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REUNIONS

Calling All Classes Ending in 5 and 0!



This is a big reunion year for our KΣ brothers! Let us know if we can help your class reunite and celebrate. If you are interested in planning a reunion, contact our alumni relations partners at alumninews@affinityconnection.com. We'll help you get started.

ALUMNI REPORT

State of the Greek Community ... How Does Alpha Tau Measure Up?

Help Us Continue to Guide Our Undergraduates in the Right Direction

By Chris Finke, President, The Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation

It only takes a quick glance through today's headlines to understand that the Greek system is under attack. Fraternities who previously boasted of some of the best experiences young men could have during their college days are now trying to figure out how it all went so wrong. How did they go from 120 "outstanding young men" to doors that will remain closed for one or two years — or indefinitely? And, even more importantly, where do they go from here?



Our undergraduates hosted this year's Dixie Conclave.

Our fraternities at Georgia Tech have one very important dynamic working in their favor. In most cases, our undergraduate brothers are students first, then brothers, officers, volunteers, employees, and the list goes on. They have come to Tech to get one of the finest technical educations they can receive. As a result, they have a lot at stake and seem to hold all aspects of their Tech experience in high regard.

As you will read in the coming pages, the current Alpha Tau active chapter continues to work toward leadership positions in academics (ranked 10th among 32 IFC chapters) and philanthropy. The chapter recently hosted the Dixie Conclave, giving Kappa Sigs from other universities an opportunity to see the campus, our house and the leadership development that is at work among our actives. I was impressed with their performance during this event and am confident that they will continue to be a model chapter for other schools.

I want to take just a few minutes to encourage

our alumni to be part of their development process. As alumni, we understand that we cannot ask a lifetime of experience from young men who are just learning what leadership means. We have

to show them. That is how we learned. For some of these young men, our guidance is all they have at this point as they prepare to enter society as educated, responsible and philanthropic individuals after graduation. Please consider how you can play a part in their lives. It doesn't have to be a significant time commitment from you. Volunteer to be a mentor. Be on the lookout for internship and job placement opportunities with your company. Become part of our alumni board. Or just stop by the house now and then to see how things are going. It will be well worth your time.

Lastly, please continue to support our alumni relations program. Remember, our 2014-15 annual fund giving year, which began on September 1, 2014, supports our communications program, our website, our database and events which keep our brotherhood connected. Many brothers have helped us surpass our goal of raising \$11,093, all of whom you will see listed on the honor roll on page 3. However, we set a goal to reach 96 donors this year. As of April 6, we have 78 donors. Will you help us close the gap? Go to our website, www.kappasigmagt.org, and click on "Donate" in the upper right-hand corner to make your gift today.

CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Tau Celebrates a Successful Year

Chapter Achieves 10th place GPA, Holds the Dixie Conclave, and Initiates Seven Pledges

By Eric Johnston, Grand Master

Our undergraduate chapter has had an exciting and successful year so far. We are pleased to report that our active undergraduates achieved a 3.17 GPA for the fall 2014 semester. Our 21 new members delivered an impressive 3.44 GPA for the semester, bringing our overall chapter GPA to 3.24. This ranks above the all-Greek, all-undergraduate and all-fraternity averages, positioning us in 10th place overall among 32 IFC chapters.

This spring, we are working on plans for a Lowcountry boil to support our Military Heroes campaign. For our fall 2015 Kappa Sigma Games, we've officially partnered with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and are working through our planning stages with them. So far, we've set the date for September 26. We are inviting all of the Kappa Sigma chapters in the state of Georgia, as well as few other chapters from other states, including Auburn and Clemson. This year, we will be participating in both kickball and bubble soccer. We are currently



in the planning stages with Georgia Tech to advertise the event across campus and externally on Georgia Tech's social media. Watch for more about the 2015 Kappa Sigma Games in our summer eLetters.

Over the weekend of April 4-5, we hosted the Georgia and Alabama Kappa Sigma chapters for the Dixie Conclave (southern conference) and held a lunch at the house for everyone in town.

Lastly, we're happy to announce we will be initiating seven pledges in the coming weeks.

We take this opportunity to introduce them to you and welcome them into the Alpha Tau Chapter:

Bradley Streit '19
Milton, G.A.; Mechanical Engineering

Chip Allen '18
Braselton, G.A.; Industrial Engineering

David Froneberger '17
Charlotte, N.C.; Computer Science

Justin Tai '18
San Jose, C.A.; Mechanical Engineering

Benjamin Morse '17
Horseheads, N.Y.; Mechanical Engineering

Rikhil Shah '18
Duluth, G.A.; Industrial Engineering

Diego Colin '16
Cumming, G.A.; Business Administration

Abhishek Sen '18
London, England; Computer Science

ROLL CALL

Help Our Chapter Win This Contest ... and \$5,000

Alumni Donations to Roll Call Can Impact Alpha Tau Chapter

Currently there is a challenge going on in the Georgia Tech Greek community, and it holds the opportunity to win \$5,000 for our Alpha Tau Chapter.

Roll Call is Georgia Tech's annual fund, and it is comprised of the generous donations of various Georgia Tech alumni. This money goes to various places on campus, most notably to the purchase and development of Tech Square. Here is a more detailed list of how money from Roll Call is used:

- Hands-on experience for students
- Groundbreaking efforts that can save lives and improve our world
- Scholarships for exceptional students
- World-class instruction and curriculum
- Student life programs and initiatives, such as those available at the Campus Recreation Center
- The purchase and development of Technology Square, which transformed Tech's campus

Traditionally, Greek alumni donate more to Roll Call than their non-affiliated counterparts, but now Georgia Tech is asking Greek Alumni to step their game up even further.

The Greek community has been divided into four groups. Within these groups, the fraternity or sorority with the highest percentage of donating alumni will win \$5,000 for their chapter. Second place will win \$2,000, while third place will receive \$1,000.

Currently, Kappa Sigma is in 8th place of our group with only 18.6% of our alumni having donated to Roll Call. SAE is in first place with 25.1%.

We are asking that alumni donate to Roll Call. It doesn't have to be much because the winner is decided on the percentage of alumni donating, but please donate something.

Also, it is worth noting that no extra paperwork is needed to ensure that we get credit for your donation. Since Georgia Tech has extensive records on their alumni's Greek affiliation, they will know that you are donating for us.

More information can be found and donations can be made at www.legacy.gtalumni.org/pages/greekalumnichallenge.

Semper AEKDB,

Eric Johnston, Grand Master, Alpha-Tau, 404-803-1750

ALUMNI UPDATES

George W. Haynes '50 (376 Golfview Dr., Miramar Beach, FL 32550 USA; awooly@aol.com) Bill celebrated his 89th birthday with family and friends at his daughter's home in Trussville, AL.

Geoffrey C. Gill '64 (2626 Oglethorpe Cir. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319-6601; ggill@bellsouth.net) Geoff Gill served as social chairman for



his 50th Tech Reunion held on Homecoming weekend. Who better to put the party together than a Kappa Sig. Geoff contacted Aleck Janoulis AE '66, the leader of the original Night Shadows band, which in the early '60s was the House Band at Alpha Tau. Aleck was able to get the band back together for

the Class of 1964 reunion party which was a great success with 282 classmates and guests in attendance. The class of '64 raised a new class record \$32.9 million for the Georgia Tech Foundation. Over \$400,000 was designated for the Ramblin' Reck Endowment, which will support maintenance of the Wreck and need-based scholarships. As part of his duties as social chair, Geoff rode in the Ramblin' Reck down Freshman Hill and into Bobby Dodd Stadium prior to the Homecoming game.

Joseph C. Antonio MD '72 (10211 E. Rugged Mountain Dr, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118 USA; chuck.antonio1@gmail.com) As prior Navy pilot/flight surgeon, Chuck continues to support USN night vision device (NVD) and helmet-mounted display (HMD) projects. He just completed teaching HMD technology and aeromedical concerns to potential USN/USMC Night Imaging and Threat Evaluation (NITE) Lab Instructors at MCAS Yuma, Ariz. He recently supported the rescue of the survivor from the Virgin Galactica Spaceship mishap as the flight surgeon member aboard a National Test Pilot School (NTPS) UH-1N. He will teach Night Vision System Integration Testing and HMD Testing techniques to student test pilots and test engineers at NTPS this spring.

Michael S. Hickman '88 (6935 Lancaster Circle, Cumming, GA 30040-7340; MH@MichaelSHickman.com) Michael was elected to the Agent Leadership Council of Keller Williams for calendar year 2015. The ALC is comprised of Top-20 agents who take one year to aid in the direction of the company through its philanthropy, budget, production, leadership, growth and training committees.

Brett D. Guenther '92 (1110 Yale Place, Charlotte, NC 28209-1438; brett.guenther@gmail.com) Brett has passed the United States Patent and Trademark Office Bar Exam and is now working as a patent agent for the law firm of Additon, Higgins and Pendleton located in Charlotte, N.C.

Tell us what is happening with you. Email us at alumninews@affinityconnection.com with your updates. Be sure to reference Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech.

ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the following brothers who have supported our annual fund this giving year, September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. You've helped us surpass our goal of raising \$11,093! We still have a goal to reach 96 donors. We are 82% of the way there. Make your gift today at www.kappasigmagt.org.

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

Wilford Lyon Jr., 1958
William Schwanebeck, 1959
Bill Goodhew, 1961

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

L. Andrew Hearn Jr., 1957
L. Joseph Rogers, 1958
George Gannaway, 1961
Wiley McCoy Jr., 1961
Geoffrey C. Gill, 1964
Michael J. Lutz, 1968
James Chrivia, 1970
Edward Senules Jr., 1976
Mark Sheridan, 1978
Christopher Taylor, 1996

The 1869 Club (\$186.90)

John Harris Jr., 1950
Russell McDonough Jr., 1956
Robert F. Baker, 1957
William Christian, 1965
George McCoy Jr., 1965

Lester Anderson, 1967
Hugh Anderson Jr., 1968
Edward Godfrey, 1968
Gordon M. Ryland Jr., 1969
Thomas Walker, 1969
Steven Millspaugh, 1971

182 Sixth Street Society (\$182)

Richard Sperry, 1959
Ted I. Haney, 1961
Gerald Lewis, 1961
Gary Harrell, 1984
Jeffrey Cooper, 1985
Daniel Westbrook, 1991
Andrew R. Philippo, 1992
William Chafin III, 1993
Charles A. McPhail, 1996

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

George Haynes, 1950
Robert Schroeder, 1955
Thompson Daniel Jr., 1956
Robert Denmark, 1956

Pat F. McGarity, 1956
David Jeffrey, 1957
Robert S. Parks, 1957
William Williams, 1957
Stewart Winn Jr., 1958
Ben E. Chilcutt, 1961
Michael E. Pacholek, 1961
David M. Pearsall, 1961
Richard L. Mitchell Jr., 1964
Randolph H. Parro, 1964
Aubrey Watson, 1965
Hal Lamb III, 1966
Russell Adamson, 1968
John H. Rowley, 1968
Terry Graham, 1969
William J. Nichols, 1969
John Roberts, 1969
Marc E. Roach, 1970
Jeffrey Metcalf, 1971
Gregory Davis, 1973
Scottie Mayfield Jr., 1973
Michael W. Alexander, 1980
Christopher Finke, 1994
Adam Goldstein, 2001

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

Sterns Lott Jr., 1951
Fred Rogers Jr., 1953
Robert Soderholm, 1959
William H. Hocutt, 1964
Jerry T. Kendall, 1965
Donald Wilkinson, 1969
Jesse L. Morrison Jr., 1971
Alan W. Lunsford, 1973
Ronald R. Wensel, 1974
Michael Dudgeon, 1989
Mark Russo, 1992
Mr. Keith White Jr., 1997

Others (Up to \$49.99)

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Frank E. Edrington, 1955
James C. Muller, 1967
Jeffrey Warner, 1986
Robert Stanek, 1990



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Q&A WITH DAVID GREENHALGH '14

Alum Answers One Important Question: iPhone or Android?

David graduated from Georgia Tech in 2014 and is now an android developer for Big Nerd Ranch. We caught up with him to discuss technology and his experiences at Kappa Sig!

Give some insight on your work at the Big Nerd Ranch. What kinds of things are you working on?

Big Nerd Ranch is involved in a few different fronts - textbooks, training and mobile/web app consulting. As an Android developer, I've primarily gotten involved in Android app development and am working towards teaching my first Android course.

What are your thoughts on the future of technology and app development?

Mobile application development is both the future and the present of computing, and I'm

happy to be at the forefront of this ever-changing field.

What are your fondest memories of being a brother of Kappa Sig at GT?

My fondest memories of being a brother of Kappa Sig center around all of the personal growth I saw in my brothers and myself during my five years at Georgia Tech. It was a profoundly rewarding experience, and I'm proud to call all of the men in the chapter Brothers.

Did you serve in any officer positions at Kappa Sig?

During my time in the house, I became involved in the rush process and served as Rush Chair in 2011.



If you could go back and relive one Kappa Sig moment, what would it be?

If I could relive any Kappa Sig moment, it would have to be any of the formals we went on, especially New Orleans.

Tell us a little bit about your life and interests.

I'm currently living in Atlanta and loving it. I'm looking forward to getting outside more as it warms up; there's so much to do here.

Last question: iPhone or Android?

Android all the way.

Brothers can connect with David at davidgreenhalgh@gmail.com.

Undergraduate Brother Needs Our Help

Clark Jacobs '17 Recovers From Serious Fall



On January 10, 2015, one of our undergraduates suffered a traumatic accident. While sleeping, Clark Jacobs '17 fell out of his loft bed and fractured his skull. His traumatic brain injury required emergency surgery.

Team Clark has established a CaringBridge site where friends and family can monitor Clark's progress. They recently communicated that Clark has been showing great progress — saying his first words and smiling for the first time since his initial brain surgery. He will also have his trach removed this week so he can return to eating solid food. A benefit is being planned for Saturday, May 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Harrison Tennis Center in Marietta. If you cannot attend and would like to make a contribution to assist with Clark's continuing therapy, go to www.gofundme.com/teamclark. The brothers of Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech wish Clark all the best in his recovery.