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# ATΩ

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE EPSILON SIGMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA TAU OMEGA AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## ATΩ Returns to FSU

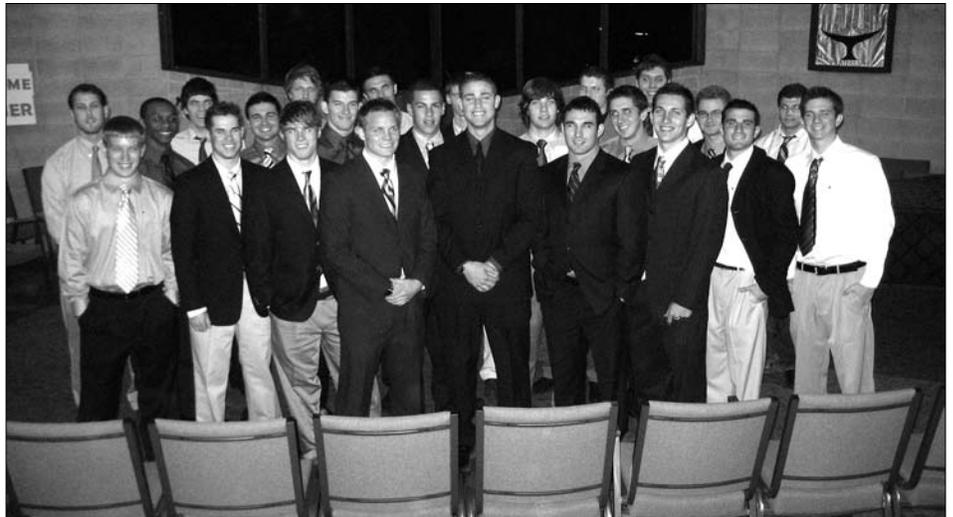
AFTER A YEAR AND A HALF HIATUS, ALPHA TAU OMEGA HAS OFFICIALLY RETURNED TO FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The new fraternity colonized with 24 members in a special ceremony held on Friday, February 27, 2009, in Tallahassee. The colonization occurred in time and just six days before ATΩ's 60th anniversary since chartering at Florida State University on March 5, 1949.

**Kevin Miles '06**, a junior electrical engineering major from Lake Mary, Florida will serve as colony president and help lead the group from colony status until it receives its official charter from the Alpha Tau Omega National Headquarters. Chartering is expected to take place next Fall.

"As President of this Colony at Florida State," said Miles, "I have been fortunate to build off of the vast Alumni support in our efforts. I take pride in knowing this success is not only from the insatiable efforts of a few, but the collaborative efforts of many. The young leaders in the colony are taking pride at having the opportunity to combine with like-minded men to come together for a common goal."

During the colonization period, the Epsilon Sigma members will work diligently to fulfill various requirements



Twenty-four members accepted the call to help rebuild Alpha Tau Omega at Florida State University.

imposed by both FSU and the ATΩ National Headquarters. They will not live or work from a common fraternity house during this time. They have been holding meetings in the Oglesby Student Union.

In order to officially charter, among other things, all ATΩ members are required to have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher (above the FSU All-Men's Average), attend various risk management and anti-hazing education classes and perform community service projects.

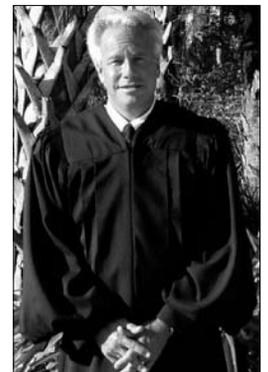
Since the initial colonization ceremony, the chapter has inducted 10 additional members. Recruitment will continue throughout the summer and fall semesters.



Colony President Kevin Miles receives his colony badge as he prepares to lead Epsilon Sigma toward chartering.

## Brother to Brother

On December 11, 2008, Governor Charlie Crist appointed Palm Beach County Judge **Cory J. Ciklin '77** to the Fourth District Court of Appeal. "Judge Ciklin has been deeply involved in the management of the county



Judge Cory J. Ciklin '77

court, implementing innovations through judicial leadership," Governor Crist said. "His 14 years of experience as a jurist have led him to appreciate the connection between the activities of the court and the daily lives of citizens who find themselves there." Ciklin, 51, has served as a Palm Beach County Judge since 1994. Previously, he served as an assistant state attorney and Palm Beach

To recommend a young man for membership, contact Recruitment Chairman **Mikey Tibor** at (904) 735-4800 or [tiborsays@yahoo.com](mailto:tiborsays@yahoo.com)

## Colony Officers

President  
Kevin Miles  
*Kdm06d@fsu.edu*

Vice President  
Ryan Benaglio

Secretary  
Justin Fletcher

Treasurer  
Gregg Mora

Chaplain  
Robbie Clarke

Alumni Relations  
Sean Switkes

Historian  
Jhamil Moore

Risk Management  
Martin Skol

Recruitment Chairman  
Mikey Tibor  
*tiborsays@yahoo.com*

## Meet the Initial ATΩ Colony Members

Name	City	Age	Cum. GPA	Major
Geoffrey William Bennett	Miami	21	3.08	Biological Science
Robert Anthony Bonser	Valrico	18	3.20	Biology, Pre Dental
David Robert Byars	Plant City	20	3.85	Management, Marketing
Stan Chvetsov	Jacksonville	18	3.10	Civil Engineering
Anthony William Cioppa	Plantation	19	3.00	Business
Robert Neil Clarke	Tallahassee	19	3.88	Media Production
Justin Ian Fletcher	Coral Springs	20	3.02	Biological Science
Joshua Michael Gallner	Parkland	20	3.1	Biology, Anthropology
Zachary Michael Garbers	Longwood	20	3.15	Finance and Real Estate
Nicholas Bryan Goss	Sarasota	20	3.84	Applied Math & Applied Economics
Andrew Gregory Hartenhoff	Pembroke Pines	19	2.83	International Affairs
Steven Brett Lively	Valrico	19	3.00	Exercise Science
William Daryl Marcum	Valrico	21	3.43	Finance and Real Estate
Nathan Taft Maurer	Tallahassee	22	2.97	Management, Marketing
Kevin D. Miles	Lake Mary	20	3.41	Electrical Engineering
Jhamil-Pierre Alexander Moore	Gotha	18	3.43	Psychology
Gregg Jason Mora	Tallahassee	20	3.80	Accounting, Finance
Michael Douglas Nelson	North Miami	19	3.33	Accounting
Mark Christopher Parisi	Apollo Beach	22	3.20	Accounting
Martin Alexander Skol	Tallahassee	21	3.80	Finance
Nicholas Kyle Smith	Freeport	21	3.15	Political Science
Sean M. Switkes	Ponte Vedra Beach	19	2.96	Communications
Kerry Michael Tibor	Jacksonville	21	3.04	Hospitality Admin/Finance
Ryan Jeffrey Williamson	Orlando	20	2.80	Civil Engineering

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### ATΩ Alumni on Facebook

Reconnect with other FSU ATΩ alumni by joining the Facebook Group, "I was an ATΩ at FSU." So far, 121 alumni brothers have joined. This group is open to all Epsilon Sigma alumni.



Colony members and their dates attended a social with alumni at the University Center Club in April.



Robbie Clark, Sean Switkes, Justin Fletcher, Kevin Miles, Jhamil Moore, Rob Bonser and Elio Solari pose after doing some community service at a local elementary school carnival.



Justin Fletcher, Jhamil Moore and Kevin Miles play with school children at a community service event.

# New ATΩ House Still on Hold

Students are once again wearing ATΩ letters on campus. The new colony is working hard, but operating without a house. A common question being raised by alumni, is "what is the status of the new house."

The short answer is that things are still on hold. The long answer is very complex.

Construction of any new house is on hold for a variety of reasons:

1. The nation's economic crisis makes obtaining bank financing for a new fraternity house very difficult right now.
2. Obtaining bank financing is compounded by the fact that the new colony just started recruiting members. The fraternity has made great progress recruiting members, but that's not enough to support a \$3.5-\$4 million fraternity house. The chapter needs to return to its historic size of 90-120 members to fully support the mortgage associated with a new fraternity house.
3. Although alumni have generously donated just over \$1 million, nearly all of that has already been spent on land development, architects,

engineers, fundraising costs and property maintenance. Over the last two years, the fraternity has depleted most of its savings by spending nearly \$100,000 to maintain the vacant lot at Heritage Grove while the chapter was off campus.

4. Many alumni, understandably, have put contributing to the new ATΩ house on hold in light of the economy and setbacks ATΩ has experienced. More than \$1.5 million has been pledged, and only \$1 million collected so far. If ATΩ were to receive the final \$500,000 pledged but unpaid from donors, ATΩ would be in a much stronger negotiating position with the bank to secure financing.
5. The House Corporation continues to negotiate terms of a new lease with the Leon County Educational Facilities Authority, the entity responsible for managing and governing ATΩ's lot and the rest of Heritage Grove. Until legal issues are resolved, construction can not begin.

"ATΩ remains committed to building a brand new fraternity house at Heritage Grove," said House Corporation

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## Brother to Brother

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consumer advocate from 1991 to 1994. He was a senior associate with Boose, Casey, Ciklin, Lubitz, Martens, McBane and O'Donnell from 1983 to 1991. From 1981 to 1983 he was vice president and counsel for the Florida Sheriff's Youth Fund.

**Gerald P Cigarran '56** is retired and living in Wesley Chapel, FL.

**Matt Nasrallah '84** posted the following message on the website: "I am really excited about the chapter returning to FSU. Thanks to all those who worked hard and refused to give up through this very trying time for our chapter. Let's make this new ATΩ the best it's ever been. We need to have a gathering this fall to celebrate the return to campus. For those who do not know me, I am a 1983 pledge. I pledged when there was no house, just a chain link fence around a burned out house. We had to start a

"new" ATΩ. I now practice law in Atlanta (civil trial practice). I want to help you guys any way I can."

In February, **Bert C Kreischer '92** appeared in his own hour-long special, "Comfortably Dumb," on Comedy Central. A copy of the program can be purchased on DVD from *Amazon.com*. Alumni can learn more about Bert and sign up for his fan club by visiting [www.bertbertbert.com](http://www.bertbertbert.com) or [www.myspace.com/bertkreischer](http://www.myspace.com/bertkreischer).

**Coleman Johnson '92** is married and working for Liberty Mutual in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Joe Tusso '93** is an attorney working in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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*Do you have news you would like to share with other ATO alumni? Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Post your news online at [www.atofsu.com](http://www.atofsu.com).*

## House Corporation Officers

President

Fred Maglione '93  
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Vice President

Garrick Wright '97

Secretary

Brian Newman '88

Treasurer

Skip Smith '79

Directors At-Large

Grady Doss '67

Travis Miller '89

Chuck Minter '88

Tim Padgett '84

Bryan Seaquist '93

Tax Advisor

Jeff Scales '87

### Campaign Committee

David Diaz '80

Vernon Edgar '53

Jeff Fusile '86

Jeff Hartley '92

Buddy Holley '60

Nick Iarossi '95

Erik H. Kirk '89

Mel Magidson '48

Mark Mathiason '85

Charlie Minter '62

Matt Nasrallah '84

Dan Neustadter '81

Jorge Ramirez '85

Mark Riechmann '62

Jeff Scales '87

Bryan Seaquist '93

Bruce Sellers '81

Joe Snowden '87

James Stevenson '68

Lou Taormina '92

Stevens Tombrink '77

Jeff Welch '93

Billy Williams '55

Derek Young '98

Josh Young '93

## Board of Trustees

A new alumni advisory board is coming soon. Interested in advising a particular chapter officer? Contact Rob Clarke at [rclarke@ausley.com](mailto:rclarke@ausley.com).





**Alpha Tau Omega (524)**  
**Florida State University**  
**PO Box 2187**  
**Columbus, GA 31902-2187**

Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Parents, if you receive this newsletter for your son, please return it to us with your son's mailing address. Clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to: Alpha Tau Omega, Florida State University #524, P.O. Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initiation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**

## The New ATΩ Colony . . . By the Numbers

- 24 – men
  - 2 – Seniors
  - 11 – Juniors
  - 4 – Sophomores
  - 7 – Freshmen
- 4 – ATΩ Legacies (from Florida State, Florida, Georgia and Davidson)
- 24 – from the State of Florida
- 3.36 – Fall 2008 GPA
- 3.32 – Cumulative GPA



Find out more about the new students representing ATΩ inside.

### ***New ATΩ House*** *continued from page 3*

President **Fred Maglione '93**. "We intend to see this project through to the end. Unfortunately, we're still recovering from the major setback inflicted by a few careless and irresponsible undergraduates when the chapter was suspended. The loss of nearly two years and the expenses we've incurred along the way have nearly destroyed us, but we've kept things going. Hopefully, while the fraternity rebuilds, the economy will improve, and we can resolve some of our legal and financial issues."

### **All Alumni Invited . . .**

**October 9-10, 2009:**  
 Alumni Weekend and  
 Anniversary Class Reunions

Details are inside.

### **Visit <http://www.atofsu.com>**

Have you seen the ATΩ website? You can use it to:

- Update your contact information
- Search for old friends
- Tell us about something interesting that recently happened to you
- Learn about the capital campaign
- Support the new house

**For more information about the  
Anniversary Class activities, contact:**

**Winter 59, Spring 59 & Fall 59 –  
50th Anniversary**

ATΩ is looking for volunteers to coordinate and promote the 50th anniversary?

Interested? Contact Fred Maglione '93 at [fredmaglione@yahoo.com](mailto:fredmaglione@yahoo.com).

**Winter 69, Spring 69 & Fall 69 –  
40th Anniversary**

ATΩ is looking for volunteers to coordinate and promote the 40th anniversary?

Interested? Contact Fred Maglione '93 at [fredmaglione@yahoo.com](mailto:fredmaglione@yahoo.com).

**Spring 79 & Fall 79 – 30th Anniversary**

Skip Smith

Cell: (850) 510 - 4169

[ssmith@ccbq.com](mailto:ssmith@ccbq.com)

**Spring 84 & Fall 84 – 25th Anniversary**

ATΩ is looking for volunteers to coordinate and promote the 25th anniversary?

Interested? Contact Fred Maglione '93 at [fredmaglione@yahoo.com](mailto:fredmaglione@yahoo.com).

**Spring 89 & Fall 89 – 20th Anniversary**

Curt Agliano '89

Cell: (813) 767 - 7546

[cagliano@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cagliano@tampabay.rr.com)

Bryan Martinez '89

Cell: (813) 505 - 8600

[bmart8@att.net](mailto:bmart8@att.net)

**Spring 94 & Fall 94 & Spring 95 –  
15th Anniversary**

Victor Concepcion '94

Cell: (561) 307 - 0244

[victorgreatone@aol.com](mailto:victorgreatone@aol.com)

Nick Iarossi '95

Cell: (850) 445 - 7255

[niarossi@capacityconsult.com](mailto:niarossi@capacityconsult.com)

**Spring 99 & Fall 99 – 10th Anniversary**

Matt Larmoyeux '99

Cell: (850) 284 - 9054

[mlamoya@aol.com](mailto:mlamoya@aol.com)

# ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

## October 9-10, 2009

Although all alumni and friends are invited, special reunions will be held for those ATΩ classes celebrating their anniversary year reunions.

This Alumni Anniversary Weekend will take place on Friday, October 9, 2009, in Tallahassee, during the FSU vs. Georgia Tech football game weekend.

Plans call for a Reunion Reception starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Golden Eagle Country Club located at 3700 Golden Eagle Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32312.

Spouses and family members are invited to the reception. Dress at the reception is country club casual. Tickets to the reception cost \$30 per person and include dinner. A cash bar will be available.

Brunch and an All-Alumni Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2009, before the FSU game. The specific details for the brunch and meeting will be finalized as the season approaches and a kickoff time for the game is set.

In addition to all-alumni activities, anniversary classes may hold class-specific tailgates and other events to celebrate their anniversary. Contact the Class Captains below for additional information.

For the most up-to-date event information and to make a reservation to attend any of the activities that are organized go to <http://www.atofsu.com> or use the registration form on the back of this page.

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# Alumni Anniversary Weekend Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend the following:

Alumni Reception on Friday, October 9 .....Number attending x \$30 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: "Omega Financial"**

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help promote the event and reach out to my pledge class brothers and ATΩ friends.

**Please RSVP by September 25, 2009**

Return this form to:

**Alpha Tau Omega Alumni Reunion  
PO Box 2187  
Columbus, GA 31902**

You can also register and pay online by visiting <http://www.atofsu.com>

