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Alpha Tau of  
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## HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

### Welcome to Our New Alumni President!

We'd like to welcome **Christopher Finke '94**, who recently took over as president of The Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma House Corporation. He succeeds **Mike Dudgeon '89**, who is focusing his efforts on our capital fundraising campaign. Here, learn a little more about Chris...

**Why are you volunteering for the House Corp?** First of all, I was honored to be asked to join the House Corp. It is a great way to serve the fraternity in a meaningful way and it is a good fit for me given my professional experience.

**Why do you encourage other alumni to get involved with Kappa Sig in their alumni years?** It is a great way to give back to the fraternity and connect with other alumni.



Christopher Finke '94

**What is your best Kappa Sig memory?** My best memory, and coincidentally the one that will get me the most points at home, is of meeting my future wife, Alexa, at a mixer.

**What are your goals for Kappa Sig as president?**

This is an exciting time to be getting involved with the House Corporation. Initially, we'll be focused on completing a successful fundraising campaign in order to construct

a new house. Bringing younger alumni onto the House Corporation Board will also be an immediate goal.

**What are your impressions of the current active chapter?** I have been impressed with their strong commitment to support the fundraising campaign.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Alumni Celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Alpha Tau Reunion Party at Homecoming 2010

Homecoming weekend kicked off with the 10th Annual Alpha Tau of Kappa Sigma reunion party at Gordon Beirsch. Several generations were represented at this event which has become more and more popular each year with the help of Matt Cahill.

The game day tailgate was a huge success

thanks to some team work between the undergrads and alumni. The undergraduate brothers provided the slow roasted pig, while **David Joiner** and **John Deahl '96** who assisted Chef Mark in preparing the BBQ beef and sides.

**Michael Pouncey '94** and **Mike Hug '80** were busy in the house showing off the color elevations and floor plans for Alpha Tau's proposed Chapter house replacement. The pool room was popular with the kids who were crowded around the arcade game machine.

**Marshall Hunter '92** sent the crowd off to Bobby Dodd Stadium with a pre-game pep talk and "Who Dat!"

The Jackets beat the Cavs 33-21.

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*Reflects gifts recorded as of November 5, 2010.*

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## **REMEMBER WHEN?**

### **The Story of How We Obtained a Mysterious Picture in the 1960s**

*Thank you to Ted Haney '61 for submitting the following...*

This message is in response to an email I sent to some of the Class of '61 guys about a mysterious picture that came into my possession some years ago. Since some of the names may be recognizable, I hope the statute of limitations has past. **Aubrey Watson '65** seemed to know some of the details, too, so it seemed appropriate to follow his recollections.

I believe this picture and several solitary Confederate generals were "loaned" to us by the Johnny Rebs Restaurant in downtown Atlanta. Those present were Abdul, Nobles, me and my failing memory can't recall the other. This was in 1959 at the second premier of "Gone with the Wind" at the Lowes Theater. It seems like **Jerry Vaughn** was there too. The pictures seemed to appear in our hands as we were leaving the restaurant. To get out of John Rebs one had to walk through

a turnstile to pay your bill. Since I was the biggest I had to carry the subject picture. Nobles didn't carry a general but he had "borrowed" about a dozen raw eggs that he had found. We went from Johnny Rebs to the Lowes Grand to sneak in the second premier, but they kept catching us. A fellow claimed that he was Darrel Zanuck son told us that we could go in at the intermission. That would be no fun, so we had to help Nobles get rid of his eggs. Abdul stole a school bus to drive a couple blocks

The night before, **Al Nobles '63, Eddie Brannon '60** (now deceased), Janice DeLozier (the Alpha Tau Sweetheart) and I slipped into the Second Premier Ball that the Governor was giving for the remaining cast of the picture. **Jim Sledge '62** was already there legally and he was not glad to see us.

The brothers at the house saw us on the 11 o'clock news and began showing up at the Biltmore to insure that we were okay. We all helped them to take the flags down that were adorning the walls, including the pure silk Old Guard Flag of Georgia and the pure silk Confederate Battle Flag that stood on either of the governor's desk. I believe the GBI came by to ask us if we knew any thing about their disappearance along with a 200-year-old rocking chair and a fat ash tray named Steuben Glass. The last I heard of the two silk flags and the rocking chair was that they had moved to the Mississippi delta.

This is my recollection of the history of that picture.

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

### He Gives Back to Kappa Sig Because It Gave Something to Him

**SUBHEAD:** Brad Smith Tells of His Years as a Kappa Sig Brother

When Brad Smith reminisces about his days at Kappa Sig, Greek Week, and the pet goat, Wilbur that he and his brothers shared are just a couple of things that come to mind.

Brad and **Mike Malone '81** bought Wilbur at a livestock auction and tied him to the back of Smith's pickup truck.

"We were going to BBQ him, but the moral of the story is never give one of your next meals a name," he said. "Wilbur became like a pet for a few months until the alumni got upset over him eating our shrubs and the campus police tired of us letting him get loose and scaring the librarians on the hill. I brought him to a farm in Carroll County to live out his days."

During his days at Kappa Sig, Brad coached the "Greek Week" team to one third place and two second place finishes. Although he said it's not too hard to believe, his brothers also placed well in nearly all of the events requiring them to chug beer as part of the athletic competition. Things were different on campus back then, Brad said, remembering that the legal drinking age was only 18.

Brad joined Kappa Sig because the brothers

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there made him feel welcome "right off the bat." He and his big brother, **Bob Leonard '78**, had a high school motocross connection. Brad remembers hanging out with Bob and some of the other brothers before school or fall rush even began.

During his years living at the house, Brad remained active as a member, devoting his time to the fraternity and his school work. He lived in Carrollton for half a year where he completed a co-op with the Southwire Company.

As an alumnus, Brad continues to visit the house on football game days. He said it

is great not only for the alumni but for the undergraduates to have the tailgates moved to the front lawn of the house.

Brad reunited with pledge brother **Ridgely Cinquegrana '80** at last year's Homecoming game and has attended many games with **Chris Addleton '82** over the years. He has frequently hunted with brothers **Chris and Kurt von Bories** over the last 30+ years.

Giving back to Kappa Sig is something Brad enjoys doing because it has also given him something in return.

"I would like to see our house be one of the nicest on campus so that we can continue to recruit and house a strong chapter," he said.

Brad has a wife Robin and two children. His son, Wesley, is in high school and is a frequent motocross racer like Brad was back in the day. His daughter is a senior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1982 and has lived in east ever since, where he worked for ALCOA. After about ten years, Smith left to form his own business, which he runs with other partners and investors.

*Reconnect with Brad at cbsmith446@aol.com.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '70s

#### Thomas E. Newkirk '71

(193 Victoria Way, Roswell, GA 30075-2959; lynnewkirk@bellsouth.net) Our son Toby and his wife Becky had twins October 9, 2009. We are grandparents and enjoy this new stage in our lives.

#### Andrew Phelps '76

(akphelps@bechtel.com) Barbara and I moved from northern British Columbia to Santiago, Chile in January 2010. We survived the 8.8 earthquake in February and are thriving in

this fascinating environment and booming economy. I was recently appointed as the operations manager for Bechtel's activities in Latin America.

### '90s

#### Jeff Ramsaur '99

(23871 Windmill Lane, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677; jramsaur@gmail.com) After 15 years in Atlanta, I have left the south for the west coast. My wife Jorie was presented with an opportunity to move into Marketing with

UPS based out of Southern California. We packed up our 11 month old son Will and after living in a Hotel for 7 weeks, moved into a house in Laguna Niguel, about half way between LA and San Diego. So far we are really enjoying it here, the weather is a lot better than the oppressive heat of Atlanta in July but we are realizing how far away we are from our friends.

I have to give a plug to my real estate agent Carrie Qualters (wife of brother **Tommy Qualters '99**) who proved you can sell a house in a down economy.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### 1960s Brothers Prove that Alpha Tau Had Other Talents Besides Athletics

#### *Kappa Sig Wins Second Place in 1965 IFC Sing*

*Thank you to Mac Anderson '67 for submitting the following...*

This is a picture of our second place finish in the 1965 IFC Sing reveal a side of Alpha Tau that wasn't nearly as well known as our athletic prowess. Pictured from left to right are **Milton "Skip" Miller '65**, **Mike Milot '68**, **Dick Blessey '66**, **Mac Anderson '67** and **Don Batchelor '67**. I can't remember what song we sang, but it was a popular folk song from that time. It might have been (the answer my friend is) "Blowing in the Wind" by the very successful trio of Peter, Paul and Mary. Skip Miller would probably remember.

Our group came together initially just to sing for fun in the dorms. Fitting all of us in one of those very small Alpha Tau dorm rooms was a feat in itself. The late and multi-talented Don Batchelor was the arranger/organizer. Don not only gave the rest of us our parts, but he could demonstrate them for those of us (like me) who were less

musically talented. The other key to our success was Skip Miller's beautiful lead voice. Dick, Mike and I performed our roles as assigned by Don. Representing Alpha Tau successfully in the IFC Sing was great fun and an honor for the group. However, the really neat aspect of the group was the many enjoyable impromptu singing sessions in the Alpha Tau dorms. Other brothers who would often join us to sing along or just listen. It was a great way to temporarily forget the academic challenges of Georgia Tech.



*Kappa Sigma wins again . . . this time in the 1965 Interfraternity Council Spring Sing . . . and another trophy is added to our trophy case.*

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