.
- Pinned 8 fantastic young men to be initiated on April 15th.

Committees

Finance

Organizing a few fundraisers including a potential "piano smash" at the beginning of finals week.

Membership

Creating a new and improved recruitment board to be used at recruitment events and fundraisers.

Social

Enacted "Fraternal Fridays" in which almost every Friday a social event is planned and brothers can show up as they please. Recently, brothers enjoyed time with each other playing basketball and then relaxing at a music listening party.

Community Involvement

Currently working on scheduling and coordinating the annual Mills Music Mission.

Ritual Costumes

The chapter is excited to announce that we are in the process of organizing and purchasing new ritual costumes. Josh Sholler is currently working with an alumna of Delta Iota (Western Michigan) to have the costumes custom made! This purchase will ensure that ΓΕ will have the best ritual equipment and regalia in Province 2!

Unmailable Alumni

In an effort to reduce the number of unmailable alumni in our chapter, we have put together this list of all unmailable alumni brothers from the Gamma Epsilon chapter. Please quickly scan over this list. If you know any of these brothers send them an e-mail and ask them to contact gammaepsilonalumni@gmail.com with their contact information.

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Douglas	Abbs	Casper	Costantini	Ernest	Griffes
Philip	Akers	Richard	Curtis	Clarence	Grimm
John	Alleman	Bradford	Davis	Dustin	Harris
James	Angell	Richard	Dean	Douglas	Harrison
Richard	Astalos	Marvin	Dean	Ted	Hart
James	Backas	Paul	Deindorfer	Richard	Harvey, Jr.
Frank	Bagniewsky	John	Delacy	William	Hatton
Max	Baker	Eric	Dell	Arne	Hegerberg
William	Barry, Jr.	Emerson	Dentel	Philip	Hillstrom
Gerald	Bartlett	John	Dewit	Charles	Hoffer, Jr
Charles	Berry	Dimitri	Dines	Douglas	Hoopingarner
Robert	Berube	Russell	Dood	Dennis	Howse
Arthur	Best	Ross	Doolittle	Dennis	Hunt
Robert	Bishop	Eugene	Dowling	James	Hunter
Archie	Black	James	Driver	Andy	Ingersoll
Andrew	Bobrow	George	Dunbar	Fred	Isom
Stephen	Bonnette	Lynn	Dunn	William	Ives
John	Boulton	James	Dye	J.	Jackson
William	Bowie	Louis	Ehrcke	Earle	Jenks
Theodore	Bowman	Porter	Eidam III	Harold	Jones
Lance	Boylan	Carlton	Eldridge	Aleksandr	Karjaka
Leon	Bradley	Fred	Elliot	Earl	Keith
Steven	Brandou	Thomas	Elliott	Jackie	Keith
Freddie	Breitenbucher	Noel	Elson	David	Kimball
John	Brisbin	Glenn	Emery, Jr.	Marshall	King
Howard	Brockington	Bradley	Ethington	Philip	Kirk
Michael	Brookshire	Joseph	Evans	Allan	Kirkpatrick
Pierson	Brower	Lowell	Everson	Robert	Klepinger
Bruce	Brown	Harold	Fairbanks	Frederick	Klopfers
William	Buchanan	Robert	Felberg	Stephen	Klyce
Francis	Buckeridge	Harold	Ferguson	Edmond	Knappe
Leonard	Buckler	John	Ferris	Julius	Kniaz
Harvey	Burgess	Robert	Fisher	Abraham	Kniaz
Melvin	Burke	Allen	Fisher	James	Kucera
John	Burnett	David	Fitch	Richard	Lake
William	Cannon	James	Flaherty	Timothy	Lamas
Nicholas	Cantisani	Louis	Fletcher	Rick	Lang
Richard	Cardinal	Peter	Forney	Joel	Leach
Robert	Carpenter	Rufus	Foster	Samuel	Levine
Richard	Carson	Daniel	Frazee	David	Lindsay
David	Chadwick	Richard	Froeber	Arnold	Lopatin
Kelvin	Chen	Lewis	Garner, Jr.	Paul	MacDonald
Gerald	Christopherson	Peter	Gillies	David	Mace
Gordon	Coats	Richard	Goldsworthy	Donald	Mann
Chris	Colclessor	Robert	Goodman	Gerald	Marshall
David	Conklin	James	Goodrich	James	Martindale
Darrell	Cook	Newman	Gordon	Orville	McDonald
Edward	Cooley	Milton	Grafrath, Jr.	Bill	McFarlin
John	Cooley	James	Gray	Robert	McGee

Unmailable Alumni

First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
Daniel	McLaughlin	Eric	Shultis
Kendall	Merlav	Nelson	Shutes
Michael	Migliore	Douglas	Sieb
Julian	Miller	Kurt	Singer
James	Miller	Gary	Smeltekop
James	Miller	Wesley	Smith
John	Minnema	Marc	Smith
Ronald	Modlin	Albert	Sparling
Michael	Mooney	Roger	Spear
Jonathan	Moore	Donald	Springer
Robert	Moreno	James	Stephens
David	Morris	Raymond	Sturm
Donald	Morrison	Richard	Suook
Darrell	Murray	Don	Tatroe
Douglas	Nichols	Steven	Taylor
John	Nolan	Donald	Thayer
Gary	Norris	Donald	Thornburg
Jeffrey	Novak	R.	Tillinghast
Harland	Nye	Lewis	Timmer
Donald	ODonnell'	Donald	Toms
Emerson	Oelen	Ted	Townsend
Benny	Oldenburg	Francis	Travis
Dennis	Opoka	Donald	Troyer
Bruce	Orr	Sidney	Trudgen
Stanley	Ovaitt	Scott	Turner
Gene	Peacock	Dennis	Urlick
Richard	Peek	Thomas	Vasiloff
Maurice	Pelton	Norman	Vogel
Herbert	Peters	James	Voorheis
Culmer	Peterson	Charles	Vreeland
James	Poteet	Clarence	Wade
Harold	Prentice	Edward	Weiss
Murray	Present	Arthur	Welton
Gregory	Pritchard	Eric	Wendlandt
Jonathan	Reed	Sumner	West
Lawrence	Reynells	Donald	Westphal
Floyd	Richards	Glenn	Williams
Charles	Roberts	Thomas	Wilson
Andrew	Rose	Paul	Witucki
Eldon	Rosegart	Alan	Witucki
Charles	Ross	Lawrence	Wojcik
Robert	Russell, Jr	Howard	Wood
David	Ryckman	Robert	Woods
Robert	Sack	Benjamin	Yager
Timothy	Sanders		
Lynn	Scheid		
Norman	Schmierer		
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Newsletters are very expensive to produce. As a result, this is the last year we will be sending out a **hard-copy** of the newsletter to all mailable alumni. The next newsletter will be sent **electronically** to all alumni with whom we have a valid e-mail address.

This is why it is so important to send us your e-mail address. It will save our chapter a lot of money! Consider it a small monetary donation each year.

Officer Key:

FEO – Fraternal Education Officer; CMAL – Committee Man at Large; FCD – Fraternal Choral Director; PCR – Province Council Representative; Ritual Dir. – Ritual Director; ARO – Alumni Relations Officer