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House Corporation Report

House Corporation Board Meets with Chapter Officers

On August 15, members of the House Corporation board met with the Executive Committee of the chapter, the Alumni Adviser and the District Grand Master. The agenda covered a broad range of topics not limited to the chapter's financial condition, alumni/undergraduate relations, House Corporation responsibilities for house maintenance and improvement, and chapter plans for the new school year.

On the whole, it was a very productive meeting. Several issues the chapter wanted to bring to the attention of the House Corporation were discussed at length and plans for resolution put into place.

One major problem the chapter faces is collecting the debts left by brothers who have graduated or departed school before settling their obligations to the chapter. Several ideas were offered to the chapter officers, and they promised to pursue collection of the debts. Any alumni who still owe the chapter past dues and charges are encouraged to contact grand treasurer **Gerald Pierce** at 571-437-7490 or gtg332r@mail.gatech.edu. ■

House Corporation Annual Meeting

**Sunday, October 30,
1:00 p.m.**

at Alpha Tau of
Kappa Sigma House
182 Sixth Street • Atlanta, Ga. ■

Reorganization Update

House Corporation Reorganization Nearly Complete

Previously the House Corporation board presented a plan to reorganize in an effort to inject new blood into the organization. We have recruited prospective new members for the board and a new slate of officers. You can vote on the board members and officers by using the ballot that is part of this newsletter, or you can attend the annual meeting of the board on **October 30** at the chapter house. We welcome interest from those who may wish to join the board.

The nominations for officers are:

- President**
Mike Dudgeon, EE '89, MSEE '90
- Vice President**
Marshall Hunter, EE '92
- Treasurer**
Mike Orndorff, EE '96
- Secretary**
Jimmy Fortuna, MGT '91
- House Manager**
Clay Edwards '96

Nominations for board members are:

- Derik Davis, IE '90, MS MGT '93**
- Frank Gill, MGT '89**
- Geoff Gill, IM '64**
- Bill Goodhew, IM '61**
- Don House, TEXT '63, MS TEXT '66**
- Steve Millsbaugh, CERE '71**
- Ron Mitchell, ARCH '65**
- Al Pierce, ARCH '58, MS ARCH '59**
- Michael Pouncey '94**
- Charles Spiggle, ME '92**
- Rob Stanek, AE '90**

Mike Dudgeon is president of Tier One Inc., an electronics design firm in Alpharetta, Ga. Previously he was vice president of engineering at Radiant Systems. He is past GM and GT of the chapter and has been House Corporation treasurer for 13 years. Mike enjoys playing golf (badly) and officiating high school basketball. He lives with his wife Lori and three boys in Suwanee, Ga.

Marshall Hunter is construction sales manager at Siemens in Atlanta. He is past president of the Ramblin' Wreck Club and a huge Georgia Tech sports fan. He lives with his wife Vickie and his two kids in intown Atlanta.

Mike Orndorff is CEO of Crossing Point Technologies, a GT VentureLab company developing sensor products for the robotics, industrial equipment and aerospace industries. Previously he was VP of product marketing at MarketingCentral, before heading back to Georgia Tech to get his MBA. He is a past GT of the chapter. Mike lives in Atlanta with his wife Dawn, and they are expecting their first child in December.

Jimmy Fortuna is director of global product marketing for Radiant Systems Inc., a provider of retail automation solutions in Alpharetta, Ga. He is past GM and GP of the chapter. Jimmy enjoys scuba diving and sailing on occasions too rare. He is the father of one very cute little girl.

Clay Edwards is senior sales engineer for Factory Automation Systems, a system integrator in Atlanta. Previously he was manager of drives and systems for IMS Group in Atlanta. He has served on the House Corporation for the past six years. He enjoys dirt-bike riding, golf, hunting and fishing. He lives with his wife Nancy and daughter Emily in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Derik Davis is senior director of sales and operations for IMI Cornelius, selling fountain equipment to The Coca-Cola Company, where he worked previously for over 10 years. He is past GM and GMC of the chapter. Derik lives with his wife Kristine and two boys in Marietta, Ga.

Frank Gill III is owner of Diamond G. Inc., an upscale commercial/residential contracting company in LaGrange, Ga. Previously he was general manager of C&G Development Inc., dba The Fields Golf Course. He does a TV show for Georgia Tech football in the LaGrange

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**A Message from Hank Seamon:
'Nothing Short of Miraculous'**

Hiram,
I just returned to work after about six months of rehab and recovery. I opened my Lotus Notes and ran across the e-mail you were kind enough to send to my Kappa Sigma brothers on my behalf. You have no idea how touched and encouraged I was when I regained consciousness in March after a couple of weeks of being 'completely under' and was able to read the abundance of e-mails and cards wishing me well and letting me know folks were praying for me. One card that was especially dear to me was signed by all the current brothers at the Alpha Tau house. What thoughtfulness for someone they really don't even know — just that I was a brother in need.

I was in the hospital for 44 days. The viral meningitis test by spinal tap proved to be negative and was not a problem. But my fever was spiking to 105.9, my vital signs were all over the map, and they had to pack me in ice at one point. I was heavily sedated, and they had to intubate me to stabilize my condition.

The pneumonia was a staph infection of the nastiest sort and went septic: It got into the bloodstream, blocked all the capillaries and started shutting down organs. The doctors administered a Xygris drip, which has the risk of being fatal within the first few minutes and is only used as a last resort. Thankfully, I survived the first few minutes, but then my family had to wait out the next excruciating 96 hours before they knew if this would even work. It got down to the point that only my kidneys were hanging on, but thank God I made it through, and the doctors gradually brought me out of the anesthesia.

They'd had to save my life before they could begin to cure me. Even with all they did, the doctors and nurses called my survival nothing short of miraculous.

In March of this year **Steve Norris '71** sent an e-mail to those on his "brother list," asking for our prayers for **Hank Seamon '74** who was at the time in the hospital with what was diagnosed as pneumonia, a staph infection and viral meningitis. It was mid-September before Hank was able to respond. Below is his e-mail to Steve.

Now the cure: The next 30 or so days included drawing about two liters of fluid out of my lungs by syringe, inserting a scope down into my lungs to remove some more stuff, a major thoracic surgery (likened to open-heart surgery and done by the same doctor), numerous chest tubes to drain off more junk outside the lungs and another scope down my throat to look at my heart. This with over 150 bags of IV antibiotics, two units of blood on four different occasions, and countless other IVs, blood work, etc., finally got me well enough for the doctors to say they wanted to get me out of the hospital before I caught something else. I went home and have continued to recover to this day. Now, after all this time, I am back to work.

I made it! I survived. A couple of people in very similar conditions, there in the same hospital, with the same doctors — one in a room right next to me — did not. This has all been a very sobering experience. I still am amazed and overwhelmed by the love and support that my family and I have received from our local church and from friends everywhere. Thank you! There were prayers being lifted on my behalf literally all over the world, through the use of the Internet to put me on various prayer chains. Oh, what a difference prayer makes!

I am eternally grateful to all of you who 'stood in the gap' for me. I am here today, almost fully recovered, and living proof that prayer works that our loving and caring God is faithful in giving His mercy and grace to those who know and call out to Him in Jesus's name.

Thank you and thank God!

AEKΔB,
Hank Seamon ■

Fall Rush Adds 21 Pledges

While gearing up for rush this fall, the undergraduate brothers of Alpha Tau worked hard over the summer and fixed up the house, including several major undertakings such as painting the entire interior and replacing the deck.

Following these efforts, the undergraduate brothers stepped up again and performed quite well this fall rush, pledging 21 men.

Thomas Stephen Anton
Greensboro, N.C.

Michael Edward James
Framingham, Mass.

Samuel Craig Atkinson (Craig)
Calhoun, Ga.

Daniel Alexander Kuehme
Naples, Fla.

Jeffrey Robert Baldino
Reading, Pa.

Michael John Lehrer
Houston, Texas

Hunter Bryant Edwards
Austin, Texas

Michael Edward Long
Lawrenceville, Ga.

Kevin James Gough
Newnan, Ga

Patrick Michael McDonald
Morrisville, Pa..

Matthew Thomas Hutcheson
Clifton, Va.

Christopher Paul McKneely
Acworth, Ga.

Several daytime events during rush week were held, including Braves games, cliff diving and grilling out, as well as nightly rush events including a Jimmy Buffet tribute night with a live band, watermelon bowling and a dunk tank where rushees tried their best to dunk several lovely women who were sporting their "Kappa Sigma Girl" or "I [Heart] Kappa Sigma" T-shirts.

The following quality men were formally pledged on September 14:

Sean Thomas Mount
Marietta, Ga.

Shaun Michael Slatton
Marietta, Ga.

William Howard Mueller
Dallas, Texas

Elmon Grady Terry III (Trey)
Norcross, Ga.

Leslie Dillon Parker (Dillon)
Lilburn, Ga.

Zac Michael Wahl
Duluth, Ga.

Robert John Paulisick (R.J.)
Fairfax, Va.

The undergraduates are working hard this fall and, with the help of these 21 fine men, plan to end the semester with many accomplishments, hopefully including a second-straight homecoming competition win. ■

Charles Henry Puch
St. Louis, Mo.

John Bradley Ring
Woburn, Mass.

Reorganization Update

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area. Frank enjoys golf, cross country and stadium jumping equestrian activities.

Geoff Gill is a vice president of Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown. He has served as president of the House Corporation for the past 15 years. He has also served as president of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and currently serves on the board of the Georgia Tech Foundation. He was a two-term GM while an undergraduate. Geoff's wife Elizabeth owns a staffing business, and they live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Bill Goodhew is vice president of Intelligent Systems Corp. and former CEO of Peachtree Software. He is the current chairman of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, and a member of the Georgia Tech Technology Hall of Fame and the Georgia Technology Hall of Fame. Bill and his wife Joan live in Dunwoody, Ga.

Don House is a serial entrepreneur. After retiring from MSA, where he was an executive vice president, Don began to work with startup software companies. Over the past dozen years he has seen several of these companies go public or be acquired by larger firms. Don is a member of the Georgia Technology Hall of Fame and served on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board. He and his wife Nickie live in Talking Rock, Ga.

Steve Millsbaugh is retired from a 30-year career at Georgia Tech where he served as nuclear safety officer at the campus reactor. "Sperm," as he is widely known, enjoys hunting with his many Kappa Sigma friends. Steve and his wife Cathy, also a Tech retiree, live in Roswell, Ga.

Ron Mitchell has been the architect for the House Corporation for 25 years. He practices architecture with Rosser International. His specialty is sports arenas, and he has worked on major venues at the University of North Carolina, Arkansas and Oklahoma State, as well as the Memphis Pyramid. Ron and Bobbie live in Atlanta.

Al Pierce was initiated at Alpha Tau Chapter in spring 1955. Now a retired architect, he practiced commercial architecture through his own firm in McLean, Va., for 20 years. Previously he was a VP of HDR Architects in Alexandria, Va., and an associate of CRS in Houston, Texas. Currently he teaches in the Fairfax County, Va., Adult Education Program, and plays golf and travels extensively. His son, **Gerald Pierce**, a third-year architecture major, is currently grand scribe of Alpha Tau.

Michael Pouncey is a manager of Anoka Farms/Pouncey Planters outside Hughes, Ark. Previously he was a project manager for Metro Construction in Memphis. He is a past GM and GMC of Alpha Tau. Michael enjoys duck hunting, carpentry and following Tech athletics. He lives with his wife Kelly and their son and daughter on their family farm.

Charles Spiggle is a vice president in investment banking at Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C. Previously he worked for JPMorgan in New York City and for Cross Automation as a regional sales manager in several offices in the Southeast. Outside of work, he and his wife Kelly (also a Georgia Tech graduate) stay busy with two children, Caroline (5) and Jackson (1).

Rob Stanek is director of national accounts for Harris Connect, a privately held data solutions and application service provider. Previously, Robb worked for 10 years at the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. He has been a board member for 13 years and served as chapter adviser for eight years. Robb also chairs the Greek Alumni Council for Georgia Tech. He is an outdoor fanatic and enjoys biking, hiking and paddling — generally anything that gets him into the woods. He lives in Mableton, Ga., with his wife Kim (a Tech grad) and their three-year-old daughter, Kate. ■

Alumni Updates

Martin J. Keller '56 (2374 Monument Rd., Jasper, GA 30143) I retired in 1995 and was general contractor for our home (completed in 1997) in the north Georgia mountains. My wife Virginia and I enjoy relaxing and viewing the wildlife (bear, turkeys, deer, bobcats, etc.) from our deck. We enjoy traveling also.

Elbert L. Bailes '57 (P.O. Box 915, Walhalla, SC 29691-0915; lamarbailes@nuvox.net) My new grandson

was born June 9, 2005, named Camp William Garland.

William M. Gibson '62 (11286 Big Canoe, Jasper, GA 30143-5105; wgibson@mindspring.com) We have been in our new home in Big Canoe for almost two years. The wood molding joints are as good as the day they were done — I'm told that's an indicator of a well-built house. It was on the Big Canoe

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Profit & Loss Statement June 2004 through May 2005

Income

Unrealized Gain	1,546.98
Alumni Dues	13,468.00
Dividends	1,942.97
Rent	<u>86,400.00</u>
Total Income	103,357.95

Expenses

Depreciation on Property	10,783.63
House Repair & Maintenance	28,453.79
Insurance	7,464.00
Miscellaneous	598.95
Mortgage Interest	23,831.64

Public Relations

Affinity Connection	1,561.82
Public Relations — Other	7,798.74
Total Public Relations	9,360.56

Taxes

Atlanta City Sanitation	514.42
Corporate Registration	30.00
Fulton County/Atlanta Property	6,485.42
Other	450.00

Total Taxes

7,479.84

Total Expenses

87,972.41

Net Income

15,385.54

Balance Sheet

as of May 31, 2005

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Dreyfus Endowment	86,357.93
Dreyfus Operations	604.38
Regions Bank	<u>17,149.07</u>
Total Checking/Savings	104,111.38

Accounts Receivable	25,183.04
Total Current Assets	129,294.42

Other Assets

DB Alex Brown Mutual Fund	44,398.02
Depreciation	(286,254.74)
House Value	591,345.23
Land Value	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Other Assets	352,488.51

TOTAL ASSETS

481,782.93

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,561.82
Loan — Kappa Sigma National	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	7,561.82
Mortgage — GT Foundation	294,727.61
Total Liabilities	302,289.43

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	13,537.02
Retained Earnings	150,570.94
Net Income	<u>15,385.54</u>
Total Equity	179,493.50

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

481,782.93

Alumni Updates

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Chapel Tour of Homes this May! We took the two oldest grandkids, and their mom and dad, to England last year on the new QM2 — quite a ship and a very enjoyable trip. I will be returning to England soon to participate in a “choirfest” with members of several church choirs. I’ve been singing in the chapel choir here at Big Canoe for about a year and a half — something I never had the time to do while flying. I’ve just been elected president of the Jasper, Ga., Optimist Club — Susan says I’m the first pessimist to become an Optimist — what a great way to spend retirement!

Robert D. Allen '65

(275 Hunting Creek Dr., Marietta, GA 30068-3419; mdrm4479@cs.com) Geoff, congratulations on your GT alumni award.

George S. McCoy '66

(2913 Highway 15 N., Sandersville, GA 31082; scottymc@accucomm.net) I am in my 21st year with White Commercial Corp. and travel the Midwest, working with owners and managers of country grain elevators.

Clifton T. Hutchinson '70

(4222 Bobbitt, Dallas, TX 75229) I have been an attorney in practice in Dallas for the last 25 years, and am married to Elizabeth with a daughter, Eileen (U. Penn.), and a son, Trigg, a Phi Delt (arghh!) from U. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Peter G. Brown '75

(50 Emerson Ave. S., Amityville, NY 11701; brownpeterg@statshack.com) After

10 years in the USN flying airborne early-warning missions from the decks of two aircraft carriers, I spent another 12 years performing airborne flight testing of new weapons systems at the Naval Air Warfare Center at NAS Patuxent River, Md. I stayed in the USN Reserves after leaving active duty and recently retired from the Reserves after 26 total years of service. After my second divorce (“oh” for two) I moved back to New York and purchased the house I grew up in, after taking care of my mom for a couple years before she passed on. I am now the E-2C experimentation IPT lead for Northrop Grumman’s AEW IPT and the Bethpage Sea Power 21, sea trial lead (Navy constructs formulated to provide network-centric warfare capabilities). Recently I completed an airborne networking experiment that investigated RF-enabled, IP-based connectivity between a USAF JSTARS, a Navy E-2C, a Navy EA-6B, a Navy F-18 and five different ground nodes. I’ve read the other snippets on the updates page with joy and hope to hear from any of the brothers with whom I partied and lived. Remember intramural softball/football in 1974 and 1975?

Geoffrey A. Clippinger '92

(2116 Lenox Rd. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30324-4710; gclippinger@comcast.net) Jane and I welcomed our second daughter, Caroline, on March 8. She weighed in at 9 pounds 2 ounces and was 21 inches. After a short bout of jaundice, she is healthy and doing well.

Christopher J. Finke '94

(140 Mountain Shoals Rd., Roswell, GA 30075; chris@finke.org) Alexa and I are the proud new parents of a baby boy, Duncan Christopher Finke, born on March 15, 2005. Our daughter Lila is thrilled to have someone else to boss around. Fellow Alpha Tau **Timothy “Tim” Sullivan '94** and his wife Nancy were at Northside Hospital during the same week. Through careful planning or by flexing his legal muscle, they delivered a baby boy on St. Patrick’s Day.

Brian T. Gowan '97

(2148 Nancy Cir., Smyrna, GA 30080; briangowan@excite.com) Kelli and I are happy to announce the arrival of Jacob Daniel on August 23 at 1:22 p.m. He arrived weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Mom and Jacob are doing well, and his big brothers Brandon and Andrew couldn’t be more excited about their new little brother.

Albert J. Miller '97

(1415 Barlow Ct., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410; albertjosephmiller@yahoo.com) Spencer arrived on July 29 at 10:35 a.m. at St. Mary’s Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. He was born weighing 7 pounds 5.5 ounces and was 21 inches long.

David B. McLaren '00

(1 Shady Oaks Ct., Trophy Club, TX 76262; davidmclaren@yahoo.com) Miranda and I have moved to Dallas. I have taken a new job in Dallas/Fort Worth, and we have just finished moving. If anyone is in the area (northern Fort Worth), feel free to stop by. Our home number is 817-491-1015. ■

*Vote for new board officers and members.
See inside for Details!*



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