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## Alumni Profile

# Profile

Jerry A. Warren '74

## Alpha Tau alum credits Kappa Sigma for his life successes

Here's a challenge most of us never have to meet: working on the East Coast but living in the Midwest. Civil engineer Jerry A. Warren '74 works at Yale University in New Haven, Conn., yet resides with his wife, Teri, in Westchester, Ohio. He flies home Friday evenings and back to Connecticut late on Sundays. That's a tough schedule to keep, but Jerry is used to tough schedules and frequent travel.

After graduating from Georgia Tech, Jerry began a long career at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, where he started out doing in-house structural design in the Building Design Department. Soon he took on greater responsibilities, leading other engineers in design work primarily for manufacturing plants. Over the years that followed, he had a wide variety of assignments around the country and the world.

From 1974 to 1987, his projects included managing the \$20 million construction of a manufacturing facility in Iowa City, Iowa, then managing the operations of the toothpaste department in that plant; leading the feasibility study for a manufacturing plant for a new liquid bleach product in Cincinnati; managing the construction of an orange-juice plant in Florida; and more.

In 1988, he was promoted to the position of facilities engineering manager for global corporate locations, and was responsible for building corporate offices and laboratories in many regions throughout the world. He traveled to Belgium, the U.K., Japan, Korea, Venezuela and other areas, often staying for weeks or months at a time.

"It was a great job, but tough — the most challenging job an engineer could have," he says. Dealing with the international differences in culture, politics and language was an ongoing struggle. "I'm so glad I did it, but I'd never want to do that again."

In 1995, he returned to Procter & Gamble's U.S. operations, leading many multimillion-dollar projects and initiatives. Among them was a philanthropic effort supported by Procter & Gamble — the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati — for which he became project manager as an executive on loan in late 2002.

"The Freedom Center got me back in touch with the work I truly have passion for: commercial buildings projects. While I enjoyed my manufacturing project management roles, I loved building commercial structures," says Jerry.

"The Freedom Center was in cost and schedule trouble when I was asked to take it over. With the help of my colleagues both at the Freedom Center and in the contractor ranks, we delivered the project on time and on budget," he says. "It was a difficult job and at times controversial, but one I will always be proud of."

Then in 2003, his life took an unexpected turn, in large part fueled by his rekindled passion for buildings projects.

"John Pepper, the retired former Procter & Gamble chairman, asked me to do an assessment of Yale's buildings program," he says. "It was an approximately one-

month venture. They wanted to improve the efficacy of projects, reduce expenditures and have faster building schedules."

While there, Jerry learned about an exciting opportunity. Yale's associate vice president of facilities, construction and renovation was leaving. The position was advertised nationally, and Jerry applied along with the other candidates. He won the job, which meant he had to retire from Procter & Gamble. He began fulltime work at Yale in February 2004.

He speaks of the buildings on the Yale campus with great respect. "There's a real sense of history about this place. There's a lot of importance on the architecture, and the structures here are built to last 300 years," he says. "It's a challenge to improve the building programs and save money while hiring world-class architects on a regular basis."

But Ohio is still his home. His wife, Teri, is a psychologist in Cincinnati with a flourishing business. And so Jerry works Monday through Friday in New Haven, Conn., and flies home for weekends.

He credits his fraternity experiences for teaching him about teamwork. "Engineering school at Georgia Tech was really, really hard, and having the social connection and camaraderie was very important to me," he says. "That got me in touch with the fact that teamwork applies to far more than sports. I base all my organizations on effective teamwork. I took the team approach to leadership with me into business world."

He didn't originally intend to join a fraternity. "I had no interest in fraternities; I was afraid I'd get distracted from my studies. But **Steve Norris '71**, a Georgia Tech upperclassman whom I knew from playing football during high school, influenced and encouraged me to join Kappa Sigma. I would never have joined otherwise," says Jerry. "I don't know if Steve knows how important his influence was."

Jerry still stays in contact from time to time with some of his

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Jerry Warren and his wife, Teri.

## Chapter Receives Founder's Award

After a rewarding summer and fall, which included receiving the Founder's Award of Chapter Excellence (F.A.C.E), we are gearing up for yet another successful semester. The recently initiated fall 2004 pledge class of 18 outstanding men has increased our numbers and made valuable contributions to the Chapter. Through the guidance of our Homecoming chairs, graduated seniors Craig Jones and Kevin Dee, and the help of the brothers and this newly initiated class, we won Homecoming 2005. Also this past fall, we cheered and yelled with Yellow Jacket spirit on

In November, the chapter elected the new Executive Committee, including:

- Grand Master – **Bryan Popka**
- Grand Procurator – **Joel Schuetz**
- Grand Master of Ceremonies – **Drew Weeks**
- Grand Scribe – **Gerald Pierce**
- Grand Treasurer – **John Winn**
- House Manager – **Patrick Daugherty**
- Table Manager – **John Wyant**
- Pledge Educator – **Brian Cox**
- Social Chair – **Anthony Sannazzaro**

camera as we were filmed by E.A.Sports, a video game production company. Two short video clips of the fanatical undergraduate

brothers were used as opening videos in E.A.Sports' college basketball game, "March Madness 2005."

Our chapter has been working hard this semester to keep our average GPA above the all-men's average. In addition to school work, we are practicing and getting ready to perform well in this year's Greek Week competition. Drew Weeks, our elected delegate to the Biennial Grand Conclave, worked hard and recently obtained Master of the Ritual, encouraging others to study beyond the minimum as well.

The spring semester has been great thus far, as we recently had our annual formal event and look forward to the upcoming luau party and various other date nights and social events. We have a parents' day planned on Saturday, April 16th, where the parents of the undergraduate brothers and pledges are welcome to tailgate at the house and then join us in attending the Yellow Jacket's baseball game. We encourage the alumni to stop by anytime, but especially for any of the Yellow Jacket baseball games or our Annual Undergrad-Alum Three v. Three Basketball Tournament. These are both great opportunities for alumni to spend time with the undergraduate brothers and meet the seven quality men we have selected as our pledges for the spring semester. All in all, it has been a great school year so far, and Alpha Tau anticipates more success in the near future. ■

## In Memory

### Chapter Celestial

We recently received the sad news of the passing of Ty Sigmund from his son, Trey:

My father, **Ty Sigmund '73**, was a Kappa Sigma at Tech. I hoped you could pass this information on to his fraternity brothers. Ty Sigmund passed away at Emory University Hospital after a hard fought battle with pulmonary fibrosis. It happened fast and my father passed away peacefully. I know dad would have wanted you all to know of this. The funeral was Sunday, January 23. If anyone wants to contact the Sigmund family, please contact me, Trey Sigmund at 404-694-1938.

Thank You,  
The Sigmund Family

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fraternity brothers, including **Ron Bartlett '74**, **Hank Seamon '74** and **John Gilpin '74**. "I'd like to talk to **Steve White '70**, who was my big brother," he adds.

Jerry's hobbies include golf, and his house is between two fairways on a golf course in Cincinnati. He and his wife both enjoy theatre and movies. Jerry has four adult children (two sons and two daughters) from a previous marriage, and Teri

has two sons. Jerry also has two young grandsons.

Over the next few years, he and Teri will decide how long he should stay at Yale, and where and when to retire. Till then, he'll continue overseeing the many architectural treasures on the Yale University campus. ■

### Four Kappa Sigmas at the Governor's Mansion.



Ashley Brown, Governor  
Sonny Perdue, Danny Brown  
and Scotty McCoy.

## Fraternity Fire Protection

After a fire at a University of Mississippi fraternity house led to the deaths of three students in August, Atlanta city officials and the media jumped on the opportunity to make sure local fraternities were adequately protected. So a swarm of TV camera crews accompanied the Atlanta Fire Department inspectors to Tech when they conducted their inspections. Interestingly, it was the first inspection anyone could remember being conducted by the City of Atlanta.

Alpha Tau had in the past depended on the university for our fire inspections. Thanks to the help of Steve Millspaugh, Sperm to those who know him, we were always compliant with Tech's rules. We also have an inspection annually in conjunction with the renewal of the fire insurance policy.

With all the media attention the fire inspectors were able to point out a couple of areas where we could improve. Again with the help of Brother Millspaugh, we hired as a consultant Denney Bledsoe, Fire Marshal for Douglas County, GA, and former Georgia Tech Fire Marshal. Denney determined the specific remedies we needed to implement and has responded to the Atlanta Fire Department. Essentially, the remedies involve installing heat and smoke detectors in the public rooms of the house. Our fire alarm system and fire suppression system in the kitchen were more than adequate for our needs. We have always had smoke detectors in the dorm rooms. ■

**W. Rex Hawkins '53**

(1200 Binz, Ste. 400, Houston, TX 77004; retinagr@aol.com) New: I am the author of a nutritional/dietary book, "Eat Right - Electrolyte," that will be published in 2005 by Prometheus. Look for it. Favorite memory: I was fortunate enough to be at GT (1949-53) when WWII veterans were still on the campus, finishing their course of study. Dan Guy and George Schnabel were two such veterans at Alpha Tau who served as mentors for the rest of us. The guidance was most appreciated. News: I was saddened to receive from Joyce Barber a communication regarding the death of her husband, **Albert (AT, GT 1948-52)**. He contributed greatly to the program and activities of AT.

**Richard F. Bridges '59**

(9452 Logan Ln., Douglasville, GA 30135; rfbsr@bellsouth.net) I have retired from the real estate business (except I still manage my rental properties). My wife Cheryl & I have

some neat trips planned. My golf game has improved since I have taken up "natural golf." Look forward to hearing from some of the guys.

**Clyde W. "Bud" Hill '61**

(1651 Deep South Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512; bhillvue@alltel.net) Thought I would update the update. Noticed that I am in the system as Clyde—never did like that name—so if want to get on my good side, try Bud. We are fulltime at the farm in Blairsville. Will have cattle sale at the farm on 11/1/04. Now for brag time: Cameron, oldest son, Duke undergrad, Tulane law, in Chattanooga with Baker, Donaldson, et al, Tenn's largest firm, now a partner, married with two girls. Ashley, daughter, Furman undergrad, Medical College of South Carolina, Pharmacy, married a general surgeon, lives in Suffolk, VA, girl, boy, girl. Cooper, Vanderbilt undergrad, took over my mfg rep

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## Alumni Association Honors Gill

**Geoff Gill IM '64** was awarded the **Joseph Mayo Pettit Alumni Distinguished Service Award** by the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. Geoff was recognized for his 30-plus years of service to Georgia Tech. As a member of the Alumni Association Board of Trustees, he served as chair of the 35th Roll Call as well as the Association's president for 1984-85.

A trustee of the Georgia Tech Foundation, Geoff chaired several committees during his tenure: budget, investment, real estate and evaluation. He also headed an ad hoc committee charged with reviewing the Foundation's bylaws and charter. Geoff served on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Management and on the Capital Campaign Development Advisory Cabinet. He chaired the alumni capital campaign for Alpha Tau and has served as president the house corporation for 34 years. He also chaired the class of 1964's 25th reunion.

Other Alpha Tau's to receive the award include:

- 1938 **Robert Gregg '01**
- 1940 **William A. Alexander '12**
- 1966 **Albert H. Staton '22**  
**John C. Staton '24**
- 1974 **Edward B. Newell '15**
- 1979 **Frederick Storey '33**
- 1987 **Hal L. Smith, '26** ■

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**Share a photo**—the next time you are reminiscing about your days at Alpha Tau, go through your photo album and find some good shots of the house and the brothers of your era. Post the photos yourself (or have your computer-savvy kids do it!), or send them to our alumni records office for posting (don't worry, they'll return them). They might even make room for them in the next issue of Alpha Tauker.

**Submit a profile**—our web site has a feature that lets us get to know our brothers better. In addition to sending in an update, go to the menu on the left side of the screen and select "submit a profile." Answer the questions to let your Alpha Tau brothers know all the great things you've been up to all these years!

**Update your contact information**—if you've changed jobs, moved to a new city or just to a new apartment, we want to know! Use the alumni updates feature to make sure your information is current. ■

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business. Ran me off thank goodness. Doing better than I ever could. Married French Canadian via Calif, boy heir in the hopper. Visit our website [www.hillvuefarm.com](http://www.hillvuefarm.com).

## Donald L. Norris '62

(2194 Harper Ct., Villa Rica, GA 30180; dandjnorris@bellsouth.net) In January 1990 after being in business for 29 years we went into full-time Christian mission service. We served for two years at our home church in Carrollton, Ga then started a church with a friend in Douglasville, Ga. In 1993 we moved to Moscow, Russia to lead a team of 35-50 missionaries doing evangelism, starting new churches with Russian Pastors and starting Bible schools to train new Christians. From 1997-2000 we traveled to Africa, Philippines, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Mexico assisting missionaries and training in those countries. We now go to the former Soviet Union 3-4 times a year teaching and evangelizing. We have three sons, all married, grads of Furman, Auburn, and Georgia and three grandsons and one granddaughter. We live in Villa Rica at Fairfield Plantation about 45 miles from Atlanta.

## Jerry T. Kendall '65

(520 Brightwaters Blvd. N.E., Saint Petersburg, FL 33704; jerrytkendall@aol.com) After two years of early retirement, I have gone back to work as head of a publicly held company in the Tampa/St. Peters-

burg area. Charlotte and I also bought a home in Big Canoe, Ga., and hope to spend more time in the Atlanta and North Georgia area.

## William Bowers '70

(130 Sand Dollar Lane, Summerville, SC 29483-1210; wbowers@csuniv.edu) Carol and I have moved from near the city of Charleston, SC. We bought 22 acres in "the country". We have no home email, cable TV or landline phone, just satellite TV. Our home cell phone number is 843-860-1639. We can hear our neighbors from time to time; however, we can't see them. If you'd like to contact me at work, you can at Dr. Bill Bowers, Director, MBA Program, Charleston Southern University, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29483. Office phone is 843-863-7908 and office email for "The Bushwhacker" is wbowers@csuniv.edu.

## Marshall W. Hunter '92

(597 Cumberland Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306; marshvickhunter@comcast.net) Marshall William Hunter, Jr. (Will) was born on September 9th, 2004 at 8:47 PM. A healthy 10 lbs, 6 oz and 21.5 inches long. The family is back home now and all is well.

## Clifford G. Wang '94

(5500 Friendship Blvd, # 1129, Chevy Chase, MD 20815;

wang\_clifford@mindspring.com) I recently got engaged and will wed in July 2005. I was just in Atlanta for homecoming and got to see many of my fellow Kappa Sigma Brothers. In addition, some of us will attend the Tech-NC State game in November. Other news, Clayton Kopp moved from Connecticut to North Carolina and is now working for Honeywell.

## Robert M. Lyen '95

(4684 Norman Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30144; michael\_lyen@yahoo.com) Ashley Grace Lyen was born on October 15th, 2004. Mama and baby are home and resting comfortably.

## William S Oates '98

(2700 Clonnel Court, Raleigh, NC 27604; wsoates@ncsu.edu) For those of you who haven't heard, Gabbi and I have a new baby almost 4 months old now, named Paxton Sumner Oates. I recently completed the PhD at Tech in ME and took a post doc position at NC State.

## Paul Puryear

(570 Riviera Drive, Tampa, FL 33606-3808; s Our son, Preston, has been accepted to and will attend Amherst College. ■

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