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New House Corporation Officers Prepare for Future; Major Campaign Expected

New House and Financial Stability Are Primary Goals
By Mike Dudgeon '89, House Corp President

The past six months have been a busy and important time for the House Corporation. At the October 30 meeting, the board unanimously approved a new slate of officers. I am the new president, and I am committed to trying to fill the enormous shoes of **Geoff Gill '64**, the outgoing president. Geoff has been the heart and soul of the House Corp. for 25 years. He led the effort to bring the House Corp. and chapter into excellent health in the '80s and championed the fundraiser and 2nd story build-out in the '90s. We cannot thank Geoff enough for his service to our fraternity, and we are grateful that he is staying active with the board.

The new board will meet this spring to develop a strategic long range plan for the House Corporation and the house itself. We will establish priorities for ourselves, focusing on the areas we feel are most important for the long-term stability of the fraternity. This meeting will be held **Sunday May 7** at 4pm at the house. All alumni are invited to attend. We feel it important to set aside some time to think long range instead of battle the endless tactical pains that come with being a landlord. After the meeting, we will publish our results for alumni review and comment.

One element for a long range plan will obviously be the timing of a tear-down and rebuild of the house. In the past 10 years, a majority of the fraternities on the Tech campus have built new and impressive houses. With every one that goes up, the relative strength of our property goes down. To remain competitive in the long term, our 50-year-old facility needs to be replaced. No target date has been set, but there is agreement starting construction within 5-10 years is a reasonable goal.

There are a myriad of challenges ahead of the House Corp. related to a new build. Our lot is small for the facility size needed, and may be inadequate. Houses built on campus in the past 5 years cost from \$2 million to \$3 million

dollars. Obviously an enormous fundraiser must be undertaken. We will give all of this a great deal of consideration as we develop a timeline for the house over the next several years.

The House Corporation celebrates the receipt of a substantial donation from Ms. Dolores Reinch of Virginia. Ms. Reinch's son-in-law is **Al Pierce**, a 1958 alum and board member. Her grandson is **Gerald Pierce**, a current undergrad member of Alpha Tau.

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This kind donation will serve as a significant jump start on a capital campaign for the future. We also greatly appreciate the large number of alums who give yearly to our annual fund. These are the keys to our success as they allow us to publish this newsletter and keep in good financial shape. If you have not made a gift recently, we encourage you to do so – please visit www.kappasigmagt.org.

As a Tech man, I am glad we have put this basketball season out of its misery. I can still close my eyes and picture my trip to the Final Four in San Antonio, but I'm not sure how long that will sustain me.

I am eagerly looking forward to football this fall and hope to see many of you at the house then.

Database Enables Alpha Tau Kappa Sigs to Renew Friendships

AEKDB Still Means AEKDB

I guess you might title this article, *AEKDB* means *AEKDB*! A few years ago, when my dad was 90 (he later died at the age of 92), he and I were having a conversation about life in general, and he said, "how time does get by." Dad was a Delta Sig at Auburn, and he encouraged me to join a fraternity when I enrolled at Tech. My older brother Don had been an Alpha Tau Kappa Sig, and GM in '62. I pledged in the fall of '67, and was initiated in the spring of '68.

Since graduation, I have tried to stay in touch with as many brothers as possible over the years—like we all have—however, it has

become even more difficult. It seems the nature of employment, families, and dealing with real life issues is to keep us busy. I know

This email database allows all of us to correspond electronically on a regular basis...because time does get by.... and AEKDB still means AEKDB!

we all look back on those fond memories at 182 6th Street, when our only major

concerns were keeping up with studies, while maintaining an adequate social calendar. The friendships and brotherhood that I found at the Kappa Sig house were what kept me going from day to day at Tech, and they still mean a great deal to me in 2006.

About a year and a half ago, the thought came to mind about starting an Alpha Tau Kappa Sig email database. The purpose initially was to locate as many brothers, and sweethearts, as possible from our era. This email database would allow all of us to correspond electronically on a regular

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Success Shown in Scholarship, Fellowship, Leadership and Service Six Fellowship Awards Presented to Worthy Brothers This Spring



After celebrating our 110th year at Georgia Tech this past fall, the Alpha Tau Kappa chapter has made is striving to improve in all areas, including scholarship, fellowship, leadership and service.

Scholarship

We recognize two brothers in particular for their outstanding scholastic achievements. For the fall semester both Brother **Phil Gadomski** and Brother **Jeff Baldino** received a 4.0. In addition to their achievements, we have been working hard to improve our

scholarship program. This has been possible with the leadership of our scholarship chair, **Patrick Daughtery**.

Fellowship

During the weekend of March 3-5, we held our annual formal at Forest Hills Resort outside of Dahlonega, GA. This event was a great time, as formal always is. During the event, annual awards were given. We congratulate the following for receiving these awards:

Paul R. Davis Model Initiate

John Ring of Woburn, MA

Charles Pinckney Rowland Outstanding First Year Man

Phil Gadomski of East Hampton, CT

Alpha-Tau Man of the Year

Corrado Dino Sammarco of Leesburg, VA

Geoffrey C. Gill Outstanding Senior

Corrado Dino Sammarco of Leesburg, VA

William A. Alexander Outstanding Leadership Award

Corrado Dino Sammarco of Leesburg, VA

Community Service

John Bradley Winn of Montezuma, GA

During formal, we also announced the 2006 Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma Sweetheart. Our new sweetheart is **Courtney Cannon**. Courtney is a 2nd year Mechanical Engineering major from Glen Mills, PA and a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

In addition to formal, we have participated in several other events including band parties, Christmas semi-formal, date nights, Brother's Night Out, cookouts and many others.

Leadership

The on-campus involvement of Kappa Sigmas at Georgia Tech is increasing. Our brothers are involved in a variety of organizations including ODK, Ramblin Wreck Club, Connect with Tech, FASET, Cheerleading, Student Foundation, Honor Council, RHA and many others. We would

especially like to recognize the following brothers for their executive positions in other organizations. **Bryan Popka**, our former Grand Master, is the 2006 Ramblin Wreck Driver. Starting in the fall, **John Ring** will hold the position as vice president of the Residence Hall Association, and **Andrew Balsman** is on the Connect with Tech Advisory Board. **Dino Sammarco** has been recognized for his outstanding leadership in numerous organizations on campus. His leadership and dedication will be missed, as he is graduating this semester. Also graduating is **Jay McKoon**. Jay's in-house leadership as a former grand treasurer and an outstanding brother will be missed as well.

Service

The most dramatically changing part of our chapter over the past several months has definitely been service. For details, please see story, *Community Service on the Rise at Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma*, on page four.

Recruitment

The Georgia Tech IFC experienced low numbers this spring in recruitment as each fraternity averaged only 2.4 pledges. We ranked 3rd on campus with five pledges, just two behind the leader. Although this isn't the number we were hoping for, we are very optimistic about the summer and fall. We are already in the process of getting things going for what will be a great fall rush.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Thompson Daniel Jr. '56

(412A Fisher Park Cir., Greensboro, NC 27401-1615; tgddaniel@aol.com)

I am happy to announce that my company, Southern Home Management, Inc., in Greensboro NC, was joined by a new Kappa Sigma partner in January of 2005. My son Tom Daniel, Kappa Sigma of NC State, has assumed the duties as General Manager and Vice-President of our land development business activities, concentrated in Greenville SC and Charlotte NC.

'60s

William Kirksey '63

(5075 Kanawha Bluff, Stone Mountain, GA 30087-2146; bkirksey@mindspring.com) I have been hiking the Appalachian Trail in sections, totaling over 1000 miles so far.

'70s

James L. (Hatchet) Harris '74

(2109 Creek Trail, Millersville, TN 37072; jharris@bbafiberweb.com) Reading **Hank "Sperm" Seamon's** (class of '74) account in the October issue of Alpha Tauker prompted me to recount a little excitement I had this summer. Nothing on the order of Sperm's but it has altered my life. After getting 'outsourced' from Western Nonwovens while moving their Oakland, CA plant to Clinton, TN, I stopped in Grand Junction, CO on my way back from Oakland to Nashville on July 16th. I was flying with another pilot (CFI) so I could get in some flying time and take some photos of the Grand Junction Valley. While landing, the CFI lost control of the plane and we crashed. [Editor's note: for the rest of Hatchet's update, please visit our Web site at www.kappasigmagt.org.

'80s

Terry G. Benson '85

(1189 Eagles Watch Trail, Winter Springs, FL 32708; terrybfla@yahoo.com) Hi all! Looks like I am about 3 years late in posting, but I just got the flyer, so here goes! After leaving Tech in '83, I joined Delta Delta chapter at University of Florida where I graduated in Business in '85. Got my MBA from FAU in '92 and I am in my 20th year with Bank of America. I am the risk officer for commercial real estate lending in North Florida, GA, TN, AL, KY, LA and AK. I have an office in Atlanta (kitty-corner from the Varsity),

but only get up there about once a quarter. Married, divorced, married again with 3 kids: Trevor (14), Haley (12) and Paul (9). We live in NE Orlando and love it. My wife Angelika also works for BofA on the same floor as I do so we see each other all the time. [Editor's note: for the rest of Terry's update, please visit our Web site at www.kappasigmagt.org.

Michael S. Hickman '88

(6935 Lancaster Circle, Cumming, GA 30040; MH@MichaelSHickman.com) I joined Keller Williams Realty earlier this year. So far, we have put together a great team at www.RamblinRealty.com. We enjoy living in Cumming. My son Andrew plays football for the Midway Packers and baseball for the Coal Mountain Raiders. My daughter Holly dances for the Metropolitan Ballet in Alpharetta.

'90s

Chris L. Campbell '91

(2405 Beekay Court, Vienna, VA 22181; chris.campbell@cox.net) Friends and brothers - I just received a copy of the Alpha Tauker in the mail, and I am struck by how much I have missed by letting myself fall out of touch with all of you. It has been far too long since I have seen you guys. I can't possibly bring you up to speed on everything in this short blurb, so here are the quick highlights: Work: after graduation I moved back to DC and started a job with Booz Allen. After a couple of years I went to UVA (Darden) to get an MBA, then joined Andersen to build a business consulting group. [Editor's note: for the rest of Chris's update, please visit our Website at www.kappasigmagt.org.

Mr. Keith White Jr. '97

(150 Leeward Rd., Alexander City, AL 35010; gvc130@hotmail.com) I was deployed to Iraq and returned to the U.S. in August. Looking forward to a great football season at Tech!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meet the New Executive Committee

Grand Master:

John Bradley Winn

Montezuma, GA

Polymer & Fiber Engineering

Grand Procurator

Tim Stamm

Chatsworth, GA

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Grand Master of Ceremonies

Terrell Dozier

Macon, GA

Management

Grand Scribe

Josh Rosner

Snellville, GA

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Grand Treasurer

Phil Gadomski

East Hampton, CT

Electrical & Computer Engineering

House Manager

Alan Turner

Conyers, GA

Aerospace Engineering

Table Manager

Adam Brown

Lawrenceville, GA

Management

Social Chairman

Jason Lanzone

Kennesaw, GA

Building Construction

Pledge Educator

Ryan Martinez

Marietta, GA

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Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Our alumni relations program is still being managed by the same company, but they have partnered with this new center which will result in faster and more secure processing of your contributions. As always, we thank you for your submissions!

Community Service on the Rise at Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma Week Aiding Hurricane Victims Revitalized Desire to Serve

Over the past several months, there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of service from our chapter. The real change began when Actives **Drew Weeks, Chuck Heeren, John Winn** and our 2005 Sweetheart, **Tiffany Grant**, participated in the Georgia Tech-sponsored service trip to Mobile to aid hurricane victims. This trip took place during the winter break and lasted for a full week. Participants slept on a gym floor and worked on flooded houses. When the trip concluded, this renewed emphasis on service was transmitted to the chapter. The addition of **Bryan Popka** as our philanthropy chairman has added to the increased passion for service we are beginning to demonstrate.

This passion has allowed our chapter to bring back the Charity Softball Tournament which will be held on Saturday, April 8. **Ricky Schwartz** has done a wonderful job

putting the tournament together. Each team participating will pay \$150.00. There will also be lunch and raffles to generate more money for charity. All the proceeds will be given to the American Cancer Society. As of now there are 13 teams participating and about 200 individuals. These teams consist of different Kappa Sigma undergraduate and alumni chapters from around the Southeast. Some of the participating schools include, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Vanderbilt, Winthrop and UTC.

As a chapter we have worked very hard to improve our service program. Smaller service projects include: Salvation Army Clothing Drive, Charles Harris Run for Leukemia, Dance Marathon, Relay for Life, Race for Ronald, and Tech Beautification Day. We are committed to continually improving this aspect of our brotherhood and look forward to other future successes.

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basis. It would also help us keep in touch with others as we travel, or get together here in Atlanta, when passing through.

We have reunited many friends, and have had some outstanding results using this internet technology. We have learned about personal families, jobs, achievements, disappointments and opportunities. We have shared prayers over a brother's illness, and also unfortunately over a recent brother's untimely death in Dubai. Once again, we are reminded that we made a commitment to each other when we were initiated into our Kappa Sigma fraternity. I encourage anyone who wants to be a part of this "warm & fuzzy" group to email me for a membership application. It's easy to join, and I promise you a renewed friendship as we share our life stories together.

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