

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Football Game
Saturday, April 21

GT vs. Tennessee
Monday, September 4

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Brother Smith Has a Tough Choice to Make Come Football Season

Who Will He Root for in GT vs. UT Game?

Brother **Brad Smith '82** is going to see two precious loved ones in battle come September 2017. No, we're not talking about his children; we're talking football. Smith, who lives outside of Knoxville, Tenn., has season tickets to Tennessee games. But he also loves seeing his beloved Yellow Jackets. Smith will be in quite the quandary come Sept. 4, as Georgia Tech will play the Vols in Atlanta in the season opener for both teams.

To make matters even more complicated, Brad's daughter is a UT grad and his son attends Tennessee.

"We will be a divided family for this first game of 2017!" Brad says.

He is also a season ticket-holder for Tech games.

"I go to many of the games with Brother Chris Addleton, who was my roommate a few quarters when we were not away on the Co-op plan working," Smith says. "Chris and I are both former GMs and have enjoyed deer hunting together near Macon, Ga., each

fall for the last 40 years with our KA buddy Clark Jokl and Brother Kurt VonBories. We all went to Jacksonville for the 2006 ACC championship game against Wake Forest and watched our guys lose in the rain."

"In 2009, I helped put together a road trip to the ACC championship game in Tampa with a bunch of Kappa Sig brothers, including Tim Gilbert, Mark Sheridan, Ed Senules, Roger Tarras, Ridgely Cinquegrana, and Steve Lazkowski," he said. "I have also gone to a few home games with some other brothers, like Scott Bradley, Pete Gouldthorpe, and Mike Alexander in recent years.

Brad looks forward to the season opener for 2017 when his two favorite teams play in the Chic-Fil-a Kickoff Classic at the new Mercedes Benz Stadium in downtown Atlanta.

"I intend to wear my GT gear to this much-anticipated game," he said. "But will have a UT T-shirt on underneath so that my team wins no matter what, hah!"



Brad Smith, second from the right, with friends at the 2006 ACC championship game.

CHAPTER NEWS

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SPRING 2017 PLEDGES

Trey Bourne
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Raj Shrimali
Josh Whitley

Honoring the Star and Crescent through Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service

FELLOWSHIP

Planning Fresh Activities to Attract New Recruits and to Strengthen Alumni Relations

The chapter hosted an array of activities to strengthen relations for potential members and alumni brothers, including:

- Inviting potential new members to dirt track racing, a par 3 golf outing, laser tag, and a trivia night for recruitment events
- Holding regular events for alumni, including a poker night, the alumni baseball tournament, and football tailgates

LEADERSHIP

Raising Awareness for Suicide Prevention



Kick the Stigma participants

Alpha Tau again held its annual Kappa Sigma Games, Kick the Stigma event to help raise awareness for suicide prevention.

SCHOLARSHIP

Kappa Sig Brother Honored by Astronaut Scholarship Foundation



Cameron McMillan with his parents

Brother Cameron McMillan '17 was honored this past November with a \$10,000 allocation from the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation.

An aerospace-engineering student, McMillan received the scholarship from Georgia Tech

grad and former astronaut Jan Davis. Davis made three trips to space during her career.

Only 40 students around the country receive the scholarship; the \$10,000 prize is the highest the ASF offers.

“Recipients of this award must have demonstrated dedication to research, and to being well-rounded members of their community,” Davis said at the ceremony.

Three Undergraduates Benefit from House Corp. Award

Steven Johnston, Alexander Norwood, and Alex Thompkins all received a financial award from the House Corporation's Alpha Tau chapter of Kappa Sigma Scholarship Fund for the 2016-17 academic year.

SERVICE

Alpha Tau Contributes 2,500 Hours and Raise \$8,000+ for Philanthropy



Alpha Tau brothers in Jamaica

Alpha Tau participated in numerous philanthropy events this year, contributing 2,500 hours and raising more than \$8,000 through service projects, including:

- Eight brothers traveling to Jamaica for a week to help rebuild hurting communities
- Ongoing participation in Atlanta Mission homeless shelter's breakfast and dinner services times
- The launch of a new philanthropy event, Kappa Sigma presents: Coffee House, to benefit the Military Heroes fund
- Participation in campus service events such as Team Buzz and other Greek organizations' philanthropy events

AT THE HOUSE

Active Brothers Help Keep Alpha Tau House Among the Most Attractive On Campus

Our active brothers have been working hard to upkeep our beautiful home on campus through ongoing maintenance projects, including:

- The addition of a security camera to the kitchen
- The addition of a picnic table with bench seating out back, built by Brother Jonathan Edwards

- The construction of a new bike rack, built by Brother John Tipton
- The addition of new tables for the study room, built by Brother Noah Schaich
- The painting of the brotherhood lounge, with the addition of several coffee machines, a new table, and a hanging mug rack

ALUMNI UPDATES

Kappa Sigs Conceive One of the Most Popular Cars Ever Manufactured in the US

Pat McGarity '56 (1040 Country Club Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304; pmcgarity@aol.com)

I worked for Ford Motor Co. for 49 years, and was one of three product planners that conceived the Mustang back in the early 1960s. We all went on to do other good corporate things over the rest of our time with the company. Interestingly, one other of our cadre of three was also a Kappa Sigma, from MIT. After retirement, I have served as Commodore of the Grosse Pointe Club and The Old Club in Michigan. Now in full retirement, I have sailed the



An Alpha Tau brother helped to create this popular automobile.

Great Lakes and restored and campaigned several classic cars to National Champion status. I also served as Chairman of the Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance. Now, in beautiful Beaufort on the South Carolina coast, I spend time working on local charity boards and the Dupont family's Wildlife Foundation. Happily, another board member there is also a Georgia Tech graduate. Together with my wife, I now enjoy hunting quail and other game birds here in the South as well as in South America, Ireland, Wales, and Canada. I am in frequent contact with brothers T.G. Daniel, Drew Hearn, and Doug Graves.

Alum Maintains Lifelong Connections with 20+ Brothers, Searches for Tom McCoy (Tom, Are You Reading This? There's a Football Game In It For You!)

Kurt von Borries '80 (1761 Canton Hills Cir., Marietta, GA 30062; jkvb4u@bellsouth.net)

I'm retired from real estate and have lived in Marietta for the last 31 years. I have many fond memories and luckily lived through them. I still connect with many brothers. Tim Gilbert (Tim's son Ethan is a brother at Kennesaw State) and I have had football and basketball season tickets next to each other for the last 30 years. A few years ago we sat in Upper East next to Mike Malone, Joe Bibler, and Ralph Sykes, but we moved over to lower West. Guys, we've got great seats and sometimes are out of the sun. I head down to south Georgia (Cairo) twice a year to fish and hunt with Chris Adleton, and I used to hunt with Brad Smith but still bump into him at football games. I also go fishing with Rich Weissinger once or twice a year in Milledgeville, where he lives, plus usually treat him to a football game or two.

I reconnected with Don Kinser a couple years ago. His wife, Nanci, was Chapter Sweetheart, and her brother, Steve Ball, was a pledge

brother. I see Geoff Gill and Greg Davis at the Buckhead Rotary Club a few times a year, and another Brother, Doug Eidson (Auburn), is also in that club. I originally met him through the Atlanta Kappa Sigma Alumni Chapter. Another Brother, Wade Patrick (Georgia State), is in my Rotary Club in East Cobb. We knew each other from the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, where he was Grandmaster the year before I was. I bump into another brother from time to time, Jim Boyd (Memphis); he was Grandmaster of the Alumni Chapter after me. I was at the Orange Bowl with Tim Gilbert, Mark Sheridan, Steve Bolton, and Ed Senules, then I saw Steve and Ed again at Tim's daughter's wedding last summer. I recently went to a GT basketball game with Mike Hug, and I have bumped into Mike Alexander a few times over the years as well as Jeff Cooper, another Rotarian. And, of course, you never know who you might see at "The House" for Homecoming.

I have tried to contact Tom McCoy, but have been unsuccessful. Tom, if you are reading this, email me. I would very much enjoy treating you to a GT football game.

Enjoy Breakfast and Conversation with FATBACK

William David Christian '65 (2185 Dunwoody Heritage Dr., Atlanta, GA 30350; wdc1550@comcast.net)

My wife, Jane, and I spend most of our time with our beautiful grandchildren. Jane will not allow me to dress her (or anyone else in my household) in White and Gold. She graduated from UGA!

Twice a month (in Atlanta), a group called FATBACK (which stands for Friday Artery Threatening Breakfast And Coffee Klub) and includes some Alpha Taus, meets in Atlanta (once for breakfast and once for lunch). Please email me if you would like to be included!

100th ANNIVERSARY

Remembering That Time Tech Beat Cumberland 222-0, and the Kappa Sig Connection

Special thanks to Dick Lord '57 for putting together a great recap of that legendary game where Tech beat Cumberland 222-0 in 1916, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the game.

Dick has special interest in this game for a reason. The star quarterback of the 1916 squad, Froggie Morrison, was Dick's wife's uncle. Dick recalls meeting him under the big oak tree behind the Tech library in 1960 and listening to him and other members of the 1916 team retell many of the stories about the game.

"I was fortunate, a few years ago, to persuade Froggie's grandchildren to loan me the scrapbook that he maintained through his college years, and have successfully scanned the clippings," said Dick. "It is a fascinating part of Georgia Tech history, and contains many tributes from John Heisman to him and other team standouts."



Find Dick's full recap of the big game online at www.kappasigmagt.org.



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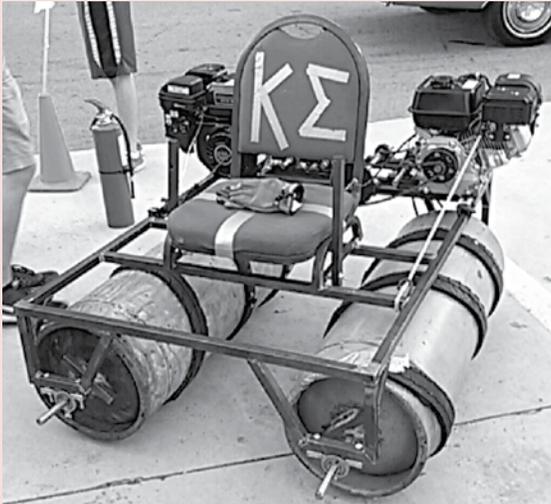
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CHAPTER NEWS



Homecoming Bragging Rights

Our undergraduates represented Alpha Tau extremely well during Homecoming week with first and second place finishes in two different competitions. During the Wreck parade, they won second place in the contraption category. They also created a great banner for the front of the house, which won first place in the banner category.

Kappa Sigma's submission in the 2016 Wreck parade, which won second place in the contraption category.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Hey, Guys from 1987! You're All 30 Years Older!

It sure seems like yesterday, doesn't it? The last 30 years have truly flown by. We love to find great pictures from our archives, including this one from 1987 when:

- Kappa Sigma had the second largest pledge class on campus
- The chapter reached the playoffs in six intramural sports
- We were bonded by things like: Mr. Man (W.B.Z.Z.M.)...Get the rats, Lady!...Party Master...Study Long, Study Wrong...OY!, OY!, OY!...World Class Athlete...GT Loafers...Mook's Awake!...Okay, Okay?...Gentlemen's Club...Moby Snick...Pee Wee...AEKDB!

If you have great memories or photos to share from 1987—or any era—please submit them online at www.kappasigmagt.org or at www.facebook.com/kappasigmagt.