

UPCOMING EVENT

May 19

Sigma Nu Cookout and Jackets Baseball Game

Cookout

1:00 PM at the house
*This will be a family-friendly
event with a kids' play area.*

Baseball Game

Jackets vs. FSU
4:00 PM at Russ Chandler Field

*Please RSVP to Grant Norwood
at gnorwood@mindspring.com
if you plan to attend so we are
sure to have enough food at the
house and seats at the game.*

GLOBAL APPEAL

Sigma Nu Covers the Earth

Capital Campaign has Global Appeal

We are so thankful to all of the Brothers of Gamma Alpha for their support in the Capital Campaign. If we haven't reached you yet, and you're hiding out in Moultrie... we will find you. Special thanks to our brothers abroad who have made pledges to the Capital Campaign.

Grover Dear '68

Hong Kong

John McClellan '61

Honolulu, Hawaii

Robert Moore '76

Oil taker off the coast of Africa

George Stapleton '72

From the Oil Sands of Alberta

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the Capital Campaign see
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UNDERGRAD PROFILE

Dave Thompson '03 Boasts Sigma Nu to Consist of Genuinely Unique Men whom Each Bring Valuable Contributions to the Table

Alumni Speaker Series has been one of the Most Beneficial Components of his Undergraduate Experience

David Thompson '03 describes his experience



with Sigma Nu to be the time of his life. Through the fraternity he met the greatest friends and will forever cherish the memories he made. A fall 2003 Honor Pledge, David is currently the Historian and ensures

the people and memories of the house will never be forgotten. He has also held the positions of Treasurer, Kitchen Treasurer and Pool Commander. In addition to Sigma Nu, David is also involved with FASET Cabinet, Undergraduate Judiciary Cabinet, Georgia Tech Student Foundation - Investments Committee, Order of Omega, and Boy Scouts of America.

David chose Sigma Nu because he sensed something unique and special as soon as he walked through the door. He talked for hours on end with **Steven Bowden '01**, **Michael Woelfl '02**, **Ryan Nair '02**, **Justin Balsam '02** and **Ned Wright** about what they had in common and how he would fit in as a Gamma Alpha. Compared to other fraternities at Georgia Tech, David feels the people are what make

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this fraternity better than the others. Sigma Nu brings together a genuinely unique group of characters that each bring valuable contributions to the table. He believes he would not have

survived Tech, or even wanted to be here, without Sigma Nu.

To date, one of his favorite memories is leading his pledge brothers down the stairs in the old house on Initiation Sunday. As for a favorite event, it has to be Beach Weekend. "Words cannot describe the hilarity of what happens when Randy the Watermelon and The Diesel combine forces on a public beach," explains David.

"Compared to other fraternities at Georgia Tech, the brothers are what make this fraternity better than the others."

David will graduate in May 2008 as a Management Major with a concentration in Finance and Land Development. He plans to intern this summer in an investment bank or private equity. Maintaining alumni relations are very important to David, he understands that alumni have much to offer in the form of experience and advice. The Alumni Speaker Series has been one of the most beneficial components of the Sigma Nu experience to him as an undergraduate.

As for the future generations of Sigma Nu, David advises, "Remember where the chapter has been, keep that in mind as you focus on where the chapter is going. Also, getting involved in the Georgia Tech community is one the most rewarding and educational experiences Tech can offer."

David so much believes in Sigma Nu and its future that he has pledged \$2,500 to the campaign upon his graduation.

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To view a list of our new members, please visit
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Active Chapter has Kept Focus on Academics and Keeping a Strong Brotherhood

Academic Performance Makes the Grade

The 61 active brothers had a GPA of 3.07 in the fall. This is the second semester that the active brothers have had a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The 22 initiated pledges and the 1 affiliate, from Southern Polytechnic had a GPA of 2.74. The cumulative GPA for the entire chapter was 2.97.

Alumni Share Time with Active Chapter Members

Our main alumni event was the cookout at Homecoming. Brothers and alumni enjoyed the brotherhood of Sigma Nu and some hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by the active brothers.



A few brothers tailgate prior to the homecoming game at "the tent". The tent, donated by our alumni, served to be a great tailgating spot regardless of where it was located on campus.

At our Steak and Beans Dinner, where brothers with high grades are rewarded with a steak dinner and those with lower grades have to eat beans, we had the pleasure of alumni speaker **Frank Spears '70**. Frank spoke to the chapter about his experiences as an active brother, the work he and his company are doing on the new house and the professional success he has had after graduating from Tech.

Brothers Support Habitat for Humanity and Atlanta Steeplechase

In fall 2006 a number of brothers participated in the Inter-fraternity Council sponsored Habitat for Humanity project. The success of this project can be contributed in most part to the hard work of brothers **Jonathan Sangster '04** and **Brandon Fierro '04**.

On April 14 at Atlanta Speech School's annual fundraiser, the Atlanta Steeplechase, the brothers of Sigma Nu will be volunteering their time to assist with parking cars at the event.

Keeping the Brotherhood Strong

Without a house the brothers have stayed close by holding weekly chapter meetings in a reserved room in the Instructional Center on campus. Additionally, we have had a social event (party, mixer, etc.) each week to bring us together on a regular basis to keep the brotherhood strong.

IN MEMORIAM

Brother **Mark Smith '59** passed away in March 2007. Brother Smith made a generous donation to the new Gamma Alpha Capital Campaign and was instrumental in providing for the new Sigma Nu Fraternity House at the University of Alabama - Huntsville.

Thoughts and prayers for the family of Brother **Fred Berman '52** who passed away this past year. Fred was initiated in 1952 and was a EE major graduating in 1957. He was a track and field star at Ga Tech and went on to receive several more degrees, including his Ph.D and taught in the College of Management at Ga. Tech. Several Brothers recall Fred would walk around the chapter room on his hands... truly a display of strength and balance.

We have also recently learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

Louis Schaefer '26
Frank R. Meredith '27
William Pippin '29
Donald E. Lee '35
Joseph Mann '37
Richard F. Griffith '39
Oliver Lewis Jr. '40
William Fitch '41
William F. Norman '42
Hubert Keith Jr. '44
James C. Rawlins Jr. '44
George Fisk '50
James C. Fry '50
Donald M. Geymont '52
William Edgar '57

Colorful Nicknames of the Brothers from the 1960's

Nicknames have always been a major part of fraternity life... and none as colorful as the nicknames of the Brothers of Gamma Alpha during the decade of the 1960's. These names were submitted for our newsletter – well,

at least the ones that we can print. For those Brothers of the 60's that don't have CRS: see if you can match up the following nicknames with the appropriate Brothers:

Ponchatoula Kid	Peaches	Slope	Big Daddy
Wiley Bison	Bogus	Cooker	Housefly
Rosebud	Scrote	Burie	Goat
Big Sam	Ginsberg	Fly Face	Greaser
Red Gorp	Beachball	Profile	Furd
Root Man	AJ	Rainbow Stokes	Orlando Polando
Preacher	Jock Strap	Skull	Cyclops
C-Dad	Sheepdog	Zero	Patty-Poo
Stork	Fast Eddy	Bach	Fluff Dry
Little Joe	Spanndangle	Bubba	Good Stuff
Fish Man	Zeke	Tea Bag	Red Hawk
Bo	Plowman	Red Man	Mouse

If you and your era have nicknames to share, please submit them online at www.sigmanugt.com.

Gamma Alpha Surname Stats

As we continue to cleanse and freshen our data base and mailing contact list, we thought you might enjoy some interesting statistics on GAMMA ALPHA surnames. The most common last name is, not surprisingly, **Smith... with 21** living Smith Brothers... that's a lot of cough drops. The other most popular last names might surprise you:

Williams...with 10 each

Adams, Johnson, Taylor and Moore...with 8 each

Jones, Scott and Thompson... with 7 each

Anderson, Davis, Little, Miller and Stevens...with 5 each

HONOR ROLL

Thank you to our 2006 donors!

The following alumni contributed to our 2006 annual fund, which ended December 31. Add your name to the list of donors in 2007 by making your gift online at www.sigmanugt.com.

Inner Circle Leader (\$1,000-\$100,000)

Gary Jones 1968
Michael McCloud 1982

Paul McGowan 1987
Jimmy Trimble 1987
Grant Norwood 1988
Eric Cassidy 1998

Legion of Gamma Alpha (\$750-\$999)

Robert Kelly 1968

White Star Club (\$100-\$249)

Archibald Little Jr. 1946
William Maier 1949
Robert Templeton 1949
Robert Terry Jr. 1948
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Julian K. Byron 1956
David Lawson 1957
Jackson Newberry Jr. 1957
Jimmy Adams Jr. 1961
Philip Armstrong Jr. 1961

Way of Honor Supporter (\$500-\$799)

Robert Hove 1977

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Francis (Frank) Spears 1970
Matthew McKenna 1976
Peter Lyle 1984

William Phelps III 1962
Gary G. Routh 1962
Bruce Cook 1963
Hugh Little 1963
David Bassett 1965
James Meyer 1965
V. Hawley Smith Jr. 1965
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Steven Menke 1966
Frank Burns Jr. 1968
R. Mason Cargill 1968
David Hunter 1968
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Kyle Tomlin 1989
Clint Bailey 1991
Julian Alexander Brown III 1992
Stanley Deak 1994
Thomas Habeeb III 1994
Jason Peters 1998
F.B. Mewborn

Commander's Club (up to \$99)

Mark Conway III 1960
George York 1960
John E. Zimmerman Jr. 1960
John McClellan III 1961
R. Michael Bell 1965
Sherman Glass III 1967
Francis J. Hahne III 1968
James Rountree 1968
James Underwood 1969
Timothy Cleary 1978
Gary Lewis 1979
Saad Ahmad

It is NOT too Late – with \$1.3 Million to Raise before August '07, We Need You to Make Your Pledge to the Capital Campaign NOW

Get Behind Our Project - This is Our Fraternity and it Needs the Financial Support of All Our Brothers

Several Brothers have contacted me recently and expressed their apologies for not responding sooner to the Capital Campaign and inquired as to when the deadline is to make a pledge for the new house and if it's too late. Well, first and foremost... It is not too late and there is no deadline. BUT, there is a **sense of urgency**. We do need your pledges and your first/second payments as soon as possible. As a reminder, **we need to raise a total of \$4 MILLION before August 2007.**



House renovations as of early April 2007.

As a quick update, we are beginning to gain some serious traction with all of the Brothers from early years thru the current actives and have raised an overall total of \$2.7 million. But we need so many, many more pledges, we need to raise an additional **\$1.3 MILLION** in the next **6 months. So please share this appeal with everyone. We need your financial support now!**

Your pledge amount is certainly a personal decision and pledges/gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated. As far as providing a range, I can share that the current active Brothers are pledging their chapter numbers which just went over Gamma Alpha 2,000. That is amazing since these Brothers haven't even graduated! Hopefully everyone can match the actives.

The **Gold Standard** has been set by 2 Brothers at the \$250,000+ level;

9 Brothers at the \$100,000 plus level; 6 Brothers at the \$50,000 plus level; and 13 Brothers at the \$25,000 plus level. Remember, pledges are payable over 5 years with first payment due now.

This is a project that needs every single Brother to make a pledge of which they are proud. Please make your pledge and first payment **NOW!** E-mail or call either me or Ellen Konkle (Campaign Manager) and we will provide all the information you need to make your pledge. **Thank you** for your participation.

If you haven't been by 750 Fowler Street recently, you are in for a special treat. **Remember... this is a SIGMA NU PROJECT for ALL THE BROTHERS OF GAMMA ALPHA!**

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Thank you to the following active brothers who have pledged the following amounts to our capital campaign!

David Thompson '03 - \$2,500

Adam Pratt '03, Current Eminent Commander - \$2,500

Josh Lesman '02, Previous Eminent Commander - \$5,000

Sam Elrod '03 \$2,500

Jessie Younger '06, Recent Initiate - \$2,500

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Baseball Game...details inside!*

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