



The ALPHA Tauker

Alpha Tau of
Kappa Sigma
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Enjoying A Season Of Growth Membership Increases At The House

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Alpha Tau is once again enjoying a successful season of growth and development of young men at Georgia Tech. The Spring 2001 semester has brought about one of the largest increases in membership in recent memory. We initiated 20 members this spring and look forward to further growth, which will push our membership well toward the century mark. For our efforts we received the pledge retention award at this year's Dixie Conclave hosted by the Georgia Southern chapter in February. Acknowledgment goes to Rush Chair Dan Delman '03 and Pledge Educator Dan McFall '01 as well as the chapter as a whole. I personally look forward to the continued success to which these promising new members are sure to bring to the fraternity.

The chapter recently established several lofty goals as a part of the Brothers in Action program, which we took part in last fall. Each brother set individual goals for leadership, philanthropy, scholarship, and ritual proficiency. The chapter as a whole instituted a chapter staple of 100 percent ritual proficiency. So far we have increased our number of levels by 60 percent to a total of 38 levels with 68 brothers. Outstanding recognition goes to brothers Mark McDonald '03 and Trey Baltz '03 for their outstanding job in motivating members both young and old to become ritually proficient.

As I write, we are preparing for our annual softball and three on three basketball tournaments. Brothers from East Carolina, Winthrop, Radford, and West Georgia are planning on participating in the softball event this year. We also hope to see an alumni team again this year to defend their past glory.

Alpha Tau is proud to announce five brothers who have just been appointed as alumnus and assistant alumnus advisors to the chapter. Brothers Mike Orndorf (Alpha Tau), Billy Oates (Alpha Tau), David Durovy (Alpha Tau), Steve Polhamus (Delta Psi, Michigan State) and Brad Wilson (Alpha Beta, Mercer University) provide the strong alumni support on which Kappa Sigma is able to thrive.

In closing, I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer. Alpha Tau invites you all to come visit this fall. Alumni, be on the lookout for upcoming dinners at the house. We hope to invite several alumni guests to speak about their experiences during and after their years as undergraduates. Hope to see you soon!

BELOW: CRAIG MCINTOSH '01, DAVID DUROY '00,
CRAIG JONES '04, ANDY HIXSON '02 AND
CHRIS GREENWAY '01 HANG OUT
AT THE BOWLING ALLEY.



ABOVE: ANDY HIXSON '02,
MARK McDONALD '03 AND
BEN CLARE '02 BEFORE THE
ALPHA XI DELTA FORMAL.

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Kappa Sigma Memorial Foundation Dispute with the Kappa Sigma Fraternity

DAVID A. JOHNSON (LAMBDA DELTA, 1992)
DISTRICT GRAND MASTER XIV

The last few weeks have been quite eventful for Kappa Sigma. The Kappa Sigma Memorial Foundation has put up our prized International Memorial Headquarters in Charlottesville, Va., for sale and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity filed a lawsuit against them to prevent that from happening and to restore the voting rights of Kappa Sigma members on MF matters.

There has been a great coming together of our brotherhood in this time of need. For the month of May there have been over 1,100 emails sent out on the Kappa Sigma general listserve, mostly by undergraduates expressing their outrage over the sale of IMH and the fact that they have been stripped of their rights to vote on important MF matters. The message is clear – the brotherhood will not allow the MF to sell our IMH property and have a vote and voice on things like the appointment of Trustees and how the Foundation's assets are to be used.

What follows is a brief overview of the facts in this matter. For additional information and copies of all relevant source documents, please visit www.kappasigma.org/News.html.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was originally chartered in 1966 to purchase the IMH property as the "permanent office of the Worthy Grand Scribe and a perpetual memorial to Kappa Sigma Fraternity." In January 1974 the corporation filed documents with the Virginia Corporation Commission eliminating the rights of the members of the corporation the members and chapters of Kappa Sigma to participate in the operation and governance of the corporation. In 1975, again without a vote of the members of the corporation, the corporation's board changed the name of the corporation to "Kappa Sigma Memorial Foundation," and filed documents authorizing the name change and restating that the corporation "has no members" with the Virginia Corporations Commission.

Over the next 25 years, the corporation, now called the MF, recruited a board of directors of celebrity Kappa Sigmas, appointed without the vote or consent of the members of the Fraternity. The corporation provided modest support to the Fraternity's activities and education programs. Periodic threats to sell the Headquarters were made, as well as allegations of mishandling of funds by IMH staff. None of these threats or accusations had any merit and were mostly disregarded.

On April 30, 2001, the MF notified the Fraternity that the Foundation listed the Headquarters for sale with a realtor in Charlottesville. Listing the Headquarters for sale is the first step toward selling "Kappa Sigma's home" out from under the Fraternity.

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The SEC, through the Legal Commission, informed the MF that the Foundation (1) holds the Headquarters in trust for the benefit of all Kappa Sigmas; (2) does not have the authority to list, offer to sell or sell the Headquarters without the consent of the members of Kappa Sigma; and (3) does not have the authority to charge or collect rent on the Headquarters. The Fraternity requested that the MF immediately terminate the listing of the Headquarters and requested that the MF notify the Fraternity that the listing had been terminated. Kappa Sigma Fraternity received no notice of the termination of the listing and actually received a response from attorneys for the MF confirming their position that the MF has the absolute right to sell the Headquarters.

With the Headquarters listed for sale and no action by the MF to terminate that listing being taken, the SEC has acted to protect Kappa Sigma's Home and preserve the Headquarters and the financial contributions and donations made over the years to the MF for the support of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. The SEC instructed our attorneys to file suit in Charlottesville, Va., against Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc., a Virginia corporation, also known as the MF and certain individuals purporting to be the officers and directors of that corporation.

The suit is an action seeking a "declaratory judgment." It consists of three main arguments on behalf of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. (1) The corporation holds legal title to the Headquarters in trust for the benefit of all Kappa Sigmas. This means that the Kappa Sigma Fraternity is the rightful owner of the Headquarters and that the Headquarters cannot be sold without the consent of the members of Kappa Sigma. (2) The directors and officers operating the corporation lack the appropriate legal authority to operate and act on the behalf of the corporation. (3) The corporation received donations from Kappa Sigma members directly and through the "Joint Development Program" with the Kappa

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Sigma Endowment Fund that the corporation holds in trust for the benefit of the educational programs of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and

not for any other purpose. Additionally, the suit requests that the court invalidate certain amendments of the corporation's charter, restoring the rights of all Kappa Sigmas to elect the members of the corporation's board.

In response to the announced action of the MF, Trustees Bob Dole and Sam Donaldson issued a joint letter to MF President Richard Miller stating that as Trustees they did not vote to sell the IMH property, opposed such a decision, and asked for a meeting of the Foundation at Conclave for the purpose of holding elections for a new Board of Trustees. They continued by stating that failure to amicably resolve these matters would result in their resignation from

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the Foundation Board. Bob Dole resigned from the Board after receiving a response letter from Foundation Executive Director Theodore Lange. That letter has not been published, so I do not know what was contained in it. Brother Dole stated that he "did not wish to be involved in this exercise which seems to be getting out of hand." He signed his resignation letter "a puzzled Kappa Sig."

There have been limited public responses from the MF. In a recent memo from Foundation Executive Director Theodore Lange, the IMH buildings are minimized to being "only a headquarters office" and "not a founding site or shrine" and talks of "mowing an endowment" when referencing the beautiful 17-acre property. He defends the actions of the Trustees based on their "vision and judgment to purchase the property 35 years ago." He publicly blames then Worthy Grand Master O'Dwyer and certain Endowment Fund Trustees for their alleged request that the IMH property be

sold and supposed desire to move our headquarters to Memphis. There has been no response to the governance issues that seem to be the core problem and reason why we have not been able to arrange an amicable solution so far.

We are not quite sure how these issues will be resolved. Hopefully we can see an amicable resolution before the matter ends up in court. Many brothers are demanding an election of MF Trustees at the Conclave this summer in Memphis. Our SEC is committed to following through on this and will see that what is in the best interest of our noble Order is done. I will continue to keep the Atlanta area alumni informed as this situation continues to unfold through our email listserve. If you would like to join this list, please send an e-mail to atlantaksig-subscribe@yahoo.com. If anyone has specific questions, they can email me at djohnson@affinityusa.com or call me at 404-255-8721.

Campus Master Plan Changes Current Geography Goals for Greek Sector Would Beautify and Increase Safety

Several years ago, the Campus Master Planning Committee began working on a vision that would outline the direction of future development of the Institute. The result of this committee was the creation of the 1997 Georgia Tech Campus Master Plan. This document includes recommendations for future development of the campus land use and building sites, automobile circulation and parking systems, pedestrian walkways, bicycle circulation, and the transportation system.

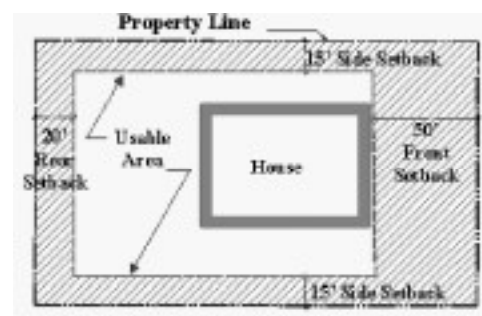
With part of the objective being focused on the residential areas, Greek housing on campus has a place in this plan. Recently, work has been done to define exactly what this means for the fraternity and sorority houses on campus; dubbed the Greek Sector in the plans. Goals for the Greek Sector included beautifying the area, encouraging a pedestrian campus, and providing for enhanced safety.

Through further committee work and town hall meetings, a plan has been created that specifically addresses the Greek Sector. While not finalized, the plan outlines many recommendations that directly affect all Greek houses, including Kappa Sigma. Planned actions include changes in parking, updated street configurations, tightened enforcement of existing zoning requirements, and strict guidelines on acceptable landscaping. These changes are to be implemented over a five-year period. Initial attention will be focused on 5th street, followed by Fowler and 6th.

As there are many recommendations in the plan, the house corporation is working to determine the exact impact on Kappa Sigma. There are several that will affect our house, including the removal of on-street parking on one side of Fowler (the street that borders the side of the house and dead-ends into 10th). As a primary roadway, the parking is being removed to provide for bike lanes and enhanced landscaping along the sidewalks. As a secondary roadway, 6th street will continue to have on-street parking on both sides.

The "EC lot" (the gravel lot on the left side of the house) will at minimum require additional landscaping to screen it from the street. Given its proximity to the side property line, it may need to be altered or removed. Also, by discouraging

use of wooden privacy fencing, the plan may require the removal of the fencing around the back yard. The rear deck may be affected by enforcement of zoning issues that forbid structures over 2' tall from encroaching within 20' of the rear property line. Finally, some minor landscaping improvements may be required to comply with the standards.



Interestingly, the O'Keefe lot (the parking lot across the street from the house) is tagged as a possible site for two additional fraternities. While this doesn't mean that houses are being requested, it simply provides for locations when the need arises. There are several other sites throughout the Greek Sector for additional houses, providing for a total of up to six additional houses.

Anyone interested in viewing a more comprehensive presentation of the Greek Master Plan can view a PowerPoint slide at <http://www.space.gatech.edu/ppt/GS-OG/sld029.htm>. Additional information, including the entire text of the 1997 Campus Master Plan can be viewed online at <http://www.space.gatech.edu/masterplan.htm>.



Alumni News

David E. Cavenaugh '40 (2947 S. Atlantic Ave., Unit 1706, Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118; daveengr@smnet.net) now has a summer residence in the mountains at 222 Park Ave., Franklin, NC 28734. He enjoys spending May through mid-October there.

In March of this year, **James E. Coleman '40** (P.O. Box 298, Fort Gaines, GA 31751) was one of six persons to receive the Governor's Humanitarian Award at the 16th Governor's Awards in the Humanities held in Atlanta. Jimmy was nominated by the Clay County Economic Development Council in recognition of his efforts during the last 50 years in developing cultural resources and attracting economic development in his community.

"Holding out here in Charleston on the Intra-coastal Waterway and watching the snowbirds go

on their way to and from Florida," reports **Edward J. Price '47** (42 Wappoo Creek Pl., Charleston, SC 29412; edprice@home.com). Ed has fond memories of the old house on Williams Street and the temporary World War II barracks across the street.

Since his retirement from management at Destileria Serralles Inc. some 18 years ago, **Pedro J. Serralles III '49** (The Washington Plz., 57 Washington St., Apt. 7, Condado, PR 00907) has been working as a financial consultant. At present, he is associated with Samuel A. Ramirez & Co. Inc.

"Greetings to Alpha Tau — young and old," notes **Thompson G. Daniel Jr. '56** (412A Fisher Park Cir., Greensboro, NC 27401). He's active developing land and managing property, flying his plane and sailing. Every year, he and Anne support the Children's Hospital through the

National Debutante Cotillion in Washington, D.C. This year, he saw Lola and **Al Pierce '58**. Thompson also met a neighbor, **Pat McGarity '56**.

Philip R. Rodgers '93 (417 Penny Ln. S.E., Marietta, GA 30067; prodgers@broadriver.com) is a Unix administrator for Broadriver Communications in Alpharetta.

Harriett and **Mark T. Singleton '93** reside at 3307 Poplar Chase Ln., Florence, SC 29501. Mark earned an MBA from the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina in 2000 and is now working for Wellman Inc. E-mail for him can be sent to hmsingle@logicsouth.com.

Raymond W. LaDieu '94 (5809 Ambassador Ln., Rowlett, TX 75089; ray.ladieu@homemail.com) and his wife, Tori, have a new addition — a daughter, Alyssa. In May 2000, the family moved to the Dallas area to be closer to Tori's family. Ray is a financial consultant with Chase Investment Services Corp. and passed the Certified Financial Planner Exam on his first attempt in March of

this year. He has reconnected with **Bill Bivens '97** and appreciates the updates provided by *The Alpha Tauker*.

Mike M. Hierholzer '98 (1123-01 Falls Creek Ln., Charlotte, NC 28209; mhierholzer@flycarolina.com) is employed by Duke/Fluor Daniel, a company that engineers and builds fossil fuel power plants. He is also a flight instructor and helping to run a flying club out of Charlotte/Douglas International Airport. Mike informs us that **Rob Sewell '92** is associated with Quest Engineering in the Asheville, N.C., area and **T. J. St. Romain '01** is living in Shelby, N.C., and employed by Koso Textiles.

In a new job, **W. Jeffrey Ramsaur '99** (6850 Peachtree-Dunwoody Rd. N.E., #1135, Atlanta, GA 30328; jramsaurs@bellsouth.net) is a supply chain consultant at SynQuest. He and Joric Nastoff, a former Alpha Tau sweetheart, married in August 2000. The wedding in Atlanta was well-attended by Alpha Tau members and their wives. Jeff writes, "It was very special for us to have so many of my brothers in our wedding."



SCOTT MITCHELL '01, MATTHEW ROTHWELL '01, ERIC ELAN '03 AND ANDY HIXSON '02 ENJOY THE SCENERY WITH THEIR GIRLFRIENDS ON A TRIP TO HAWAII DURING THIS LAST SPRING BREAK

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