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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS

Your Help Is Needed to Reach Our \$40,000 Goal

The Gamma Omega House Corporation has decided to create two scholarships to encourage and recognize our undergraduate brothers for their exceptional performance within ATΩ. The Louis Gomlick Worthy Master Scholarship will be awarded to any chapter worthy master who is responsible for helping Gamma Omega achieve Penn State's Chapter of Excellence recognition or the national fraternity's True Merit Award. The George Greer Leadership Scholarship will be awarded annually to an undergraduate who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities.

The naming of these scholarships recognizes distinguished alumnus **George Greer '54** and House Corporation Chairman **Lou Gomlick '57**, who have both served and supported the chapter for more than 50 years. The contribution of their time and treasure is an example to all. "Words and actions cannot properly express our gratitude to these two brothers, but these scholarships will remind us how much Gamma Omega means to us all," said House Corporation President **Damion Spahr '92**.

To facilitate the two new scholarships, the ATΩ National Foundation has established a separate fund for Gamma Omega and your help is needed to reach our \$40,000 goal. Now is your chance to provide direct support to our future leaders and recognize our undergraduate brothers for their outstanding performance within the chapter. Please make a tax-deductible contribution today to thank Lou and George for their years of service, as well as to continue your commitment to our brotherhood. Larger gifts may be pledged over a five-year period or shorter, if desired.

For questions and instructions for donating online, please contact **Aric Wagner '90** at awagner142@yahoo.com or visit www.pennstateato25.com. You will soon receive a letter with more details, but if you would like to make a gift right away, please make your check payable to ATΩ Foundation and send it to:

ATΩ Gamma Omega
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Alumnus Flattered by Association with New Scholarship Program

Q&A WITH GEORGE GREER '54

Q: What are your thoughts on Gamma Omega's new scholarship program?

A: I think it's really great, and I'm flattered that my brothers wanted to use my name in association with it. It's always great to have an opportunity to assist the younger guys, especially with the increasing cost of education.

Q: Why would you encourage your brothers to support the program?

A: This is our opportunity to lend a helping hand to our younger brothers and recognize them for their hard work and success. I encourage everyone to think hard about their contribution to the fraternity and particularly this scholarship program. You could really make a difference in someone else's life.

Q: What does Gamma Omega mean to you as an alumnus?

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Lou Gomlick '57 Thankful for Gamma Omega Experience

*He Encourages Brothers to
Support Scholarship Program*

When **Lou Gomlick '57** heard about Gamma Omega's new scholarship program, he was thrilled. When he learned one of the scholarships would be named in his honor, he was speechless. "I really felt proud and elated. I'm so thankful that my brothers would think of me that way," Lou said. "I think this scholarship program will bring more seriousness to the chapter. It's important to recognize our undergraduate brothers for their success."

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ATΩ Looks Forward to Successful Future

Remembering the Past 25 Years

Twenty-five years ago, our beloved house and chapter were shrouded in uncertainty. It's hard to believe that it has been that long since the refounding of Gamma Omega at Penn State. Although our dear old house is showing its age, we have made many improvements over the last five years and it continues to provide our undergraduates with a center of brotherhood. The chapter has seen ebbs and flows during these 25 years. Recently, they have been riding higher than ever. This fall, we welcomed more than 20 pledges, put a new True Merit cup in the trophy case (our second in a row), raised our G.P.A. to over a 3.0, and hosted one of the largest returns of alumni in over 20 years.

Q&A WITH GEORGE GREER '54

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A: It means a lot. I don't get to do as much with it anymore, but I certainly have fond memories. I enjoyed my undergraduate years and my time as president of the alumni association. I had the opportunity to meet brothers from all different years and I enjoyed giving back to my fraternity.

Q: What advice can you share with the undergraduate members?

A: I encourage them to approach every day with a purpose and be flexible enough to know when it's a good time to change directions.

Q: What degree did you earn and what year did you graduate?

A: I earned my bachelor's degree in 1954 and went to law school at the University of Pennsylvania. I then joined the Army for two years. Afterward, I began working at H.J. Heinz Company as a corporate attorney. I worked there for 37 years and retired in 1997.

George and his wife, Jane, reside in Rector, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Andrew and Stephen. George fills his time as chairman of a charitable foundation, active member of several civic organizations in Pittsburgh, and trustee of a few colleges and universities. He enjoys spending his free time with his dog and five grandchildren. George can be reached at gcreer.greer@gmail.com.

Scholarship Program Launched

We are launching a fund at the ATΩ National Foundation to provide two scholarships for our undergraduate brothers. It has been a goal of our alumni board to start a scholarship initiative for some time. I want to personally thank **Lou Gomlick '57** and **George Greer '54** for the 50+ years they have each given to Gamma Omega and the corporation. If you have the chance, please thank them personally.

Your Support Is Appreciated

I would also like to thank the refounding alumni who returned for the OSU football weekend and gave generously to the scholarship fund. There are many people who played a role in making the weekend a huge success, but I would be remiss to not single out a few: **Rich Kuegler '89**, **John Frain '89**, and **Phil Mervis '89**. Thank you to everyone who came back and helped out. I hope all of us will be back in 2014.

Join Us for the 100th Anniversary

We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Gamma Omega in 2014. My hope is that we will have more than 100 alumni back for the



Alumni tailgate at Beaver Stadium before the Penn State-Ohio State football game.

event. It will be an exciting weekend and I hope all of you will make an effort to be there. If you would like to be involved in preparations for the event, please let me know.

Fraternally,

Damion I. Spahr '92

House Corporation President

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Lou Gomlick '57 Thankful

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After graduating from Penn State in 1957, Lou served as president of the alumni board for 10 years. About 10 years ago he served a second term as president for two years and now serves as chairman emeritus. "I wanted to give back to my chapter for everything it gave me," he said. "Gamma Omega is really a great chapter."

Lou encourages all of his brothers to rally together and show their support for Gamma Omega and its new scholarship program. His message to alumni is to "think back on your time in the house and what you gained from your experience that's helped you throughout your life."

When Lou thinks back on his own undergraduate years, he remembers all of the fun times he and his pledge brothers had. More importantly, he remembers the values and lessons he learned that turned him into the man he is today. "We always had to go to dinner in a jacket, shirt, and tie. We learned great manners and how to properly eat with utensils. I've always valued that," he said. "We also learned how to get along with other people and to always respect our elders and peers. Those are the things that stick with you."

Lou and his wife, Jane, reside in Aberdeen, New Jersey, and have three children: Suzy, Bill, and Judith. Lou retired from Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation in 1982 and started his own company, where he represents shipyards all over the country. He acts as a marketing agent between large ship owners and shipyards and handles their contracts for major repairs.

In his free time, Lou enjoys riding his bike, building remote control boat and car models, and drinking a few martinis every now and then. He also likes visiting the Gamma Omega chapter house and meeting the undergraduate brothers. He can be reached at loupima@aol.com.



FIVE DECADES OF ATΩs CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF GAMMA OMEGA

During the weekend of Oct. 26-28, more than 50 alumni from the 1980s and '90s celebrated the 25th anniversary of their initiation into Gamma Omega. In addition to the founding fathers, Alpha and Beta pledge classes, there were five decades of ATΩs represented during the weekend's festivities. Several ATΩs traveled great distances to return home to Penn State, from as far away as Los Angeles (**Bryce Edmonds '92**), Phoenix (**Keith McKenney '93**), Atlanta (**Tom Merry '89** and **John Schneider '97**) and Wisconsin (**Chris "Jigs" Whorral '91**).



The weekend kicked off on Friday afternoon with a golf outing at the Penn State Blue Course and a record of six foursomes participating. Non-golfers enjoyed a tour of local vineyards and museums led by Bryce Edmonds. Alumni and undergraduates later enjoyed a Friday-evening cocktail party at the chapter house, complete with the sharing of favorite parlor games from bygone eras. On Saturday, Taus were treated to a catered tailgate at Beaver Stadium in advance of Penn State's gridiron battle with Ohio State. Notable alumni in attendance were **Bob Stanley '57**, **Dann Cornali**

Top: Kevin Cyphers '88, John Frain '88, and Todd Olson '89 at the alumni tailgate. Bottom: Brothers reunite during the 25th anniversary celebration, October 26-28.

'69, **Vince Colistra '69**, and **Hank Brandenburg '80**, and a number of men (too many to name individually here) from the '90s and 2000s. It was a great opportunity to see old friends, meet the undergraduates, and get to know current and future leaders of ATΩ at Penn State.

To the many who contributed to the planning and execution of this weekend, I would like to say thank you! Key contributors to the weekend's overwhelming success were:

- **Phil Mervis '89**, who was responsible for the development and launch of www.pennstateato25.com, which helped manage RSVPs and eSomething discussions.
- **Steve Hansen '90**, who planned and catered the Friday cocktail party.
- **John Frain '88**, who catered the tailgate and Sunday brunch.
- **Fred Anton '92**, who donated parking spaces and tickets for the Ohio State game.

Thank you also to all of the undergraduates for making us feel welcome and to all of the alumni who attended. We look forward to seeing you at the next reunion!

Fraternally,
Rich Kuegler '89
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Gamma Omega Receives True Merit Second Year in a Row Chapter Awarded for Excellence in Academics and Communications

Exceeding Expectations

We've had a great year so far. A few of our leaders had the opportunity to attend the 80th ATΩ Congress in St. Louis this summer, where we received the most awards in our chapter's prestigious history. Expanding on our successes, we exceeded our expectations by recruiting our largest pledge class in recent history. We've had a very busy semester so far with academics, philanthropy, Homecoming, tailgating, canning trips, and intramurals. We look forward to the opportunities that the rest of this semester will bring.

Chapter Adds 24 New Members

This semester was one of the most prolific recruitment seasons we have had at ATΩ. We hosted several events, from barbecues and poker tournaments to wing night and Thursday night football. We had a huge turnout of great potential new members at every event. When it was all said and done, we had 24 accepted bids; I believe it's the largest pledge class we have ever had. We have a group of very strong individuals and we expect great things from them in the future.

ATΩ Receives Several Awards

We are blessed to have a brotherhood that cares about the ideals and principles of ATΩ. This summer, we received the True Merit Award for the second year in a row, which was a great honor. Along with True Merit, we were awarded the highly respected Erskine Mayo Ross IMPACT Award for



Lorenzo Massaro '13, Chris Craddock '13, and Tyler Parsels '13 proudly display Gamma Omega's True Merit award during this summer's 80th ATΩ Congress in St. Louis.



Tony Rosado '14 and Lorenzo Massaro '13 with Zeta Tau Alpha Kelly Zekan during the canning event to support the fight against cancer this October.

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Gamma Omega Receives True Merit

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Charitable Giving for our efforts in THON. In addition, we earned the:

- Scholarship Award for a G.P.A. above 3.0.
- Excellence in Communications for having a great relationship with Nationals.
- Recruitment Excellence Award.
- Pledge Education Award.
- Upper Alpha Award, given to ATΩ's top board of trustees.

Your Support Is Appreciated

We are beyond proud of the success and accomplishments we have made in such a short period.

However, none of this would be possible without the guidance and support we have received from our alumni. So to you all, I say thank you. You are always welcome in our chapter house at any time, and we hope you will stop by and see us.



Fraternally,
Thomas Todd '13, Worthy Master • tqt5043@gmail.com

Welcome, New Members

Matt Brown*
Stanford, Conn.
(Brother **Jake Brown**)

Tim Cookson
Chalfont, Pa.

Carl Delacato
Lafayette Hill, Pa.

Thomas DiBiasio
Annandale, Va.

Pat Dundon
Warrington, Pa.

Pete Goodman
Ridgewood, N.J.

Brian Hoyson
Highland, Md.

Alexander Hudock
Newtown, Pa.

Brendan Larat
Clark Summit, Pa.

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Fort Washington, Pa.

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Wayne, Pa.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Henry Hopkins '58 and **Bill Robb '58** met for lunch in October at Rick's Cafe in Casablanca (pictured right). Henry lives in Marrakech, Morocco. Bill and his wife, Mary, reside in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and visited Henry during their transatlantic cruise from Venice to Ft. Lauderdale.

Rich Kuegler '89 and **Rich Mayewski '97** are teammates on a men's league soccer team in West Chester, Pa. Their team, FA United, is undefeated and heading to the playoffs. They are looking to finally beat some Delta Chi alumni and win the championship!





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. Thank you for your dedication to Gamma Omega. The following are contributors since the fall of 2006, listed by graduation year, in their life-to-date cumulative giving level. The Gamma Omega House Corporation thanks you for your support—it truly makes a difference.

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.

Azure and Gold Club

(\$5,000 and above)

George C. Greer '54
Robert J. Steele '58
Evan Pierce '90

Fairmont Avenue Club

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

George T. Geiser '42
Kenneth D. Kerwin '47
Chester E. Wingert '47
Chuck E. Arnold Jr. '48
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Sanford H. Bennett Jr. '52
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Francis C. Angelo '53
James H. Meyer '53
Watson K. Leese '55
Louis W. Gomlick '57
Larry A. Baver '58
C. Broock Weiss, M.D. '58
Eugene R. Curry Jr. '59
David B. McKee '59
William H. Surgner '61
Donald B. Dellinger Jr. '63
Wilson Pollock Jr. '63
Robert G. Neubert '64
James R. McGranahan '65
Edward E. Altemus '66
Benjamin Olewine IV '66
John D. Eisenhower '67
Jeffery M. Lawrence '67
Jeffery L. Leininger '67
Donald A. Glendenning '69
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Robert Morris '81
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Chris O'Connor '83
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James E. Powel '92
James R. Corbin '93
Holden Farahani '00
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William J. Cully '47
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Ronald Coleman '52
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Paul T. Stefanik Jr. '53
David E. Bain '54
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Edward A. Lentz '60
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W. Robert Mitchell '61
John H. Witmer '62
Malcolm J. Borthwick '63
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T. R. Evans '63
Ernest A. Smith '65
Thomas C. Braun '66
Robert K. Reitzel '67
David C. Schmidt '68
Don R. Thompson '68
William J. McFadden '70
Joseph A. Cattano '71
Louis N. Pierro Jr. '71
Michael T. Rickert '71
Douglas B. DiGiovanni '72
Thomas C. Shaffer '73
John R. Gray '75
Jack G. Schachtman '75
Tom Frasso '81
James H. Buley '87
Bruce V. Sones '87
Mark A. Finby '88

Brooks Clayville '89
Richard Goldbeck '89
Timothy Straley '89
Eric G. Dowiak '90
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Robert F. Hoffman '93
Andrew P. Stimmler '93
Michael Malia '94
Patrick Hoffman '98
Matthew M. Sharrer '98

Life Loyal Club

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Willard H. Robb '58
R. Craig Cooper '59
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Richard D. Stromfors '63
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John T. Frain '89
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Rocky C. Torsitano '89
Steven K. Dillow '92
James R. Fetterolf '92
Matthew B. McKelvey '92
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Byron Correll '96

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David T. Hughes '96
Gregory Souchack '99
Larson Weinstein '09

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Sheridan Palmer '98
Jeff Benzak '99
Matthew Strand '99
David M. Prael '00
Michael Dudek '02
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David Siegelman '09

Brotherhood Club

(Up to \$99)

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Charles B. Pearce '67
Earl R. Crowe '82
Bob Seitzer '98
Douglas McKenna '99
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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is currently attending Penn State University, 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.

TAU TALK

REUNIONS

We would like to invite you to visit the house for pledge class reunions or other visits to State College. Please contact **John Frain '88** (jfrainjr@verizon.net) to coordinate reunions with Gamma Omega Chapter during the school year.

CHAPTER RETREAT

The board is planning a leadership retreat this spring and would appreciate your help. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Damion Spahr '92** for details.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact **Rich Kuegler '89** with announcements on job openings or internship opportunities. Rich will forward information to the chapter and post it to the www.psutaus.org website.

FACEBOOK USER?

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 upcoming activities in your area and State College.

LOOKING FOR PHOTOS FROM YOUR ERA

We have begun a project to compile photos of our house and fraternity over the decades. Please contact Rich Kuegler at kuegler1@comcast.net if you have photos that could be reproduced electronically. You can e-mail any scanned files or send your originals—Rich promises to send them back to you!



*Greg Alexander '15, Dainius Volertas '15,
Dan Denslow '14, and Asad Ahmed '15 with
George Geiser '42 at the chapter house.*

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