

UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming
October 17
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2009 Yellow Jacket Football

Sept. 5: Jacksonville State
Sept. 10: Clemson
Sept. 17: at Miami
Sept. 26: UNC
Oct. 3: at Mississippi State
Oct. 10: at Florida State
Oct. 17: Virginia Tech
Oct. 24: at Virginia
Oct. 31: at Vanderbilt
Nov. 7: Wake Forest
Nov. 14: at Duke
Nov. 28: Georgia

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ALUMNI REPORT

Think About It: In What Ways Might Your Life Be Different if You had Never Joined Kappa Alpha Order?

No matter what year we were initiated into Alpha Sigma, or how active (or not) we may be as alumni, Kappa Alpha Order has undoubtedly played a role in influencing all of our lives.

"So, please take a few minutes to reflect on the ways that Alpha Sigma has had an influence on you; and, perhaps more importantly, the influence that you have on it."

Think about it. In what ways might your life be different today if you had never made the decision to join KA? Would you be married to your current spouse? Have your current job or career path? Even living in the same part of the country (or world)? For many of us, the activities we participated in and decisions we made as active brothers clearly laid the roadmap

for the journey of our lives.

Charles Valentine Jr. '59 recently shared with us that KA has had an immense impact on his life. He said that he learned "respect for others, fairness to others, friendship with others. All important." In fact, he encouraged his nephew **Jim Bahin** to follow in his footsteps to join the Alpha Sigma Chapter, which Jim did in 1990.

So, please take a few minutes to reflect on the ways that Alpha Sigma has had an influence on you; and, perhaps more importantly, the influence that you have on it. As an alumni brother, you are among our fraternity's most valuable assets. Please take advantage of this opportunity to become reconnected with the organization that has played such an important role in your life.

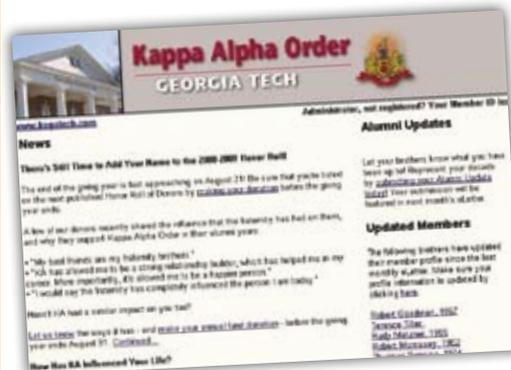
ON THE WEB

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A Record Giving Year!

Thanks to you and the other alumni donors recognized below, we are happy to report that we have surpassed last year's record annual fundraising total by raising \$13,311.50 as of July 7, 2009.

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Knowledge is a Lifelong Gift

One KA Alum, Who Received another BS Degree 50+ Years After Starting College, Proves That You Really Never Stop Learning

Entering Georgia Tech as a freshman more than 50 years ago, **Rudy Matzner '55** took his first steps toward his lifetime of learning. Coming in as a chemical engineering major, Rudy soon changed to what he refers a “more people-oriented field,” industrial engineering.

“Starting as a chemical engineering major, organic chemistry lab and the prospect of a differential equations course after indifferent results in calculus caused me to switch,” Rudy says. Little did he know at the time that down the road, he would be far from intimidated by a few math courses.

Rudy says he chose to become an engineering major to prove his family and friends wrong about their preconceived plans for him.

“Kappa Alpha can provide invaluable assistance in adapting to college and the rest of your life,’ Rudy says. ‘The skills you develop in getting along with your brothers, helping them as they help you, maintaining relationships with real friends throughout your life and carrying out the Ideals of the Order will allow you to successfully live in a world whose future is highly unpredictable.”

“I had decided to study engineering in something of an ‘I’ll show them’ decision because family and friends were sure I would be a journalism or English major,” Rudy says. Having written for his daily local newspaper for a few years as well as having edited his school newspaper, Rudy’s self-proclaimed difficulty in paying attention to detail didn’t make him the ideal prospective engineer. However Rudy proved all of his doubters wrong by graduating in 1955 from Tech with a BIE.

Rudy’s initial plans upon entering school were to join the Air Force ROTC, but fate had a different hand of cards to deal him beginning his very first day on Tech’s

campus. While his roommate was visiting the infirmary on “the Hill,” Rudy received a call from his roommate’s mother asking that he call home immediately. With that urgency, Rudy made his first trip ever up “the Hill” in search of his roommate. Stopping at the very first building he came to, he was given the response he was looking for: they were in fact giving physicals at that location, meaning his roommate was likely inside, but he would have to wait in line.

“As a properly respectful ‘Rat,’ I dutifully stood in line for about 30 minutes to get in the building,” Rudy says. “At the end of the line I was asked to fill out some forms which seemed to want a lot of information just to find my roommate...I realized I was in the Naval ROTC building applying for an enlistment physical.”

That such misguidance while trying to locate his roommate is what led to being accepted into the Naval ROTC and eventually receiving a scholarship from them that would enable him to complete his degree at Georgia Tech. Rudy then went on to spend 25 years in the U.S. Navy, which allowed him to earn a B.S. in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey. But Rudy was far from done enhancing his education. He then obtained an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University by taking after-hours courses and eventually earned an M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California, all while on active duty.

In 1957, Rudy married Joan Davis and they had two children through the course of their marriage. Their son John is a Computer Systems Engineering consultant to the Army Staff at the Pentagon and their daughter Amy is a Physical Therapy practitioner and educator in Columbia, SC. Joan passed away from cancer in 2007, just three months before their 50th wedding anniversary.

All of these previous academic ventures ultimately culminated in Rudy attending the College of Charleston where four years ago, he realized he would have the allotted hours to complete a B.S. math degree, the very subject that derailed his initial major plans at Tech years

ago. Rudy completed the last required course this past spring and graduated cum laudewith “lots of hours to spare.”



Rudy Matzner '55 graduating from the College of Charleston with a B.S. in Math, Cum Laude. He jokes “My old Tech calculus prof would never believe it!”

“It confirms my theory that you can develop unjustified ‘math fright,’ which restrains young students from learning all that they can in the sciences and engineering,” Rudy says. “My experience has been that the more math [courses] I took, the easier it became.”

Rudy was able to accomplish all of these educational goals while utilizing his engineering degree and background in business as an employee in the Navy. He retired as a Commander but still continued to manage private shipyards and work in computer manufacturing and software development.

He notes that his time at Tech and as an active brother in Kappa Alpha Order both acted as learning experiences in themselves.

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Rudy also adds, “And don’t let anyone convince you that you can’t learn all the math you need.”

ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

S. Howard McKinley '60

(1021 Rock Landing, Greensboro, Georgia 30642; hmckinley@plantationcable.net) I retired from Printpack, Inc. after 30 years in sales, marketing and upper management in 1999. Along the way, I served in the Navy Reserve and retired there in 1986 after 26 years. Dorothy Ann and I relocated to Lake Oconee (Reynolds Plantation) and are living out our dream retirement with water, golf, fishing and lots of friends with similar interests. Brother **Tom Moss '58** moved out two years ago and lives around the corner. We're only a little over an hour from Georgia Tech and the Yelllow Jackets. Life is good.

Edward "Larry" Kelly '62

(311 Buncombe St., Raleigh, NC 27609; lkelly@piedmontac.com) I retired after 32 years from Piedmont Air Conditioning after selling our company in 2006. Some say I retired 10 years ago! Karen and I love to travel, particularly on cruises. We also

enjoy going to our Wrightsville Beach house. I enjoy fishing, golf and racquetball, plus getting emails from my KA friends! Our family has been truly blessed and life has been wonderful.

'80s

Clark Jokl '81

(117 Southlake Dr., Eatonton, GA 31024-7006; clark1jokl@yahoo.com) When I saw **Barry Cox**, among others, at the 2008 Homecoming, Barry mentioned that he had a new toy given to him for his recent 50th birthday - a state-of-the-art Barrett Arms 50 Caliber! Wow! Was I salivating, never having shot anything like that before! So, I asked Barry to bring the toy out to my Gray, Ga. 207-acre tree farm for some plinking. On March 18th, Barry flew into the Milledgeville airport with some friends, we loaded up the Expedition, and off to the farm we went. And at \$6 per round, we managed to chew up just under \$300 worth of ammo! What a great day, and so much fun seeing an old pal and fraternity brother.

IN MEMORY

"My father passed away on November 23 after attending my choir performance at UC Berkeley. It was very sudden and unexpected. He died at age 69 of a heart attack/embolism. He will be missed dearly."

Sincerely,
Olivia Fournier

Since publication of our last newsletter we have also learned of the deaths of

- Philip Coates '50**
- Herman MacDonald Jr. '55**
- Robert Nelson '52**
- Jack Beacham '44**

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