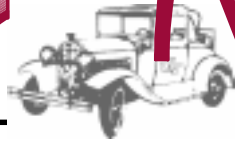


Rebel 'Reck



ALUMNI GATHER TO DEDICATE NEW KAPPA ALPHA MANSION

Alpha Sigma alumni gathered recently on a beautiful spring day to dedicate our new house and to thank those who made it happen. Jim Bowyer (1961), Chairman of Alpha Sigma Properties, Inc., emceed the event. Below are some of his remarks.

"I am proud to stand here, this 16th day of February 2002, and say that WE DID IT! Through dedicated effort, outstanding planning, generous and loyal support and investment, we have built a house that will serve as a strong foundation for Kappa Alpha at Georgia Tech for many years to come. To everyone who contributed time and/or money to this project - thank you! To our brothers who persevered through the last few years without a house - thank you! And to the actives who are living here today - let's make this investment last a long, long time!

"For all of our collective efforts, we would not be standing here today without Jerry Fussell (1965). We knew that in any capital campaign, a major gift was a necessity for success. Until that magical day, when we received a call from Jerry Fussell, the ability to realize our vision of having the best house on campus was facing a major obstacle. We have named this house in memory of Jerry's father, Samuel Richmond Fussell. Jerry, generations of KAs will be forever grateful for what you have made possible on the campus of Georgia Tech.

"When we told people that we would have the house built in five months, most people simply laughed. When we told them we would do it under budget, they laughed harder.

If you look at Bill Morrison today, there is a reason why he is smiling. Bill was our unpaid Project Manager. He has also served as our House Corporation President for more than 10 years. He is one of our most dedicated alumni. He has volunteered untold hours in support of KA and is the primary reason why we finished the house in record time AND under budget."

Bill thanked everyone who helped with design and construction, including Mark Tiller, Scott Patman, Jeremy Hammerton, Sam Bowyer, Gene Dunwoody Sr., Gene Dunwoody Jr., George Lenaous, Bob Goodman, Steve Lisenby, Trav Carter, Jeff Giglio, and others.

Bill noted that the house was constructed in just six months and under budget. In fact, it took longer to get a permit (9 months) than the construction of the house (6 months). The final project cost was \$2.5 million.

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT UPDATE

By Matt Dart

After struggling through some trying times these last couple of years, I can say with confidence that there has never been a better time to be an Alpha Sigma. By going through the experience of being without a house, we can appreciate so much more how much having a house means to the brotherhood and camaraderie of the chapter. Along with the new house comes a surge of excitement that pushes us to excel in all aspects of chapter life.

This year got off to a great start after pledging up to 16 guys this fall. This was quite a feat, considering we were rushing all summer out of a house off campus and held fall rush in an empty lot. A great deal of this credit belongs to Brother Walker Stewart and his rush committee, who put in a lot of hard work to ensure that we would continue to pledge up one of the best pledge classes on campus. Fourteen of these pledges are now initiated brothers and are actively involved in the chapter operations. The fall also saw Alpha Sigma again among the top three fraternities in grades, with an average GPA just under a 3.0. Brothers not only excelled in grades, but also were involved in various campus activities, from IFC Judicial Board to the Executive Round Table.

Moving into the new house brought new opportunities for social and alumni functions. We sought to start off the semester right by having a "Breaking in the House" weekend, with a parent/alumni luncheon in the afternoon and a band party in the evening. We also recently held Convivium at Lake Lanier to celebrate the birth of our spiritual founder, Robert E. Lee, and the founding of the Order. We look forward to closing out the semester with the annual Old South Ball, held this year in Destin, Florida.

The brothers of Alpha Sigma are proud of our heritage and greatly respect those alumni that paved the road we are walking. We are striving to live up to that legacy by continuing to improve the chapter in every way that we can. All alumni are always welcome to

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To view pictures from the dedication ceremony, visit our Web site at www.kagatech.com.

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The house is 17,000 total square feet, has 34 beds and has a fiber optic line into the house connecting directly to the Georgia Tech network with data lines to each desk in each room. All the rooms were occupied on January 2. Bill noted that we are still purchasing furniture and other decorative and finish items, all of which should be in place by Homecoming.

After short remarks by Jerry Fussell, a history of Alpha Sigma at Georgia Tech by Clint Newton and a discussion of the architectural design of the house by Gene Dunwoody Sr., Kelly McCutchen gave a history of the Capital Campaign:

"Several years ago, realizing that our house was in constant need of expensive repairs, the alumni council began to research a capital campaign. We hired one of the finest fundraising consultants in the Southeast in 1994 to undertake a study to see how much money we could raise. The answer came back: \$600,000 would be the most we could hope to raise. Disappointed, but forging ahead, we developed a plan to renovate the existing house, given the constraints of spending less than \$600,000. At our next meeting, several alumni showed up

OUR BROTHER WILL BE MISSED!

Perhaps many of you saw the attached article in the Spring issue of Tech Topics. I just received mine today, alerted to the article by several of you already. Buster Greer is dead, killed by the terrorist attack on the Pentagon last September 11th. We will all miss him greatly.

Buster was one of the really good guys of our era at Tech. I remember playing tackle alongside him in the KA football games on the Flats on Sunday afternoons, and he was a real force for the Alpha Sigma boys, a 6'-5" giant of a man. He was from Eufaula, Alabama, where he picked up his slow Alabama drawl and his gentle ways. He graduated from Tech in 1962.

I don't have the address of his widow, Rosalie, but if I find it, I will pass it along to you so you can write her a note.

Several of you have asked me about some kind of memorial for Buster. I have thought about soliciting donations from Alpha Sigmas for the furniture fund at the new KA house, money for a plaque to be hung at the new house, dedicating our contributions to the KA Educational Foundation this year in Buster's memory (which I plan to do anyway, regardless of what else we do), and even about soliciting moneys from the entire Tech Class of 1962 for some kind of memorial as part of the 40th Reunion of that class this fall. I would be happy for any other suggestions or comments from you on this. I do think we need to do something, and the question is "What?" Let me hear from you.

I am sorry to bring this kind of news to you, but we all needed to know.

John R. Rowe Jr. '58 (301 High Meadows Ln., Brevard, NC 28712; jubilee3@citcom.net

including Robert Montgomery, Charles Wallace and Herky Harris. They told us that they were prepared to make significant gifts with one contingency - scrap the plans for a renovation and design a new house - not just any new house, but one that will be the best on campus.

"From that point, we met with the actives, studied the new dorms being built for the Olympics that we had to compete with, and developed preliminary drawings. We then spent several months identifying and calling on major donor prospects. One by one the major commitments came in, and when we finally heard from an alumni in Wyoming willing to make a lead gift, we knew we were on our way.

"This early process was thankless work, lots of small, but important details and planning, long meetings and much frustration. We were lucky to have strong leadership, starting with Jack Alexander, and continuing from Clint Newton to Trav Carter who guided our alumni council leading up to the capital campaign, to Rusty McCall who put together the initial plans (1995), to Charles Wallace, Herky Harris and Bill Avery who provided leadership, meeting space, legal services and financial advice, to Chad Peterson who kept our financial accounts and contributions in order. Robert Montgomery served as a one-man consulting firm as he meticulously planned and packaged our project. Howard McKinley held down the fort for two years and Jim Bowyer provided the leadership as Alpha Sigma Properties' first chairman to make it all come together.

"As of today, we have raised nearly \$1.9 million from 377 brothers. Now we have more than 1,200 living brothers. We haven't received anything from about 75% of them - YET. But it's not too late, **we are holding the capital campaign open until July 31, 2002.** After that time, we will assign all of the naming opportunities and have the recognitions and plaques installed by Homecoming, including the bricks in the fireplace. I encourage all of you to please help us pay down our mortgage!"

Alumni were encouraged to visit our new Web site at www.kagatech.com and the following people were recognized:

Alpha Sigma Properties, Inc. Board of Trustees

Jim Bowyer	Robert Montgomery
Herky Harris	Bill Morrison
Jerry Fussell	Kelly McCutchen
	Mark Tiller

Capital Campaign Committee

Jack Alexander, Jr. (1946)	Jeremy Hammerton (1991)
Chuck Averett (1952)	Herky Harris (1962)
Bill Avery (1963)	John Keys (1966)
Jim Bowyer (1961)	Bill Knight (1960)
Dan Bradley (1958)	Ben Lilly (1958)
Trav Carter (1977)	Jack Lowery, IV (1990)
Buddy Chastain (1974)	Rusty McCall (1988)
Jim Elliott, Jr. (1976)	Kelly McCutchen (1986)
John Ford (1949)	Howard McKinley (1957)
Hodges Golson, Jr. (1964)	Robert Montgomery (1961)
Brad Green (1984)	Bill Morrison (1986)
Don Greenway, Jr. (1983)	Clint Newton (1945)
Tom Gurley (1956)	Mark Tiller, Jr. (1990)
Chuck Haley (1981)	Charles Wallace (1960)

VALDOSTAN CARTER HONORED AS STATE'S OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

By Christian Malone
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VALDOSTA- The city of Valdosta strives to be the best in every sport. Amid this past basketball season, the best referee in the state was a Valdostan.

Walt Carter was recently recognized as the Official of the Year by the Georgia Athletic Officials Association (GAOA) at the annual Georgia Athletic Coaches Association awards

luncheon in Dalton. "I was real honored to be the overall official of the year," Carter said. "It's a big honor."

The award recognized not only Carter's astuteness when calling games on the basketball court, it also recognized his longtime dedication and the contributions he has made to local officiating.

Walt Carter has called a lot of games in a black-and-white striped referee's shirt with a whistle around his neck. He won't publicly say how many years he's done it, but for years, he's given his best effort to local basketball.

"When I found out that Walt was nominated, I was just ecstatic."

Brockey Brock
Officials' association president

"When I found out that Walt was nominated, I was just ecstatic," said GAOA president Brockey Brock. "Walt is a great official who has done this for a lot of years, and has earned a lot of respect in this area and throughout the state."

"Walt's done it for a long time, and he does a good job at it," Valdosta High head coach John Miller said.

Carter has worked his share of state playoff games as well. Only the best officials are chosen for playoff games, and the GAOA has chosen him 29 different years. Last season, he worked first and second round games. Several times in the past, he's worked state championship games.

But it's more than just his years of service that earned Carter the award.

It is the quality of officiating each game has had, when Walt Carter was on the floor.

"Walt has always kept control of the game," Brock said. "He never lets it get out of hand, which is very important in officiating. He occasionally has missed a call— we all have— but he's always trying to position himself to where he can make the right call."

Carter has also spent countless hours helping train other officials. He was one of the first to mandate training for officials.

"You've got to have training," Carter said. "A lot of the fans think we just show up at the game and start making calls, but it's not that way."

The teams playing don't just show up and start playing a game; they have to practice first and get ready to play. It's the same way with officiating.

"They are expected to study the rules, practice, work at getting better and learn the mechanics. We critique our officials, so they can get better."

"Walt always tried to do the right thing," Brock said. "He did his best, and did what he could to make the rest of us better."

The game has changed a great deal since Carter first started officiating, as have the rules and the way officials call the game. Carter has always strived to keep up with the changing game.

"You have to progress with the game," Carter said. "It's changed and we've had to adjust to it. The game's faster, there's more offense and less defense now; you see a lot more outside shots with (the three-point line)."

Being a referee has always been serious business to Carter, and he has carried that attitude over to the officials he's trained. Officials in this area are expected to dress well, be clean-shaven, and portray a professional appearance, at Carter's insistence.

"You only go one chance to make a first impression, and we want everyone at the game to see that we take our jobs seriously, and that's one of the ways we show it," Carter said.

The great irony of his recognition is that Walt Carter has spent so many years trying to avoid being recognized on the court.

When nobody remembers the officials, then we've done a good job," Carter said. "Three or four days after a good game no one can remember who the officials were, and that's how it should be."

The most important thing to me is knowing I've done a good job after a game. "



Mike Tanner/The Valdosta Daily Times

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come by and see how the chapter is doing. We welcome everyone to tailgate at the house before each home football game next fall, and especially to come by for Homecoming on October 26. We look forward to showing off the house with a luncheon and a band before we watch the Jackets take on UVA.

We currently have 53 actives and look forward to increasing our numbers through a strong rush this summer and fall. It's never too early to send in a rush recommendation. As you all know, a solid rush is crucial to success as a chapter. If you know someone planning to enter Tech in the fall who you think we should rush, please send an email to Chip Stansfield, our current rush chair, at gte720u@prism.gatech.edu. Although we would appreciate as much information as possible, we at least need their names and contact information.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Franklin S. Chalmers, Jr. '45 (2022 Columbia Rd. N.W., Apt. 401, Washington, DC 20009-1352; frankschalmers@cs.com) Magnolia Lodge, comprised of KA Masons, held a Special Communication during the Kappa Alpha National Convention on Thursday evening, August 9, 2001, in Solomons Lodge No. 1 in Savannah, Georgia. Solomons Lodge, now located in the historic Cotton Exchange Building in downtown Savannah, was founded by General Oglethorpe over two and a half centuries ago. George Washington presided at a meeting of that Lodge during his visit to Savannah in the 1760s. Brother Chalmers, as presiding Master on August 9th, found himself sitting in the very same chair once occupied for the same purpose by George Washington! Only the leather covering had been replaced—even the horse hair padding was the same. He reports it was quite a thrill. You can read more at www.magnolialodge.org.

Charles W. Nelson '66 (1015 Eleonore St., New Orleans, LA 70115-4310; charles.nelson@wsnelson.com) I, my wife Dorothy Duval Nelson (Agnes Scott '69) and our two sons Lee and Hunter returned from a trade and investment mission to Nicaragua in July 2001. We were co-chairs of the mission, sponsored by the World Trade Center of New Orleans.

Joseph T. Putnal III '76 (1625 Cooper Falls Ln., Raleigh, NC 27614-8795; putnals@bellsouth.net) Just got back from Disney World with our 6-year-old son Coalter. Nice to have a “get away” after the recent tragedy on 9/11. Coalter loved Disney. His favorites were Big Thunder Mountain Railroad of Magic Kingdom and Dinosaur at Animal Kingdom. Disney has changed a lot since I was there last in the '70s, but it is still a magical place! Intel bought my company Level One in 1999. It's good to be at Intel during these economic times. I have a great job and am really learning more every day.

Frederick J. Hampton '80 (3311 W. Santiago St., Tampa, FL 33629-7147; spikediver@aol.com) I got married on April 28, 2001, to Paige Cothran of St. Petersburg Beach, FL.

James L. Milhollin '85 (618 West Pine St., Johnson City, GA 37604) James' wife Beth writes: James is finishing his 3rd year of residency, and we will be moving to Maryville, IN, to practice adult medicine. We have 2 boys—Thomas (6) and Sam (2). We are looking forward to settling in Maryville after 6 years of med school and residency. Hope you are doing well. Maybe we will see you at homecoming. Take care.

C. Michael Morris '85 (1212 Chadwick Lake Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30043-7027; morrismc@ortholink.net) Chief of Surgery Gwinnett Medical Center 2001-2003. 2 children: Mallory (4) and Michael (2). Wife: Carol.

William R. Morrison '86 (842 Highland Ter. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30306; w Morrison@carterusa.com) Senior Project Manager for Carter/Turner, overseeing the renovation of Bobby Dodd Stadium and the design and construction of Russ Chandler Stadium at Georgia Tech. My wife Beth gave birth to our first child Sydney Katherine on October 24, 2000.

Richard H. Wylot '87 (2330 Lochmere Way, Kingwood, TX 77345-2123; richard.wylot@solvay.com) I just recently enjoyed my 12-year wedding anniversary with that incredible Phi Mu from West Georgia—Christine. She still gets teary-eyed when she thinks of all my brothers down on one knee singing the Rose Song. What a memory from the wedding. I have two kids now—Elizabeth (5) and Joe (1). Elizabeth gets a new Tech cheerleading uniform every year for football season. Joe is working on “loose ball” drills. My time at Tech was impacted very positively by our fraternity. I'm excited to see that the Alpha Sigma Chapter is doing well, and expect it to strengthen with the wonderful new house.

Reid W. Matthews '91 (5595 Shepherds Pond, Alpharetta, GA 30004-7798; reidmatthews@yahoo.com) Hannah Tyson Matthews was born on April 21, 2001, joining Allison, Amelia, and me in the Matthews house.

Blaine M. Orth '91 (3415 Anderson Rd., Kensington, MD 20895; b_orth@yahoo.com) Obtained PE in 4/01. Currently working in Charleston, SC, performing construction oversight of remedial/environmental project located along Ashley River.

Daniel Horn '97 (3455 Peachtree Rd. N.E., Ste. 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326; letslightthiscandle@hotmail.com, daniel.j.horn@rssmb.com) Entered into production with Salomon Smith Barney as a Financial Consultant in April '01.

We regret to inform you of the death of
Luther Z. Drennon '34, John C. Wheeler '36 (3/27/01),
Herbert H. Hill Jr. '52 (2/6/02),
 and **Murray T. “Buster” Greer '59** (9/11/01).
 Kappa Alpha mourns their passing
 and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Submit your news online!

Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order has a new Web site for our alumni, but we need you to make it a success!

Log on to www.kagatech.com and give us your name and e-mail address. New job? Relocating to Antarctica? New addition to the family? New house? Reunited with brothers after 40 years? Now you can submit your latest happenings online. While you're there, you can also contribute via MasterCard or VISA! (The site is secure, and only your House Corporation and our alumni service will have access to your information.)

Now it's easier than ever 2 stay connected with your fraternity!