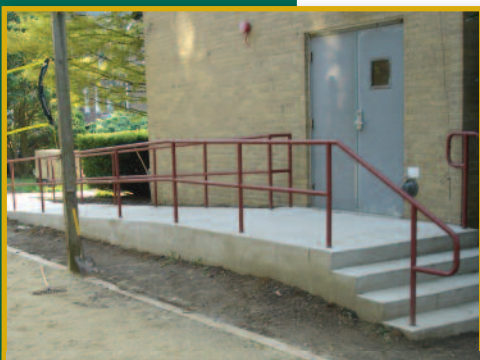


GAMMA CRESCENT

GAMMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY AT PENN STATE | FALL 2010

CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATION PHASE ONE COMPLETE

Your Help Is Still Needed to Complete the Remaining Projects, Donate Today



The doors and walkways were made ADA compliant.



Along with installing a fire-suppression system, fire-safe doors were installed.



The student bedrooms were renovated.

Thanks to our donors, phase one of the renovation of our great house has been completed. Our chapter house is nearly 100 years old, and we are thrilled to return it to its former glory. The chapter members have moved back in, and we will have an open house on November 13 to celebrate completing phase one. Please see page 4 for more details.

Highlights of the Renovation

- Installed a fire-suppression system and fire-safe doors
- Upgraded electrical system to comply with student needs
- Roof and plumbing were updated
- Removed all asbestos-containing materials
- Repaired the kitchen and appliances
- Repaired the sidewalk and any structural damages, making the house ADA compliant
- Improved the stairwells and the lighting
- Renovated the bathrooms and the bedrooms
- Replaced furniture and made cosmetic repairs for recruitment

When our structure was built, it was a very modern house on campus. As you can see, with the renovation, it is again. We are very excited about how our project has progressed, and, as an alumnus, you should be too!

However, we still have work left to do, including repairing the roof, painting the exterior, and repairing the fireplaces.

How can you help? We've raised \$865,366, but we have not reached our campaign goal of \$1 million, so your contributions are vital. The Gamma Chapter Alumni Association will have a mortgage and the house bills will be determined by the level of debt incurred. We need your help to ensure we don't burden the chapter with too much debt.

This renovated house is very exciting for today's actives and, more importantly, will position Gamma Chapter for campus leadership for the next 100-plus years. I'm sure your personal memories of Alpha Gamma Rho bring a smile to your face, so please help future generations enjoy that great living and learning opportunity, much as the one you had.

Also, mark your calendar for Gamma's 100th anniversary celebration on March 26, 2011. Lee Stout, retired PSU historian, will be the keynote speaker with a brief talk about PSU fraternity history and ATP. Watch your mail for future updates.



Fraternally,
Bill Yerkes '49 (F592)
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of October 5, 2010

\$1 Million Goal

917 Mailable Alumni

241 Contributors

26% Participation

\$865,366
Total Contributions

**\$50,000
CHALLENGE
HAS BEEN MET!**

Thank you to all alumni who participated in our \$50,000 challenge. The challenge has been met and, as a result, we are closer to reaching our goal!

ATP

PRIDE IN OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

We are deeply grateful to the following ATP brothers and friends for committing \$865,366 to the *Pride in Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Gamma Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience.

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project. All donors contributing \$5,000 or

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more will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise Alumni Board President **Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)** at jschroer@nalco.com or (609) 841-0347 so we can make the correction.

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Robert Lauffer '73 grew up in Warminster, Pennsylvania. A varsity track and cross-country runner, Bob looked at a number of different fraternities, but Alpha Gamma Rho is where he felt at home.

Majoring in recreation and parks and agricultural education, Bob connected with Brother **Arthur Ramicone '72 (Γ1014)** as they were in many of the same classes. Soon, he and "Eddie Baloney" became great friends. Art was a mentor and "big brother" to Bob—showing him the ropes at ATP and teaching Bob how to budget his time. "I've made friendships at ATP that will last a lifetime." Bob and

Brother **Penrose "Pen" Hallowell Jr. '73 (Γ1030)** take their sons fishing to the New Jersey shore every year and meet at Pen's hunting cabin at least once a year. The same cabin where they took their pledge trip way back in 1973.

Offering advice to undergraduates, Bob says, "Enjoy your time, work hard, and realize you're at a great point in your life. Remember ATP doesn't stop when you graduate and you can always jump back in and help. The connections will be there your whole life if you maintain them."

"I didn't think of all the business opportunities and connections that are out there when I joined ATP." During his undergraduate years, Bob worked for Campaign Chairman **Bill Yerkes '49 (Γ592)**, picking sweet corn on his farm. "It was then I saw the inspirational aspect in Bill.

Every night after work he would thank me for my help and shake my hand. He made each of us feel we were special and valued. He was a great role model. I really look up to the men in the '50s class like **Bill, Penrose Hallowell Sr. '48 (Γ571)**, and **Bill Nichol '50 (Γ603)**. They were always active with our chapter and continued their participation through the alumni association. They are all men of character who had a special sort of class that shines through in all aspects of their lives. They would do anything to assist a brother."

Bob moved to Narvon, Pennsylvania, after graduation and began his teaching career at Garden Spot High School. He has taught agriculture and served as FFA Advisor for 34 years and has coached track for 26 years. As a teacher he attends numerous national conventions with his students and is always happy to run into fellow ATPs and have that special connection.

It was the 1970s reunion, orchestrated by Pen's son, **Jesse Hallowell '97**, which inspired Bob to get more involved. "Anyone who was in the house when I was knows we had a tremendous experience and a great house to live in. We worked hard and played hard, excelling in academics and intramurals. It's been great to see updated pictures of the house. What has been done is really giving the house a whole new look. It's time we return to being the premier agricultural house on campus"

Bob says, "The hard work has been done and it would be great if everyone who has the ability gets behind the campaign. Each donation helps. Think about the memories you gained and the great house we had. Let's give back to make it possible for the next generations."

Bob is involved Lancaster County Conservation District, agriculture teachers associations locally and state wide, and teaches Sunday school at his church. He and his wife, Jackie, have two daughters, Alexandra and Jonn-Marie, and a son, Reece. Bob can be reached at bob_lauffer@elanco.org.



YOUR DOLLARS MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Thank you to our supporters for making phase one of our renovations possible.

Left: The crack shown here in the rock wall has been repaired.

Right: The Great Hall was remodeled and is now shown with pride to our guests.



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SAVE THE DATE

Gamma Homecoming Open House Celebration

November 13, 2010

Tours, Dinner, and

Penn State at Ohio State Game

Attendance wanted from brothers who have contributed to rebuild and refurbish Gamma, as well as those who have yet to help.

11 a.m. Board Meeting

Lunch immediately following meeting.

Kickoff expected at either 3:30 or 7 p.m.

Dinner of beef or pork

will be catered at 5 p.m. or halftime.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Super 8 motel for a special rate of \$54 per night for November 12-13.

Deadline for reservations is November 1;

mention Alpha Gamma Rho.

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For more information contact

Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289) at

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We ask that you RSVP to Jon Schroer for dinner, so we have enough food catered for the function. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

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Gamma Chapter is excited to boast that renovations are complete! We were scattered about the campus for the duration of the work. Needless to say, we were more than excited to move in again. Despite the separation, the brothers of Gamma Chapter have been exceptionally successful in many areas.

Overall Chapter G.P.A. of 3.21

We are proud to report that we have been making great improvements in scholastics. In fact, Gamma Chapter was ranked first among all agricultural fraternities, and eighth of 48 chapters with a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.21. Two of our members offer their academic support as tutors:

Austin Stein '09 (Γ1546) tutors for biology and **John Conrad '08 (Γ1536)** for sociology. Vice Noble Ruler of Scholarship **David Winters '06 (Γ1523)** reports, "I am proud of the guys. I expect them to keep up the good work this semester!"

Brothers Dedicate Time to Philanthropy

We have been quite successful philanthropically. On September 5 we competed in Anchor Splash hosted by Delta Gamma Sorority. In this event the teams compete in aquatic relay races and synchronized swimming. The ATP teams were ecstatic to learn they took first place.

Renovated Chapter House Beneficial for Recruitment

Recruitment is already a success as we just received 14 new members! Vice Noble Ruler of Recruitment **Robert Wierman '09 (Γ1552)** says, "The newly renovated house is a great asset to us, already proving to attract more guys than ever before." With the help of the Phired Up team, we anticipate continued success in membership this year.

Members Raise the Bar

Last season we were one win away from the intramural football playoffs. After making the

playoffs in volleyball, we are looking to improve both teams and take the wins. We plan on having a couple of wrestlers this season, as well, which is a new sport for us at ATP.

Gammas Lead on Campus

Although many of us hold leadership positions, members show their skills on campus, as well. For example, **Ben Baker '06 (Γ1528)** is secretary of the Archaeology Club and **Jonathan Tabolt '06 (Γ1522)** is project manager on the executive board of Gamma Tau Phi (information sciences and technology honor society).

The brothers of Gamma Chapter extend our deepest appreciation to you, our alumni, without whom we would never have the opportunity to live in such a beautiful house. We are truly grateful for all that you have done and plan to continue on our path of success as a form of repayment. We hope to make your investment in us well worth it, and we look forward to giving you the grand tour!



Fraternally,
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Undergraduates journeyed to Illinois for an AGR road trip.