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UNPRECEDENTED ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT, MORE THAN \$911,000 COMMITTED

*Make a Pledge for the Future of Gamma Chapter
Campaign Ending December 31, 2011*

Exciting things have happened this year, most particularly at Gamma Chapter. Our alumni involvement is at an all-time high. Many appreciative and caring brothers are sharing in the many improvements at the chapter house.

The alumni board is well aware that a few major projects remain unfinished due to the lack of funds. Some projects that remain include: replacing the boiler, portico pillars, fireplaces, and windows. These funds are necessary to complete vital renovations and ensure the future tradition of Alpha Gamma Rho at Pennsylvania State University. More and more, appreciative and caring brothers are sharing in the many improvements at the chapter house.

The brothers who have assisted the chapter with both their time and financial contributions should stand proud. My fondest hope is that they might consider additional giving. To the brothers who have not yet contributed to the campaign, I hope you will reconsider. From your contribution, we will be able to finish the remaining necessary improvements. I hope we can all take pride in our great fraternity.

We are so close to our goal and your help will push us over the top!

Our campaign will soon come to a close. Whether it's a one-time gift or a three, four, or five-year commitment, now is the time to make a gift before the campaign ends on December 31, 2011. Please consider making a pledge on the enclosed pledge form. Your support truly will make a difference in the future of Gamma Chapter.

As always, I have taken great pleasure to be a part of helping return Gamma Chapter to its former beauty. If you are ever in the area, please feel free to stop by the chapter house and see the improvements. The undergraduates are always appreciative of your memories and experiences at Gamma Chapter.



Fraternally,
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CONGRATULATIONS, GAMMA CHAPTER, ON 100 YEARS AT PENN STATE!

See more photos from our March 26th event on www.agr-gamma.com.



Ryan Lynch '10 (Γ1565) receives one of the many scholarship awards undergraduates were honored with. Jesse Hallowell '97 (Γ1392) presented the scholarship.



Brothers converged in the Great Hall for the an alumni board meeting.

All pictures of the event were furnished by **James Valent '90 (Γ1292)**.

PRIDE IN OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

THANK YOU, BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING MORE THAN \$911,000

We are deeply grateful to the following AFP brothers and friends for committing \$911,613 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 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 Treasurer **Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)** at jschroer@nalco.com or (609) 841-0347 so we can make the correction.

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In memory of

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\$911,613

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29.5% PARTICIPATION

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WHY I GAVE AND CONTINUE TO GIVE Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)

Gamma Chapter has been part of my life for over 20 years, whether I was at the chapter house or living my everyday life. My collegiate start wasn't exactly what Alpha Gamma Rho considered core agriculture, but helped to educate me further on agriculture and I feel it helped me become a better man. I grew up in rural western Pennsylvania and helped on my brother-in-law's farm. **Vinton Smith '89 (Γ1280)**, who went to my high school, invited me to AΓP and sold me on the fraternity, though I didn't know he was selling. I absolutely loved the brotherhood. I was able hold several officer positions as an undergraduate.



It helped me to learn leadership skills and gave me an appreciation when it came to agriculture. I graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering. Though I work in the petroleum industry still, I work on projects which save energy consumption, water, and aid our environment. I also have purchased a 95-acre farm which my family

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GAMMA CHAPTER GROWS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

A little over 10 years ago, Gamma Chapter alumni realized to continue the excellent traditions of the past and build our future, we needed to make some significant changes. Fortunately, **Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)** stepped up to the plate and began to guide the alumni association. Under Jon's leadership we have made significant strides. He arranged three strategic planning sessions in his tenure, provided the leadership to the undergraduates to come from 11 active brothers in 2003 to over 40 today and orchestrated the recent fundraising campaign. This campaign has allowed us to invest over \$1.7 million in renovating the Gamma Chapter house. Jon is an extremely well organized person whose passion for the past 10 years has been to rebuild the foundation at Gamma to ensure another successful 100 years. This past spring, Jon decided it was time to step down as the president of the alumni association. I thank God every day for his willingness to remain on the board and continue to support our efforts.

My name is **Brian Sarris '69 (Γ960)**, but most call me by my nickname, "Greek." I was elected president of the Gamma Chapter Alumni Association at Founder's Day this spring. I have been married to my wonderful wife,

Stephanie, for 34 years and have a son, Jordan, who graduated from PSU in 2009, and a daughter, Julie, currently enrolled at Temple. I have been getting reunited with Gamma, and it is a rewarding experience. I encourage those of you who have not been active to consider coming back to support the undergraduate brothers. They are a great group of young men!

So what are my priorities? First and foremost is to continue building on the solid foundation established in Jon's tenure. I would like to take Gamma to the next level of our journey and continue the growth in our brotherhood with quality young men. This includes:

- Emphasizing solid traditions many of us know and appreciate. These are traditions that the undergraduates want to understand and be part of, and traditions that are part of who we are as a fraternity.
- Dedicate ourselves to professionalism. Let's be known as the fraternity with a touch of class. Gamma Chapter should be clean and orderly, always ready for a visit from mom.
- Returning to our roots as an agricultural-based fraternity. We understand the need and

importance of diversity in our brotherhood, but we need to ensure that we never lose touch with our agriculture roots.

- Alumni involvement is essential to support the undergraduates with guidance and mentorship. As an example, we have a pre-veterinary undergraduate currently in the house who could certainly benefit from the guidance and support of the many Gamma alumni veterinarians.

We have come a long way on our journey over the past 10 years. Our fraternity is getting stronger by the day. Please take a few moments and reflect back on the benefits you received from being a brother at Gamma and consider supporting the undergraduates in their vision: "To build respect and sustainable positive recognition within our university and communities through a thriving, diverse brotherhood that promotes unity, leadership, and personal accountability."



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WHY I GAVE AND CONTINUE TO GIVE

Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289)

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and I operate. In a few years I plan on moving from Delaware to western Pennsylvania to work on it more.

In 2000, I moved from New Orleans to Delaware and was invited to visit the chapter house for Homecoming. Little did I know, I was being recruited for the AFP alumni board. From there, we involved a few more men and worked on a strategic plan. This planning session led to our capital campaign and 2010 renovation project. During my time on the board, I have been able to meet many alumni and see several more get involved as the momentum grew for the campaign. It amazes me that whether one is 20, 40, or 70 years old, men have a bond with the chapter house at 322 Fraternity Row. That bond might mean something a little different for each of us, but continues to have a lasting impression on all of us.

Gamma Chapter still needs our help. We haven't achieved our goal of \$1 million or more and this is hindering us from replacing our 40-year-old boiler and a getting a couple other smaller needed projects completed. The alumni corporation also needs alumni support to maintain the board and committees. This is a critical time for the chapter, as we have nearly filled the house with brothers and have a goal by 2012 to no

longer have live-ins. We need to continue helping build upon the improvements that our fraternity and undergradates have achieved.

AFP definitely had an impact on me and I am proud to give back to Gamma Chapter.

I encourage you to consider your position in life and what you can do to help. This could be a few hours a month or quarter to contribute through your time or financial means. When the capital campaign started, the economy in 2008 was doom and gloom, which led to hesitancy on donations. **Time has passed and I ask that you look at your current financial status and see if you can give a little more or even give for the first time.** I originally made a five-year pledge. Last fall, I decided to give a little more and extended my pledge for seven years so that it didn't impact my monthly cash flow.

I encourage you to come out to the chapter house and see the improvements and bring back fond old memories. AFP definitely had an impact on me and I am proud to give back to Gamma Chapter.



Gamma Chapter brothers spend time with Dean Fernandez, an agriculture professor.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HIGHLIGHT CHAPTER'S SUCCESS

The past few months at Gamma Chapter have been busy while we move into the newly renovated house. We have made large strides in our recruitment efforts and are now at 38 brothers. We have also increased our philanthropic efforts and look forward to continuing on all of our recent successes in the future.

Recruitment Efforts Yield Results

In the spring 2011 semester, Gamma Chapter initiated a total of six new brothers. With fall 2011 recruitment well under way, we look to add another 15 to 20 members this semester. **Styli Tsinarglou '10**, recruitment chairman, commented on the pledge class and future recruitment efforts. "We are very happy with the quality brothers we initiated over the past few semesters and are looking forward to another strong group of brothers in the fall."

Record Broken for THON

We paired with the Omega Phi Alpha sorority and our 2011 THON total was over \$75,000. This amount is the highest it has ever been in the past decade. With the help of Brother **Jordan Rolon '10 (Γ1565)**, ATP held a benefit concert for the Be Easy Foundation at the Bryce Jordan Center. Rapper Wiz Khalifa performed in an effort to raise money for Ben Alessi who was involved in an accident that left him paralyzed.

Members Hold Leadership Positions on Campus

Gamma Chapter is refocusing our academic efforts. The brothers have pledged to increase their scholarship efforts and increase Gamma Chapter's G.P.A. for the fall 2011 semester. Many chapter members are involved in leadership positions throughout campus: **Jay Lysowski '09 (Γ1559)** serves on the Intrafraternity Judicial Board, **Aaron Clark '09 (Γ1530)** is involved in Opp Overall and Greek Week Overall Committee, and **Rob Wierman '09 (Γ1549)** is the recipient of the Rockwell Scholarship.

We recently had a chapter house strategic planning session where we discussed in detail the future plans for Gamma Chapter. On behalf of the undergraduates, I would like to thank all the alumni who participated. The chapter has made definite strides in the past semesters. We look to continue our accomplishments in recruitment, philanthropy, academics, and involvement on campus. With our centennial behind us, we look forward to moving Gamma Chapter forward for another 100 years of success.



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GAMMA CLASS OF 1961 REUNION

Written by **Warren Mathias '58 (Γ769)**

In conjunction with the Penn State Traditional Reunion Weekend (50 Years), the ATP pledge class of 1958 held a Class Reunion at the Gamma Chapter house on Friday, June 3, 2011. We had 23 members in our original class, and 10 of the 19 living brothers and their wives attended the reunion.

Brother **Bill Nichol '50 (Γ603)**, represented the alumni board at the reunion and provided an update to everyone on the status of Gamma and ATP National. He shared some specific information on the *Pride in Our Past, Building Our Future* building project and gave us a thorough understanding of the newly completed renovations as well as those areas still needing attention and funding. Four current undergraduate brothers provided a thorough tour of the chapter house and then joined us in some story telling from our past and what is currently happening at Gamma and Penn State.

Prior to the gathering at the chapter house, we were all treated to an update of the Penn State College of Agriculture Science presented by the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences Bruce McPherson, Ph.D. This get together was held at the Food Science building, site of the Berkey Creamery, the largest university creamery in the nation.

It was a fantastic weekend, one which we will be talking about for a long time.

In attendance: **Jack Denlinger '59 (Γ760)**, **Michael Matsko '59 (Γ772)**, **Duane Mattocks '59 (Γ771)**, **Fred Meckley '59 (Γ764)**, **Lester Myers '59 (Γ762)**, **John Stephens '58 (Γ744)**, **Ed Frayer '59 (Γ779)**, **John Boyer '59 (Γ780)**, **Jerry Lyter '59 (GΓ763)**, and **Warren Mathias '58 (Γ769)**.



JOIN US FOR THE AΓP HOMECOMING EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

1:30 p.m. / Alumni Meeting

5:30 p.m. / Dinner at Chapter House

7 p.m. / Kickoff Football Game
at Northwestern

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Chris Roditis '15 (Γ1576)

University Park, Pa.

Tyler Jacobsen '15 (Γ1577)

Highland Mills, Pa.

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Silver Springs, Md.

ATTENTION:

*This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents.
If your Alpha Gamma Rho 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.*

PENROSE HALLOWELL SR. '48 (Γ571) AND HIS WIFE, TRISH, CELEBRATED 60 YEARS

This photo was run in the spring 2011 edition of the *Gamma Crescent*. Our apologies go out to Penrose and Trish as the photo was too small to see faces. We decided to re-run the photo in this issue.



Penrose Hollowell '48 (Γ571) and his wife, Trish, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 2010 in Doylestown, Pa., where many AΓP brothers were in attendance. From left to right standing, are Russ Darling '48 (Γ569), Bill Nichol '50 (Γ603), Penrose, Andy Buchanan '48 (Γ557), Bill Yerkes '49 (Γ592), Howard "Bud" Swavely '49 (Γ594), Jim Hollowell '73 (Γ1023), Pen Hollowell Jr. '73 (Γ1030), and Jesse Hollowell '97 (Γ1392). Sitting, Jane Darling, Trish Hollowell, Eleanor Buchanon, Nancy Yerkes, Marvine Swavely, and Lilly Nichol.