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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Join our Efforts for Building the Future...Today!

Our Goal is to Raise \$500,000 in the Next Few Months

By Gary Jones (GA #1290)

We continue to make progress in our capital campaign, *Building the Future...Today!* But we need much more! Our goal is to raise \$500,000 in the next few months. This represents 25 brothers pledging \$10,000 and 50 brothers pledging \$5,000. Remember it is payable over five years with the first payment due now.

"Thank you to those brothers of Gamma Alpha who have already made their pledges."

Thank you to those brothers of Gamma Alpha who have already made their pledges. If it is in your range and you can swing it, please consider increasing your pledge.

The **GOLD STANDARD** has been set with two brothers pledging \$250,000; nine brothers at the \$100,000+ level; six brothers at

the \$50,000+ level; 15 brothers at the \$25,000+ level; and 27 brothers at the \$10,000+ level. This is remarkable support for our beloved Sigma Nu!

We still need to raise another \$1 million in pledges to secure a successful campaign. Special thanks to recent pledges which include: **William "Trae" Pop '97** (\$10,000), **Adam Danneman '99** (\$5,000), **Will Owen '89** (\$5,000), **Morgan Nesmith '90** (\$4,000) and **Dr. Steve Evans '75** (\$2,500).

Please visit www.sigmanugt.com to review the full list of brothers who have made pledges. Their names are listed on the left, by clicking "Campaign Honor Roll." Also, there is info online on how to make your pledge. Please join your Gamma Alpha Brothers in this Campaign. This is not about building a house... this is about **BUILDING YOUNG MEN!**

ANNUAL FUND

Annual Fundraising Drive Maintains Gamma Alpha Communications Program

The annual fund is an important fundraising effort that enables the Gamma Alpha Alumni Association to maintain our communications program, update and maintain our database and mailing contact info (including our web site, www.sigmanugt.com), host Gamma Alpha alumni events, and continue to support the active chapter.

Thank you to all our loyal and generous alumni who made a gift this year! To see a list of 2008 donors, go to

www.sigmanugt.com, log-in and select "Annual Giving" on the left sidebar. If your name is not on the list, please be sure to click "Support the Annual Fund" on the top right hand corner of the web site to make your annual gift.

Our goal is for every brother to contribute \$100 every year... at a minimum.

This covers one trip to the house before or after a football game for a burger and a beverage for you and your family.



Homecoming Thoughts from Alex Brown (GA #1759)

Georgia Tech Homecoming 2008 was one I'll never forget! The Sigma Nu alumni reception was fantastic - The Swingin' Medallions were unbelievable and the food and fellowship was great. Brother **Duke Claussen (GA #1436)** presented a picture of the old house to Commander **Marc Zawko (GA #1916)** during a ceremony. The picture was lovingly painted by Duke's mother, Jessica Boatwright, and will be a beautiful and sentimental addition to the décor. Thanks to Marc Zawko who gave a humorous and heartfelt speech to the assembled crowd on Friday night. Great job, Marc!

Congrats to the actives for successfully completing the Wreck parade Saturday morning. The Wreck this year was a water-wheel boat mounted on a truck frame, complete with pump, brakes, transmission and a water wheel made of 55-gallon metal drums mounted on a round metal frame. With all those moving parts, it's amazing that it worked! Maybe GM should take look at this zero emissions vehicle? Equal parts ingenuity and luck propelled our contraption safely across the finish line. Thanks to actives **Jonathan Sangster, Justin Balsa, Brandon Fiero**, and the rest of the grease monkeys who made this year's Wreck possible.

It was great to see the Pledge Class of 1968 at their "early" Homecoming celebration prior to the Gardner Webb game! Big thanks to **Russ Childers (GA #1309)** for putting it all together from his command center in Americus, GA. The whole '68 group had a great time!

If we learned anything Homecoming weekend, it's that the Sangster clan loves to dance! Father and son both showed impressive moves on the dance floor - apparently danc-

ing DNA is strong with the two Jonathans. **Matt McKenna (GA #1447)**, his wife Kay, daughters Mary Francis and Katherine (and a few of Katherine's friends) all made an appearance at the Friday night alumni band party. Mary Francis is a Tech student, and the rest of Matt's clan came all the way from Houston! Matt wasn't the only McKenna in attendance this weekend - the other McKenna brothers weren't about to miss this party. **Pat (GA #1345)** and **Andy (GA #1237)** rounded out an impressive trio of brothers who are all Gamma Alphas.

Harvey Clark (GA #983) and son David braved the inclement weather and made a white knuckle flight from Bedford, VA to Atlanta Friday afternoon in David's new plane. In fact, David flew in all the way from California just so that he could give dear old Dad a lift!

Rudy Johnson (GA #1390) and his bride made an appearance Friday night, both looking sharp as always! Rudy doesn't ever miss a party. **Allen Wilbanks (GA #1438)**, **Duke Claussen, Bill Loftis (GA #1431)** and **Charlie Potts (GA #1442)** represented the pledge class of 1975 well. **Gary Jones (GA #1290)** and Libby, along with brother-in-law **John Rhett (GA #1402)** and Toni led the charge down front of the Medallions...rumor has it that a young active took a nibble of Toni's hiney.

Steve Menke (GA #1220) and his band of brothers made a long weekend of Homecoming. They hit Atlanta Thursday night, took advantage of the Friday GT tours and danced the night away Friday night...that group from the '60s are party animals. **Jerry Cox, Bruce Cook (GA #1152), Bob Rhinehart (GA #1086)** and their HOT

WIVES combined for a unilateral assault on the Swingin' Medallions Friday night. **Grant Norwood (GA #1673)**, Alumni Association VP, needs to take dance lessons from his wife Michelle. She was a dancing machine and WAY TOO HOT for Grant!

Kristen and **Scott Hall (GA #1754)** are expecting their first child in December, a daughter. **Kirk Leverone (GA #1803)** works for Porsche U.S. and drives a new car every six months. **Matt Soderlund (GA #1783)** works for GTRI...he has always been ambitious. I saw Whitney and **Ben Samuelson (GA #1775)** who, along with Kirk, set up the weekend. They have a one-month-old son Benjamin to go along with their 2½ year old daughter Caroline. **Trae Pop (GA #1825)** always has hot chicks.

Tracy and **Clint Bailey (GA #1740)** had their two sons at the game. Candyce and **Jim Taylor (GA #1805)** are expecting another to go with son Trey. Dana and **Jamie Matlock (GA #1781)** and their two sons were in attendance. Jenny and **Stan Deak (GA #1792)** were there with their daughters Avery and Madeline. Summer and **David Poppe (GA #1762)** were with sons William and David (born in January). Young David is fully recovered from recent surgery...glad to see he's doing great. Susan and **PJ Bain (#1682)** looked terrific as usual, as did **Will Owen (GA #1694)** and **JD Schwefler (GA #1745)**. JD, as always, was dressed to the nines. He definitely wins the "best dressed award" for fashionable alumni. **Houston Feaster (GA #1759)** and wife Katrienne had both kids in tow: 2½ year-old daughter Sutton and newborn Patrick.

Homecoming thoughts from J. Meyer (GA # 1192)

The new house looks fantastic. What a memorable weekend! It was great to talk with **Bruce Cook (GA #1152)** about him booking the Swingin' Medallions for a Sigma Nu frat party in 1965. Little **Dave Bassett (GA #1203)** stole the evening and broke the hearts of all the young ladies! Too bad he is old enough to be their grandfather. And did Willie Jones teach David how to dance?

I did not know that our architect Janice Wittschiede could dance almost as well as she can design frat houses. You always see someone

special at these events and for me it was **Strat Pritchard (GA #1146)**. Had not seen him in years! Hope to get him to the "Gathering" in April. **Jerry Cox (GA #1057), Bob Rhinehart (GA #1086), Bruce Cook (GA #1152)** and their wives still cut a mean rug.

It was cool to watch **Ed Dudley (GA #1243)** playing Bass for the last "Double Shot" set. **Andy McKenna (GA #1237)** should sign up for Dancin' with the Stars. **Dick Crouch (GA #1204), Fred Link (GA #1201)** and **John Thigpen (GA #1205)**, among others,

"enjoyed" watching the young girls dance.

Jimmy Adams (GA #1111) still looks like Opie. **Chester Stokes' (GA #1137)** wife Lynda is WAY TOO CUTE for him. No surprise that **Phil Gingrey (GA #1130)** was our Commander and is a U S Congressman.

I was impressed with the active brothers and their dates' attire. As for me I wish I had worn my patch madras pants like the band. Was I the only person wearing Weejuns?

Let's book them for next year!

HOMECOMING PHOTO COLLAGE



❶ *Swingin' Medallions Rock.* ❷ *Former Sigma Nu Sweetheart Andrea Zaplatynsky (fiancee of Nick Petrus), Ned Wright, James Dregger and Josh Lesman (Pledge Class of 2002).* ❸ *Commanders Marc Zawko and Adam Pratt with lovely ladies.* ❹ *Andy McKenna, John Thigpen and Fred Link.* ❺ *GOOD GUY Miller and Andy Mckenna* ❻ *Rudy Johnson with his wife and Pat McKenna.* ❼ *Beverly Menke, Tom Cauble and Gary Jones*



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

'40s and '50s

Had a nice visit at the new house with **Roger Brown (GA #710)** and wife Carolyn and **Bob Templeton (GA #765)** and wife Leana Dot. Fond memories of the old house that was built on their watch emerged. War stories and embellished tales of brothers **Mac Taylor (GA #737)**, **Bill Maier (GA #756)**, **Lamar Latimer (GA #783)**, **Dan Bowers (GA #701)**, **Beryl Grubaugh (GA #702)**, **Harrison Gill (GA #763)**, **Thomas Hallyburton (GA #762)** and **Wiley Williams (GA #739)** were all shared. Special thanks to Roger Brown for his leadership in this Capital Campaign. Keep those pledges coming.

Preston Maxson (GA #821) checks in from Brandon, MS and wishes all of his Gamma Alpha Brothers well and hopes that everyone will consider a pledge to the Capital Campaign. Thank you, Preston.

Received a nice e-mail from **Bill Scott (GA #822)** who still lives in Spring, TX and promises to make Homecoming next year. **Donald Duke (GA #816)** always sends a nice check to the annual fund and sent his regrets for the Homecoming weekend. Maybe next year. Thoughts and prayers are with Mary and **Flip Webb (GA #823)**. Thanks for your support.

Max Cochran (GA #914) continues to support with pride Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu. "Diane and I visited with **Guy York (GA #928)** and his wife at the house before the game. We were at our 50th reunion party Friday night and visited with **Buck Stith (GA #923)** at the game as well." Max still keeps in touch with Becky Spragins, widow of Brother **George Spragins (GA #868)** and also still sees **Jim Watts (GA #1001)**. Wish we had 100 more Brothers like **Max Cochran**.

Nice e-mail from **John O. Hall (GA #901)**. Sends his regards to everyone and hopes to make it to Homecoming next year.

STAY STRONG **BUCK STITH** and keep fighting. All of us are praying for you.

Brothers of this era continue to emerge as Leaders for our Capital Campaign and Annual Fund. Thank you to **Charlie Brady (GA #909)**, **Jim Edenfield (GA #905)**, **Paul Flood (GA #892)**, **Cecil Sutherland (GA #891)**, **Buddy Redfern (GA #943)**, **Fred Jordan (GA #927)**, **Julian K. Byron (GA #955)**, **David Lawson (GA #988)**, **Harvey Clarke (GA #983)**, **Jackson Newberry (GA #994)**, **Bob Lawson (GA #999)** and **Harold Sumerford (GA #1009)** for all you do for Sigma Nu.

Harvey Clarke (GA #983) flew down to Homecoming in his son's plane. "What a great weekend! The house is fantastic. Imagine three bathrooms near the front of the house! The old pool brought back memories of its construction. I can't remember exactly who designed it, but I remember coming off the Hill (from class, I think) and seeing several Brothers standing in the concrete being poured in their bare feet! I think they ended up with some "burns." (CE's should have known better). I also remember that the Phi Delt's were so jealous that they threw a Navy yellow dye marker in the pool the first time it was filled — 20,000 gallons down the drain. At the reception on Friday, I saw **David Lawson (GA #988)**, **Mark Conway (GA #1073)** and **Chester Stokes (GA #1137)** from my era. Of course I did not recognize them but they probably did not recognize me either! It was great catching up! Great job on new house, it brought back some wonderful memories."

Received notes of regards and best wishes from **John Akerman (GA #749)**, **Charles F. Waite Sr. (GA #850)**, and **John O. Hall (GA #901)**.

'60s

Jim Simpson (GA #1045) sends his regards and his best to all of his era and hopes to make it back for Homecoming in 2009. Jim spends much of the year in Miami but continues to travel and to race. Jim is one of several former Commanders that continue to provide financial leadership to the annual fund and the Capital Campaign. Thank you, Commander Simpson.

U.S. Rep **Phil Gingrey, M.D. (GA #1130)** and wife Billie were pleased to see so many alums from the 1960s at the open house

on Friday night. To see old roomie **Chester Stokes (GA #1137)** with wife Lynda and son Chet and Commander **Mark Conway (GA #1073)** and **Bill Redmond (GA #1062)** brought back some wonderful memories. **Jerry "Little Joe" Cox (GA #1057)**, **Bob Rhinehart (GA #1086)**, and **Bruce Cook (GA #1152)** all had their trophy wives in tow and they were all hot on the dance floor. **Jimmy Adams (GA #1111)** and wife Daryl still look like they did back in the '60s and shared wonderful memories with **Ab Conner (GA #1170)**, **Thom Whiten (GA #1178)**, and **J. Meyer (GA #1192)**.

Regards and regrets were extended by **Fred Felte (GA #1037)**, **Tom Fitzpatrick (GA #1035)**, **Pearce Connerat (GA #1046)**, **Milt Stewart (GA #1048)**, **Bill Phelps (GA #1133)**, **Jackson Gissendaner (GA #1086)**, **Phil Armstrong (GA #1089)**, **Roy Thornton (GA #1157)**, **Gerry Widegren (GA #1174)**, **Larry Carter (GA #1173)**, **Mike Iversen (GA #1183)**, and **Bubba Sullivan (GA #1186)**. **Sandy Hutson (GA #1119)** sends his regards. He transferred to U. of Arkansas after sophomore year but remembers in 1961 when the Swingin' Medallions, then called The Pieces of Eight, were at the house.

Dave Bassett (GA #1203) received the James Brown award for the Happiest Feet on the dance floor. The man can still move reminiscent of a flea on a hot stove. **Rich Fuchs (GA #1231)** was a close second. Fortunately we all remembered what it's like to dance near **Andy McKenna (GA #1237)** and kept our distance. Only one broken bone was reported. Lustful glances at the young dates of the actives were commonplace with the most serious offenders, no surprise, as **Tom Cauble (GA #1227)**, **Dick Crouch (GA #1204)**, and **John Henry Thigpen III (GA #1205)**.

Others that danced the night away included **Steve Menke (GA #1220)** and wife Beverly, **Richard Craig (GA #1223)** and his HOT daughter Casey, Shawn and **Charlie Feuchter (GA #1221)**, Jan and **Joe Netherland (GA #1233)** who flew in from Houston, Peggy and **Scott Rich (GA #1224)**, Jean and **Dave Whitehead (GA #1236)**, Brenda and **Good Guy Miller (GA #1257)**, Karen and **Mike "Crash" Briad (GA #1270)** and Eilene and **Buzz Johnson (GA #1232)** from their new home in Montrose, Colo.

ALUMNI UPDATES

It was terrific to have Judy and **Chris Hamilton (GA #1225)** back to the house, who traveled all the way from CA. We assigned several actives to maintain a 24/7 security watch around Chris to make sure he did not plot another assault to jump off the roof into the pool. As of Sunday morning, we think mission accomplished. **Ron Hilliard (GA #1268)** made the party and the game with wife Helen. Susan and **Ed Dudley (GA #1243)** looked marvelous and Ed closed out the night on stage jamming on bass with the Swingin' Medallions.

Gary Jones (GA #1290) and wife Libby took charge of the front row and showed they can still shake a tail feather as they rocked away with Mandi and **Langdon Flowers (GA #1285)** as well as the actives and alums on Friday night of Homecoming. The Swingin' Medallions had 750 Fowler Street rocking; even saw a few hiney bites, circle dances and even a gator or two. Where did the years go?

Several Brothers came by the house before and after the game including **Al Hicks (GA #1172)**, **Fred Link (GA #1201)**, Christy and **Steve Baldwin (GA #1274)**, Lee and **John Reeves (GA #1301)**, Bobbette and **Judge Bob Brizindine (GA #1255)**.

Regards and Homecoming wishes were sent by **Jerry Goff (GA #1226)**, **John Plowden (GA #1229)**, **Charlie Bussey (GA #1228)**, **Lee Cannon (GA #1230)**, **Russ Cooley (GA #1239)**, **Tony Henderson (GA #1235)**, **Wade Cook (GA #1241)**, **Jeff Golden (GA #1252)**, **John "Mighty" Wright (GA #1263)**, **Glen Taylor (GA #1269)**, **Richard Ramsey (GA #1263)**, **Jim Rountree (GA #1279)**, **Mason Cargill (GA #1281)**, **Skipper Burns (GA #1273)**, **Bob Kelly (GA #1278)**, **David Hunter (GA #1302)** and **Jack Ransbothan (GA #1288)**.

Former Sweetheart Emily and Commander **Hawley Smith (GA #1191)** send best wishes to all and promise to be there next year. **Skipper Burns (GA #1273)** and son **Andrew (GA #1757)** were at race week, but will be there next year.

'70s

The All-in-the-Family Award goes to the McKenna Clan: **Andy McKenna (GA #1237)**, **Pat McKenna (GA #1345)** and

Matt McKenna (GA #1447). All three were, as usual, present and accounted for at Homecoming. Thanks to this amazing set of Brothers for all you have done for Sigma Nu fraternity.

It was also great to see **Stephen "Blade" Day (GA #1349)** with **Tom Thach (GA #1415)**, brother of **Cary Thach (GA #1356)**, who was also in the 1971 pledge class. Holding down the fort for the 1973 pledge class were **David Adams (GA #1393)**, **Ray Ashe (GA #1406)**, and **John Rhett (GA #1402)** with beautiful bride Toni, and of course **Rudy Johnson (GA 1390)**, who reports that his dad, who designed the old house, was pleased to see the new house on his visit earlier in the year.

Also enjoyed seeing **Duke Claussen (GA #1436)**. Duke writes "I really enjoyed the festivities at the House during Homecoming. The Swingin' Medallions were great. It was amazing to see all the actives wearing coat and ties. Not sure if that would have happened during my time there (1974-79). I enjoyed seeing pledge brothers **Allen Wilbanks (GA #1438)** and his wife Tracy; **Charlie Potts (GA #1442)** and his wife Dale; and **Bill Loftis (GA #1431)** and his wife Susan. It was also great seeing **Matt McKenna (GA #1447)** and his wife, Kay; **Jim Clayton (GA #1472)**, **Steve Schaezel (GA #1465)** and **Brent Reid (GA #1507)**. It was fun talking about old times. Can't believe it's been 30 years!"

Jonathan Sangster (GA #1467) and son **Jonathan (GA #1946)** were rocking on the front row. Regards and regrets were expressed by **Dr. Dickie Carpenter (GA #1340)**, **Richard Pendergrass (GA #1416)**, **Phillip Legg (GA #1373)**, **Daniel Burn (GA #1360)** and **Robert Mayer (GA #1422)**. **Jim Callaway (GA #1454)** writes "No can do because of Air Force Reserve duty this weekend. Best wishes to all."

Parents' weekend at W&L prevented Allison and Commander **Frank Spears (GA #1326)** from attending Homecoming, but they send their love and best wishes to all. Frank, you build a mean fraternity house. Thank you for all you do for Sigma Nu.

'80s and '90s

Grandpa **Mark Fouraker (GA #1550)** sends his regrets and says he will be there next year.

Mike McCloud (GA #1562) continues to roll in the dough in Virginia. **Craig Marmon (GA #1603)** was a recent speaker at the house in the Speaker Series. It was a thrill to see Craig baptized by **Rev. Billy Phenix**. Current actives just had a fundraiser for For Pete's Sake Foundation. "Atta Boys!" to **Peter Lyle (GA #1605)**, **Mike Skrynecki (GA #1600)** and so many other Brothers that make Sigma Nu proud.

Received a nice note from **Sanford McAllister (GA #1579)**. He says Waffle House is considering naming a breakfast special after him. Thanks to **John Mize (GA #1560)**, **Bob Kramlich (GA #1575)**, **Paul Jensen (GA #1599)**, **Jimmy Trimble (GA #1670)**, **Michael Robison (GA #1660)**, **Fred Culbreth (GA #1630)**, **Alex Keever (GA #1622)**, **Derek Welch (GA #1620)** and **R.K. Whitehead (GA #1592)** for all of your help in re-engaging the Brothers of Gamma Alpha.

Rev. Billy Phenix (GA #1655) and wife Joy were both spotted proudly wearing their white and gold during Homecoming festivities. Billy participated in October's Speaker Series with an amazing and inspirational message to the actives and alums. Billy, you make us all proud and you married way above your head!

Eric Horton (GA #1674) and his wife, Alison, visited the house along with Eric's brother who has become a huge GT football fan, to meet some of his former housemates including **Wayne Edy (GA #1696)**, **Will Owen (GA #1694)** and **Stosh Bennett (GA #1657)**. Eric recently played 106 holes of golf at Alpharetta Country Club as part of a fund raising effort to benefit Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Morgan Nesmith (GA #1716), former front man of the greatest bar band in the rich history of southern Holland, stopped by for a while to check out the band, the new house and to meet some brothers and pledges. He wanted to see for himself where his donation to the Capital Campaign is going. He and his date, Rebecca, scooted out after the first set to facilitate a meeting of the parents – wonder where that relationship is headed? (Post-script: as of Sunday, October 26, Morgan and Rebecca are engaged to be married in early summer 2009). GAMMA ALPHA CONGRATS!

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PJ Bain (GA #1682), along with wife Susan, made a post-game visit and seemed to be enjoying his time catching up with PJ's former business partners, **Eric Horton** and **David Barber (GA #1748)** and their wives. PJ recently took some of his time to set up a LinkedIn specific group for Gamma Alpha brothers. Be sure to add yourself soon and connect with other brothers. Thanks for this and all of your other contributions, PJ.

Todd Oglesby (GA #1659) was spotted on Saturday watching an impromptu football game that broke out on the front lawn of the house. He seemed to be amused by the ingenuity of his two sons along with **Grant Norwood's (GA #1673)** son, Connor, who were able to make use of a spent bourbon flask to double as a football. Apparently the game ended in a draw after a hard fought 4th and goal.

Howard Ray (GA #1713) and his wife, Shaye, hosted a massive tailgate party behind Russ Chandler Stadium prior to the 3:30 kickoff on Saturday. Apparently a good time was had by all and there was no shortage of food and drink.

Paul McGowan (GA #1654) made his annual appearance for a football game and visit to 750 Fowler St., with his family of four that includes his wife and former Gamma Alpha little sister, Linda (Moran) McGowan. Linda is the biological younger sister of brother **Mike Moran (GA #1611)**. By the way, where is Mike Moran and former

Lakeside buddy and pledge brother, **Warren Jackson (GA #1607)**?

Todd Kelso (GA #1557) reports, "I will be on business in Bordeaux but will have a double shot in honor of all of my Brothers. Best to all."

Regards and regrets were sent by **Michael Gross (GA #1554)**, **Robert Dowd (GA #1639)**, **Robert Goldschmidt (GA #1541)**, **Glenn Barton (GA #1547)**, **Ken Milam (GA #1678)** and **Scott Reedy (GA #1705)**.

The next time you guys see **Adam Fuller (GA #1701)**, **Grant Norwood (GA #1673)**, **Jimmy Trimble (GA #1670)** and **Alex Brown (GA #1759)**, give them a big hug. These guys work their tails off for Sigma Nu.

Patrick Chambers (GA #1731) sends his Homecoming best and reports, "wish I were there but no can do. Besides it's snowing in Colorado and A - basin is open." **Donald Nelson (GA #1782)** still enjoys saying "open wide" and is proud to be a Sigma Nu. He also reminds everyone to floss regularly. **Tim Leahy (GA #1763)** says he will miss Homecoming but is planning on making the Miami game and hopes to see everyone then. Regards and regrets with best wishes are sent from **Scott McRay (GA #1752)**, **Matthew Zenus (GA #1750)**, **Nick Romano (GA #1753)** and **Dr. John Redfern (GA #1744)**. Who Knew?

Babies, babies everywhere! Congrats to Kristen

and **Scott Hall (GA #1754)** due shortly, Candyce and **Jim Taylor (GA #1805)**, Whitney and **Ben Samuelson (GA #1775)**, Tracy and **Clint Bailey (GA #1740)**, Jenny and **Stan Deak (GA #1792)**, Dana and **Jamie Matlock (GA #1781)**, Summer and **David Poppe (GA #1762)** and Katrienne and **Houston Feaster (GA #1769)**.

WASSSSUP with **Trae Pop (GA #1825)**. He definitely dates the HOTTEST CHICKS... most of whom are legal. Ann and **Josh Roberts (GA #1810)** were seen rocking at the house on Friday night. Thank you Josh for all you do and thanks Ann for loaning him to us. **Al Etheridge (GA #1723)**, **Ben Samuelson (GA #1775)**, **Kirk Leverone (GA #1803)**, **Chris Germann (GA #1806)**, **Ryan Curry (GA #1809)** and **Brad Thornton (GA #1811)** represent the pride of the '90s with all of their support to the Alumni Association. Thanks to all.

Ensign **Brian Gelb (GA #1860)** and 2nd Lt. **Robert Black (GA #1898)** - US Marine Corp: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, YOU MAKE US ALL PROUD!

Special thanks to Commanders **Joel Williamson (GA #1865)**, **Jonathan "J.B." Black (GA #1876)**, **Josh Lesman (GA #1892)**, and **Adam Pratt (GA #1906)**. Your leadership over the past few years has been phenomenal.

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CHAPTER UPDATES

Sigma Nu Rides for MS

By David Meyers (GA #1918)

Several brothers from Gamma Alpha joined forces with the accounting firm Gifford, Hillegass & Ingwersen to raise money for multiple sclerosis. Rachel Skypek (wife of my pledge brother Jon)



Sigma Nu riders (L to R): Trent Phillips, Jon Skypek and David Meyers (GA #1918).

let us know about her company's (GH&I) participation in the Bike MS ride.

The Bike MS ride in Callaway Gardens was a great experience. I was able to raise \$2,216 for a good cause and spent the weekend riding with friends. I have never seen so many different people come together and support one cause while getting along so well.

On the first day Jon, myself and our friend Trent rode the 60-mile option along with a few other members of our team, GH&I. They provided us with a great breakfast and with rest stops every 10 or 15 miles that had food and water for those who needed it. The 60 miles passed very easily. At about the midway point,

we stopped at an elementary school where they provided us lunch. There were portable showers at the finish and you either got a cold or hot shower depending on which trailer you picked. The second day was similar, and we chose to ride the 30-mile option because we had to get back to Atlanta for school and work obligations. We had set a goal of completing 100 miles so to accomplish this we rode through Callaway Gardens for about 15 miles. I would defiantly do this ride again and would like to thank Dick Ingwersen who rode with us on day one. Dick is a Sigma Nu from Auburn and a partner at GH&I. The CEO of GH&I is **Steve Baldwin (GA #1274)**.

Sigma Nu Kicks Back

For Pete's Sake! Chapter Raises \$2,500 for National Children's Foundation

Under the wonderful leadership of active **Brandon Fierro (GA #1928)**, the First Annual Sigma Nu Charity Kickball Tournament took place on October 26th. The event was a tremendous success for its first year, with eight sorority teams and over 100 girls participating. The event was created and organized by the active chapter as a fun way to give back to our community. This year we were able to raise more than \$2,500 to be

donated to the For Pete's Sake Foundation. We are thrilled with the results and cannot wait to make next year even bigger and better!

For more information on the For Pete's Sake Foundation, follow the link on our home page at www.sigmanugt.com.

Right: A sorority member kicks off our efforts to raise more than \$2,500 for the For Pete's Sake Foundation.



Gamma Alpha Members Make Up Large Portion of 2008 TEAM Buzz Leadership

TEAM (Tech Enhancing Atlanta Metropolitan) Buzz, Georgia Tech's largest community service organization, celebrated its 12th anniversary this year. The organization focuses on helping the Atlanta community through a full day of service each year. This year, our annual community service day took place on September 27 and boasted 1,300 student volunteers completing 28 service projects across the Atlanta metro area.

TEAM Buzz also coordinated 15 alumni club service projects with 200+ volunteers across the country and abroad. Organizing an event of the magnitude requires amazing

amounts of planning and coordination which falls on the TEAM Buzz executive planning committee to complete.

This year, one quarter of the TEAM Buzz executive planning committee was comprised of Gamma Alphas. Members included Executive Director **Jeremy Atcheson (GA #1960)**, Chair of Project Coordination **Collin Hughes**, Chair of Finance **Brad Raber (GA #1959)**, Chair of Celebrations **Stephen Savage (GA #1955)**, and Chair of Public Relations **Amanda Werner** (Gamma Alpha sweetheart). Along with involvement on the executive planning committee, the chapter

coordinated and volunteered for projects around Atlanta.



Several Sigma Nu brothers (and our sweetheart!) were members of the executive planning committee for TEAM Buzz 2008.

REUNION

1968 Pledge Class Renews Friendships After 40 Years

By Russ Childers (GA #1309) and Tom Sanville (GA #1311)

Never have so many remembered so much so differently. With that common conclusion the Pledge Class of 1968 completed its highly enjoyable 40th reunion October 11-12. We rekindled the bonds of brotherhood by trading war stories and catching up on our wives, lives, kids and grand kids. Clearly we've been as superb since leaving Tech as we were superb as pledges and brothers.

For brothers of that era the war stories, though not commonly remembered, were familiar and no doubt embellished: Moe's and Joe's, Al's Corral, good dates, bad dates, great dates from Scott, Emory, the Barbizon, two cup bourbon and cokes, suits at football games, "borrowing" Georgia Tech air conditioners and building materials, Word runs, the Pit, Titan T contests, smoke filled rooms, Georgian Terrace White Rose, parties and clean-up, and much, much more. We were all knee deep in it. Our thanks to the

wives who braved the weekend and put up with all of us.

Over the weekend 13 of the 19 pledges who were initiated in early 1969 attended the reunion. **Andy Bussey (GA #1314)** won the "Most Likely Not To Be Recognized" award. **Jack Norman (GA #1320)** won the "Who Wouldn't Recognize Jack" award.

The Atkins Park restaurant was wise to provide us a private room on Friday night. You know we had a great time, great food and plenty of drinks when the waiter said we were the best group he had ever served—certainly the best stories—and that was after the tip.

For most, Saturday at the house was our first time in the new digs. Impressive! Hats off to the actives and pledges for their hospitality, especially the pledge bar – what a concept. Computerized "word" files, a

clean basement, great dorm rooms. But the pledge wall out by the pool is still there. A few of us shouted out what little we could remember of our "pledge poop." Thank goodness the pool was covered or we might have had a few submariners. **Steve Baldwin (GA #1274)** and **Steven Day (GA #1341)** both dropped by to visit also. The game was not much—the line forgot how to block but the last few minutes had entertainment value and the good guys won 10-7.

So with an alum water toast to end the day, we promised to do this again, before another 40 years pass. For any pledge classes with 5 or 10 year anniversaries approaching, we highly recommend a fall reunion weekend.

Visit www.sigmanugt.com to read the full article and to find out how to contact YOUR pledge class to plan your own reunion!

Another successful Homecoming in our brand new house! See pages 2 and 3 for a recap and more pictures.



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