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2013 Homecoming
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IN MEMORIAM

We recently learned of the passing of the following Alpha Tau Brothers:

Paul Matte Jr. '42
Daren Brown '48
Robert Wells Jr. '49
Paul Eddy '57
Christopher Barry '70

Our thoughts go out to their family, friends and all who knew them.

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CHAIR REPORT

The Final Farewell ... And A New Start

By Michael Pouncey '94, Capital Campaign Chair

I think we have sufficiently recovered from the "House Farewell Party." Enough so that we can now tell the tale of it: We had over 170 brothers and their guests in attendance. It was GREAT to see the place packed for a party one last time. I think everyone had a good time - and we raised approximately \$20,000 more for the campaign.

This year has been full of milestones for our fraternity. On top of the party, we closed on the construction loan for the new house, and complete demolition of the existing house began on December 31. Congratulations to **Geoff Gill '64** who won the right to take the first swing at the house with the track hoe.

I didn't get a chance to thank the Farewell Party committee for all of their hard work: Thanks to brother **Warren Fondu '98** for handling the food and bar. What a great job he did! Thanks to brothers **Adam Goldstein '01** and **John Vasileff '96** for their work on



Michael Lutz '68, Steve Millspaugh '71 and Jeff Metcalf '71 came to Alpha Tau for the final farewell party.

the auction and web site. Thanks to former Sweetheart Allison Hickman for handling the decorations and finding loaner tables for us - she bought the liquor, too! That's the committee, but others deserve a word, too: Brother **Drew Philippo '92**, the construction chairman,

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CONSTRUCTION

A New Era Begins ... Again

Building and site demolition activities at 182 6th Street are complete! Contractors have been working on excavation, utilities, grading, and, of course, the Alpha Tau foundation. The storm drainage piping has already been connected to the public system in the right of way and the

on-site piping is also finished.

We will continue to keep you posted as we reach our construction milestones. As always, we'd like to thank all of our brothers who have made this project possible. We couldn't do this without your support!

A New Beginning, Then and Now



UPCOMING EVENT

Even Without a House, Alpha Tau Has Strong Spring Semester

Alpha Tau brothers are accommodating to a bit of change this spring. After the December demolition of the Kappa Sigma house, brothers are holding chapter in Howey L5, and many brothers have elected to live in off-campus areas like Home Park. Even without a house, actives have remained close by attending get-togethers at brothers' houses and participating in intramurals. With the site busy with construction, the active brothers are already looking forward to the completion of the new AT chapter house.

Alpha Tau has recruited five pledges for the spring semester, who will join 67 active brothers. The social calendar is ramping up, with a date night and mixer with Georgia State's AOPi sorority coming up.

Academically, brothers achieved an overall GPA of 3.09 (which is above the all-fraternity average of 3.05). The fall 2012 pledge class GPA came in at 3.06.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate the new leaders of Alpha Tau. These men have been working hard to ensure that the fraternity

fares well even in the absence of a chapter house. Our new chapter officers include:

GM - Berkeley Brown
GP - Kyle Kennedy
GMC - Clay Cross
GS - Bob Barnhart
GT - Jameel Merali
HM - Bryan Sills
T.M - Henry Hebebrand
PE - Gerson Castillo
SC - Josh Mckelvey

ALUMNI UPDATES

William G. Bruner '50

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My most memorable time was when I was a Kappa Sigma pledge and for some reason did not spend much time at the fraternity house. One of the brothers was Bill Little who took me under his wing and explained to me the importance of not only visiting the house but participating in activities. I followed his advice. Bill Little passed away a few years after graduation. I miss him and my memories of Kappa Sigma always include Bill's being a mentor to me.

Dick Waterfield '66

(7221 Engle Rd Ste 250 Fort Wayne, IN 46804-2237; dickw@waterfieldcapital.com) After graduating from Denison in 1966, I went to Northwestern University for my MBA in 1968. After a stint in the Army Reserves, I joined my father in the mortgage banking business. In 2006, I retired after arranging the sale of my mortgage and banking businesses. I currently divide my time between investment management, civic activities and traveling, often to see one or more of my 7 grandchildren spread far and wide. My wife, Marni, and I love to spend time traveling worldwide, attending theatre, jogging, golfing, sailing, and snow skiing. We are both former members of the Young Presidents Organization and remain active with related "older" groups.

Rick Porter '75

(2737 Davis Oaks Pl Decatur, GA 30033-1747; rick@richport.com) After 30 years developing property around the Atlanta area, I got re-involved at Tech in 2006 as an

adjunct professor in the master's program at the School of Building Construction teaching land development, so I get to check out 182 6th on a regular basis. I'm proud to say that I've now got two sons at Georgia Tech, a junior and a freshman, but unfortunately I can't say they picked the old man's fraternity. One's a Kappa Alpha and the other a Sig Ep. Fraternity initiation is a little different these days, huh?

Roy Malone '80

(11019 Everest Cir Huntsville, AL 35803; roy.w.malone@msfc.nasa.gov) I have recently been assigned as the Director of the NASA Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. I am a member of the NASA Senior Executive Service and live in Huntsville, Ala. I actually work at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville and manage the New Orleans facility from Huntsville. The new job requires me to travel to New Orleans about 50 percent of my time. My son, Will, is an engineering student at Auburn and my daughter, Madison, is a pre-med student at Emory University. My wife, June, works at NASA as a public affairs officer. I retired from the Navy Reserve as a Commander in 2000.

Brett D. Guenther '92

(307 Tattenhall Dr. Cary, NC 27518-2418; brett.guenther@gmail.com) I am moving! My wife, Christy, who works for Progress (now Duke) Energy was offered a promotion, provided she would relocate to Charlotte, N.C. She accepted and I have left my job and will be handling the details of the move and studying for the patent bar over the next few months. I hope to

pass the USPTO bar and land a position as a patent agent in Charlotte sometime in 2013. I am also hoping that the move means season GT football tickets next fall.

Steven C. Paull '96

(4865 Galway Dr Dublin, OH 43017-8509; steven.c.paull@gmail.com) I am a Partner and Vice President of Consulting Services for Navigator Management Partners in Columbus, where I have worked since 2002. I received an MBA from Ohio State in 2003. In 2012, I was named to the Columbus Business First "Forty Under 40" list. I live in Dublin, Ohio with my wife Melissa and daughters Madeline, 9, and Katherine, 6.

Dan McFall '01

(182 Sixth St NW Atlanta, GA 30313-2542; dan.mcfall@gmail.com) Stefanie and I are still doing very well. Stefanie weathered the down turn in construction brilliantly with a combination of contract work and started her own photography business. She was just brought on full-time with YSM Design and is one stinking test away from becoming a fully registered architect. We are spending Thanksgiving in Thailand this year. I left my position with ORTEC after eight years to try my hand as the VP of Sales for a software startup in Atlanta.

What's New With You?

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ALUMNI Q&A

Doing More Than Your Share

Bob Soderholm '59 Shares How He Learned the Importance of Loyalty and Friendship at Kappa Sig

Thanks to **Bob V. Soderholm '59** for participating in this semester's Q&A.

Why did you join Kappa Sig over other fraternities?

My brother was a Kappa Sig and I liked everyone I met during rush.

How did Kappa Sig help make you into the man you are today?

Kappa Sig helped me learn values such as loyalty and friendship and their importance.

What is your most memorable moment from your undergraduate days?

Helping to initiate the entire new chapter at

Georgia State (GMC).

Tell us about a brother who was a role model to you.

Tommy Smith '60, my roommate.

What's the best advice you've ever received, and from whom?

Always do more than your share, from my father.

Tell us how you're enjoying the Kappa Sig in your alumni years.

I have been maintaining contact with brothers and helping as much as I can with funds.

As we commemorate our current house, which was demolished in December 2012, share a story you'll always remember from your time living there.

The story of the rocks, the first one, which was found all over the campus, finally disappeared while I was at Tech. Shortly after the bigger rock was put in place, it disappeared in a hole dug one night by one of our neighbors. Finally a two ton rock was provided from the project at Stone Mountain and set in concrete around the second stone. All this happened while I was at Tech.

Reconnect with Bob at rsoderholm@centurytel.net.

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for help getting the house ready (along with the undergrads); former Sweetheart Stephanie Philippo for helping clean up and pack up on



Goodbye to the Pit ... hope to see you on the other side.

Sunday; Brother **Mike Orndorff '98** for serving as treasurer; Brother **Marshall Hunter '92** for serving as auctioneer; Brother **Chris Finke '94**, our House Corp. President... I could go on, but I'll stop there before I lose y'all.

We'll do this again at the Grand Opening. So please watch your inboxes and mailboxes

for news on that party.

One last word on the campaign...that continues! After all this time, still only about one third of our membership has given to the campaign. We are in the process of building the best fraternity house at Tech. When you walk in next fall, you'll be proud to have been a part of the effort. If you haven't made



Lisa and Scottie Mayfield '73, along with other alumni, gather to say goodbye to the Alpha Tau chapter house.



Some of the items available at the farewell party's silent auction.

your pledge yet, we still need your help! Let's lessen the load on our undergraduates and pay for as much of this place as we can as alumni.

Thank you in advance for your loyalty, support, and friendship.

Go to www.kappasigmagt.org to download your pledge form.

Alpha Tau will host a Grand Opening event in the future. We will post details about the party at www.kappasigmagt.org as we near the completion of the house

ALUMNI Q&A

Brother Hickman '88 Reflects on Smart-Funny Guys

Thanks to **Michael S. Hickman '88** for participating in this semester's alumni Q&A.

Why did you join Kappa Sig over other fraternities?

Several good friends also received bids from Kappa Sigma and I also liked the fact that the brothers were just regular guys.

How did Kappa Sig help make you into the man you are today?

I think it helped me expand my view of the world beyond my small town upbringing. I also learned valuable social skills and

leadership as well.

What is your most memorable moment from your undergraduate days?

Giving a lavalier to my girlfriend and now wife, Allison, who was a sweetheart of AT of KS.

Tell us about a brother who was a role model to you.

There were several, including my big brothers, **Jack Chilcutt '85, James Santa Maria '87** and **Cecil Barber '87**.

Tell us how you're enjoying the Kappa Sig

experience in your alumni years.

I just enjoy the humor that my Brothers always have exhibited. There's nothing like smart-guy funny.

How do the values you learned at Kappa Sig make an impact in your life today?

I've probably learned to take a wider and longer view of issues. I learned that from some of our heated debates during chapter meetings.

Reconnect with Michael at MH@MichaelSHickman.com.

DEMOLITION DAYS

Back to Where It All Began

View more pictures of the demolition of the Alpha Tau house
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