



GAMMA OMEGA



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HOUSE CORPORATION DETERMINED TO RAISE THE BAR

Alumni Support Needed

In the last two years, we have installed the sprinkler system, replaced the heating system, and done significant upgrades elsewhere in the house. The work continues for us all as fall turns to winter snow.

The board has been looking at the chapter house needs. Part of that process has been evaluating what is going on around campus. Most of us have heard about the \$7 million renovation at Beta Theta Pi. What you may not know is the number of other renovations on campus and the amounts raised by alumni. We would all welcome a single alumnus to step forward (like Beta) but I am more encouraged by the other changes on campus.

Our peers have realized that making a significant investment in their properties for commercial-grade construction is in their best long-term interests.

Sigma Chi has finished a complete renovation that cost over \$2.2 million. Phi Kappa Psi is finishing a renovation after raising \$1.1 million. TKE and Sigma Phi Epsilon have both raised close to a million dollars. KDR is finishing up a \$500,000 renovation. Our next

door neighbor, AGR, has started on a renovation of over \$500,000. Our peers have realized that making a significant investment in their properties for commercial-grade construction is in their best long-term interests. They can now offer their undergraduate members a safe and desirable housing option.

For Gamma Omega to continue attracting the brightest and best men on campus, we will need to upgrade the house. We must ensure a safe living facility that meets the needs of today's students. While there may be some differences in today's chapter from the one you remember, we all have in common our commitment to Gamma Omega and a love for our house.

These are uncertain times in our economy, but I am buoyed by the success of alumni groups around us. Certainly our dedication and love for Gamma Omega is not second to any of these groups. Thank you to all alumni for your support of Gamma Omega and ATΩ at Penn State.



Fraternally,
Aric Wagner '90
House Corporation President
(540) 582-2823

Homecoming Brings Gamma Omegas Together Despite Record Snow Fall, Alumni Attend Event



Alumni were greeted with a welcome banner at the chapter house for the Homecoming tailgate. The weather did not allow for traditional tailgating at the stadium.

Homecoming 2009 started off on a sour note with Mother Nature covering the State College area with a record snow fall. Regardless, several brave and daring Taus made their way to the chapter house for the Friday night cocktail party.

The festivities kicked off at 8 p.m. with a warm reception from the undergraduates. The young men, in shirts and ties, welcomed the returning alumni to a fraternity house so clean and squared away it would have made their mothers proud. It was a pleasure meeting these young men and sharing stories of living in the house back

in the day and listening to their ideas and expectations—new friendships were made and old ones rekindled.

Saturday started off with a bit of confusion as the University cancelled tailgating. But that did not deter ATΩ. We held our hot lunch tailgate at the house before we made our way to the stadium. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food provided by Hoags Catering before the long walk to Beaver Stadium. All the Taus had a great time standing around in the cold and getting reacquainted with each other.

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Homecoming Brings Gamma Omegas Together

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On Sunday we held our traditional board meeting. At 9 a.m., the chapter was called to order and the meeting started with **Aric Wagner '90** addressing the chapter followed by board elections. The board will remain the same except for the addition of me as alumni chairman. After all the formalities, a hot breakfast was served that everyone enjoyed.

I thank the participating alumni and encourage members to contact me with ideas for future gatherings.

Fraternally,
John Frain '89
Alumni Chairman
jfrainjr@verizon.net



Alumni brave the weather for Homecoming 2009.



House Corporation President Aric Wagner '90 leads the undergraduates in a rousing rendition of "Old Alpha."



Alumni enjoy reconnecting with brothers at Homecoming 2009.

GAMMA OMEGA SETS GOALS FOR SUCCESS

- *Chapter Recruits 22 New Members*
- *Undergraduates Paint Chapter House*

I am proud of Gamma Omega and how strong our brotherhood has grown in the past year. I have never seen the members as motivated and energetic.

The chapter welcomed 22 new members this semester, which ranks us in the top three of IFC recruitment. The member education program has encouraged all new members to become involved in the chapter and we look forward to seeing them in leadership positions.

Gamma Omega participated in Homecoming and Greek Sing. For Homecoming we were paired with Alpha Xi Delta and our float theme was "Anchorman." Our Greek Sing partners were Sigma Sigma Sigma and we performed a musical, "All Shook Up," based on the music of Elvis Presley. The brothers and chairmen for both events put in a lot of hard work and did a great job. We will be paired with Alpha Omicron Pi for the holiday lights tour in December.

Our main goal is to improve the condition of the chapter house. Most of the members contributed to painting the chapter room and the dining room. Our next project is painting the card and club room and the main staircase eventually focusing on the second and third floor hallways. Another improvement we plan to make is refurbishing the walls in the basement.

The chapter has experienced a great fall semester, and I am excited to see how we as a brotherhood keep improving and making Gamma Omega the elite chapter at Penn State.

Love and Respect,
Richard A. Gold '10
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

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Pat Farley
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Paul Myers
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Chalfont, Pa.

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Bridgewater, N.J.

Sam Young
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Austin McCullom
Cumming, Ga.



THIRTY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

Dedicated Alumnus Ends Term as House Corporation Alumni Relations Chairman

Spotlight on Dr. Joe Cattano '66

For **Dr. Joe Cattano '66**, his connection to Gamma Omega is as strong today as it was when he first joined Alpha Tau Omega. After serving as the alumni relations chairman for over 30 years, he has handed over his responsibilities to **Dave Siegelman '09**. John's extensive involvement with the chapter has strengthened Gamma Omega and improved the brotherhood.

As an undergraduate, close friendships and relationships drew Joe to Gamma Omega. "For me ATΩ was a home away from home. We were a group of men facing the same challenges in a new world." Shortly after graduation, Joe wanted to give back to the chapter as an alumnus.

Joe began serving Gamma Omega as a House Corporation member and was greatly influenced by the dedication of several alumni, including **Lou Gomlick '57**, **Jere Willey '66**, **Dan Cornali '72**, and **William Hughes '80**. Although it was difficult at times, Joe is proud of the accomplishments Gamma Omega has achieved over the years. "Serving on the board was emotionally demanding and at times exasperating, but it has all been worth it."



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Joe encourages young alumni to become knowledgeable and take advantage of opportunities. "Our society is a participatory society, demanding that young people become knowledgeable about issues and participate in resolving these and moving forward. Go beyond your personal needs and remember you are part of a greater humanity."

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and science, Joe earned a master's degree and Ph.D. at New York University. He then recurred a degree at the New York School for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. He is a licensed clinical social worker and a certified alcohol and substance abuse counselor.

He and his wife, Louise, live on Long Island, New York, and have one daughter, Christine (24), who is a recent graduate of Penn State. Joe enjoys playing golf, photography, and is an active Freemason. Contact Brother Cattano at drjcattano@gmail.com.

Tau Talk: Alumni, We Need Your Help

Career Opportunities

Please contact **Rich Kuegler '89** at kuegler1@comcast.net with announcements on any job openings or internship opportunities. Rich will forward to the chapter and post to the www.psutaus.org Web site

Reunions

We would like to invite, all alumni to visit the house for pledge class reunions or other visits to State College. Please contact **John Frain '88** at jfrainjr@verizon.net to coordinate reunions with the chapter during the school year.

Chapter Retreat

The House Corporation is planning to lead a retreat this spring. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Mike Walter '90** at jmikewalter@aol.com.

Facebook

Next time you log on, look for the Penn State ATΩ Group managed by **John Schneider '97**. Use it to connect with old friends and to stay current on upcoming activities in your area and State College.

Looking for Era Photos

We have begun compiling photos of Gamma Omega over the decades. Please contact Rich Kuegler at kuegler1@comcast.net if you have photos that could be reproduced electronically. You can e-mail any scanned files or send originals, which will be returned as soon as we have finished the project.

GAMMA OMEGA INTRODUCES NEW METHOD OF GIVING MEMBERS CAN LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

The Gamma Omega Association is initiating a new opportunity for alumni members to leave a lasting legacy for the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega.

The association welcomes all Gamma Omega alumni to consider establishing a planned gift through their will or other estate planning documents. This newly established opportunity will recognize brothers who have chosen to support the association and the Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega in a unique way.

Estate gifts may be considered as tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor for guidance on this point. If you are interested in establishing a planned gift through your will or other estate planning and would like more information, please contact **Aric Wagner '90** at awagner142@yahoo.com.



THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

The future of Alpha Tau Omega at Penn State University depends on the contributions of our loyal alumni to support the chapter. Thank you for your dedication to Gamma Omega. In the spring of 2009, 39 contributions were made totaling \$4,907. The Gamma Omega House Corporation thanks you for your support—it truly makes a difference.

The following is a list of contributors since the fall of 2006, listed by graduation year, in their life-to-date cumulative giving level. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, or if we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If a correction to your giving record is needed, please send it to Gamma Omega House Corporation, c/o Eric Wagner, P.O. Box 7925, Fredericksburg, VA 22404.

AZURE AND GOLD CLUB

(\$5,000 and up)

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(Up to \$99)

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* Denotes donor to the spring 2009 appeal

RECONNECT WITH BROTHERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

If you are interested in hosting a local event or would like to find out about events in your area, please contact **John Frain '89** at jfrainjr@verizon.net or e-mail psutaus@comcast.net for more information.



Several Taus from the Philadelphia alumni group enjoy a round of golf, marked by exaggerated tales of putting brilliance by Tom Merry '89 and a torrential downpour at the turn, which forced the brave golfers indoors for refreshments and a trip down memory lane.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Michael J. "Mickey" Hocker '66, Lower Paxton Township, Pa., entered Chapter Eternal on September 3, 2009, following a hard-fought battle with liver cancer caused by ocular melanoma. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Lee Ann, and children: Shawn, Chandra, and Linsey. Strengthened by his belief in Christ, Mick was a passionate lover of life, a devoted family man, and an avid Penn State football fan. He spent much of his leisure time outdoors gardening, playing golf, sailing, and walking his faithful labradors, Cappie and Charlie. Following graduation, Mickey served in the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Dix, N.J., and in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves in Sarasota, Fla. Mick was director of marketing with Feesers Food Distributor Inc. for 20 years.

ALUMNI NEWS

George E. Yundt '43 conducts a watercolor painting class for the physically challenged at the Good Shepherd Home in Allentown, Pa. He and his wife, Helga, have five children and live in Macungie. E-mail: cube@early.com

Wilfred C. Coudriet '54 served Rotary International as district governor and with several international projects. He reports that his three grandsons keep him busy. Wilfred lives in Mars Hill, N.C. E-mail: w.s.coudriet@att.net

Merice T. Nelles '54 manages several Midwest farms and resides in La Jolla, Calif., with his wife, Mary. She is involved with a Pi Phi alumnae club that supports the local community. They have one daughter, Erika. E-mail: mnelles@san.rr.com

Louis W. Gomlick '57, Matawan, N.J., retired from Bethlehem Steel Shipyards in 1982 and began working for Penn International Marine Agencies as an agent for foreign shipyards. He

is still working and traveling the world. E-mail: loupima@aol.com

Robert N. Weil '57, Tucson, Ariz., spent the summer in Germany with his wife, Marliss. His first wife, Ann, was a German citizen and passed away after 50 years of marriage. Bob is rebuilding houses and sells turquoise wood with turquoise inlays. E-mail: boby1@9.com

David B. McKee '59 enjoys life on the beach at Ortley Beach, N.J., with his wife, Nancy. He is the chairman of a local rescue mission, treasurer of the local property owners association, and environmental commissioner of Tom's River Township. David enjoys traveling to "tantalizing places around the world." E-mail: beachguydave@iwon.com

David J. Ulmer '62 says being the state president of Colorado International Teaching Exchange League has "pushed me into state politics." He and his wife, Mary, live in Colorado Springs. They have two granddaughters, Alexandria and Vivienne, who live in Springfield, Mo., and frequently draw them to the Midwest. E-mail: dulmer4@aol.com

Lance D. Balderson '66 is an architect, artist, and planner in Ocean View, N.J. In January, the Philadelphia Museum of Art approved his painting, Tryst, for the museum's permanent collection, which was donated by Philadelphia philanthropists Jerry and Marguerite Lenfest.

Randolph C. Ryder '66 retired in January 2005 from the United States Air Force as a brigadier general. He and his wife, Luan, split their time between homes in Finger Lakes, N.Y., and Venice, Fla.

William J. Williams '68 is embarking on a venture to build a global real estate marketing

company. He would be happy to hear from anyone with a good idea about what they think is needed to broaden real estate services. Bill says he is already working on bringing down the fees. He lives in Wyomissing, Pa., and has four children. E-mail: realtorwjw@comcast.net

Stephen F. Hass '88 is "way to busy for my good!" He can be seen on the Fuel TV show, "Camp Woodward." Stephen lives in Woodward, Pa. Email: maverick@woodwardcamp.com

Donald R. Williams '92 resigned from his eight-year position as an associate pastor. He and his wife, Kara, live in Asheville, N.C., and have three children: Alec, Gabe, and Kathryn. Donnie reports they are taking steps to move to West Africa for mission work. In the meantime, he encourages brothers who are hiring to contact him. E-mail: littledrw@gmail.com

James R. Corbin '93 began a full-time faculty position at Temple University in the social work graduate program. He enjoys playing cards with **Addie Palmer '95** and **Sher Palmer '98** and "honorary" ATΩs from the Hanover, Pa., area. James and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, Daniel and Michael, and live in Hanover. E-mail: jcorbin@psualum.com

Robert F. Hoffman '93 welcomes brothers to stop by if ever in upstate New York. He enjoyed seeing **John Kroboth '93**, **Matthew McKelvey '92**, and **Cary Paul '93** during Homecoming weekend. Robert visits **Dave Sharapan '93** in Las Vegas and **Shupe Chiao '93** in Phoenix once a year. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children, Colby and Sydney, and live in Voorheesville, N.Y. E-mail: robert@fillpoint.com

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SAVE THE DATE

Founders' Day
June 4-6, 2010

Friday

Reception and Cocktail Party
at the Chapter House

Saturday

Golf at Penn State Golf Course
Dinner and Cocktail Party

Sunday

Board Meeting

More details to come in
the spring issue of the *Gamma Gab*.

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CHAPTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Alumni Volunteers Needed

The undergraduate chapter has identified several maintenance projects that the brothers would like to undertake; some will need basic handiness while others may require more specialized skills with tools and craftsman's experience. If you are willing to work alongside chapter members in completing house projects, please contact **Damion Spahr '92** at atdspahr@reynoldsconstruction.com or (610) 334-2661.

Attention: This newsletter is intended for Alpha Tau Omega alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Penn State, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Academic Status (incoming freshman, current undergraduate) _____

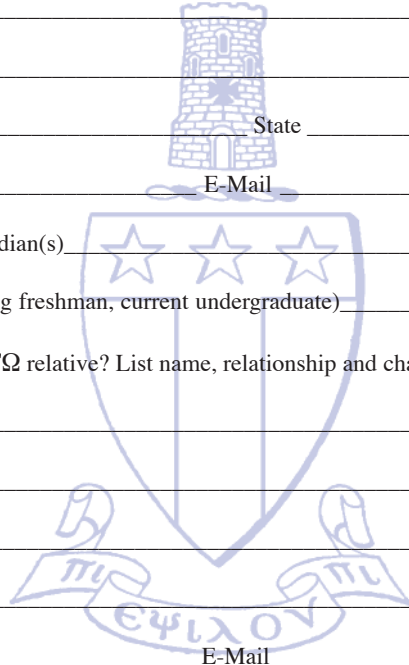
Does prospect have an ATΩ relative? List name, relationship and chapter _____

High school attended _____

Activities/Honors _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____



Web Sites

Gamma Omega Chapter
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Alpha Tau Omega National
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