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2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Grand Master
Ian Lehn

Grand Procurator
Dan Kuehme

Grand Master of Ceremonies
Jeff Baldino

Grand Scribe
Chris Shea

Grand Treasurer
Sam Rickles

House Manager
Spencer Mooner

Table Manager
Mike Snider

Pledge Educator
Chuck Heeren

Social Chairman
Ryan Hurtt

2008 Yellow Jacket Schedule

April 19: Spring Practice
Aug. 28: Jacksonville State
Sept. 6: at Boston College
Sept. 13: at Virginia Tech
Sept. 20: Mississippi State
Oct. 4: Duke
Oct. 11: Gardner-Webb
Oct. 18: at Clemson
Oct. 25: UVA (Homecoming)
Nov. 1: Florida State
Nov. 8: at North Carolina
Nov. 20: Miami
Nov. 29: at Georgia

Home games in **bold**.



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Kappa Sigma

CHAPTER REPORT

House Corporation Begins Feasibility Study *Kappa Sigma Plans to Build a Competitive Edge on Campus*

For the past several years the House Corporation has watched as other fraternities on campus either built new or renovated their houses. Our house has been a great asset and all of us have fond memories of our time on campus. However, we recognize that we have to look around campus and compare ourselves to everyone else.

“...a feasibility study [will look] at the potential for our organization to successfully raise sufficient funds among our alumni to replace our 66-year-old chapter home which was built in 1952.”

For those who have not been back to campus recently, in the past several years, a number of groups have built new houses including: Theta Chi; Sigma Nu; Kappa Alpha; Sigma Chi; Pi Kappa Alpha; Alpha Xi Delta; Phi Mu and Beta Theta Pi; while others have undertaken major renovations including: Sigma Phi Epsilon and Lambda Chi Alpha. It is our understanding at least three other groups plan to demolish their buildings and build new beginning next year.

As a result the House Corporation has retained The Laurus Group, www.thelaurusgroup.net, in Atlanta. Laurus will assist with a feasibility study looking at the potential for our organization to successfully raise sufficient funds among our alumni to replace our 66-year-old chapter home which was built in 1952.

“We want to be able to provide a safe and competitive environment for the young Kappa Sigmas who follow in our footsteps,” said **Mike Dudgeon '89**, House Corporation president. “If we are going to be able to successfully replace the house, it’s going to come down to us, and our ability and interest to make it happen!”



Kappa Sigma needs to undergo renovations to remain a competitive option for incoming students at Georgia Tech.

Over the next few months a number of alumni will be contacted by phone and in person to survey your interests and views. Please take time to speak with, or meet with, our consultants. Your private and candid responses will be instrumental in planning for our future. In addition, everyone will receive a written survey and, when it does arrive, please take time to respond!

Greek Improvements at Tech (in recent years)

Chapters with new houses:

Theta Chi	Pi Kappa Alpha
Sigma Nu	Alpha Xi Delta
Kappa Alpha	Phi Mu
Sigma Chi	Beta Theta Pi

Chapters with major renovations:

Sigma Phi Epsilon Lambda Chi

Kappa Sigma needs to improve our chapter house to remain competitive on campus!

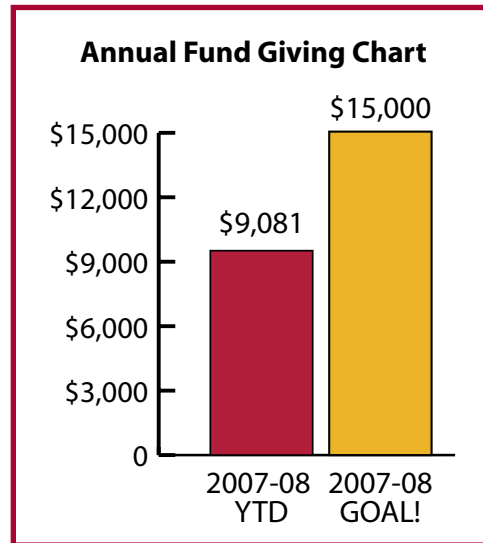
ANNUAL FUND

Add Your Name to the Honor Roll in 2007-08

The Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation would like to thank the alumni donors who have contributed more than \$9,000 the 2007-08 annual fund. Because of their support, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$15,000 for the year.

The annual fund supports our efforts to keep brothers connected through the *Alpha Tauker*, our web site at www.kappasigmagt.org, and other publications.

Show your support of our communications program and add your name to the Honor Roll of Donors by making your donation online at www.kappasigmagt.org.



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- Visit www.kappasigmagt.org.
- Click on the "First-Time Login" link on the home page.
- Enter your last name.
- Select your record.
- When prompted, enter your Member ID (found above your name and address on this newsletter).

2007-08 ANNUAL FUND DONORS

The following alumni have contributed to our 2007-08 annual fund, as of March 10, 2008. Add your name to the list by making your gift before the giving year ends on August 31. Donations can be made online at www.kappasigmagt.org or by calling 800-975-6699.

Founder's Circle (\$500-\$999.99)

Wilford C. Lyon Jr. 1958

Scarlet, White, & Emerald Green Society (\$250-\$499.99)

James R. Chalker 1955

Wayne T. Sikes 1963

Steve D. Bolton 1979

Clay T. Edwards 1996

The 1869 Club (\$186.90)

Daniel C. Kyker Jr. 1946

Pat F. McGarity 1956

L. Joseph Rogers 1958

Glen C. Smith 1958

Michael L. Smith 1965

Aubrey P. Watson 1965

Edward W. Godfrey 1968

Michael S. Hug 1980

182 Sixth Street Society (\$182)

Russell B. McDonough Jr. 1956

Robert D. Robinson 1958

Terry E. Barrows 1972

Robert M. Leonard 1978

Star & Crescent Club (\$100-\$181.99)

George W. Haynes 1950

Zachry S. Norville Jr. 1951

William H. Schroeder Jr. 1951

W. Rex Hawkins 1953

Robert Denmark 1956

David W. Jeffrey 1957

William F. Williams 1957

Cyril F. Musser 1958

John W. Delind III 1959

Jack D. Liles 1960

Howard H. Arnold III 1961

Ronald M. Wilson 1961

Charles R. Brown 1962

George F. Longino III 1962

Charles T. Seay II 1963

Richard L. Mitchell Jr. 1964

James C. Tillman Jr. 1964

Richard B. Blessey 1966

James K. Sands 1967

John H. Rowley 1968

Terry A. Graham 1969

Gordon M. Ryland Jr. 1969

J. Neal Perkins 1970

Brent A. Scott 1971

Gregory T. Davis 1973

C. Scott Mayfield Jr. 1973

Andrew K. Phelps 1976

Michael J. Moffitt 1977

Daniel J. Westbrook 1991

Marshall W. Hunter 1992

Andrew R. Philippo 1992

Christopher J. Finke 1994

Adam M. Goldstein 2001

Alpha Tau Supporter (\$50-\$99.99)

John R. Neves Jr. 1939

Leonard J. Murrans 1947

Donald O. Ricketts 1950

Fredrick L. Jones 1951

Joseph P. Sullivan 1952

Dean J. Lennard 1953

Fred E. Rogers Jr. 1953

Robert C. Schroeder 1955

Thompson G. Daniel Jr. 1956

J. Garner Moore III 1956

George A. Jackins Jr. 1958

Robert V. Soderholm 1959

James C. Harden 1960

George T. Gannaway 1961

William H. Hocutt 1964

George Scott McCoy Jr. 1966

Hugh B. Anderson Jr. 1968

Donald E. Wilkinson 1969

William P. Bowers 1970

John W. Hewitt 1971

Chuck C. Antonio 1972

Alan W. Lunsford 1973

Richard R. Hornsby 1975

William V. Parent II 1975

Tim B. Gilbert 1978

Scott A. Bradley 1980

Greg Jenkins 1982

John E. Hermes Jr. 1985

Robert F. Amos Jr. 1989

Brett D. Guenther 1992

Collin R. Campbell 1997

Keith Alan White Jr. 1997

Michael B. Orndorff 1998

W. Jeffry Ramsaur 1999

David B. McLaren 2000

Others (Up to \$49.99)

William J. Wren Jr. 1946

Scott W. Holman Jr. 1947

Donald H. Barnes 1952

Frank E. Edrington 1955

Harvey E. Bennett 1965

Jesse L. Morrison Jr. 1971

Peter G. Brown 1975

Christopher Brant Taylor 1996

What Does Kappa Sigma Mean to You?

Kappa Sigma touched us all in a unique way. What made it special for you? A few brothers share their stories of what Kappa Sig means to them.

“Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech brought to my life contact with a group of young men who energized my life and defined my aspirations. **George Schnabel '51** (GM 1949-50) and **Dan Guy '52** (GM 1950-51), both of whom died long ago, provided, in particular, invaluable guidance that continues to serve me well even today. Forever etched in my memory is the excitement and sense of well being that came from my 1949-1953 chapter years with Alpha Tau.”

- **W. Rex Hawkins, M.D. '53**

“We always think and talk about our fraternity ‘brothers’ but it truly turned out that way for me. Today, three of the men that are my best friends and like brothers to me are fraternity brothers from my days at Alpha Tau. **Jim Smith '65**, **Morgan Payne '65**, **Mike Smith '65** and I all roomed together off campus while we were at Tech. We have maintained that friendship all of these years.

Mike married Sandy Young, a close friend of mine from Sandy Springs; Jim married Nina Nelson, a classmate and friend of my wife Charlotte’s from Agnes Scott. Morgan ventured further out and married Cindy, a Georgia Bulldog...but our favorite Georgia Bulldog. These are relationships that are invaluable in one’s life and they originated from those great, rowdy, drunken days at Alpha Tau. Who would have thought it?”

- **Jerry Kendall '65**

“I pledged Kappa Sigma Fall '64. It seems like yesterday. During rush we were taken to the Cobb County Fair. Won't say what happened, but I made my choice that night. Without Kappa Sig, I am 100% sure I would not have graduated from Georgia Tech. I could tell a million stories about our escapades, but every brother knows the value of our bond. I have two brothers (from Clemson and Oklahoma) as neighbors here in Pawleys Island, SC, and

they both feel the same way.”

- **Hugh B. Anderson '68**

“My wife is a Kappa Sig sweetheart.”

- **Charlie Robinson '71**

“Kappa Sigma—Alpha Tau, in particular—means life-long friendships to me. Despite living hundreds (or even thousands) of miles apart, there are several brothers with whom I still keep in touch today, almost THIRTY YEARS after graduation. Guys who I’m certain would still watch by back - and I, of course, theirs. That’s incredible!”

- **Roger Tarras '78**

*What does Kappa Sigma mean to you?
Share your stories with the brotherhood
at www.kappasigmagt.org.*

UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

Striving for the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence

Taking Pride in Philanthropy! Active Chapter Already Completes 250 Community Service Hours This Semester

We are progressing in the new year with many aspirations on the horizon. We recently had one of our most successful spring pledge classes, with six bids given out and six pledges dropping. This puts us at 83 total undergraduate brothers, and a full house.

In the fall 2007 semester, the chapter achieved a 2.84 organizational GPA with 26 brothers making the Dean's List and four brothers being awarded with Faculty Honors. The brothers who were named to the Dean's List include **Andrew Balsman, Tyler Collins, Alex Costa, Wade Cotton, Steve Cusick, Matt Frichtl, Kevin Gough, Chuck Heeren, Matt Hutcherson, Matt Kaugers, Bobby Landers, Jonathan Langston, Jason Lanzone, Andrew Masse, Aaron McClendon, Pat McDonald, Billy Mueller, Gerald Pierce, Sam Rickles, Josh Rosner, Ramsey Schilling, Richard**

Schneeman, John Tarman, Zac Wahl, Drew Weeks and John Winn. Those four brothers that received the prestigious Faculty Honors included **Jeff Baldino, Patrick Daugherty, Phil Gadowski and Dan Kuehme.** So far this spring semester we have been working to improve our GPA and increase the number of brothers on the Dean's List.

In November, we held our annual Executive Committee elections and are now very excited to have a new EC leading the house into the future. **Ian Lehn**, a fourth year Mechanical Engineering major, was elected as Grand Master. He, along with the other new leaders of the house, have already created a plan to make the Alpha Tau chapter a model for other Kappa Sigma chapters across the country.

We recently attended Dixie Conclave where we received three prestigious awards.

Among these, we were among the first chapters to receive the Action Chapter Award. This was the first stepping-stone for our new EC toward our ultimate goal of the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence.

Last semester as a group, we completed more than 250 total hours of community service. Although we are very proud of this, we have already surpassed 250 hours of community service so far this spring. We know that philanthropy is a very important aspect of the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence and we partake in any event we have time for.

We will hold our annual Kappa Sigma charity softball tournament on April 12. A confirmed 14 teams will participate. Afterwards, we will celebrate our charitable success with a band party back at the house. If you would like to play in the tournament, call 770-827-8953 or email georgepratt@gmail.com

The Origin of "The Rock"

Alpha Tau's landmark, the white rock, has graced the corner of 6th and Fowler for many years. But it is actually the second rock to occupy that spot.

According to the self-admitted hazy memory of alumnus **Larry Dallam '55**, the first stone was much smaller than today's rock and rested atop the ground.

It seems that in 1953 the original rock disappeared one night and turned up on the lobby desk of the Administration Building. It was determined that the Delta Tau Deltas were guilty of the deed.

Not to allow such an act to go unan-

swered, Alpha Tau struck back. A farmer's outhouse was located and ensconced upon the Delts' lawn shortly afterward. A subsequent Delta attempt to bury the outhouse in our yard was intercepted, and the building was returned to the Delt yard, soaked with kerosene and torched. The arrival of the fire department amidst cheers from surrounding fraternities brought a final end to the war.

Today's rock, much larger and firmly planted in the soil is the result of that conflict.

But does anyone remember where the first rock came from? Send us your fondly remembered piece of Alpha Tau heritage and we'll print it for others to chuckle over too.

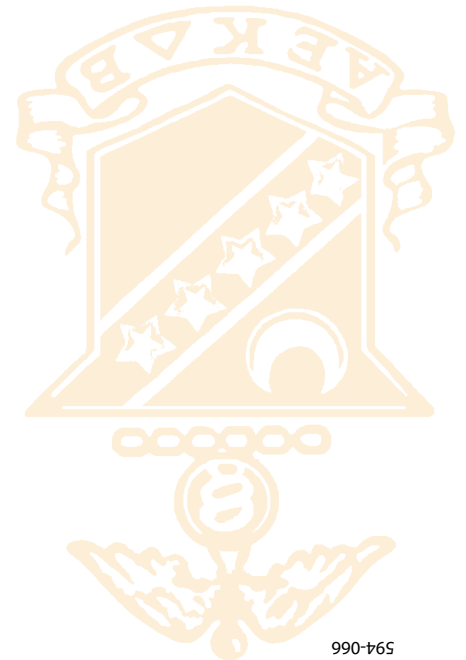
*Thank you to **Mac Anderson '67** for submitting this story, which originally appeared in the May 31, 1975 issue of "Alpha Tauker." An electronic version of this edition of our newsletter is available for download online at www.kappasigmagt.org. If you know where the first rock came from, you can also tell us on our web site!*



OLD PHOTO ALBUM

Want to see more photos from your era in the *Alpha Tauker*? Upload your best Kappa Sigma photos at www.kappasigmagt.org.

Can anyone name the brothers in this photo, or the year it was taken? If you can identify the picture, email our editors at content@affinityconnection.com. Be sure to mention "Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech spring newsletter photo" in your correspondence.



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for Preserving Kappa Sigma's Legacy on Campus!*