

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Two big events are in the works for this spring:

### Alumni Fishing Trip

**Location:** Piedmont Driving Club

**For:** Alumni and their families

**When:** TBA, likely in April or early May

### Gamma Alpha Dinner

**Location:** TBA in Atlanta

**Details:** Yet to be finalized. Marks the beginning of the official public phase of the new house project.

### Other events:

We will announce various smaller happy-hour and game-watching gatherings as applicable (assuming Tech makes it to a tournament this year).

Important: All event invitations will be sent via e-vite. Please take a moment to RSVP when you receive an invitation.

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

### Jimmy Trimble

Alumni Association  
President

### Jason Peters

Annual Giving Chairman

### Grant Norwood

Alumni Association  
Secretary

### Adam Fuller

Alumni Association  
Treasurer

### Alex Brown

Alumni Association Vice  
President

For more details, find the profiles of our officers on Page 3!



# The Rose & Star

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## Chapter Report: Striving for a Limitless Future

By Josh Lesman '02, Commander

Greetings, brothers of Sigma Nu. As we all know, now is an exciting time in the history of the Gamma Alpha Chapter. Along with the newly revived alumni relations effort and the incredible results of the housing campaign, the brothers are taking unprecedented actions to ensure the growth and survival of this chapter for generations to come.

I am proud to say that, since my tenure here as a brother, I have never seen the chapter as strong as it is today and striving with such dedication to make a difference for the future.

The enthusiasm among the members to do more for Sigma Nu is unbelievable. The benefits can already be seen throughout the chapter. In just weeks, the chapter accomplished its goal to achieve 100-percent participation by undergraduates to pledge a minimum of \$1,000 dollars each to the house corporation, payable upon graduation.

Individual offices and committees are improving at a remarkable rate due to restructuring and reorganizing every office to encompass a mission statement of that office, along with goals and a detailed timeline of achieving those goals. We have also developed the first rush brochure in many years, which will be distributed to incoming freshmen over the summer.

Our campus involvement chair has even been reprimanded for flooding the prominent

on-campus leadership organizations with numerous Sigma Nu applicants. And the marketing and events committees have been putting in abundant hours to ensure the success of Sigma Nu's future.

I cannot discuss the Gamma Alpha Chapter without also looking at its new-found interests in community service, philanthropy and fundraising. Brothers are reaching out to the community through activities and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, tutoring inner-city children, ADPI's 5K Race for Ronald, and H.O.P.E. Additionally, the chapter is planning on working events such as Steeplechase and SEC Fanfare this spring.

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Most important, the idea of just getting by in school is no longer feasible because, with brother tutors, online folders and encouraged class attendance, every brother can be a Dean's List student.

Gentlemen, I am very excited about what the future holds for the Gamma Alpha Chapter. With the solid foundation that is being set today, there is no limit. I have no doubt that within five years Sigma Nu will once again be a force to be reckoned with at Georgia Tech.

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## New Site Offers Searchable Member Directory, Bulletin Board, Photos, News, More

Visit Sigma Nu on the web at  
[www.sigmanugt.com](http://www.sigmanugt.com)

Who were your best buddies in college? Probably Sigma Nu brothers, right? Over the years, you've thought of them, but where are they today?

Now you can find your friends in seconds with our new online member directory. If we have an e-mail address on file for a friend, you can instantly send him a note. Our new Web site is crucial to keeping us all connected. It's so important, that we have taken a leap of faith by having it built.

We're relying on you to vote with your credit card or checkbook to let us know you want this brotherhood reconnection tool. It

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## We Need You: Support the Annual Fund

The Sigma Nu Annual Giving Fund is a great way for Gamma Alpha alumni to support the undergraduate chapter. Specific areas targeted include recruitment, scholarship and athletics. We are generally focused on funding for non-budgeted needs that can have a big impact in these areas.

For example, to help with recruitment in the fall, we will fund a certain number of scholarships for incoming freshmen who pledge Sigma Nu. We will also help current undergraduate brothers on a case-by-case basis if they run into financial hardships. Last fall we contributed to the acquisition and building of the Wreck, and we recently purchased athletic jerseys for intramural sports.

The entire undergraduate chapter has already committed to giving at least \$100 per brother per year after they graduate. We hope you will likewise consider giving at least \$100 annually to support the chapter.

To register your gift, please visit [www.sigmanugt.com](http://www.sigmanugt.com) and click on "Support the Annual Fund" in the upper right corner. Thank you in advance!

## HONOR ROLL

Our deepest thanks go to the following brothers who generously contributed their support. These gifts are for calendar year 2005.

### Inner Circle Leader

(\$1,000+)

Gary T. Jones 1968

Bill R. Poland 1964

### Way of Honor Supporter

(\$500 - \$749)

Robert W. Kelly 1968

### Light of Truth Supporter

(\$250 - \$499)

Richard M. Crouch 1965

Francis N. Spears 1970

Jimmy Trimble 1987

### White Star Club

(\$100 - \$249)

Roger H. Brown 1948

Julian K. Byron 1956

J. A. Conner 1964

Stanley L. Deal 1994

Spyros Nick Dermatas 1973

James C. Edenfield 1954

Paul M. Flood 1954

Langdon S. Flowers Jr. 1968

Mark . Fouraker 1981

Adam . Fuller 1989

John P. Gingrey 1962

Sherman J. Glass III 1967

Alfred J. Hackney II 1967

Paul E. Jensen 1984

Rufus S. Johnson III 1972

David O. Lawson 1957

William J. Maier 1949

Andy McKenna 1966

Matthew G. McKenna 1976

Patrick J. McKenna 1971

H. J. Ross 1940

V. H. Smith Jr. 1965

John H. Stanford Jr. 1967

Hammond H. Stith Jr 1955

Robert E. Terry Jr. 1948

Robert M. Thorpe 1969

Theodore J. Tomasovich 1968

James F. Watts Jr. 1958

Richard K. Whitehead III 1984

### Commander's Club

(Up to \$99)

Jim B. Adams Jr. 1961

Ralph A. Blythe Jr. 1957

Terry L. Brown 1985

Duke Claussen 1975

Pearce C. Connerat 1959

Charles B. Darsey 1973

Caldwell R. Dial Jr. 1959

Charles L. Douglas 1971

Donald A. Duke 1951

Ralph V. Fuller Jr. 1950

Jefferson M. Golden 1967

Michael Gross 1982

Warren T. Jackson III 1984

Erd M. Johnson 1948

Kyle Klatka 1965

Richard V. MacGregor 1940

Robert L. Martin 1961

John H. McClellan III 1961

Henry A. McGee Jr. 1971

James E. Meyer 1965

R. A. Miller 1979

Richard R. Pendergrass 1973

Steven C. Platt 1985

John D. Reeves 1968

James E. Rountree 1968

Bob Templeton 1949

R. B. Wallace Jr. 1980

George W. York 1960

## Hawley's 60... Holy Toledo!

Brother **Hawley Smith '65**, commander of Sigma Nu in 1967, was surprised



Hawley's family celebrating his milestone birthday

by his beautiful wife Emily Balz Smith for his 60th birthday celebration in Jacksonville, Fla., this January. Emily, a former sweetheart of Sigma Nu, was able to secretly gather family and friends for this joyous gala event that included several Snakes from days gone by.

**Chester "C" Stokes '62**, one of Hawley's best friends and honorary co-chair and lead donor for the upcoming Building the Future... Today building campaign, joined in, as did brothers **Langdon Flowers '68**, **Scott Rich '66** and **Roy Thornton '63**. Brother **John Stanford '67** also attended with his date... coach Bobby Cremins.

Where in the world did the past 40 years go? Happy birthday, Hawley! And thank you for the leadership gift. You da' man!



Coach Bobby Cremins and brother **John Stanford '67** share a laugh with Hawley's wife and former sweetheart of Sigma Nu, Emily Balz Smith.

## ALUMNI OFFICERS

### Jimmy Trimble '87



Board Position:  
**Alumni Association  
President**

City of Residence:  
Buckhead, Atlanta, Ga.

Occupation & Employer:  
Banker, Flag Bank in Buckhead

Education:  
BS management 1991, Georgia Tech  
MBA 1993, Georgia State

#### Why are you so involved in Sigma Nu?

Thanks to the hard work of **Gary Jones '68** and the generosity of our early donors, we have a unique opportunity to build a great new house and help re-energize the Gamma Alpha Chapter. It has been enjoyable to help alumni reconnect with each other and with the undergraduate chapter.

### Julian Alexander "Alex" Brown III '92



Board Position:  
**Alumni Association  
Vice President**

City of Residence:  
Brookhaven, Ga.  
(Atlanta area)

Occupation & Employer:  
CFO and founding partner,  
Hunter Technical Resources LLC

Education:  
BS management 1997, Georgia Tech

#### Why are you so involved in Sigma Nu?

I am the current chapter adviser and head of the events committee for the new house. I am involved with Sigma Nu because of a desire to give back to the organization that shaped who I am today. I would like future Gamma Alphas to experience the same great brotherhood and social atmosphere that I enjoyed during my tenure at Georgia Tech.

### Adam Fuller '89



Board Position:  
**Alumni Association  
Treasurer**

City of Residence:  
Vinings, Ga. (Atlanta area)

Occupation & Employer:  
Wealth management,  
Homrich & Berg Inc.

Education:  
BS management 1993, Georgia Tech  
MS finance 1995, Georgia State

#### Why are you so involved in Sigma Nu?

I have benefited greatly from my involvement with Sigma Nu, in large part because of the efforts and contributions from people who came before me. I want to help ensure that future generations can have the same types of experiences.

### Grant Norwood '88



Board Position:  
**Alumni  
Association Secretary**

*Left: Grant's Herbal Supplements and Facial Regimen Seems to be Working*

City of Residence:  
Dunwoody, Ga.

Occupation & Employer:  
Broker of employee benefits, insurance  
and mortgages,  
Affinity Financial Partners LLC

Education:  
BS management 1991, Georgia Tech  
MBA 1994, Mercer University

#### Why are you so involved in Sigma Nu?

I appreciate the opportunity to participate with a strong group of fellow alumni who are committed to improving the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Sigma Nu, including rebuilding its most visible symbol: the house on Fowler Street.

### Jason Peters '98



Board Position:  
**Annual Giving  
Chairman**

City of Residence:  
Lawrenceville, Ga.

Occupation & Employer:  
Registered representative,  
Equity Leadership Group

Education:  
BS mechanical engineering 2003,  
Georgia Tech

#### Why are you so involved in Sigma Nu?

It is my privilege to be able to give back to an organization that changed my life, in the hope that it will continue to do the same for generations to come.

## New Site... *(Continued from Page 1)*

costs much less than a printed directory and stays current as we update our information online.

You can read news and view photos your brothers have posted to the Alumni Updates page and Photo Gallery. On our Bulletin Board, you can post your own messages, read messages from other brothers, and arrange to meet classmates at a Bowl game, the next home game or any other event you may be attending. Your brothers are eager to hear how you're doing!

You can also:

- Read about upcoming Sigma Nu events and see photos of past events.
- Get news and information about Tech.
- See your name on the Honor Roll of contributors.
- Save time by making your contribution online through our secure credit-card service. (Remember, you're voting to support this Web site, our alumni reconnection tool!)
- Help us find "lost" brothers.
- Get the latest on the house and the

alumni chapter.

- Recapture some of the Tech spirit!
- Reconnecting with your brothers is about more than just nostalgia. It's an opportunity to rekindle friendships, plan small reunions, spark business alliances and be an active part of an organization that's really making a difference in the lives of young men.

We're still honing the site, and your feedback and input are essential. We're betting you'll find the site to be a valuable tool! Visit Sigma Nu on the Web at [www.sigmanugt.com](http://www.sigmanugt.com)!

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### 40s

#### William Maier '49

(2735 Brianwood Pl., Bethlehem, PA 18017-3801; wjm1952@aol.com) My wife, Corrie B. Maier, passed away on March 22, 2005. We were married for 54 years. I met her at a Sigma Nu formal at Piedmont Country Club in the spring of 1950. She was truly a special person.

### 50s

#### Kenneth C. Beene '50

(622 Kenilworth Ln., Ballwin, MO 63011) I transferred to the University of Tennessee in early 1951 and graduated on schedule in 1952. My Tech experience later helped me greatly in a rewarding career with Monsanto Company, where I managed public relations and human resources functions. I recruited a number of Georgia Tech engineers during my corporate tenure.

### 60s

#### Jimmy Adams Jr. '61

(11 Ramsgate Ct., Greensboro, NC 27403; jima@flyntamtex.com) I enjoyed reading

about the life and career of my friend **Bill Poland '63**. It was great to see so many of my brothers together in the "Gathering of Snakes" article. I look forward to the next newsletter.

### 70s

#### Henry McGee Jr. '71

(601 W. Main St., P.O. Box 843028, Richmond, VA 23284-3028; hmcgee@vcu.edu) Most recently, I led the design, creation and implementation of a new School of Engineering in Richmond, Va. The first 100 freshmen were admitted in the fall of 1996. Today, all programs in ME, ChE, EE, BME and CS are fully accredited; the BS, MS and Ph.D are offered; and the school has an endowment of over \$50 million and an enrollment of about 1,200. We also designed and built a \$43-million facility to house these new programs. It is an exciting story that I discussed in detail in a recent book, "Ab Initio: A New Concept in Engineering Education."

#### Spyros Dermatas '73

(625 Richmond Hill Dr., Macon, GA 31210-2951; snd@nu-wayweiners.com) My partner and cousin, Jim Cacavias, and I own and operate our family's fast-food chain, Nu-Way Weiners (with 11 stores in Macon, Warner

Robins and Ft. Valley). The business will be 90 years old next year. I stay in touch with **S. Brent Pyles '73**, **Charles "Chuck" Darsey '73**, **Terrell "Terry" Murphy '73** and others from my pledge class. My son Nick is in his fourth year at Tech.

### 90s

#### James B. Taylor '96

(1310 Mayfield Manor Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004; jim\_b\_taylor123@yahoo.com) I am married. I work for Accenture in our application outsourcing delivery center.

*To read more Alumni Updates or to submit one of your own, please visit our Web site at [www.sigmanugt.com](http://www.sigmanugt.com).*

## IN MEMORY

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the deaths of

**Edward E. Hara '38** (4/24/05)  
**Richard V. MacGregor '40** (11/25/04)  
**James J. Shannon '47** (3/05)

Sigma Nu mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

*To Walk in the Way of Honor...*

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*Read all about the house, the chapter and your alumni brothers!*

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