

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

On Alan Gallagher

By Tom Kline

Alan Gallagher has spent most of his life surrounded by gaming.

The former Story Tellers' Guild President was born in Syracuse in 1981, and cites his father as one of the main sources for his interest in gaming. "My father was into D&D when it first came out," he said. "I gamed for the first time when I was 8."

Though he has never wanted to write professionally, he does write 10-page character backgrounds for various campaigns from time to time. He also says he has always been passionate about video games in particular. He remembers the first game he ever played was Combat! for the Atari 2600.

This love of gaming led to him joining the STG as a freshman at SUNY Oswego. As a sophomore, Alan became secretary, and eventually went on to become President of the club during his junior year. It was during his presidency



Alan Gallagher with his wife Kelly

that the first Arcon was held, though he was not on the Arcon committee itself. "I continue to go to Arcon every year. In fact, I often find the games at Arcon distracting, as I'm actually using more

of my time catching up with old friends," he laughed. Alan says that his biggest "legacy" from his time in the STG is the circle of friends he developed during his time as a member. After graduating with a degree

in human development and mass communication, Alan worked a number of different jobs (such as editing books) before realizing his calling to be a civil servant. Currently, Alan lives with his wife Kelly in Middletown, where he works in the unemployment office at the New York State Department of Labor.

As for any observations he has made about the STG, Alan notes the sheer increase in membership since he was a member. "When I was President, the STG had about 15 to 30 members," he said. "Now, the numbers are obscenely high. It's ridiculous how much the club has grown over the years."

"It warms my heart to hear about the things that are going on in the club these days, like the Tier III classification and Humans vs. Zombies. I'm very proud to say I was a member, and am looking forward to what the future has in store for me and the organization as a whole."

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Who's in charge of the

STGAA?

We're a democratic body using parliamentary rules to conduct organization business. We do have a board of directors who are currently setting the basic agenda for the organization and acting on the organization's behalf.

President - Jeremy Lahnum

Vice President - David Blair

Treasurer - Scott Charette

Secretary - Aimee Blair

Student Representative - Pete Sterpe Jr.

We also have various committees chaired by other alumni who are working on specific projects for the organization.

What rules govern the STGAA?

We have a set of bylaws that can be found online at stgaa.org, where you can access all sorts of great information and discussions about what we're doing.

Once I join how can I help out?

Paying your dues helps us a lot, but we also value

new ideas and extra hands to get things done.

Feel free to contact a member of the committees and see what help they might need.

Also members of the board might post requests for help with specific projects as things occur. Keep an eye on our forums and feel free to speak up, too.

If you have any further questions not addressed here feel free to e-mail one of the board members or post in our forums and ask.

We look forward to you being a part of our organization in the near future.