

UPCOMING EVENTS

Softball Classic
May 7

UGA vs. Tech Baseball
May 17
Turner Field

Skeet Shooting
Late June 2016

Golf Outing
Mid-July 2016

ON THE WEB

Are You Receiving Our Monthly eLetter?

It's chock full of the latest House Corp. news, event details, and profiles on influential alumni and undergraduate brothers.

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IN YOUR WORDS

How Did Kappa Sigma Make You the Man You Are Today?

We all gained invaluable lifelong benefits from Kappa Sigma. Did you learn about leadership at Kappa Sigma? Do the fraternity's core values play a role in your life today? Did you make a romantic or career connection thanks to Kappa Sigma?

Let us know how Kappa Sigma helped make you the man you are today. Share at www.kappasigmagt.org.



THE ALPHA TAUKER

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March 2016

Alpha Tau of
Kappa Sigma

JUST FOR FUN

RIP TO THE EC LOT

Georgia Tech Finally Wises Up to Free Parking Between Kappa Sig and ZBT



As you may know, Ma Tech has decided to end Kappa Sig's tradition of double and triple parking on the sliver of gravel next to 182 Sixth Street. They began the work recently to convert the EC Lot into sixteen paved parking spaces, permit required. On a bad day, Kappa Sig and ZBT might have doubled that number of cars.

For something that's nothing more than a pit of small rocks, the EC Lot has been the site of countless memories over the decades. We know there are some good stories out there (band party musician stealing a brother's car, how the lot served as a pit to roast Homecoming pigs, etc.). In honor (or, should we say, in memory) of the EC Lot, we asked alumni to share their best stories of how you maximized your access to free parking at Tech, and any memorable or funny stories that ensued.

Thanks to **Doug Jory '84** for sharing his. He writes, "Sad to hear that Ma Tech is taking our lot. When I was in school I got a parking ticket for parking an unregistered vehicle in our lot. I went to the kangaroo appeals court to contest the ticket, and had to call in the

GT policeman who gave me the ticket because they didn't believe me when I told them I was ticketed in our lot. Since the officer was not at the initial hearing we had to reconvene a week or so later, at which point he confirmed that he ticketed me in our lot. I was able to convince the jurors hearing my appeal that this was private property and got the ticket thrown out. However, Ma Tech always gets her pound of flesh. Years later as an alum and parent I returned to the Tech campus to watch my daughters compete in the Gwinnett County countywide swim meet. I parked on the street in front of the Aquatics Center and received a ticket for parking an unregistered vehicle on campus. As an alum I laughed, tore up the ticket and ignored it. Ten years later when my oldest daughter enrolled at Tech and registered her hand-me-down 13-year-old car, she was told that she would first have to clear up the outstanding ticket. No appeals this go round. 'Cash on the barrel head'."

Do you have stories to share of the EC lot? Post your eulogy at www.kappasigmagt.org.

CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Tau Gives Back in a Big Way

Brothers Contribute 3,700 Hours and Raise \$10,773 for Campus and Local Charities

Alpha Tau continues to give back in a big way, participating in numerous philanthropy events on campus and in the community. So far this year brothers have been involved with Kappa Sigma Games, the Sam Birchfield Benefit Concert, the Alpha Xi 5K, and weekly events with Atlanta Mission, including a 5K Race to End Homelessness. So far this year, Alpha Tau brothers have contributed 3,700 hours and raised \$10,773 to our philanthropy efforts. Looking ahead to the remainder of 2016, brothers hope to drive more weekly participation, and grow Kappa Sigma Games to be even bigger.

Recruitment-wise, Alpha Tau has a larger-than-typical spring pledge class this year, not to mention one of the largest pledge classes on campus, with nine new members. The chapter held bonfires and lunches as part of their recruitment efforts, and boast one



Alpha Tau brothers participated in the Atlanta Mission 5K Race to End Homelessness in February.

of the highest rush attendances on campus. Looking ahead to fall, brothers have a goal to recruit a 25-man pledge class and are developing an extensive summer rush and bid process.

Brothers are working hard to strengthen relations with alumni, and enjoyed mingling with older graduates at numerous events this past fall—especially the chapter's 125th anniversary.

"As an undergraduate, I've always enjoyed hearing about crazy stories from the old house and some of the things that alumni were most proud of," said Chapter President Jared Metzger. "It's awesome to see a group of alumni come by and crack a few beers then hang out on the front porch on the weekends."

There are plenty of opportunities to come back to Alpha Tau this spring and summer, with our annual Softball Classic, the UGA v. Tech game at Turner Field, a Skeet Shooting event, and a summer golf outing. Find the calendar on page 1, and stay tuned to www.kappasigmagt.org for details.

UNDERGRADUATE Q&A

Focusing on Fellowship

2016 Chapter President Jared Metzger Sets Sights on Achieving Kappa Sig's Pillars

Chapter President **Jared Metzger** has one main goal for his 2016 term: bringing brothers closer together.

He says, "Our chapter has done a fantastic job over the past year reaching out to other organizations for philanthropy events, social events, etc. but we have slightly overlooked one of the pillars of Kappa Sigma: Fellowship."

Why did you choose to run for chapter president?

I ran for multiple reasons, but the main reason is to give back. This place has given me everything that I have. I would not have my co-op if it were not for a brother. I would not have the relationships I have, both inside and outside the chapter, if it were not for my brothers. That is why I want to give back to this place.

I know that we have been on the rise ever since we received this incredible new house from our alumni and we are only moving up. I want to do everything I can to help make sure that we continue on our current track to excellence.

In your opinion, how does Kappa Sig stand apart from other fraternities on campus?

This is something that I have actually talked to rushees about when they come by our house. This is a feeling I got as a pledge that I felt my other friends pledging other fraternities did not get. A brother can walk into this house, go into any room, and have a meaningful conversation with the person in that room. That is incredible to me. I never imagined



Jared Metzger

that I would have the support to be able to do that anywhere. Our brothers are always looking out for each other even in the toughest of times.

Why are you proud to be a member of Alpha Tau?

This chapter has done more for me that I could have ever asked it to and it is still helping me through it all. I am proud of my brothers and the accomplishments we have made over my time. From raising thousands of dollars for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in our annual philanthropy event Kappa Sigma Games: Kick the Stigma to the smaller things like serving food to the homeless every week at Atlanta Mission. We are doing great things here and we are going to continue moving up.

Please provide some personal background on yourself.

I was born and raised Georgia. I was born in Atlanta and lived in Suwanee for the majority of my childhood. My major when I first arrived at Georgia Tech was Chemical Engineering; however, after taking the intro class, I realized that may not be what I want to do for the rest of my life. I switched that first summer to Mechanical Engineering and have not looked back.

I am currently in between rotations for my co-op with Mingleddorff's, a HVAC distributor that works with Carrier in the Southeast. I worked in the commercial sales support department. I greatly enjoyed my first rotation there and am excited to go back this summer.

Contact Jared at: jrdmetzger@gmail.com.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

2015-16 Annual Fund By the Numbers

\$500 (x 3)

Largest Gift

\$25

Smallest Gift

\$160

Average Gift

1950

Graduation Year of
Oldest Donor

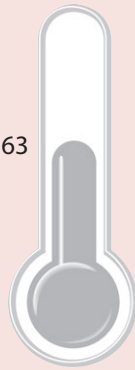
1997

Graduation Year of
Youngest Donor

1969

Graduating Class
with the Most
Donors (5)

Goal: 121



Donors to Date: 63

ALUMNI UPDATES

Michael Hickman '88 attended the Keller Williams Realty International “Family Reunion” in New Orleans in mid-February. During the intensive 3-day training and networking event, Michael won a Silver Medal from Keller Williams. In addition, his office won Southeast Region awards for total profit and profit sharing to its 180+ associates in 2015.

The Vision Speech by Gary Keller was touted nationwide for its clarity and analysis of national housing, income and financing data. The data shows that the United States housing market is due for another shift in the near future.

Brett Guenther (EE '92) and his wife Christy (Mgmt '92) have moved back to Atlanta. Brett has taken a position as a patent agent with the intellectual property law firm Meunier, Carlin, and Curfman located in Midtown Atlanta close to Georgia Tech. Brett is looking forward to reconnecting with brothers living in Atlanta.

What's new with you? Share your updates, memories, photos, and more at www.kappasigmagt.org.

Alpha Tauker

121 Brothers for 121 Years

As we wind down from our milestone 120th anniversary, there's no better time than to renew your participation with Kappa Sigma and our next 120 years—specifically with your financial support. Our annual fund serves as our operating budget each year—keeping you connected with a strong network of brothers,

informed of the latest news and events, and an active part of our longstanding legacy.

This year, it's our goal to have 121 brothers support our annual fund in honor of our 121 years on campus. Any donation, large or small, will make an impact, as we expand our base of participants this year.

2015-16 HONOR ROLL

Thank You, Donors

Founders' Circle (\$500-\$999.99)

William Schwanebeck	1959
John William Goodhew III	1961
Michael J. Lutz	1968

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

Robert F. Baker	1957
Wilford C. Lyon Jr.	1958
Joe Rogers	1958
Kenneth Harrison Brown	1963
Geoffrey C. Gill	1964
Michael L. Smith	1965
Richard B. Blessey	1966
L. Lane Jackins	1966
James L. Chrivia	1970
Steve N Millsbaugh	1971
Mark Sheridan	1978
Gary L. Harrell	1984

The 1869 Club (\$186.90)

George W. Haynes	1950
J. Garner Moore III	1956
Drew - Hearn Jr.	1957
Jack D. Liles	1960
Michael E. Pacholek	1961
William M. Gibson	1962
Wayne T. Sikes	1963
George Scott McCoy Jr.	1965
Edward W. Godfrey	1968
John H. Rowley	1968
Gordon M. Ryland Jr.	1969
Thomas C. Walker	1969
Marc E. Roach	1970
Michael W. Alexander	1980
Charles A. McPhail	1996

182 Sixth Street Society (\$182)

William C. Cheek Jr.	1955
Wiley R. McCoy Jr.	1961
Warren O. Wheeler	1963
Charles Brad Smith	1982
Keith R. Rothwell	1996

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

Thompson G. Daniel Jr.	1956
Robert Denmark	1956
David W. Jeffrey	1957
Ben Chilcutt	1961
James C. Tillman Jr.	1963
Richard L. Mitchell Jr.	1964
Aubrey P. Watson	1965
Lester (Mac) McTier Anderson	1967
Terry A. Graham	1969
William J. Nichols	1969
Todd W. Ettlenger	1970
Michael A. Lynch	1970
Jesse L. Morrison Jr.	1971
Gregory T. Davis	1973
Michael S. Hug	1980
Charles H. Spiggle	1992
Christopher J. Finke	1994
Keith Alan White Jr.	1997

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

Fred E. Rogers Jr.	1953
Robert C. Schroeder	1955
Robert S. Parks	1957
William H. Hocutt	1964
Anthony R. Pitts	1966
Hugh B Anderson Jr.	1968
Donald E. Wilkinson	1969
Alan W. Lunsford	1973
Matthew P. Cahill	1986

Others (Up to \$49.99)

Robert C. Stanek	1990
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Reflects gifts received as of March 4, 2016.

Add Your Name to the Honor Roll

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2. Call 800-975-6699.
3. Mail a check payable to “Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma” to the return address on this newsletter.



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Ma Tech Finally Wises Up to Kappa
Sig's Decades of Free Parking



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FROM THE ARCHIVES



Who Can Caption This Photo?

We came across this gem in our archives, and are looking to get some background on this picture. Who are these brothers? What/why are they singing? And how did they grow such sweet 'staches?

If you can help us ID these brothers, and share the story behind the picture, send an email to alumninews@affinityconnection.com or post at www.kappasigmagt.org. Please also share the best pictures in your own personal archives for us to store in our online albums (and potentially embarrass even more brothers in the future).

ABOUT OUR BROTHERHOOD

What Did Kappa Sig Teach You About Leadership?



Apparently, quite a bit. According to our database, more than 100 of our living alumni are serving or have served as CEO, president, or high-level executives at their firms.

On leadership and the Kappa Sig connection, **Robert Soderholm '59** says that the fraternity taught him "the importance of sharing leadership tasks with those around me."

Alpha Tau Leaders

Just a few of the alumni brothers listed as current or former CEOs/ Presidents in our database:

Thompson G. Daniel Jr. '56
President, Southern Home Mgmt., Inc.

Gary W. Heapy '86
President, The Flooring Authority

Marvin E. Ewing '60
President/Owner, National Elevator Corp.

Michael B. Orndorff '98
CEO, Sentrinsic

John P. Frampton '75
President, Sea Breeze Travel, Inc.

Find a full list of all alumni presidents and CEOs, and make any necessary updates, at www.kappasigmagt.org.