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Dan Sheel

Do You Remember Your Grand Master?

We need your help to create a list of all Grand Masters to post on the Kappa Sigma website. If you remember the Grand Master of your era we encourage you to send his name to content@affinityconnection.com and mention Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech in the subject line. With your help we can honor the Brothers who led Kappa Sigma throughout the years.



THE ALPHA TAUKER

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CHAPTER REPORT

Summer Season Ends with Championships in Intramural Kickball and Softball

Alpha Tau Welcomes 18 New Pledges this Fall

By Jeff Baldino

Greetings Brothers, I hope everyone had a relaxing summer. The undergraduate Brothers worked hard all summer long at their classes and jobs, but also enjoyed the summer thoroughly. Starting the summer off with intramural games, the undergrads entered teams in kickball and softball. We finished the entire season at a total of 13-0 and came home with championships in both sports. Not only did we compete well in sports, but we also attended many Atlanta Braves games as brotherhood events. Some games saw turnouts of up to 70 Brothers and dates.

"Several philanthropy events have been set up in the fall semester, in which we will improve our full Chapter efforts."

Entering into the fall semester, the Brothers focused hard on rush and worked together to bring in 18 new pledges. The new pledges hail from various states and cities. Looking towards the fall semester, the Brothers are very excited



Several Brothers enjoy an Atlanta Braves game over the summer.

about the 2007 Georgia Tech Football season. Many Brothers road tripped to South Bend, Indiana the first week of the season to attend the season open victory over Notre Dame. Brothers have already begun working towards homecoming in October; hopefully we can work towards a championship.

Lastly, the Alpha Tau's hope to work together towards a FACE award in 2008. Several philanthropy events have been set up in the fall semester, in which we will improve our full Chapter efforts. Hopefully, everyone has a great fall. Go Jackets!

Fall '07 Pledge Class

Wade Cotton
Suffolk, VA

Albert Yu
Prospect, KY

Richard Mcabee
Savannah, GA

Andrew Masse
East Freetown, MA

Matthew Kangars
Richmond, VA

Wills Beadle
Woodstock, GA

Michael Wieland
Chalfont, PA

Andrew Dobbins
Kathleen, GA

John Tarman
Statesville, NC

Tyler Collins
Swampscott, MA

Andrew Bourne
Alpharetta, GA

Matt Ray
West Palm Beach, FL

Zak Owens
Houston, TX

Kyle Merritt
Pooler, GA

Steven Beardsell
Peachtree City, GA

Taylor Sullivan
Camilla, GA

Michael Button
Alpharetta, GA

William Denning
Gainesville, GA

ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

William Gibson '62

(11286 Big Canoe, Jasper, GA 30143; wmmccgibson@tds.net) I recently added a third Master's Degree - a MA in Military History from Norwich University in Northfield, VT.- to go with a MBA and MA in Industrial Relations, both from Georgia State. My thesis was entitled "Confederate Prisoners of War and Northern Hypocrisy: How Union Policies Increased POW Misery on Both Sides."

I expected many brickbats and other forms of hurled missiles at my defense of said thesis, but the reception was actually quite mild, I found I even had some fellow Southerners as classmates! I guess it goes to show that an old dog CAN learn new tricks! What will I do with the new degree? I'm presently talking with North Georgia College in Dahlonega about an adjunct professorship - who'd of ever think it?

'70s

Laird Shull '74

(117 Le Arta Dr, Henderson, NV 89074; techman74@hotmail.com) I retired in November 2006 from Northwest Airlines after 41 years in the airline industry; 25 years with Eastern Airlines and 16 years with Northwest Airlines. I moved from Savage,

MN to my retirement home in Henderson, NV (just outside Las Vegas) in May of this year to pursue my passion of gambling. Would love to hear from any of my classmates passing through or in the area.

Allan W. Hall '74

(1582 Mallory Ct., Bowling Green, KY 42103; allan.hall@wku.edu) I am living in Bowling Green, KY with my wife of 26 years, Janet (not Maria Skandalikis). We have two children. Katy graduated from Georgia Tech in 2006. She is an AE and working in the Delta Airline Engineering Department. Josh is in his third year at University of Kentucky. He is a music major and played his oboe into a full scholarship.

Janet is finishing her Masters Degree at Western Kentucky University. She works at WKU and hopes to be teaching English there next year. I have been a WKU professor since 2001. After 25 years with Babcock & Wilcox, Sara Lee, and Fruit of the Loom, it is great to settle down in a "semi-retirement." The



Allan Hall '74 with his boss at WKU, Big Red!

teaching keeps me busy. I try to go to all of the events that my students participate: from football to music events to school outings. I have also been doing research and doing some writing.

Five years ago, we brought the

Theta Theta Kappa Sigma chapter back to WKU. It was a difficult ordeal. I hope Alpha Tau never has this happen. I acted as their academic advisor for the first four years. Other consulting commitments forced me to give up the post last year.

As some of you will remember, I was from Thomson, Georgia along with **John "Flush" Bledsoe '74** and **Tommy Brown '72**.

Ironically, Bledsoe's daughter (former Miss Georgia) went to Douglasville High School with one of my new fellow professors here at WKU... talk about feeling old.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Remembering Nick Weathers '67

Brother **Nick Weathers '67** joined the Chapter Celestial on June 29, 2007 after a two-year battle with cancer. Nick was a business partner in Weathers Properties, Ltd., and for the last twenty-five years, the owner of the Track One Package Store in East Point, GA, which he founded with Brother **Butch Gill**. Nick is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Pamela R. Weathers and three daughters, Lisa Willey, Dawn Harrison, and Heather Smith of Atlanta, GA. He is also survived by six grandchildren.

ANNUAL FUND Q & A

Answers to Your Questions About the Annual Fund

What do my annual fund gifts support?

The annual fund helps to continue our communications program, including *The Alpha Tau*er and other publications. It also allows us to hold alumni events and provide support to the active Chapter.

Why do my annual fund mailings and other Alpha Tau communications come from Albert Lea, MN?

We partner with a professional mail and gift-processing firm that processes your annual fund gifts and maintains our

database of more than 1,100 living Chapter alumni. Look up the address of an old friend online at www.kappasigmagt.org!

Since a firm processes my gift to Kappa Sigma, how much of my gift does the alumni association receive?

100% of your gift is received by the Alpha Tau House Corporation. Gifts made via credit card are subject to a small transactional fee charged by VISA or MasterCard – the same fee you'd pay making a credit card purchase at a retail store.

How can I make a gift to the annual fund?

Contributions can be made on our website or by calling our toll-free hotline, 800-975-6699.

When does our giving year begin and end?

Our annual fundraising year correlates with the school year. The 2007-08 giving year kicked off on September 1, 2007 and ends August 31, 2008.

Bill Williams '57 - A Brother at The University of Kentucky and Georgia Tech

He Cherishes the Brotherhood Experienced at Kappa Sigma

Bill Williams '57 began his college career at the University of Kentucky and was



initiated in the Beta Nu chapter in 1953.

He chose Kappa Sigma partially because he knew two of the Brothers from high school, but

mostly because he was impressed by the Brothers in general. Bill transferred to Georgia Tech at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year and was impressed by the way that he was accepted into the Chapter at Georgia Tech.

Bill never had an instant of regret about pledging Kappa Sigma. His experiences at Kappa Sigma left a very distinct impression on his life. Through living very closely with Brothers who had different backgrounds and interests, sharing the experiences of the fraternity, and working with them on projects, Bill learned a great deal about relating to other people, both socially and in business situations.

This experience is exemplified during an event in 2002 when **Paul Patton** (then Governor of Kentucky and a Beta Nu alum) was selected as fraternity Man of the Year. A banquet was planned in his honor at the Governor's Mansion. **Charlie Whalen BN '55** planned a "pre-banquet" reunion for Brothers who lived in both the "Old" and "New" houses in Lexington. About 30 people attended, including Bill's Big Brother and **Ted Dowell**, one of his roommates in the "New" house. Bill found

it very impressive to watch men who hadn't seen each other since graduation "re-bond" and enjoy each other's company so much. It really gave meaning to "Brothers in heart through life." Bill anticipates that it will be much the same next month in Atlanta.

Keeping in touch with many of the Brothers after graduation was difficult for Bill. After graduation, everyone went in different directions and since there was no internet to facilitate communications, Bill regrets to say that he lost track of everyone except for his first Little Brother at Alpha Tau, **David Jeffrey**. "He consented to be Best Man at my wedding...probably to see that I didn't get cold feet at the last minute." Bill now uses the Kappa Sigma website, www.kappasigmagt.org, to keep connected with several Brothers and share his memories of Kappa Sigma.

Bill spent 25 years working for a public agency "at the beck and call of elected officials in eight rural counties." His last position before retiring was the Assistant Executive Director and Economic Development Director in southeast Georgia. Since retiring in 1996, Bill continues to be an American Red Cross volunteer, working local blood drives. He has also been donating blood since 1953.

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Bill is a member of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and the Sports Car Club of America. He still works corners at Sports Car Club road races on occasion,

but his knees are beginning to protest, standing for hours on uneven ground. Bill and his wife, Sonia, also have thousands of photographic slides lined on the bookshelves in their home, that need to be classified, sorted, scanned, and transferred to CDs or DVDs before the color fades. Bill is not sure if this would be considered a "hobby" or a "chore" but it represents a large portion of their family history that they want to preserve.

European travel and his family are Bill's other passions. Bill and Sonia have two children and a granddaughter they just adore. They enjoy watching their son and daughter continue to be responsible

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citizens, and are waiting to see what musical instrument their granddaughter will master next – after piano, French horn, guitar, banjo, and bagpipes.

Supporting Kappa Sigma is an obligation that Bill feels he needs to fill. He gained a great deal more from the fraternity than he'll ever be able to repay. Bill's advice on making the most out of the Kappa Sigma experience is "Work hard and get good grades, and take advantage of every opportunity for fellowship, involvement, and participation in the fraternity." He knows it sounds trite, but definitely believes that it is true. He also hopes that others will take advantage of the Kappa Sigma website to stay in touch and share their memories.

Do you know of an undergraduate or alumnus Brother who stands above the rest? Email his story to content@affinityconnection.com for possible publication in an upcoming issue of the Alpha Tauker.

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from your era
in an upcoming
publication?**

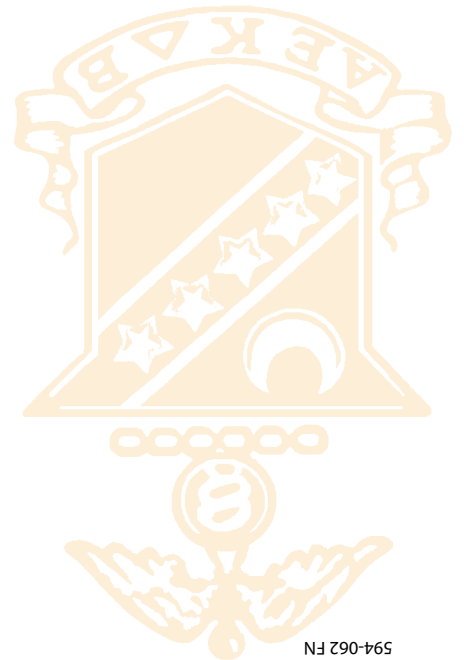
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**Left: A few Alpha Tau
Brothers in 1944.**

**Right:
The Chapter in 1941.**

**Below:
1957 pledge class.**



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