## **CHAPTER NEWS**

Sigma Nu has Tech's third largest fall pledge class with 26 pledges. Theta Chi had the most with 32.

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Sept. 25:	NC State
Oct. 9:	Virginia
Oct. 16:	Middle Tenn. State
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## We're Back...

#### Are You Ready for Some Football?

Stay tuned to www.sigmanugt.com for details of fall football events, including our Homecoming era reunions.



## **ANNUAL FUNDRAISING**

#### The \$25,000 Challenge Needs You!

With just four months to go in the 2010 giving year, we are calling on you to help us to make our \$25,000 Challenge a success!

As we've reported in recent mailings, two anonymous Gamma Alpha brothers have agreed to match the first \$25,000 in donations made to the 2010 annual fund. We can't let this amazing opportunity pass us by!

By looking at the chart below, you can see we still have quite a bit of work to do to reach our \$25,000 goal before the giving year ends December 31. Please do your part to \$25,000 help us double our annual fund this year.

There are three ways to make a gift to the annual fund: 1. Online at www.

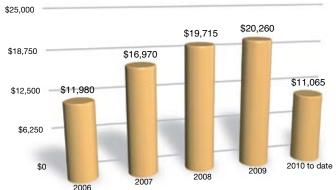
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2. By calling 800-975-6699.

3. By mailing a check payable to "Gamma Alpha Alumni Assn." to the return address on this newsletter.

Remember, the annual fund supports our operating budget to publish the Rose & Star, maintain our web site, upkeep our alumni database, host alumni and reunion events, as well as supports the actives with rush events, community projects, and funds scholarships for need and merit, etc.

#### Annual Fund



#### Happy Birthday! Sigma Nu Pool Turns 50 Who Needs a Library When You Can Have a Swimming Pool?

One of our fraternity's greatest points of pride was the construction of our swimming pool which was completed by the summer of 1960. The entire construction was accomplished solely by the design and labor of our chapter's ambitious engineering majors...and surely some PLEDGE POWER.

The project took about a year with various challenges, one significant. The granite would not yield to the various picks and shovels requiring some blasting to clear the area (yes, blasting as in dynamite). The severity of the blasts rocked the buildings up on the hill and shook the entire campus. Several admonishments from Georgia Tech officials quickly followed.

Tribal lore has probably embellished the details of the saga; however, the seed capital for funding allegedly came from Sigma Nu National. The leadership at the time approached National to match funds for the chapter to create room for a library... appealing to logic to improve Gamma Alpha's academic environment. We don't know what happened to the library...but the pool turns 50 this summer! That's our story and we're sticking to it!

When completed, the swimming pool had a full filtration and circulating system, underwater lights, and a diving board. (The diving board is now long gone). The pool has brought prestige and distinction to the chapter for 50 years now and continues to set our chapter apart from others at Georgia Tech.

## Construction of the Sigma Nu pool in 1960





These pictures of the pool were sent in by Harvey Clarke (GA #983). THANK YOU BROTHER CLARKE!

#### **ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT**

## Dr. John Redfern (GA #1744) is One of USA's Top Surgeons ...And Also a Proud Gamma Alpha Brother

Dr. John C. Redfern '91 (GA #1744) has been recognized as one of the leading orthopedic & arthroscopic surgeons in the country. Dr. Redfern was born and raised in Marietta, Ga. and received his B. S. from Georgia Tech in both Chemical Engineering and BioChemistry.

After working for several engineers, John decided to change careers and attended Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He went on to complete his orthopedic residency at University of Southern California in Los Angeles followed by an orthopedic sports medicine fellowship at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

In addition to general orthopedic care, Dr. Redfern has a particular skill and interest in arthroscopic as well as other techniques for shoulder and knee disorders and is currently a partner in the Colorado Springs Orthopedic Group.

John and his wife Roma have one daughter and enjoy many outdoor activities including snow skiing, hiking and running - which is certainly easy when you live in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A proud alum of Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu, John has been extremely supportive of the Capital Campaign as well as the Annual Fund. As has John's dad, **Carlton W. "Buddy" Redfern '56** (GA #943) who



lives in Marietta, Ga. You can reconnect with him at jcredfern@hotmail.com.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE...ONE BROTHER AT A TIME.

## **ALUMNI UPDATES**

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

## '40s and '50s

Thrilled to hear from **George F. Schminke** '42 (GA #582). George is married to his wife Elodie and has four children: Cathy, George, Lynn and Barbara. He now resides in New Orleans as a retiree and would love to hear from any Brothers from the 1940s. (georgeschminke@att.net)

Received a wonderful note from **Benjamin B. Mills, Jr.** (GA #854; millsandlarkey@ mchsi.com) with a photograph and a newspaper article from the Atlanta Journal dated Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1954. The headline reads "FASHIONS AT TECH REMAIN UNCHANGED...CO-EDS HAVE NO INFLUENCE." The picture shows off Brother Mills and **Willis N. Harden, Jr.** (GA #832) and their sartorial splendor... complete with vests and saddle shoes. At first glance, Ben looks like Buddy Holly...and Willis resembles Ricky Nelson from OZZIE & HARRIET. Nice job men.

Had lunch with **Charlie Brady** (GA #909; charlie.brady@invesco.com) recently. If it weren't for Charlie, there would be no SIGMA NU HOUSING CORPORATION. In addition to his financial resources, Charlie is still behind the scenes mentoring all of us in MAKING A DIFFERENCE...ONE BROTHER AT A TIME! Kudos to Charlie Brady.

Harvey Clarke '57 (GA #983; hclarke99@ verizon.net) checks in from Bedford, Va. where he owns and operates his own company, Clark Associates.

Several Brothers from this era have also checked in including...John Wurz (GA #907; jwurz@aol.com), Guy York (GA #928; ggyork@comcast.net), George Edge (GA #949; gsedge@comcast.net), Bill Studstill (GA #948; wtsu@bellsouth.net), James Stroud (GA #977; stingrae@mindspring. com), Charles Ashby (GA #982; charlie@ theashbys.com) and David Lawson (GA #988; delmont2@aol.com). NOW THAT WAS A GREAT GENERATION!

## '60s

Ralph A. Wasson '62 (GA #1128; awasson@lighttube.net) is married to his lovely wife Gayle and has three kids: Andrea, Laura and Clive. He is now retired in Tullahoma, Tenn. and fondly remembers the wonderful days at Sigma Nu. Ah, those were the days!

**Hugh Little** (GA 1183; hlittle@casso. com) sends his best from Cary, N C where he is married with three sons: Ross, Rob and David. Hugh is founder of Capital Associates which is a full-service commercial real estate company providing development, leasing and sales for project management. Thank you Hugh for your support of Sigma Nu.

#### James Edwin Meyer '65

(GA #1192; j3meyer@ pacbell.net), otherwise known as "J," checks in from Sausalito, Calif. where he is LIVING THE DREAM. Thanks J for all your work in organizing the GATHERING OF SNAKES every year. Circle the first week in May 2011 for next year's event. It seems like only yesterday that All-League QB Meyer was leading Sigma Nu to the IFC trophy. And his passes were just like Bill Kilmer's... effective, but looked like DEAD DUCKS!

**B. Scott Rich** (GA #1224; bsr@rose.net) is still happily married to his wife Peggy and lives in Thomasville, Ga. They have three kids: Charlie, Scott Jr. and Margaret, and life is good. Scott is also one of those fortunate Brothers who married WAY ABOVE HIS HEAD, and is now retired. Scott and his brother-in-law **Langdon Flowers '68** (GA #1285; lsf@rose.net) still recall their wonderful days at 750 Fowler Street. Most of their time was spent playing bridge and drinking PBR...have no idea how they got out of Tech.

Alfred Hackney (GA #1262; al@ alhackneycpa.com) lives in Naples, Fla. working as a CPA and trying to keep most of his clients out of harm's way. His nickname is "6 FINGERS"...keep your hand on your wallet at all times.

## '70s

It's always good to check in with **Mike Skrynecki** (GA #1600; mike.skrynecki@mssb. com). The Skryneckis recently adopted a new son (Bobby) in May 2009 from Seoul, South Korea who has just turned 2. "The 14 hour flight back with an 11-month-old who we had known for two days was interesting to say the least," comments Mike. In addition to running the For Pete's Sake Foundation, Brother Skrynecki has also just completed a year with Leadership Atlanta where one of his classmates was **Steve Baldwin** (GA #1274; steve@ srbaldwin.com). Brother **RK Whitehead** (GA #1592; rkwhitehead@wdcdiecast.com) is also a Leadership Georgia alum.

Sigma Nus are well represented in the Financial Services Industry with **Greg Rose** 

(GA #1612; greg.rose@mssb. com) and **Bob Twardos** (GA #1623; bob.twardos@ mssb.com) in the same Morgan Stanley office. Thanks guys for all you do for Gamma Alpha.

#### Matthew McKenna (GA

#1447; matt.mckenna@booz. com) is happily married with two daughters: Mary Frances, 23, and Katherine, 18. He resides in Houston, Texas and works as Sr. Executive Advisor for Booz & Company. Former Commander McKenna has been amazingly generous with his time and financial resources throughout this Capital Campaign as has his real and fraternity Brothers, Andy and Pat. Only wish there were more McKennas.

John Byrne (GA #1502; jbyrne3@aol. com), with a BS in Industrial Engineering, is now divorced, currently resides in Reno, Nevada working as an Account Manager for Reddaway, a transportation company. He has one child, Emily who is now 17. John stays in shape by playing lacrosse.

A pledge class mate of John Byrne's is **Lee Landers** (GA #1510; lee.landers@aarons. com). Lee graduated from Tech with a BS in Industrial Engineering and has gone on to distinguish himself and his family as CIO for Aarons, Inc. He and his wife Cathy have three children: Amy, Ashley and Will. Will

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was an outstanding offensive guard and letterman for the Purple Palladins of Furman University. Glad I don't have to feed him. This pledge class also included several generous donors to the Capital Campaign including **Christopher Troutman** (GA #1514), **Richard Gomez** (GA #1512), **Greg Tye** (GA #1513), **Mark Smith** (GA #1505) and **Ashley Miller** (GA #1503).

**Carl Herring** (GA #1552; carlherring@ me.com) checks in from Marana, Az. where he is Product Manager for Product Assurance . He is married and has three children: Thomas Beisner, Elizabeth Beisner and Tanner. Carl shares that it gets awfully hot in Arizona...but it's a dry heat.

John Mize (GA #1560; john.mize@ towerswatson.com) is a Principal and actuarial expert at Towers Watson and was one of the featured experts at a seminar on the Health Care Reform law in New York. Brother Mize is consulted regularly as the resident expert on this legislation and the impact it might have on the medical industry and our health care. Not to get too political, but YOU GO GET 'EM JOHN! BTW...thanks a million for all your support.

## '80s & '90s

Well, well, well...**Brent Sholl** (GA #1758; Brent.Sholl@sealedair.com) just can't get enough. He and Kelley are happy to announce a new addition to the Sholl dynasty: Nathaniel Curtis Sholl was born July 24th and clocked in at 9 lbs 10 oz and 21.25" in length. Rumor has it that Sholl is already sending progress reports to the GTAA.

Congratulations to Alex Brown (GA #1759; alex@htrjobs.com,jason@htrjobs.com), Scott Hall (GA #1754; scott@htrjobs.com), and Clint Bailey (GA #1740; clint@htrjobs.com) who report that their IT staffing business, Hunter Technical Resources, is alive and kicking and celebrating its 12th year in business in 2010! Jason Clayton (GA #1774) rounds out the Hunter senior sales team. Quite an accomplishment for this motley crew.

**Brian Boron** (GA #1749; bboron@yahoo. com) is married to wife Becky and has one child, Arabella. He works for Beam Global Spirits & Wine and makes his home in Palm Harbor, Fla. Joshua Roberts (GA #1810; joshuadavidroberts@hotmail.com), now divorced, lives in downtown Atlanta working as a Manager for KPMG LLP, a consulting firm.

**Brad "T-RELL" Thornton** (GA # 1811; btthornton@hotmail.com). Amid a busy schedule of summer vacations and an ambitious pursuit of leisure, Brad and his wife Leah celebrated their one-year anniversary and just moved into a new home in Cumming. Brad received his BS in Management and works as Computer Analyst for EarthLink. Does anyone know what a T-Rell is?

**Dan London** (GA #1813; dan@keyplanning. com) and wife India announce the birth of their daughter Alexis Rachel on 4/15/2010. Dan continues his work with Key Planning as a financial and tax advisor and has said with all the recent additions to the family, he better start making some solid advice to his clients!

**Billy Wolfe** (GA #1812; Bwolfe4@yahoo. com) and wife Kate are expecting their second child (a boy) on November 1. They are concerned that Liam will not share very well with the new addition (something he picked up from his dad). **Rob Sims** (GA #1816; robertsims@mindspring.com) and his wife Stockton (Gamma Alpha Sweetheart) announce the birth of their son, Robert Cass Sims III. Congratulations to the Sims!

Brother **Michael "Boo" Boudoucies** (GA #1831; mboo63@gmail.com) tied the knot on April 24 in Greer, SC. There were no guns fired at the ceremony. Great to hear from **Ben Tempel** (GA #1846; bentempel@gmail.com) who tied the knot on June 12 in Blairsville, Ga. Immediately following the wedding, Ben pulled out his guitar and asked Christina to head to Moondogs with him for his next show.

They keep dropping like flies as **Mike Kastellec** (GA #1855; mkny13@yahoo.com) tied the knot on July 10 in Athens, Ga. Mike K. continues to live happily in the city of the school whose name we don't speak. Rumor has it that he might have been responsible for the food-poisoning to UGA the Bulldog.

Jesse "Big Knucks" Crawford (GA #1828; crawford.jesse@gmail.com) is finally settling down by asking for Jessica Emily Gross's hand in marriage. She somehow convinced him to put away his adventures to exotic destinations and try to get into medical school and get a safer job. Someone write this guy a letter of recommendation! Congratulations Jesse!

Be sure to say hello to the new addition to the family of Kimberly and **Benjamin MacDonald** (GA #1858; ben@stackpoles. com) this football season. Ben has revamped the "Mozart's Effect" by playing "All The Way Turnt Up" and "Ramblin Wreck" for three and a half months now. This baby is going to be the Jackets' youngest fan for a few games this year. CONGRATS !

BOLO for **William Coffer** (GA #1815; wcoffer@hotmail.com) this fall and do not accept a boat ride to the Clemson game

#### Homecoming Reunion Contacts

## 50th reunion for pledge class of 1960 (Initiated 1961)

Class contacts: Jimmy Adams, jim.adams4@gmail.com Phil Armstrong, psajr@comcast.net Tom McCormick, miphtm@msn.com Raymond Myers, raymondemyers@aol.com Bob Rhinehart, rrhinehart@msn.com

## 25th reunion for the pledge class of 1985 (Initiated 1986)

Class contacts: Robert Dowd, robert.dowd@mirant.com Tripp Matheny, tripp\_matheny@yahoo.com John Muehlbauer, john.muehlbauer@ihg.com

#### 20th reunion for the pledge class of 1990 (Initiated 1991) Class contact:

Al Etheridge, al.ethridge@gmail.com

## 10th reunion for the pledge class of 2000 (Initiated 2001)

Class contacts: Jonathon J B Black, jonathanablack@gmail.com Steve Bowden, bowden21@gmail.com

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(JUST LIVIN' THE DREAM). You might end up in the lake along the way. Just ask **Steve Bowden** (GA #1880; bowden21@ gmail.com) what happened last time!

Special thanks to the Brothers of this era, and particularly this pledge class, that are beginning to recognize the importance of the Capital Campaign with their financial support. Couldn't do it without **Trae Pop** (GA #1825; trae\_pop@hotmail.com), **Justin Grinder** (GA #1819; jgrinder@grindertaber.com), **Jacob Lang** (GA #1826; jacobelang@hotmail.com), **Justin Redmond** (GA #1821; jredmond1@ gmail.com) and **Michael Boudoucies** (GA #1831; mboo63@gmail.com).

**David Hannon** (GA #1881; dhannon1881@gmail.com) received his BS in Civil Engineering and is now Project Manager for LAI Engineering in Marietta. David and lovely wife Alicia, who is working on her executive MBA at Georgia Tech, live in Atlanta and look forward to the football games in the fall.

Jay Morris (GA #1894; Jaymo42184@ hotmail.com) just had a baby boy (Oliver) in June. He and his wife, Layne, are living in Houston TX.

Matt Loveless (GA #1891; mattl@ sgcontractinginc.com) just wants everyone to know: "Same job, same wife, same house, no kids...what can I say, I'm on cruise control!" Kevin Middlebrooks (GA #1878; kmiddlebrooks@gmail.com) and wife Beth are expecting! Due date is early 2010.

Adam Pratt (GA #1906; adampratt@ gmail.com) is currently a Project Engineer for McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. in LaGrange, GA. He is still dating college sweetheart Amanda Rigg. A recent survey confirms and everyone agrees that Amanda is WAY TOO HOT for Commander Pratt. You better pop the question before she finds a real stud.

Jonthan Skypeck (GA #1924; jonathan. skypek@NOKIA.COM) continues to confound his managers at Nokia and is proud to announce that he was recently promoted to Product Manager and has two patents under review! Jonathan isn't the only member of the household climbing the corporate ladder. His wife Rachel was also recently promoted to senior staff at GH&I. We know who to call for the next Capital Campaign fundraising effort.

Update your email address! Send it to feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Nu at Tech) or update it on our web site).

## FROM THE ARCHIVES...



#### **Love Old Photos?**

So do we! That's why we need your help to build our online photo archives.

Send the best pictures from your era to content@affinityconnection.com, and we'll feature them on our web site and in future newsletters.

In this photo: Chariot Race in the 1960s.

Wouldn't it be great if someone could make a movie about our Sigma Nu experience? Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately, for some) the cameras weren't rolling during our days at Georgia Tech. The experience we shared can only live on through our memories, stories and photos.

While we all shared the same great experience, we each have our own unique stories to tell from it. And we need your

#### What's YOUR Story?

help to document them! Tell us a great story or two that you fondly remember from your undergraduate days. We'll feature the best stories on our web site and in future print publications.

For example..."My funniest Sigma Nu memory was the night Bob Gore hit George Bostic in the side of the head with his Sigma Nu beer mug and drove him to the hospital to get stitches.

As an alumnus and Navy CEC officer, I visited George in Santiago aboard a destroyer escort. We drove down to Tijuana on Sunday to see a bullfight and the matador gave the bull's ear to Lana Turner in the front row." - Robert McAlister '56

What's YOUR story? Share it on the message board at www.sigmanugt.com.

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the Medical College of Georgia and then delivered thousands of babies as one of the top obstetricians in Cobb County. Dr. Gingrey started a second career as a Congressman and has been a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 2003, serving Georgia 's 11th Congressional district.

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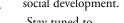
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