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After a Successful Year in 2006, the Chapter Looks Forward to Several Events Planned in 2007

Annual Ski Trip in West Virginia Starts the Year Off on the Right Foot

By Kevin Rouse

Congratulations to the graduating class of Fall 2006! Their presence will be missed in the everyday life of Kappa Sigma; however, we look forward to their strengthened alumni support. Last semester proved to be very productive through our efforts in philanthropy, homecoming and house renovations. In the beginning of the semester, the entire chapter participated in a successful work week. A full-sized shed was built behind the basketball court to store lawn equipment. In our philanthropic

events, the chapter contributed many hours to the March of Dimes organization, for which we had almost full chapter support. We also ran a clothing drive to benefit the Salvation Army.

Throughout the Spring 2007 semester, there are a few notable events scheduled. First, we have our annual MLK weekend ski trip in the mountains of Snowshoe, West Virginia. In late February, our undergrads will partake in a formal weekend away from campus. In March, we will host a parents' day weekend. (Alumni are also welcome to attend.) The afternoon will include a baseball game at 1:00 p.m. followed by a dinner and awards ceremony. To finalize our social calendar, the undergrads will have yet another chance to apply their engineering skills for the week-long Luau preparation. We are going to start updating our website on a regular basis to keep you informed of current events. Hope to see everyone in 2007.



A few brothers relax by a fire while spending the holidays together.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

'90s

David Durovy '99

(3333 Dawsonville Hwy., Gainesville, GA 30506; ksig@occilent.com) I am still working for Citigroup, currently on assignment in Stockholm, Sweden until sometime this summer. My role here is managing the Internet Technology team, supporting our credit card and personal loan businesses across the four-country Nordic Cluster. Upon my return to the U.S., I will most likely resume my role in our Atlanta office, which is the headquarters for our credit card partnership with The Home Depot. I am posting periodic updates of my stay in Sweden online at: <http://sweden.occilent.com>.

'00s

Ira "Ben" Benoy '05

(91-6560 Kapolei Parkway Unit 3G3, Ewa Beach, HI 96706; ben.benoy@gmail.com) Stationed at Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Base on Oahu in Hawaii. We bought a townhome in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. My wife (Lee) is expecting in May. It's gonna be a boy, and we're still arguing about names.



Where Have You Been?

We need your news! Have you recently gotten married? Had a baby? Become a grandfather? If so, your Kappa Sigma brothers want to hear about it!

Log onto the website at www.kappasigmagt.org to submit your update, and read up on your old friends.

By Any Other Name (A Continuation)

By Geoff Gill '64

This is a continuation of the article "By Any Other Name," published in the Fall 2006 issue of The Alpha Tauker.

Nicknames are a part of every society, and have endured through the ages. The decade of the 1990s was an especially fertile period in the history of Alpha Tau. Our esteemed House Corporation President has been known as "Sponge" since his pledge days. **Michael "Sponge" Dudgeon '89** got his nickname from his ability to consume copious volumes of liquids while apparently losing no cognitive powers. In fact, he came to his first Halloween Party with a costume made up of hundreds of kitchen sponges.

Several brothers are attributed with creating multiple nicknames for their brothers. **Mark "Rambo" Ramberger '88**, **Bill "Wiz Dog" Bivens '97**, **Ray "Yar" Massey '96**, **Dan "Waylander" Wayland '88** and **Randy Taylor '93** seemed to be the most prolific namers.

Jimmy "Jimbo" Fortuna '91, a.k.a. "James Robert" (formal usage), a.k.a. "Bob" (for short) tells us his pledge class even had a collective nickname. "My entire pledge class named itself 'WHO.' That was short for "Worthless Human Organisms," a term coined by one of us very late one very cold night. It was one of those rare moments where something not all that funny was crying hilarious."

Evidently Randy Taylor had a habit of

blatantly mispronouncing peoples' names, like **Michael "Preknock" Warnock '97**, **Andrew "Wopkins" Watkins '97** and **Rudi "Boatneck" Bauknecht '96**.

David Joiner '95 relates as to how he came by his nickname. "My nickname is rather tame. I drove my father's large Buick to the University of Florida Kappa Sig spring softball tournament as a pledge. I was driving slowly because I was scared to wreck the car or get into trouble in it, so an annoyed and slightly inebriated Randy Taylor started calling me Grandpa. And of course my girlfriend, later wife, Sara, became Grandma. We still get called that at football games."

He also told us that **Grayson Cochran '93** was known as "Sid." The real Sid was a midget elf in a Christmas-themed porn movie. If you have never met Grayson, he is about 5'0" in heels.

And there was **Tommy "Tammy" Qualters '95**, who grew his hair out freshman year and looked like a girl; **Mike "Flash" McLaren '98** - lightning on the basketball court; **Dave "Rosco" McLaren '00** - Flash's RLB (see *Dukes of Hazzard*); and **Eric "Cheech" Cheatwood '00** - probably self-explanatory.

What we did receive from the 90s alumni was a long list of names with no explanation or attribution. So for their benefit and amusement, we will list the rest here.

Sue (or A Boy Named Sue, if you're not into the whole brevity thing)
Karl (actually, the name of a Brother's butt)
Big Wheel
Noodle
Koko
Stain or McStain
Scrod or Scrot
Lightning
Beaker
Nuprin
Caesar
KY
Placekicker
Lime
Squealy Deahl or Full Meal Value Deahl
Lightnin'
Donger (whatever happened to the decade of the yellow man?)
Spooner
Weird
Rob "Sewer" Sewell
Red Sea Diving Club
Yam
Waterhead
TurdChopper
Stump
Hoover
Giblet
Millardass
Roweasaurus
Lardass
Fatass
Mr. Two Inch Vertical
Scrapple
Screech
Tequila Tex

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There's No Place like Home, Unless Your Yellow Brick Road Leads to the Kappa Sigma House

The Brotherhood and Camaraderie of the Brothers of Kappa Sigma Gave Bill Wren '46 Valuable Memories

Bill Wren '46 grew up Wrens, Georgia, and making the transition from a small town to the community at Georgia Tech was a little overwhelming. "Wrens had a population of about 2,000 people. Everybody looked after everybody. When I came to Georgia Tech, nobody looked after anybody. The fraternity was a lifesaver."

His father, **William Wren Sr. '16**, was also a Kappa Sigma at Georgia Tech, and Bill applied because he wanted an education in technology. The war's effect was very noticeable on campus. "Fifty percent of the tech student body was in the reserves," he remembers.



William Wren '46 at Georgia Tech.

Bill lived in the fraternity house for nine months before he joined the Navy reserves. His roommate at the house, **Kirk McKay**

'49, was a very memorable character. "When he wanted you to turn out the lights at night, he'd take out the light bulbs and break them," Bill chuckles. "He had whiskey on his cereal for breakfast, and when he was drunk [at night], he'd ask you to hit him against the chin so he'd fall asleep."

One of Bill's favorite memories of Kappa Sigma was speaking to rushees during pledge week. "It gave us a chance to talk to freshman about our feelings about the fraternity. When you have to put your feelings into words, they begin to mean more to you."

His dedication was solidified when he served as treasurer for Kappa Sigma. "It wasn't an easy task because they didn't have any money," he says. "I had to be in charge of rent, making people pay their dues and managing the finances of the chapter." During Bill's senior year, the brothers agreed to buy ceramic cream-colored beer mugs with Kappa Sigma on the front and each brother's name on the back of his own mug. Bill wanted "Billy" on the back of his, but some of the brothers played a trick on him. "When I got it, it didn't say Billy, it said 'Shylock,'" Bill admonishes. Shylock is the name of a money-lender from Shakespeare's play, *The Merchant of Venice*, who famously asks one of his borrowers for a "pound of flesh."

"That was what they thought of my treasurer's abilities," Bill laughs. "The way I interpreted it was that I was effective."

It was through Kirk that Bill met his wife, Nancy. Kirk's girlfriend made the introduction. "We talked on the phone, and

bingo, that was it. We got engaged when I graduated. We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary this past September, and we're still speaking," Bill says. He and Nancy have four daughters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bill worked for Carrier Air Conditioning Company for seven years in the Southeast, then spent three years working for Sig Cox in Augusta, Georgia. He eventually returned to Carrier and worked in their Syracuse office for 27 years. He retired early from Carrier to care for Nancy when her health declined, and came home and worked at a friend's furniture store for 10-15 years before officially retiring in 2001.



Bill and his wife Nancy in November 2005.

Bill's favorite hobbies were golfing, fishing, woodworking and ship model building. Now he keeps busy participating in weekly senior exercise programs, caring for his handicapped wife and spending time with his family.

Though not as involved as he used to be, Bill is very much in support of Kappa Sigma. "You need a home away from home when you're in a big college, and the only place you're going to get that is a fraternity. For me, it was Kappa Sigma," he says. "I wouldn't have made it through Georgia Tech without it."

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Bee-arch!
Garbage D*ck
The Hi-Roller
Barney/Grimace
Hymmie
Teen Wolf
Two Flee Gee

Neon Peon
Hands of Stone
Noodle
Buck
The Greaseman
Any of the 100 derivatives of Culpepper
B.A.D.D. (Brothers Against Dean Dollar)

The Bourbon States of America
Hung Choi (although not truly a person, worthy of remembrance)

The guess is that there are some great stories behind these names. How about you, do you have one? Send it to geoff.gill@bellsouth.net.

Laugh So Hard Your Guts Hurt

Boring day? These hilarious memories will put a smile on your face and take you back to your days as an undergrad. Relive your wild days and share your memories with us at www.kappasigmagt.org.

What is the memory that makes you laugh hardest today?

**"My initiation into the fraternity. I had to count all the ladies' restrooms at all the theaters in downtown Atlanta."
- Carl Hermon "Steamboat" Fulton '50**

"Buster Lackey '58 and I were told to go to FSU, paint the SAE lion, and bring back something from another fraternity. We went, but discovered the lion had already been painted so many times it



didn't make sense to do it again, and we couldn't find the item we were sent for. Instead, we "borrowed" the Sigma Chi letters from inside their house, and kept them on display at Tech for some months before sending them back."

-Stewart Winn '58

Describe the best party

**"Black & White on top of Stone Mountain with the Tams."
- Mac Ryland '69**

"Luau 1982: one day logging, three months building and digging, two days cooking and six hours of partying until you are so tired you pass out at 2 p.m. on the tower structure."

-Terry Benson '85

What is the one memory you have shared or will share with your children and/or grandchildren?

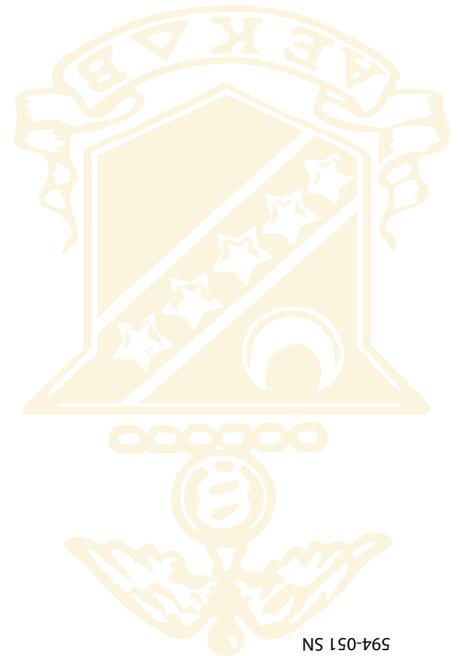
"The one memory that I've tried to pass on was the friendships and brotherhood that I experienced at both Beta Nu and Alpha Tau."

- Bill Williams '57

"Placing 2nd in the Rambling Wreck parade in 1966. Built it with **Bill Ward**. Got **John Rowley '68's** parents' car impounded that night, but no details to the kids about that."

- Mac Ryland '69

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