



GAMMA XI GAZETTE

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Homecoming 2010 a Serious Success

Over 200 people enjoyed the tacos, beer and good times of the Gamma Xi tailgate before SJSU's homecoming game against Idaho on October 10, making it the biggest Gamma Xi alumni event in recent memory. A number of alumni stopped by the chapter house in the morning to see how the place is holding up and see the results of the capital campaign that's raised some much-needed funds for the improvement of the house.

Here the Leatherheads (John "Ameba" Webb, Jim "Bumpy" Ferryman, Pat "Yetti" Ferryman, and Paul "Rip" Engel) party it up with Andrea, Stacy, Jen, Angie and Jill.



The actives and alumni from throughout Gamma Xi's history for all-you-can-eat catered tacos and plenty of libations. The t-shirts were popular and on display throughout the afternoon and into the evening as we supported the Spartans inside the stadium and then met up at San Jose Bar & Grill after the game.



Our 600 square foot spot was packed full of party-goers for most of the day.



Pat Horton, Manny Lavrador, Marcus Kong, Jeff Scott and Hector Flores take time out from catching up to mug for a pic.



Our motley crew rallied outside the stadium after the Spartans narrow defeat to Idaho.



The crowd migrated to San Jose Bar & Grill after the game to thank them for sponsoring the tailgate.

Bob Pisano Recognized as SJSU Outstanding Alumnus

In August the College of Social Sciences recognized Bob Pisano, a brother of Theta Chi Gamma Xi who graduated from San Jose State in 1965, as their outstanding alumnus for 2009. The award is the highest honor given to an alumnus of the College of Social Sciences, intended to recognize someone for outstanding professional achievement.

The recognition was based on Bob's decades of leadership and success in the motion picture industry. He is currently the COO of the Motion Picture Association of America, and during his career he has served as national executive director and CEO of the Screen Actors Guild and vice-chairman of MGM.



Tim Hegstrom, Dean of the College of Social Sciences, presenting Gamma Xi Bob Pisano with the 2009 Outstanding Alumnus award.

Stephen Sachs Fund for Greek Leadership

The first-ever endowment for fraternity and sorority life at SJSU was recently set up by the wife of recently deceased Gamma Xi alumnus Steve Sachs by his wife Leslie. The endowment is called the *Stephen O. Sachs Memorial Endowment to Support Greek Life at SJSU* and it will help fund programs that improve leadership in San Jose State's Greek system.

Steve entered San Jose State as a freshman in the fall of 1965, joined Theta Chi Fraternity and majored in business. Steve was very active in collegiate life. He was an orientation leader for incoming students, served on Interfraternity Council and held several offices in his fraternity, including president and treasurer. He loved fraternity life and would always help out when and where he could.

In 1971, Steve married Leslie Vaccaro, who was active in Alpha Phi sorority. They made their home in the San Jose area where they raised two daughters. Over the years, Steve founded an import food business, became a successful real estate agent and eventually did some land development.

Steve enjoyed keeping in touch with many high school and college friends throughout his life, and would be thrilled to know that funds donated in his name by those friends will be used to sponsor leadership training and promote Greek life.

To honor Steve with a contribution to his fund, mail a check paid to "SJSU Tower Foundation, Sachs Memorial Endowment" to Janikke Klem, SJSU, One Washington Square, San Jose 95192.

Accepting Nominations for Distinguished Alumni Program

The alumni board has created a new program designed to recognize the many impressive achievements of Gamma Xi alumni. The board will solicit nominees throughout the year and vote on new members at homecoming. There will be no minimum or maximum number of new inductees each year, and posthumous recognition will be allowed. Distinguished alumni will be recognized on the alumni board web site and in the chapter house.

The inaugural class will be selected at the 2010 homecoming meeting and inducted at the 2011 Founders' Day event. The following alumni have been nominated so far. You can express your support for any of these nominees or nominate additional brothers at <http://thetachisjsu.com/distinguished-alumni>.

Jeff Barbakow

Jeff has served as Chairman, CEO, and President of MGM/United Artists and Tenet Healthcare, which under his leadership became the nation's second largest health-care delivery system with 114 hospitals in 16 states.

Ed Burke

Ed Burke had one of the longest careers of any US Olympian, first competing in the hammer throw in 1964 and making his final appearance at the 1984 Olympics.

Bill "Bull" Clark,

Bill was in the U.S. Foreign Service for 35 years. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to India, and Asst. Secretary of State for East Asia Pacific. Bill passed away in 2009.

Herb Lister

Herb Lister served as Chairman and CEO of Allstate Insurance, one of the largest insurance companies in the world.

Bob Pisano

Bob is the COO of the Motion Picture Association of America, and has served as executive director and CEO of the Screen Actors Guild and vice-chairman of MGM.

Conrad Rushing,

Conrad has been presiding justice of the California Court of Appeal Sixth District since 2003. Prior to his appointment he was a Superior Court Judge for 24 years.

Al Saunders

Al has been a successful coach in the NFL since 1983. He was the head coach of the Chargers for several years, and he has been renowned for his role as the offensive coordinator for high-powered Chiefs and Rams offenses. He is currently a consultant with the Ravens.

Pete Silva

Pete retired as the head of the Santa Clara County Probation Department. He has served as president of SJSU's Alumni Association and Spartan Foundation, and has been the Spartan Foundation Annual Scholarship Fund Drive's top fundraiser for many years.

For more info or to nominate someone, <http://thetachisjsu.com/distinguished-alumni>

Alumni Team Wins 12th Annual Turkey Bowl

The alumni prevailed 52-28 in the 2009 installment of the annual Gamma Xi Turkey Bowl which was held, as always, the day after Thanksgiving. This year the game was played at Calabazas Park in Cupertino under threatening skies.

The actives played a spirited game, but the air assault of the alumni was unstoppable as quarterback Pat Horton connected with the Suprai brothers BJ and Nav for a pair touchdowns each, and Hector Flores for four himself.

On the other side of the ball, the alumni pass rush anchored by Aaron Riche and Daniel "Thug" Rodriguez kept active QB Chris Fields on the run all day.

After the game, both teams rehydrated over a keg and then headed to BJ's Brewhouse for a couple more rounds and a much-needed meal.



The active and alumni teams pose together after the competitive game.



Alumni WR Hector Flores shows off his textbook ball handling technique as he evades some undergrad tacklers on his way down the field.



Alumni QB Pat Horton delivers one of his famous spirals to wideout Hector Flores.

Recurring Gifts Now Available Founders' Day 2010

The alumni board is introducing a new program designed to make it easier to support Gamma Xi with an affordable monthly gift instead of a larger lump sum contribution. You can sign up for a payment to be made every month via PayPal by visiting the web site, specifically thetachisjsu.com/support.

- **Theta Chi for Life; \$18.56/month**

For a recurring gift of \$18.56/month you'll continue to receive mailed newsletters and invitations to all Gamma Xi alumni events including Founders' Day and Homecoming, complimentary tickets for you and a guest to the annual Homecoming tailgate, and recognition on the web site.

- **Gamma Xi Founders Club; \$48/month**

The Gamma Xi Founder's club represents a gift of \$48 a month to honor the men who founded Gamma Xi at San Jose State's on May 15, 1948. In addition to the benefits afforded Theta Chi for Life donors, members of the Founders Club will receive special gifts such as complimentary event t-shirts and other Theta Chi "shwag."

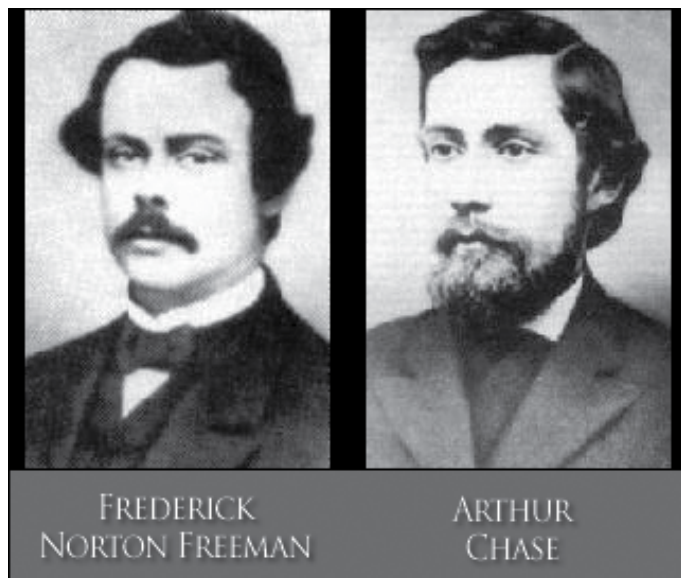
- **Patron of Gamma Xi; \$123/month**

Brothers who commit to gift \$123/month toward will be recognized as Patrons of Gamma Xi. In addition to the recognition given to Founders Club members, Patrons will be honored with their name on a plaque in the chapter house.

If you have any suggestions for other ways we can thank donors, please email greg@thetachisjsu.com

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On Saturday, April 10 alumni from all chapters living in the bay area will get together for an event at South First Billiards in San Jose. Wives and significant others are more than welcome. For more information visit thetachisjsu.com/foundersday or email greg@thetachisjsu.com.



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Founders Day '10 Billiards & Brotherhood Get-Together



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