

Tau Talk

of Sigma Tau Gamma-Gamma Xi Alumni Association
University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Wisconsin

RELAUNCHING FOR 60TH REUNION



THROUGH THE YEARS CHANGES TO THE HOUSE

The above pictures provide a glimpse of changes to the Fraternity House! (Anyone know the date for picture on the left?) To see the best current views of the House, please consider attending the 60th Reunion so you see it up close and personal.

Over the years, significant remodeling has addressed a wide range of areas in need of replacement or improvement. From adding a new stairwell when entering the House to refurbishing the front door to much, much more, the House has received a lot of attention.

More changes are in the planning stages.

See it in person 9/20/25!

INFORMATION DATABASE WHERE ARE YOU?

Thank you to the various Alumni who have shared information, searched the Internet, or called to find Brother contact information.

Thank you as well to the Actives who have assisted in research and listing data from composites to assist in the Reunion Research efforts to find people.

As of the latest recap, the Reunion Committee has 365 'good' Alumni US Mail addresses and 220 viable email addresses. Please Help us by sending your mailing and emailing addresses to: gammamaxireunion@gmail.com.

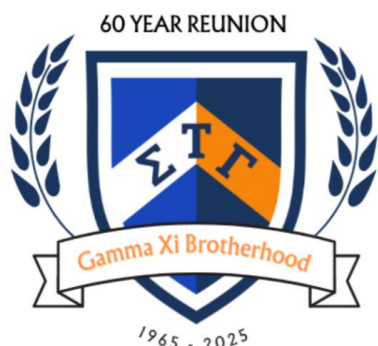
Future communications will be done electronically; however, we want to have a complete accurate database.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED? 60TH REUNION – 9/20/25

The last Reunion was too long ago! The 60th Reunion is a celebration of Phi Alpha Psi and Sigma Tau Gamma – Gamma Xi Chapter 1965-2025. The celebration will honor all Brothers with a special shout out to the Brothers of the 1st ten years.

The 60th Reunion Planning Committee has been busy working on putting together an amazing day. Zoom Call meetings, including many monthly full Committee meetings by Actives and Alumni have taken place since Fall 2024. Focused groups have gathered pictures for the last 60 years, resurrected memorabilia, and asked people to recall events.

See page two for more details!



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- Individual who knows Elementor website software. Limited time requirements: ability to update/enhance current Alumni website.
- Graphic designer who will assist in Reunion documents design and setup.

Interested? Email: gammaxireunion@gmail.com.

Did you know?

What's the event?



Homecoming 2011

Do these Statues have names?

Email your answers to:
gammaxireunion@gmail.com:

60th Reunion Overview

- Register at the House beginning at 11:00
 - Sign-in/Receive name tags & schedule
 - Connect with Brothers
- Gather around the House
- Afternoon options:
 - House tours
 - Football game (Springfield College) at 1:00
 - Alumni Social Tent (parking lot) at 1:00
 - Campus tour
 - Downtown tours of local venues
 - Free time at your own pace
- Socialize in Ullsvik Hall starting at 3:00
 - Cash bar
 - Slideshows and reminiscing
 - Pictures
 - dessert, coffee
 - Silent Auction
- Banquet at 6:00
 - Dinner options - chicken, beef, vegetarian
 - Includes salad
- Program Follows

See the Sigma Tau Gamma-Gamma Xi Website for more information and updates that are posted regularly:
Website address: <https://gammaxialumni.org> NOTE: *(Attending--Please respond, if possible, by 6/30/25)*

Reflections by a Brother who is no longer with us:

"I'm also in touch with two other brothers, and our friendships have lasted over 50 years. They are the best! We started a tradition on Sundays – we would walk down to the local grocery store and have a big breakfast in its dinette. It started with the three of us, and by the time we were finished, we had 15 or 20 of our brothers and friends there. It was really a great fellowship. After that, everyone looked forward to Sundays! The overall result was that Sigma Tau Gamma made me a better man."

Randall E. (Randy) Lutz, Iota Pledge Class (10-10-50/9-15-24)
(In My Words 2023; Sig Tau Fraternity: The Oral History Project)



Contact-Communication-Connection

In an effort to revitalize and sustain our Gamma Xi Alumni Association, informal discussions have led to launching an intentional initiative to do just that. More information will be provided at the 60th Reunion Celebration, September 20, 2025.

"Communication to a relationship is like oxygen to life. Without it, it dies."

Tony Gaskins



This idea is centered around the tenets of **Contact-Communication-Connection**. These three **C**'s summarize a desired cooperation between the Sigma Tau-Gamma Xi Active Brothers, Sigma Tau-Gamma Xi Alumni Brothers and Gamma Xi Alumni Association to sustain meaningful brotherhood beyond our college years.

Contact. Current contact information for each brother is a critical element of sustaining the Alumni Association. Without this, Communication and Connection are impossible. Each brother is encouraged to notify the Alumni Association if his mailing address and/or email changes. In planning the 60th Reunion, much work has resulted in updated contact information of our brothers from Founding Fathers through current Pledge Classes. This work never ends and there is discussion of having an Active Chapter Executive Position along with a Gamma Xi Alumni Association Board Position dedicated to maintaining a master contact database.

Communication. With current contact information in hand, the onus will be on the Alumni Association to regularly share news regarding individual brothers' activities/achievements, the House, the Active Chapter, and upcoming alumni gatherings. It's a team effort!

Connection. The purpose of the initiative is to enhance and expand connection, both brother to brother individually and collectively as a Brotherhood. Connection in every way possible is the heart of brotherhood and the goal of this initiative.

More information will be forthcoming in multiple ways:

- Website updates
- Emails
- Facebook
- U.S. mail

And of course, individually, initiating phone calls from time to time to connect with a Brother is always an option. Through various contacts and periodic communications, the connection will remain viable and grow.

Insights shared by Carl Babler, Eta Pledge Class

Sigma Tau Gamma-Gamma Chapter Victories Keep Coming

In recent years, the Active Chapter has been victorious in various events. Below are pictures of the awards and a few insights on how it all happened:



Homecoming 2021, Gamma Xi Chapter took home the top trophy for the Greek Division. The theme for Homecoming was "Game On" and the Actives definitely answered the challenge. This was the start to a three-year homecoming winning streak for the chapter.



Gamma Xi Chapter took the top trophy for Greek Division again in 2022. The theme for Homecoming was "Haunted" and the Actives showed their frightening, scary, and spooky side. This was the 2nd year in a row that our Chapter took the top Homecoming Greek spot.



The Gamma Xi chapter also took the top spot for the spirit part of the 2022 homecoming events to win its second award for that year's homecoming.

Sig Tau Actives always have a lot of spirit for Homecoming.



Teaming up with the Kappa Alpha Sigma Sorority, the Sigma Tau Gamma-Gamma Xi joint efforts won the Fraternity and Sorority Life Award of Homecoming 2023.

The chapter did not win homecoming in 2024, coming in second place. Second place is still an awesome accomplishment.



HOWEVER, Gamma Xi Actives are looking to bounce back for homecoming in 2025.

Look for more news about the Active Chapter and its activities and accomplishments in future issues.

Tau Talk will continue to provide glimpses of the past and present through pictures and stories.

Did You Know?

Sigma Tau Gamma Alumni currently support two scholarships. For more information on these two scholarships, please refer to <https://gammamaxialumni.org/> (tab on Scholarships). The information on the Scholarship Tab will be updated periodically as new information becomes available. Look for plaques at the House detailing the scholarships for each year and the winner(s). Separately, a new scholarship is in the planning stage. An Alumni Team is in the process of setting up this third scholarship to be funded by donations from the 60th Reunion. This new scholarship will be designated for Sigma Tau Gamma-Gamma Xi Active(s). More information will be announced at the 60th Reunion Banquet.