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## Your Best Game Day Photos

Did you tailgate this football season? We want to see your photos! Send your submissions to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Kappa Sigma at Tech) and we'll post them in our online photo albums and possibly feature them in the next issue of our newsletter.



# THE ALPHA TAUKER

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Alpha Tau of  
Kappa Sigma

## HOMECOMING RECAP

### Kappa Sig's Wreck Wins #1 in Contraption & Display Categories

Homecoming weekend was a tremendous success for Kappa Sigma alums and undergrads. The festivities started for some at a Friday night party organized by (Steve Norris '71). Well over 70 people from all generations of the fraternity came to Gordon Biersch in midtown Atlanta for fellowship and a few ales.

Saturday dawned cold and blustery, but the Ramblin' Wreck Parade was excellent as usual. Kappa Sigma again lived up to its history of having great engineers by winning #1 in the contraption category with its giant wheel machine. The chapter also came in #1 in the display category.

The day saw at least 150 people attend the alumni tailgate at the house. And of course the perfect ending was the

dismantling of the Hokies by Paul Johnson's Jackets 28-23.



Were you at Homecoming this year?  
We want to see your photos and hear your  
stories! Share them online at  
[www.kappasigmagt.org](http://www.kappasigmagt.org).

## REUNION REPORT

### Reaping the Benefits of Kappa Sigma in Our Alumni Years

You don't have to be an undergrad to reap the benefits of membership in Kappa Sigma. These guys prove that the fraternity experience can last well into your alumni years.

Bill Kirksey '63 writes "A group of old Alpha Taus went to St. George Island on the

panhandle of Florida to spend a week the first week in October, an annual trip they have made for many years. The group includes (front row): Dog is "Bella" and Ron "Pygmy" Mitchell; (middle row): Lu Blessey, Penderly McCoy, Dru and Charles Edwards (parents of Kappa Sig Clay Edwards); (back row): Steve "Sperm" Millspaugh, Cathy Millspaugh, Scotty McCoy, Nancy Kirksey, Dick "Tiger" Blessey, Bobbie Mitchell and Bill "Willie Worm" Kirksey.

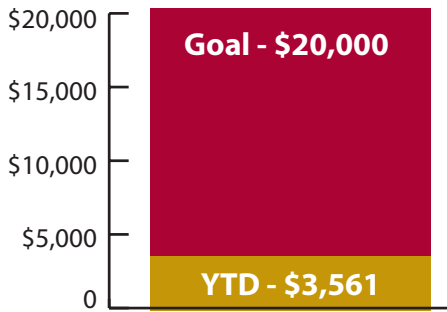
It's easy to reconnect with Alpha Tau brothers from your era! Just go to the online directory at [www.kappasigmagt.org](http://www.kappasigmagt.org) to find their contact info, and start planning! And don't forget to send us the photos and stories from your reunions. You can email them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech).



## ANNUAL FUND

### 149 Brothers Contribute to Record Giving Year

#### 2009-10 Annual Fund



Thanks to our alumni donors (see their names on the Honor Roll at [www.kappasigmagt.org](http://www.kappasigmagt.org)), we raised an amazing \$17,265 to our 2008-09 annual fund, which ended August 31. This is the best annual giving total we've EVER SEEN!

Our annual fund enables us to do more to keep you connected with Alpha Tau and the friends you met there through our communications program and alumni events.

Please show your support as we kick off the 2009-10 and help us reach our goal of

\$20,000. We have already raised \$3,561 since the giving year began September 1.

There are three ways to make a gift:

1. Online at [www.kappasigmagt.org](http://www.kappasigmagt.org).
2. By calling 800-975-6699.
3. By mailing a check payable to "Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation" to:

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Mike Hug's Memories of Kappa Sigma Still Keep Him Smiling (and They're Why He Gives Back His Money, Time and Talent)

For many alumni, the chance to become re-engaged with their fraternity in their adult years is a great experience. For Mike Hug '80, the chance to help rebuild the Alpha Tau house is more than exciting – it's the opportunity of a lifetime. He took the time to let us know why he supports Alpha Tau (both financially and with his professional skill!).

#### Why did you join Kappa Sigma as an undergraduate?

I joined as a sophomore in order to meet new friends and get more connected at Tech.

#### Why do you choose to financially support the Alpha Tau Chapter today?

I am concerned that our chapter is falling behind other fraternities on campus that have built new chapter houses or renovated their existing houses. I would like the brothers to have the resources they need to keep up our existing house until we can fund a new one!

#### How does Kappa Sigma still have an impact on your life today?

Friendships and memories from those days remain and still make me smile!

#### What is your best memory from your Kappa Sig days?

Time spent just hangin' in the Lobby after parties...what happened to the Lobby?

#### What words of advice do you have for the active chapter?

Finding and initiating quality pledges is the most important thing you can do to secure the future of our chapter! Please take rush seriously and recruit the brightest and best to allow Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech to thrive in the future!

#### In what ways does Kappa Sig still influence your life as an alumnus?

My firm has been selected to design the new chapter house for Alpha Tau! I consider this to be a profound honor and have enjoyed working with brothers on the building committee. The conceptual design includes a three story house that will recreate many of the features of the existing house that we associate with the good times we when at Tech including: the Pit, the Lobby (from the pre 1996 house) and TV room.

#### What's new in your life today? (job, family, etc.).

I have two sons, Ryan (21) and Kyle (17) that are independent mature young men that make me proud to be their Dad. I so enjoy the limited time I get to spend time with them! This is a tough time to be an architect (or in any business related to development/construction) but my firm is weathering the storm and learning from the experience.



Mike Hug '80 at Georgia Tech's recent victory over Clemson....Go Jackets!

#### Name three brothers you would like to reconnect with.

Greg (Lurch) MacArthur, Mike Alexander and Mark Idol.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### “You Never ‘Grow Out’ of Kappa Sigma”, Says Matt Noury ’02

Kappa Sigma undoubtedly had an influence on us all. And now that we’re alumni, we have the opportunity to be an influence to the active chapter. Whether we show our support through our financial contributions, volunteer efforts or just by showing up at the house for events, we are paying the Alpha Tau experience forward for years to come. We’d especially like to thank Matt Noury ’02 for his volunteer efforts as the chapter advisor. Here is a Q&A with him on his volunteer experience.

#### Why do you choose to volunteer as chapter advisor?

As an Alpha Tau alumnus, Kappa Sigma has been a major influence on me throughout my college career. I welcome the opportunity to give back to the fraternity, and enjoy working with the undergraduate students.

#### Briefly describe your role and relationship with the active members.

As the chapter’s faculty advisor, I serve as one of several communications links between the campus administration, the chapter, and

the Alpha Tau House Corporation (which I also serve on). I help ensure the expectations of the Georgia Tech administration and House Corporation are met by the chapter, and I assist the chapter in acquiring needed resources from the same. The chapter often consults with me on proper procedures and techniques for maintaining the house and other internal chapter issues. I try to stay acquainted with the active members and am always available to offer advice in regards to careers, scholastics, or whatever else might come up.

#### What is your impression of the active chapter today?

The chapter is strong and thriving, with approximately 80 active members. The undergraduates have done a respectable job of staying out of trouble and meeting the administration’s expectations. This year they have really stepped up the level of cleanliness and have put forth a solid effort to ensure alumni, parents, and guests feel welcome at the chapter house on game day.

#### What is your best memory from your Georgia Tech/Kappa Sigma days?

Homecoming.. nothing beats finishing the week of hard work and creativity that goes into the display, the contraption, and all the other events, followed by the chance to catch up with countless alumni and, of course, the delicious pig roast.

*“...my brothers will always hold a very special place in my heart.”*

#### If you could go back and relive any moment from your fraternity days, what would it be?

The period of time between initiation and graduation. Now those were fun years.

#### Is there anything else you’d like to add?

Kappa Sigma is where I truly “grew up”. But I’ve never grown out of it, and my brothers will always hold a very special place in my heart. AEKDB, my brothers.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### The Story of the 1964 Kappa Sigma IM Football Champions

*Thanks to Mac Anderson for submitting this great story and picture from his Kappa Sigma days.*

Kappa Sigma completed an undefeated season by winning the 1964 intramural championship in a 33 to 0 romp over Techwood Dorm, the independent league champion.



Kappa Sigma’s biggest test came in the fraternity league playoffs. Their game against Alpha Tau Omega, the league runner-up, ended in a scoreless tie. Kappa Sigma won the championship with a penetration that came on a short pass from Mac Anderson to John Rowley in the right flat. John had seen an opening and suggested the play in the huddle.

Kappa Sigma’s 1964 success was built on a solid defense, and on an offense

that relied heavily on Mac Anderson’s passes to outstanding receiver, Scotty McCoy, who scored 12 touchdowns. The offense also depended on Billy Toney’s excellent field goal kicking, and Mac’s running behind the outstanding blocks of a tough offensive line and of blocking backs Tommy Moore and John Rowley.

This picture includes the core members of the Kappa Sigma’s 1964 championship team. A number of this core group played both offense and defense.

*Left: The Kappa Sig football team brought home the school championship again in 1964. At that time, Kappa Sig had won the school championship 5 out of the past 6 years. Included are, kneeling (from left to right): John Green, Maurice McConnell, Butch Gill, Mark Manley and Charlie Moore. Standing (from left to right) are: Scotty McCoy, Tommy Moore, Mac Anderson, Billy Toney and John Rowley.*

# TRIBUTE

## *Paying Tribute to a Brother Nearly 50 Years after His Death*

By Mike Dudgeon '89

It's amazing the bonds that our brotherhood holds – especially 50 years after graduation. This story is especially touching, as it shows how Kappa Sigmas really do honor and tribute each other in both life and death.

As part of a 50-year reunion, Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma members from the year 1959 got together at the chapter house over Homecoming to honor one of their own, Tommy Smith. Tommy was the GM in 1959 and died in a Naval aviation accident in 1961. Lieutenant Smith received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic action as he stayed at the controls of his crippled jet as he flew over

a densely populated area of Japan. He did not eject so he could prevent loss of civilian lives.

Brothers Armand Breard '59 and Bill Goodhew helped organize the tribute, which included a copy of his citation which was presented to the undergrad chapter. Those present at the ceremony shared stories about Brother Smith, saying he was an “all-American guy”, “smart and athletic”, and “the kind of man you wanted your kids to grow up to be.”

The citation and picture of Brother Smith and his medals are now on permanent display in the chapter hall.



Armand Breard '59 (ME), current GM Craig Atkinson '09 (Economics and International Affairs) and John Noojin '12 (Biology)

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS posthumously to Lieutenant, Junior Grade, Thomas L. Smith Jr., United States Navy for the service as set forth in the following.

*“For heroic conduct in aerial flight as Pilot of a Jet Aircraft in Attack Squadron ONE HUNDRED NINETY*

*FIVE, attached to the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31), during routine flight operations from the Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan on 27 November 1961. Experience a partial power failure while in the process of landing his aircraft, Lieutenant, Junior Grade, Smith elected to remain in his disabled craft long enough to avoid several populated areas, thereby materially reducing his chances for a safe*

*ejection. His selfless and decisive action to protect the lives and property of innocent civilians, resulting in the sacrifice of his own life, reflects the highest credit upon Lieutenant, Junior Grade, Smith and the United States Naval Service.”*

For the President,  
Fred Harth  
Secretary of the Navy

*We are the champions! A member of the 1964 IM football championship team shares the story from its glory days. Read page 3 for the story.*



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