

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 28, 2006
Homecoming 2006

Reunite and share old memories with your brothers for Homecoming 2006! Plan ahead so you don't miss this annual event.

2006 RAMBLIN WRECK FOOTBALL

9/2 Notre Dame L, 14-10
9/9 Samford W, 38-6
9/16 Troy W, 35-20
9/21 Virginia
9/30 at Virginia Tech
10/07 Maryland
10/21 at Clemson
10/28 Miami
(Homecoming)
11/04 at North Carolina State
11/11 at North Carolina
11/18 Duke
11/25 at UGA



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Capital City Club Brookhaven Reception Kicks Off a New Era Brother Howard Ray Pledges \$25,000 to the Capital Campaign

What a way to kick off the new era of Gamma Alpha! A reception, hosted by Brother **John Taylor Rhett GA 1402**, Chairman of Suntrust Investment Services, was held on August 31st at the Capital City Club in Brookhaven for the



BUILDING THE FUTURE...TODAY!

Capital Campaign. The event was a celebration in recognition of the Gamma Alpha of Sigma Nu Executive Board, Alumni Association, Housing Corporation, class agents and those donors that have made Leadership Gifts.

Keynote speakers at the reception were **Gary Jones GA 1290**, **Jimmy Trimble GA 1671** and current Eminent Commander **Josh Lesman GA 1892**. Gary provided insight into the amazing generosity and efforts by our Gamma Alpha brethren that have made our progress to date possible. Jimmy recognized many of the individual contributors working behind the scenes whom have been significant catalysts for our success. We have a truly outstanding group of men behind this campaign.

Of special note were a group of actives in attendance whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty: Josh Lesman, **Adam Dudenhoefter GA 1921**, **Adam Pratt GA 1906** and **Jason Plamp GA 1907**. Words cannot do justice to the time and energy expended by these dedicated young men. Josh gave a wonderful speech regarding the current state of the active chapter and plans for the upcoming school year. His message was heartwarming and expressed genuine gratitude for the Alumni's support as we progress through this unusual time. Josh informed the group that

the current chapter's active membership is at just under 100 brothers (including 25 quality pledges that were added this fall), the chapter GPA was 3.0 last semester, and chapter morale is great. A few new programs have been put in place to maintain unity during the coming year, as there is not a fraternity house: a Pledge Academic Tutor program, a designated driver program, and a concerted effort to increase the active's role in campus leadership positions.

Overall, the reception was a resounding success. There was an exciting announcement at the end of the reception as Brother **Howard B. Ray GA 1713** pledged \$25,000 to the Capital Campaign and presented our Chairman, Gary Jones, with his first payment of \$5,000. Howard also pledged a minimum of \$100 a

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year, **every year**, to the Alumni Association. Thank you and a **HUGE "atta boy" to Howard**. There will be more events over the coming year which will be open to **ALL** Gamma Brothers...we hope to see you there!



ALUMNI UPDATES

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

40s

Tommy Dowell GA 645 After graduating in 1949, Tommy went to Emory graduate school and studied geology. He went to work as a geologist in 1951 and worked in that field until 1973, when he received his Ph.D. in geology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign campus. He then worked on nuclear power plant environmental monitoring and was transferred to Alaska by the engineering company that he worked for. He and his wife then stayed there for 10 years before moving to FL. Tommy got bored and went to massage therapy school, and is now a licensed massage therapist in Florida and has a salon in Donalsonville, GA. He will be 81 on Thanksgiving and will be giving thanks for a healthy life. Tommy can't imagine retiring now because he is having a wonderful time helping people feel good after their massage.

Commander **Roger Brown GA 710**, **Mac Taylor GA 737**, and **Lamar Latimer GA 783** all remember that they had \$3.47 in the House treasury account. If it weren't for Brother Lattimer... there would have been no window treatments... asked about **Brother Wiley Williams**... does anyone know where Wiley is?

Mac Taylor GA 737 is still strong and kicking... lives in Richmond... loves the days of living in the house. Remembers the SNAKES as being the best fraternity on campus. Very interested in the chapter and in the new house... was involved in the last campaign as well... thanks Mac!

50s

Brother Richard B Lane GA 791 is living in Arnoldsville, GA and remembers rooming with **Mac Taylor GA 737**... remembers the day the house was finished in the 50's.

I wanted to share with everyone that **Brother Edsel Philip "Flip" Webb GA 823**... has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. I spoke with his lovely wife Mary this past week... she sounds terrific considering the health challenges she faces. She is having her second hip replacement surgery this month.

Commander James C Edenfield GA 905 is involved in a host of philanthropic causes and charities... and has achieved a "IF YOU WANT ANYTHING DONE... GO TO JIM" reputation. He has passed the reins of the large software giant, American Software/Logility, to Mike... who is now working the 20 hour days instead of Jim. There is wonderful SIGMA NU DNA in the Edenfield gang with cousin **John GA 1054**; and son **Mike GA 1480** also proud Brothers of Gamma Alpha. Jim attended the reception at Capital City Club and shared some wonderful and colorful stories of what the fraternity was like in the mid 50's. Both Jim and son Mike have made extremely generous pledges to the capital campaign. Thank you men.

Commander John Maxcy Cochran - GA 914 - remembers rooming with **John Wurz GA 907** who snored, according to Maxcy, liked a grizzly bear. Recalls that **Jim Watts GA 1001** and **Gene Avrett GA 894** were two of the smartest... no surprise to him that **Charlie Brady GA 909** and **Milt Stewart GA 1048** are two of our LEAD donors to the Capital Campaign... "they both were very gifted." Max is living in Greenville, S.C.

60s

Commander James Frederick Felte GA 1037, remembers that Jim (**Jimmy Adams GA 1111**) was swift and was a good varsity baseball player. He might have run some sprints and my memory failed. Fred notes that Jimmy ran the 100 yards in 9.5 seconds or something close to that. At age 35; and this is documented... Fred ran 100 yard dash in 9.3 seconds and acquired a case of beer for doing it. Beer is always a motivator. He also holds the world record for the underwater swim through the surf carrying his M-16 in a hasty retreat after attacking ~200 Viet Cong with 6 other Navy SEALs because the U.S. Army was a no show. This record was not officially documented but is true. Life is a bigger motivator. Jim, eat your heart out!! The bad news is that back in those days Fred used a stop watch to time his runs. Today, he uses a calendar.

Fred has moved to Lenoir City, TN. And please let us know if anyone has an e-mail for **Gerald J. Meyer GA 987**. Fred says he was the BEST BIG BROTHER that anyone could ever have... and that he and Gerry won the intramural track meet by themselves. Fearless Fred also mentions that if it weren't for his blocking prowess... famous Quarter Back Bob Tyree would have been smushed by the SAE defense.

Bob Rhinehart - GA 1086, **Bruce Cook - GA 1152**, and **Ben Turnipseed GA 1214** were at the Capital City Club reception and **Rep. Phil Gingrey GA 1130** and **Ab Conner GA 1170** were at the Notre Dame game. All still proud as PEACOCKS of their GAMMA ALPHA lineage and all eager to participate in the *BUILDING THE FUTURE... TODAY! CAMPAIGN* for the new fraternity house.

Bob Kelly init 1968 is trying to close down a highly successful contracting and construction business in Cobb County. Beautiful wife Sara has already moved to their magnificent "cottage" at St Simons. Bob splits time between home on Lake Burton and SSI and is trying to figure out what retirement may look like. Daughter Alicia is completing nursing school at Georgia Southern and life is good. Sara continues with her love of German Shepherds. Lazer might be the most handsome yet. Kelly never could remember any poop on anyone... just stood there and smiled.

Frank Nelson "SKIPPER" Burns GA 1273 checked in... still living in Griffin with wife Anna. He was proud to remember that he was second in his pledge class... WRONG AGAIN SKIPPER. The records show that Danny Collier was honor pledge with GA 1271 and Danny Anderson was second at GA 1272... nice try though. Commander Steve Baldwin came in 4th at GA 1274. Sigma Nu runs in the genes... Son **Andrew Mckinley Burns GA 1757** and wife Lee have blessed Skipper and Anna with two beautiful grandchildren. Andrew was in the same pledge class as current chapter adviser Alex Brown. Skipper also has a daughter Susan, who will begin Dallas Theological Seminary in the Fall.

70s

George Stapleton GA 1369 spent three months in New Orleans post-graduation before leaving on a six-month "temporary" assignment in Dubai, UAE. He returned to the US 20 years later after three years in the Middle East and India, three years in Europe, and 14 years in Asia. He married his beautiful wife, Hilde, along the way and they have three children. Kristiane, 23, is in the 2nd year of her PhD program in English literature at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Sunneva (Sunny), 21, has just completed an internship where she worked on the Broadway version of "The Wedding Singer" and "Trouble in Paradise" off-Broadway. She has one year left on her stage management degree at Webster University in St. Louis after which he is sure she will return to NYC. Sam, 17, is a senior in high school this year.

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George has been self-employed developing oil & gas and energy related projects since returning to the US 11 years ago. He remained involved in SE Asia until the currency crisis of 1998. His main focus right now is a project in the oil sands of northern Canada. He is also developing heavy oil projects in southwest Missouri and west Texas and is involved in recapitalizing a small Montreal-based energy company in Quebec to develop a shale gas play in the St. Lawrence lowlands along the NY border.

80s

Heard from **Derek Welch GA 1620**. Derek is still happily married to wife Ann who was Sigma Nu Little Sister and Sigma Nu Sweetheart. Derek remembers the wonderful parties they had back in the 80's... primarily because he was Social Chairman. Life and housing market is booming in and around Eatonton, Ga. This era of Brothers have been very generous to the capital campaign with **Mike Hayes - GA 1588, Bob Kramlich - GA 1575, Richard Taft - GA 1574, Peter Lyle - GA 1605, Craig Marmon - GA 1603, Mike Skrynecki - GA 1600, R K Whitehead - GA 1592, Fred Culbreth - GA 1630, Alex**

Keever - GA 1622, and Kevin King - GA 1618 ...thus far making 5 year pledges to the new house. THANK YOU ALL.

90s

Clint Bailey GA 1740 and his wife, Tracy, had a baby boy, Marcus Ryan, on July 30 of 2006.

Shawn Hamlin GA 1742 just got married on August 12. Congratulations, Shawn!

Jesse Hall GA 1754 - He and his wife, Kristen, live in Brookhaven. Kristen is from NJ and he is from Lilburn, GA. Kristen is currently a Sales Manager for Paychex and he is one of the founders of Hunter Technical Resources (as well as brothers: Alex Brown and Clint Bailey). Kristen and Jesse do not have children at this time.

Alex Brown GA 1759 - Alex and his wife, Stacy (ZTA from GT), live in Atlanta in Brookhaven. No kids yet, just a few pets. Stacy is from Dallas TX and Alex is from Americus, GA. He works with three Gamma Alpha's at Hunter Technical Resources--Jason Clayton, Clint Bailey, and Scott Hall. Clint, Scott, and Alex founded the company in 1998.

Kyle Klatka GA 1767 and his wife, Kirsten, had

a baby girl, Ellery Lyn, on February 14 of 2006.

Adam Weart GA 1848 is currently living in Alpharetta and working for a company called HomeWaves. He is in charge of Design and Engineering. They pre-wire and trim out residential homes for home automation. They also have an electrical crew and do decorative lighting and lighting control.

He is engaged to be married and is looking to buy a house in the Alpharetta/Roswell/Cumming area. Their wedding date is set for April 28th 2007.

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IN MEMORIAM

Sigma Nu mourns the passing of Wilton West and extends condolences to his family and friends.

Wilton West GA 465

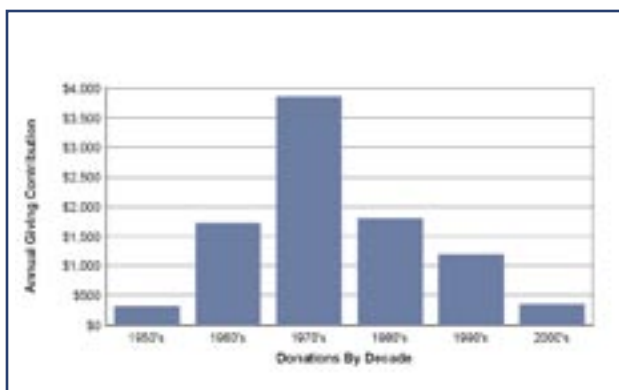
Wilton passed away suddenly last month. His wife, Susan, went to high school with Mary Webb, the wife of Edsel "Flip" Webb GA 823.

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As alumni, we play a critical role in making sure Sigma Nu carries on through the efforts of the Sigma Nu Alumni Association. Just as we are life-long members of Sigma Nu, we must be the life-long champions for the mission of our brotherhood. Our donors, listed online at www.sigmanugt.com, are fulfilling this duty.

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you for your support in keeping friends connected. If your name does not appear, ask yourself, "why not?" **Wouldn't you like to be listed as a supporter** of our beloved fraternity? A positive response to these questions can produce great results for our fraternity – if you choose to act today. Cast your vote of support to the alumni volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our traditions alive and our connections strong. Your financial support is vital to our efforts to encourage participation from our entire alumni membership.

Generous gifts from our loyal alumni to the Annual Fund support *The Rose and Star* and the chapter alumni website (www.sigmanugt.com). Additionally, financial

contributions support all the mailings required, from invitations and announcements for reunions to annual gatherings and other events that bring alumni back to the place they can always call home. Without gifts to the annual fund, keeping in touch with brothers would be more difficult.

Our experience at Sigma Nu taught us that giving back isn't just the right thing to do, it also feels good. Please continue the tradition: back our alumni volunteers, support our undergraduates' future, and keep our alumni network connected through events, reunions and communications... and consider a minimum gift of \$100.00 TODAY!

Please make your contribution by sending a check to the following address or by making your credit card gift online at www.sigmanugt.com.

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(A house construction timeline will be published in the next issue of the Rose & Star.)

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