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The Reunion Approaches

by Dean Kruse ΓΣ 807

As the temperature again rapidly approaches 90 + degrees – truly a fairly rare occurrence in the Portland, Oregon region – personally I find it somewhat difficult to think about Fall. This sentiment was echoed recently in a telephone conversation with Brother Fritz Raab from his location in Vermont who was experiencing similar temperatures. A quick glance at those color-coded weather maps provided in the newspapers – truly great graphics to whomever designed these – shows much of the country in various shades of red and orange. So as we head into the dog days of summer and thoughts stray to ways of skipping work, delaying chores around the house, getting out of “Dodge” for a while, or merely just staying cool, perhaps you too feel Fall is somewhere in the dim future?

But brothers, I say again brothers, October and the Gamma Sigma reunion are just around the corner! The football tickets have been ordered, a banquet room has been booked, rooms are still available at the Starlight Village and Brothers Alan Peterson and Lorne Wazny have been working hard on organizing the ice breaker Friday evening and the tail gate party prior to the homecoming game. Plus unconfirmed sources state that the Cyclones will be running over Red Raiders later that day! Simply stated, you just have to come!!!!!!

We are pleased by the early reservations pouring (?) into Brother Jason Gammack’s new home just outside Houston, but I wanted to assure everyone that has not yet responded that there is still time to attend!!!!!! The icebreaker Friday evening at the Memorial Union is intended to be just a fun and low-key affair – our first chance to be together as a group. And while I have never personally enjoyed the delectables of Brother Lorne

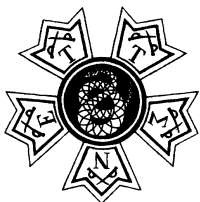
Wazny’s tailgate extravaganza, I understand they are justifiably famous not just throughout the Midwest, but his fame has now spread across the entire North American continent! This is your opportunity to experience this incredible epicurian phenomenon and genuine Gamma Sigma hospitality for yourself – and bring your family! You can read more about these events and locate a map in Brother Anderson’s article in this issue of the newsletter. This same information should also be posted on our web site (<http://sigmanuisu.org>) thanks again to the efforts of our Webmaster Brother Marshall Wilharm. Marshall performs this task for us while he is not piloting airplanes across the Atlantic Ocean for American Airlines. There is no charge associated with the icebreaker but we are asking \$15.00 per person to cover the expenses of the tailgate party.

Well, what about the game? We do have a block of football tickets set aside for those who requested them, but if you did not do so, **you can still purchase tickets** directly through the Iowa State Ticket office toll free 1-888-478-2925 (if you prefer using letters

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this is 1-888-ISU CYCLONE) or online by going to their website:

http://cyclones.ocsn.com/marketplace/tickets/tickets-body.html. Individual tickets are \$25.00 and were still available as I write this in mid July.

BUT I (OR MY SPOUSAL UNIT) REALLY DO NOT LIKE FOOTBALL

but I still want to attend!!!!

It is entirely understandable that there may well be a few of you who really do not care for football or may simply be unable to attend the game that day. But please come to our dinner following the game if you possibly can. This evening is designed to be the keynote event for our first reunion and a new phase of our efforts to reestablish Gamma Sigma.

The Dinner

The dinner is scheduled at the Starlight Village at Ames; the social "hour" will begin about 6:30 with the meal itself at 7:15. We can still accommodate a fair number of people at this social event as well and we hope **everyone** will be able to make it. These tickets are \$50.00 each and will cover the meal and appetizers, plus if there should be a slight surplus, it will serve as a contribution to the alumni association and be used to help rebuild our chapter. Our eminent president, Brother Fritz Raab, has promised to share his thoughts and vision for the future of Sigma Nu at Iowa State and is already at work on his PowerPoint presentation. Personally I strongly believe there will be a future for us in Ames. While probably few of you are fortunate enough to know Brother Raab personally, he has spearheaded this effort to reestablish the alumni group as well as the house company and deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the progress made to date. Fritz has not toiled alone, but has been aided by a significant number of like-minded brothers. And while some of these are either current or former board members, others toil more quietly and with perhaps less recognition than they deserve. For example, Brother Dan Simpson has reduced the number of

"lost" brothers to less than 50 individuals. Truly the efforts of everyone have been and remain critical to our success. And yes, perhaps you should consider this a call to serve. At the very least, please join us in Ames.

What if I need a place to stay in Ames?

We have made group block reservations available at the Starlight Village.

Best Western Starlight Village
2601 East 13th Street
Ames, Iowa 50010
515-232-9260
1-800-903-9260 – extension "4" for Ames

You must individually call to request one of these rooms and ask for group number "4444." The Starlight Village has promised to hold these block reservations until September 24th, but it would be better to call early and hold one in your name using your credit card number. Their group rates are \$59.95 for a single and \$69.95 for a double - plus tax. While homecoming against Texas Tech may not draw quite as well as say a Nebraska game, the game as well as the hotels in Ames sells out each year for homecoming.

LATE RESERVATIONS

One more time, I really do need to apologize for that early unforgivably naive and unrealistic deadline that appeared in the Spring Newsletter. Hopefully the postcard you should have received cleared up any misunderstandings. If you wish more information call or write

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We really do need to know how many folks plan to attend. Imagine the plight of Brothers Alan Peterson and Lorne Wazny as they need to prepare especially for the number of revelers at the Gamma Sigma tailgate party!

So please send your responses and checks to our treasurer, Jason Gammack for these remaining homecoming events. See the form below.

If you would still like to help:

How about contacting some of your closest brothers from your years at Ames and making sure they are coming to the reunion? Truly the more the merrier.

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Gamma Sigma Reunion Form

Please complete this form and send along with your check made out to "Gamma Sigma House Company" to Brother Jason Gammack.

Jason Gammack, Treasurer
14 Rosedown Place
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Number attending:

- _____ Oct. 11-12 Gamma Sigma Reunion in Ames
- _____ Oct. 11 Ice breaker no-host Memorial Union
- _____ Oct 12 Tailgate party at \$15.00 per person
- _____ Oct. 12 Reunion dinner at \$50.00 per person



News from the Brothers

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I have a granddaughter, Chloe, in Crestwood, KY and a grandson due in August. They are daughter and son of Eric and Marg Vorseth.

Wayne D. Seibold ΓΣ 504

Have been retired in Arkansas since 1991. Do a lot of hunting and fishing. We live on a 40,000 acre lake about 100 miles north of Little Rock. Had two knee replacements in the past two years.

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My wife Amy and our two kids recently moved back to the Sioux City area. I'm working as a project manager with a concrete paving and underground utilities construction company. If anyone happens to be in Sioux City, drop me a line.

David North ΓΣ 1101

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I'm finally getting married November 16, 2002. Hope to see a lot of Sigma Nu brothers there.

Gerald Cady ΓΣ 476

Retired orthopedic surgeon and living in San Diego.

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John M. Anderson ΓΣ 319

Thanks for the Sigma News and the surprise on the reverse side of this sheet, a photo of Chapter '41. I recognized Mother Plagge and Commander Dan Dodds, both part of wedding for Roberta and I in fall of '40. There is at least six others that I remember. Good luck and best wishes in re-establishing Sigma Nu at I.S.U.

President's Message "Past, Present, and Future – Four Phase Plan"

Prepared 07/04/02

We will shortly have our first alumni get-together since the demise of the Chapter in 1998. We have come a long way since those dark days. In this "Message", I would like to talk about where we have been and where we are going.

Demise of the Chapter

To understand where we are going, we need to know how we got here and what pitfalls to avoid the next time. Following is a brief, simplified summary of how our Chapter fell apart. I plan to provide a more detailed version in a future issue.

The problems began in the fall of 1994 with a date-rape incident. No charges were ever filed, but the investigation revealed that the under-age coed was given alcohol by our undergraduate members, and the Chapter was put on probation. A second alcohol-related problem in the fall of 1995 resulted in action from National and subsequently depopulation of the house.

A number of new "pledges" were recruited, but they never congealed into a fraternity. National provided some training. Payments on a debt of \$196,000 from the late 1980s depleted our cash reserves. Job-related moves and resignations caused the House Corporation to disintegrate, leaving a single member. Finally in November of 1998 the house was sold. Throughout this four-year period, communication with the membership was very limited and the majority of us didn't even find out about the problems (or how serious they were) until it was too late.

Four-Phase Plan

We can't change what happened, but we can learn some things from this that will be useful in the future:

National does not have the resources to give adequate oversight to a new Gamma Sigma colony/chapter.

Communication with the membership is essential.

Excessive debt will limit our ability to deal with other problems.

We need a strong, functional House Corporation to be in charge during resurrection and operation of the Chapter.

With these things in mind, a four-phase plan was developed for the resurrection of Gamma Sigma:

Phase I - Reorganization

Phase II - Build Alumni Activity

Phase III - Re-colonization

Phase IV - New House

Phase I - Reorganization

A great deal has been accomplished in the first three years of the new SNHC. While most of it has been behind the scenes and barely visible, it has been essential to our continued operation and future rebuilding.

Various issues related to the sale of the house were settled and the \$10,000 escrow was recovered.

We adopted new Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws suited to our new mode of operation as an alumni association.

The proceeds from the sale of the house are secure and under our own control. They are protected by two-signature requirement to move \$10,000 or more. We have formal accounting, annual statements, an annual audit, and an annual report to the members.

Board members are being elected annually. The election is done by mail so that all members can participate.

We are publishing a newsletter twice a year, and it is being done by own members. We have established a web site and an e-mail repeater.

The address list has been updated. In 1999, there were barely over 500 members with working addresses. Now we have over 700 good addresses and the number of "lost" members has been reduced to under 100.

Our records and memorabilia are stored safely. Much of the unneeded material (e.g., old furniture) that was removed from the house has been discarded or given away.

Last but not least, we are paying our income taxes regularly, and we have paid the taxes on the sale of the house.

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Sigma Nu House Corporation, Inc. 2001 Financial Statement

2001 Income Statement

Revenues

Member			
Contributions	\$1,005.00		
Expenses paid by members	\$1,288.62		
Subtotal		\$2,293.62	
Unrelated			
Interest, FNB savings	\$7,380.10		
Subtotal		\$7,380.10	
Total Revenues		\$9,673.72	

Expenses

Operation of Corporation			
Legal	\$20.00		
Telephone conferences	\$109.20		
1998 Federal taxes	\$7,319.00		
1999 Iowa tax paid	\$446.00		
2000 Iowa tax paid	\$489.00		
2000 Federal tax paid	\$414.24		
2001 Federal estimated tax	\$699.00		
Subtotal		\$9,496.44	
Fraternal Activities			
Storage/Moving	\$1,032.00		
Newsletter, paid	\$412.11		
Newsletter, donated	\$1,288.62		
Subtotal		\$2,732.73	
Total Expenses		\$12,229.17	

Net Income

Revenues	\$9,673.72		
Expenses	\$12,229.17		
Revenues – Expenses =		(\$2,555.45)	

Balance Sheet for 12/31/01

Assets			
FNB checking		\$3,765.70	
FNB savings		\$211,912.36	
Total		\$215,678.06	
Liabilities			
None		\$0.00	
Total		\$0.00	
Net worth			
Assets – liabilities		\$215,678.06	

Check

Assets	12/31/00	Change	12/31/01
FNB checking	\$5,701.25	(\$1,935.55)	\$3,765.70
FNB savings	\$212,532.26	(\$619.90)	\$211,912.36
Total	\$218,233.51	(\$2,555.45)	\$215,678.06

Check: Above change of (\$2,555.45) matches net income.

Prepared by Jason T. Gammack, Treasurer, April 19, 2002.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

I have received and reviewed the bank statements and the resulting financial statements for Calendar year 2001. The bookkeeping system utilized appears to be adequate for the Sigma Nu House Corporation's minimal level of activity. Everything seems to be accurately recorded and in proper order.

Joel B. Thorpe, ΓΣ 762 '64, Past Treasurer, June, 26, 2002.

Gamma Sigma Fireplace

I don't know how long the tradition continued...but back in the 30's it was customary for the Gamma Sigma brothers to dress up a bit and gather in the dining room for the evening meal. We had a housemother in those days, and one of the brothers would escort her into the dining room for dinner. And after dinner, we'd sing a few songs. Sigma Nu songs, of course and some others that happened to be popular in those days. One of the favorites was "Gamma Sigma Fireplace." Here's how it goes:

Gamma Sigma Fireplace

By the Gamma Sigma fireplace, sat ten brothers in a row
 Oh, the night was dark and dreary, and the ground was covered in snow
 But they were brothers, in Sigma Nu
 They were all so happy and gay
 And why should they be blue?
 With a good stein of lager, a full stein of lager
 To drive their cares away

So drink, drink, drink, drink, drink'er down to old Sigma Nu
 With no thought of sorrow or cares for tomorrow
 We'll always drink to you
 And drink, drink, drink, drink, drink'er down to Iowa State, too
 It's a good place to go where you don't have to think
 So sit there and drink drunk plastered

Oh, we'll go get the goblet with Sigma Nu upon it
 And we'll order up another keg of beer
 For we're here at college but it's not for knowledge
 So we'll raise hell while we're here
 And we'll drown all our sorrow for after tomorrow
 We may never get another drink
 And we all like our liquor a damn sight thicker
 Than we get from the Phi Delt sink

By the light of the silvery moon
 By the light silvery light, silvery light of the moon
 If you want to be Sigma Nu just come along with me
 By the light, silvery light of the moon

Even though we sang about "a full stein of lager," there was no beer in the hands of the singers...and probably none in the house (although occasionally one of the seniors might have a bottle of booze hidden in his room.)

Things were drier in Ames and at Iowa State in those days. The closest place to buy beer was at Tom's café in downtown Ames, 2 miles from campus. But of course, when we had a house party "Sodbusters Ball" at the Ames Country Club, things loosened up a bit.

Our after-dinner singing was loud and lusty. If we can remember the words or find someone with a better memory than your editor, we'll use some more Sigma Nu songs in later newsletters.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the SIGMA NU HOUSE COMPANY, INCORPORATED

(Under the Amended and Restated By-laws)

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sigma Nu House Company, Incorporated was held by conference call on Saturday, May 18, 2002 at 11:00 P.M. EST. The meeting was called to order by Frederick H. Raab, President. Also in attendance were Craig Adamson, Jason Gammack, Dean Kruse, Richard Scheffler and Dick Winchester. Bob Thompson was excused.

REPORTS

The minutes of the prior meeting, January 19, 2002 were unanimously approved.

Jason Gammack gave the financial report. There is \$7385.01 in the checking account and \$206,210.69 in savings.

President Raab reported that Daniel Simpson has located 724 good addresses but that over one hundred brothers had not been located. Of these 100, about half are brothers for whom National had no address.

Pres. Raab reported that the taxes for 2001 have all been paid and that the estimated tax return for 2002 will be filed on time.

E-MAIL VOTES

The Secretary reported the results of e-mail votes since last meeting which were:

1. The Board authorized the payment of Federal taxes in the amount of ca. \$400 and Iowa State Taxes in the amount of \$109.64

2. The Board approved reunion plans.
3. The Board approved funds to continue the search for lost brothers.
4. The Board voted not to appeal the assessment of Federal Income Taxes (n.b. the payment was refunded later).
5. The Board approved funds for the Gamma Sigma Chapter website.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was had regarding the pending initiation of Mr. Whittimore. The application is in the hands of Lambda Phi Chapter and Sigma Nu National Headquarters. There is nothing that the Board can do at this time to expedite the issue.

Reunion plans were discussed. Particular attention was paid to the deadline for football game tickets as the newsletter did not go out until after the deadline announced (May 15th) had passed. The Board approved spending the funds necessary to send a post card to members announcing a new deadline. Dean Kruse volunteered to oversee the mailing and proposed a June 30th date. President Raab said that he would advise the newsletter editors to advance the deadline of the fall issue so as to avoid

The Board's investment policy was discussed in light of the dismal interest being paid on bank deposits. Our funds are presently in a simple savings account and might be better invested.

NEW BUSINESS

President Raab asked that the Board members consider nominees for the Board and officers for 2003 and sound out. Terms end for Winchester, Raab and Gammack. Winchester said that he could continue to serve but would retire to allow someone else to serve. Mssrs. Raab and Gammack are willing to serve again.

A discussion was had regarding Dan Simpson's request for reimbursement for phone bills incurred while searching for lost members. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the Treasurer reimburse Mr. Simpson \$208 for telephone expense. Fund raising was then discussed. As long as the voluntary dues paid are less than the interest earned by the Corporation, its income is taxable. A raise in the suggested level of voluntary dues was discussed as well as inserting an invoice-like form in the newsletter. There could be options for various levels of donation. It was the sense of the Board that someone to take charge and make plans for fund raising is needed.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon, E.S.T.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard J. Scheffler, Secretary

Dean's Column

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Membership

One of the things that I have been tasked to do is to drum up some enthusiasm for our voluntary chapter dues program. The Board of Directors made the decision to make and keep the dues voluntary since we wanted this to be an inclusive organization of all brothers. And even though our expenses are greatly reduced due to the generosity of Brother Jerry and Nancy

DeDiemar as well as our eminent publisher John van der Linden and his crew, we do need to meet our expenses and hopefully generate a few dollars to start the renewal phase. So please, look in your hearts, then remove your checkbooks from your back pocket, your wife's purse or the desk drawer and send your contribution to Gamma Sigma House Company. You may send them either directly to me, or to our treasurer Jason Gammack. Our names and addresses appear elsewhere in this publication.

Since our last newsletters we have received checks from the following individuals:

Richard B. Winchester
Don Geiger
Stuart B. Harms David E. North
John M. Hardie
Frederick (Fritz) H. Raab
Justin Sample
Wayne D. Siebold
E. C. Vandenburg
Robert Wilson John Anderson
Gerald W. Cady, M.D.
Robert H. Voiland

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President's Message

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The capital-gains taxes on the sale were an especially vexing (and time-consuming) problem for me. We lacked receipts for many of the improvements, and the rules about depreciation were less than perfectly clear, so we stood to lose up to two thirds of the \$200,000 proceeds to federal and state taxes. Thanks to help from a large number of our members, we now have documentation of much of what went into the house and our tax bill was reduced to about \$10,000.

In summary, we have built a new infrastructure for the House Corporation that includes members from all over the country. Phase I is now completed.

Phase II - Alumni Activities and Planning

With the variety of legal, organizational, and tax issues out of the way, we are now starting to think about Phase II. We will of course continue publication of the newsletter and management of our assets. In Phase II, we will add two more objectives.

Building alumni activity and involvement and

Developing plans and budgets for re-establishment.

The first example of Phase II activities is this fall's Homecoming reunion, which we hope will become an annual event. Given sufficient interest, informal get-togethers can also be scheduled at other times (Veishea) and in other locations where there are concentrations of members. We also hope to provide increased services such as an address book. Increased alumni activities will promote the increased alumni involvement that will be needed for rebuilding the Chapter.

Gamma Sigma alumni need to be in the driver's seat during rebuilding of the chapter; we can't count on National or anyone else to do it for us. We have a good start on funds, but not a fortune, and certainly not enough for a new house. We're going to get one chance at this and we want to make sure it works. This means that collectively we have to become knowledgeable about both re-colonization and operation of the Chapter. We're going to have to

research what works and what doesn't, how others have succeeded and failed, what to do and what not to do. We will have to become familiar with both Iowa State and National rules and procedures. We need to find what fraternity operations and fraternity houses cost these days, as well as how to do fund raising. Then we're going to have to estimate costs, to make a budget, and to develop a plan of attack. Finally, armed with a workable plan, we'll have to monitor the mood on campus and judge when the time is right.

Phase III – Re-colonization

Once we have a workable plan and have increased alumni participation, we can think about restarting the Chapter. Most likely, we will have to start from scratch, but it is possible we could adopt a local fraternity. It will probably take us another three or four years to get to this point.

We should have sufficient funds to help a fledgling chapter with furniture and the like. However, we are going to need more than what we have to acquire a new house. Therefore, concurrently with re-colonization, we will need to start a serious fund-raising campaign.

Phase IV - New House

We may buy an existing house or build a new one, as circumstances dictate at the time. The new chapter will need to be up and running for three or four years so it can contribute rent, and our fund-raising effort will also need to have generated some of the necessary capital.

Conclusion

Can we rebuild? This question is best answered by looking at Alpha Sigma Phi. They rebuilt from scratch at the same time we were falling apart. Their address is now 2132 Sunset Drive.

I am optimistic about the possibility of re-establishment, but it is going to take a lot of work. We need to do our homework and to make our plans. We need to do this in a business-like manner so we don't bungle things. Gamma Sigma alumni must provide the leadership during this process, so most of all, we're going to need greatly increased participation by the members.

I will see you at Homecoming!

Fraternally,
Fritz Raab, GS772, '65

Dean's Column

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William C. Vorseth
Collectively these 14 brothers contributed \$465.00. We thank them and I would very much like to personally add everyone's name to this honor roll list for the next newsletter.

How About Some News!

As I have been sitting here, attempting to compose something that might hopefully capture your attention, the obvious thought sprung to my mind. What serendipity! Your news is a whole lot more interesting than mine – especially to me. So please keep those cards and letters coming (hopefully with checks for Gamma Sigma) along with news of you and your families. We love to share these tidbits and so far I have precious little to pass along to John Vander Linden for inclusion in the newsletter.

One more apology

Long ago I believed that I had mastered the concept that an individual's name was their most personal and prized possession. Now I have once more managed to disregard this piece of ancient wisdom and mangled yet another name. Bob JODAN, Gamma Sigma 656, was incorrectly identified in our last newsletter as Bob "Jordan." My apologies, Bob, and thanks for helping to keep me straight!

For all of you whom I may have inadvertently misidentified, please feel free to refer to me as Dean "Krause" as often as you like.

In conclusion,

Hopefully the past months have been good for you and your families and friends, and I hope those awful fires and dreadful deluges of rain caught no one. I hope to see you in Ames in October!

Help Wanted

We need a couple of volunteers to help with preparing copy for the newsletter. This happens twice a year and mainly requires typing hand-written news into your word-processor.

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Member Profile: Jason T. Gammack ΓΣ 1112

Ames has always been a special place. My father was born and raised in Ames. He met my mother in Ames; they both graduated from Iowa State (Sandra Schumacher '65 – Gamma Phi Beta, Gregg Gammack '64 – Sigma Alpha Epsilon.) My grandparents lived in Ames for much of the time I was a student at Iowa State. As a child, it seemed almost certain I too would spend my formative years in Ames, as a student at Iowa State University.

I entered Iowa State as a freshman in Animal Science (Pre-Veterinary Medicine) in the fall of 1989. As a high school student, I had worked at a busy small animal veterinary clinic in Bloomington, Minnesota. Convinced that Veterinary Medicine was “right” for me, I eagerly attended my first Animal Science 101 lecture. I’ll never forget that day! Dr. Kenealy’s lecture to the incoming freshman class was titled “Swine Biology.” As a city kid who had never set foot on a farm, I was completely unprepared (and uninterested) in the large animal aspects of Veterinary Medicine. After two semesters of Animal Science, challenged by lectures ranging from the notching of pig ears and field castration of sheep to maximizing milk production in dairy cows, I made the decision that Animal Science wasn’t “right” for me. I changed my major to Genetics. My educational emphasis now focused on molecular biology research. My interest in research grew as I rotated through a number of Genetics laboratories on campus. I conducted bench work and published two papers as an undergraduate research associate. I had caught the “research bug.”

During VEISHEA of 1991, the Genetics department sponsored an open house at the newly constructed Molecular Biology building. Both the departments of Genetics and Biochemistry shared this beautiful new facility. As the president of the Genetics Club, I was asked to help with the open house. So too was the Biochemistry Club. Little did I know that this open house would introduce me to my future wife, Julie Lamberg '92 – the president of the Biochemistry Club. Together, our two clubs organized and

hosted the VEISHEA open house. Our groups were awarded the “most inspirational” VEISHEA display for the year. I was awarded much more than a fancy plaque; I had Julie.

Upon graduating from Iowa State with bachelors’ degrees in Zoology and Genetics, Julie and I both enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. Julie began medical school in 1992, one year prior to my start as a graduate student in Human Genetics – working towards my doctorate. We wed in October of 1995. Julie graduated from medical school in the summer of 1996. We then moved to the Seattle, Washington area where Julie began her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington (UW.) I continued my graduate work in Genetics at the UW in the newly created Department of Molecular Biotechnology.

After graduate school I opted for a job in industry rather than the traditional academic route. I began work with a small privately owned biotechnology company, Promega Corporation. Julie continued her education by completing two fellowships in Geriatric Medicine and Endocrinology. In February of 2000, I left Promega to begin a new position with Sigma-Aldrich Corporation. Sigma-Aldrich is the world’s largest specialty biochemical manufacturer; simply put, we’re a big biotechnology firm that works with academic, biotech and pharmaceutical customers to speed their research. Currently, I am the Director of Business Development at Sigma-Aldrich. I travel extensively throughout the United States, as well as Europe and Asia, working with our customers and collaborators. Last year I logged more than 390,000 miles related to my business excursions.

In July of 2001 we made the difficult decision to leave Seattle and move to The Woodlands, Texas. The Woodlands is a bedroom community about 20 miles north of Houston. Julie had been offered a position as an assistant professor at the Baylor College of Medicine in the departments of Internal and Geriatric Medicine. The transition from Seattle to Houston was difficult but the opportunity for Julie to begin a tenure track position at a prominent medical school made the decision to leave Seattle the “right call.” We loved Seattle and will always know it as our home. That’s

why we see ourselves moving back to the Pacific Northwest in the coming years.

This October, Julie and I celebrate our seventh anniversary. We both share a passion for travel. When vacation time rolls around we rarely holiday in the States. Rather we opt to experience the diversity the world has to offer. Our travels have taken us to such places as: Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, Cambodia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Japan, China, India, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Greece, France, England, Scotland, Sweden, Russia, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Mexico, Belize, Peru, Brazil and many of the Caribbean Islands. This October we will be taking a four-week trip to Africa and the Islands of Mauritius and the Seychelles. We live in The Woodlands with our five children – all of them have four legs. Gretta is our Border Collie, Wally is our Weimaraner, George, Gracie and Emma are our cats.

The Membership List is Rapidly Improving!

Dan Simpson, Gamma Sigma’s membership secretary, has brought our address file up-to-date with a very small number of unknowns remaining.

Please let Dan know in case you change your address or if you hear of the death of any alumnus so that we can mention it in the next issue of the Gamma Sigma newsletter and update our address list.

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Your Invitation to Serve on the Board

The terms of three members of the Board of Directors expire at the end of the year. Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact me this month. You may also nominate someone else.

Board members are elected in November for three-year terms starting Jan 1. The board typically meets three times per year by telephone conference; meetings usually last about an hour. In-between meetings, we mostly use e-mail. Most board members take on other duties as well such as offices or committees.

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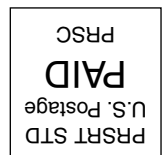
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Contributions to support our activities and re-establishment of the chapter are always welcome.

News for our next issue – we hope to publish twice a year. Write a note about yourself and finally, and send along with this form. Dean will see that it gets to the editor.



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