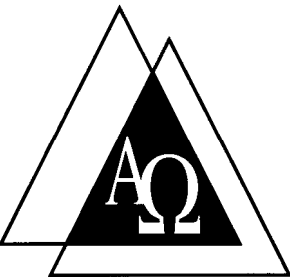


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TAUSDM WILL OPEN DOORS TO NEW CLASSES NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY PROVE EFFECTIVE

The on again-off again problems affecting the very existence the Goldshleger School of Dental Medicine, Founded by Alpha Omega at Tel Aviv University, have finally turned on a positive note, thanks in great part to the efforts of the School faculty, the Dental Advisory Board (made up mostly of Alpha Omega members), and University officials. During the Tel Aviv University Board of Directors' meetings in May, following extended and intense negotiations with the Finance Committee of the Ministry of Education, a decision was reached that will increase the funding needed to cover the present deficit at the School. That will allow the entry of a first year class and the continuance of a fourth year class.

Several steps will now be taken to solidify the School's financial status. Some have already come to fruition. The *Gerald and Reesa Clinic* (an income producing facility) has been dedicated and has begun treating patients. There will be a restruc-

turing of the curriculum that will conform more closely to that of the United States and other Western Countries. Applications from students that now study abroad will be accepted. A *Post-Graduate Floor* (yet to be endowed and named) will attract students whose tuition will be more in line with fees of other countries. Kudos are due Alpha Omega members who have fought so passionately for the school's survival. Special gratitude is paid to those present at the TAU Board meetings...Ralph Rothstein, Mervyn Druian, Harold Preiskel, and Andre Amiach, as well as TAUSDM faculty leaders under the leadership of Head of the School, Haim Tal. Also helpfully supportive have been members of the Fraternity and Foundation, especially President Dan Uditsky and Foundation Board Chairman, Sidney Tourial. The Foundation is further grateful to other Alpha Omega members and school supporters, who have "spoken up".

THE LONG AWAITED CAMPAIGN BEGINS

"THE FUTURE IS NOW"

The *Future is Now* campaign, on hold since the beginning of the year, is finally set to actively open. Before the end of the month, communiqués will be sent to all Alpha Omega members, friends of Alpha Omega, members of TAU Board of Governors, and past contributors to the Fraternity's original *Focus on the Future* campaign, that effectively built the dental

school some 30 years ago. Chapter leaders will be solicited on behalf of their chapter suggesting special naming possibilities to honor their chapters and/or individual members and friends.

The regular Foundation Edition of AO NOW will carry a more complete report of the plans, including rooms and equipment reserved for naming rights.