

THE ALPHA TAUKER

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Chapter Coping Well with Changes, Challenges

By Pete Gulbranson '00, Grand Master

Hello again, from the corner of Sixth and Fowler. We hope you and all of your families are doing as well as the chapter has been for the last few months. A lot has happened since you read *The Alpha Tauker* last summer. Alpha Tau sent five brothers to Grand Conclave in Phoenix in August. They had a great time, and returned to the chapter with some awards as well. Among the more notable were awards for the Outstanding Brotherhood Development Program and Best Alumni Newsletter. See Page 2 for a complete listing.

Thanks to all the alumni who came to the Alpha Tau softball game in July, and again, I apologize to both teams I played on. Now you

know why the Brothers won't let me anywhere near our intramural softball games. The good news is that we have found a new location for the Second Annual Kappa Sigma Softball Tournament. The details are still being worked out, but we're planning on getting chapters from around the Southeast to come to Atlanta on a weekend in April for the tournament. We'll get further details to you when we have them.

Adjusting to semesters has been difficult for us, both as students and as a chapter. As this article is being written, we are in the 11th week of school, and although it feels as if we should be done by now, we still have over a month left. The chapter bylaws have been converted for semesters, but

you would be amazed at the number of additional changes we have had to make. We've managed to improvise pretty well, and things are running smoothly.

We started the semester with a good rush week. Although we didn't get the numbers we were hoping for, we ended up with 16 excellent pledges. They've formed a tight pledge class with a lot of heart, and we believe they will make fantastic brothers in the coming months.

Despite the rude awakening caused by the switch to semesters, we've managed to have some pretty good times. (I'm sure you'd expect nothing less!) A sizable contingent of undergrads and alumni attended Brother Jimmy Buffet's concert when he came

Chow with the Chapter

Tuesday, February 29 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Alpha Tau alumni are invited to have dinner with the chapter on Tuesday, February 29, at 5:30 p.m. It will be a great time to meet some of the terrific guys we have and to get an update on the chapter and the chapter house. If you're interested in attending, please contact **Robb Stanek '90** at 770-745-5752 or at rstanek.ae90@gtalumni.org.

through town during the summer. We had loaded the house speakers, couches, the grill and a generator into the back of a U-Haul trailer, and spent the day tailgating before the show. Last weekend, the annual Halloween Party was held at the house, and soon, it will be time to

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Pledge Class of Circa 1974 Reunites at Homecoming!

Historic re-enactment of the Winter 1975 pledge class photo shoot at the steam engine on the Hill



Back Row: Jimmy "J.T." Dallam, Mark "Joisey" Sheridan, Roger "T-Neck" Tarras, Elwin "Sarge" Rozyskie. **Front Row:** Steve "Ace" Bolton, Greg "Lurch" McCarter, three current AT pledges (with bags on heads) standing in for the three missing brothers, Harry "Woz" Nobel, Robert "Bad Bob" Leonard. **Missing:** Scott "Animal" Bradley*, Doug "Wild Man" Welsh, Frank (Where are you?) Richter (*Made it to Homecoming, but missed the picture). See Roger Tarras's article on Page 3 for more reunion details.

From the House Corporation

If you were to compare the creeds of most fraternities and sororities, you would see that they hold two things in common: service to others and a commitment to the greater good. At a time when Greek-letter organizations face increased scrutiny by their campuses and surrounding communities, we are relying on our actions to define our relevance in and value to our communities. Through the actions of our undergraduate as well as our alumni brothers, we must respond in a positive fashion to the many serious issues raised by those who question our relevance here as we enter the 21st century.

Within this climate of change, the facts continue to support the value of fraternity affiliation. A recently released study conducted by the University of Missouri, using a sample of 2,200 college graduates nationwide, confirmed that Greek-affiliated students were more likely than non-Greeks to participate in campus activities, to be more satisfied with their social development and, as graduates, to be more supportive of charitable and non-profit organizations. In short, fraternity membership builds character and citizenship.

From my own interaction with our current undergraduates, I can confirm that this is true. However, we alumni should do all that we can to continue to promote positive and worthwhile programming for our chapter, working with the many new restrictions placed on Greek life. I believe in the traditions and ideals of Kappa Sigma and our ability as a fraternity to promote them.

If you value the experiences and friendships that started at Kappa Sigma, I encourage you to do your part during the 1999-2000 academic year to see that current and future generations will have the same opportunities. Your support, participation and ideas are always welcome and needed if we are to remain strong. We especially extend

exchange gifts and watch the Grinch at the Christmas Party. Of course, we are looking forward to the annual Black and White Formal next semester.

We hope those of you who live in the Atlanta area have had a chance to catch a Tech home football game this season. Feel free to drop by the house any time you're in the neighborhood. We love swapping war stories with alumni, especially those of you we haven't seen in awhile.

We hope you can make it to our Alumni Dinner on Tuesday, February 29 (see Page 1 for details). And if you know any young men who might be Kappa Sig material, let new Rush Chairman Dan Delman '03 know at 404-892-6210.

We hope all of you and your families enjoyed the holidays and have a fine and prosperous year 2000. Again, we thank you for the help and support you give to Alpha Tau.

Hats Off — to US!

Alpha Tau Earns Kudos at Conclave 1999

Thanks to alumni support and undergraduate cooperation, *The Alpha Tauker* was named Kappa Sigma's #1 newsletter at the 1999 Grand Conclave.

In addition to the award for our newsletter, we also won second place for our black and white rush brochure, a Brotherhood Development Award, second place for our chapter T-shirt, a Grand Scribe Efficiency Award, and Honorable Mention for the Grand Award for Total Communications, which includes newsletter, radio/television coverage, Web site, etc.

So keep those photos and news items coming — and thank you Geoff Gill '64, our house corporation president and newsletter editor, for a job well done!

our sincere thanks to the many alumni who have contributed to our annual giving program during the past academic year. A listing of contributors for the 1998-99 year is enclosed.

As fraternity membership standards continue to change, Kappa Sigma has proven itself both responsive and resilient. I'm convinced that our organization is worthy of your support this year. I hope you agree.

Fraternally,
Geoff Gill '64, President
Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation

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Just three more Parrotheads: Pete Gulbranson '00, left, Dan Martin '00, center, and Tommy Qualters '00 warm up for the Jimmy Buffet concert on top of the U-Haul rented for the occasion.

Fall 1974 Pledge Class Holds Reunion at Homecoming

By Roger Tarras '78

The Alpha Tau fall pledge class of 1974 got together for a wild reunion weekend at the recent Homecoming. Some of us had just celebrated the 20th anniversaries of our 1978 graduations the prior year, but several of the guys who were co-op students or otherwise on a "5-year plan" of their own had their 20th reunion coming up in October. Many of us had been in touch off-and-on over the years, but much of the effort in getting everybody together was spurred by Scott Bradley '80 in *The Alpha Tauker* earlier in the year, suggesting that he'd really like to see his pledge class get together. We quickly mobilized and got in touch, mostly by e-mail (except for Bradley, who's STILL not online) and thanks to countless phone calls by Greg McCarter '78. Tim "Gibby" Gilbert '78 — who was a Kappa Sig transfer from University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, and who graduated with us in 1978 — never left the Atlanta area and was kind enough to host a Friday night Homecoming party at his place in Lithonia. It was great seeing everybody — especially for those of us who hadn't seen each other in 20 years. It seemed "just like yesterday" since our great times at Alpha Tau, despite having come — with and without significant others — from all over the map, including Arizona, California, Illinois, North Carolina, New York, Ohio and Texas.

We got together Saturday at the chapter house and

then went over to the steam engine on The Hill to reenact our winter 1975 "Help Week" pledge class photo. The one shown on Page 1 is compliments of Harry "Woz" Nobel '79 and much more suitable for publishing than the original (Jim Dallam's ['78] showing off his 25-year-old attire). We then went to the game and had a blast, sitting together as a group. Roger Tarras, who went solo (as we seem to remember him doing a lot in the '70s), brought the biggest flask, but all were quickly drained when shared with those whose aging memories prevented them from adequately preparing for the game. Gibby was ready to walk out early when Carolina got the ball back and was approaching the Tech goal line again with time running out. But calmer heads prevailed and we all witnessed an outcome that was likely surpassed only by the recent win over Georgia. (Unfortunately, the Tech victory broke poor Mrs. Bradley's little heart.)

Saturday night, we all went out together for dinner and several of us ended up drinking beer and shooting pool (imagine that) into the wee hours. We pretty much went our own ways on Sunday, with some of the planned activities stifled by the weather. We were, however, able to squeeze in a V-run or two and a few more games of 8-ball and cutthroat at Sixth and Fowler. Our ambitious weekend golf plans fizzled and drizzled, with Gilbert and Tarras playing one

round in the sun together on Friday and another in the rain on Sunday, but we're looking forward to the next Alpha Tau golf outing. Mark Sheridan '78 and Bob Leonard '78 dragged their clubs all the way from California and Arizona, respectively, but refused to play in less than the ideal conditions that they're usually spoiled with (sissies).

The weekend was a great success and we all agreed that we should try to get together more often. In addition to Gibby, we had a lot of fun seeing pledge brother John Weissinger (Spring '75), little brothers Del Champion '83 and Don Kinser '82, big brother Mark Idol '78 and sweetheart Nancy Ball (now Kinser). We even saw our former Alumnus Adviser from way-back-when, Glenn Hewitt '74. It was great seeing everybody and I'm sure we're leaving a lot of people's names out, but we would encourage all you Alpha Taus out there to get back to Tech whenever you can, regardless of whether it's a "reunion" year or not. The "new" house is awesome and it's great to see Kappa Sig continuing to thrive on campus.

The bonds we built at Alpha Tau are incredible and although we're all getting older, there was something else evident Homecoming weekend (right, Bolton?): **"We (still) party!"**

P.S. Elwin Rozyskie '75 was there too, but couldn't tell us where he'd been or where he was going — otherwise, he'd have to kill us!

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Thank you for your support!

As we begin a new operating year for our annual contribution program, we want to thank the alumni listed below who supported us during 1998-99. Your support enables us to maintain our alumni programs, including the publication of our newsletter.

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Alumni News

While traveling in France and Germany this past summer, **John B. Kackley '37** (13913 Croton Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32224) visited the Georgia Tech Lorraine Campus in Metz. He is a member of the Georgia Tech Engineering Hall of Fame.

You can write to **Thomas J. Quinn '48** at a new address: NHC E. Butler Rd., Mauldin, SC 29662. He has fond memories of the fraternity. It was at the old Kappa Sigma house that he met the "love of his life" in 1946.

After 26 years with his own business in Charlotte, N.C., **Lewis S. Nathanson '56** (788 Post Oak Dr., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464; ameagle@aol.com) sold the company and moved with his wife to the Charleston, S.C., area. He has begun a new career as an insurance broker with Am. Eagle Insurance Agency. When he wrote in July, Lewis was expecting the arrival of his fifth grandchild.

Earlier this year, **Elbert L. Bailes III '57** (P.O. Box 915, Walhalla, SC 29691) traveled to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador with his wife and two grandsons, Austin and Walt. They all had a great time.

Paul E. O'Donnell Jr. '59 (P.O. Box 753, Chilmark, MA 02535) retired in July 1999 as an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration. He and his wife, Genie, have moved from Pennsylvania to Martha's Vineyard.

Pat and **George T. Gannaway '61** (27 Fairhills Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37405; gtgann@bellsouth.net) took a cruise and rail trip to Alaska this year. They were accompanied by a Kappa Sig from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and his wife.

Thomas L. Spradling III '62 (110 Gracelyn Rd., Asheville, NC 28804; tsprad@ibm.net) and Bonnie Brannon were married this past July.

Donald L. House '63 (2480 Spalding Dr., Dunwoody, GA 30340) continues to be active with a number of young high technology companies and serves on the boards of several public and private firms. "After over 30 years in the business, the only constant is change, except it is happening more rapidly than ever." Don's civic activities are also related to technology. He is on the board of the Technology Association of Georgia and the National Advisory Board to Tech President Wayne Clough.

Charles T. Seay II '63 (13923 Jaycreek Ct., Houston, TX 77070) retired from Exxon Chemical in 1998 as manager of safety and environmental affairs. He is building a new house, staying active with church work, and looking forward to more golf and travel.

James C. Tillman Jr. '64 (1303 Redwine Rd., Fayetteville, GA 30215; jimtill@mindspring.com) is

now retired after 29 years as a pilot with Delta Air Lines.

Consulting engineer **Tim B. Gilbert '78** (3011 Forbes Trl., Lithonia, GA 30058; tbg@hesm.com) was promoted in May 1999 to principal of Hesm & A Inc. and elected vice president of the firm's board of directors. He is married to Denice and has two children. "Gibby" was planning a reunion for brothers of his era at Homecoming 1999. "Kappa Sigma is still great - brothers through life!"

Jonathan A. Dowell '82 (47-522 Hui Iwa St., Kaneohe, HI 96744; jdsubman@aol.com), an officer in the Navy, has been selected to command a nuclear submarine in 2000. His favorite memories include pregame house

parties at "The Pit" and rugby games.

In June of this year, **Donald E. Kinser '82** (1263 Colony Dr., Marietta, GA 30068) was installed as president of the Consulting Engineers Council of Georgia. The organization represents hundreds of engineering firms in the state.

Physician **Elwood N. Longenecker '90** (17010 Marygold Ave., Apt. 45, Fontana, CA 92335) graduated from a Kaiser-Fontana Family Medicine residency in June and plans to continue working at the Kaiser-Fontana Medical Center.

In a new job, **Richard L. Kimball III '91** (1865 Claremont St., Atlanta, GA 30318) is a senior database



When **Marshall W. Hunter '92** and Vickie Kincannon were married in May 1999, many Kappa Sigs attended. The newlyweds have bought a house at 597 Cumberland Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306.

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administrator with Coca-Cola Enterprises. He is working at the company's Atlanta computer facility in the North Creek Complex.

Charles H. Spiggle '92 (140 Harvest Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903) started the MBA program at U.Va. this fall and plans to graduate in the spring of 2001.

In August, **Clifford G. Wang '94** left his position with Piedmont Geotechnical Consultants and entered Johns Hopkins University where he will be pursuing his MBA degree.

He notes that **Chris Greenway '01** interned at his former firm. Clifford would like to hear from brothers in the D.C./Baltimore area. He now resides at 641 Saint Paul St., Apt. C, Baltimore, MD 21202 and can be contacted via e-mail at wang_clifford@hotmail.com.

Todd A. Swanger '95, a production manager at Georgia Marble Co., relocated in June from Alabama to 1013 Fieldstone Dr., Canton, GA 30114. His electronic address is tswang@aol.com.

"I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for Kappa Sigma," writes **Guy H. Looney '96** (170 Medearis Dr., Old Hickory, TN 37138; guyhlooney@aol.com), a sales engineer with Regan Controls Inc. "The experiences I had helped me prepare for the business world. I have been blessed with friends and brothers." In an effort to "give back" to the fraternity, Guy has served as alumni adviser at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and is now in the same position at Vanderbilt.

William B. Bivens '97 (400 E. Washington St., Unit 12, Greenville, SC 29601;

bill.bivens@sea.siemens.com), a sales engineer at Siemens, reports that he, **Rudi Bauknecht '96** and **Guy Looney '96** followed the Atlanta Falcons to the NFC Championship in Minnesota. Two weeks later, they were joined by **Kade Miller '97** and **Harry Emmerich '97** at the Super Bowl in Miami.

We regret to inform you of the death of **Wilbur Glenn '32** (see below), **Harold J. Krantz Jr. '41** and **William M. Englerth '49**. Kappa Sigma mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Charlie Brown Set to Undertake Largest Urban Development in Atlanta's History

Charlie Brown '62 was profiled in the *Atlanta Constitution* recently for the job he has undertaken to redevelop the Atlantic Steel property near the Tech campus. Charlie has had to bring together a vast array of disparate interests to get this project moving. The property has severe environmental issues due to the existence of Atlantic

Steel at the location for decades. He has had to get federal, state and local concurrence on a new bridge across the expressway for access to the property. The multi-use project of office, residential, retail and entertainment properties will be a national showcase for the reclamation of a major environmentally hazardous site.

Wilbur Glenn '32

Wilbur Glenn, Jr., 93, passed away on January 6, 2000. Mr. Glenn began his college career at Emory University where he was initiated into Kappa Sigma in the old Alpha chapter there. He graduated from Tech in 1932. Brother Glenn was a major benefactor to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta which was originally named for him and his wife, Hilda. He joined Atlantic Steel in 1933, and with the exception of service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, worked there his entire business career. He retired in 1971 as senior vice president. Brother Glenn received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Emory in 1988.

Welcome Our Fall 1999 Pledges

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