

ON THE WEB

Homecoming

(Last One in the Old House!)
Friday, October 26

House Farewell Party

December 15

Find full details of these events
on page 2.

ALUMNI UPDATE

James Harden '96

(4269 Ivywood Dr., Marietta, GA 30062; james_harden@bellsouth.net) I've been married to Heather since 1999 and we have two children, Samantha (7) and Jackson (3). Samantha's a first grader and Jackson is in pre-school. We live in E. Cobb and I work in Sandy Springs for a small software company.

What's new with you? Share your news and updates online at www.kappasigmagt.org.

IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers:

Robert Dutton '46
Carl Branson '49
Richard Brokenshire '57
Gregory McIntosh '57
John M. Siegel Jr. '90

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THE ALPHA TAUKER

Alpha Tau of
Kappa Sigma

ALUMNI REPORT

Building Our Way to Our New Home

Alumni Campaign Contributions Top \$1.7 Million; Your Support Needed to Achieve \$1.8 Million Goal

By Chris Finke '94; President, The Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation

I am happy to report that the campaign is going very well! New Alpha Taus are coming forward almost daily to support the effort to build a new chapter house. As a result, we have raised more than \$1,716,000 in cash pledges and over \$100,000 of in-kind support through gifts of services. We still need your help! Our goal of \$1.8 million is within our reach, but we will not get there unless new donors continue to step forward.

Your pledge can be paid in several easy methods: by check, credit card, bank draft or stock transfer (monthly, quarterly, or annually, and for up to five years). A pledge of just \$1,000 will gain you recognition on the permanent Donor Wall. That's only \$200 a year if spread over five years. Room naming starts at \$10,000 and a lot of brothers have made that level of commitment or higher.

If you have already pledged to the campaign, THANK YOU! We need your timely payments to pay our commitments. This effort has already consumed thousands of dollars in design fees, and, when construction begins in December, the real expenses start. On-time payments are necessary and accelerated payments are appreciated! We are soon to enter a loan agreement and are counting on your money!

Almost 300 brothers have answered the call to support the campaign. The next donor board will be published at Homecoming, so please add your name to it by filling out the enclosed pledge agreement. With your support, the best fraternity house at Georgia Tech next fall will be the Kappa Sigma house sitting at 182 6th Street!

How We'll Finance Our New House

After a process of vetting several institutions, we are currently engaged in detailed financing discussions with a reputable bank that has

Building for
our Future
Goal:
\$1.8 Million

Year to Date:
\$1.71 Million



financed a number of fraternity and sorority projects on the Georgia Tech campus over the last several years. Although we are still finalizing the loan structure, the major points are as follows:

- Construction loan of approximately \$3.5 million, which will be split post-construction into two loans: one loan will be the "permanent" house financing and will be serviced by rent, the other loan will be serviced by campaign contributions as pledges are collected.
- The "permanent" loan will have a 5-10 year term with an interest-only period followed by a traditional interest/principal amortization based on 20 years.
- Market interest rate for commercial property.

Follow Our Progress

The construction preparation for the new house is going well. The design for the house is complete and we are very pleased with the

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UPCOMING EVENT

Join Us for Homecoming 2012: The Last One in the Old Place!

Come join your brothers and reminisce for one last Homecoming at the old house during the weekend of October 26-27. We have plenty of activities planned, including:

Friday, October 26

6 p.m.: 12th annual "Alpha Tau Reunion" at Gordon Biersch - 848 Peachtree St., midtown. From 6 p.m.-?

Saturday, October 27

8 a.m.: Ramblin' Reck Parade

3 hours before kickoff: Homecoming at the house; food for everyone

TBA: Kickoff vs. BYU

We have assembled a block of tickets for Kappa Sigs, only a few rows up from the "alumni block" of season tickets. Tickets in this block are only \$35 each, plus a small fee. You may purchase as many as you'd like until they're gone. Find a link to the site to buy tickets at www.kappasigmagt.org. Let's have a big crowd to send off the house this year!

Get Your Game Tickets

www.groupticketwindow.com/groupticket/college/gatech/group

Group login: kappa

Group password: sigma

House Farewell Dinner & Auction to Benefit Campaign

Join us on December 15th, 2012, for the Last Party in the old house. Come out to reminisce and maybe take a piece of the old place with you. Live and silent auctions will feature Tech and Alpha Tau memorabilia, including items from The Pit and a few surprises! You want the door to your old room? How about a stop sign table or The Pit bar top? It can be yours. Some items from The Pit will be "saved" for the new Pit and others will be sold outright, all to benefit the campaign.

Tickets are \$60 each or \$100 for a pair.

Dinner sponsorship packages start at \$350. Bring your date or bring a brother who might not otherwise come. For tickets or questions, contact **Michael Pouncey** at 901-409-2416 or mpouncey@hughes.net.

Make your checks out to "**Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation**," and mail them to Michael at 1286 Chatfield Rd, Hughes, AR 72348. You will not receive physical tickets. Please include an email address if possible for acknowledgement of receipt.

Hotel Information

Renaissance Midtown Hotel

West Peachtree St., close to 5th St.

\$119 per night

For reservations, call (678) 412-2400 and ask to be placed with the Kappa Sigma group.

Making Memories in the Old House

Brothers Recall Their Best Times at 182 Sixth Street

"The easy recollection of these memories will no longer be aided by walking through the house. Anyone remember the 'Womb?' The old house provided me the opportunity to meet my beautiful wife of 20+ years and several lifetime friends, but also a lifetime of memories."

- **Vince Mancuso '89**

"All of the memories that come back when I visit there. I remember us enjoying the lobby a lot, for example."

- **Michael Hickman '88**

"We used to say that there was no way to walk by the lobby without stopping, because day or night there was someone there and something going on. Those

were some of the best times I spent in the fraternity house, not going to the parties or any of that epic fraternity stuff, just standing in the lobby talking and sharing a laugh. I wish I could snap my fingers and be back there now."

- **Michael Pouncey '94**

What are your best memories from the old house? Share your memories and thoughts for our new home on the message board at www.kappasigmagt.org.

CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Tau GPA Exceeds All-Men's Average, Chapter Contributes More than \$8,000 and 2,700 Hours to Charity

The Alpha Tau chapter has had an incredibly successful year and looks forward to another with a new house to be under construction soon. The new house promises to be a welcomed revitalization for the chapter.

Alpha Tau has seen increases in GPA for consecutive semesters and is now firmly set above the all-men's average with a 3.05. Brothers have been recognized by both the institute and by the fraternity for their great performance.

In the field of service, Alpha Tau reported 2,700 hours of community service and raised

more than \$8,000 for charity. Brothers participated in numerous service opportunities such as campus-wide events Team Buzz and Tech Beautification Day. We also organized and participated in service events with sororities including Relay for Life with Alpha Chi Omega and Carve Out Cancer with Phi Mu. Our chapter has heavily supported Hands On Atlanta as brothers delivered food to those in need, and the fight against childhood cancer through the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Alpha Tau is expanding its presence with many brothers having roles in organizations

all across campus. We have members actively involved with the Inter Fraternity Council, Student Government Association, various organizations directed towards helping incoming freshman, Freshman Leadership Organizations and sports teams.

Alpha-Tau is thriving thanks to efforts by active brothers and alumni alike. The future is very promising for all those involved. The past year has been one of great success and, at the current rate, the chapter has both a new house and likely a FACE award in the future.

REMEMBER WHEN?

UK Cheerleader Helps Boost Brother's Reputation at Kappa Sig

Throughout the years and generations of Kappa Sigmas at Georgia Tech, brothers have made and shared countless memories. Thank you to **William F. Williams '57** for answering our call and sharing his.

He writes: "That year Kentucky played Tech (still in the SEC then) at Atlanta. After the game several of us were sitting around on the porch of the house when a couple of cars pulled up and disgorged the UK cheerleading

team. One of them was Marcy Burman, who graduated from Frankfort High School two years after I did. I recognized her and stood up, but she didn't recognize me (and didn't know I had transferred) until she was halfway

up the walk. When she did, she yelled my name, ran the rest of the way, and threw herself into my arms! That went a long way toward boosting my reputation at Alpha Tau."

What are your best Alpha Tau memories? Share them on the message board at www.kappasigmagt.org.

HOUSE UPDATE

Current Details on Construction... (continued from page 1)

construction documents for the project. The drawings are available for review online at



gtp-eng.com, user name AlphaTau, password 182\$ixth. The job has been put out to bid to five highly qualified contractors with bids expected back by October 17, at which time we will select the contractor. We are currently in permitting with the city and plan to be ready for demolition of the old house shortly after the final party on December 15 with construction complete the following August.

Moving Forward in Our New Home

This new chapter house represents the culmination of a substantial investment of time and money by Alpha Tau alumni and undergraduates. The house corporation will work to ensure that the house and property are well-maintained as we move forward. In that effort, we are working to draft an updated lease agreement for the chapter and plan to develop a schedule to monitor the level of "housekeeping."

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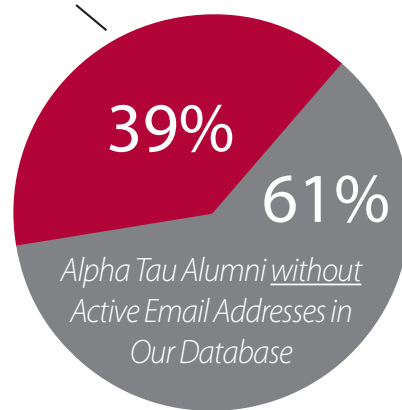
Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for 61% of Our Brothers

You may be missing out on important Alpha Tau communications! Each month, The Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation sends an eLetter with the latest news, information and event details to all alumni on our distribution list. Ensure you're receiving your copy of these emails by verifying your email address today!

We currently have active email addresses for just 39% of our living alumni. If your email address is one of the 61% we're missing, please update it online at www.kappasigmagt.org or by emailing our alumni relations office with your full name, grad year and "Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech" to feedback@affinityconnection.com.

The more email addresses we have, the more money we can save on paper and postage to keep you in the loop throughout the year. Thanks for helping us to stay connected with you more frequently and cost effectively!

Alpha Tau Alumni *with* Active Email Addresses in Our Database



Total living alumni: 1,129

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Back to Where It All Began



This photo shows the building of the current Alpha Tau house. The sign in the photo reads "Future Home of Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech." Thank you to **Henry Plummer '53** for submitting this and other photos from the first days of our current house.

It all comes to an end in December 2012 when the house will be demolished to make way for our brand new home. This issue of *Alpha Tauker* is dedicated to our current house, which served as home to hundreds of brothers over the last 60 years, and to our new home that will serve as the foundation where memories are made for generations to come.

Share your own photos, memories and stories of the old house with us to help us preserve this piece of our history. Find more details inside this newsletter.

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 - Campaign Donations Near \$1.8 Million Goal
 - How You Can Party at the House One Last Time (Actually, Two!)
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