

Between the Columns

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Keeping You Updated

Hello from Athens! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you updated on events that go on in Athens with Gamma. The first part of my report is regarding an unfortunate incident that happened at the close of the fall semester. A group of members gathered at a brother's home before a band party on December 1; the actions of these individuals as a group resulted in one of the participants being hospitalized after consuming a dangerous amount of alcohol. The initial investigation cleared the chapter of any involvement. However, as more facts were brought to the attention of University officials it became clear to them and to the Advisory Group Inc., that there was more to the story than was originally told.

While the chapter leaders should be commended for taking the young man to the hospital and ultimately saving his life, the real facts of this situation warranted a group of 15 alumni to accept the resignation of the #1 and #2. The alumni advisory group has worked closely with the University and KA National to develop a plan of action to help prevent this kind of behavior from happening again.

The chapter will be on social probation until January 1, 2002, and after that they will be on suspended revocation for the next two years.

Simply, this means if they have any similar type incident or violate the university conduct codes as a group the chapter will be expelled from campus. They have been asked to conduct an eight hour alcohol awareness program and the University has mandated that the KA house and its grounds be alcohol free for the next three years. While this is going to be hard on everyone associated with the chapter, the University felt that for true change to occur, this sanction was vital for the chapter to stay on campus. I hope you will help us abide by this sanction when you visit the house. The alumni group also felt that the whole chapter should be assigned 15 hours of community service. We have committed to taking a greater role in the day to day activities for the next year. I am also glad to share with you that Rhett Butler '87, Shane

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University Unveils Plan for Greek Housing Complex

By Roby Redwine ☞

News from the house includes the prematurely announced intention of the University to potentially build a "Greek housing complex for fraternities." The University's long-range plan includes displacement of most of the 11 University-owned fraternity houses.

Complexes as we know them, along both S. Lumpkin St. as well as River Road, have been identified as vital to the expansion of the University. Possible sites mentioned as potential Greek housing sites include: Oconee Forest Park behind Lake Harrick; the west end of Lake Harrick near the Intramural Fields; near the high rise dormitories along S. Finley near Baxter; or near the Women's Athletic

Complex off S. Milledge. Each of the sites would consist of sixteen acres and have approximately eight or nine houses, with the University potentially owning the living quarters and the Housing Corporation owning the common areas such as the Chapter Room and TV room. It should also be noted that the Oconee Forest Park and Intramural field locations have already come under attack from the preservationists around Athens. (Some things never change.)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10. We will keep you posted as the locations and vision of the University become clearer.

New Scholarship Adviser at Gamma

The academic standards at the University of Georgia continue to rise with each freshman class. The University and the IFC have requested that all fraternities have a faculty adviser to help insure that each member excels in the classroom as well as socially.

Gamma is fortunate to be able to have found a fellow KA that has agreed to help them in the area of academics, Captain Skip Spangler. Skip was #1 at Francis Marion College in South Carolina. He received his master's degree from the University of Alabama, where he served as a graduate assistant adviser to the Phi Delta chapter. Before accepting a position in the ROTC department here at UGA, he was the Greek Adviser at Woffard. I hope you all get a chance to meet Skip at Parent Alumni Weekend this fall.



Preston Kimbrell '00, Drew Goldsmith '00 and Nick Sheffield '01 have fun at a UGA football

Update, continued

Todd '89, and Marcus Simmons '87 have agreed to help lead the officers over the next year to ensure they have proper guidance.

Moving forward, the chapter will be able to have three fall rush functions, lunch before football games and parents alumni weekend in the fall. I have been impressed with the leadership the officers have exhibited and feel confident that Gamma is a stronger chapter today than it was six months ago. I also feel that Gamma is still one of the greatest Greek organizations on campus and is a place you would be proud to be associated with if you were a student on campus today. The continued leadership from the alumni group that has volunteered its time and energy along with the commitment from the undergraduates will allow us to grow and prosper for another 132 years.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 706-613-8261 or at mark.cross@ijl.com.

Fraternally,



Mark Cross '82
Alumni Corporation President

P.S. Enclosed, you will find a card to alert the chapter of any prospective members for the fall.

Alumni who attended the special meeting:

Upshaw Bentley '42	Chuck Waters '84
Hoppy Hopkins '69	Jay Dowlen '86
Terry Wingfield '72	Rhett Butler '87
Michael Carson '78	Paul Kilpatrick '87
Tommy Jackson '78	Marcus Simmons '87
Bert Hill '81	Lawton Stephens '87
Mark Cross '82	Charles Hoke '90
Roby Redwine '82	J.T. Johnson '97
Matt Moffett '84	Andy Anderson

Branan Elliot '95

We regret to report that Branan Elliot '95 passed away on January 1, 2001. Over 100 KAs attended his funeral. His parents appreciate the outpouring of support and have asked that donations be made to the "Branan Elliot Memorial Fund" c/o Gamma Advisors Inc., 160 Plum Nelly Rd., in lieu of flowers.

Thanks to your contributions, *Between the Columns* is printed for the members and friends of the Kappa Alpha Order at the University of Georgia. Address changes, news items, photographs and contributions are always welcome and may be mailed in the enclosed envelope of sent to **Kappa Alpha Order, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box**

Undergrads Work to Benefit Community

By Drew Goldsmith '00

The brothers, as well as the pledges, of the Kappa Alpha Order have been busy recently taking part in service projects that have benefited those who are less fortunate than themselves. They have worked together to help others within the community while also taking part in activities that have helped children around the world.

For starters, eight freshmen took part in a two-day Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon. This nationally televised fund-raiser involved people making donations over the phone to help support the millions of Americans who suffer from muscular dystrophy. Doug Miller '01, from Marietta, said, "We helped set up for the telethon and took financial donations over the phone. My pledge brothers and I had a good time with it."

A group of young men recently went to the Republican Headquarters of Georgia to urge citizens by way of telephone to come out and vote for the election. A group of brothers, as well as pledges, took part in some of the Halloween festivities in Athens. At the Hardmann Sam's House on Milledge, KAs helped provide safe Halloween trick-or-treating for local kids. Brothers set up, ran the rides for the kids, and gave out candy. While all this was taking place, another group was busy making the façade of the Kappa Alpha Mansion look like a haunted house. Local kids made the house a trick-or-treating stop as we gave them loads of their favorite candy.

"It meant a lot to my pledge brothers and me," stated Andy Knox after finishing up his shoe box gift. Knox is referring to the empty shoe boxes the pledges filled with toys, candy, and school supplies that will be given as Christmas gifts to needy children around the world. This project is a part of Operation Christmas Child, which was started and run by Billy Graham. This is an exciting project of Christian relief and evangelism that KA is proud to be a part of this year.

Beginning last spring, 15 KA brothers participated in the Oconee County Mentor Program. This is a program where brothers were paired up with a fourth- or fifth-grade boy who the elementary school felt he would work well with. Each brother will agree that no matter how much they put into this program, the feeling of befriending a less fortunate child is immeasurable. Bryan Edwards '98 and Matt Rushton '98 took their boys to a UGA baseball game last spring and said they had a great time watching the game.

KA also has brothers who are involved with Habitat for Humanity, Safe Campuses Now, Toys for Tots, UGA Dance Marathon, Young Life, and Athens-Clarke County Correctional Institute prison ministry. Opportunities like these have allowed us to broaden our horizons by helping others while also benefiting ourselves through service to others.



John Williams '00, Andy Knox '01 and Phillip Taylor '01 make Halloween a fun time for local children.

Welcome 2001 Initiates

Brad Bagwell ~ Plains, Ga.
 Billy Bennett ~ Athens, Ga.
 Ben Bouton ~ Athens, Ga.
 Waldo Bradley ~ Savannah, Ga.
 Taylor Broun ~ Athens, Ga.
 Brian Craig ~ Dublin, Ga.
 Adam Cowart ~ Valdosta, Ga.
 Jonathon Dauchart ~ Durham, N.C.
 Bennet Dudley ~ Thomson, Ga.
 George Fontaine ~ Houston, Texas
 Scott Fulp ~ Tifton, Ga.
 Fiske Hopkins ~ Thomaston, Ga.
 John Howerrd ~ Augusta, Ga.
 Tervor Jones ~ Perry, Ga.

Doug Miller ~ Marietta, Ga.
 Bobby McRae ~ Cedartown, Ga.
 Josh McRae ~ Augusta, Ga.
 Brent Moody ~ Augusta, Ga.
 Hank Nix ~ Roswell, Ga.
 Stuart Pendley ~ Waycross, Ga.
 Edwin Padgent ~ Atlanta, Ga.
 Phillip Ray ~ Greensboro, N.C.
 Chris Rogers ~ Athens, Ga.
 Jay Slocum ~ Tifton, Ga.
 Harrison Smith ~ Atlanta, Ga.
 Tommy Spinosa ~ Baton Rouge, La.
 Phillip Taylor ~ Greensboro, N.C.
 Andrew Teegarden ~ Atlanta, Ga.

2001 KA Gamma Officers

#1 (President)
Butler Dawson '99
St. Simons, Ga.

#2 (Vice President/Pledge Trainer)
Bryan Horn '00
Atlanta, Ga.

#3 (Recording Secretary)
Drew Goldsmith '00
Augusta, Ga.

#4 (Corresponding Secretary/P.R.)
Tom Easterly '99
Baton Rouge, La.

#5 (Historian/Alumni Relations)
Jared Shell '00
Perry, Ga.

#6 (Purser/Treasurer)
Andrew Teegarden '01
Atlanta, Ga.

#7 (Parliamentarian)
Clint Walters '00
Albany, Ga.

#8 (Sergeant-at-Arms)
Andrew McFadden '99
Athens, Ga.

#9 (Marshal/Initiation)
Rush Chairman
Andy Knox '00
Thompson, Ga.

Social Chairman
Adam Griffin '00
Macon, Ga.

House Manager
Scott Burson '00
Newnan, Ga.

Chapter Adviser
Mark Cross '82
Athens, Ga.



The Kappa Alpha mansion flies the first

Alumni News

"I am proud to be a Kappa Alpha," wrote **Charles J. Thurmond '30** last year. He was working nearly every day and looking forward to his 90th birthday in June 2000. Charles, a lawyer and real estate developer, is chairman of the board of Frantee Inc./Thurmond Properties (P.O. Box CC, Gainesville, GA 30503).

A. Clyde Spinks Jr. '34 (701 N. Abrego Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614; clydesunthn@webtv.net) tells us, "Being a Kappa Alpha was a highlight while attending the University of Georgia." He and his wife, Mary, have four children. They couple has spent the last 20 years in Nevada and Arizona. They love the climate out West and enjoy outdoor activities, especially bicycling.

CPA and attorney **Fred B. Sheats Jr. '43** (4600 Brook Hollow Rd. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30327; fred.sheats@ageefisher.com) serves "of counsel" at Agee Fisher. He became a great-grandfather in June 2000. Fred writes: "My over 50 years of being a Kappa Alpha has been one of the most memorable and pleasurable associations of my life. After all these years, I still meet, socialize and enjoy many of the brothers who were at Gamma when I was there."

Grayson C. Powell Jr. '45 (705 Maplewood Dr., Valdosta, GA 31602) is enjoying travel, golf, woodworking and his grandchildren. "A big part of my heart is still at the Kappa Alpha house in Athens and at the University of Georgia."

Harold M. Morris Jr. '50 (910 Battlefield Trl., Chattanooga, TN 37409; halindamor@aol.com) has fond memories of Kappa Alpha from 50 years ago. At the time, the house was on Milledge Avenue. "Snerd" edited the *K.A. Rebel*, was rush chairman and served on the Intrafraternity Council. He, along with **Tommy Cousins '49**, Irwin Stolz '51 and the late **Charles Sligh '51**, were on the 1951 swim team — the first at UGA to win the SEC championship.

Dentist **Willis P. Lanier Jr. '58** (4743 Woodley Dr. S.W., Roanoke, VA 24018; lanierwp@aol.com) has enjoyed more than 35 years of dental practice in Roanoke and is looking forward to moving on to the next level of life.

Patti and **Robert B. Sowell Jr. '58** (229 Lakewood Park Dr., Newport News, VA

retirement with their three teenaged children. In between soccer tournaments, they sail on the Chesapeake Bay and scuba dive in the Cayman Islands. While living in Virginia during the last 30-plus years, Bob has made friends with many Kappa Alpha alumni from Virginia schools.

Clarence A. Abbott '60 (1200 Moss St. N.E., Orangeburg, SC 29115) has been practicing pharmacy for 35 years. He retired from CVS after 27 years of service and is now working part time.

In May 2000, **Alfred N. Bell Jr. '60** (Business manager/ Spun Sales, ABCO Industries Inc., P.O. Box 1089, Roebuck, SC 29376; abell@abcoindustries.com) sold Palmetto Chemicals Inc. to Eastman



Chemical Co. He signed a three-year contract to work with the new company in converting Palmetto's business to Eastman. Al and his family enjoy trips to their beach house at Kiawah Island, S.C. Every year, Al plays in the UGA golf team reunion in Athens. In this photo, Eddie Sams, **Al Bell**, Chris Haack, Eddie Sam's son and **Bill Boswell '69** pose after a round of golf.

"The friendships and relationships created at the Kappa Alpha house are my key memories of UGA," notes **Carl A. Jenkins '63** (101 St. Clair Pky., P.O. Box 21842, Saint Simons Island, GA 31522; buckyj@thebest.net). "You can speak with a brother that you haven't see in 20 years and it's like there is no gap in time." "Bucky" is the owner of Jenkins & Associates, an insurance and real estate agency.

Barton W. Baldwin '65 (212 Ramblewood Dr., P.O. Box 999, Mount Olive, NC 28365; cpabarton@aol.com) has been appointed by Governor Hunt to a third term on the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners.

Calvin S. Hopkins III '69 (716 S. Center St., Thomaston, GA 30286), a landscape architect, is a vice president at Reddick



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n, **Hunter '97**, in Gamma chapter for four years and seeing **Andy Knox '69**, **Pete Ortch '69**, **Malcolm Liles '71**, **Lewis Ruggs '68**, **Bill Boswell '69**, **Mike Donovan '5**, **Jimmy Fuller '70**, **Stewart Champion '3** and others of his era.

ou can write to **Alexander L. Cann Jr. '85** at a new address: 1133 Swathmore Dr., Atlanta, GA 30327. He is a financial adviser with J.C. Bradford & Co. Alex and his wife, Iris, have a young son, Alexander III.

Avid D. Scott '86 (8 W. Wieuca Rd., Atlanta, GA 30342; dds3434@aol.com) works in corporate marketing at SFX. He and a group of his Kappa Alpha contemporaries get together once a month for dinner.

sa and **M. Brian Browning '87** (109 Knob Hill, Valdosta, GA 31602) were expecting the arrival of their third child and son in July 2000. Brian is president of M.B. Browning Companies Inc. and serves on the board of directors of Vulcan Steel. He spends the summers in St. Augustine where he enjoys playing golf with his children.

Rhett Butler '87 (275 Southview Dr., Athens, GA 30605; rhett.butler.gsbx@stefarm.com) has moved back to Athens to open a State Farm insurance agency. He and his wife, Betsy, have two children and a home in Five Points. Rhett invites brothers to visit often in town.

James H. Gash Jr. '88 now resides at 4730 Merrywood Ln., Atlanta, GA 30342. He works in commercial real estate and can be reached via e-mail at jim_gash@mindspring.com. Jim has a daughter, Emma, and was awaiting the arrival of his second child in November 2000.

"Kappa Alpha was the only choice for me," wrote **John C. Neal '89** (106 Bentwood Cir., Macon, GA 31210; bscllc@mindspring.com). "My experiences at the fraternity will forever be imprinted in my heart. I could not have been affiliated with a finer group of people." "Chris," a franchise owner, was planning to open a Batteries Plus store in June 2000 and planning to eventually open stores in other locations. He reported that **Gary Hobby '89**

and his father own Silver Cup Chalk in Macon. The company, which produces one of the finest products for the billiards industry, has doubled in size.

Attorney **James A. Bishop Jr. '90** (c/o James A. Bishop Sr., 131 Rosemont St., Saint Simons Island, GA 31522; jbishop746@aol.com) and his wife, Mary, have a 2-year-old daughter, Sarah. Jimmy is practicing law with his father at The Bishop Law Firm in Brunswick.

William P. Davis '93 (463 Cade Ct., Monroe, GA 30656; wparkerd@aol.com) sends these photos of the August 1999 wedding of **Stuart Sherrill '93**.



In March 2000, Amy and **Christopher L. Carden '91**

relocated from Cincinnati, Ohio, to 377 Bell Branch Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32259. They have a 1-year-old daughter. E-mail for Christopher can be sent to beakcarden@aol.com.

We heard from **Burton P. Hodges '92** in the spring of 2000. He was in the MBA program at The Citadel, had become engaged and was living at 1472 Allen St., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. Burt's e-mail address is burthodges@dellnet.com.

Jason O. Ritchason '92 (7520 Oakhaven Trace, Nashville, TN 37209; jritchason@aptcommerce.com) is in sales with American Paper & Twine Co.

Favorite memories for **Andrew B. Albert '93** (Dr. Bukk Inc., 666 S. Old Belair Rd., Grovetown, GA 30813; andrewalbert20@yahoo.com) include game days and the

Wednesday night parties. He works in international sales with AgSouth Inc. and spent 10 months in Central America last year.

Louis A. Freedman '93 (1742 Kings Wood Dr. Augusta, GA 30904; kgrepass@aol.com) and Kathryn wed in March 2000. "Allen" was looking forward to graduating from medical school at MCG in May 2000 and beginning an anesthesiology residency at the University of Virginia.

As a project manager at Steelfab Inc., **Stuart R. Sherrill '93** (94 Lakeland Dr. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30305; ssherrill@steelfab-inc.com) headed the steel construction for the UGA Sanford Stadium sky suite additions from August 1999 through July 2000. He attended the wedding of **Allen Freedman '93**.

When he wrote in the spring of 2000, **Nathan T. Lee '94** (2 Lakeview Dr., Newnan, GA 30263) noted that he and **Tom Peterson IV '94** had just finished their second year at Mercer Law School.

Tom A. Peterson IV '94 (1612 Center Dr., Vidalia, GA 30474; tpetersoniv@yahoo.com) is looking forward to graduating from the Mercer School of Law this year. He reports that his cousin, **Richard Peterson '96**, is pursuing an acting career in Los Angeles, Calif.

Bradley F. Fields '95 (263 Riverdale Dr., Macon, GA 31204) is the CEO and owner of Forest South Inc., a pine and hardwood timber dealership. The company purchases timber all over Georgia and assists landowners with timber management.

John H. Knox '95 (1329 Ferncliff Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211; hardmanknox@yahoo.com) enjoyed seeing his contemporaries at the wedding of **Bo Strickland '95** in Albany, Ga., in March 2000.

In a new job, **David E. Marler '96** (308 E. 66th St., Savannah, GA 31405; demarler@aol.com) is a territory manager for Pennington Seed Inc. He and Brittany Raines are planning a June 2001 wedding.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of:

William K. Norvell '46 (4/30/00).

Kappa Alpha mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

