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GAMMA CHI: FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

By Rob Bosken '99, Consul

The Gamma Chi chapter opens the 1998-99 school year with a renewed commitment to the future. With increasing numbers from the past two years, Gamma Chi has been filled with new, enthusiastic brothers who eagerly await the challenges and rewards of the future. These brothers strongly exemplify the ideals upon which Sigma Chi was founded and look forward to upholding our long tradition of excellence at the University of Maryland.

One of the goals of the Gamma Chi executive board is to assist in the development of our younger brothers. The focus is not on the 1998-99 year alone, but rather to create a culture where winning both the Peterson Award and the President's Cup for most outstanding fraternity at the University of Maryland is expected. The Gamma Chi executive board does not wish to leave a legacy of one year but a legacy that will last for the years to come.

Despite focusing on the future, the benefits of Gamma Chi's recruitment program are paying off immediately. With the assistance of Tim Walsh '80 and every other House Corporation member, the house has undergone major improvements. The addition of a new hardwood floor, new carpet and furniture, and a cleaning service have increased the already high morale of those who live at 4600 Norwich Road. An executive retreat, our Derby Daze philanthropic project, Homecoming Weekend, initiation and brotherhood retreat have all been successfully completed. Adding to the enthusiasm is Gamma Chi's position in intramural athletics. After winning the soccer championship and with historically dominated Sigma Chi sports on the horizon, Gamma Chi finds itself in a perfect position to reclaim the title of intramural champions. In the next few weeks we are looking forward to Community Service Week, for which we won the 1997-98 University of Maryland Program of the Year Award; our Scholarship Banquet; and a dedication ceremony honoring our deceased brother, Jason Jenkins '98.

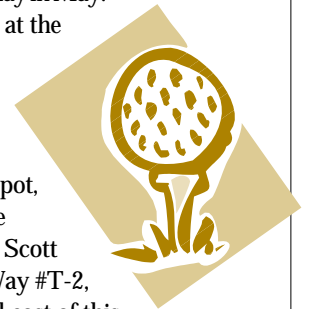
The potential of the current Gamma Chi brotherhood is outstanding. We are poised to win The Peterson Award, the President's Cup and the University of Maryland Intramural Sports Champion Cup. With the continued invaluable assistance of Harve Silverman, Bruce Casner, Jeff Weiler '70, Mike Aiken '75 and members of the House Corporation, the success of Gamma Chi will continue into the future with unlimited possibilities.

THIRD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ~ MAY 7, 1999

Our spring Golf Tourney will be held on Friday, May 7. For consistency, from now on we will try to hold this event on the first Friday in May.

This year's event will be held at the Worthington Manor course in Urbana, Md. Later that month, Worthington Manor will also be hosting the U.S. Open qualifier. In order to reserve a spot, please send a \$50 deposit (make check payable to *Sigma Chi*) to Scott Werber, 10717 Kings Riding Way #T-2, Rockville, MD 20852. The total cost of this event has not been determined yet.

Please keep in mind, we had to turn brothers away last year, so send in your deposit ASAP. Deposits can be refunded if you cancel prior to March 1 or if you find another brother to take your spot.



RUSH UPDATE

By Stephen Gormley '00, Rush Chairman

For the fall 1998 rush, Gamma Chi chapter depended on its enthusiastic brothers to invite a large, diverse group of men to our house for events. Rush was a success due to a large turnout combined with a young, eager house full of brothers who put in their time and effort to recruit new members. We produced a pledge class of eight new members, along with a group of over 20 rushees who will be eligible to pledge in the spring of 1999. So far this semester's pledge class has proven to be Sigma Chi material. They have participated competitively on our soccer and football intramural teams, helped brothers maintain the condition of the house and assisted us with an enjoyable Homecoming. We have had great success with these men thus far, and all are excited about the spring.

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IN MEMORY OF JASON JENKINS '98*A True Friend and Brother ~ By Chris Ytuarte '98*

You hear some phrases, some statements so many times over the course of your lifetime that you eventually become callous to them. They become a cliché, and people repeat them as they do a formula that has no real meaning for them. They are comforting words, but not necessarily considered ones. In a time of loss, one such phrase is "He was such a great guy; everybody loved him." The brothers of Gamma Chi and a host of friends and family who belonged to Jason Jenkins know all too well that this statement is by no means hollow. It may, in fact, be the truest thing I have ever heard.

Jason did not belong to the Gamma Chi chapter, he did not belong to his loving family, he did not belong to his closest friends. We all belonged to him. He kept us happy when times were bad, and was always there when we needed a hand, a laugh, someone to eat with (where he never hesitated), some snoring, or a thunderous slam-dunk. He could do it all. And it's true — everybody loved him. To find a single person who knew Jason and could disagree with that statement is a virtual impossibility. Once you knew him, you had no choice. You were forced to love him, forced to laugh with him, forced to remember him forever, because we all belong to him.

While Jason was with the Gamma Chi chapter, his influence and contributions were vast and invaluable. A shining star on both the fraternity's basketball and football teams, he worked hard to make this a better house. Just ask anyone who pledged after Jason became a brother, and he will tell you he was a constant, positive incentive to join the chapter.

I had the honor and pleasure to pledge with Jason, as well as share two intra-fraternity basketball championships with him. We competed against each other often, playing basketball in the backyard, trying to top each other in slam-dunk contests that ended up with both of us, and those watching, laughing hysterically. Though it's a small piece of what knowing Jason was about, it is one of my favorite memories.

It's absolutely true: Everybody loved him. Being with Jason was fun, and in my heart and memory, and in the hearts and memories of many others, it always will be. I think that's the best I can do.

(Our brother, Jason Jenkins '98, was killed in an automobile accident on June 13, 1998.)

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

By Eric Miles '00, House Manager

The new school year has marked a key turnaround in the physical condition of the house. This is the first time that we are working not only to maintain living conditions, but also to improve them for the brothers.

While long-term work is being done through the capital campaign project, we are doing what we can to make immediate improvements. As many of you saw at homecoming, the house is in better shape than it has been in years, and we have many more projects planned for the near future.

Thanks to our strong alumni support, we have been able to make some positive changes at Gamma Chi. For example, with the help of Jeff Weiler '70, we get compliments on our new living room daily. This year we also hired a monthly cleaning service that helps take care of the infamous Sigma Chi bathrooms. These improvements coupled with daily brother work sessions have the house heading in a very positive direction. Current projects include acquiring a new soda machine and creating a nice recreation room in the basement.

With undergraduate involvement as strong as ever and the continued support of brother Mike Aiken '75 and the House Corporation, we are beginning to turn our big ideas into reality.

ATHLETICS: STRIVING TO REGAIN PAST GLORY

By Jon Forsythe '01 and Matt Pitnick '01, Athletic Chairs

After finishing close, but not quite good enough the past few years in fraternity athletics, our chapter is making a strong early bid to reclaim the championship.

We can attribute most of our success on the field to our house's increased excitement and participation as the majority of the brothers have participated in at least one sport. So far this year, we have had the maximum number of teams and players possible signed up to play in each sport, efficiently increasing our point totals in each event.

We have had strong showings in each sport thus far, but our biggest accomplishment has to be winning the A-League Soccer Championship. Led by former junior college players Brent Angle '79 and Bob Hanrahan '99, Sigma Chi A-Team brought home the title. Currently, with strong flag football and volleyball squads in action, and the continued enthusiasm and support of the teams by others, it is only a matter of time before first place is ours.

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Alumni News

Hiram H. Spicer III '42 (1600 S. Eads St., Arlington, VA 22202) was looking forward to a trip to Turkey in October. Every year during the Christmas season, he enjoys hearing from **Bud Kincaid '52**, **Jack Miller '43**, **John Rabai '43** and **Spence Wright '49**.

Jane and **William C. Bates '43** (1770 Ave. Del Mundo 1008, Coronado, CA 92118) are active with tennis, golf and sailing. Bill keeps in touch with **John Rabai '43** and **John Frederick '48**.

John F. Miller '43 (5 Shepherd House Ct., Baltimore, MD 21228) has many great Sigma Chi friends and enjoys all the Maryland sports.

Guy N. Ullman II '43 (7908 Sycamore Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042; guystb@aol.com) still has his consulting business and is expanding into real estate.

Speaking at the Virginia Aviation Museum in September, **Robert O. Bigelow '49** (100 Cove Cres., Yorktown, VA 23692) gave a first-hand account of his experiences with the Boeing B-29 Superfortress. During WWII, he flew 36 B-29 bombing missions against Japan.

"My days and times with Gamma Chi are among my best memories," writes **Donald J. Addor '51** (721 E. State St., Millsboro, DE 19966). He restores antique cars and has been working on a 1948 Fleetwood Caddy. At his 55th high school reunion last May, Don saw **Seth Preece '49**.

Henry C. Marshall '51 (5027 Ten Oaks Rd., Clarksville, MD 21029) is now president of HCM Inc., a land development company.

In his retirement years, **William E. Stahr '51** (7909 Lynbrook Dr., Bethesda, MD 20814) has spent a lot of time working with his church, playing tennis and doing crossword puzzles.

In 1997, **Ronald A. Siegrist '52** (3 Candlestick Dr., Lutherville, MD 21093) participated in "Midnight Madness" by playing in the alumni basketball game. At the Indianapolis 500 that year, he drove his 1952 Olds "98" convertible in the downtown parade and took two laps around the track before race. Ron purchased the Olds after his graduation in 1952.

William F. Andrews Jr. '53 (3 Chartwell Mnr., Nashville, TN 37215) is chairman of both Scovill Fasteners Inc. and Schrader Bridgeport Inc. He serves as director of a number of other companies and corporations.

"Congratulations on your excellent *Crossroads* publication!" notes **Allen C. Jackson '54** (300 Wyndemere Way, Naples, FL 34105). Since retiring, he has chaired charity fundraisers in Naples and Annapolis. When in Annapolis, Allen sees **Ed Edel '54**, **Russ Rourke '53** and **Spence Hopkins '52**.

Lawyer **John W. Galiardo '56** (56 Crooked Tree Ln., Princeton, NJ 08540; john_w_galiardo@bdhq.bd.com), vice chairman of Becton Dickinson and Co., is serving as chairman of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association for 1998-99.

In 1998, **Charles Prevoile '57** (P.O. Box 31223, Sea Island, GA 31561) was elected president of the Middle Atlantic Golf Association. He also serves

on the board of directors of CACI International.

"I enjoy the alumni news!" notes **Wallace E. Downey Jr. '58** (1353 Woodbrook Ln., Southlake, TX 76092), the owner and president of Southwestern Information Publishing. He and Margaret have three children and six grandchildren. When **Ed Phillips '55** stopped by for a visit, he and Wally had a great time reminiscing.

Andrew P. Grose '62 (405 Hazelwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127; agrosesfca@aol.com), CFO of the Public Policy Institute of California, is included in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who in America*. Planning to pursue his hobby of woodworking when he retires in a couple of years, he is constructing a woodshop and taking furniture building classes. In 1998, Andy and his wife, Jacquie, celebrated their 35th anniversary with a three-week trip to France and Germany.

Automobile dealer **George L. Doetsch Jr. '63** (5030 Morning Star Dr., Dayton, MD 21036) is president of Apple Ford Inc. He serves as president of the Columbia Rotary and is active with the Howard County Chamber of Commerce, Police Foundation and Hospital Foundation.

Twice retired, but continuing his career in procurement and logistics management, **Leonard H. Gempp Jr. '65** (8 Kent Dr., Foxmeadow Farm, Hockessin, DE 19707; gemppl@bek.com)

is currently director of sourcing at BE&K Engineering & Construction. He has achieved three professional certifications: CPM, APP and CPCPM.

John G. Zimmerman '65 (7510 Cervantes Ct., Springfield, VA 22153; zimmerjg@aol.com) has been promoted to director of workforce and information management at Fannie Mae. Now that he and his wife, Gloria, are empty-nesters, John is taking up golf. He would love to reestablish friendships.

Attorney **Kevin P. Fay '68** (11765 Split Tree Cir., Potomac, MD 20854) has been practicing law in Montgomery County, Md., for 25 years. He is married to Vicky and has two children.

Gregory J. Kaminski '68 (12159 Shorewood Dr. S.W., Seattle, WA 98146; pacifich@nwlink.com) is president of Soundview Financial and Pacific Reservations. While in Hawaii, he saw **Todd Corbin '65**.

From undergraduate days, **Joseph M. Minninger '68** (1226 Clearview Cir., Allentown, PA 18103; lyfgrd@aol.com) has fond memories of sleeping in the dorm on the top floor of the house. He is director of operations at Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom.

Robert B. Groves '70 (12519 Knowledge Ln., Bowie, MD 20715; bowie3flip@maranatha.net) has been teaching physical education for 28 years. Part time, he is a gymnastics coach

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WELCOME, INITIATES!

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Forrest V. Love '01 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Government/Politics
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for the boys' team at Barlow's Gymnastics. His 9-year-old son was 1998 state champion in gymnastics for Class 7.

Stanley C. Howard '72, president of Howard Quality Window & Siding Co. Inc. (210 Nanticoke Ave., Endicott, NY 13760), has two children. He gets together with classmates **Bill Taylor** and **Gary Figallo** frequently and sees **Roger Gardner '70** in the wintertime.

Gregory Droege '74 (10417 Fair Oaks, Columbia, MD 21044) enjoys sailing with **Steve Bradshaw '74**. Gregory, Steve and **Ron Messenheimer '74** were in the wedding of **Bill Read '77** in June 1998. **Jodie Creegan '79** served as best man.

Former PGA golf professional **Hal W. Slaton '74** (6083 Masters Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819) is now representing Ashworth apparel in the golf industry. He is married to Shelly and has two children. Hal is serving as vice chairman of Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Invitational PGA tour event for '99.

Fermon B. Jones '75 (3409 Queensborough Dr., Olney, MD 20832), a registered vascular technologist and cardiac sonographer, is working at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He and his wife have a baby daughter.

William G. Schaub '82 (10246 Ember Glen Dr., Austin, TX 78726; schaubtex@aol.com) is a national sales manager at Dresser Industries. When he wrote last April, he reported that **Jim Aloï '81** was "getting hitched" that month.

In a new position, **Nicholas L. Abid '85** (13206 Ardenes

Ave., Rockville, MD 20851; nabad@comsysinc.com) is an account manager with Comsys Information Technologies. He is also active with the Terrapin Club. Nicholas would like to hear from brothers working with high tech/IT projects and those interested in getting involved with the Club.

Frank J. Caruso Jr. '85 (426 Ben Oaks Dr. E., Severna Park, MD 21146) reports that he, **Tom Burton '84**, **Shannon Allcock '86** and **Jim Gregory '87** spent an evening rock-fishing in the Bay while on Jim's boat. "No fish, but lots of laughs."

When we heard from him in October, **John G. D'Albora '85** (7307 Tarfside Ln., Gaithersburg, MD 20879) was looking forward to buying a home within the next few months. He and his family enjoyed several weeks and weekends in Bethany Beach, Del., during the summer.

This fall, **Ramiro Blanco '86** (702 Venice Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20904; ramiro.blanco@marriott.com) became a manager in the Design and Production Department of Marriott International.

Victor L. Bradford '86 (8506 Oliver St., New Carrollton, MD 20784; bradford@clark.net), a realtor with RE/MAX First, continues to be active in sports. He and **Ramiro Blanco '86**, **Suk Kim '85** and **Carlos Hernandez '86** won the Montgomery County Slow Pitch Tournament. In the "off season," Vic plays basketball and volleyball. He has two young children.

Mary Ellen and **Carlos M. Hernandez '86** (4315 Leatherwood Ter., Burtonsville, MD 20866; funywon@aol.com) were expecting the birth of their first child in April 1998. Carlos is a sportscaster with Fox Television.

On January 1, **Scott Werber '86** (10717 Kings Riding Way, #T-2, Rockville, MD 20852) will be employed with DDM Insurance Services (formerly Day, Deadrick & Marshall) as a life and health insurance broker. He'll be joining **James Day '86** and **Bill Gouker '88**. Their business address: 10732 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705; 301-937-1500. Scott reports that "**Brian 'Aztec' Kennedy '86** has moved in with Gummy; Stacey and **John Warther '85** have a daughter, Hannah, born in October 1998; and that Kara and **Greg Tignor '86** now have a daughter, Macy, born in November 1998."

After 10 years as an area manager with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, **William I. Slade '87** (20234 Waters Row Ter., Germantown, MD 20874; willslade@aol.com) has joined Prism Inc. as an account manager. He and Sherry wed in October 1997. Will reports that Eva and **Dale Propst '87** were expecting a child and that **Tom Greeves '87** is a certified financial planner in Potomac, Md.

Roger L. Aarons '88 (11920 Black Mountain Rd., #24, San Diego, CA 92129) has a 1-year-old child, Devon.

Accountant **Daniel C. Ingersoll Jr. '88** (30W034 Argyll Ln., Naperville, IL 60563) serves as area financial and systems manager at USG Corp. He and his wife, Sandy, were awaiting the birth of their first child in December 1998.

In December 1997, Wendy and **James G. Ladas '90** (7717 Goodfellow Way, Derwood, MD 20855; ladas@erols.com)

welcomed the arrival of a daughter, Lindsay. James is an assistant vice president at NationsBank.

David S. Colton '91 (4903 Edgemoon Ln., Apt. 704, Bethesda, MD 20814) has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge as an associate attorney in the Corporate Finance and Securities Group.

At TSR Wireless, **Christopher J. Mezzatesta '91** (60 Whip-poorwill Rd. E., Armonk, NY 10504; cmezz@tsrwireless.com) was promoted in July to vice president of sales. He encourages any brother considering a career in sales to get in touch.

Paul Ambrosi '92 (4616 N. Chelsea Ln., Bethesda, MD 20814; pbrosi@erols.com) is a manager with Papa John's Pizza. He and Megan Kelly married in October 1997. We heard from **Lance M. McInerney '92** (95 Prospect Ave., Bridgewater, NJ 08807) in March 1998. He was looking forward to earning his MBA in finance from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University in May. Later in the month, he and Patricia O'Connor were planning to be married.

S. Mark Sellman '92 (9806 Sherwood Farm Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117) is in pharmaceutical sales with Hoffman LaRoche. He has been married three years and enjoys weightlifting. For Mark, Greek Week was the best.

We regret to inform you of the death of **O. Mike Marinelli '45** (12/8/97), **Frederick S. De Marr '49** (9/5/97), **Sidney N. Graybeal '49**, **Walter D. Gable '51** (7/21/97), **Bernard P. Gagnon '51** (12/20/97), **Warren J. Hak '54** (7/12/97), **David G. Clough '59** (5/12/98) and **Jason Jenkins '98** (6/13/98). Sigma Chi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.