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New Sigma Nu House Construction Begins, But Campaign Fundraising Still Needed—Calling All Alumni to Contribute

Help Make Sigma Nu the Best House on Campus!

By Gary Jones '68
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As you know, we are well into the construction phase for our new Sigma Nu house, with a foundation beginning to emerge from the



site. That's the good news. The bad news is that when potential donors learn the construction shovel is in the ground, they sense—inappropriately—that the funding is complete and it is typical but unfortunate that the fundraising urgency tends to dwindle.

We certainly have made progress... but GUESS WHAT?... we still have a long way to go. We received \$2.5 million in pledges from over 200 brothers; but we need to raise at least another \$1.5 million in the next few months.

The main objective now is to expand the face and depth of the Campaign and to provide more texture, as it relates to encouraging more and more brothers to make a pledge. Many Gamma Alphas are well-intentioned—they love Sigma Nu, and want to make a pledge—but they just haven't gotten around to doing so.

So my current challenge and yours is two-fold:

First, please make a pledge payable over a five-year period, and make your first payment **now** to the Capital Campaign; Second, please help us spread the word by becoming an ambassador for us in this Campaign: Help us to reach out to brothers

of your era and gain their financial support as well. An appeal will certainly resonate much clearer and richer coming from you rather than me.

From a fund-raising perspective... The gold standard for metrics has, by and large, been established and the brackets fairly defined. So pledging guidance looks like the following:

- 1) The current actives have pledged \$1,000. *Two hundred dollars a year for five years* as a base-level of suggested giving, in addition to a minimum donation of *\$100 a year every year* to the Gamma Alpha Alumni Association (and this group doesn't even have jobs yet... they haven't even graduated yet... so that's truly remarkable). Hopefully, every alumnus can—at a minimum—match our current actives.
- 2) Other brothers have generously pledged gifts up to \$100,000 and more, so whatever your capacity please join your Gamma Alpha brothers with a pledge. Remember, this is payable over a five-year period with first payment due **now**.



There is no pledge too small! 100% participation is vital!

We are at a critical stage in this Campaign and need to be more expansive as we present our message to our brothers in ways that resonate in a timely and topical way. SIGMA NU NEEDS YOUR HELP! Give today.

Gamma Alpha Takes Road Less Traveled and Finds It's the Path to Success: Keys to New Chapter House Handed Over Soon

Kudos to Men Who Worked Selflessly to Attain Goals

By Jimmy Trimble '87, Alumni President
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Two years ago, Gamma Alpha chapter was at a crossroads. One path was to maintain the status quo, but we chose not to take that path. Instead, we chose the road less traveled. That choice by the active chapter and the individuals listed below is why we now have one of the largest chapters on campus (95 including the fall pledge class) and a brotherhood as strong as it has ever been. This also is why we will hand over the keys to the biggest and best house on the Georgia Tech campus to the chapter in the summer of 2007.

Like most great accomplishments, this one required significant teamwork. The brothers listed below have given unselfishly over the past two years to get us to this point, and I would like to recognize each of them.

Active Brothers:

Adam Dudenhoeffer and **Jason Plamp**—Adam and Jason were rush co-chairs this year. With 25 great pledges, their work speaks for itself! These guys went above and beyond over the past few months to get brothers motivated for the most successful rush in over 30 years!

Josh Lesman (current EC)—for his leadership and the entire chapter their incredible effort in scholarship in spring quarter. I've never known the Gamma Alpha chapter to pull a grade point average (GPA) starting with a "3" but they earned a 3.0 in spring 2006! Josh

has been steadfast and consistent in driving the chapter towards excellence in all areas, and it has been a great pleasure working with him.

Adam Pratt (current LC)—for his continued leadership in many areas. Along with Josh Lesman, Adam has been a special part of the "glue" that has held the chapter together and encouraged excellence over the past year. Adam is committed to being a winner and always steps up to lead by example.

Jonathan Black and **Ryan Nair** (former EC and LC)—deserve a HUGE "thank you" for maintaining a strong front in the face of difficult circumstances. Not to say that it is easy to lead the chapter today, but Jonathan and Ryan led with honor and strength before we really got rolling and were instrumental in positively shaping the chapter's attitude toward the new house and the alumni.

Alumni:

Alex Brown—Alex's commitment to excellence is unparalleled! He has given unselfishly for the past 18 months and is one of the biggest reasons alumni/chapter relations are at an all-time high.

Stan Deak '94—Stan has been unyielding in his commitment to ensuring our website technology resources are as cutting-edge as possible, even if he has to blow up a road block or two along the way. His expertise

in large-scale electronic communications has helped us get the word out in an incredibly effective manner.

Adam Fuller '89—Adam is the busiest man in many businesses/organizations. Adam has served with honor in many capacities in groups with which I've been involved, and he is committed to keeping our finances straight.

Shawn Hamlin '91—Shawn has taken responsibility for several important projects that don't get a lot of press but are very effective and important. Shawn doesn't seek the spotlight, but always achieves excellence in everything he pursues, including his newly-wed status as of August. Congratulations to Shawn!

Grant Norwood '88—Grant envisioned and is building the Gamma Alpha Interactive Network (GAIN). In the coming months,

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we will have a robust interactive database of contacts for Gamma Alphas who are seeking jobs or trying to grow their businesses. This network will allow us to be more knowledgeable about opportunities to recruit within our ranks, to and do more business with one another.

Jason Peters '98 and **Tommy Habeeb '94**—Jason and Tommy have taken on the incredibly important responsibility of building an effective and lasting strategy for gathering annual gifts for the Alumni Association. The funds they help raise will allow us to support the chapter in many ways over the coming years.

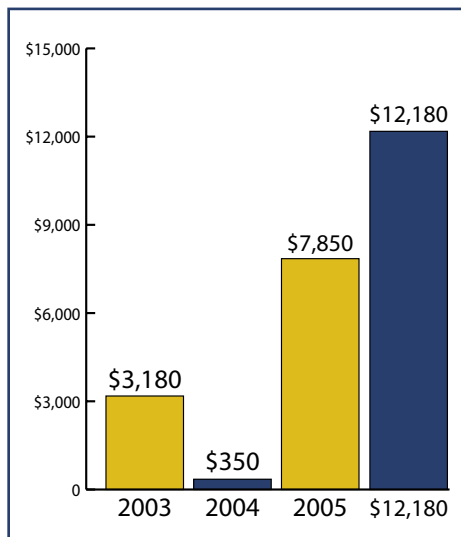
Frank Spears '70 and **Pat McKenna '71**—Frank and Pat have dedicated thousands of combined hours toward the planning the new house. Their enthusiasm and dedication to this project are directly responsible for the fact that our new house will be the finest on campus.

Gary Jones '68—How could I even begin to describe Gary's impact on this chapter? You could write a book on his efforts over the past three years. Everything started with Gary, and he has been committed (almost literally) full-time to the chapter and the new house for over two years. Gary's love for the Gamma Alpha chapter is legendary and he has given all of us a great gift. Thank you Gary!

My hat is off to all of these brothers for all they have done. Many others deserve commendations, but the above mentioned guys have been at the heart of the process. Please join me in thanking them for their incredible commitment to **Walk in the Way of Honor!**

Watch Our Giving Grow! Sigma Nu Finishes Year with Record Annual Fund

Thank you to the 86 alumni members who contributed more than \$12,180 to our 2006 annual fund. This is the highest amount we've seen in years! The annual fund supports the continuation of our communications program, including publication of *The Rose & Star*. Kick off 2007 by making your gift online at www.sigmanugt.com or by calling 800-975-6699.



ALUMNI UPDATES

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

50s

Jack Newberry '57

(6133 Peach Pky., Powersville, GA 31008; jacknewberry@windstream.net) Jack is now retired and living near Warner Robbins. He fondly remembers his days at Georgia Tech and the wonderful Brothers of Gamma Alpha. After Tech, Jack lived in New York City and flew for Pan Am as well as Delta before settling in the southeast.

Ed Nutting '59

(2023 North Atlantic Ave., B303, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931; enutting@marcusmillichap.com) Ed is enjoying life in Cocoa Beach. A recent email from **Fred Felte '59** (jfelte@charter.net) says that he recalls Ed doing push-ups with three pledges sitting on his back. Most remember Ed as looking a lot like Hercules... although Ed humbly discounts any of these epic stories as age distortions on the part

of Commander Felte. Brother Nutting encourages any and all to drop him a line if you're heading thru FL.

60s

Jerry Cox '60

(40 Pointe Terrace, Atlanta, GA 30339-5777; jcox@cypressmail.com) Jerry still is providing top quality financial services and investment advice with the Atlanta Planning Group in Atlanta, GA. Jerry was involved in everything at Tech, and was the president of the student body his senior year. He still looks like he can drain the 20-foot jumper.

Sam VanLandingham '61

(2260 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43209-1668; samvanl@aol.com) Sam is living in Columbus and is working on several projects. He recalls wonderful memories at 750 Fowler Street and can't wait to get back to Atlanta and see how the new house is coming. Estimates and stories regarding BIG SAM's actual height range from 6' 8" to 6' 11". Sam swears he was taller when he entered Georgia Tech than when he graduated... probably something to do with the THERMO - DYNAMICS. He also shares that his height was dependent on how many

beers people may have had that night.

David Hunter '68

(836 Lookingglass Ln., Marietta, GA 30064; dhunter@littleandsmith.com) David and his wife Nancy have moved into a beautiful new home in Marietta. They swear that they will never move again, and we will have to bring them out feet first. And, more importantly, they are spoiling their new grandson, David Frasure Hunter III, who is appropriately named David, and who, thank God, looks like Nancy.

John Oliver Ross '69

(P.O. Box 700, Guntersville, AL 35976; jross@rossgraden.com) John lives with wife, Chris; their son, J.O., and his bride are blessing them with their first grandchild any minute. Congrats J. O. He still sees **Bob Simpkins** and **Jerry Goldbaugh '68** on occasion.

Thomas John Sanville '69

(1093 Loch Ness Ave., Worthington, OH 43085; tom@ohiolink.edu) Tom lives in Worthington, Ohio right outside of Columbus, and is happily married and working as director of Ohio Link, which coordinates all educational material for the Ohio Board of Regents. Tom has three sons; the oldest is in Denver, the middle son is a junior at Ohio State, and the youngest son is a senior in high school. If anyone wants to place a bet on the Florida Gators against the Buckeyes, please contact brother Sanville.

Robert "Woody" Shackleton '69

(80 Logan Ln., Atherton, CA 94027-3919; wood2905@aol.com) Shackleton is living in the San Francisco Bay area; retired after 30 years in high-tech sales management; plays lots of golf and tennis, and enjoys traveling with his wife of 25 years, Denise, to watch twin sons run track and cross-country at UCLA. Oldest daughter, Courtney, lives and teaches first grade near them and Megan will graduate from Stanford this quarter and head to NYC to work for Michael J. Fox Foundation. Look him up if you make it to SF, and he'll buy you a beer!

70s

Jonathan Sangster '77

(5081 Trailridge Way, Dunwoody, GA 30338; jonathan.sangster@cbre.com) Sangster is a senior managing director in the consulting group at CB Richard Ellis; son **Jonathan Sangster '04** was just elected president of the IFC; and brother-in-law and Uncle **Richard Verch '85** (richard@verch.com) is a very successful business broker in Norcross, GA.

Greg Tye '79

(104 Thousand Oaks Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15241-1841; rmwreck.aol.com) Tye is married and raising his family in Pittsburgh, PA, and is a successful executive with Dick's Sporting Goods. He catches as many football and basketball games as the regional TV networks will allow and sends his regards to all of the Gamma Alpha brothers, with best of luck on the new house.

80s

Greg Davidson '82

(3004 Preston Station Dr., Hixson, TN 37343-3300; gregda@gmail.com) Greg says "Hey to all you '80s Sigma Nus." He spends his time between the mountains of Colorado and a remote river in northern



The Sigma Nus were well represented at the ACC Championship game at the Gator Bowl vs. Wake Forest. Special thanks go to Emily and **Hawley Smith** and Lynda and **Chester Stokes '62** for hosting a magnificent cocktail party and dinner at the Stokes's home afterwards.

Pictured left to right, front row: **David Hunter '68**, Emily Balz Smith, **Gary Jones '68**, **Bob Kelly '68**, and Rep. **Phil Gingrey '62**; back row: Hawley Smith, Chester Stokes, **Bart DeHaven '67**, **Tom Cauble '66**, **Eddie Hooks '63**, **Roy Thornton '63**, **Steve Menke '66**, **Andy McKenna '66**, **John Rhett '73**, **Phil Armstrong '61**, and **Carey Huff '62**. Other Snakes in attendance were **Taylor Sams '37**, **Jimmy Trimble '87**, and **Alex Brown**. **Bubba Sullivan '64** and **Ben Turnipseed '65** were also in attendance at the game.

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California. He's been working as an outdoor guide (kayaking, rafting, hunting) for the past 20 years. He's currently working on my master's in wildlife biology at Colorado State University. He plans to add wildlife consulting work to his list of jobs. He's married to a wonderful woman who loves the same type of "different" lifestyle that he does. "I would love to see all you guys again sometime. Maybe homecoming '08?"

Paul McGowan '87

(250 Windsong Dr., Richmond Hill, GA 31324-7312; lpmcgowan@coastalnow.net) Paul and wife Linda have moved to a new house and are certainly keeping busy with three children. Talk about some coincidence, Linda's brother is Brother **Mike Moran '85**; and Linda went to kindergarten with Brother **Wayne Aaron '87**. Linda was a Sigma Nu 'lil sister, a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and an EE major with a GPA overall higher than all three of those other knuckleheads.

Jimmy Trimble '87

(2148 McKinley Rd., Atlanta, GA 30318; jimmy.trimble@rbc.com) Jimmy and his wife had a son on 09/30/02. His name is James Edward Trimble III, and they are calling him "Tripp." Big sister, Kate, three-and-a-half, is very excited.

90s

Jesse "Scott" Hall '91

(1143 Oak Brook Way, Atlanta, GA 30319; scott@htrjobs.com) Scott and his wife,

Kristen, live in Brookhaven. Kristen is from NJ and Scott am from Lilburn, GA. She is a sales manager for Paychex and Scott is one of the founders of Hunter Technical Resources (as well as brothers **Alex Brown '92** and **Clint Bailey '91**). Kristen and Scott do not have children at this time. **Shawn Hamlin '95** and he were the beginning of a great run on Brookwood High School alumni. He enjoys playing tennis, watching practically any sport (paintball and table tennis included) and reading in his spare time.

Julian "Alex" Brown III '92

(1017 Havenridge Lane N.E., Atlanta, GA 30319; alex@htrjobs.com) 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 he is from Americus, GA. Alex works with three Gamma Alpha's at Hunter Technical Resources: **Jason Clayton '93**, **Clint Bailey '91**, and **Scott Hall '91**. Clint, Scott, and he founded the company in 1998. "Looking forward to seeing everyone at the farewell event at the house on June 10th!"

Jason Clayton '93

(1635 Donovans Ridge N.W., Kennesaw, GA 30152-7693; jasonclayton@gmail.com) On March 16, 2002, Jason married Melissa R. Clayton.

Charles "Mike" Smith '93

(smitty155@yahoo.com) His wife, Sarah, and he are living in Seattle, WA. Sarah is a high school teacher and coach, and Mike is working towards the CFA designation. Drop him a line if you are ever out in the Northwest.

Stanley Deak '94

(5118 Madison Green Dr. S.W., Mableton, GA 30126-2152; standeak@excite.com) Deak is living in Mableton, GA with his wife, Jenny. They had a little girl on March 29, 2006 and named her Avery Elaine Deak. He currently runs the retention sales team for Silverpop, an Atlanta-based software company (www.silverpop.com) where he has been for just over four years, and his wife is a consultant for ChicK-Fil-A.

James "Jim" Taylor '95

(1310 Mayfield Manor Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30004; jim_b_taylor123@yahoo.com) Jim is married and living in Alpharetta. He works for Accenture in our application outsourcing delivery center.

Adam Weart '99

(515 Brightmore Downs, Alpharetta, GA 30005; aweart@hotmail.com) Adam is 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.

George Ethridge

(11837 Ridge Pkwy, Apt. 424, Broomfield, CO 80021-5093; aletheridge33@yahoo.com) George is living in Boulder, CO and working for a tech start-up company developing equipment for reducing power plant greenhouse gas emissions (www.zolotech.com). George likes to ski, hike, camp, bike etc. often. "Come visit!"

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