

# Gamma-Alpha Update

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## The Hood to Coast: “The Mother of All Relays”

You likely have heard of the famous “Hood To Coast Relay.” But, did you know the event’s founder is a Gamma-Alpha Brother? **Robert “Bob” Foote, ’67-959**, is the man behind the amazing story of “HTC”!

An excellent new book (Amazon Five Star) titled *Hood To Coast Memories*, by Spiegel & Garner, provides wonderful insight about Bob and the now-renowned 200-mile relay from Mount Hood to the Pacific shore at Seaside. It’s an event like no other in the world! The 2018 event this past August had well over 12,000 competitors on over 1000 teams, each with 12 runners.

Hood To Coast (HTC) today has become a “brand name” owned by Foote Sport Productions, Inc., of which Bob is chairman and owner. The company’s relays have participants from all 50 states and 43 countries, through events sponsored across the USA, Israel, Taiwan, and China.

Originally from Salem, Bob went to the University of Oregon in 1965 on a track scholarship, majoring in Architecture. Under coach Bill Bowerman, Bob was UO’s outstanding high jumper. An excellent student, Bob was also an active member of Gamma-Alpha.

After completing his Architecture degree in 1971, Bob moved to Portland and established his own firm, which employed 70 architects by the early 1990’s.

In the years following 1971, Bob continued his interest in competitive sports, with an emphasis on hard-core distance



**Felicia Hubber with dad, Bob Foote.**

running, including 100-milers. He became President of The Oregon Road Runners Club (the second largest in the states at that time — New York’s was #1), and fostered the idea in 1982 for the first 200-mile relay from Mount Hood to the Pacific Coast. The first HTC!

Starting that year with 8 teams, the event expanded to 64 teams in 1983, and 500 teams in 1988 (a large number were turned away that year)! All this while running his large architecture business and welcoming a newborn daughter, Felicia! In 1991, burnout hit with the growing success of HTC and an increasingly complex architecture business. Facing serious health complications — lupus and a new kidney — Bob made the decision to turn his architecture business over to his now well-established partners and go “all in” with HTC.

The company has grown significantly, and is led by an excellent management team which includes Bob’s very talented daughter Felicia, her husband Jude, and Bob’s wonderful wife Alyda.

For many years now, Bob and the HTC have been committed to the battle to “Finish Cancer” in collaboration with Portland’s Providence Cancer Research Center. This year alone, over \$850,000 was contributed by HTC — a nice jump from last year’s \$730,000! Bob is himself a cancer survivor.

Today, Bob — in his young seventies — is one very physically fit fellow. He’s a fighter, a survivor of lupus, a kidney transplant, and melanoma. Bob’s positive attitude, courage, and determination through it all are truly inspiring. Nothing short of amazing! A modest, generous, caring gentleman, Bob is a Kappa Sigma brother whose great success we can all appreciate and celebrate!

### Nominate a Brother for Future Recognition!

If you’ve enjoyed recent Alumni Focus stories, and know of a living alumnus who you think should be featured in a future *Update*, please submit a brief summary of his achievements to our publisher: COMCOA, Inc., PO Box Q, Corvallis, OR 97339.

## Chapter Update

Chapter President Jordan Cade reports a successful fall rush, with 30 pledges. The chapter currently has 65 initiated members in good standing.

Chapter meetings are held each Monday at 7:00 PM in auditorium room 126, the Chiles Building, University of Oregon campus. Alumni are invited to attend.

## The Gamma-Alpha Educational Foundation: Our Own 501(c)(3), Now Fully Operational!!

The GAEF is our very own scholarship program! Over the past two years, the GAEF has awarded \$16,000 in grants to our undergraduate brothers, while establishing a local capital account for future scholarship support that is second to none.

All contributions to GAEF are tax-deductible, and benefit only qualifying undergraduate members of Gamma-Alpha.

Up to \$10,000 will be awarded each March for spring-term tuition and textbooks. The application process follows the same

guidelines as Kappa Sigma’s national scholarship program, so undergraduates can apply for both GAEF and National awards.

Ongoing contributions from alumni are critical! In order to maintain our 501(c)(3) status, we must campaign to raise funds through contributions.

As the cost of education continues to skyrocket, your support of “our own” Gamma Alpha Educational Foundation is needed, and greatly appreciated.

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## Help Us Find These “Lost” Brothers!

The following individuals have had mail returned by the Post Office as “undeliverable.” If you are in touch with any of them, or know their whereabouts, please inform the Alumni Office using the enclosed alumni news form, or send e-mail to [addresses@comcoa.com](mailto:addresses@comcoa.com).

Neil J. Stackhouse	1938	462	Jonathon M. Cervantes	2015	1819
Walter P. Dickey	1941	514	Ian K. Hericks	2015	1828
James B. La Fon	1941	526	Alan Josua Meza	2015	1842
James F. Lloyd	1942	545	Brenan M. Joy	2015	1876
Bob S. Cox	1942	547	Rees M. Kamp	2016	1893
William L. Bishop	1947	599			
James S. Snyder	1947	612			
Edward M. Anderson, Jr.	1948	623			
Lyle R. Morrison	1949	664			
Charles M. Lairy	1952	715			
Thomas A. O’Connell	1954	746			
Charles J. Harrell	1955	753			
Michael S. Johnson	1956	773			
Murphy L. Clark	1957	778			
Michael E. Kurtz	1959	803			
Michael C. Clark	1959	813			
Thomas H. Taylor	1959	818			
Douglas E. Collinson	1960	830			
William R. West	1960	833			
James D. McCoy	1962	874			
James S. Johnson	1963	881			
David C. Williams	1963	900			
David B. Kincaid	1964	905			
Michael P. Felts	1965	916			
Douglas B. Morrison	1965	921			
Randy R. Akers	1965	928			
John C. Kelly, Jr.	1966	937			
James E. York	1966	950			
John O. Schulz	1966	956			
Jens C. Housley	1967	971			
William E. May	1968	986			
Robert A. Harley	1968	1004			
Robert H. Morgan	1969	1009			
John A. Clarke	1970	1019			
Richard C. Johnson	1973	1060			
Laurence A. Jensen	1975	1091			
Russell L. Hughes	1977	1144			
Esley N. Davis	1978	1191			
Bruce M. Bauer	1978	1200			
Brian K. Burright	1978	1201			
Matthew L. Owen III	1979	1214			
Benjamin J. Brown	1980	1233			
Scott R. Adams	1981	1260			
Ronald N. Pierce	1981	1263			
Timothy P. Hand	1981	1264			
Anthony S. Frost	1982	1271			
Michael J. Hansen	1982	1274			
Edwin A. Peterson	1982	1278			
Stuart A. Miller	1983	1296			
Torben Hage	1983	1304			
Earl J. Fletcher	1984	1311			
William M. Ryan III	1984	1317			
Ross W. Parkel	1985	1343			
Richard C. Abel	1986	1347			
Scott J. Glass	1987	1377			
Douglas A. James	1988	1413			
Aaron S. Brown	1989	1434			
Vaughan W. Reynolds	1989	1434			
Andrew J. Roessler	1990	1435			
Craig R. Turner	1991	1450			
Brett M. Lawrence	1992	1469			
Philip H. McLaughlin, Jr.	1993	1493			
John A. Nava	1995	1532			
Nathan J. Hawthorn	1996	1546			
Joe L. Hernandez	1996	1548			
Mason Andrew Welp	1996	1561			
Brian D. Hy Nguyen	1997	1585			
Tyler L. Wintermute	2002	1665			
Jay Snyder	2003	1673			
Clayton E. Coyne	2011	1687			
Devon G. Decembre	2011	1688			
Kyle R. Smith	2011	1726			
Benjamin Z. Thompson	2011	1729			
Davis W. Wolfe	2011	1733			
Christopher E. Larsen	2014	1801			
Sean M. Thomson	2014	1802			

## Obituaries

**Lloyd K. Hoffman, '37-442**, of Waianae, Hawaii, died March 13, 2014, at age 96, according to family.

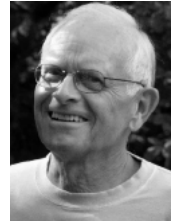
**Julian E. Hultgren, '49-663**, of San Francisco, died November 26, 2017. “Stretch” was born in 1928 in Eugene, Oregon. After graduating from University High School, he joined the Marine Corps in 1946. After two years of service, he returned to Eugene and graduated in 1952 from the U of O. Julian then moved to San Francisco, received his JD degree from Hastings College of Law, and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1959. He retired in 1992 from the San Francisco City Attorney’s office, where he was a Deputy City Attorney. After retirement, he volunteered at the Saturday Legal Advice and Referral Clinics sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco, and was a community member of the Presidio Restoration and Advisory Board. He loved hiking in the high country of Yosemite, working on his home, and keeping up with Pac-12 football. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia; children Carrie, David, and Charlie; and four grandchildren.

**William G. Gibbons, '52-714**, passed away at his Reedsport, Oregon, home on December 18, 2017. Bill graduated from the University Of Oregon, where he met his first wife, Diane. He was president of his fraternity, and later served as a U.S. Air Force officer. He married his second wife, Connie, in Florence; they later divorced. He and his third wife, Betty, were together until her passing in 2016. For the past 30 years or so, Bill owned and operated a successful real estate firm in Reedsport. Before moving to Reedsport, in 1972, he was in the car business

in Eugene, earning many top salesman awards. His life passion was boating and the water, and he loved catching salmon out of Winchester Bay and the Umpqua River. Bill is survived by his daughter, Susan Winnett; two sons, Jim Gibbons and Kent Gibbons; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandkids.

**Anthony L. Eames, '59-800**, of Auburn, California, died May 4, 1999, at age 57, according to his wife, Mary Alice.

**John M. Ulrich, '59-810**, of Vancouver, Washington, died March 19, 2018. John was born in Portland in 1939. He attended the U of O before joining the Navy, serving two years of active duty and four years in the reserves. While in the service, John married Pamela Freeman, and they adopted a son, David John, in 1966. John and Pamela divorced in 1975. In 1966, John started working for the family-owned business, Pacific Machinery & Tool Steel Company. He retired as inside sales manager in 1994. John was preceded in death by his son, David John. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cindy; and grandchildren Jordan and Jessica.



**Ryan T. Connelly, '93-1488**, of La Quinta, California, “died June 6, 2016, at age 42,” according to his family.

## Gamma-Alpha Updates

**Harold C. White, '50-689**, has retired as Professor of Management with the College of Business, Arizona State University. He is a member of the Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, the Tempe Chamber of Commerce, the Military Affairs Committee, and Arizona State University Retirees Association. His wife, Lucile (ΔΓ-Whitman College), is deceased; his daughter, Angela White, is 64; and he has two grandchildren, Ayn Sommers Collins and Harold Sommers. “In November 2017 I moved to Friendship Village, a retirement community.” Write to “Alf” at 2625 E. Southern Ave., Unit C-282, Tempe, AZ 85282. Call 480-831-3645, or send e-mail to [haroldwhiteaz@gmail.com](mailto:haroldwhiteaz@gmail.com).

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Name	Init. Yr. & No.		
John A. Runyan		68	998
Russell R. Kilkenny		69	1015
Samuel H. Kress		70	1026
Jeffrey L. Chase		72	1041
Patrick J. Kilkenny		72	1044
Jules A. Marine		73	1054
Peter K. Wong Ma		73	1061
William S. Whitehead		79	1225
Curtis E. Melcher		83	1295
Scott D. Curry		94	1505
James C. Cecil, Jr.	50	671	
Harold C. White	50	689	
August E. Parlier	58	792	
Tom B. Mitchell	59	812	
John J. Natt	61	842	
Thomas V. Boyles	62	872	
James C. Jacobsen	63	880	
George S. Lagusis	63	889	
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