



# GAMMA GAB

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## *Gamma Omega Alumni, Now Is the Time to Step Up*

**SUPPORT ALPHA TAU OMEGA**



*“To bind men together...  
as lasting as humanity....”*

As I write this, move-in weekend is approaching. On August 21, the house will open for the new school year, and we will welcome all alumni to visit the house and meet the undergraduates and their parents. Move-in weekend is always a favorite of mine—it’s a chance to talk with the guys in a relaxed atmosphere about the chapter’s goals for the year. I am sure this one will be nostalgic for me, since it will be my last as president.

After working four years on the board and three as president, I have decided to step down at Homecoming. Four years ago **Rich Kuegler ’89**, **Michael Walter ’90**, **Rodney Hutter ’89** and I decided that we wanted to help return Gamma Omega to elite status. The chapter had undergone a membership review by the National Fraternity (which left us with fewer than 30 actives), we were in financial trouble, and the house was in need of extensive work.

This fall we are changing three rooms to three-man rooms, which will allow us to increase capacity to 42 residents. Financially, we are in good shape. We have added a sprinkler system to the house for safety, installed a new boiler, painted the interior, and completely refurnished the living room. This fall we’ll

add new dining room tables to go with the benches and warming station. In addition, we have raised parlor fees for brothers not living in the house, extending their dinner privileges Monday-Thursday. This will be a large step toward keeping brothers active all four years, especially given our current membership of more than 68 active brothers.

After the tragic accident on campus last fall, there was significant concern about the chapter. Over the last nine months, with the National Fraternity, we have worked toward a fair disposition of these events. As of mid-July, the two more serious charges have been dropped and we have presented our case on the third charge. We expect a ruling in the case by mid-August. I am confident that this will conclude with an outcome we can live with. I would be happy to answer any of your questions; please contact me directly.

I am asking each of you to take pause and consider what Gamma Omega and our house means to you. Without alumni who are willing to step up and get involved, we will face a crisis again. I am thankful for the many of you who have helped me over the last four years. I hope you will continue to support the next president. For others, I hope you will make time to help. After all of the hard work and the progress we have experienced over the last four years, it would be unfair and wrong to end up in crisis again. The undergraduate chapter and their leaders are doing their part; it is time that the alumni brothers of Gamma Omega step up. The future of Gamma Omega depends on you giving back to the organization that has given us all so much.



Fraternally,  
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## Building a Better Future

- Chapter Recruits 24 New Members
- House Projects Promote Brotherhood



Our brotherhood never ceases to amaze me with the amount of work we have done to improve our fraternity. We have made strides in the past year to strengthen our brotherhood and make improvements to the house.

In the spring we welcomed three new members into the Gamma Omega chapter. Our newest members are Tommy Todd (Silver Spring, Md.), Andy Reid (Pittsburgh, Pa.), and Tariq Ahmed (Radnor, Pa.). These three brought our total new members to 24! We are all extremely proud of our recruitment efforts this past year and look forward to the upcoming year.

The undergraduate brothers enjoyed the rest of the semester, spending days on the front lawn and capping off the spring semester with Greek Week. We were paired with the sisters of Delta Zeta and had a great time participating in the events.

After painting the first floor last fall, we

spent the spring redoing the walls in portions of the basement. These projects have helped instill an even stronger sense of pride in our house. This fall we hope to paint the main staircase and the second and third floor hallways.

I am very proud of our brotherhood and the steps we have made together in the past year. While I am enjoying the summer, I am excited about the upcoming semester and the progress we will make. We will hopefully begin an alumni speaker series this fall. If you are interested in having dinner with the brotherhood and talking to us about your ATΩ experience, please let me know. As always, if you find yourself in State College, stop by 321 E. Fairmount Ave. We would all love to catch up with you.

Love and Respect,  
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## Founders' Day Canceled

We are disappointed to report that the spring Founders' Day events had to be canceled due to a poor response rate among our alumni base. The weekend was to include a cocktail party at the house, a golf tournament, and a dinner party at the Nittany Lion Inn. Unfortunately, it appears our planned weekend in June did not meet with the schedules of most alumni.

### Tell Us What You Think

To improve future alumni event planning and participation, a brief survey and biographical update is included in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this form.

## TAU TALK:

*Alumni, We Need Your Help*

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact **Rich Kuegler '89** at [kuegler1@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.psutaus.org):

### REUNIONS

We invite all alumni to visit the house for pledge class reunions or other events in State College. Please contact **John Frain '88** at [jfrainjr@verizon.net](mailto:jfrainjr@verizon.net) to coordinate reunions with the chapter during the school year.

### CHAPTER RETREAT

The House Corporation plans to lead a retreat in spring 2011. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Mike Walter '90** at [jmikewalter@aol.com](mailto: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 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 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.



## Chapter House 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 dspahr@reynold-construction.com or (610) 334-2661.

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

The Gamma Omega House Corporation has initiated an opportunity for alumni to leave a lasting legacy for the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega.

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

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

## THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI, FOR SUPPORTING GAMMA OMEGA

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 fall of 2009, 48 contributions were made, totaling \$5,490. 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 of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, P.O. Box 1009, State College, PA 16804.

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# Alumni, Mark Your Calendars for Homecoming 2010 October 8-10

This year's Penn State Homecoming celebration will be held on October 8-10. Mark your calendars and plan to join your brothers, new and old, at the house. We are planning a cocktail party for Friday night and a tailgate at the stadium on Saturday to prepare for the Illinois football game. On Sunday, we will host a brunch reception at the house, followed by our annual alumni meeting. Please note that this meeting will also include annual Gamma Omega Board elections. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please visit [www.psutaus.org](http://www.psutaus.org) for details regarding our Homecoming festivities. You may also contact **John Frain '88** for additional information at [jfrainjr@verizon.net](mailto:jfrainjr@verizon.net). We Are...Penn State ATΩ!

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## GAMMA OMEGA UPCOMING EVENTS

### Aug. 20-21

Move-In Weekend  
Board Meeting/Chapter Retreat  
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### Sept. 4

Youngstown State Football Game

### Sept. 18

Kent State Football Game

### Sept. 25

Temple Football Game

### Oct. 9

Illinois Football Game  
Homecoming Weekend  
Board Meeting/Annual Election  
Contact: **John Frain '88**

### Oct. 30

Michigan Football Game

### Nov. 6

Northwestern Football Game

### Nov. 20

Indiana Football Game  
FedEx Field, Washington, D.C.  
Contact: **Matt McKelvey '02**

### Nov. 27

Michigan State Football Game

## RECONNECT WITH BROTHERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

If you are interested in hosting a local event or would like to find out about get-togethers in your area, contact **John Frain '89** at [jfrainjr@verizon.net](mailto:jfrainjr@verizon.net) or e-mail [psutaus@comcast.net](mailto:psutaus@comcast.net) for more information.

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