

Alpha Tau mascot **Lady Alexis** (1995-2001) joined the Chapter Celestial on Aug. 8, 2002 in Dalton, Ga. She was 7.

A white German Shepherd, "Alex" was a faithful companion and loyal mascot at Alpha Tau for more than six years. She retired from Georgia Tech in



2001 under the care of Alpha Tau alumnus Scott Cleland '01 and his wife, Tonya. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) shortly after her retirement and survived for only another six months. DM is very similar to Multiple Sclerosis in humans.

Alex is survived by the many Brothers who passed through Alpha Tau during her tenure, and will be missed by all.

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Homecoming

Chapter Gives Good Show at Homecoming

By Ben Clare '99
2002 Homecoming Co-chairman

Homecoming is always an exciting time of year when alumni young and old can return to the chapter house, visit with undergrads, and meet all the new pledges.

The house was alive with activity during the week, competing in field events and gearing up for the game. When Saturday finally rolled around we were happy to let everyone know Kappa Sigma is still a force to be reckoned with.

The earliest preparation for Homecoming began in August with the contraption design. **Chris Vale '05** selected his crew and then led the charge for a second straight victory in the Ramblin' Reck Parade. Unfortunately, as with past contraptions, a weld

busted at the last minute and it was rendered immobile, but the intricacy of the design and the precision of the build still thrust Kappa Sigma into second place!

Dan Delman '03 and **Kevin Dee '02** headed up the other huge project for the week — the Homecoming display. Thanks to a massive effort by almost every brother in the house we erected a stunning display for all the parade-goers to enjoy and were judged most creative!

The biggest success of Homecoming, however, was the vast number of alumni who attended. The alumni of Alpha Tau continue to show their love for the house and respect for the order, inspiring us all to do the same. ■



Alpha Tau Brothers got creative for their Homecoming display.



This Ramblin' Reck drove the Brothers to victory in the parade this year.

New Alum Adviser Wants to Hear From You

By **Kirk Chewning**

Dear Alpha Tau Alumni,

Hello from your new Alumnus Adviser for Alpha Tau! My name is **Kirk Chewning**, a Michigan State (Delta Psi) graduate. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with both the undergraduates and alumni alike to assist in making Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech the best chapter both on campus and in Kappa Sigma.

I moved to Atlanta about a year ago and continue to serve the fraternity as the Commissioner of Recruitment & Expansion, assisting in the continued growth of the fraternity over North America. In addition, I have served as a District Grand Master for the last six years for 10 chapters in Michigan and most recently in Florida. My experience with the fraternity and the individual chapters has been a great one — which I wish to carry forward with Alpha Tau.

My personal goal with the chapter is to ensure five things occur with an end

result being winning the Founders Award of Chapter Excellence. The five rules at the undergrad level are simple:

1. Have a good time
2. No Hazing
3. No Kegs
4. No Drugs, and last and most important
5. Have a good time.

The chapter has had a fairly successful fall. Although on social probation, the Brothers have been able to recruit 14 new men, who are all still pledges. It also hosted and organized its first-ever leadership academy on campus, bringing in speakers to touch on the six pillars of the university. In addition, the chapter has continued to emphasize leadership with well over 60% of the chapter being involved with campus organizations.

On an individual achievement level, I am proud to announce our 2002 Scholarship Leadership Award Winners **Dan Delman '03 (GP)**, **Trey Baltz '03**, and **Ryan Stoner '04**. I had the honor

of presenting their plaques and corresponding \$500 scholarships at the 100th Founders Day for the Atlanta Alumni Association at Atlanta Athletic Club on Nov. 22. Congratulations to these fine Brothers.

Currently the chapter is undergoing a membership review in order to best determine where the most improvement is needed. Each undergraduate Brother is being interviewed and helping in addressing how to improve the chapter.

I hope to get to know as many of the alumni of the chapter as possible. Please email me at kchewning@trandotcom.net if you would like to assist with the chapter or have any questions at all. My goal is to continually identify Brothers who can serve in both AAA positions as well as on various special project committees.

In closing, I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve you. Please work with us to assure Alpha Tau will continue as a great chapter! ■

Grand Master Report

State of the Chapter

Chapter Boasts 'Quality' Pledges this Fall

By **Mark McDonald '03**

As I write this, Alpha Tau is in the middle of another successful semester here at Georgia Tech.

Fourteen quality men pledged our chapter this fall. Acknowledgement goes to **Ben Clare '02**, and **Mike Adams '03**, for their hard work and commitment to rush and brotherhood development, respectively. I also would like to congratulate **Kirk Chewning**, who has recently been appointed Alumnus Adviser for Alpha Tau. The chapter, under Kirk's guidance, is certain to make improvements in rush and scholarship, which should put us in contention for

the F.A.C.E. award in the years upcoming.

Our chapter has also made significant strides in improving brotherhood and service to the community.

Oct. 5 marked the second annual Alpha Tau Parents Weekend brunch. The parents of the undergraduate brothers, along with our alumni, enjoyed a tasty brunch before attending the football game against Wake Forest. The brunch was a great success, and the membership of the newly founded Alpha Tau Parents Association expanded further.

Alpha Tau's bi-annual pledge retreat took place Oct. 19 at Georgia's beautiful

Carter's Lake. The retreat was an opportunity to further stress to our pledges the areas of Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service so they understand the priorities and responsibilities that encompass being both a Kappa Sigma brother and a Georgia Tech student.

I would like to thank all of the alumni who returned for the annual Homecoming game and extend an open invitation to drop by at any point throughout the year.

This promises to be another productive and busy semester for the Alpha Tau Chapter here at Georgia Tech! ■

David E. Freeman (13006 Broken Brook Ct., Cypress, TX 77429; david.freeman@rosenlew.com) **Jack Chilcutt '85** and I went out to San Diego and got on a tuna boat at the end of May. We went out for eight days and caught 660 tunas. Jack did most of the catching, while I snagged as many beers.

Jonathan A. Dowell (24700 Taka Ln. N.E., Kingston, WA 98346-9302; jdsubman@yahoo.com) Hey, guys! Quick update for the record: I am commanding officer of U.S.S. Alabama — a Trident submarine in Bangor, Wash., near Seattle. I have been in the Navy for 20 years now and am still having a blast (although I am starting to eyeball a second career outside the Navy)! I recently got married, and my wife, Janet, and I are having a son in November, shortly before I go to sea in January! If anyone wants a tour of a Trident submarine, I am the man! (Seattle is a great place to visit as well.) **Gerry Einig '81** and **Clay Ulmer '84** — where are you guys? Gerry, I am ready to run with you — half marathons are my race of choice. How about **Joe Bibler '82**, **Tom Simmons '81**, **Derek Eddie**, **Pete Friedman**, **Bill Jacoby '81** and **Will Boyd** (to name a few) ... the list goes on! Also, is **Roy Malone '81** still alive? Where you at, big brudda? How's things out there on the East Coast? That's all for now. My door is always open to anyone who wants to visit the PacNorWest.

Joseph P. (Joe) Sullivan '51 (1407 Jackson Keller Road, Ste. 5, San Antonio, TX 78213; jsulliva@accd.edu) Mountain-top experiences occurred in our family when I finally graduated with my Ph.D. (University of the Incarnate Word) on May 18, 2002, and my daughter, Melissa Aryah Somers, graduated with her doctorate of law degree from Georgetown University Law School on May 11, 2002. Melissa, 26, has a

new job with a corporate law firm in New York City, starting Sept. 1. I am hoping to continue teaching psychology at San Antonio College. My wife, Carla, is working toward her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at nearby St. Marys University. Education is our big thing! As my memories flash back to my Kappa Sig days at Georgia Tech, many of my fraternity brothers such as **Rex Hawkins '53**, **Jim Gale**, **George Schnabel '51** and **Bill Schroeder '51** are so important. Also **Cecil Johnson '48**, my role model. While at Tech, Caduceus was our fraternity dog and mascot. That was one unique dog who was with us for years inside 707 Williams St., except of course for his timely visits to the yard. When Caduceus got run over by a car on one of his outside trips, it was a deep experience of sadness for all of us. I wrote his personal epitaph for the *Alpha Tauker* soon thereafter, trying to express our grief and love and appreciation for our dog. I believe we buried him in the front yard, and the death of our dog had a profound effect upon our spirits for a long time.

Andrew K. Phelps '76 (54 Kensington Pl., London, United Kingdom W8 7PR; akphelps@bechtel.com) Now living in London, working for the British government a stone's throw away from Parliament. Still with Bechtel on assignment to build a new organization to clean up the U.K.'s nuclear liabilities.

Robert M. Leonard '78 (3002 E. Winchcomb Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85032; robertmleonard@aol.com) I am currently a semi-retired business appraiser living in Phoenix part time and in San Clemente, Calif., when Phoenix gets too hot. My wife, Linda, will be retiring from her job as V.P. of product development for a subsidiary of Lucent Technologies next year. Our children, Stephanie and Matthew, are 11 and 10, respectively, and they are into too many activities to begin a list. It is impossible for me

to believe that I graduated from Tech almost 25 years ago, but I am pleased to say that I've stayed in touch with many of the Brothers I battled my way through Tech with. I hope to visit the house again soon and wish today's Brothers the best.

Michael W. Alexander '80 (2780 Commons Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30044; malexand@ameristeel.com) Mike was recently promoted to division manager of the Atlanta Reinforcing Steel Division of Ameristeel Corp. He resides in Lawrenceville with his wife, Margie, and two children. Mike stays active officiating high school basketball with fellow Alpha Tau alumnus **Kevin Propst '81**. Mike and Kevin were both selected to work in the state tournament in the 2001-02 season. Mike worked his fifth state tourney while Kevin worked his tenth including the finals in Macon, Ga.

R. Gregory Jenkins '82 (604 Pear Orchard Cove, Elizabethtown, KY 42701-2100; bunky@kvnet.org) I have been promoted to president of Jenkins-Essex Construction, a general contracting firm located in Elizabethtown. I joined the firm in 1999 after spending 16 years in commercial real estate banking. Jenkins-Essex specializes in industrial, institutional and commercial construction throughout Kentucky and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in business in 2004. I am the fourth generation of my family to head the company.

Daniel J. Raudebaugh '87 (3013 Inverness Ct., Conyers, GA 30094; danr@cte.tv) I am now the executive director of CTE, the Center for Transportation and the Environment. I am living in Conyers with my wife, Melissa, and my children, David, 12; Rachel, 10 and Rebekah, 5.

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Alumni

UpDates... continued

Patrick J. Prescott '88

(14 Mainsail Ct., Greensboro, NC 27455-0829; pat_prescott@vfc.com) My fantastic wife of 11 years, Susan, and I have two boys: Alex turned 9 in August and Alan is 6. We've been in and around the North Carolina Triad area our entire marriage. We have been in North Greensboro for three years now and love our neighborhood (sidewalks, lake, swim-and-racket club ... just a great commu-

nity). The boys are heavily involved in this year's undefeated swim team. Alex has won six of nine races, including at least one win in each category of stroke: freestyle, breast, back and butterfly. Alan won his first race out (backstroke) and has taken at least third place in all other races. There are over 200 swimmers on the team, and that makes for very lonnggg swim meets. Both boys are doing great in school (Alex in 4th grade and Alan in 1st). They both love Georgia Tech sports (imagine where they got that from) and always select Georgia Tech while playing NCAA video-type games on Playstation2. I coach both boys in sports year 'round (from basketball to baseball). I could go on and on about those two great kids, but I've got to move on to other news. I received my MBA from Wake Forest in 1997. I am about to reach my tenth anniversary with VF Playwear (a children's clothing company and a division of VF Corp., the largest apparel manufacturer in the world, which makes Lee Jeans, Wrangler, Vanity Fair intimates, JanSport, The North Face, etc.). I am the product manager for the mass market (Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target, etc.). Previous to that I was the general manager of central services (over all aspects of manufacturing prior to sewing) and traveled a good bit to our offshore locations. It has been an interesting and rewarding ride so far since my days at Tech. My wife, Susan, is working part time as a preschool teacher. She "retired" from her HR career prior to Alan's birth. She is a great interior designer. She has made terrific improvements in every house we have lived in (we're on our fourth). She does projects for people in our neighborhood all the time (nice extra cash). She is as lovely as the day I met her (at a bar in Alabama, while I worked for Russell Corp.) and keeps improving with age.

Andrew R. Philippo '92
(97 Peachtree Hills Ave., Atlanta, GA 30305) I changed jobs in May,

moving to Dean Electric where I manage and design electrical installations for commercial/institutional and light industrial projects. Stephanie (sweetheart '89) and I are still in Atlanta and doing great.

Walter B. Grimes '94

(3715 Spyglass Dr. N.E., Tacoma, WA 98422; ben.grimes@weyerhaeuser.com) Jenny and I are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Reynolds, on March 4, 2002. We then moved to Tacoma, Wash., after I graduated from Duke to start work at Weyerhaeuser. Look us up if you're visiting the Pacific Northwest!

Raymond W. LaDieu '94

(2200 Ross Ave., Ste. 800, Dallas, TX 75201; raymond.w.ladieu@jpmorgan.com) Tori and I would like to announce the birth of our son, Logan Reed, born Jan. 10, 2002, 6 lbs. 9 oz. His big sister, Alyssa, is enjoying him very much. All are doing very well. Alyssa, 3, is enjoying helping Mommy around the house. A recent promotion now has me doing comprehensive wealth management for the clients of J.P. Morgan Chase. I'm enjoying golf and welcome the opportunities to play with alumni here in Dallas.

William B. Bivens '97

(3945 Buena Vista, Dallas, TX 75204; billbivens@yahoo.com) I have been busy with a new job at Siemens, and unfortunately it keeps me from traveling back to Atlanta. However, I have enjoyed the several visits from other brothers such as **Rudi Bauknecht '96, Thomas Nessen '98, and John Emmerich '97**. They continually are coming out to enjoy Texas.

Michael L. Jannett '01

(157 Kettlewood Dr., Lilburn, GA 30047; mljannett@ureach.com) My wife (Kelly) and I are having a baby due Feb. 25, 2003!

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Obituaries

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William Stevens Terrell '30, who served as president of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association during fiscal year 1964, died at the age of 95 on Aug. 28, 2002, in Charlotte, N.C. He was a member emeritus of the Georgia Tech Foundation.

Brother Terrell was captain of the Yellow Jacket baseball team his senior year. After graduating, he received offers to play professional baseball, but his brother, Edgar Terrell Sr., convinced him to join the fledgling Terrell Machine Company, later becoming company president. Among his professional accomplishments, Terrell brought Schlafhorst textile machinery to America from Germany. The city of Charlotte continues to benefit from donations by the American Schlafhorst Foundation.

Terrell was a top amateur golfer and served on several U.S. Golf Association committees. He was a member of a number of area country clubs and golfing clubs, and a member of Scotland's Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and an honorary member of the British Senior Golfers Society. ■

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