

REMEMBER WHEN?

Frank Hodges '51 writes:
"The KA house was only about a year old (1952). Spring Quarter arrived, and we all wanted to head to the beaches, but unlike our "Bulldog" brothers, we had Saturday classes. So we decided to have a "beach party" at the house.

Sand seemed impossible, so we decided that sawdust would do. One of the brothers arranged for a big dump truck load of sawdust to be delivered. With wheelbarrows and pledges, it was put in the living room of the house. It was a great party, with beach umbrellas and all. There were plenty of Northside, North Fulton and Agnes Scott girls in bathing suits. One problem: I am sure that when the 'old' house was torn down to build the current house, there was still sawdust in the cracks and crevices somewhere. We never could get it all out, even with the best pledge class on campus.

Share YOUR best KA memories on the message board at www.kagatech.com.

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ALUMNI COUNCIL REPORT

Alumni Association Volunteers Needed

You Could Help Improve the KA Experience for a Current Officer

By Tyler Gaines '00

Alpha Sigma Alumni Association is currently seeking volunteers looking to get back involved with Kappa Alpha at Georgia Tech. We currently have 10 volunteers (**Jeremy Hammerton '91**, **Mark Tiller '90**, **Trav Carter '77**, myself, **Stephen Moore '01**, **Jacob Dearolph '99**, **Clay Zielinski '01**, **David King '02**, **Chip Stansfield** and **Ward Broom '81**) and are looking to add at least five more by the end of the year. Alumni of any age are welcome to join.

The Alumni Association's focus is twofold. First is to support the current chapter and second to improve alumni networking activities. The Alumni Association meets at the KA house once a month. We are currently working with

the active chapter by mentoring the officers and chairmen. Each volunteer meets with a specific officer and works with them throughout the year. The Alumni Association is also spending time this year to improve the participation at the annual KA golf tournament. Having a large number of Alpha Sigma alumni within close proximity to Georgia Tech provides a great opportunity for a strong and active Alumni Association.

If you have an interest in getting involved with the Alpha Sigma Alumni Association please contact me at 770-480-1415 or tylergaines@gmail.com.

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Add your name to our Honor Roll!

There are three ways to make a
contribution to the annual fund:

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- By calling 800-975-6699.
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ALUMNI REUNIONS

Alpha Sigmas Cheer On the Jackets to Victory in Tampa

Thanks to **Jim Elliott '76** for submitting the following...

A large group of Alpha Sigma alumni from the '70s and '80s gathered in Tampa last December to watch the Yellow Jackets defeat the Clemson Tigers for the 2009 ACC championship. Featured in the photo is Bonnie Pitman Giglio, KA Rose from 1975-76.

Share YOUR KA reunion pictures at www.kagatech.com!



“Giving Back Helps Ensure Others Benefit from the Same Organization that Gave Me So Much.”

Matt Roughen '96 Shares His KA Experience

Matt Roughen '96 remembers his days living at the KA house and tells of his experience as an alumnus. The friendships he made during his years as a KA brother are what made his experience worthwhile. Matt continues to donate to the fraternity and has become an active alumnus throughout the chapter.

Why did you decide to join a fraternity? Why did you choose KA?

I chose KA simply because of the people I met through rush. Not having any family members in a fraternity or sorority, I didn't know much about the fraternity system, but I knew I had fun with everyone I met, and that was enough for me.

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How did your KA membership change your college years, and how does it continue to influence your life today?

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What are a few of your favorite memories from KA?

Some are the Red-Light Ball, Pledge Retreats, and Home Football games/band parties. Also,

the Tylerpalooza Christmas Party or anytime a pledge accepted a bid.

Why would you recommend others to join KA?

I think one of the best things about joining any fraternity is the amount of experience and advice the older brothers can provide. Entering college is a daunting task; having people who have been there a few years to help “show you the ropes” is invaluable. The older brothers at KA helped me adjust to college life. The bonus you get with KA is the history, the lessons and the camaraderie.

What was your involvement like during your college years with KA?

I was always heavily involved in Rush, culminating in being Rush Chairman in 1999.

Why do you make financial contributions as an alumnus? Why would you encourage others to do the same?

Giving back helps ensure others benefit from the same organization that gave me so much. I owe a lot to KA. KA definitely helped me through college, and my closest friends are other KA brothers I met while at GA Tech.

What year did you pledge and what did you study while at college?

I pledged in fall 1996 and have a B.S. in Industrial & Systems Engineering

What is your occupation now? Can you tell us about your family? Is there anything else new in your life?

I am currently employed at BlueLinx Corporation, where I've worked for about 8.5 yrs. I am a National Account Executive where I manage our Lowe's account. I married my wife, Meg, in March of 2008.

Do you still keep in touch with other brothers? Who? Would you like to be in contact with anyone?

I still keep in touch with a lot of brothers. Too many to list.

Reconnect with Matt at mroughen@hotmail.com.



A Little More About Our Alumni President...

*Thanks to Alpha Sigma Alumni Council President **Jeremy Hammerton '91** for taking a few moments to answer the following questions...*

What is the funniest memory from your KA days?

Way too many to narrow to just one, but many of them are not fit for print. All of the good times enjoyed with brothers and girlfriends were each unique but as a whole made for an experience I will never forget.

How do you stay connected with KA in your alumni years?

I have remained heavily involved with the Housing Corporation and Alumni Council, partly out of sense of duty, partly out of proximity (I still live close to campus), and mostly out of a desire to see Alpha Sigma be the best that it can be and to make it better for those who follow us.

What's new in your life today?

My wife Valerie (UF ADPi - 1991) and I celebrated the birth of our second child back

in March. Anna Katherine Hammerton was born at Piedmont Hospital on March 12, 2010. She joins her brother Henry in our home. They both made an appearance at Homecoming last week and got their first taste of tailgating. We enjoyed seeing everyone at the house before the game and look forward to that tradition for years to come.

Reconnect with Jeremy at JHammerton@batsoncookdev.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

Frank Hodges '51

(1110 Shamrock Dr., Dublin, GA 31021; jfhodg@yahoo.com) My wife and I enjoyed having BBQ with you at homecoming this year. My best memory is of the "beach party" in the old chapter house (torn down to build the current house). [Ed Note: Read this story on page 1 of this newsletter]. I think that any alumnus of the early '50s would like the story. Keep up the good work.

'80s

Brad Greene '84

(1318 De Soto Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010; bradley.greene@yahoo.com) The Greene family has moved to California! Colette received a promotion with her company (Genentech), which required us to leave Atlanta and relocate to the San Fran Bay area. We are enjoying the area, and our daughter (Maddie, 8 years old) likes her new school and making new friends. I have joined Visa

as Sr. Business Leader of the mobile group. Please visit us if your travels bring you to San Francisco.

Brady Sterchi '85

(1758 Penn Ct., Naperville, IL 60565; sterchib@vmcmail.com) Still here in Chicago. Son Scott is now at University of Kentucky. He is studying Architecture. Rachel enjoys the freedom of not having her brother around. Angela is now a nurse at a pediatric office.

Stephen Turner '87

(429 Harding Rd., Kingsport, TN 37663; tnturners@yahoo.com) After 12 years as a process control engineer, in 2008 I took a promotion to lead the Reliability department at the Kingsport, TN location of Domtar Paper Company, the largest paper company in North America.

'90s

Sewell Avant '98

(75 Park Circle NE, Atlanta, GA 30305; sewell.avant@gmail.com) My wife, Emily, and

I just had our first baby. Richard Sewell Avant was born October 21, 2010. Mom and baby are doing well. To Hell with Georgia.

'00s

Stephen Moore '01

(4155 Shawnee Lane, Atlanta, GA 30319; moorestephenw@gmail.com) I started PRESS Dry Cleaning in December of 2009. We specialize in providing delivery dry cleaning and wash and fold laundry service to the metro Atlanta area. We decided to create PRESS Dry Cleaning because Atlanta lacked a truly high quality delivery dry service that focuses on serving offices and condos. Our analysis of the market Atlanta was spot-on, and growth has been strong and steady over the last six months. Feel free to reach out to me if you are interested in our services - I would be more than happy to extend special discounts to any KA alum.

Share your news and read that of other brothers at www.kagatech.com in the Alumni Updates section!

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