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Thanks to Jimmy Trimble '87 (GA #1670)

We'd like to offer special thanks and appreciation to our exiting Sigma Nu Alumni Association President, **Jimmy Trimble '87** (GA #1670). Jimmy has served in honor in this role for the last three years, and the success and growth of our organization is due in large part to his dedication and outstanding leadership. Jimmy will remain active with the group by offering his ongoing consultation and support, and remains a member of the Alumni Association Board.

Alex Brown '92 (GA #1759), is assuming the role of Sigma Nu Alumni Association President and **Grant Norwood '88** (GA #1673) will fill the office of Vice President. Both are enthusiastic about the future of the association and will serve terms of two years.

Our next Alumni Association officer transition will take place in January of 2009. If you are interested in joining our efforts, please contact Alex at alex@htrjobs.com or 404-459-7373 for more information.



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

New Gamma Alpha House Grand Opening Celebration Capital Campaign Gaining Momentum but We Still Need Your Help

By Gary Jones '68 (GA #1290), Campaign Chair

The Grand Opening of the new Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu house at 750 Fowler St was held Homecoming weekend October 19-20. President Wayne Clough, former Dean of Students James E. Dull, and Georgia Tech Athletic Director and fellow Sigma Nu **Dan Radacovich** were all on hand to celebrate the ribbon cutting. Special thanks to our Honorary Co Chairs... **Charlie Brady '55** (GA #909), U.S. Rep **Phil Gingrey MD '62** (GA #1130), and **Chester Stokes '62** (GA #1137) for their organizational and financial leadership.

We continue to gain momentum as more Brothers are beginning to hear about the Capital Campaign. We have received 326 pledges for approximately \$3 million. We need to raise another \$1 million in the next few months. This will leave a \$1 million mortgage

on the house for the actives to service with their room rents, parlor taxes, and Chapter dues. The total project came in at \$5 million plus.

Please e-mail your pledges to me at garytjones007@aol.com or to Ellen Konkle at ellen@affinityconnection.com and we will send you appropriate information. The Gold Standard has been set by two pledges at \$250,000; nine pledges at \$100,000 plus; six pledges at \$50,000 plus; and 15 pledges at the \$25,000 plus level. If this is in your range, please join us. But we will treasure any gift... any amount. Remember, the pledges are payable over a five year period with first payment due now. Thanks and I look forward to seeing you at the new house.

Visit www.sigmanugt.com to view many more of our Grand Opening photos!

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Newly Elected Leaders will Contribute to the Continued Success of Sigma Nu

Chapter Goals Created for the Upcoming Academic Year

By Adam Pratt '07 (GA #1906)

The Gamma Alpha Chapter has been very busy this fall. Upon moving into the new house, in early August, we had a week to get everything ready for one of our Chapter's most important rushes. However, by the end of rush week, we were able to have 23 pledges commit. In addition, the executive officers created five goals for the Chapter to work toward during the academic year. These goals are; to finish each semester with over a 3.1 GPA, create a philanthropy event with a sorority, improve campus involvement through differentiation in

outside student organizations, improve officer transition, and finish in the top five for fraternity intramurals.

One of the biggest events of the semester was the celebration that took place at the house prior to the Homecoming football game. It was a spectacular event, which hosted many Georgia Tech celebrities such as President Wayne Clough, former Dean of Students James Dull, and Tech's Athletic Director **Dan Radacovich** (a Sigma Nu). This celebration marked the official

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PLEDGE CLASS CHALLENGE

Pledge Class of 1967 Rules while the Pledge Class of 1965 is Making a Move

Thank You to All Our Alumni Donors

By Gary Jones '68 (GA #1290)

The pledge class of 1967 has received a total of 16 pledges for a total of \$510,000. Thank you to **Steve Baldwin '68** (GA #1274), **Skipper Burns '68** (GA #1273), **Mason Cargill '68** (GA #1281), **Grover Dear '68** (GA #1284), **David Driggers '68** (GA #1277), **Langdon Flowers '68** (GA #1285), **David Hunter '68** (GA #1302), **Gary Jones '68** (GA #1290), **Bob Kelly '68** (GA #1278), **Jack Ransbotham '68** (GA #1288), **John Reeves '68** (GA #1301), **Jim Rountree '68** (GA #1279), **Steve Smith '68** (GA #1303), **Steve Simpson '68** (GA #1287), **John Stanford '68** (GA #1275), and **Ted Tomasovich '68** (GA #1294).

The pledge class of 1965 is making progress with 12 pledges for \$361,000. Thanks to **Tom Cauble '66** (GA #1227), **Wade Cook '66** (GA #1241), **Russ Cooley '66** (GA #1239), **Richard Craig '66** (GA #1223), **Ed Dudley '66** (GA #1243),

Charlie Feuchter '66 (GA #1221), **Andy McKenna '66** (GA #1237), **Steve Menke '66** (GA #1220), **Joe Netherland '66** (GA #1233), **Scott Rich '66** (GA #1224), and **Dave Whitehead '66** (GA #1236), and **John Wright '66** (GA #1222).

In third place is the pledge class of 1961 with six pledges for \$285,000. Thanks to **Jim Allison '62** (GA #1129), **Phil Gingrey '62** (GA #1130), **John Pharr '62** (GA #1112), **Bill Phelps '62** (GA #1123), **Don Spann '62** (GA #1124), and **Chester Stokes '62** (GA #1137).

Fourth place goes to the pledge class of 1962 with six pledges for \$182,000. Thanks to **Bruce Cook '63** (GA #1152), **Hugh Little '63** (GA #1183), **C. Henry Pearson '63** (GA #1164), **Bill Poland '63** (GA #1187), **Stratton Pritchard '63** (GA #1146), and **Roy Thornton '63** (GA #1157).

Fifth place is the pledge class of 1958 with six pledges for \$140,000. Thanks to **Fred Felte '59**

(GA #1037), **Tom Fitzpatrick '59** (GA #1035), **Bill Redmond '59** (GA #1062), **Jim Simpson '59** (GA #1045), **Mark Smith '59** (GA #1036), and **Milt Stewart '59** (GA #1048).

Sixth place is the pledge class of 1964 with six pledges for \$127,000. Thanks to **Dave Bassett '65** (GA #1203), **Dick Crouch '65** (GA #1204), **Fred Link '65** (GA #1201), **J Meyer '65** (GA #1192), **Hawley Smith '65** (GA #1191), and **Ben Turnipseed '65** (GA #1214).

100% participation goes to pledge class winter of 1978... **Lt General Kelly McKeague '78** (GA #1493) (the only one in his pledge class... thank you General & Commander McKeague).

...and to each of the past five pledge classes from 2002 - 2006. Each Brother has pledged a minimum of \$1,000 ...payable over a five year period for 100 % participation. This is incredible. Let's keep it up.

ANNUAL FUND

Energetic Leadership Team Committed to Serving You

Look Forward to Many More Events to Connect with Your Brothers

By Tommy Habeeb '94 (#1794); Annual Fund Chair, Gamma Alpha Alumni Association

It has been an exciting year to be a Gamma Alpha. Our newsletters and alumni profiles have been re-established; our database and e-mail contact information continues to be scrubbed and polished; and we are constantly reviewing better ways in which to reconnect with our alumni. The Alumni Association has a new, energetic, and enthusiastic leadership in place that can accommodate many more alumni events... all to better serve and connect the Brothers of Gamma Alpha.

We've had an eventful year from golf outings to fishing trips to poker tournaments to football pre-game activities... and none of this would have been possible without the Annual Fund and your gifts to the Gamma Alpha Alumni

Association. The Annual Fund committee continues to work closely with the active Brothers to identify fun and positive ways to reconnect with the Alums... and we need every Brother to support the Alumni Association every year.

Our goal is for every Brother to join the Gamma Alpha Alumni Association for \$100 a year. For those of you who have already paid their 2007 dues... THANK YOU. Others can join by credit card online if you wish at www.sigmanugt.com.

We have worked closely with the actives this year and recommend you take the time to come by the house and meet these young men. These guys are yet another reason to stand proud as a Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu.

HOMECOMING '07



The Pledge Class of 1965 led by Steve Menke '66 (GA #1220), Tom Cauble '66 (GA #1227) and Andy McKenna '66 (GA #1237) took on all challengers with 20 pledge mates in attendance for the Grand Opening.

Pictured are Charles Bussey, John Wright '66 (GA #1222), Andy McKenna, Buzz Johnson '66 (GA #1232), Tony Henderson '66 (GA #1235), Mike Braid '67 (GA #1270), Tom Cauble, Dave Whitehead '66 (GA #1236), Richard Craig '66 (GA #1223), Ed Dudley '66 (GA #1243), Ron Hilliard '66 (GA #1268), Lou Walker '66 (GA #1240), Mike Hinson '66 (GA #1234), Wade Cook '66 (GA #1241), Scott Rich '66 (GA #1224), and Steve Menke. Attending but not in photo - Charles Fuechter '66 (GA #1221), Joe Netherland '66 (GA #1233), Russ Cooley '66 (GA #1239), and adopted BIG BROTHER Gerry Widegren '64 (GA #1174).

Grand Opening Celebration

View more photos online at www.sigmanugt.com



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1 Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough, architect Janice Wittschiebe, Campaign Chair Gary Jones '68 (GA #1290). 2 A copy of our weekend program. 3 Grand Opening at 750 Fowler Street! 4 The actives assembled an impressive pomp display. 5 Brothers enjoy Homecoming festivities at the new house. 6 Dick Crouch '65 (GA #1204), Gay Dull, Jimmy Trimble '87 (GA #1670), Glenn Taylor '67 (GA #1269), Janice Wittschiebe and former Dean of Students James E. Dull. 7 Bob Tyree '60, James Dull, Gary Jones and Georgia Tech Athletic Director Dan Radacovich. 8 Ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured left to right are Active Commander Adam Pratt, James Dull, U.S. Representative Phil Gingrey, Wayne Clough, Janice Wittschiebe, Gary Jones, Dan Radacovich, Chester Stokes '62 (GA #1137), Jimmy Trimble and Alex Brown '92 (GA #1759). 9 Mike Bell, Gary Jones, Lew Walker '66 (GA #1240) and Bob Rhinehart '61 (GA #1086).

ALUMNI UPDATES

This Just In... News Reports from the Lives of Sigma Nu Brothers

'30s

Commander **William Taylor Sams '37** (GA #518) checks in from Jacksonville, Florida. Taylor still goes to the office every day and says that everything is still working. Commander Sams has donated \$25,000 to the Capital Campaign and says he would rather give it to Sigma Nu than Uncle Sam. Thank you Taylor. (2220 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32204-4620; wtsams@bellsouth.net)

'40s

Commander **Daniel Eugene Bowers '47** (GA #701) sends his best and was disappointed that he could not make the GRAND OPENING of the new house. Dan is living in Madison, Alabama and has made a donation to the Capital Campaign in honor of his Brother **James M. Bowers '50** (GA #771). (27225 Huntsville Brownsferry Rd., Madison, AL 35756-3611; danbowersy@cs.com)

Had a nice phone visit with **Wiley Williams '48** (GA # 739) who also lives in Madison, Alabama and hopes to get to Atlanta soon to see the new house. (106 Knollcrest Dr., Madison, AL 35756-6420; williams2006@knology.net)

Harrison Gill '49 (GA #763) lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee. (3214 N. Ozark, Chattanooga, TN 37415-5108; Cir.hgill52427@aol.com) and sends his best to all the Brothers. He says that he just turned 80 and keeps in touch with Commander **Robert Parker Templeton '49** (GA #765) (4 Grayswood Hill Rd., Signal Mountain TN 37377-2325; bobtem@aol.com) who lives in Signal Mountain, Tennessee. Good health to both Harrison and Bob and thank you both for your donations to the new house.

'50s

Bill Scott '51 (GA #822) was excited to hear about the new house and has made a very generous pledge. He still lives in Spring, Texas and hopes to get to Atlanta in the near future to see the new house. (24103 Norchester Way, Spring, TX, 77389-3760; bill@kkspring.com)

Ben Mills '52 (GA #854) and his beautiful wife were both at the GRAND OPENING for the new house. Ben is a distinguished lawyer, lives in Fitzgerald, Georgia, and fondly recalls his Sigma Nu memories. Thank you Brother Mills for your financial support. (P.O. Box 408, Fitzgerald, GA 31750-0408; millsandlarkey@mchsi.com)

Jim Long '53 (GA #874) and his lovely wife were at the ribbon cutting ceremony and made a pledge to the Capital Campaign. Jim still lives in Erwin, Tennessee and is looking forward

to coming back to the new house for future football games. (751 Holly Street, Erwin, TN 37650-1425; jasalong2@earthlink.net)

Commander **James Clyde Edenfield '54** (GA #905) and his beautiful wife enjoyed seeing old friends and Brothers at the Grand Opening. Jim continues to be very generous to the Campaign as has his son and fellow Sigma Nu **Mike Edenfield '77** (GA #1480) (medenfield@logility.com). THANKS to the Edenfields. (3700 Randall Mill Rd. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30327-2714; jcedenfield@logility.com)

Commander **Max Cochran '55** (GA #914) was in Atlanta recently and toured the new house. Max is a product manager with textile giant L P Batson and lives in Greenville, South Carolina. After seeing the new kitchen, Max commented that Clarence and Willie must be dancing in heaven. Max has also been in contact with **Jim Watts '51** (GA #1001) who lives in Greensboro, North Carolina and recently had lunch with Becky Spragins who lives in Greer, South Carolina. Becky is widow of Brother **George L. Spragins '53** (GA # 868) who passed away. Peace be with the Spragins family. Thank you Max for your pledge and your support. (112 Woodland Way, Greenville, SC 29601-3823; maxcochran@lpbatson)

It was great to see **Buck Stith '55** (GA # 923) up and about at the GRAND OPENING after some serious health challenges. God bless you Buck and thanks for your support. (95

OLD PHOTO ALBUM



Who are these guys?

Congratulations to **Mike Skrynecki '84** (GA #1600) for correctly identifying the brothers in this Ramblin' Wreck parade photo. For his correct submission, Mike won a pair of tickets to the Georgia/Georgia Tech game!

And typical of Brother Skrynecki, he donated the tickets for a raffle and gave the proceeds to the Capital Campaign. Thank you Mike for all you do for Sigma Nu!

Visit www.sigmanugt.com to see the answer. If you didn't receive electronic notification of our contest, be sure to update your email address online.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Cameron Glen Dr., Atlanta, GA 30328-4744; buckstith@mindspring.com)

Thanks to **Guy York '55** (GA # 928) for his generous pledge to the Campaign. Guy toured the house at Homecoming and gave it his high praise. Guy's brother **George York '60** (GA #1077) (gwoltzyork@yahoo.com) has also made a generous pledge to the Campaign. There is good DNA in this family with brother-in-law **Harold Sumerford '58** (GA # 1009) (hsumerfordsr@alltel.net) also a Sigma Nu at Georgia Tech. (7552 Coleridge Road, Panama City, FL 32404-8604; gguyork@comcast.net)

Had a nice phone visit with **Robert M. Martin '55** (GA #929) who sends his best to the Gamma Alpha Brothers of the decade of the 50s. Bob spends time in Destin and in Jacksonville and was proud to make a donation to the new house. (628 Wyndham Court, Orange Park FL 32073; rmm82736@hotmail.com)

Buddy Redfern '56 (GA #943) and his beautiful wife also enjoyed HOMECOMING festivities at the new house. Buddy is one of several Father - Son connections that are proud Gamma Alpha Brothers as well. His son, **Dr. John Redfern '91** (GA #1744) (jcredfern@hotmail.com), has also made a very generous pledge to the new house. Thanks to the Redferns. (1730 Canton Hills Circle, Marietta, GA 30062-4612)

It's always good to see long time supporter **David Lawson '57** (GA #988) and his beautiful wife at the GRAND OPENING. David lives in Dacula, Georgia and is a regular at the House. Thanks David. (3435 Greenside Ct., Delmont, Dacula, GA 30019-4646; delmont2@aol.com)

Had a nice phone visit with Commander **William Wells McKee '57** (GA #967) who lives part of the year in The Woodlands, Texas with beautiful wife Melinda and then spends the remainder of the year skiing and riding his motorcycle. Max Cochran says he remembers when Bill introduced him to weightlifting in the late 50s. Bill and Melinda are hoping to get to Atlanta in the near future to see the new house first hand. (7 Switchbud Place, Ste. 192, #268, The Woodlands, TX 77380)

Other Brothers and Campaign donors sited at the Grand Opening included **Paul Flood '54** (GA # 892) (paulflood@adelphia.net) who lives in Cumming, Georgia; **Fred Jordan**

'55 (GA # 927) (fredjordan1@juno.com) who lives in Dacula, Georgia; and **Swint Burkhalter '54** (GA # 904) (sburkhalter@patentedlife.com) who lives in Atlanta.

Commander **James William Simpson '58** (GA # 1045) was planning on a visit to see the new house during Homecoming, but his passion for racing vintage sports cars prevented his attendance. Jim was at Road Atlanta flying around the Braselton track... in record time. Jim has made a very generous pledge to the Capital Campaign... thank you Commander Simpson. (1250 S. Miami Ave., Apt. 2402, Miami, FL 33130-4117; jsimfast10@hotmail.com)

'60s

The OLD QUARTERBACK Bullet **Bob Tyree '60** (bobtyreeinsurance@comcast.net) was at the Grand Opening as were **Jerry "LITTLE JOE" Cox '60** (GA #1057) (jerrycox1@bellsouth.net), **Bill Redmond '59** (GA #1062) (redeq@bellsouth.net), Capt & Commander **Mark Conway '60** (GA #1073) (mandnconway@cs.com), and **Jimmy Adams '61** (GA # 1111) (jima@flyntamtex.com). Brother Adams swears that he would have scored twice as many touchdowns if Tyree could have ever gotten him the ball.

Bob Rhinehart '61 (GA #1086) was in attendance and beaming with pride ...not only for new house, but son Robert is one of our top new pledges. (3182 Farmington Dr., Atlanta, GA 30339-4705; rhrhinehart@msn.com)

Roy "the Boy" Thornton '63 (GA #1157) (drthornton@nc.rr.com) and beautiful young Donna were strutting their stuff along with Martha and **Hugh Little '63** (GA #1183) (hlittle@casso.com) and **Bubba Sullivan '64** (GA # 1186) (sullivan@rose.net). These three Brothers were huge supporters for the Campaign from DAY ONE... THANK YOU.

What a treat to see **Gerry Widegren '64** (GA #1174) again (widegrengb@aol.com). The GREASER looks just like he did in the mid 60's... just a few more grey hairs. Also wonderful memories and some old War Stories were exchanged by **J. Meyer '65** (GA #1192) (jmeyer@pacbell.net), **Fred Link '65** (GA # 1201) (hardlink@bellsouth.net), and **Dick Crouch '65** (GA #1204) (rcrouch@apr.com). There is no truth to the rumor that Brother Crouch was the stand-in for Richard Gere in the movie *An Officer and A Gentleman*. And next time, you West Coast Brothers, make sure you bring Brother **Bill Poland '65** (GA #1187) (bpoland@sfdesigncenter.com) along. Thanks to all for your financial leadership.

Commander **Hawley Smith '65** (GA #1191) and beautiful wife - Sweetheart of Sigma Nu, Homecoming Queen, and Greek Goddess Emily were on Cloud 9 for the new house and more importantly for new Granddaughter, Kelly Day. Congrats and thanks to you both for all you do for Sigma Nu. (One San Jose Pl., Ste. 7, Jacksonville, FL 32257-7580; vhsjr@bellsouth.net)

80s

Brother **Todd Kelso '82** (GA #1557) checks in where he is Senior Product Engineer for Clorox (todd.kelso@clorox.com). Brother Kelso was a ROCKET SCIENTIST for about five years for the Lockheed Space Operations Co at Kennedy Space Center launching space shuttles with fellow Brother **Russ Scott '82** (GA #1568) (rscott.me84gtalumni.org). Todd believes Brother Scott is still launching. Trades e-mails with **Mark "GRANDPA" Fouraker '81** (GA #1550) (grampa@techie.com) who lives in the heart of Bourbon Country in Bardstown, Kentucky... and Brother **Eddie "TWO BEER" Lanham '85** (GA #1616) (eddie_lanham@hotmail.com).

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Newly Elected Leaders... (Continued from Page 1)

grand opening of the new house.

The on-set of November marks the time for our yearly elections. Our new Commander, Lieutenant Commander, and Treasurer are **Marc Zawko '03** (GA #1916), **David Rizzo '05** (GA #1949), and **David Meyers '03** (GA #1918) (respectively). These gentlemen have very high leadership capabilities and character and will lead Sigma Nu toward continuous success in the future.

Home Football Games Provide a Fun and Inviting Atmosphere at Sigma Nu Several Hundred Attend Homecoming Weekend Events

By Alex Brown '92 (GA #1759); Sigma Nu Alumni Association President

Fall 2007 has been an exciting time for Gamma Alpha! The realization of five years of hard work by many Sigma Nu alumni and actives was realized on August 11, the date the new house officially opened for our current active brotherhood to take occupancy. In addition, the alumni association has been diligently working towards finalizing and refining its structure, membership, and role. We have also made every effort to ensure that Georgia Tech football game-days are an inviting and fun experience for alumni and their families.

On September 7, Samford marked the first home football game for the 2007 season, followed by an electric night game against Boston College on the 15th. Catered food, house tours, and an enthusiastic crowd were enjoyed by all who came to visit. We continued our drive for alumni hospitality by providing similar fare for the

Clemson game on September 29.

Homecoming weekend was an unforgettable event. As evidenced by the wonderful collection of photos in this newsletter, it was truly a momentous occasion. Friday evening, the alumni association—in cooperation with the actives—hosted a fantastic alumni reception boasting a crowd of well over 200, spanning generations from the 1950s through the current actives. This was a semi-formal affair with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a brief but touching ceremony, emceed by **Jimmy Trimble '87** (GA #1670), honoring **Gary Jones '68** (GA #1290) for his contributions and commitment to the new house. There is a discrete plaque on the front porch memorializing Gary's Chapter number.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony marking the Grand Opening of the new house took place on Saturday morning.

Distinguished speakers included Georgia Tech President Wayne Clough, Athletic Director Dan Radakovich, former Dean of Students James Dull, as well as noted Gamma Alpha alumni Congressman **Phil Gingrey '62** (GA #1130), **Chester Stokes '62** (GA #1137), and **Gary Jones '68** (GA #1290).

As many of you may have noticed, at each football game we have a station in the house for alumni to update their contact information. When you visit the house before and after the football games, please take a moment to verify your contact information so that we can make sure you stay up to date on the latest Gamma Alpha alumni news and events.

As always, thanks to all of you who have offered your support. We look forward to seeing each of you at future football games and alumni sponsored events.



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*What a Grand Opening! See Inside for Details and
Photos from our Homecoming Celebration.*

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