

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cocktail Party

Thursday, November 9

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse

at Lenox Square Mall

3393 Peachtree Road,
N.E., Atlanta

(404) 442-8893

Hors d'oeuvres provided.

Cash bar.

Valet available in front.

See you there!

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For information about the capital campaign and our new home at 755 West Hancock, please visit the website at www.kauga.com!

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Alumni Spotlight: John Jones '02

One of Them, One of Us

It hasn't been that long since **John Jones '02** followed in the procession behind the Athens-Clarke County sheriff to receive his diploma in criminal justice. In fact, it was only four months ago. However, this Macon, Ga., alum has decided that he isn't quite ready to leave his undergraduate brothers. Taking up residence in the newly purchased Cobb Hill Apartments on W. Hancock, Jones currently serves as Gamma's Campaign Coordinator. "Because I am a recent grad," Jones explained, "I have a very active tie to the chapter. Thus, I can bring the viewpoints of both undergraduates and graduates to the leadership of Gamma Advisors, Inc."



John Jones

Serving as the liaison between Gamma and Affinity Connection, the chapter's communications and campaign firm, Jones works directly with committee members to ensure that fundraising objectives are met. "My primary focus is ensuring a successful campaign for Gamma," he said. "I am on the phone with alumni everyday, outlining the goals and processes of the capital campaign. The response is very promising,

and I am very optimistic about the journey involved in building the new house. But we need everyone's participation ... everyone!"

Brothers interested in making a gift toward the capital campaign can reach John Jones at jdjonesjr@gmail.com or (404) 379-0061.

ALUMNI REPORT

Protecting Our Future at UGA: Update on 755 W. Hancock

By Mark C. Cross '82, Gamma Advisors, Inc.

The Gamma Advisors have performed a tremendous amount of work and due diligence regarding housing opportunities for Kappa Alpha. Our efforts are to ensure a quality home for our undergraduate members and a house that alumni can be proud of when they return to Athens. After enjoying 54 years of residence on Lumpkin St., UGA determined it needed that land for additional classroom space,

therefore asking the fraternity to find another home by December of 2007 and offering us a lot on River Road with a 15-year lease. The Board, based on feedback from the stakeholders, elected to pass on this offer. We feel it is in Gamma's best interest to own our own property.

With the help of realtor, Gerry Whitworth and Athens-Clarke County, the Board determined that to accommodate a Chapter our size (120 men) the fraternity needed to find at least 1.5 acres of land that was zoned for multifamily living. An apartment complex was a perfect fit for our needs.

With that in mind, Gamma Partners, LLC was established as a limited liability company by thirteen KA alumni. Gamma Partners, LLC

purchased Cobb Hill Apartments (54 units) and two student houses for a total of 3 acres at a cost of \$3 Million. The members of Gamma Partners, LLC personally guaranteed the loan for Cobb Hill and agreed to do this for KA with absolutely no financial profit for themselves.

The Board chose the Hancock Corridor area for multiple reasons. The neighborhood had the proper zoning, is not part of any Clarke County Historic District and already has other apartments, motels and a significant student population. Lastly, given its close proximity to downtown, the location is a major draw for student members.

Immediately following the property purchase, Gamma Advisors approached county commissioners, the mayor and the neighbors on the immediate block regarding our intentions. Pat Allen, a representative of The University of Georgia's Government Affairs office, joined us for lunch with Commissioner

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*Members of the 2004 and 2005 pledge class on spring break.
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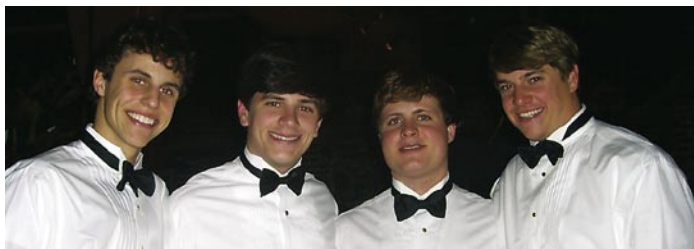
Successful Rush and the Dawgs Mean Fall Is Here

By Will Curry, Number I

With summer over and fall classes in session, the Brothers of Gamma are very excited to be back in Athens. We began the fall semester on the right foot with tailgating at 294 S. Lumpkin for the Dawgs' home opener against Western Kentucky. Many alumni were present to share in the gameday traditions, and the house was in great shape thanks to the hard work of our new pledge class.

Throughout the summer months, many brothers participated in study abroad trips, which ranged from Costa Rica to Europe and the South Pacific. Others opted to stay in Athens to take classes, explore internship opportunities and help the rush chairs field a new pledge class.

I am pleased to report on the great recruiting job that Hugh Cheek, Hunter Edwards and Brian Busbee did. This fall, a pledge class of 31 men has been assembled. These men represent many states and are among the highest caliber the University has to offer. Thanks to all of the alumni who made phone calls or sent e-mails and letters on their behalf.



Kyle Short, David Mize, Cam Hopkins, and Hugh Cheek at 2006 Convivium in Savannah.

As last spring semester came to a close, Gamma boasted a Chapter GPA of 3.22, the highest in recent history, which is also above the all-male average of 3.04 and the all-fraternity average of 3.18. Furthermore, 82 members had above a 3.0 GPA, and the Chapter ranked seventh among 28 fraternities based on grades. As The University of Georgia continues to increase the academic requirements, the Brothers of Gamma are sure to exceed expectations.

Gamma is at the critical stage of fundraising for the new Mansion. We need the support of ALL of our brothers to help us continue the proud Gamma tradition of Kappa Alpha Order at The University of Georgia. Our house is the glue that binds us together in Athens, and we need to provide a new home that reflects our heritage. We ask that you give thoughtful consideration to ensuring the future of Gamma at UGA. If you have any questions about the fundraising efforts or would like to make a donation, please e-mail **John Jones '02** at jdjonesjr@gmail.com. As you have read, John, a former Gamma Number II, is currently heading up the fundraising efforts for our capital campaign.

I speak on behalf of the rest of the chapter in inviting all alumni, families and friends to 294 S. Lumpkin Street each time the Dawgs kick off this fall. Please be on the lookout for an alumni cocktail gathering that will be held in Atlanta in November. More details will be sent out at a later date. As always, we will be having our Parents Weekend celebration Friday night (October 13) before the homecoming game. I look forward to seeing each of you soon and please feel free to contact me (wcurry1@gmail.com) or any member of the chapter with concerns or suggestions. Once again, thank you for your support, and GO DAWGS!

2006 PLEDGE CLASS ... BY GEOGRAPHY

Albany, Ga.

Jackson Middleton*

Athens, Ga.

Seth McWhorter

Atlanta, Ga.

Alex Hill

Bainbridge, Ga.

Major Brannen

Columbus, Ga.

Will Melton

Dublin, Ga.

Cameron Curry*

LaGrange, Ga.

Will Mansour*

Macon, Ga.

Wesley Walthall

Newnan, Ga.

Thomas Connell

Perry, Ga.

Brian Byrd*

Brett Hill*

Jason Sweat

Rome, Ga.

Peter Whatley

Snellville, Ga.

Austin Fleming

St. Simon's Island, Ga.

Ricky Kerns

Taylor Thaw*

Stone Mountain, Ga.

Tim Hall

Thomaston, Ga.

Kraig Streetman

Mobile, Ala.

Allen Davis*

John McClelland*

Drew Salisbury*

Little Rock, Ark.

Gray Millsap*

Baton Rouge, La.

John Bensabat*

Sean Dauterive

Charlotte, N.C.

Will Batchelor

Huck Broyles

Neilson Gamble*

Blake Hankins

Peter Horn*

Dallas, Texas

J.T. Rose

Houston, Texas

Wyatt Ramey*

* legacy

ALUMNI REPORT...Continued from Page 1

George Maxwell and assisted us in coordinating a town hall meeting at Hill Baptist Church. Gamma Advisors undertook these measures in good faith. We want to be good neighbors!

Many of you have seen media coverage regarding our purchase. The concerns primarily involve the fraternity leaving the on-campus site and "invading" a quiet neighborhood. While we appreciate the concerns of non-residents, we feel the neighborhood has been incorrectly characterized in the media. We believe it is the optimal location for KA, providing ample parking and a great university town environment for Gamma. The Hancock Corridor is predominantly comprised of business, county and state owned or rental properties. The Hancock Corridor is in the midst of a major revitalization. Piedmont College purchased an additional 3 acres less than two-tenths of a mile from our site. Additionally, within walking distance we find these neighbors, the SAE house, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, the Athens-Clarke County Health Department, The Varsity, TRR Cobb House (a confederate museum), UGA's Carl Vinson Center and an Egyptian Temple.

After we purchased the 755 Hancock site, had architectural plans in place and filed for our building permit the University extended Gamma another offer, along with five other Lumpkin Street fraternities, to move to River Road. To make the best decision for the Chapter, even though we were well invested in the Hancock project, the Board diligently reviewed the proposal.

The University's proposal included offering

us land and the coordination of construction of a new house. They also offered to arrange the financing of the project. In the final analysis, Gamma was going to pay more to lease from the University than to own our own property. The direct ownership of 755 Hancock allows us to control the destiny of Gamma for the next 100 years. No member of the Board wants future Gamma generations to be faced with the same decisions. For these reasons, the Board rejected the University's proposal by a vote of 39-1.

Engineering and architectural plans have been submitted to Athens-Clarke County for final approval. We expect to have a final meeting with the county by October 10th to review the plans, with the hope of beginning construction before the end of the year. We are very excited about the design and feel of the new house. It will be a great environment for the Chapter and will include air conditioning, high-speed internet access, and a 1,200 sq. ft. Chapter/TV room with stadium seating. The new house will also have both a 2,460 sq. ft. social hall and a 936 sq. ft. dining room instead of the 425 sq. ft. space currently shared for meals and socials. Separate quarters for a house mother or resident graduate assistant will also be included in the building design. The new house will have roughly 1250 sq. ft. of living space which is comparable to what we enjoyed at Lumpkin Street.

Gamma is poised to move forward with our new home. With that said, we need significant contributions from our alumni base to fund the project and support the Chapter's continued

growth and prosperity. To be able to break ground, we need to raise \$3 Million. Currently, we have a little over \$2 Million pledged by 83 alumni. The Campaign Committee has been approaching Brothers who have expressed a willingness to consider a significant pledge of \$25,000 or more and will continue to approach others. The official public announcement and mass solicitation phase of the campaign will be launched soon giving every one of our Gamma Brothers the chance to support our future. If you would like to make a gift or pledge to the campaign now, it would be appreciated and welcomed. Please contact our Capital Campaign Coordinator, **John Jones '02**, at jdjonesjr@gmail.com or (404) 379-0061 to make arrangements.

If you have questions or comments regarding ongoing capital campaign efforts, please contact one of the following Brothers:

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CHAPTER ETERNAL

In Memory of Cleve Bostick '02

The spring and summer months weren't all met with excitement. I regret to report that over the summer, our Chapter experienced a huge loss. On Sunday, August 13, **Cleve Bostick '02**, died in an automobile accident. His funeral was held at Hopeful Baptist Church in Camilla, Ga., on Wednesday, August 16. The Bostick family has set up a scholarship fund on his behalf. Thanks to the many alumni who purchased tailgating spots for football games this fall, Gamma Chapter will be able to contribute \$4,000 to the Cleve Bostick Scholarship Fund this fall. Individual donations to the Cleve Bostick Scholarship Fund can be mailed to Cleve Bostick Scholarship Fund, c/o Bank of Camilla, P.O. Box 111, Camilla, GA 31730. Branford Thompson '02, a close friend and member of Cleve's pledge class, states it best: "Bostick's smiling personality and caring demeanor will be the attributes his family and friends will remember most. Cleve was an exceptional young man with an extremely bright future. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

KA Houses Through the Years



The house on Milledge



The house on Hancock



Current KA house



New house to be built

House 1 - 187 N. Milledge

House 2 - 130 Hancock

Current House - 294 Lumpkin

New House - 755 W. Hancock

Gamma Through the Years

What is:

... the memory that makes you laugh hardest today?

"Post football game jam sessions and festivities prior to and during the Old South parade." - **Hugh Lamar Hamilton Jr. '76**

"Road tripping to Helen with **Edison Cassels '88** in our Jeeps with about eight of us and breaking down." - **Mark M. Irvin '89**

... the best party?

"Halloween, maybe 1988, when we had all the chickens running around, or was that some barnyard party? I remember somebody wearing a monkey and nothing else. Of course, you have to count all the Old South parties and parades as the top." - **Mark M. Irvin '89**

... best road trip?

"I played on the golf team. Every spring we took a two-week road trip and played all the schools in Florida." - **Alfred Norman Bell '63**

"Driving north in search of a velvet Elvis and taking a few laps on the Lanier Motor Speedway as the race cars were pulling out. Also, making record time to the beach for Old South in a huge Cadillac convertible or taking 10 days to drive back from Nantucket in Edison's Jeep." - **Mark M. Irvin '89**

... the one memory you like to share?

"The Saturday the Bulldogs won over Auburn to win the SEC Football Championship in the fall of 1959." - **Virgil Wilmer Dorminy '62**

"Invitations being read to the Southern belles at the sorority houses during the Old South parade." - **Hugh Lamar Hamilton Jr. '76**

"That Batman (**Gordon Varnedoe '57**) lived upstairs in our house." - **Mark M. Irvin '89**

Our Website Needs Your Photos!



What better place to share your KA pictures? Whether they're from classic times in the fraternity or of your days since graduation, your photos can be shared with Gamma alumni at www.kauga.com!

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Details Inside!*

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