

# The Owls Nest



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The 42nd Pig Dinner took place Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008. Click [here](#) for pictures from the weekend. The main appetizer may still be in the back of Jerry's Truck....



### Mark Your Calendars for the 43rd Annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner weekend is quickly approaching. Rooms have been reserved at the OU Inn under Phi Gamma Delta for this weekend. Please note that the ballroom

Brothers,

A lot has gone on in the Chapter and AOGA since our Newsletter last Spring. Each of the Chapter Officers has submitted an updates on their respective office. Please click on a link to the left for their fraternal word. And as always.....

[Send us your news](#)

Your graduate brothers want to hear from you.  
Happy Thanksgiving and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Frternally,  
Rob Valloric '88  
Admin oufiji.com

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## AOGA Renaissance Weekend Scheduled

All Alpha Omega Graduate Brothers are invited and encouraged to attend a one day Renaissance Weekend workshop in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, February 28th.

We will be planning and building for the future of Alpha Omega Chapter at Ohio University and the future of The Alpha Omega Graduate Association at this session. We vigorously seek your input, your ideas, your insights and your wishes. In only 7 more years, Alpha Omega will be a half century old.

We want to define a strategic plan and goals to meet the needs of both future undergraduates and 5 decades of graduate Brothers. Tell us what you like! Let's hear what can be improved or expanded. What do we need to consider that is not currently among our programming?

Our Renaissance Weekend Workshop will be facilitated by Brother Bob Baney (PSU '84), Director of Graduate Development for the International Fraternity and Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation.

**Call to Action - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

seating is limited to 150 Brothers, so please [RSVP](#) as early as possible.

Date: April 24, 25 & 26 2009

Location: The O.U. Inn Ballroom

Toll Free 1-866-593-6661

<http://www.ouinn.com/>

Brother Rotunno will be taking on additional responsibilities for the Fraternity this spring so we are interested in identifying a Graduate Brother to take over the AOGA Pig Dinner committee. Please contact Brother Rotunno to discuss this very important position for AOGA (330-953-0988 / 330-559-3877 or via email at [jrotunno44@zoominternet.net](mailto:jrotunno44@zoominternet.net)).

### Graduate Brother Updates Here, There & Everywhere!

Below is the Grand Daughter of Bill Schneider '76. Shelby Schneider was born 24 October 07 to his son Grant and wife Viki. Shelby is anxiously awaiting her Dad's return from service in Afghanistan which should be on or about 12 November.

Brother Schneider, thank you for this great picture and thank you to your Son and his service to our country.

And Thanks to all of those Brothers and families currently serving or have served our Country - We greatly appreciate it!



In September, Mike Hennessy '89 successfully passed his Series 4 FINRA Securities exam, and is now fully licensed within the securities industry with a Series 4, 7, 24, 53 and 66 licenses. Brother Hennessy continues to enjoy working in a supervisory and training capacity for the brokerage firm Lincoln Financial Advisors with their Trade and Service Desks. Mike, Tricia, Lucas, Molly and Blair live just outside of Fort Wayne, IN.

Ben Landers '00 celebrated the first year birthday of his son and has started a new company! John "Jack" Thomas Landers turned one on November 2nd and Brother Landers' new company, Blue Corona Interactive ([www.bluecorona.com](http://www.bluecorona.com)), turns one in

Please send an email to Ron Sages '73 at [rsages@chapinasset.com](mailto:rsages@chapinasset.com) if you plan to attend and participate. If you are unable to attend, but have ideas/thoughts that you would like to present, please include them in an email and send to Ron Sages.

Specific details (location, time, agenda) will be announced right after the first of January, 2009. Attendance is free of charge but your participation will be invaluable

### Scholarship Committee Update

Slater Annual Tuition Scholarship winners for 2008-09 academic year (\$1000 each):

Chris Noonan '09

Jared Glaser '10

Thomas Miller '09

Trent Howard '11

William Howard '09

This scholarship program is funded through the AOGA endowment established with the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation. Each brother submitted a detailed application this past spring outlining why they wanted the scholarship, their academic achievements, service to the fraternity and other extracurricular activities. Applications were then reviewed by the endowment scholarship selection committee consisting of 35 Alpha Omega graduates that have made significant financial contributions to the endowment. As a result of the committee's review, it was determined that all 5 of these brothers were worthy of the award and each was credited \$1000 toward their 2008-09 OU tuition bill. While there are sufficient earnings on the endowment to fund more scholarship awards under this program, only worthy applicants receive the award.

Also, Jared Glaser '10 was awarded the John Cassese Annual Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. The Cassese Scholarship (\$1000) is awarded to the Brother who demonstrates strong Fraternity and Campus Leadership at Ohio University. Congratulations to Jared and a big thank you to Brother Cassese for his generosity and ongoing support.

Fraternally,  
Jeff Koch '93

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### 2008 AOGA Golf Outing Reflections

It doesn't seem to matter how many or how few brothers attend this event it's a great day. It always brings brothers together who have never met and reaffirms "Not for College Days Alone". For those brothers who have played in the past and couldn't make it this year, you were missed and for those brothers who have never played in this outing, you don't know what you're missing.

The 4th Annual Alpha Omega Graduate Association Golf Outing took place on a beautiful fall day at the Granville Golf Course, Saturday, October 18, 2008. This year's outing had a new twist as six Brothers of Alpha Omega (Jack Hunter '70, Tim Boesken '71, Bob Telloni '72, Dave Middleton '74, George Promenschenkel '86, Rick Smudz '07) were joined by two Phi Gamma Delta graduate brothers from the Columbus area - John Gibson (OSU '77) and Mike Pittroff (San Jose State '90). Brother Gibson is currently serving as President of the newly reinstated Alpha Omega Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA), and Brother Smudz is the new Purple Legionnaire for the Chapter.

As is normally the case, the golf competition is spirited but usually secondary to this event. Team scoring was 2-best ball with handicaps. The "stacked" team of Hunter, Promenschenkel, Gibson and Pittroff at 15 under par defeated Boesken, Middleton, Telloni and Smudz by 3 strokes.

December.

Paul Ropp '65 now has a grandson and his mother is an OU Pi Phi '96. Brother Ropp is retired from the US Government and now works as a consultant on counterterrorism and counterintelligence.

### 20 S College Operations Update

Life at 20 S College and the physical house seem to only improve with continues updates to its infrastructure, appliances, and cosmetic appearance to keep pace with the times. Major enhancements have been made since 2002 at a cost of five-hundred thousand with the most recent improvements to the kitchen and dining room.

The kitchen now has a commercial grade quarry tile floor along with new plumbing lines and appliances. The dining room was updated with a new tile floor. Along with the Deltas we are the only house that offers a meal plan. Additional improvements include replacement of all first floor windows, new bathroom layouts that you won't recognize with corian countertops, a pitch to the roof, wired internet to every room and an overhaul to the boiler and fire systems.

Despite these and previous large improvement projects in the 80's and 90's, the house will need more in the future to bedroom floors and furniture and the continuous wear and tear from foot traffic and use of the house. What still is very obvious and free of charge is that the house has the best front porch and balcony view on campus. Location, location, location!

I hope to see many of you in the coming months not only at Pig Dinner, but in Columbus to focus on the direction and needs of the chapter. As Nathan Boston said a few years ago at Pig Dinner, we should "Pay It Forward" to current and future undergraduate brothers as many did for us. With this said, please email me at [cweckman@gmail.com](mailto:cweckman@gmail.com), or come to our upcoming meeting in Columbus if you have any questions or input about the needs of our chapter.

Until next time,  
Charlie Weckman

Mighty Proud!

### Linkedin.com Gains Traction with Graduate Brothers

Many of you already subscribe to LinkedIn.com and it's a great way to stay connected with AOGA Graduate Brothers professionally. To date, there are about 65 Graduate Brothers who are part of the Ohio University FIJI Group. Many more of you participate in LinkedIn.com so take a moment and join today to network and see where everyone is in their careers:  
[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) (search under Groups: "Ohio University FIJI" and join).

### Upcoming Events

April 24-26

Immediately after the round, Brother Hunter claimed Brother Promenschenkel as his golfing partner at this event for life but I don't think that's going to fly because they are both 8 handicaps. Nice try though!

Brothers enjoyed a few libations and a little OSU football at the Granville Golf Course Club House after the round before retiring to the Rusty Bucket "Tavern" in New Albany, Ohio for lunch and more football.

We are always looking for ideas on how to increase interest in this event so if anyone has any suggestions please send them to me at [tboesken@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tboesken@cinci.rr.com). This is the only Graduate Brother-specific event that the Alpha Omega Graduate Association puts on each year and as long as a few Brothers are willing to make the trip, I'll continue to plan it and will try to be timely with the arrangements next year. The Granville Golf Course was a great venue and we plan on returning there in 2009. I'm looking at Saturday October 3rd, 2009 as a likely date for the 5th Annual AOGA Fall Golf Classic. Mark your calendars; we hope you will join us.

Fraternally,  
Tim Boesken '71  
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### New Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA) and New Purple Legionnaire for Alpha Omega

It's with great excitement that we announce the formation of a new BCA for Alpha Omega. Brother John Gibson (OSU '75) has generously re-launched this extremely important group of Graduate Brothers who are helping advise and guide the undergraduate Chapter. As President of the BCA, Brother Gibson has already organized several meetings including an initial Chapter retreat to start the new 2009-

2010 academic year. Also, we are happy to announce the appointment of Rich Smudz '07 as Alpha Omega's new Purple Legionnaire. We appreciate both Brother Gibson and Brother Smudz, their leadership and assistance. However, both are in need of additional Graduate Brother participation in the BCA so if you have interest and can donate a few hours per month, please contact Brother Gibson at [jegassociates@prodigy.net](mailto:jegassociates@prodigy.net).

### AOGA President Report – Jerry Winkler '90

Greetings from Ohio! While we are looking forward to the holidays and the upcoming New Year, it seems like only yesterday that the undergrads were moving into the house to begin fall quarter. It's hard to believe it's already been 3 months.

As many of you know, there has been a restructuring of the House Corporation Board of Directors. Ron Sages '73, in addition to his duties as Archon Treasurer, has returned to his former role as Treasurer of AOGA. Charlie Weckman '93 has returned to his role as Director of House Operations, while also giving Brother Sages an Ohio presence as Assistant Treasurer. Thanks to both Ron and Charlie for your diligent care of the finances of AOGA.

Another positive development has been the creation of the Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA) to work with the undergraduates in the areas of chapter development, goal setting, etc. The BCA is a great asset to Alpha Omega, and takes a tremendous burden off the house corporation by allowing AOGA to focus specifically to the "business" end of things. A heartfelt "Thank you" to John Gibson (Ohio State '75) for all your efforts in leading the BCA and working to make Alpha Omega the best it can be!

As I reflect upon my first year as AOGA President, I've been encouraged each time a Graduate Brother steps up when he sees a need. Often these needs are small and unnoticeable to most, but each is important and contributes to the continued success of AOGA.

Currently, however, we have a great need to plan the future of the Chapter

AOGA Annual Membership Meeting  
43rd Anniversary Pig Dinner  
3rd Annual Kace Memorial Golf Tournament

**May 31**  
Scholarship Filing Deadline

## Chapter President's Report

Brothers,

As the fall quarter of the 2008-2009 school year comes to a close, I would like to take some time to relive some of the highlights of the year thus far. The school year started off with great promise, as Phi Gamma Delta continued to set the bar in numerous areas here at Ohio University. During the second week of the quarter, the chapter extended seventeen bids to promising freshman. The early success continued as Phi Gamma Delta, paired with Delta Zeta sorority, took second place in this year's Homecoming competitions. The Chapter continued its winning streak of the annual "Light up the Night" philanthropy event hosted by the Inter-fraternity Council (IFC) – see below. This marks the fifth time in as many years that the brothers have won this event. Elections were held November 6th, with five sophomores being elected to cabinet positions, led by incoming President Andrew Yunker '09. I am confident that we have elected the right cabinet members to continue the excellent tradition of Phi Gamma Delta and to lead the Chapter for the future. It is with great sadness (and a little relief) that I communicate this last update of my administration to the Fraternity and its Graduates. I would like to thank everyone who helped my Cabinet and I this past year. You all have truly displayed the honor it is to wear the letters of Phi Gamma Delta.

Fraternally,  
Jared Glaser '10

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and of AOGA. Soon, we will all, as Graduate Brothers, have an opportunity to gather for the Renaissance Weekend to evaluate and plan the course for the future of the Chapter. This is an excellent opportunity for all Graduates to get involved, to renew acquaintances, and to regain the Purple that we hold so dear. I encourage you all to consider making the trip in February to be a part of this Renaissance, and to "Grab Some Purple!"

Fraternal Regards,

Jerry

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## AOGA Vice President Report – Jon Rotunno '92

Greetings Brothers! I wanted to take this time to express my appreciation and offer recognition for all of the positive accomplishments that we have achieved recently and urge the involvement of all Graduate Brothers in The Alpha Omega Graduate Association. It is NOT for college days alone! Your friendships have been missed in our great Brotherhood. We have a tremendous opportunity at hand! I need your involvement, leadership, participation, financial backing and FRIENDSHIP as we move into the next year and overcome the challenges that we must face.

A special Thank you to Graduate Brothers Ron Sages '73, Jerry Winkler '90, Charlie Weckman '93, John Cassese '76, Gary Staley '89 and John Gibson (OSU '75). These Brothers have been instrumental in the continued success and evolution of the Alpha Omega Graduate Association! I do not intend to slight any of the other Graduate Brothers and members of the Board of Directors who have been involved lately. All of you have been a great resource and asset in our recent endeavors and challenging situation. Thank you all. I wanted to offer a special recognition and provide a THANK YOU to these Brothers who have spent countless hours and untiring energy in ensuring the success of our Brotherhood. They are professional and care deeply about our great Chapter. These Brothers bleed Royal Purple and do not receive enough appreciation for all they do! On Behalf of my office in the Graduate Association and for all of the Graduates of Alpha Omega at Ohio University, Thank you.

Graduate Support is the key to the continued evolution, success, and accomplishments of any university association. We need your support more than ever. Make your voice heard and have a say in the events, decisions and future of the Alpha Omega Graduate Association. Please contact my office or any of the Members of the Board of Directors to get involved. We are here to serve you, the Graduate Members, but your Participation, Time, Friendship and Financial Resources are needed and sorely missed as our Great Brotherhood has grown throughout the years. Please mark your calendars and join us for our Phi Gamma Delta Renaissance Retreat in Columbus, OH on Saturday Feb. 28, 2009. Step up and make a difference!

Fraternally,

Jon

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