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GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER BUILDS MEN

It is my pleasure to report on the health of Gamma Omega. The undergraduate chapter continues to improve by leaps and bounds. We have a group of officers who understand the values of ATΩ and are working hard to instill them in the rest of the chapter. I have been impressed with how they handled situations that came up this year, especially when you remember they have not had upperclassman leadership to learn from.

Schedule Lunch with a Chapter Member

I am happy to announce that many of you will get a chance to know these young men better. The chapter has decided that each one of them is to meet with an alumnus for lunch or dinner this summer. I am excited at the prospect of the chapter reaching out to our alumni base and I look forward to the stories of those

lunches and dinners when we are together. If you would like to have one of these meetings, please contact **Mike Walter '90** who handles chapter relations for the board.



At the invitation of the chapter, Roy Baker, director of Greek Life at Penn State, recently shared dinner at the house to discuss academics and Greek life and to learn more about the brotherhood of ATΩ.

Regional Events to be Held this Summer

Our alumni base is starting to stir. With the help of returning board member **Bob Pilon '01** and everyone's favorite board member for life **Joe Cattano '66**, we will host a number of regional events this summer. These will be casual events to give you the chance to reunite with brothers from your era and meet others who live near you. For any ambitious alumni who make it to all the events, I have a special gift. If you travel for business, check your schedule!

House Painting Party Planned

Our beloved house has seen some improvements. The new boiler and heating system is complete. This summer we will complete work on the parking lot and install a card key system on the doors. We will also create two study rooms in the house and



Parents' Weekend festivities were highlighted by a performance by The One Man Band that delighted parents, families, and Taus of all generations: Erik Lawler '10 (president), Aric Wagner '91, The One Man Band, Mike Walter '90, Dave "Beanie" Seigelman '09 (worthy chaplain) and Rich Kuegler '90.

upgrade the Internet in those rooms. The chapter is planning a painting party this summer with the goal of painting the first floor and working on the finish of the wood trim. If you would like to help with any of those projects, please contact me.

Thank You, Mark Biro '78

Lastly, I want to thank Mark who is stepping down after many years on the board. He has held almost every position on the board and for the last year or more has had the responsibility of looking after the house. It has been through Mark's work that we completed the sprinkler system and replaced the boiler. He has given countless hours for the house, and we all owe him a thank-you.

I look forward to meeting many of you this summer!



Fraternally,
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Check Us Out

Alumni, go to our alumni Web site at www.psutaus.org.

Here you can submit a recruitment recommendation, find information about upcoming alumni events, view the 2008 football schedule, and search for fellow brothers.

Gamma Omega Wins ATΩ Upper Alpha Award

Established in 1996, the award recognizes ATΩ's top trustees who provide exceptional leadership and service to their chapter. Gamma Omega's board was among the 20 chapters to be nationally recognized in 2007.



EVENTFUL SPRING SEMESTER FOR GAMMA OMEGA CHAPTER

The spring semester at Gamma Omega Chapter at Penn State University has gone very well. We started the semester by having another great Thon season and were the top money raisers for the 13th straight year. We have participated in numerous events, such as intramural sports, Parents' Weekend and Greek Week.

G.P.A. above 3.0 Eighth Straight Semester

While our chapter remains active in social activities, we worked hard on our studies. Our G.P.A. last semester was a 3.04, making it our eighth straight semester with a G.P.A. above a 3.0.

Three New Pledges

With a slow recruitment throughout the entire Greek community, we obtained three new pledges. They seem focused on becoming members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. **David Stiffey '10** is the pledge master this semester and, with the help of Assistant Pledge Master **Mark Mullaney '10** and top six, he ensures that it will be a smooth running pledge program that is both knowledgeable and done right.



Gamma Omega brothers participate in an intense game of Monday night poker.



Marc Mullaney '10, Alex Scheffer '10, and Greg Samsone '10 win the nugget eating competition.

Thon Collects over \$230,000

The Gamma Omega Chapter had an excellent year in raising money for Thon. We are happy to say that for the 13th straight year (which is the new school record) we are the top fundraisers for the event, collecting just over \$230,000 to support kids with cancer. Alpha Tau Omega teamed up with Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority to go canning and door to door for the seven weekends between winter break and Thon and for a couple of weekends during fall semester. Thank you to everybody who donated to this great cause, and we are looking forward to making it 14 straight years.

Books Going to Students in Africa

Headed by **Adam Shami '10** and **Britton Hartzok '10**, we are collecting all the books that the Student Book Store would not buy back and are sending them to students in Africa who cannot afford to buy books.

Involved with Intramural Sports

In addition to our studies and social activities, we are involved in intramural sports. We have just finished a very competitive basketball season. After losing some very close games we barely missed the playoffs but it was a good time.

Parents' Weekend and Greek Week

We had a great time at Parents' Weekend and Greek Week. This year The One Man Band made an appearance, and we all had an enjoyable weekend. We paired with Delta Gamma Sorority for Greek Week.



Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity teamed up with Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority to raise over \$230,000 during the Thon event.



Members of ATΩ, ΔKE, and ΔΓ build the chariot for Greek Week.

Thank You, Alumni

This semester has been filled with plenty of hard work and fun. The brotherhood and I would like to thank the alumni very much for all you've done and hope to see you at the house soon.

Fraternally,

Justin Schreiber '10

Keeper of the Annals

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Brothers get ready for the Wiffle ball league play.



ACTING WAS CALLING

- GAMMA OMEGA WAS A HOME AWAY FROM HOME
- ALUMNUS CATERED TO FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE WORKERS AFTER THE OKLAHOMA BOMBING

Alumnus Spotlight—Chris Goodman '93

As a freshman, **Christopher Goodman '93** moved from Oklahoma to attend Penn State University. A friend, **Jim Powel '92**, who lived in the dorm with him wanted to be recruited into a fraternity so he went with him. When they went to the ATΩ recruitment gathering, the men were hospitable, friendly, down to earth, and they felt they could connect with the men at Gamma Omega. Chris felt that being part of the fraternity would be a great way to get to know the other students on campus.

Belonging to Gamma Omega was like a home away from home. Chris was drawn to the Penn State University because of a special talent program for actors, but because his fraternity brothers didn't think it was fitting for one of their brothers to be pursuing a theater career, he switched his major to political science.

Chris was social chairman in the fraternity and remembers the Mystery Man Valentine event he spearheaded. He said all the fraternity brothers were given the opportunity to invite any girl on campus they wanted to attend the event, and in turn the social group delivered the invitation to the girl. He said the majority of the girls accepted the invitations and many of the brothers told him that was the greatest night of their lives. Chris said it was a great confidence builder for the brothers.

As an undergraduate, Chris also served as worthy chaplain, was selected twice as PSU Spring Week God (sketch competition), served on the Homecoming committee and Dance Marathon morale team, danced one 48-hour Dance Marathon, and was chosen his senior year as a Man of Penn State. He also sailed around the world on Semester at Sea before graduating.

After graduation he returned to Oklahoma City. Chris was catering and substitute teaching while raising a fledgling sports memorabilia business with two partners, when a truck bomb exploded in downtown Oklahoma City. Through his boss, he and his two friends managed volunteers and ran the food service line in the Myriad Convention Center (feeding firemen and rescue workers) from dusk 'til dawn for three straight days before



being relieved by the Red Cross. After a year as an owner in the restaurant and bar business, he left Oklahoma City to pursue an acting career in Paris, France.

Chris says those same brothers who ridiculed his choice of theater have become his best fan club. His days are spent going to auditions, sometimes with his 5-month-old daughter, Alison, with him. He says, "If they call me back that means I am in the top 50 and if I get a call back a third time that means I am in the top five." From commercials to TV sitcoms, primetime dramas to movies, Chris has done it all in the acting field.

Since Chris is self-employed, he says, "Leadership is essential whether it be for yourself or leading others. In your own business you have to have self-leadership. You have to show up, do the work, and make choices about your character. You don't have anyone to hold your hand."

Chris advises undergraduates to "get outside of your box and take classes you wouldn't normally take so you graduate with a well-rounded education. Embrace the craziness of life. Keep your grades up, and don't let school get in the way of your EDUCATION." Chris also has the opportunity to do speaking engagements to high school and college-level students, and he tells them to be smart with their money and save so they can have freedom later on in life. He says to have self-discipline in saving for the long term because money gives you options. "Travel and save while you are young! Yes, you can do both," Chris says.

Chris was born in Izmir, Turkey. His father worked for the U.S. Air Force and, after brief stations in Karamusel, Turkey, and Bittburg, Germany, brought his wife and three sons to Midwest City, Oklahoma (home of Tinker Air Force Base), when Chris was 5 years old. His acting career brought him back to the USA and Toluca Lake, California, where he lives with his wife, Sabra, and Alison. Chris produced his first film in 2006, *Hot Tamale*. It is available on DVD. In his free time, Chris enjoys spending time with his family and playing tennis.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON KEY COMMUNICATORS

In the last edition of the *Gamma Gab*, we introduced the concept of key communicators. Key communicators are alumni volunteers who have accepted the responsibility of communicating with a core group of Gamma Omega alumni regarding issues important to all alumni. Your success as a group is dependent on our ability to effectively communicate, share ideas, strategies, and information.

We recently welcomed two brothers who have accepted responsibilities as key communicators—**Jon Briante '99** and **John Hershey '67**. We expect that others will step forward to fill this important role. It is crucial that other brothers consider assuming the role of key communicator, as Gamma Omega has much work to do and many tasks to accomplish in order to maintain our legacy of success on the Penn State campus.

The commitment of both time and effort is rather modest, while holding the possibility of considerable personal reward. Please give consideration to this most important role and take advantage of an opportunity to network with your fellow Taus. Feel free to e-mail **Dr. Joe Cattano '66** at ato66@aol.com any time to discuss the details of this undertaking.

We Would Like to Hear from YOU!

Your news makes the *Gamma Gab*. Alumni updates are historically the most-read section of the newsletter. We need news from ALL DECADES—photos, stories about your recent successes, travels, weddings, family additions, career changes, or memories...we'll take it all!

You can submit news on the Web at www.psutaus.org or via e-mail to psutaus@comcast.net or to Caroline Feldhausen at cfeldhausen@penningtonco.com. When submitting news and photos via e-mail, be sure to include your name, graduation year, and put ATΩ-PSU in the subject line.

You can also submit news and photos via snail mail to Gamma Gab Content, ATΩ Penn State, P.O. 296, State College, PA 16804-0296—be sure to include your name, graduation year, ATΩ-PSU and return address if you need your photos back.

PLEASE NOTE: This P.O. box is different than the return address on this newsletter.

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Raymond F. Kroll '53 passed on to Chapter Eternal in April 2007. He was president of the chapter for two terms and was known as a loyal, hardworking leader. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, and children.

Bruce R. Romig '57 of Fleetwood, Pa., passed on to Chapter Eternal on October 18, 2006.

James D. Berry '61 passed on to Chapter Eternal November 16, 2007.

ALUMNI NEWS

Chuck E. Arnold '48 and his wife, Charlotte, spend their years moving back and forth from Pennsylvania to Florida, spending six months in each. E-mail: carnold9339@verizon.net

J. Lee Everett '48 and his wife, Marjorie, live in Vero Beach, Fla. E-mail: everettovb@aol.com

William E. Frazer '53 is retired and lives in Gladwyne, Pa. E-mail: efrazer@ix.netcom.com

Donald A. Asendorf '58 is retired and lives with his wife, Elizabeth, in Lemont, Pa. E-mail: dbasendorf@verizon.net

Robert J. Steele '58 was inducted into the American Legion Boys State Hall of Fame. In June he

RECAP OF RECENT ALUMNI EVENTS

ATΩ Holiday Steak Dinner, New York City

On December 15, 2007, 19 festive Taus gathered at Angelo and Maxie's Steakhouse in New York City for the fourth Annual ATO holiday steak dinner. The group ranged in age from a few freshly released 23-year-olds to the estimable **Rod Hutter '89**, who while pushing 40 still manages to look 16.



Matt Rickert '00, Dave Prael '00, and Josh Kardon '00 attended the fourth annual ATO holiday steak dinner.

Out on the town, the group—now deflated to about five Taus—descended en masse on Angels and Kings in the East Village and crashed an old friend's post-dinner holiday party. **Matt Rickert '00** screamed like a “Zeta at Thon” when he saw pop singer Ashlee Simpson and her boyfriend, fellow rocker Pete Wentz (who owns the bar), slink into a corner table. Looking forward to passing the 20-Tau mark next holiday season at this unforgettable event!

Philly Tau Thursday in March

While we eagerly anticipated the arrival of St. Patrick's Day and our traditional “top o' the morning” greetings, over a dozen Taus met at Maloney's Pub in Bryn Mawr on March 13. We thank **Rich Goldbeck '89** for hosting this event on behalf of Philadelphia-area Taus. Taus came from great distances to meet with pledge brothers and others from several eras. Notably absent was **Sean Flatley '87** of Irish folk music fame. It is hard to believe **Chris Wagner '95** has been teaching high school at Wilson High in reading for over 11 years. Not so hard to believe—**Eric Domski '90**, who lives in Boston, coordinated his business travel schedule just to make the event. Thanks for the effort, Domski. See you all for the Philly golf outing this summer.

will celebrate 50 years as a Penn State graduate, becoming a pioneer in PSU alumni association terminology. Robert lives in Alexandria, Va.

Donald Dellinger '63 is retired and lives in York, Pa., with his wife, Jane. E-mail: 218jddbd@netrax.net

Jere J. Willey '66 is retired and lives in Petersburg, Pa., with his wife, Bonnie.

John Hershey '67 retired from Case New Holland in 2006. He and his wife, Mary Lou, live in Lancaster, Pa. E-mail: jshershey@comcast.net

Kerry D. Huddleston '71 is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Laricks Real Estate in Sea Isle City, N.J. E-mail: kerry@laricks.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 to the alumni for your ongoing support. In the fall of 2007, 37 contributions were made totaling \$9,650. The Gamma Omega House Association thanks the alumni for your loyal support of the chapter. It will truly make a difference for the future Gamma Omega brothers.

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 16804.

AZURE AND GOLD CLUB

(\$5,000 and up)

FAIRMONT AVENUE CLUB

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

- * George C. Greer '54
- Louis W. Gomlick '57
- * Jeffery L. Leininger '67
- * Scott W. Smith '89
- * Evan Pierce '90

GAMMA OMEGA CLUB

(\$500 to \$999)

- * Charles E. Arnold '46
- * Robert J. Steele '58
- * Edward A. Lentz '60
- Chris O'Connor '83
- Richard Goldbeck '89
- J. Michael Walter '90
- James E. Powel '92

LIFE LOYAL CLUB

(\$250 to \$499)

- * George T. Geiser '42
- Jack S. Reno '57
- * Larry A. Baver '58
- Edward E. Altemus '66
- * Thomas C. Braun '66
- John D. Eisenhower '67
- Jeffrey M. Lawrence '67
- Dennis H. Smith '72
- Thomas P. Tucker '75
- Richard P. Kuegler '89

- Thomas Merry '89
- Russell Troutman '90
- Aric N. Wagner '90
- Jason W. Cave '92
- Bryon Correll '96
- Richard A. Fenati '97

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(\$100 to \$249)

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- * William J. Cully '47
- * Kenneth D. Kerwin '47
- * J. Lee Everett '48
- Richard R. Gillespie '50
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- Sanford H. Bennett '52
- Francis C. Angelo '53
- Thomas M. Barrett '53
- James H. Meyer '53
- * David E. Bain '54
- * Robert F. Coniff '54
- Carl B. Weiss '54
- Watson K. Leese '55
- * Eugene R. Curry '59
- David B. McKee '59
- James D. Berry '61
- William H. Surgner '61
- * John H. Witmer '62
- * Donald Dellinger '63
- * T. Richard Evans '63
- Wilson Pollock '63
- Gordon R. Schmidt '63
- Richard D. Stromfors '63

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- * Brooks Clayville '89
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- Wesley Ellis '90
- * Christopher E. Whorral '90
- * John R. Kroboth '93
- Matthew B. McKelvey '93
- David T. Hughes '96
- * Matthew Strand '99
- Holden Farahani '00
- * David M. Prael '00

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- David C. Schmidt '68
- Donald A. Glendenning '69
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- James R. Fetterolf '92
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- Andrew P. Stimmler '93
- * Sheridan Palmer '98
- Bob Seitzer '98
- * Matthew M. Sharrer '98
- * Douglas McKenna '99
- Gregory Souchack '99
- Chris Gruber '00

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BROTHERHOOD CLUB

(Up to \$99)

- W. Edward Frazer '53
- J. David Blatchford '57

Kirk Groeber '89 moved his family to western Massachusetts from Pennsylvania. He is a property manager for Hayseed Hill. E-mail: hayseedkirk@yahoo.com

Chris P. Georgulis '91 is a captain for NetJets Inc. He and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Noah and Luke, and live in Jefferson Hills, Pa. E-mail: acgeorgulis@comcast.net

John R. Kroboth '93 and his wife, Lorri, and their two sons, Kyle and Brett, live in Venetia, Pa. John works for Misys Healthcare Systems as a sales representative. He is looking forward to a Theta pledge class reunion for the PSU Homecoming game against Michigan in October. E-mail: kroboth@comcast.net

Tamer S. Issa '95 and his wife, Cheryl, welcomed a new family member in the fall of 2006, Jacob. Tamer has been busy as a physical therapist at Issa Physical Therapy Inc. in Silver Spring, Md. E-mail: issa@issaphysicaltherapy.com

David M. Prael '00 married Jennifer Jaremski on September 21, 2007. They live in New York, N.Y. David is a vice president at Fortress Investment Group. E-mail: dprael@fortress.com

Jake D. Stein '04 lives in Austin, Texas, and works for Dell Inc. as a materials manager within the operations and supply chain group. He has been there for three years and says, "Life is good." He attended Valero Alamo Bowl in San Antonio to watch the Nittany Lions play Texas A&M. E-mail: jds350@psu.edu



Founders' Day Road Show

Gamma Omega is taking Founders' Day on the road. This year, it will consist of a series of local events in cities full of Penn State ATΩs. Building on the successful participation in recent Gamma Omega alumni events, including Founders' Day and Homecoming Weekend, we are planning a multi-faceted celebration—the Founders' Day Road Show.

The events are being scheduled for the cities and areas listed below. More information about each event will be distributed soon and will be posted on the www.psutaus.org Web site. We have used feedback from several generations of alumni in planning this year's events, moving away from competition with University weekends like Blue/White Weekend. We hope this strategy helps improve the ability of many alumni to attend. Attendees can look forward to visiting with friends and learning about the recent achievements of the chapter and the plans for Vision 2014.

If you are interested in volunteering to host or would like to help plan a Founders' Day Road Show event near you, please contact **Bob Pilon '01** or visit our Web site at www.psutaus.org for more information.

Some dates and locations TBD; more information to follow.

Washington, D.C.

Thursday, June 26

Capitol Brewing Downtown (Metro Center)

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(corner of 11th and H NW)

Host: **Matt McKelvey '93**
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Philadelphia

Saturday, June 28

Lederach Golf Club

Lansdale, PA

Host: **Tom Merry '89**
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New York

Cocktail Party—TBD

Host: **Joe Cattano '66**
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Boston

June/July Golf Outing—TBD

Hopkinton Country Club

Host: **Eric Domski '89**
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Pittsburgh

Saturday, June 28

Pirates vs. Rays

DNC Park - Hall of Fame Club

Host: **John Kroboth '93**
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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.*

Atlanta
July Cocktail Party—TBD
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Los Angeles Area
July Event—TBD
Host: **Jason Cave '92**
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State College
Homecoming, October 18-19
Penn State vs. Michigan
Make your reservations now!

Volunteers Needed

The undergraduate chapter has identified several house repair and maintenance projects that the brotherhood would like to undertake this summer. They have proposed a wide range of projects; some will need old-fashioned elbow grease, while others may require more specialized skills, tools, and craftsman experience.

If you are handy, possess some unique skills (woodworking, carpentry, landscaping, etc) or just know your way around a hammer and are willing to work alongside chapter members in completing house projects, please contact **Rich Kuegler '89** at kuegler1@comcast.net or call (302) 521-7450.

Welcome, Spring 2008 New Members

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