



# GAMMA GAB

ALPHA TAU OMEGA • PENN STATE UNIVERSITY • FALL 2013

## GAMMA OMEGA CELEBRATES 99 YEARS

### BROTHERS LOOK FORWARD TO 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Our chapter is 99 years old. In a world where we have trillion dollar budgets and million dollar campaigns 99 can seem small, but 99 years is a long time. Our beloved Gamma Omega is almost 100 years old. When it started in 1914, most people moved around using horses.

#### BOOK YOUR ROOM

On April 4-6, we will gather in State College to celebrate our 100th anniversary. Please take a moment to call the Nittany Lion Inn and book your room. For those able to arrive early, we will play golf on Friday afternoon. Festivities will kick off Friday night with a cocktail party at the house. On Saturday afternoon, you can spend the day reconnecting with your brothers and meeting some new ones. We will host the 100th anniversary gala on Saturday night. PSU leadership, National Fraternity representatives, and the undergraduate chapter will be in attendance.

#### DON'T MISS THIS CELEBRATION

If you've been back to State College regularly, than you have no excuse to miss the centennial

celebration. If you haven't been back in awhile, or at all, then please accept this invite and consider coming back. Share memories with your peers and the undergraduates, see the house again, and reconnect with the brotherhood that means so much to all of us. We will also have informal discussions to help plan for Gamma Omega's next 100 years.

#### CHAPTER THRIVES ON CAMPUS

The chapter is well and growing and will soon induct a new large pledge class. We continue to lead on campus in the classroom and socially. We won the coveted True Merit Award from the National Fraternity. For those keeping score at home, that would be three in a row—something never done at Gamma Omega before.

I hope to see you in April!

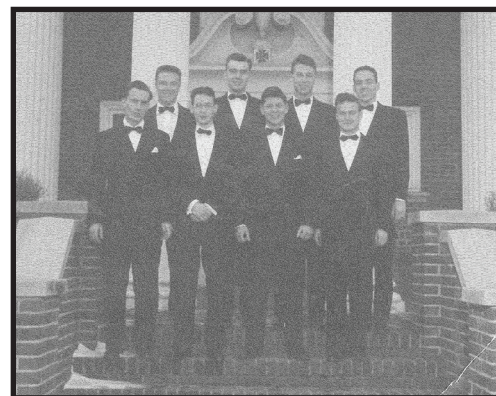
Fraternally,

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*Brothers from the 1950s set the foundation for Gamma Omega. We are proud of our rich history!*



## Support the Scholarship Campaign

Last year the Alumni Corporation teamed up with the ATΩ Foundation to start two scholarship funds. The scholarships are named in honor of our most distinguished alumni, **Lou Gomlick '57** and **George Greer '54**. **Thank you for your generous contributions to the funds, allowing us to raise more than 75% of our goal.**

The first scholarship will recognize an undergraduate member who exemplifies the values we all hold close to our heart. The second will recognize the Worthy Master when the chapter achieves True Merit status or Penn State's Chapter of Excellence Award.

Contributions to the foundation are 100% tax deductible. With the end of the year quickly approaching, I hope you will consider making a gift. If you prefer, you can make a gift of appreciated stock and save the capital gains tax on it.

## Make an Impact on Gamma Omega

I hope that each of you will consider a gift of at least \$50. The more contributors we have, the more we show the undergraduate chapter that ATΩ is for a lifetime and that Gamma Omega still occupies a place in our hearts. **Any alumnus who makes a gift of \$321 or more between now and December 31 will receive a special gift from the Alumni Corporation. Make your gift today and help us close out this campaign!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Fraternally,

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## Thank You, Loyal Donors

We are truly grateful to the following alumni and friends who have shown their support to Gamma Omega's scholarship program. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of several undergraduate brothers. Thank you!

Gretchen Larsen  
 G. Robert Overhiser Jr.  
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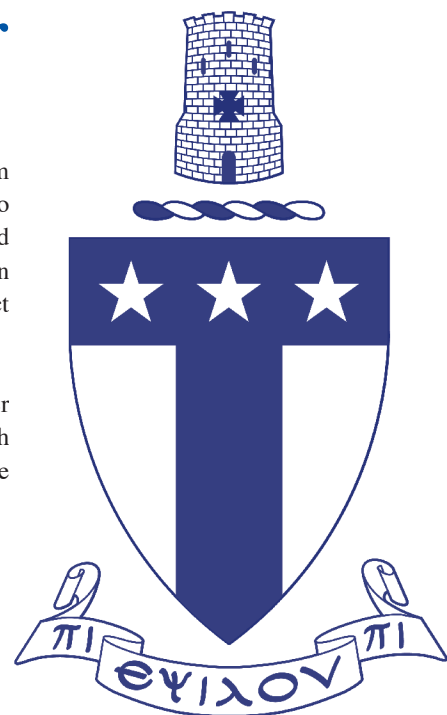
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 Jon Overhiser '08

## Your Involvement Enriches the Chapter We Appreciate Your Support

Thank you for your support and interest in the undergraduate chapter throughout the years. I am enjoying my third year as a brother of our chapter and feel blessed to have the opportunity to have this experience during my time as a student at this fine institution. I couldn't be more proud of the way our chapter has developed as it continues to evolve into a true model of excellence in academics, brotherhood, and recreation. Your time in this great fraternity has made a direct impact on our experience in the chapter.

As the newly elected alumni relations chairman, I encourage all of you to return to the chapter house and meet all of our brothers. We are planning a celebration for our chapter's 100th anniversary in April. It is my hope that all of you will be able to attend. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Fraternally,  
**Andrew Kuklinski '15**  
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## Ted Simon '57 Thankful for Gamma Omega Alumnus Applies Chapter Lessons to Real Estate

**Ted Simon '57** earned pre-medical and chemical engineering degrees from Penn State. While in the Gamma Omega Chapter, he had many fun learning experiences. "I served in many leadership positions, including choir director, alumni editor, and house party duet piano player with **Al Williams '57**. The sororities loved being serenaded by us. I also ran the midnight hamburger service with an electric frying pan, which turned out to be a money-losing venture. I remember storing raw hamburger outside my window during the winter to keep it cold!"

After graduating, Ted worked for Shell Oil in New Orleans for 20 years. During that time, his group began land development in Mississippi, established a side AAMCO business in Florida, and began building homes in Denver and Houston. After resigning from Shell in 1979, Ted built custom homes for people, including Dave Elmendorf from



the Los Angeles Rams and Olympic gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi. He then began working in Houston as a real estate broker. Ted is thankful for the lessons he learned from ATΩ. "Fraternity life taught me the importance of sharing, cooperation, and teamwork. The cooperative spirit learned at Gamma Omega still serves me well in my extensive real estate career."

Ted married Norma Boudreaux DeVeer in 1963. In 2000, Norma passed away from ovarian cancer. Their son, Mark, is the owner of an animation studio in Orlando. He and his wife, Jeanne, have two 14-year-old sons, Luke and Reece, who call their grandpa Bear. Ted now lives with his new lady, Jean Zinser, in Kingwood, Texas. He can be contacted at [bearlsimon@gmail.com](mailto:bearlsimon@gmail.com).

## LEADING BY EXAMPLE CARL MANDELL '07 REMINISCES ABOUT CHAPTER EXPERIENCE



Alpha Tau Omega is full of brothers who have shown exemplary leadership skills throughout the years. One of those brothers is **Carl Mandell '07**. During Carl's sophomore year at Penn State, he set out to meet new people. He made friends with guys next door who were joining Alpha Tau Omega. Carl quickly realized how easily he connected with the brothers and sought membership as well.

After joining the chapter, Carl served in many leadership positions, including new member educator. He enjoyed his experiences with the new members and being someone they could look up to. "I believe my leadership skills impacted the brothers. I tried to lead by example and find brothers who were joining for the right reasons. I think my actions rubbed off on them. I tried to embody what I was looking for when I was joined as an example for new members."

Carl earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications with a concentration in film. He has interned and worked for many professional sports teams, including the Houston Astros, Houston Dynamo, Chicago Cubs, and AA Tennessee Smokies. He now manages the broadcasting and video department for Philadelphia Union. "Choose your internships carefully because they can open up other doors for you. Let your bosses know that it is a career path you want to pursue."

Carl is thankful for his experiences in Gamma Omega and the opportunities he had to impact the lives of other brothers. "I've had a lot of unique and interesting life experiences and practically raised myself. Brothers can always feel free to reach out to me, even if you don't know me personally. I am always willing to give my honest opinion and help people find jobs. Feel free to contact me if you want to visit the stadium."

Carl resides in Philadelphia and can be reached at [cmandell@philadelphiaunion.com](mailto:cmandell@philadelphiaunion.com).



*Carl Mandell '07 and his staff at the stadium.*



# BROTHERS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN GREEK WEEK ACTIVITIES

*Chapter Grows to More Than 100 Members*

The Penn State Greek community expressed fraternal and Panhellenic pride during this year's Greek Week events. Fraternities and sororities formed pairs and triads for the week to take part in spirit-related activities. Gamma Omega and our partner sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, won many competitions and were declared Greek Week champions at the end of the week.

### *Celebrating National Recognition*

The National Fraternity presented the True Merit Award to Gamma Omega Chapter, making this our third consecutive year of receiving this honor. We are very proud of this accomplishment and are proud to be living up to the ideals established by our founders nearly 150 years ago.

### *Brothers Win Softball Championship*

Each year, Penn State fraternities take part in a wide range of intramural sports. The chapter competes against other Greek members in activities ranging from softball to golf. This fall, we had an undefeated record throughout the regular season and into the playoffs. We finished the season, for the first time since 1995, with a softball championship victory!



*Gamma Omega wins the fall 2013 intramural softball championship.*

### *Dedicated to Success*

We continue to excel academically with a consistent 3.0 GPA. Brothers are dedicated to working hard and succeeding. We are very proud of our recruitment efforts, bringing in 22 principled young men and raising our total number of actives to more than 100. We are also proud of all of our brothers who are involved around campus, including those on the IFC executive, judicial, and recruitment boards, those participating in club sports teams, those on the University Park Allocations Committee, and all others actively contributing to Penn State and to the good name of ATΩ.

### *We Appreciate Your Support*

We are all very proud to be members of the Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega and are honored to carry on the traditions of excellence and character as all of you did during your time as active members of this fraternity. Many of our accomplishments would not have been possible without the support and contributions that so many of you provide. If you're ever in State College, feel free to stop by the house. We'd love to see you.



Fraternally,  
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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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## Welcome, New Members

**Shaun Ahmed**  
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**David Michael**  
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**Greg Drohosky**  
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**Kevin Riley**  
Radnor, Pa.

**Hunter Eckrod**  
McLean, Va.

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Horsham, Pa.

**Steven Sharon**  
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**Ben Utley**  
Oakton, Va.

**Patrick McGeough**  
Basking Ridge, N.J.

**Andreas Vermuelen**  
Hopewell, N.J.

## Share Your Memories and Photos with Us

In preparation for Gamma Omega's 100th anniversary celebration in 2014, we have begun a project to compile a historical transcript of our 100 years at Penn State. This will include your memories, short stories, and photos of our house and the fraternity over the decades. Please contact **Rich Kuegler '89** at [kuegler1@comcast.net](mailto:kuegler1@comcast.net) to submit personal recollections of your time at Gamma Omega.

# ATΩ 100



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# SAVE THE DATE

100TH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

APRIL 4-6, 2014

NITTANY LION INN  
200 WEST PARK AVENUE  
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16803

Call 1-800-233-7505 to reserve  
a room. Use room code  
GAMD14A for the group rate.

#### Schedule of Events

Friday Afternoon: Golf Outing

Friday Evening: Cocktails at the  
Chapter House

Saturday: Dinner at Nittany Lion Inn

Sunday: Breakfast at Nittany Lion Inn



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## Remembering the Past: 99 YEARS AGO

*Electricity was unreliable.*

*Western Union meant urgency.*

*Telephones were  
a luxury item.*

*Woodrow Wilson  
was President.*

*Cracker Jacks started putting prizes into their boxes.*

*World War I  
hadn't begun.*

*Henry Ford introduced the moving assembly line.*

*Notre Dame used the forward pass effectively  
(which they would do until Jimmy Clausen).*