

GAMMA CRESCENT

GAMMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA GAMMA RHO FRATERNITY AT PENN STATE | FALL 2017

GAMMA CHAPTER REMAINS STRONG

As Greek life continues to face great changes and an uncertain future at Penn State, we at Gamma Chapter are doing what we can to position ourselves to survive these challenging times. Our alumni board has continued to work very closely with the undergraduate leadership in supporting and advising them through the many new regulations they face. The biggest changes have been to recruitment, where only second-semester students are permitted to go through recruitment and social activities. There has been a moratorium on functions involving alcohol this fall semester with many new regulations being rolled out for the spring semester.

The chapter property is also subjected to random spot checks by university officials to ensure compliance with all rules and regulations. The administration regularly makes changes and additions to these new policies, and our alumni board is working with numerous entities in order to understand and implement these changes. We are thankful for the great support we have from The Home Office in mediating discussions and helping to understand university policies.

Since the death of a student at a PSU fraternity in February, no less than eight chapters have been suspended for various lengths of time—both our alumni board and undergraduate chapter are determined to ensure that Gamma Chapter does not suffer a similar fate. Our undergraduate brothers continue to show great maturity and have given us a lot to be proud of throughout this difficult time.

The chapter GPA exceeds the all-Greek and all-university average, the men are excelling in IM sports, and they continue to contribute to great philanthropic efforts. We look to our many alumni to offer your support, whenever and however possible. Please continue to give back to your fraternity, offer encouragement and guidance to your brothers, and as always, feel free to stop by for a visit any time.

Fraternally,

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ALUMNI UPDATE

Thank You, Loyal Brothers

We are extremely grateful to the 30 loyal alumni who contributed a total of \$3,765 to our annual campaign during spring 2017. Gamma continues our quest to be among the top fraternities in recruitment, scholarship, and housing. Alumni involvement is a critical component of these goals. Your ongoing and loyal support directly impacts the future of Gamma. Donors are listed below by their giving total to the spring 2017 appeal.

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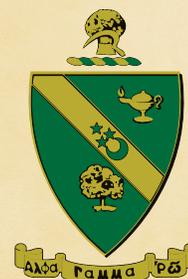
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A Letter from John Akers '55 (Γ692)

Personal and Professional Life Influenced by Gamma Connections

As I was sitting in Beaver Stadium waiting for the Penn State-Iowa football game this fall, I began to think about my days as a student and realized that it was 60 years ago that I graduated in 1957. Back then, the football games were in the old Beaver Stadium near Rec Hall. I guess that change is a symbol of the many changes that have taken place in the last 60 years.

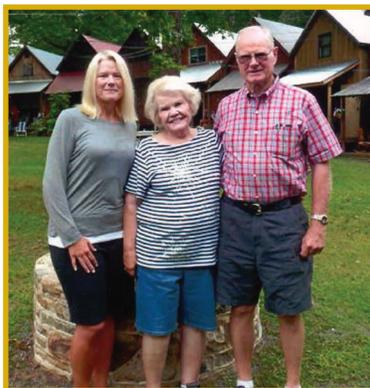
Growing up near Crystal Spring, Pennsylvania, south of Breezewood, I went to a one-room school for my first four years of school and then moved to Carlisle, where my father bought a 150-acre farm. Needless to say, it was a big change. It was an equally big change when I went off to Penn State after high school.

My freshman year dorm was one of the old Pollock Hall dorms that had been built to accommodate the World War II veterans who came to Penn State after military service. We shared a dining hall with the Nittany Hall dorm students. Another piece of history is when we walked every day up to the main campus. There was a large hole in the ground that became the Hetzel Union building by 1955 for the Penn State centennial celebration when Penn State became a university.

In my second semester, I was invited out to Alpha Gamma Rho with other freshmen for us to look over ATP and, of course, for them to look us over. It was somewhat overwhelming, but also very pleasant to be with other agriculture students. After a couple of visits, I was invited to become a pledge at ATP, which I eagerly accepted.

I started my third semester living at the ATP chapter house. I quickly learned what it meant to be a pledge as we learned the history of the National Chapter and, of course, all about the background and traditions of Gamma Chapter. Every so often, we would have a night class lineup in the Great Hall to be questioned about all that we were supposed to be learning. There were some love taps to help us remember or quickly learn things that we had been doing wrong.

Early in my fourth semester, we had the final week of pledging. Somehow, I got the mumps and ended up in the infirmary for the first half of pledge week. I am not sure which was worse, the mumps or going through pledge week. We all survived and became brothers in one of the greatest fraternities at Penn State.



John Akers '55 (Γ692) with his wife, Ann, and their daughter, Janice.

It was helpful to be in a fraternity where others were taking some of the same courses or had taken the same courses in previous semesters. There was a bluebook file with old tests for the various courses, and they were helpful to review before I had to take a test, to get an idea of the kind of questions I may be asked.

Gamma Chapter offered a warm and pleasant atmosphere where you could talk with older brothers about the courses they were taking and what kinds of jobs they were considering. As I became one of the older brothers, it was rewarding to share my experiences with the younger brothers and hopefully guide them to good career choices.

The social life at Gamma Chapter was always friendly and relaxing and it provided a great place to bring a Friday and/or Saturday night date. You were surrounded by others who you knew and your dates often came to know them well, also. The chapter had a couple of dances at the house each year that were very nice and were impressive to our dates. I think all of my dates over the years were grateful for a lovely time that the Gamma Chapter atmosphere provided.

After graduating in June 1957 with a degree in agricultural education, I went to work for Eastern States Cooperative that sold feed, fertilizer, and other farm products. I started at Dalmatia, then went in the National Guard for six months active duty and five and half years of weekly drills and two weeks of summer camp. After my six months of active duty, I was moved to Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, with Eastern States and moved to Milton in 1959 and was manager there.

I changed jobs in 1961 and went to work with USDA Soil Conservation Service and was located at Brookville, Pennsylvania, then to Leesport, and then became district conservationist in charge of the office at Lewistown, Pennsylvania. I was transferred in 1967 to Meadville, Pennsylvania, and then in 1974, I was transferred to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. While there, the name was changed to USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service. I retired in June 2000 with 40 years of service, including my time in the National Guard.

I was glad that I had a degree in agricultural education because it gave me a broad and general education in the field of agriculture that I used throughout my various positions. When working with NRCS, I gave my conservation talks to schools, civic clubs, and other groups. In addition, I have taught Sunday school at various Methodist churches that I have attended over the years.

My wife, Ann, and I moved to Everett in Bedford County in 2006, and since then, I have become a district/director on the Bedford County Conservation District, and a regional south central chairman for the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts. In addition, I have been a trustee for the Crystal Spring Camp Meeting Association, a church camp, for 50 years and was a secretary for 25 years.

On a personal note, I have three sons, Jeffrey, Joel, and Jerald, as well as a daughter, Julie, with my first wife. I also have two children, Michael and Janice, with Ann. Janice graduated from Penn State in 1998 with a degree in information technology.

In closing, I would say that my degree from Penn State opened many doors for my career in agriculture. Becoming a brother in Gamma Chapter of ATP was like a polishing touch to my life. It helped to round the rough edges and helped me to be more mature as I went out into the work place. Having knowledge is important, but knowing how to use that knowledge is equally important. If you would like to reconnect with me, you can reach me at rajaa01@embarqmail.com.

Fraternally,
John Akers '55 (Γ692)

A MESSAGE FROM THE GAMMA UNDERGRADUATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

When asked to clarify for our alumni “the direction we are headed in Greek life,” we would like to summarize our efforts in three goals as an undergraduate executive board. Our three goals are to preserve Alpha Gamma Rho traditional values as stated in our purpose, maintain brotherhood strength and fellowship within the current brotherhood, as well as future brothers with the new recruitment procedures, and educate our current and future brothers on the necessity for increased liability management with the changing times.

We cannot include specific rules or regulations in our overarching goals because we are notified of new and changing regulations that we must follow on a weekly basis. In regards to the pressures we face with the university, we believe first and foremost that cooperation with our alumni and national organization is essential, in order to manage and challenge when appropriate these pressures as a unit, instead of as separate entities.

Regarding our first goal, we want to emphasize that we are here to broaden our educations both through Penn State and Alpha Gamma Rho and, as a result, create better men. This is something that we must not stray from, and we believe that despite the recent changes in Greek life, we have not strayed from this goal.

Secondly, we consider it a necessity that our brotherhood must remain as tightly knit as it was in the times before recent changes. We must continue to recruit professional and respectful men to maintain our image. This also means that we must keep a strong connection to alumni from which our entire active brotherhood relies upon.

Lastly, it is of intrinsic value that we recognize current changes in liability and risk management, not only for the chapter house, but also for the entire brotherhood. Our goal is to preserve the values and traditions of Alpha Gamma Rho while emphasizing risk management as appropriate in this day and age. To do this, we must adapt with the advice of the alumni board to preserve the beloved fraternity that we all want to be held to the highest standards—today and in the future. We know there is a tremendous amount of knowledge and wisdom in our alumni ranks, and we ask you to communicate with us, support us, and feel free to give us your advice!

Fraternally,
The Gamma Undergraduate Executive Board

Alumni and Undergraduates Discuss Brotherhood and the Future of Gamma at Fall 2017 Alumni Association Meeting



Alumni and undergraduates in the Great Hall. Alumni in attendance included Penny Hallowell '48 (Γ571), John Shearer '48 (Γ586), Bill Nichol '50 (Γ603), Al Daum '82 (Γ1173), Brian Dillehay (Γ1638), Jon Schroer '90 (Γ1289), Lynn Dietrich '70 (Γ987), Jesse Hallowell '97 (Γ1392), and Corey Simmons '04 (Γ1504).



Alumni and undergraduates gather during the fall Alumni Association meeting.



Lynn Dietrich '70 (Γ987) during the fall Alumni Association meeting. He was elected to Penn State's Board of Trustees last spring.



Brothers gather in front of the chapter house on game day.



Game Day Traditions Make Positive Impact on Gamma Brotherhood

What brings together fraternity brothers better than sports? That's right, nothing. That is why I love fall at Penn State so much. Everyone knows fall means football season at Penn State, and nobody knows that better than the brothers of Alpha Gamma Rho. Every game day, home or away, brothers in the chapter house will be woken up by the sound of a brother running up and down the hall with a cowbell. At 7 a.m. every game day, whether you like it or not, you're getting up at 7 to get ready. By 8 a.m., all brothers are in the shower or getting dressed in whatever Penn State attire they have become accustomed to wearing over their years here. This can be a smelly time considering that several brothers have jerseys or socks that they refuse to wash because of superstition. By 9 a.m., it is time to combine all of our efforts on our beloved patio. This is a great time to see all the brothers gather on the patio as we begin to play our game day pump-up songs to get everyone in the right mindset for game day.

This is the best day of the week for me. I consider it part of my job to bring the brotherhood together as much as possible. It is things like this that really tighten and strengthen our bond as brothers. Once we have gone as far as we can on the patio, it is time to head to the fields to tailgate. We all gather in the front of the house and make the long walk down to Beaver Stadium. As Penn State student's we take tailgating very seriously, especially in our fraternity. Finally when the sun starts to set, we know it's time to head back.

Saturdays give us all a break from school and any kind of stress that is following us from the week. It's our day to stop worrying and focus on being Penn State football fans. It's an honor to wake up every football Saturday with my brothers and make memories that I'm sure we will all share together one day, and we hope in the tailgate lots years from now as alumni, bound together by brotherhood.

Fraternally,
Michael Santa-Maria '15 (Γ1696)
 Noble Ruler
 msantamaria1492@gmail.com

BROTHERS ADVANCE CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES AND MAINTAIN HIGH GPA

The year of 2017 has been one full of trial, growth, and success at Gamma Chapter. Brothers at the house have been working hard these past two semesters in academics and in the professional field. Through attention to detail and some Gamma man charisma, brothers have landed interviews and jobs with top companies. Perhaps even more impressive are the brothers who own their own businesses, ranging from lawn care to iPhone repair. In regards to academics, our chapter boasts a 3.13 overall GPA on a 4.0 scale. This is higher than both the IFC average of 3.09 and the Penn State men's average of 3.08.

Fraternally,
Timothy Smith '15 (Γ1710)
 VNR Scholarship



Bryan Beato '15 (Γ1694) and Timothy Smith '15 (Γ1710) with Penn State President Eric Barron after winning the IdeaMakers competition.

Chapter Remains Active on Campus and Philanthropically

It has been another eventful semester at Gamma Chapter this fall. One of the highlights of this year has been our new partnership with Phi Sigma Sigma for THON. We have added two new families, including the Bertram family and the Hollister family. In addition, on November 10, our rock 'n' roll-themed float was featured in the annual Homecoming parade.

During the month of November, our chapter participated in a blood drive in an effort to boost our community service hours. As for the seniors, there will be none graduating after the fall semester. We will have a big graduating class after the spring semester with more than 20 brothers.

Fraternally,
Erik Feeney '15 (Γ1709)
 VNR Planning

Alumni Support Gives Fresh Look to the Chapter House



The AGP chapter house yard is in great shape thanks to help from alumni.

Some recent renovations to the landscape at the chapter house were conducted with the help of alumni. **Bob Good '88 (Γ1275)** and his company, Good's Tree and Lawn Service, removed the large oak tree by the back parking lot because it was becoming a hazard to cars and people walking beneath it. After the tree removal, 30 additional arborvitae trees were planted along the side parking lot, which were donated by **Scott Swackhamer '83 (Γ1202)**; they have green and gold foliage. These trees will create a secluded barrier between the chapter house and Laurel alley as they continue to grow in future years.

Undergraduate brothers continue to get internship opportunities through active alumni; a few brothers who have had internships are **Tim Smith '15 (Γ1710)**, **Nick Smith '16 (Γ1737)**, and **Cole Swackhamer '15 (Γ1727)**. In other recent alumni relations, another successful tailgate season has passed, and the undergraduate brothers would like to thank all of the generous alumni for hosting us at multiple tailgates this season. We welcome you to come back to the chapter house for future games.

Fraternally,
Cole Swackhamer '15 (Γ1727)
VNR Alumni Relations

GAMMA MEMBERS MAKE BENEFICIAL CHANGES TO STUDY ROOMS

Here at the Gamma chapter house, things have been drastically changing for the betterment of the brotherhood. Through some aggressive efforts brought to the table by our vast brotherhood and alumni connections, Gamma Chapter has been able to stay on top of things and make some interesting new improvements to the house.

With a lot of planning and the help of many brothers, we were able to spread more than four tons of mulch around the property and added in a few new dry wells for gutters to drain into. Not only have we put a lot of effort in to improving the exterior aesthetics of the house, but we have also taken it upon ourselves to clean out and repaint many rooms in the house. The attic and both lounges are cleaner than I have ever seen them, and brothers actually like to use them as safe havens to study. One of the study lounges even has more than 15 desks in it and acts as the key place in the house for brothers to study.

In my opinion, I believe that Gamma Chapter as a whole has made some amazing improvements to the house within the last year, and I hope to see many more in the future. I would also like to thank all of the alumni and anyone else who has helped around the house for their generosity. Without all of your help and generosity, we would not be in the position that we are today.

Fraternally,
Carl Ramsey '15 (Γ1728)
VNR Maintenance and Operations



Brian Walters '15 (Γ1724) helps Carter Kabot '15 (Γ1716) with homework in one of the study rooms.

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BROTHERS ENJOY NEW CHANGES TO MEAL PLANS AND CHAPTER HOUSE

Given the beautiful weather and the success of the football team, it has been a very exciting fall semester here at Gamma Chapter at Penn State College. With just under 100 active members, we currently have 40 brothers occupying the chapter house. Compared to the costs of dorms and off-campus apartments, the competitive pricing of the house is an attractive advantage. Each brother pays a mere \$5,400 each semester to live in the house, which includes a meal plan.



One of the six new modems that provide wireless internet at the chapter house.

In regards to our meal plan, we have transitioned to a new catering service, Campus Cooks. AFP is the first chapter at Penn State to contract Campus Cooks, a national fraternity and sorority kitchen management solution. Our lovely new chef, Ashley, provides the brothers with delicious meals each day and exhibits an indispensable motherly presence within the house.

In addition to the new catering service, brothers are also enjoying the newly installed wireless internet. Rather than every bedroom having separate modems, we now have six throughout the house on one network. Now alumni and guests have the luxury of high-speed Wi-Fi when they come to visit the house!

Fraternally,
Patrick Schlupp '15 (Γ1713)
VNR Finance

CHAPTER SUCCEEDS IN INTRAMURALS

Given the environment of Penn State Greek life, our number one priority at Gamma Chapter is to maintain our recognition and good standing with the university. The university has been suspending houses left and right, so it is our job as Gamma men to rise above this turmoil and be better men. We have been working diligently to comply with all the rules and regulations the university is requiring of all fraternities. As many people may know the university has disbanded alcoholic events; however, they allow us to host dry events at our chapter houses. At first, many members found this prohibition hard to accept, but as a chapter, we have come together to work to be a part of the solution here at Penn State Greek life—not part of the problem.

In other activity news, our IM sports have found success in our fall sports. First and foremost our three-on-three basketball team starring brothers **Zack Mahler '14 (Γ1679)**, **Brendan Gee '16 (Γ1754)**, and **Mike DiMarino '16 (Γ1745)** won the intramural championship. Our Frisbee team was able to make it all the way to the championship game, falling just short of victory. Our softball team also found success making it to the semi-final round. Our chapter continues to strive to achieve Gamma greatness!



Zack Mahler '14 (Γ1679) after winning the three-on-three IM basketball championship this fall.

Fraternally,
Michael Doyle '15 (Γ1711)
VNR Activities

Welcome, 2017 Gamma Members

Congratulations to these young men for being the future of Alpha Gamma Rho! The new member plan has been changed to a six-week program due to the drastic changes from Greek life at Penn State. The program at Gamma Chapter will still have traditions and rituals even though it is accelerated.



Liam Barr
Branchburg, N.J.

Majoring in supply chain and information systems

Mike Bonner
Philadelphia, Pa.
Majoring in accounting

Sid Chandran
North Wales, Pa.
Majoring in computer science

Gavin Figurelli
Killingworth, Conn.
Majoring in landscape architecture

Evan Rooney
Westfield, N.J.
Majoring in telecommunications with an emphasis in management and entrepreneurship

Zak Zeff
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Majoring in finance

AGRICULTURE AT GAMMA

My name is Cole, and I am a junior from the eastern corner of Berks County, Pennsylvania. I am majoring in agricultural science and dual-minoring in wildlife fisheries science and agribusiness management. With a long history in Alpha Gamma Rho for many of my family members, including my grandfather, **Dr. Gene L. Swackhamer**, *Purdue University '57*, my dad, **Scott Swackhamer '83 (Γ1202)**, and my brother, **Clay Swackhamer '12 (Γ1602)**, I was constantly surrounded by professional agricultural men.

Although I was not born in letters, I was raised by successful men in the field of agriculture who taught me the principles of respect, leadership, and professionalism from a young age. Now that I have become an Alpha Gamma Rho brother myself, I am refining these principles my family has taught me and applying them to further my education and become a better man. Involvement in AGP has led to multiple opportunities for me, including an internship with a start-up biotechnology company specializing in maize genetics called LignoLink Inc. in the summer of 2016, and an internship with a commercial tilapia grower during the summer of 2017. Both of these opportunities were presented to me from Alpha Gamma Rho alumni whom already found success in the field of agriculture and were looking to give back to the undergraduate brothers of their beloved fraternity.

Not only have I interacted with active brothers whom were raised on farms in Pennsylvania like myself, but many of my brothers are from a wide variety backgrounds as well as the educations for which they are seeking, allowing me to see agriculture from a broader perspective than I could have attained alone. Overall, with the knowledge and principles that Alpha Gamma Rho has taught me to become a better man, I hope that one day I can teach these same principles to my children and that they can be fortunate enough to reap similar benefits from the same national organization that has made me the man I am today.

Fraternally,
Cole Swackhamer '15 (Γ1727)

Saying Goodbye to Gamma's Beloved Red Oak



The red oak tree can be seen peeking behind the chapter house as it welcomes a new class of brothers in 1952.

Over the past couple of years, one of our beloved trees at AGP became diseased with bacterial leaf scorch. This disease has become common in the Penn State College area for many of the local trees. Through its decline, we had noted individual branches dying and later falling. We recently had a branch fall from our red oak onto an undergraduate's car and had to assess the safety around the tree. Thank you to alumnus **Bob Good '88 (Γ1275)**, owner and proprietor of Good's Tree and Lawn Service, out of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for his help with that process.

The alumni association opted to cut the tree down. When one thinks about the history this tree has seen and been a part of at Penn State, it spans many generations of Gamma alumni, AGP life, and how we spent it in our brief time in State College. We don't know exactly when the tree was planted, but it was not there prior to the initial building completion in 1929.

The tree was likely planted in the Great Depression. It survived through WWII and when the Army occupied our 322 home. It saw a great influx of veterans coming back from the war in the late 1940s and 1950s. It lived through unofficial brotherhood events, even being used as a prop. During the next few months, another fellow alumnus, **Dane Lauver '90 (Γ1288)**, is going to take a piece of this AGP history and create pens out of our red oak. These will be up for bid during our fundraiser for Gamma Chapter.



The red oak provided a beautiful accent to the house during the spring.



John Weller '71 (Γ989), Ross Orner '72 (Γ1021), and Bob Norris '70 (Γ986) jokingly tied Tom Movinsky '72 (Γ1001) to the red oak tree as undergraduates.



Members from the 1990s enjoy the shade of the red oak in the fall.



Bob Good '88 (Γ1275) after the tree's removal in July.

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Norman R. Homan '41 (Γ460) entered Chapter Eternal on July 10 at 96. During World War II, he served in the United States Navy as a lieutenant and married Adelaide S. "Sandy" Homan in April 1944. She preceded him in death in August 2006. After the war, he worked with Lake Central Airlines in Indianapolis, Ind., where Lake Central Airlines merged with Allegheny Airlines in 1968. The name was changed to U.S. Air in 1979 and Norman retired in 1984. Norman enjoyed going to the DuBois Area YMCA and fantasy baseball, and he was a member of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Polka Club. Norman is survived by a daughter, Marjorie Krampe of Rockport, Tenn., two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Joseph G. Soper '52 (Γ647) entered Chapter Eternal on May 27 at 86 at the home of his son, Daniel. He married Jenny Falcone in July 1955, who preceded him in death in September 1997. Joe served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1953-55 during the Korean War. Joe and Jenny lived the better part of their lives in the Canisteo Valley, where he was a dairy farmer, and they raised their six children. He taught vocational agriculture at the Northern Area Joint Schools in Warren County, Pa., and also substituted in Canisteo Central and Arkport Central schools. Joe is survived by one daughter, five sons, six grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" Antram '53 (Γ668) entered Chapter Eternal on September 19 after a 10-year battle with Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Roberta Antram; a son, Dave and wife, Jodell; two grandsons, Caleb and Josiah; a brother, Richard; and a niece, Beth. Bob grew up on an active poultry and sheep farm in Scenery Hill and served in the U.S. Army 53rd Signal Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, before coming to Somerset County with Penn State Cooperative Extension Service.

James "Jim" L. Zambo '61 (Γ814) entered Chapter Eternal on July 2 at the age of 75 in Indialantic, Fla. He earned his bachelor's degree and a master's degree in public administration from Penn State and dedicated 33 years of his life to military service, during which he proudly served as an officer in the Air Force from 1963-69 and in the 193rd Special Operations group of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard from 1969-96. Jim retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1996 and was inducted into the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Hall of Fame in 2011. He loved the Pennsylvania outdoors and truly enjoyed being a park superintendent for the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks for 20 years. During his years there, he served as the president of the Pennsylvania State Park Society. Jim will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Phyllis Zambo, of 52 years, his children, his grandchildren, a brother, and sisters.



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Dominic "Dom" DiFilippo '63 (Γ851) of Palm Beach, Ill., entered Chapter Eternal on July 19 at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Harriet, and their two children, seven grandchildren, and four siblings. Dom made his career in the electric utility industry, holding positions of general manager, president, and chief operating officer before retiring in 2008. He sat on boards of directors for several companies and organizations, including Oak Park Country Club and Atlantis Golf Club. Dom was an avid golfer and had five holes-in-one to his credit, but his greatest success lies in the number of lives he touched with his kindness, generosity, and drive to succeed.



John Shearer '48 (Γ586) and Penny Hallowell '48 (Γ571) at the home of Bill Nichol '50 (Γ603) before a Penn State game this fall.

ALUMNI NEWS

Steven Visosky '92 (Γ1322) was promoted to senior water resource agent with the Idaho Department of Resources. He lives in Boise, Idaho. E-mail: stevensvisosky@gmail.com

Derald Hay '99 (Γ1432) moved to Boston, Mass., after accepting a job at Goodwin Proctor, which is an international law firm. He continues to represent forest land owners and is now able to help a wider array of the forestry industry with Goodwin's expertise. E-mail: djh249@gmail.com



Bill Hoffman '86 (G1243) with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, in June.