

UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Speaker

6 p.m. Wednesday, August 29

Georgia Tech Athletic Director
Dan Radacovich

Alumni Speaker Series

The speaker series will commence the first Wednesday of each month, beginning in October.

Visit www.sigmanugt.com for more details.

Homecoming/Grand Opening

October 19 – 20

See page 4 and our website for full details.

FUNDRAISING INFO

Annual Fund vs. Capital Campaign

What's the Difference?

In addition to our newsletter, the **Annual Fund** financially supports the following: alumni profiles, hosting and maintenance... of our website, maintenance of our mailing database containing the addresses for nearly 1,200 living alumni, hosting of alumni events such as golf outings and fishing trips, the Ramblin' Wreck parade and many more activities that keep you connected with Sigma Nu and old friends.

The **Capital Campaign** supports the project to completely rebuild the chapter house. Larger donations are encouraged for this fund to support the project and to maintain the longevity of our renovations.

The Sigma Nu Housing Corp. encourages continued support of both separate yet equally important funds during this milestone in our history. Further information about our fundraising efforts can be found on our website.



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ALUMNI REPORT

Our House is Now a Home!

As Gamma Alpha Prepares for New Residence, Actives Mark Turning Point in History with Outstanding Academics, Strong Active Leaders and an Impressive Lineup for Speaker Series

*By Jimmy Trimble '87
President, Alumni Association*

Greetings brothers! This is truly an amazing time in the history of the Gamma Alpha chapter of Sigma Nu. We have a lot to be thankful for including an incredible new house, an inspired chapter, and an actively engaged group of alumni.

Our new house is now a reality. It is the biggest and best on campus and truly a sight to behold! Words cannot express the thanks we all owe to **Gary Jones '68** (GA #1290), **Pat McKenna '71** (GA #1345), and **Frank Spears '70** (GA #1326) who began planning for this grand accomplishment in 2002!

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With extraordinary leadership from Commander **Adam Pratt '03** the chapter is healthier, more engaged and more vibrant now than I have ever seen it. Over the past few years, we challenged the chapter to increase their commitment to academics and campus leadership and they have delivered. Last fall the chapter's overall GPA was an incredible 3.0, and six brothers pulled a perfect 4.0! In addition, over half of our active brothers are now serving in one or more leadership positions



on campus. Notably, **Jonathan Sangster Jr. '04** (GA #1946) is the current Interfraternity Council President.

This fall our first speaker in the Gamma Alpha Speaker Series is Tech's Athletic Director Dan Radacovich, who was a Sigma Nu at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He will speak at the house at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 29. Last year's speakers included The Honorable **Phil Gingrey '62** (GA #1130), **Mike Robison '87** (GA #1660), **John Rhett '73** (GA #1402), and Gary Jones. This is an exceptional opportunity for our alumni brothers to share some words of advice with the active brothers and it has been a great success.

Over the past few years a talented and engaged group of alumni has worked with the chapter to encourage growth in character and leadership. The goal was to turn over a new house to a group of young men ready to accept that responsibility. I am pleased to report that they are ready.

We have a full schedule this fall, culminating with the Grand Opening ceremony during Homecoming weekend. Please stop by and see the house, see some of your old friends, and shake the hands of some of our great active brothers. I hope to see you there.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Scholarship, Leadership and Fellowship: Chapter's Goals Include Continued Improvement in these Vital Areas

Activities and Achievements Position Sigma Nu to be Heavily Represented on Campus

*By Adam Pratt '03
Current Eminent Commander*

As many of you know the new house is nearing the end of construction, but most of you probably have no idea how the active chapter is holding up. In the spring we finished with over 80 brothers, even after four graduated. In addition, we won the fraternity championship in 3-on-3 basketball. At the Sigma Nu national convention in June, we were recognized as a "Power Chapter" for being one of six that had 80 brothers.

Over the summer, the active chapter has been very busy preparing for fall rush. Currently we have two pledges, with a goal to get at least three more before official rush starts in the fall. We have also set a goal to finish rush with 35 pledges, which will be one of the largest pledge classes that Gamma Alpha has seen in recent years. So far our rush events have consisted of Braves games, shooting the hooch, golfing, skeet shooting,

plenty of parties, a Lake Weekend, and a Beach Weekend (soon to come).

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Our goals for the fall are centered around promoting scholarship, leadership, and fellowship. With scholarship we will be striving to bring our GPA back to over a 3.0, which we have done for three of the last four semesters. We will also focus our attention on teaching our pledges good study habits so that they can succeed academically at Tech. With leadership we will be holding an executive leadership-training session, which

will help train our leaders prepare for higher offices both at Sigma Nu and elsewhere on campus. We will also continue to encourage and direct our brothers into leadership positions around campus, such as in FASET, Tech Beautification and the IFC. Lastly, with fellowship we will have more brotherhood building events and continue our alumni speaker series.

The active chapter is very appreciative of all the support that we have received from our alumni. From the recent graduates to brothers who were at Tech during the 1930s, we have been able to see a huge difference in alumni help and participation. This generosity has made a lasting impression on our active chapter which will continue for years to come as the current actives transition into alumni.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

The following alumni have contributed so far to our 2007 annual fund! The annual fund makes it possible for the Alumni Association to host events, distribute communications (like this one), and undertake other activities designed to engage and reconnect our great alumni base. Add your name to the list by making your gift online at www.sigmanugt.com.

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Commander's Club

Pearce C. Connerat 1959
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James E. Rountree 1968
Thomas B. Ryan 1969
Michael Gross 1982

ALUMNI UPDATES

'30s

Commander **W. Taylor Sams '37** (GA # 518) is looking forward to the new house. Taylor and his lovely wife live in Jacksonville, Fla. and continue to be very active. Both were in attendance at the ACC Championship party last year hosted by Lynda and **Chester Stokes '62** (GA #1137 and Emily and **Hawley Smith** (GA #1191). All three Brothers have been extremely generous with their pledges to the Capital Campaign. We just received another SURPRISE CHECK in the mail from Taylor. Thank you Commander Sams! (2220 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32204-4620; wtsams@bellsouth.net)

'40s

Wiley Williams '48 (GA #739) and his wife Sarah have moved to Madison, Alabama to be near their daughter. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and Brother **Mac Taylor** (GA # 737) of Richmond, Va. was in attendance. (106 Knollcrest Dr., Madison, AL 35756-6420; williams2006@knology.net)

Bill Maier '49 (GA #756) is having his second hip replacement and is looking forward to a quick recuperation so he can see the new house. Bill remembers the old house as highly controversial, and is excited about the new campaign. Bill spends part of the year in Bethlehem, Pa. and rest of the time in Kennesaw, Ga. (2735 Brianwood Pl., Bethlehem, PA 18017-3801)

Visit www.sigmanugt.com to read many more updates!

'50s

Ken Beene '50 (GA #788) fondly remembers Sigma Nu and his days in the fraternity. Ken is a World War II veteran and came back to Georgia Tech in the late 40's as did so many of our glorious brothers from this era. He recalls **Beryl Grubaugh '46** (GA #702), who was also a WWII veteran who introduced him to Sigma Nu and encouraged him to join the fraternity. (622 Kenilworth Ln., Ballwin, MO 63011-2436; kbeene@aol.com).

Guy York '55 (GA #928) and wife Virginia (Ginger) are enjoying retirement in Florida. There is wonderful Sigma Nu DNA everywhere in this family as Guy's brother **George** (GA #1077) was initiated in 1960 and Ginger's brother is **Harold Sumerford** (GA #1099) who was initiated in 1958. Harold is retired in Big Canoe, Ga and enjoys travel. Also, for those of you who may remember Dr. Guy York, probably the finest math professor that ever taught at Georgia Tech, he is Guy and George's Dad. (7552 Coleridge Road, Panama City, FL 32404-8604; ggyork@comcast.net)

'60s

John Roy Thornton '63 (GA #1157) and lovely wife Donna are living in Chapel Hill, NC. They enjoy traveling, spoiling their grandchildren, and basically LIVING LARGE. Roy has just returned from the ANNUAL GATHERING OF SNAKES with Brothers **Tom Cuable '66**, **Steve Menke**, **Bill Phelps '62**, **Hawley Smith**, **J. Meyer**, **Jeff Golden '67**, **Ken Crawford '65**, **Fred Link '65**, **John Henry Thigpen '64**, **Charlie Feuchter '66**, **Rick Fuchs '66**, and **John Stanford '68** to name a few. A big 'ATTA BOY' to Roy for his help in the Capital Campaign - THANKS

ROY! (39515 Glenn Glade, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8584; drthornton@nc.rr.com)

Ed Dudley '66 (GA #1243) and wife Susan (a realtor) are living in Aiken, S.C. The LAGRANGE MAULER has a highly successful engineering-consulting business and is involved in a host of community and civic services. Ed is planning on attending the Grand Opening and looks forward to seeing all of the Brothers from his era. He has even promised to bring that old string bass of his and sing "Don't Come Home a Drinkin' with Lovin' on Your Mind." We can't wait. Maybe he and **Russell Cooley '66** will reenact the trash can races on the second floor for us as well. (1018 Wildwood Dr., Aiken, SC 29801-3077; ced@cedudley.com)

'70s

Ken Greenway '70 (GA # 1335) checks in from Alpharetta and shares that he and wife Kris have their third Rambling Wreck at Georgia Tech. Their oldest son and daughter both graduated from Tech as well - all in the Yellow Jacket Family. Ken still sees Brother **Joe Crowder '71** and plays a round or two of golf every year. He swears that Crowder always pays. (9970 Groomsbridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30022-6029; kengree@aol.com)

Joe Crowder '71 (GA #1355) and wife Debbie live in Kernersville, N C where Joe is an executive with the Trane Corporation. Other Trane Brothers of Distinction are **Phil Armstrong '61** (GA #1089) who is retired and lives in Nashville, Tenn., and **Paul Jensen '84** (GA #1599) who lives in Taylors, S.C. We believe that along with Brother Greenway, they all went to Tucker High School as well. (525 Buck Run Dr., Kernersville, NC 27284-8088; jacrowder@trane.com)

Wanted: YOUR Best Sigma Nu Photos!



A 2006 gathering of Sigma Nus. Thank you to Jim Meyer '65 for submitting this photo!

Surely you have some great photos from your days in Sigma Nu or from a more recent reunion. Share them with the brotherhood in our online photo album! Visit www.sigmanugt.com to upload your best shots and to view the submissions of others.

Haven't visited the site yet? It's easy to register for the first time!

1. Go to www.sigmanugt.com and click on the **First Time Login** link.
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CAMPAIGN CHAIR UPDATE

A Grand Opening! Celebrate the Completion of our New House this Homecoming Alumni Support Still Needed and Encouraged

By Gary Jones '68



Gary Jones '68

Please mark your calendars for the **GRAND OPENING** of our new home during Homecoming weekend. There will be a reception/open house hosted by the Gamma Alpha Alumni Association on Friday,

October 19th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the new house. If you haven't seen it, you are in for a special treat. Afterwards, join us for the annual bike race around Peters Park. The grand opening will be on Saturday, October 20th at 10:00 am prior to the Georgia Tech vs. Army football game. President Wayne Clough, former Dean of Students James Dull, and Athletic Director Dan Radacovich (a Sigma Nu from Indiana University of Pennsylvania) are just a few of many dignitaries scheduled to be in attendance.

Our fundraising efforts will resume this fall

in full force as many of the Brothers of Gamma Alpha are just now beginning to hear about the Capital Campaign. As a reminder, we are encouraging every Brother to make a pledge, payable over five years, to the Capital Campaign. Guidance for pledges is certainly personal - and any gift is appreciated. Current gifts range from \$1,000 payable over 5 years for the current actives - with the gold standard set by two Brothers at the \$250,000-plus level, nine Brothers at the \$100,000-plus level, six Brothers at the \$50,000-plus level, and 14 Brothers at the \$25,000-plus level. Remember it is payable over five years with first payment due now.

Visit our website at www.sigmanugt.com to download a pledge form to make your commitment. Contact our Campaign Manager Ellen Konkle at 800-598-4050 x. 140 with questions.



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