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ALUMNI SUPPORT EXPANDS

- *Gamma Omega Brothers Demonstrate Importance of Membership*
- *Undergraduates Reach to Alumni for Professional Advice*
- *Founders' Day Set for May 29-31*

Two words I try to use as often as possible are thank you. In these uncertain times, Gamma Omega has proven that ATΩ is a lifetime commitment and I commend you all for your support.

Alumni Commitment Increases Over Last 25 Years

Preparing for the annual board retreat, I began compiling statistics about our alumni involvement and I am proud to report that it has increased significantly. In the last 12 months, more alumni have financially contributed to Gamma Omega than ever before. The number of alumni updates received has increased beyond 20 percent and the amount of volunteers this year exceeds any of my previous 25 years with ATΩ.

Help Collegians Gain Experience

For those of you watching this participation, here is your invitation to become involved. We have a number of undergraduates in need of internships and helping a collegian connect with a company is an effective way to support our chapter. The board has met each of these undergraduates and assures any member would be proud to call them a brother. A detailed list of undergraduates with their majors and resumes will be posted at www.psutaus.org or you may contact **Mike Walter '90** at jmikewalter@aol.com. Please register on the Web site and check for updates on this program along with upcoming events for Gamma Omega.

Founders' Day Events Scheduled for May

Founders' Day 2009 will be held May 29-31. We will kick off festivities with a cocktail party at the chapter house Friday night and a golf tournament followed by a dinner reception will be Saturday. We would like to encourage all brothers to attend as distinguished alumni will be honored and future chapter plans will be unveiled. A block of rooms at the Nittany Lion Inn has been reserved. If you would like to finalize a reservation please call (800) 233-7505 and use our group code ALPE09A. I look forward to seeing you all on Founders' Day!



Fraternally,
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Alumni show their pride during a Penn State tailgating event.



Jason Cave '92, Sean Callahan '92, and Chris Goodman '93 traveled nearly 2,500 miles to cheer on the Nittany Lions as they battled the USC Trojans at the 2009 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.



Rod Hutter '89, Navin Kamath '99, and Jon Briante '00 tailgating with generations of Gamma Omegas before a home football game.



CHAPTER HAS SUCCESSFUL FALL SEMESTER

- ACADEMICS TOP PRIORITY FOR GAMMA OMEGA
- BROTHERS RECRUIT LARGEST NEW MEMBER CLASS IN RECENT YEARS
- THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT

The last few months at Gamma Omega have been very exciting and filled with chapter and campus events. We had a great time at Homecoming with the alumni and are proud of the relationship we have with our Alumni Executive board.

G.P.A. above Campus Average

Despite our busy schedule, we concentrate on academics and perform above the Penn State all-men's average G.P.A. The brothers are utilizing academic tools and participating in study hours to keep our chapter's academics a top priority for the 2009 spring semester.

Gamma Omega Recruits 13 New Members

Last fall, recruitment was a success and we proudly initiated 12 new members into our brotherhood in December. Spring recruitment concluded with 13 new Gamma Omega brothers; one of the largest spring new member classes in years. We look forward to their leadership skills and are proud to call them brothers.



Past college roommates Rich Kuegler '89 and Vic Fioresi '90 celebrate Vic's 40th birthday with Gamma Omega brothers at a Penn State tailgate.

Greek Week Up and Coming

We were paired with the sisters of Delta Gamma for Homecoming and had a very entertaining Arabian Nights-themed float. The brothers also had a very successful performance mimicking the musical *Footloose* for Greek Sing. We look forward to Greek Week and hope to defend our crown as the tug-of-war champions.



Matt McKelvey '92, Jon Kroboth '93, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Malia '93, Mark Michini '92, Rich Kuegler '89, and Cary Paul '93 reunite at a Penn State tailgating event. The Nittany Lions had a successful year and were selected into the BCS Rose Bowl.

A Special Thank-You to Alumni

We thank all of our supportive alumni who take time away from their lives, families, and friends to contribute to our brotherhood. With your support, we will make large strides in becoming a true merit chapter and the fraternity at Penn State University.

Fraternally,

Glenn Shidner '10

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ATΩ Dances for THON Record



Armando Horta '06, Tony Rossou '06, Erik Lawler '10, and Glenn Shidner '10 celebrate with THON children Robbie and Tucker at the official THON event. All of the proceeds benefitted the Four Diamonds Fund, which helps families with the financial struggle of pediatric cancer.

Gamma Omega First in Money Raised for 14th Consecutive Year

The 2009 THON, held on February 22, was a great success. ATΩ paired with ZTA for another record-setting year, raising \$317,928. This is the 14th consecutive year that ATΩ/ZTA has raised the most money than any other Greek organization for the Four Diamonds Fund.

The 46-hour dancing marathon was a sold out event and Bryce Jordan Center was packed to capacity with nearly 15,000 participants. When all was said and done, THON raised an amazing \$7.49 million, breaking last year's record by more than \$800,000. All proceeds went to the Four Diamonds Fund, which helps families with the financial issues of pediatric cancer. Gamma Omega wishes to thank all of those who contributed to the Four Diamonds Fund and THON—what a great event!



Alpha Tau Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha celebrate the last four hours of THON.



GIVING BACK TO GAMMA OMEGA

Damion Spahr '92 Joins House Corporation

Damion Spahr '92 didn't know much about the Greek system when he began college. After meeting some current and future Taus during the fall of 1987 recruitment, he decided ATΩ was the path he wanted to take, as well. "ATΩ seemed like the perfect way to have a ready balance against studying because it provided for the social, athletic, and philanthropic aspects. I had no idea how it would shape me and allow me to shape others," he said.

Damion's many positive experiences with ATΩ left a lasting impression on him. "My undergraduate life at Penn State was excellent and the balance I was hoping for from ATΩ formed the largest part of my best experiences. That is what I miss most about college. The memories and stories I have make me laugh and smile whenever I think of them," he said.

It was through these remarkable memories and fellow ATΩ brothers that Damion decided to join the House Corporation. "Being a brother teaches us many things through good experiences, through mistakes we



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make and learn from, and through being celebrated for success. It also allows us to become re-involved during our life after college. If my work on the board provides a more positive experience for only one current or future Tau, it will be fully worthwhile," said Damion.

Through serving on the board, Damion hopes to better the chapter by providing input and sharing lessons he has learned throughout the years. "My immediate goal is to better the chapter house facility, which will lead to better ease of recruiting and, ultimately, an improved chapter."

Damion graduated with a bachelor of architectural engineering degree with an emphasis in construction management. He runs the southeastern Pennsylvania office of Reynolds Construction Management in King of Prussia. He lives in Pennsylvania with his wife, Ann, Kappa Kappa Gamma '92, whom he met during Spring Week in 1989, and their 7-year-old son, Danny. Damion enjoys being a father and husband, reading, and playing Guitar Hero with his son. E-mail Damion at dspahr@reynoldsconstruction.com.

UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE LASTS A LIFETIME

Alumnus Spotlight—Lou Gomlick '57

Although Lou Gomlick '57 waited until his sophomore year to pledge Alpha Tau Omega, his experiences at Penn State revolved a great deal around Gamma Omega. Lou had transferred to Penn State on a track scholarship and after one spring practice was invited for dinner at ATΩ. The house atmosphere and brothers were so courteous; Lou knew Gamma Omega was where he wanted to be.

Lou says the years spent at Gamma Omega were some of the best of his life. Memories like pledge class trips, Nittany Lion football games, and intramurals all attributed to his undergraduate years. He was named the Ping-Pong champion and was goalie for the soccer team the two years Gamma Omega went to the championship game. He was also involved with the chapter executive board, serving as pledge master. From this leadership experience he learned that "leadership is something born in a person and enhanced by experience. By serving as an undergraduate officer, the opportunity is given."

Lou gained lifelong friendships and education—the two most important benefits from a college experi-

ence. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and worked for Bethlehem Steel Corporation. After retiring, he decided to start his own company, Penn International Marine Agencies, Ltd. The agency represents foreign shipyards located all over the world, such as Canada, Mexico, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Romania, and Singapore.

Lou understands the importance of brotherhood and continues his involvement with the fraternity as an alumnus. He served as presi-

dent of the alumni association for a total of eight years and has been chairman since 2006. Much of his success is a reflection of the lessons he learned from Gamma Omega, and the high ideals of ATΩ taught him to listen, learn, and respect people.

Biking, golfing, and building remote control boat and car models are hobbies Lou enjoys during his free time. He lives in Aberdeen, New Jersey, and has three children: Suzanne Jane, William Carter, and Judith Anne. At 77 he still conquers business and travels the world. Contact Brother Gomlick via e-mail at LouPIMA@aol.com.

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Members Celebrate Win over Michigan

Alumni and Undergraduates Come Together for Successful Homecoming

Tau members of all ages gathered at the chapter house and State College for Homecoming 2008. Friday night jump-started events as members from all decades filtered in for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and reminiscing. The festivities continued Saturday at the tailgating grounds of **Fred Anton '92** as brothers enjoyed lunch, courtesy of **Holden Farahani '98**. After the Nittany Lion victory over rival Michigan Wolverines, alumni wrapped up the tailgate for a night on the town. The weekend concluded on Sunday with the annual alumni meeting.

Homecoming was a great success and the collegians participated with Zeta Tau Alpha in the Dance Marathon Reunion barbecue. Thanks to all who helped make a successful Homecoming, especially **Rod Hutter '89** for handling the finances. We look forward to seeing all participants in Penn State's next Run for the Roses.



ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Clem J. Obee '43, Haddonfield, N.J., entered Chapter Eternal on May 28, 2008.

ALUMNI NEWS

Chester E. Wingert '47 has many fond memories of the ATΩ house and wishes the active members good luck in their devotion to keeping the chapter viable. He lives in DuBois, Pa., and invites any brothers in the area to give him a call for all-you-can-eat free steak. Contact Chester at (814) 371-6498.

David C. Ulmer Jr. '62 and his wife, Mary, live in Colorado Springs, Colo. They have two children, Christine and Jeanne, and two granddaughters, Alexandria and Vivienne. David is involved with Colorado state politics and is state president of CITEL (Colorado International Teacher Exchange League). He works as a professor in science education at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. E-mail: dulmer4@aol.com

David C. Schmidt '68 and his wife, Patricia, live in Erie, Pa., and have five children. He is the

president of Schmidt Funeral Home. He successfully recovered from surgery on Oct. 11, 2008, and looks forward to a very bright future.

Robert J. Gorman '69 has a daughter, Kelly, who is a student at Penn State. He attends most of the football games and invites his fellow brothers to stop by lot space 2164 for tailgating. Robert lives in Columbia, Md., with his wife, Lynn. E-mail: bob@mraintl.com

Thomas P. Tucker '75 and his wife, Maggie, have two sons, Michael and Kyle. He has been looking at colleges for Michael, who hopes to play football at Penn State. E-mail: ttucker344@aol.com

Brian A. Houser '90 completed 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy Reserves and is eligible for retirement. He is a pilot for Net Jets in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Kathy, live in New Albany, Ohio, and have three children. E-mail: bhouser1@insight.rr.com

Patrick J. Gray '02 lives in Chambersburg, Pa., with his wife, Kara. He is working toward his doctorate in chemistry. E-mail: pjg170@psu.edu

Manhattan Dinner Filled with Brotherly Bonding

On Saturday, December 6, 22 Taus met for the fifth annual ATΩ holiday steak dinner in downtown Manhattan. Brothers enjoyed a great meal and each other's company, especially the traditional 35-minute Good of the Order session. Shortly after dinner concluded the brothers attended the ABC Sports holiday party with **Pat Hoffman '98** and ventured to Clams Casino. The event was a great success and brothers look forward to an even bigger and better event next year.

Congratulations, Spring 2009 New Members

Jake Arenson
Philadelphia, Pa.

Doug Aubrey
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dan DePasqule
Philadelphia, Pa.

Eric Dimuzio
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dan Faust
Wyomissing, Pa.

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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 **Alex Eng '11**
P.O. Box 1009 | State College, PA 16804
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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. In 2008, brothers contributed \$8,412 to the annual campaign. The Gamma Omega House Association thanks the alumni for their generous support. Your gifts will truly make a difference for 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

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- Russell Troutman '90
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- * Christopher E. Whorral '90
- Bryon Correll '96
- Holden Farahani '00

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- Bob Seitzer '98
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- Douglas McKenna '99
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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.

Save the Date

Join your brothers to celebrate
Gamma Omega's Founders' Day

Founders' Day Events

May 29: Cocktail party at chapter house
May 30: Golf tournament followed
by dinner reception

A block of rooms at the Nittany Lion Inn has
been reserved. To finalize a reservation,
please call (800) 233-7505 and use the
group code ALPE09A.

Check the psutaus.org Web site for updates

We look forward to seeing you all there!

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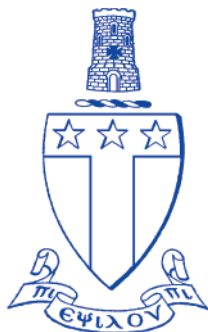
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Attention: This newsletter is intended for Alpha Tau Omega alumni and parents.
If your son is still attending Penn State, he will receive a copy at the chapter house.
If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records.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



Sean Callahan '92, Chris Goodman '93, with his wife, Alison,
and daughter, Sabra, cheer on Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions at
the 2009 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

2009 NITTANY LIONS FOOTBALL

Sept. 5	Akron
Sept. 12	Syracuse
Sept. 19	Temple
Sept. 26	Iowa
Oct. 3	Illinois
Oct. 10	Eastern Illinois
Oct. 17	Minnesota
Oct. 24	Michigan
Oct. 31	Northwestern
Nov. 7	Ohio State
Nov. 14	Indiana
Nov. 21	Michigan State

Home games in bold

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