



GAMMA GAB

A PUBLICATION OF THE GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA

SPRING 2007

INSIDE:

GAMMA OMEGA
SPRING SEMESTER

2

ALUMNUS
SPOTLIGHT

3

THANK YOU
GENEROUS BROTHERS

4

ALUMNI
UPDATE

4-5

WHAT WILL 100 YEARS OF ATΩ BRING?

Join Your Brothers for Homecoming 2007 and Discover Gamma Omega 2014

What will Gamma Omega look like in 2014? Our 100th anniversary is just seven short years away. What should our goals be for the next seven years? We want to continue being one of the premier fraternal organizations on campus. What does that mean? It means we will provide an environment where young men leave much better than when they entered. It means we will have to invest in the house to make it livable. It means we will carry on our tradition of developing leaders built on character and integrity. The place we have all called home at some point needs some major renovations to bring it up to a livable standard.

As we plan for the next seven years, I hope you will join me and other alumni for Homecoming 2007, October 12-14. It will be the weekend we begin to unveil what Gamma Omega 2014 will look like. The board has planned a great Homecoming weekend with plenty to do and enjoy.

Why should you join us? Why should you come back to the house or even campus? You should come back

for yourself. Come back and see those brothers you have lost touch with. Come back and develop relationships with new brothers from other eras. Come back and see an exciting Penn State football team. Come back and see how State College has changed and how it has stayed the same. Come back and enjoy Penn State and Gamma Omega again.

When you visit the house you will meet some of the most dynamic and engaging undergraduates who have ever lived in the ATΩ house. You will be impressed with how smart and goal oriented these men are.

Take the time to treat yourself and your spouse to a fun weekend. Come home to Gamma Omega and let's renew the ties that bind us together in brotherhood.



Aric Wagner '90

House Corporation Board President
awagner142@yahoo.com
(540) 582-2823

We Want You at Homecoming 2007 Friday-Sunday, October 12-14

Don't forget about Penn State Homecoming! **Mike Walter '89** is leading the charge for a fun-filled weekend at the house and across campus. We look forward to seeing you at the chapter house.

FRIDAY

3 p.m. ~ Parade on College Ave.
6 p.m.-10 p.m. ~ Open House

SATURDAY

10 a.m.-7 p.m. ~ Tailgate at Beaver Stadium (location to follow)
3:30 p.m. ~ Penn State beats Wisconsin
8 p.m. ~ Open House

SUNDAY

9 a.m.-11 a.m. ~ House Corporation Board Meeting
(all alumni and undergraduates are welcome to attend)

House Corporation Board Welcomes New Faces

During the chapter meeting on Sunday, April 15, four new House Corporation Board members were introduced to the chapter and alumni in attendance. These Gamma Omega alumni were appointed to the board by unanimous vote to serve until formal elections are held during the Homecoming celebration, October 12-14.

Rod Hutter '89, *secretary and ATΩ National/University relations*—Former IFC president, re-founding father, and recruitment chairman during Gamma Omega's recolonization. Rod lives in New York City with his wife, Wendy, and wants us all to know, "I love you guys."

Rich Kuegler '89, *vice president*—LeaderShape graduate who held various ATΩ offices, was overall THON physical plant chairman in 1988, and Alpha pledge class president. Rich lives in West Chester, Pa., with his wife, Jillann (XΩ), and four children.

(Continued on page 2)



SPRING SEMESTER SWARMING WITH GREEK AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate Brothers Enlist Strong Pledge Class and Excel Academically

This spring semester was very busy for Gamma Omega. The first few months we dedicated most of our weekends to THON. We also initiated 21 new members from the fall, as well as recruited nine additional men to pledge in the spring semester.

While we were having fun and excitement during the semester, the men of Alpha Tau Omega also hit the books. We finished the semester with a 3.11 G.P.A., ranking 15th overall among all fraternities on campus. This marks the seventh consecutive semester that ATΩ has earned better than a 3.0 G.P.A.

We were also very active in philanthropies and community service projects. We put together a team during Greek Week to participate in the AOII football challenge. Along with supporting the event by fielding a team, our pledges volunteered to officiate. We tried our luck on the volleyball court and fielded a team for the ZTA Spikes philanthropy. The

final project of the semester was our cleanup efforts on the hiking trails of Mount Nittany.

Recruitment was one of our brightest highlights for the semester, attaining nine very solid men to pledge ATΩ—our largest spring pledge class in several years. Much credit goes to Recruitment Chairman **Andrew Dorgan '09** and his staff for their hard work enlisting these fine gentlemen.

This spring semester was a great follow-up to the tremendous fall semester. The undergraduate men look forward to working with the House Corporation Board and our alumni base to ensure we have another successful year.



Fraternally,
David Siegelman '09
Chapter President
dss5022@psu.edu
(585) 703-0764

PRESIDENT
David Siegelman '09
Webster, N.Y.
dss5022@psu.edu
(585)703-0764

VICE PRESIDENT
Denis Dubon '07
Leonia, Pa.

WORTHY CHAPLAIN
Alex Lutz '08
Gibsonia, Pa.

TREASURER
Jon Etter '09
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

WORTHY SCRIBE
Luke Marodi '08
Pittsburgh, Pa.

HISTORIAN
Carl Mandell '07
Philadelphia, Pa.

RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN
Andrew Dorgan '09
Eagon, Minn.
apd146@psu.edu

GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER OFFICERS

House Corporation Board Welcomes New Faces

(Continued from page 1)

Aric Wagner '89, *president*—initiate in both IUP and PSU ATΩ. Aric owned and operated Greek Pride and has been active in various PSU alumni groups. He lives in Spotsylvania, Pa., with his wife, Carol, and three children.

Mike Walter '90, *Homecoming 2007 chairman*—Served in various chapter offices, including recruitment, social, IM and song. Mike lives in the greater Eagle, Pa., area with his wife, Chrissi (ΔΓ), and three children.

In the last few years, the responsibility of running Gamma Omega has fallen to a handful of alumni. We wish to thank these alumni for their guidance, experience, and support. Make no mistake, without them there would be no ATΩ at Penn State.

Lou Gomlick '57, *chairman*—Lou continues in his role of leadership, bringing a wealth of experience and guidance to the House Corporation Board.

Joe Cattano '66, *alumni relations chairman*—Joe is also in charge of the rooms for Homecoming, so call him and be nice.

Chris Devol '89, *historian*—Chris will continue to keep the annals of Gamma Omega for future generations.

Mark Biro '78, *treasurer*—Mark's responsibilities lie in handling the physical plant (the chapter house) and working with **Bill Hughes '80** to make sure our beloved home survives.

Dan Cornali '72, *undergraduate relations*—Dan will continue to work with the undergraduate officers and mentor them as they lead the chapter.

FORE!
or Three, or Six, or
Twelve...However
Many You
Can Get!



ATΩ is planning a number of regional golf outings to reunite brothers for some good old-fashioned fun. What could be more enjoyable than “chewing the fat” over a cold beverage and 18 holes of golf? We are coming to a course near you this summer. Jump aboard!

To date, outings are being planned for the D.C. area, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Long Island. We want you! If you are interested in participating or in organizing a small outing, please contact **Joe Cattano '66** at ato66@aol.com for a list of alumni (including phone and e-mail) in your area. Additional information we will post to the ATΩ Listserve. Be sure to contact Joe to update your contact information so you don't miss out on all the fun.



EMBRACING THE TRADITION

House Corporation President Pursues High Ambitions for Gamma Omega

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT—ARIC N. WAGNER '90

Joining a Greek organization that has existed for more than a century was one of the reasons why **Aric N. Wagner '90** pledged ATΩ. Aric says he also joined Gamma Omega because of the friendships and the sense of strong tradition. The friendships he found have stood the test of time and Aric relishes these 20-year relationships with his brothers.



Brother Wagner's favorite memory as an undergraduate is participating in THON. "Seeing how hard we worked, then seeing the kids whose lives we were impacting is something I will never forget." Aric says his experiences as an active were learning tools for his future. "It was a precursory to a life where I have always tried to find a way to give back philanthropically."

Aric is giving his time back to Gamma Omega. As the new House Corporation president, Aric has set some ambitious goals for Alpha Tau Omega. "My goals are to get more alumni involvement, improve the physical structure of the house, and provide an environment that will attract the brightest and best on campus," he says.

Ensuring Gamma Omega is the place where undergraduate brothers will leave better leaders than when they entered is an important objective for Aric. He has high hopes for future ATΩ alumni. "I have been very impressed with the current group of undergraduates. They are bright and successful. They will develop into a great group of leaders and contributors to society."

Leadership has played an important role in Aric's life, too. He is vice president for Davenport & Company, the country's oldest continuously owned investment firm. In his career and as House Corporation president, Aric believes in three keys to effective leadership: integrity, showing everyone a level of respect and trust, and making sure to say "thank you."

Originally from West Middlesex, Pennsylvania, Aric now resides in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with his wife, Carol Ann, and three children: Aric Christian (10), Colin (8), and Seth (7). When he has the opportunity to relax, Aric enjoys playing golf and spending time in his woodshop. Contact Brother Wagner at awagner142@yahoo.com.



The Bryce Jordan Center was filled with more than 12,000 spectators, dancers, and families.

ATΩ Dances for a Cure

GAMMA OMEGA FIRST IN MONEY RAISED FOR THON

The 2007 THON, held on February 18, was a great success. Once again, ATΩ paired with ZTA for another record setting year, raising nearly \$295,000. This is the 11th consecutive year that Gamma Omega has raised the most money of any other fraternity. During two weekends in the fall and five in the spring, the chapter stopped in places all over the northeast from Connecticut to Virginia, as well as made a visit to our neighbors up north in Niagara Falls. Our efforts were headed by **Tony Rauso '10**, **Tyler Wise '07**, and **Ben Cunningham '09** and much credit should be given to them for raising the majority of that large total.

The 36-hour dancing extravaganza took place this year in Bryce Jordan Center. The extra space accommodated 708 dancers, 702 moralers, 191 families and thousands of volunteers. The added seating in the center also attracted 12,000 spectators. When all was said and done, THON raised an astounding \$5.2 million, breaking last year's record by more than \$1 million. Gamma Omega wishes to thank all of you who contributed to the Four Diamonds Fund and THON.



A sea of gold ATΩ and ZTA members keep their spirits up during the 36-hour event. Tucker Hass, one of the children the event supports, has the best view in the house on top of an ATΩ brother's shoulders.

WEB SITES

Gamma Omega Alumni ~ www.psutaus.org
Alumni, don't forget to register online. Just click on "Member Login."

Gamma Omega Chapter ~ www.greeks.psu.edu/ifc/ato

Alpha Tau Omega National ~ www.ato.org

Penn State University ~ www.psu.edu



THANK YOU, GENEROUS BROTHERS

It is with great pleasure that the Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega reports 61 dedicated alumni showed their enthusiastic support of the chapter by contributing \$8,855 during the first year of the new annual campaign. These generous gifts will help ensure that Alpha Tau Omega remains a prestigious fraternity at Penn State.

The following is a list of contributors, 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 Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, P.O. Box 1009, State College, PA

AZURE AND GOLD CLUB

(\$5,000 and up)

George C. Greer '54

FAIRMONT AVENUE CLUB

(\$1,000 to \$4,999)

George T. Geiser '42
Charles E. Arnold '46
Kenneth D. Kerwin '47
J. Lee Everett '48
Sanford H. Bennett '52
James H. Meyer '53
Larry A. Baver '58
Robert J. Steele '58
Eugene R. Curry '59
David B. McKee '59
William H. Surgner '61
Donald Dellinger '63

Benjamin Olewine '66
John D. Eisenhower '67
Jeffrey M. Lawrence '67
Dennis H. Smith '72
Thomas P. Tucker '75
Chris O'Connor '83
Evan Pierce '90
Russell Troutman '90
Holden Farahani '95

GAMMA OMEGA CLUB

(\$500 to \$999)

Carlton C. Durling '51
Edward A. Lentz '60
W. Robert Mitchell '61
James B. Conner '63
T. Richard Evans '63
Dr. Joseph A. Cattano '66
Robert K. Reitzel '67

Douglas B. DiGiovanni '71
Thomas C. Shaffer '73
James H. Buley '87
Brooks Clayville '89
Richard Goldbeck '89
Timothy Straley '89
Eric G. Dowiak '90
J. Michael Walter '90
Christopher E. Whorral '90
Joel Brous '92
James E. Powel '92
James R. Corbin '93
Andrew P. Stimmler '93
Matthew M. Sharrer '98

LIFE LOYAL CLUB

(\$250 to \$499)

J. David Blatchford '57
Willard H. Robb '58

Thomas C. Braun '66
John S. Hershey '67
Vincent J. Colistra '72
Hank Brandenberger '79
John T. Frain '89
Richard P. Kuegler '89
Thomas Merry '89
James R. Fetterolf '92
John R. Kroboth '93
Matthew B. McKelvey '93
Bryon Correll '96
Gregory Souchack '99

NITTANY LION CLUB

(\$100 to \$249)

Thomas M. Barrett '53
Jack L. Sadler '57
Richard D. Stromfors '63
Paul M. Wright '91

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John W. Rees '38 of Waverly, Pa., passed on to Chapter Eternal February 17, 2006.

Kenneth W. Uhler '44 of Whiting, N.J., passed on to Chapter Eternal November 29, 2006.

Peter T. Wolfe '46 of Coquille, Ore., passed on to Chapter Eternal July 31, 2006, after a long and active membership in his church and community.

Dale E. Thompson '48 passed on to Chapter Eternal on December 1, 2006, at his home in Keene, N.H. He was born in Brackenridge, Pa., May 24, 1924. Dale earned his civil engineering degree from Penn State in 1948. He then served in the U.S. Air Force and received the Purple Heart during his tour of duty. In 1979, he retired as the operations manager of the products division of AR-CO. Brother Thompson is survived by his wife, Doris, two daughters, Christine and Remie Ann, a son-in-law, Richard, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Michael F. Ferringer '73 of DuBois, Pa., passed on to Chapter Eternal on January 7, 2007.

ALUMNI NEWS

1940s

John S. Anderson '48 retired in 1989 from Wyle Laboratories as the senior engineer. He resides in Charlottesville, Va., with his wife, Virginia. They have raised three daughters: Peggy, Janet, and Sally. You can reconnect with John via e-mail at janderson107@earthlink.net.

Joseph R. Burgess '49 was the editor of the first Gamma Gab during Dick McAdam's time as W.M. He notes that although he was initiated at Worcester Tech, he considers himself a Gamma Omega. His family has grown vastly over the years; he has two children of his own, along with three stepchildren from his marriage to wife Dorothy. Joseph also has two grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He retired in 1990 from the National Security Agency and resides in Ellicott City, Md.

1950s

James H. Meyer '53 of Silver Springs, Md., has retired himself and his company, Meteor-

ological Applications, after 30 years. Jim acted as an expert witness for lawyers and cases that involved weather conditions. He is a member of the American Meteorological Society and is a certified consulting meteorologist. He is married to Joan and has three grown children: James Jr., John, and Karin. He also has nine grandchildren. Contact James at meyer.james@verizon.net.

John W. Beiler '55 is campaigning for county commissioner of Butler County, Pa. He was on the ballot for the primary election on May 15, 2007. He asks for support from fellow brothers who live in the county. Jack is the father of one son, John, and a husband to Amy. He is employed by Mellon Bank N.A. as senior vice president. Send Jack a message at bjb311@zbzoom.net.

1960s

William H. Surgner '61 has been active at State College for the past 10 years constructing a series of buildings on the main campus. His firm, Torcon Inc. (formerly Barday White Inc.), built the Lasch football building



GAMMA OMEGA BOARD of DIRECTORS

HOUSE CORPORATION

CHAIRMAN

Lou Gomlick '57

Matawan, N.J.

loupima@aol.com

(732) 566-7925

PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

Aric Wagner '90

Spotsylvania, Pa.

awagner142@yahoo.com

(540) 582-2823

VICE PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE

Rich Kuegler '89

West Chester, Pa.

kuegler1@comcast.net

(610) 738-9055

TREASURER

Mark Biro '78

Akron, Ohio

mkjbiro@aol.com

(330) 869-0078

SECRETARY & ATΩ NATIONAL /

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS-DESIGNATE

Rod Hutter '89

New York, N.Y.

rhutter@nyc.rr.com

(212) 877-2882

UNDERGRADUATE RELATIONS

Dan Cornali '72

Centre Hall, Pa.

(814) 237-7783

UNDERGRADUATE RELATIONS-DESIGNATE

Mike Walter '90

Downingtown, Pa.

michael.walter@cigna.com

(610) 458-2101

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Joe Cattano '66

Freeport, N.Y.

ato66@aol.com

(516) 623-6715

HISTORIAN

Chris DeVol '89

Spring City, Pa.

chrisdevol@aol.com

(610) 469-2256



Left: Alumni, undergraduates, and their families welcome the sun as they tailgate before the Blue/White Game. Right: Chapter officers and House Corporation Board members take advantage of the Founder's Day weekend get-together to meet and discuss future goals.

FOUNDERS' DAY WEEKEND ENCOUNTERS PERFECT WEATHER

Nearly 72,000 Penn State fans gathered for the Blue/White Game on April 21. Many of those fans were also ATΩ brothers. If you weren't there, you missed a great weekend. This was the first Founders' Day and Blue/White weekend with sun-filled 75 degree skies in almost a decade. The crowd's enthusiasm reflected their excitement and high level of expectations for the coming season.

Alumni, wives, and children had a great time throughout the event. The festivities began with a delicious tailgate meal prepared by one of Penn State's finest fraternity cooks, our own Donna Ray. ATΩs from several generations were well represented at the Beaver Stadium tailgate and the Blue/White Carnival. Following the game, many of us retired to the chapter house for a cocktail party. The weekend gave us all another chance to visit with old friends and meet some new ones.

Many thanks to the coordinated efforts of **Andrew Dorgan '09**, **Jeff Ferriola '01**, Donna Ray, and all of the alumni and undergraduates who made this weekend an enjoyable experience.

for Coach Paterno as well as the multisport building and the Now Life Sciences Building. He is married to Lynn and they live in Berwyn, Pa. They have two children. Bill may be reached at bsurge@comcast.net.

John S. Hershey '67 retired from Case New Holland in July 2006 after 39 years. He and his wife, Mary Lou, spend their time traveling, volunteering, and visiting their children. Their daughter, Jennifer, lives in Brooklyn with an 18-month-old daughter of her own. Their son, Matthew, and his wife live in Manhattan with a 9-month-old son. John is excited to announce that he and his wife will be married for 40 years on the day of next fall's Homecoming, which they plan to attend. John lives in Lancaster, Pa., and can be e-mailed at jshershey@comcast.net.

1970s

William J. Kunkle '71 retired in 2006 from Chanel Inc. as area sales manager. He lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and works on the ski slopes in the winter and the golf course in the summer. E-mail him at kunk1@verizon.net.

1980s

Richard Goldbeck '89 and his wife, Annemarie Kelly, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Mary Theresa, on February 2nd. She joins an older sister, Grace. The Goldbeck family lives in Newtown Square, Pa. You can send congratulations to Richard and the family by e-mail at goldbeck@aerotek.com.

1990s

Christopher E. Whorral '90 is the proud father of two young soccer players, Justin and Jessica. If he's not at work as a buyer of men's denim for Kohl's Department Stores, Christopher can be found at one of his kids' games, accompanied by his wife, Phyllis. They have lived in Menomonee, Wis., for the past six years. Drop him a line at chris.whorral@kohls.com.

Chris Wagner '95 and his wife, Stefanie, welcomed a son, Jackson Christopher, in April 2006. Chris teaches in the social studies department at Wilson High School. You can send your congratulations to the proud



GAMMA OMEGA

ALPHA TAU OMEGA
P.O. Box 1009
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16804

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

POST
FIRST CLASS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LAWRENCE MS
PERMIT #570

UPCOMING Alumni Events

Your Alumni Board of Trustees is actively coordinating ATΩ events in a city near you! Stay tuned for more information on summer events. Updates and details will be posted to the ATΩ Listserv. If you would like to assist or have any questions, contact the regional chairman listed below for additional information.

PHILADELPHIA

Chairman: **John Frain '89**
jfrainjr@comcast.net

July: Golf Outing

Nov. 10: PSU at Temple Tailgate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Chairman: **Matt McKelvey '93**
matthew.mckelvey@proxicom.com

June/July: Golf Outing

Aug. 17: Washington Nationals vs. NY Mets,
hosted by **Bob Pilon '01**

NEW YORK

Chairman: **Joe Cattano '66**
ato66@aol.com

Aug.: Cocktails at New York Athletic Club

NEW JERSEY

Chairman: **Evan Pierce '90**
evan_pierce@msn.com

Jun/July: Golf Outing

FALL EVENTS IN STATE COLLEGE

Sept. 9: Penn State v. Notre Dame tailgate,
hosted by **Richard Goldbeck '89**

OCT. 12-14: HOMECOMING

Friday, Oct. 12: Parade downtown and
Gamma Omega open house

Saturday, Oct. 13: Penn State vs. Wisconsin
tailgate at stadium, hosted
by **Michael Walter '90**

We are looking for volunteers in other major metropolitan areas (Pittsburgh, Denver, Los Angeles and greater Harrisburg) to assist in coordinating Gamma Omega alumni events. If interested, please contact **Joe Cattano '66** at ato66@aol.com.

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 _____

Please send to: Recruitment Chairman **Andrew Dorgan '09**
P.O. Box 1009 | State College, PA 16804
apd146@psu.edu | (651) 452-7150