

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Gathering of Snakes

May 5-8

Holmes Beach,
Anna Maria Island, FL
Contact J. Meyer for details
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Homecoming Weekend

October 28-29

Ga.Tech vs. Clemson

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Gamma Alpha GPA Ranks Fifth Among Tech Fraternities

Chapter Runs to Raise \$9,000 for St. Jude

By MC Mercer (GA #1995), Eminent Commander

As you know, Sigma Nu at Georgia Tech is a special place. It is the place I have called home for the past three and a half years, and a home I will continue to come back to for many years to come. Whether or not you have been to the house in the past week, month, year, or decade, you should be proud to call yourself a Gamma Alpha alum.

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Over the past few months, Sigma Nu has seen an extremely exciting shift in leadership. After the November elections, over sixty percent of our officer positions are occupied by fall 2009 initiates. While this may come as a shock to some, their early display of leadership and extreme responsibility was evident to all of us. This also set up Sigma Nu for continued success in our future. With a year of experience under their belts, this young group of men will soon be adding to the legacy we will soon hand over.

This past fall was accompanied by many success stories. Most notably, our GPA ranked fifth amongst all Tech fraternities. In fact, we ranked ninth amongst all organizations campus-wide. This is undoubtedly due to the extreme dedication our men put into everything we are involved in inside, as well as outside, of Sigma Nu. A perfect example of this is my pledge brother **Shane Sandridge** (GA #1994), the newly elected president of the IFC. Remarkably, for the second time in five years, the head of IFC resides at 750 Fowler Street. (*Read Shane's story on page 2*).

We continued our efforts in supporting the For Pete's Sake Foundation by selling tickets to the GT-UGA annual baseball game at Turner

Field, as well as holding the third annual Sorority Kickball Tournament, with all proceeds going to FPS. The day after Thanksgiving, we teamed up with the Mu Chapter from UGA to raise money for St.

Jude Children's Hospital. With Gamma Alpha brothers running halfway to Athens and the Mu Chapter finishing it off, we raised over \$9,000 for children's cancer research.

A fraternity can not exist though without a continued influx of outstanding young men ready to make their mark. Enter the pledge class of 2010. Thanks to the remarkable efforts of **Erwin Schemankiwitz** (GA #1990) and **Zack Berry** (GA #2014) as rush chairmen, we snagged 24 of the best men Georgia Tech had to offer last fall. And not to make anyone out there feel old, but the highest chapter number now sits at Gamma Alpha 2070!

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I hope all of you feel as connected to Sigma Nu as you did when you were an active brother. If you don't, I personally invite you to reconnect with our chapter in whatever ways possible. Whether it be stopping by on a gameday for some barbeque or attending one of our monthly Alumni Speaker Series, know that we love alumni interaction and thrive off it.



ALUMNI NEWS

Two-Star General Salutes Sigma Nu Major General Kelly McKeague Mentors Actives

Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu received a special treat on Wednesday, February 23rd when Major General **Kelly K. McKeague** (GA #1493) spoke to the chapter as part of our Speaker Series.

Gen McKeague, who was Commander in 1981, currently serves as the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for all National Guard matters at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He is responsible for providing the Chairman with timely insights on the National Guard working closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. General McKeague received his commission in 1981 through the Georgia Tech Air Force ROTC program where he received his BS in Industrial Engineering. Major General McKeague also received his M.S. in Industrial Engineering from Ga Tech.

Key points in his remarks, which resonated mightily with the SRO crowd at 750 Fowler, were integrity, honor, passion, and positive ways to make a difference. He received a standing ovation from the overflow crowd.

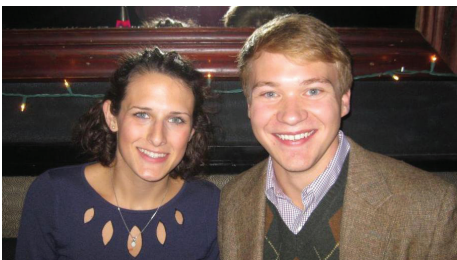


Pictured (L to R): Commanders Steve Schaezel (GA #1465), Frank Spears (GA #1236), MC Mercer (GA #1995), Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague (GA #1493) and Grant Norwood (GA # 1673).

CHAPTER NEWS

A Gamma Alpha Brother is Heading Up the IFC

My name is **Shane Sandridge** (GA #1994), a fourth year Management Co-op, from Sugar Hill, Ga. In August 2007, I became the first person in my family to go to a major university. Obviously, I became the first one to ever join a fraternity as well. I continue to



Shane Sandridge with his girlfriend Jordan Rowley, who is an ADPi at Georgia Tech.

support myself financially, so I knew it would be difficult. Today, I view becoming a Sigma Nu as the best decision I have ever made in my life.

I was recently elected as the Interfraternity Council President and it has been an honor to proudly represent Sigma Nu in this capacity. This leadership role keeps me busy seven days a week with meetings, planning, advocating and representing the nearly 2,500 Greek students on campus. This is in addition to other activities as well as working 20 hours each week at my co-op and maintaining my GPA. Even with all of this, I always make time to be around my brothers because, as my big brother **Clif Cochran**

taught me, we are a family.

I graduate in December and let me tell you, it is going to be very difficult to say goodbye to Sigma Nu. All of the things I have accomplished as an undergrad has certainly benefited me personally. Yet I realize that none of these things would have been possible without the support and the brotherhood of Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu.

This fraternity means the world to me, and I would not be who I am today without Sigma Nu.

Thank you Sigma Nu for MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE and setting a standard to WALK IN THE WAY OF HONOR.

ON THE WEB

Send Us Your Email Address!

By updating your email address with Sigma Nu, you'll get much more than just our monthly eLetter communications.

Other benefits include:

- You'll be reminded when we're about to publish a newsletter, so you can submit your news, photos and stories

- Your email address will be available to other alumni in our (password protected) online directory
- You'll help the alumni association save money on paper, printing and postage (and be utilized for other things!)
- You'll be the first to know of the latest news, updates and event details from the alumni and active chapters

As a reminder, our database is used solely for Gamma Alpha communications. Update your email address online at www.sigmanugt.com, or send it to feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Nu at Ga. Tech).

ANNUAL FUND

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

As a friendly reminder, we rely solely on alumni contributions to continue our communications program. The annual fund serves as the operating budget to publish the *Rose & Star*, maintain our web site, upkeep our alumni database, host alumni and reunion events such as fishing trips and golf tournaments as well as receptions and cookouts at the house. We also support the actives with rush events, charity functions, community service projects, and fund the Gamma Alpha Scholarship Fund recognizing need and merit where appropriate.

Help us to reach our 2011 annual fund goal of \$25,000! There are three ways to make a gift:

- Log on to www.sigmanugt.com.
- Call 800-975-6699.
- Mail a check payable to "Gamma Alpha Alumni Association" to the return address on this newsletter.

Our annual giving year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year. Thank you in advance for your support!

2010-11 Goal:
\$25,000
Year to Date:
\$3,000



2011 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following brothers who have contributed to the annual fund so far this year...

Inner Circle Leader (\$1,000+)

Gary Jones 1968

Light of Truth Supporter (\$250 - \$499)

Paul Flood 1954
Joseph Netherland 1966
James Trimble 1987
Grant Norwood 1988
Adam Fuller 1989
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Jeff Golden 1967
James Rountree 1968
Russell Childers 1969
Jerry Hatcher 1971
Patrick McKenna 1971
Raymond Ashe 1973
Franklin Shuler 1974
Joshua Roberts 1996
Matthew Loveless 2002

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

Harold Sumerford 1958

Reflects gifts received as of March 7, 2011.

REMEMBER WHEN

"Ah I remember this wonderful event as if it were yesterday. It was a beautiful spring day at 750 Fowler St, and it was the Sunday before finals. I guess we all needed a little amusement to break the tension of studying. I recall tossing a water balloon toward a group of young ladies in a Mustang with the top down from up near the pool. Instead of hitting the ladies (where I was aiming), the balloon hit the windshield and cracked it. We all ran! It was a one of those 'you had to be there to really enjoy what was happening' moments."

- **James Meyer** (GA #1192)

Read more great stories and submit your own at www.sigmanugt.com.

ALUMNI REUNION

Snakes Make Ski Trip to Steamboat Springs

The annual ski trip to Steamboat Springs was held over Super Bowl weekend. And the Snakes were in rare form with (left to right): **Jon Witschy** (GA #1693), **Morgan NeSmith** (GA #1716), **PJ Bain** (GA #1682), **Wayne Aaron** (GA #1653), **Matt Taylor** (GA #1643), **Scott Colson** (GA #1684), **Todd Oglesby** (GA #1659) and **Dean Haldopoulos** (GA #1690).

Brother **Bill Lamb** (GA #1662) was the photographer, and Brother **Bill Kohlins** (GA #1683) had to leave early.

One of these Brothers was voted in high school as most likely to be raped in prison...any thoughts?



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

'40s and '50s

Lamar Lattimer (GA #783; jllatimer@bellsouth.net) checks in from Birmingham, Ala. with warm regards for all. Seems like only yesterday that he and **Roger Brown** (GA #710; rbrown9015@aol.com) and **Mac Taylor** (GA #737; janmact@comcast.net) were building the old house in 1950. Tempus Fugits!

Thanks to **Bill Scott** (GA #822; bill@kkspring.com) for the wonderful invite for Ga. Tech bowl game in Shreveport, La. Maybe next year it will be back to the Orange Bowl where we belong. Thanks Bill for your love for Gamma Alpha.

John Webster (GA #824 jwebster8030@msn.com) not only supports the Annual Fund every year...but also does so for many of his Brothers in their memory. Now that's a Brother making a difference. Thank you Brother Webster.

Saw Norma & **Jim Edenfield** (GA #905 jcedenfield@logility.com) at the Piedmont Ball. Norma looked beautiful as usual...and damn if Jim can still hold a pose as well in white tie and tails. Thanks to the Edenfields for all you do.

Always a pleasure to spend time with one of the true GENTLEMEN of Gamma Alpha.

Charlie Brady (GA #909 charlie.brady@invesco.com). Charlie continues to silently give his time, talent & treasure to a host of initiatives...and Sigma Nu is proud to call him BROTHER!

IN MEMORY

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

Edsel Webb (GA #823)

7/1/10

John McClellan III (GA #1100)

9/25/10

Max Cochran (GA #914 maxcochran@bellsouth.net) is now an Investment Banker. Successfully passing his Series 7 & 63 Blue Sky exams, Max has changed careers and is looking to spin straw into gold. Caveat emptor. Max fondly remembers living in the old house with **Gene Avrett** (GA #894 avrett@cfa.harvard.edu) and **John Wurz** (GA #907 jwurza@aol.com).

Harold Sumerford (GA #1009 hassr37@gmail.com) checks in with regards to all and shares a new address in Birmingham, Ala. Harold continues to support the activities of Gamma Alpha and we are all beneficiaries of his support. Thank you Brother Sumerford.

Had a nice visit with former **Commander Jim Simpson** (GA #1045 jsimfast10@hotmail.com) who is living the dream in Miami when he's not touring and racing his cars at Road Atlanta and other challenging venues. Several Brothers from the late '50s tell me that Jim Simpson was the smartest man they had ever met.....and always pulled a 4.0 at Mother Tech. It took many of us two plus quarters to aggregate that overall.

'60s

Great session with the actives and the alums as US Rep **Phil Gingrey** (GA #1130 jpgmd@gingrey.com) addressed the chapter during our Speaker Series. The life lessons and leadership principals are remarkable, but the memories are even better.

Stories about **Solly Toussieh** (GA #1076 solly@exportex.net) and **Phil Armstrong** (GA #1076 psajr@comcast.net) had the place in hysterics.

Phil Ginzberg has a nice ring to it...

Had a nice chat with **Chester Stokes** (GA #1137 chesterstokes@bellsouth.net). He and his beautiful wife Lynda and son Chet are still celebrating the WAR EAGLE victory as Chet will be a junior at Auburn. C still stays in touch with so many Snakes including **Hawley Smith** (GA #1191 vhsjr@bellsouth.net), **Carey Huff** (GA #1138 bayoumech@aol.com) and **Ab Conner** (GA #1170 ab@connerbros.com) to name a few. Now that's what I call A GREAT ERA!

Received a great Christmas card from former **Commander Bill Poland** (GA #1187 bpoland@sfdesigncenter.com)... showed the

Poland family from different points all over the world. Great country this America. Poland looks like a million dollars... after taxes. His bride looks even better. No wonder he is always smiling like that Little Gnome from the Orbitz ads.

GATHERING OF SNAKES is right around corner. This is a weekend you do not want to miss. Special thanks to **J Meyer** (GA #1192 jemeyer@pacbell.net), **Freddie Link** (GA #1201 freddie.link@bellsouth.net), and **Dave Bassett** (GA #1203 david.bassett@mssb.com) for coordinating this special reunion every year. Bassett promises to tell the same jokes he has been telling for almost 45 years now... and they will still be funny.

Never had a chance to say it....but let the record reflect that **John Henry Thigpen III** (GA #1205 jhtiii@bellsouth.net) was the best Pledge Marshall that ever lived for the Pledge Class of 1967. Let the record also show that my old roomie **Bob Kelly** (GA #1278 rwkprop@gmail.com) never learned anyone's poop, never memorized any of the mystic goodies, and used to hide out in **Theo Harness'** (GA #1143 gaev@aol.com) room during Hell week. Keep smiling Kelly.

Effective January 1, former **Commander Steve Baldwin** (GA #1274 steve@srbaldwin.com) joined the law firm of Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP as Chief Operating Officer. Elarbee Thompson advises and defends management in labor and employment, immigration and complex litigation issues, such as product liability cases. In the role of COO, Steve will provide leverage to the Managing Partner and other attorneys by overseeing the day-to-day operations of the firm, allowing them to focus on serving clients and developing new business. Congrats Steve.

'70s & '80s

Former **Commander Lee Douglas** (GA #1348 cldouglas@bellsouth.net) checks in and wishes all of his era the best. Lee continues to give back to the Alumni Assn. as well as to the actives in our mentoring program. Several Brothers have tapped into his tribal knowledge of Sports Management and its career opportunities. Thank you Brother Douglas.

FORE! Don't know if the course will recover in time for the Masters...but Augusta National will probably never be the same. Brother **John Rhett** (GA #1402 john.rhett@suntrust.com), who is Chairman of SunTrust Investment Services in Atlanta, fulfilled one of his lifelong dreams and played Augusta last week. Haven't seen the score card yet, but rumor has it Brother Rhett played extremely well...didn't lose one ball...had pars on #8 & #12 & #16... and scratched another item off the Bucket List. Well done John Boy!

Special treat to have **Major General Kelly McKeague** (GA #1493) speak in our Speaker Series. Had a great turnout with alums **Bill Loftis** (GA #1431 wloftis@chainalytics.com), **Steve Schaezel** (GA #1465 sschaezel@kslaw.com), **Bill Rembert** (GA #1497), **Gary Lewis** (GA #1501 glewsi@superheatfgh.com), and **Tracy Haas** (GA #1551 thracer@yahoo.com) there to cheer the General on.

John Mize (GA #1560 john.mize@towerswatson.com) is another alum who continues to offer his career counseling advice as he mentors our young actives. John is a Principal at HR giant Towers Watson and is making a difference. Thank you John Mize.

Speaking of golf...Brother **Richard Taft** (GA #1574 rtaft@mindspring.com) invites everyone to come out to Wolf Creek and enjoy a Sigma Nu discount for 18 holes. Wolf Creek is conveniently located a few minutes west of the airport. Mulligans are extra.

Received a nice note from **Mike Hayes** (GA #1588 mpheas@bellsouth.net) congratulating the SNGT Housing Corp. and thanking the Gamma Alpha Alumni Assn. for all of the work that has been done over the past 8 years pulling the house and the alumni into the modern era. Very few realize how much work Brother Hayes and Brother and former Commander **Mike McCloud** (GA #1562 mike@uptownbakers.com) put into the Housing Corp and the Alumni Assn. during the dark days when we almost lost the chapter. Thank you Mike & Mike for all you continue to do for our beloved fraternity.



Mike Skrynecki (GA #1600; mike.skrynecki@morganstanleysmithbarney.com) was recently named one of Morgan Stanley's top 10 volunteers again in 2010 for the second time. Mike also spends a lot of time helping the For Pete's Sake Foundation merge with (and is now operating as) the Wiskott Aldrich Foundation. Additionally, he was once again named a 5-Star Wealth Manager by Atlanta Magazine for the third straight year. And if that wasn't enough, he and his wife adopted their second son from South Korea in 2009. Whew...that's a busy man!

Always good to hear from **Wayne Aaron** (GA #1653 wayneaaron@gmail.com) He writes "I am approaching 20 years at Delta Airlines, and I just changed jobs and now head up our Product Marketing and Distribution Strategy areas (VP - Marketing Programs & Distribution Strategy). I am married to Maria and we have three kids: Christina age 9, Ashley age 8 and Michael age 6. I am currently sitting on a plane over Kansas on my way with the family to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for our annual family ski trip. Since I have been so successful to brain-wash the kids into knowing how great Georgia Tech is, I am doing everything I can to get them to a point they crave skiing every weekend so that I can attempt to pack up the family and move to Idaho, Utah or Colorado."

Grant Norwood (GA #1673, grantcnorwood@gmail.com) checks in with greetings to all Gamma Alphas. In addition to helping kids Connor and Makenna with their homework and coaching their teams, Grant is co-authoring of a book for children about living a healthy lifestyle. He is also heading up an initiative within the brotherhood to help graduating brothers prepare for the working world while introducing candidates to alumni. Grant continues give back to the Alumni Assn. every year and to mentor several young Gamma Alphas. Please let him know if you would like to join this amazing initiative. THANK YOU GRANT.

Great to hear from former **Commander Charles Gerrick** (GA #1626 Charles.gerrick@gmail.com). Commander Gerrick has a thriving real estate business with Atlanta Fine

Homes Sotheby's International Realty and would be honored for all to call him for some brotherly advice as well as assistance with your real estate needs. Lives in the Brookhaven area with his wife Kathryn and three children ages 8, 7 and 4. Enjoys seeing 1980s vintage brothers on the little league ball fields, including **Grant Norwood** (GA #1673 grantcnorwood@gmail.com), **Brennan Robison** (GA #1666 brennan.robison@alicias.com), **Eddie Lanham** (GA #1616 eddie.lanham@gmail.com), & **Steve Pettitt** (GA #1613 spettitt@quikcrete.com) among others.

Life is good for the Kohlins gang. **Bill Kohlins** (GA #1683 bkohlins@comcast.net) works in the Electric Power Division of Caterpillar and lives in Forsyth County with his beautiful wife, two sons (Eric & Will ages 12 & 11) and one daughter (Julia age 8). "We're all healthy and enjoying life."

'90s & '00s

Al Etheridge (GA #1723; al.etheridge@gmail.com) recently enjoyed a ski trip to Colorado with Patrick Chambers (GA #1732), Steve McGaffic (GA #1729), John Redfern (GA #1744) and Brian Moore (GA #1718). Al, Karen and Annie (18 mo) are well and living in midtown Atlanta.

Clint Bailey (GA #1740; clint@htrjobs.com) was elected to the Board of Directors at TechBridge, Atlanta's top non-profit servicing the technology needs of other non-profits. Meanwhile, his wife (and business partner) Tracy continues the heavy lifting at home in Dunwoody taking care of sons Ryan and Garrett.

Kristen and **Scott Hall** (GA #1754; scott@htrjobs.com) will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary in April of this year. Ten years?! Wow! Still not sure what she sees you Scott...keep up the P90X!

Stacy and **Alex Brown** (GA #1759; alex@htrjobs.com) and daughter Kelsey report from Dunwoody, GA that all are healthy and happy. Alex continues to enjoy his work at Hunter Technical Resources with brothers Scott Hall, Clint Bailey, and Jason Clayton.

Lauryn and **Eric Gorli** (GA #1761; egorli@coca-cola.com) are expecting the birth of their second child in July. Eric is also

celebrating his recent promotion to Vice President of North American Planning and Pricing for Coca-Cola. We're lobbying for the return of 25 cent Cokes...make it happen Brother Gorli!

Ryan Triick (GA #1773) lives in Atlanta and works for Jacobs Engineering Group as a Project Manager. Got a problem with roadway construction in Atlanta? Feel free to blame Brother Triick.

Matt Soderlund (GA #1783), lives in Atlanta and works for Ma Tech as an Energy Consultant, traveling around the state (and country) to manufacturing facilities telling them to turn out the lights and plug in those goofy looking corkscrew bulbs.

Kirk Leverone (GA #1803), lives in Sandy Springs, GA, and works as an independent software consultant, currently working with Bank of America in Charlotte, NC. Kirk plays on an ALTA tennis team with fellow Gamma Alpha's Scott Hall, Ryan Triick, and Craig Adams.

Josh Roberts (GA #1810, joshuadavidroberts@hotmail.com) has accepted the position of Director of Operations with Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta. Josh also continues to provide amazing leadership in coordinating our Annual Fund where all Brothers are encouraged to donate \$100 a year to the Gamma Alpha Alumni Assn. Thank you Josh for all you do.

Adam Weart (GA #1848, aweart@hotmail.com) and his wife Julia announce the birth of Grace Raine Weart. Adam continues to use his creativity skills and set her up a personal web site (www.graceweart.com). Grace is already quoted as saying "HMMMMSIRRRRRR!"

Brother **Chad Lewis** (GA #1818, chadwick_lewis@hotmail.com), has accepted the position of VP of Finance with Servigistics. He and Jill still live in Alpharetta and are expecting their first child in April.

Joel Williamson (GA #1865, joel4pw@

hotmail.com), checks in from South Carolina. He continues to move up the ladder at Lafarge and has been promoted to a new role outside Philadelphia. He swears he will never be an Eagles fan as long as Michael Vick is there.

Kevin Siefert (GA #1871, kevin.a.seifert@gmail.com) and his beautiful wife announce the arrival of their second son, Walker. Yes, Kevin Siefert now has two kids, both boys... keep your daughters locked up!

Kelly Pollard (GA #1850 kelleypollard@gmail.com) and wife Crystal check in from "God's Country." Their new baby, Turner, is doing well and looking forward to being the next Bremen boy initiated into Gamma Alpha.

Mike Nelson (GA #1808 michaelnelson@hotmail.com) and wife Beth announce the birth of their daughter, Kate. The family is doing well and still living in Canton.

Brad Thornton (aka T-rell) (GA #1811; bthornton@hotmail.com) reports "The Thornton family is doing well. We're closing in on a full year in our new house and things are finally starting to settle down. I just celebrated my 4 year anniversary at EarthLink where things are getting busy but exciting due to the acquisition of three companies in the last six months. My wife Leah and son Kort are doing great. Leah and I will be celebrating our two year wedding anniversary in July of this year. Kort's baseball season is starting to ramp up and he has been asked to try out for the all star team in only his second year of playing."

Matt Loveless (GA #1891 matthewloveless@gmail.com) continues to stay extremely involved with the chapter and the actives thru his involvement with the Alumni Association. Matt has displayed remarkable leadership with the chapter with his time and energy. Thank you Matt. Matt's biggest update is that his wife, prima ballerina Kristi Necessary, is retiring from the ballet after 9 seasons as a company dancer. Her last show as lead dancer was last month at Cobb Energy Center and totally brought the house down. Talk about marrying above your head, or is it Beauty and the Beast? www.accessatlanta.com/AccessAtlanta-sharing/_a-ballerina-shares-a-832804.html

Geoffrey Keith Feld (GA #1900 gkfeld@gmail.com) who is one of the Gamma Alphas

with Mensa credentials recently published a paper in Nature, a scientific journal, for his doctoral work at UC Berkeley. Who knew? www.nature.com/nsmb/journal/v17/n11/full/nsmb.1923.html

Adam Dudenhoeffer (GA #1921 adam.dudenhoeffer@gmail.com) THE DUDE is working as a Design Consultant for a local concrete product manufacturer called Belgard Hardscapes. "My job focus is on the promotion of a new stormwater management technique called Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements. I am enjoying my time at Belgard but I am always looking forward to the opportunities that await." Dude continues to be extremely active in the Alumni Assn. and looks forward to football season.

Terrific news indeed to hear that **Thomas Gay** (GA #1933 thomas.gay85@gmail.com) continues to rehab and is making remarkable progress. Thomas sends his regards and thanks to all of the Brothers of Gamma Alpha for their thoughts and prayers. Brother Gay was shot three times during a home invasion and robbery last fall in south Atlanta and he says it is a miracle to be alive. He is currently living at home in Conway, S.C., brewing his own beer for a hobby, and looking for a civil engineering job. Don't be surprised if Thomas runs a marathon one day. GOD BLESS YOU THOMAS !

TALK ABOUT LIVING THE DREAM...
David Meyers (GA #1918 rmeyers.david@gmail.com) has been assigned to a project with his company in San Luis Obispo, Calif. David says the air is pure, the beer is cold, and the women are MIGHTY FINE. "Eat your heart out suckers..."

Jonathan B. Sangster (GA #1946 jbsangster@gmail.com) is still posted up in Midtown, not far from ye old Frat Castle, and is starting to get the itch to buy 2011 season football tickets! Let Jonathan know if you care to join him...

Redd Schoening (GA #1935 reddschoening@gmail.com) has been enjoying a brief respite from the road since he was placed on a short geo-technical project at the Georgia Aquarium. He's been enjoying the civil engineering and catching up with Atlanta-based pledge brothers!

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

Gamma Alpha Welcomes 24 Initiates in Fall Pledge Class

By Philip Lengel (GA #1972); Pledge Marshal, Fall 2010

I'm pleased to report that a group of 24 new Gamma Alpha initiates was put together by a group of experienced brothers with the hope that one day they would continue the legacy that was left in their hands.

To put it simply, this pledge class is full of born leaders. Nineteen are from the state of Georgia, while five are from outside the state (see a full list with their hometowns to the right). As individuals, they demonstrate their leadership outside of Sigma Nu by participating in club hockey, club lacrosse, the varsity football film crew, and the GT row team. This semester, many of the new initiates have been proactive in their attempts to get more involved in on campus activities like FASET, Connect with Tech, and Tech Beautification Day to name a few.

Their journey through the fall began with

singing to sororities at Run of the Roses and went on to include everything from a no-holds barred football game against ATO to a tour of National Headquarters in Lexington. They participated in a wide range of philanthropy, from Team Buzz to our Third Annual Charity Kickball tournament, while still managing to learn about the founders of Sigma Nu and the ideals of Truth, Love, and Honor. They studied these ideals at a brotherhood retreats as well as regularly throughout the semester as part of the LEAD program. Importantly, they accomplished all of this while becoming part of many tried and true Gamma Alpha traditions such as Homecoming, Gamedays, and of course, Killer Volleyball. Given their strong academic performance, it is safe to say they are learning to balance school within a fun, meaningful college experience.

SIGMA NU EVENTS

Gamma Alpha Leadership Seminar a Success

Our second Annual Leadership Seminar was held on Sunday, January 23, 2011 in the College of Management, hosted by the Gamma Alpha Alumni Association. Our first session last fall was a huge success, and this year we decided to hold it as soon as the slate of new officers were elected. We had 45 actives and 12 Alumni meet for a three-hour session of bonding and brotherhood, followed by some pizza and football at Ray's Pizza in Tech Square.

As an Alumni Association, we continue to explore ways in which to provide meaningful interaction between the Alums and the actives. We also recognize the importance of the chapter understanding the structure of the SNGT Housing Corporation and the Alumni Association and their financial responsibility in protecting the investment.

If you would like to become involved with the Alumni Association, please contact **Alex Brown** (GA #1759) at alex@htrjobs.com.

This year's Annual Gathering of Snakes will be held May 5-8 at Holmes Beach in Anna Maria Island, FL.

Contact J. Meyer (j3meyer@pacbell.net) for details.



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CHAPTER NEWS

Gamma Alpha Teams Up with Mu Chapter to Raise \$9,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Turkey Bowl Trot

By Shane Sandridge

November 26th started early for the active chapter. We were up before sunrise, running on wet roads with a police escort and a charter bus behind, toting the game ball for the annual Georgia - Georgia Tech football game...and for a very important cause.

We had been approached by the Mu Chapter at UGA with a challenge: raise



more money than they could in an effort to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. It was different than our annual kickball tournament where brothers can watch the action from the sidelines. Here, we knew we it was an all-or-none requirement, and we were ready to commit 100%

The plan sounded great to talk about, but reality quickly set in when it came time to begin convincing our brothers to come back to Atlanta the day after Thanksgiving AND wake up before dawn. No matter the incentives, that is a difficult task to do. Just like anything our chapter accomplishes, we did it with plenty of support from our alumni. So much support, in fact, that we were able to raise \$4,500 in the process (just above the amount that our rival school raised).

The day of started sooner than it should have. Brothers were up, fed and ready

to go by 6:30 a.m. Commander **M.C. Mercer** kicked things off by running the first mile. Our route took us 30 miles, up and down the hills of Ponce De Leon and Lawrenceville Highway. Brothers took turns relay-style, jumping off the bus and handing off the ball for the next runner. The last stretch before our meeting spot in Lawrenceville was bittersweet; Rain had begun to fall, but everyone pilled off the bus with smiles. We were greeted at the Lawrenceville Courthouse by Regent Robert Durham, a Mu alumnus.

Our chapters' combined efforts raised \$9,000 for St. Jude, a donation that proves the true brotherhood of all Sigma Nu members. We look forward to turning this event into a tradition that Gamma Alpha and Mu brothers will enjoy for many years to come.

*The Building the Future...Today
campaign plaque was unveiled during
Homecoming 2010.*



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