





# Phi Gamma 75th Anniversary Reunion in Gainesville, FL



March 28-30, 2025

# In the Beginning...

#### PHI GAMMA- UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

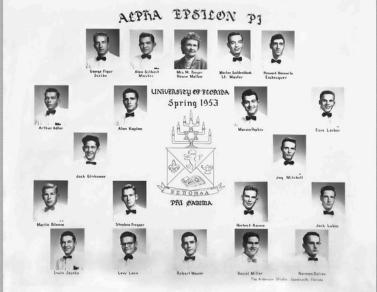
The Supreme Board of Governors' minutes reveal that a chapter at Florida was considered back in the 1920's, but that nothing ever came of it. In September of 1948, Ronald Mann, a transfer from Beta at Cornell, assembled a small group of men at the University of Florida for the purpose of petitioning Alpha Epsilon Pi. This attempt ended in failure when the group could not obtain recognition. In September of 1949, many of the same men were determined to try again. This time they had the leadership of Wilbert Needleman, a man who had been a major in the U.S. Army in World War II, and was accustomed to command. He had been enlisted in the cause of Alpha Epsilon Pi by Field Secretary Charles Spielberger. Needleman was elected President of the group, and two faculty advisors, Sydney Carter and Sanders Kahn also added their guidance.



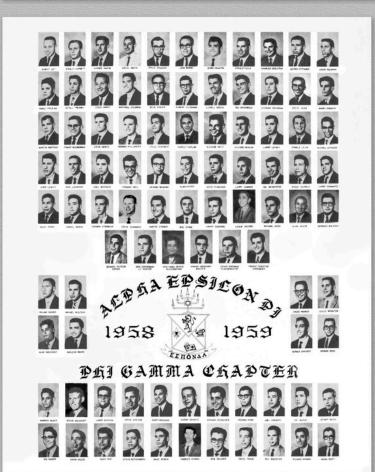
Known as the Alpha Epsilon Club, this group petitioned the University again, and this time received permission to become an AEII colony. It became the Phi Gamma colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi in 1949. A small house, located at 1102 N. W. 2nd Avenue in Gainesville, was secured for the fall, 1950 term. Nine men pledged then, and fourteen more in the spring term. Phi Gamma colony rose to fourth place in intramural athletics and sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for underprivileged children. With Morton Miller as Master, the colony was voted official acceptance as a fraternity on April 22, 1951. On May 12, 1951, twenty-six young men became Phi Gamma Chap ter, the 26th national fraternity on the University of Florida campus. At the White House Hotel in downtown Gainesville, Supreme Governor Arnold B. Hoffman presented the charter to Master Wilbert Needleman.



First known Phi Gamma Fraternity Composite. Circa 1951







## **OUR OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

The existing Phi Gamma chapter house at the University of Florida was unveiled in mid 2009 with 42 beds, shared bathrooms and a limited amount of common spaces. It was a great addition to Fraternity Row at UF and has allowed the active chapter to thrive.

However, due to limited funds at the time, the newly built house did not have a formal dining room or kitchen area to accommodate the size of the active chapter (150+ brothers), a proper chapter room for chapter meetings, socials, or ceremonies.

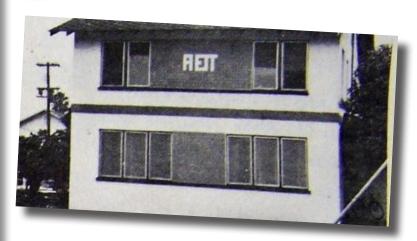


- 220 Active Brothers
- 60 New Members recruited in Fall 2024
- 40 Brothers living in the house
- 3 Brothers tapped to FBK this year
- 25+ Brothers serving in Student Government
- 40 Brothers involved in ACCENT
- Brothers serving in roles such as Homecoming Chair, the Chairman and VP of Logistics of ACCENT, Founder of Dream on 3, Director of Gator Day, and Vision Party Campaign Manager.









### **OUR PLANS**

In mid 2020, an evaluation of the chapter house led by a group of Phi Gamma alumni was conducted in concert with the national fraternity, architects and engineers to assess the needs of the active chapter and how funds can best be used to achieve the greatest impact for the least amount of money. The conclusion was to address the rear (south side) of the house adding a dining room and chapter room, repurposing/activating existing underutilized interior spaces attached to the south and west sides of the house.

### **PROJECT COST & HIGHLIGHTS**

\$1.9 MILLION FOR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

(as of February 2025 raised \$1.6 million - 171 donors)

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF HOUSE EXPANSION

New Dining Room and Multi-Purpose Social Space
New Chapter Room and Lounge Space
Upgraded, Modern Kitchen and Storage Outdoor
Bleacher Seating along length of the expansion space
Basketball Court and Social Gathering Space

### **PROJECT DETAILS**

This project includes the addition of a dining room and chapter room together with an outdoor porch which transitions to a welcoming use of the outdoor (finished) areas to the rear or south and west sides of the house and the creation of a courtyard with multiple access points.

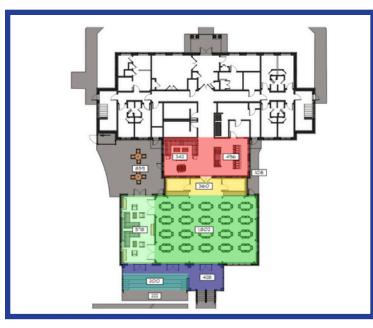
This includes the transformation of lesser utilized existing ground floor open space into an alumni/ executive board meeting room and the expansion of the kitchen to accommodate the increased dining capacity. The new chapter room will attach to the new dining room to provide ample social gathering space to accommodate ceremonies, chapter meetings, and social functions.

Furthermore, the new chapter room will open to an outdoor courtyard taking advantage of currently unused outdoor spaces.



## REAR VIEW







FLOOR PLAN

SITE PLAN

## HELP ENSURE PHI GAMMA'S FUTURE

We urge your thoughtful consideration of this project. You are the only one who can place a value on your AEPi experience -- on the lifelong friendships you made, on the values and principles that we instilled in you, and on the many ways AEPi enhanced your college years. In order for each Brother to maximize his participation, gifts can be structured over a five-year pledge period. Each of us, simply by our presence, has contributed to the history of Phi Gamma Chapter. How appropriate then that each of our names be entered into its halls. Each donor who contributes \$500 or more will be recognized on a prominent donor wall.

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Orange & Blue Society (\$2,500 \$4,999)
Ira Zager, 1967
Roger Carlton, 1969
Stewart Levitan, 1970 (M)
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Eliot Abbott, 1971 (FBK)
Lane Carlin, 1973 (M)
Robert Germansky, 1975
Stan Beiner, 1977
Jonathan Blecher, 1978 (FBK)
Mark Lindenberg, 1983
Ronald Yanks, 1984
Scott Waldman, 1987
Michael Ekstrom, 1990
Kristin Reichman, 1990
Michael Silver, 2001 (FBK)
Stephen Ashman, 1970
Scott Barr, 1979
Phi Gamma Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)
Stephan Fregger, 1955
Barry Stone, 1960 (M)
Frederic Feinstein, 1961 (FBK, M)
Philip Freidin, 1966 (M)
Timothy Gallen, 1969
Joel Kaplan, 1970
Howard Lubel, 1970 (FBK)
Brian Smith, 1970
Bruce Wildstein, 1971
Christopher Gallen, 1973
Stuart Davis, 1980
David Gersten, 1973 (FBK, M)
Philip Zeskind, 1973
Kenneth Ross, 1974
Stuart Gordon, 1974
James Massey, 1975
Charles Neckman, 1977
Javier Rey, 1977 (FBK)
Henry "E" Dan, 1978
Marc Ellison, 1978
Marc Green-Lowe, 1978
Steve Heller, 1978 (FBK, M)
Jonathan Heller, 1979
Howard Leibowitz, 1980
Joshua Whitman, 1980
Samuel Katz, 1984
Steven Blum, 1987
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Jason Barak, 1993 (FBK)
Andrew Singer, 1996
Daniel Miller, 2005 (FBK, M)
Jared Wettenstein, 2012
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Robert Piranio, 1970

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## WHY I AM A SUPPORTER



Charles Stuzin Class of 1964

"AEPi provided me a home at an important time in my life. I am proud of what AEPi continues to stand for in developing young men who are prepared to lead our community today and for years to come."

"When I started college I had no idea what I wanted to do, but AEPi, and the leadership opportunities I was given, gave me an understanding of what I wanted my future to look like. AEPi is where it all started for me, and I owe AEPi a tremendous debt of gratitude."



Steve Zack Class of 1969



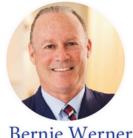
Class of 1967

"I credit the fraternity with helping me become who I am today, getting out of my high school shell, and developing into a productive member of AEPI. I deeply thank the fraternity for helping me my entire life in all my endeavors, and medically helping my fellow fraternity brothers and their families, especially, when they are not able to for themselves.

"AEPi taught me how to work with a team, which translated into running my own business later – in both a fraternity and business, people of goodwill can have very strong different opinions about how to reach a goal. The house is a lesson in learning to listen and lead. Without AEPi, I still would have been a lawyer, but I don't think I ever would have started my own business and had such fun."



Adam Cohen Class of 1993



Bernie Werner Class of 1978

"The housing campaign will facilitate a better fraternity experience for the active chapter. It gives the fraternity alumni a way to "pay it forward" to show their gratitude to the place that helped shape and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities post college."



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