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IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers:

Clifton Philpot Jr. '49
Richard Tannehill '49
John M. Allen Jr. '50
Walter Hubbard '54
Charles Cook '55
Robert Taylor '56

The Alpha Sigma Chapter mourns their passing, and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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ALUMNI REPORT

Alpha Sigma Chapter is Moving in the Right Direction

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I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It has been a good year for the Alpha Sigma Chapter. Last summer, through your generosity, we were able to replace several pieces of kitchen equipment and began cooking meals in our kitchen again. **Tyler Gaines '04** coordinated purchasing a new icemaker and freezer. **Trav Carter '80** coordinated a complete professional cleaning at the beginning of the summer. It is truly amazing how dirty a fraternity kitchen can get after ten years of service! This fall we contracted with a professional property management company to assist the board in making inspections and documenting necessary repairs. This has helped in keeping the active chapter accountable for incidents of damage. The board has also improved our routine service contracts with HVAC and fire safety vendors. Raising the level of cleanliness around the house is a priority of the board, and I welcome all alumni to feel free to come by the house if you find yourself in midtown. We want to hear your feedback (good and not so good) so we can stay on top of continued improvements.

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Fall rush went very well this year, and the chapter was able to recruit 11 new members (find their names on page 2). I would like to point out that this number is lower than years past, but I understand that for whatever reason numbers were down across campus. We are encouraging

the chapter to put additional focus on spring rush. I have noticed the number of recommendations have lessened in the last few years. I am also aware that the chapter has not done as good of a job as it could and should do in this regard. The board is looking at having a national representative conduct a rush seminar to ensure the chapter places greater attention to this very important process. We also appreciate continued recommendations from you, our alumni, on recruiting the next generations of KA brothers.

This newsletter is being published just one month after Homecoming, and I hope many of our number were able to attend one of the most exciting games I've seen on the Flats. Our understanding prior to Homecoming was that the chapter was going to have music prior to the game. We didn't realize the music was going to be a full band and that they had planned the party with another chapter at Clemson. I understand it may have been a little overwhelming to walk up to the KA Mansion and see the yard filled with orange. We will make sure that isn't the case next year.

The chapter will be holding elections in early December. We are in the process of making a calendar of Alumni Meetings for the spring, and welcome anyone who has an interest. We could use the help. December's eLetter will contain a schedule of upcoming meetings, so make sure we have your email address on file. Even if you are not sure you can commit to a larger role, we would like to have more alumni brothers at the meetings. Eventually we intend to have an alumni brother to mentor each officer. Our thinking is that this mentorship will help each officer with the transition process and promote greater continuity without overtaxing any single alumni board member.

Kappa Alpha has been engaged in a contract with Omega Financial (www.omegafi.com) for the past few years. Omega is a financial service

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FALL PLEDGE LIST

Welcome To Our Newest Brothers

The Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha initiated 11 new members in the Fall of 2011! Our newest brothers are:

Mike Crawford

Atlanta, GA - Business Administration

Alex Eaker

Annapolis, MD - Mechanical Engineering

Taylor Withers

Albany, GA - Civil Engineering

Mills Culver

St. Simons Island, GA - Business Administration

Tanner Karr

Dalton, GA - Aerospace Engineering

Will Walker

Elberton, GA - Industrial Engineering

Nathan Walters

Elberton, GA - Aerospace Engineering

Ashton Collins

Memphis, TN - Industrial Engineering

Clifford Tribble

Carrollton, GA - Electrical Engineering

Nick Flint

Canton, GA - Business Administration

David McCandless

Chattanooga, TN - Chemical Engineering

IN THE WORDS OF OUR BROTHERS...

What is Your Fondest KA Memory?

"Band parties and Intramurals."

- **Joseph Walter '91**

The bond for life I developed with brothers."

- **Gregg Griffin '79**

"Having a place to call home while on campus. I always thought of my fellow brothers as brothers - good people to hang around with and a place to go that was yours."

- **Larry Whitworth '67**

"Old South Weekend (Parade, Ball, etc.)."

- **Emmett Yokley '61**

"The fellowship of the brothers."

- **Clinton Hunter '57**

"Leadership positions and social events."

- **Stuart Johnston '04**

Share your fondest memories of KA on the message board at www.kagatech.com.

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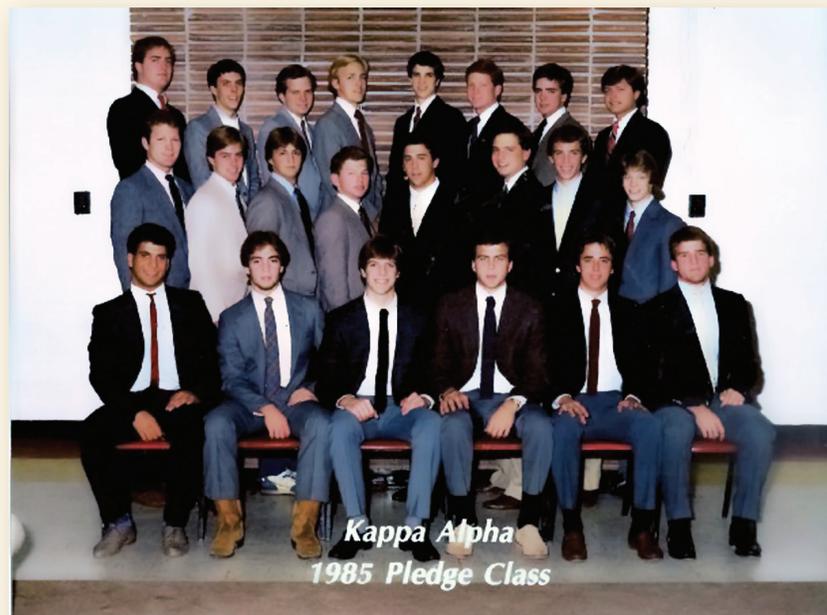
that contracts with Greek organizations to provide a web based platform for collecting bills. Things have come a long way since I used to drop checks in an envelope hanging outside Milton Heard's door. We also are looking for an accountant with whom we can contract to mentor the treasurer next year. If you are interested, or know of an accountant who might be willing to meet monthly with our No. VI for a reasonable fee, please let us know.

I am encouraged that the chapter is moving in the right direction. The Board has made great strides in the past year getting the chapter house's systems in top shape and ensuring that maintenance issues are addressed immediately.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Thanks to **Joe Walter '91** for sharing this great photo on our Facebook page. He writes "[This is the] Kappa Alpha Order Pledge Class photo (the one I could post on FB). I've still got the other one we took, but I don't think my little cousins (on FB) should see it."

Share the best pictures from YOUR era at www.kagatech.com or at www.facebook.com/kagatech.



Clint Newton '45, Charter Member of KA Alumni Council, Leads a Life of Service

Clinton (Clint) Newton '45 has led a full life in his 83 years. His most cherished and lasting memories always refer to being of service to others, a legacy that began at the Alpha Sigma Chapter. A family friend recommended Clint to the KAs. Clint liked what he saw, pledged and was initiated in April 1945.

"I was from a small town and didn't really know much about fraternities, but I really liked the guys [at KA] whom I met and hung out with at parties. They were all really great guys," Clint said.

He went on to graduate with the class of 1949. Originally scheduled to sit with the class of '48, like so many other young men at that time, his academic career was interrupted by World War II.

"I joined the Navy aviation program in 1945, and one week later Japan surrendered," he says.

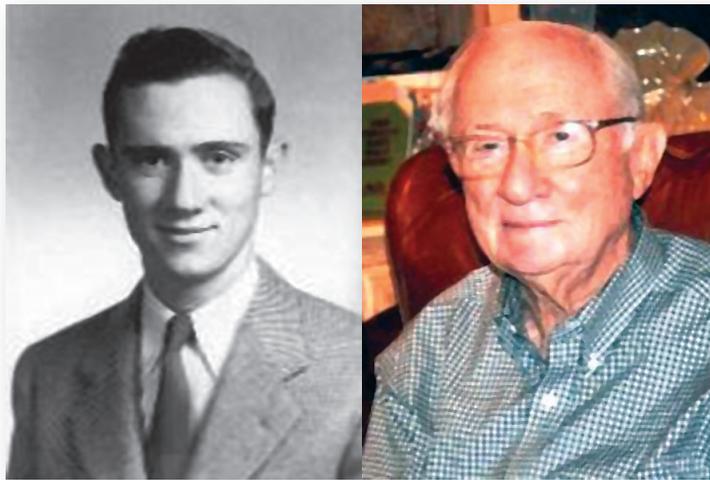
However, he served in active duty for another three and a half years as part of the Airborne Early Warning System reading radars aboard Navy PB1W planes, the cutting edge of technology at the time. After his tour was finished, he was greeted with a warm reception from his brothers at the house.

"Most of the guys at KA were returning veterans," he says, reinforcing the added camaraderie of the brothers during wartime.

In 1951, Clint rejoined the Navy for the Korean War and later served in the Reserves in Atlanta, eventually being promoted to Commander before retiring after 20 years of service.

Passing On a Legacy of Service

In 1972, KA National saw a need for an Advisory Council for Alpha Sigma. At that time, KA had its headquarters in Atlanta. The Council (later changed to the Alpha Sigma Alumni Council) was started with Clint, **Bobby Austin '43**, **Jack Alexander '45**, **Dan McNeil '43**, **Bob Rice '46** and **John Ford '49**. Clint served on the Council for more than 20 years, and proudly watched the committee and brotherhood grow and



Clint Newton '45 at ages 17 (left) and 83.

strengthen around him.

"I had fond memories of my time at Georgia Tech," he asserts. "Once I got involved, it was interesting enough and I saw a need there, so I just did what I could to help."

He and Jack Alexander were some of the staunchest supporters of the chapter, and both served as alumni advisors for over 15 years.

Clint's contributions to the chapter culminated into receiving the highest honor bestowed upon any brother, the Knight Commander's Accolade, in 1991. He was also inducted into the Hardeman Province Court of Honor in 1994, in recognition of his service to the fraternity.

Clint expands his motto of service to organizations outside of KA as well. After the death of his wife, Pat, he moved to Franklin, Tenn. to be near his two daughters Kim and Karen (notice that Karen starts with "KA") and two grandchildren. But before moving, he also served on the Kiwanis Club and the Optimist Club in Atlanta, both dedicated to helping young people.

His passion for helping others also formed a lasting impression on his children. His daughter Karen and her husband Steve, who have an autistic son, started and ran the Autism Foundation of Tennessee, which is now one of the largest autism centers in the center of the state. The foundation currently employs 25 therapists to work with its 70 enrolled children.

As far as his daughter is concerned, Clint notes, "she's done real well."

The Game of Bridge Reconnects Brothers in Their Alumni Years

In addition to a lifetime of service and his many lasting friendships with brothers, KA also introduced Clint to another life-long affair, bridge. In college, however, he claims he was not the card shark that he is today.

"I didn't have a clue what bridge was," Clint said. "But I watched [my brothers] play, started playing, and have played through the years since. It gives

me a good thing to pass the time and, theoretically, keeps my mind sharp."

After reconnecting at KA's 25th anniversary party, Clint met with three brothers – Paul Crawford '48, Dan McNeil '43 and Bob Rice '46 (the same guys who taught him to play all those years earlier) – and their wives once a month to play the popular card game that he learned back in school. And although Clint doesn't play bridge with them anymore, he makes it a point to keep in touch with them all.

He also makes it a point to stay in touch with **Walton Carver** of Valdosta, GA, his best friend from KA. When asked how long they have been friends, he laughed.

"We've been friends for a long time...I graduated in 1948. You do the math."

With Clint Newton's various contributions and accolades, his lasting legacy is a model for present and future KAs. His life of service to his family, community, fraternity and country are living on through his good works and his daughters. We thank and recognize Clint for exemplifying the KA spirit and enthusiasm not just for his college years, but for a lifetime.

Clint has had several health issues through the years, but is currently doing well at age 83. He lives in a condo in a senior living community. Brothers can reconnect with him at 7102 Sunrise Circle, Franklin, TN 37067, 615-591-1100 or clintn27@bellsouth.net. Read more of Clint's bio, including more about his military service, at www.kagatech.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Bill Chastain '76

(3916 W. Sevilla St., Tampa, FL 33629; billchastain@tampabay.rr.com) I have written a novel, *Peachtree Corvette Club*, which will be released by Stanley Publishing this month. The story takes place at the KA house at Georgia Tech in the fall of 1977. I currently work for MLB.com, covering the American League's Tampa Bay Rays.

Joseph Walter '86

(15895 Concord St., Zebulon, GA 30295; walt6821@bellsouth.net) We are still in Zebulon, Ga. in our old house and are very active soccer parents. I am coaching two teams and having a blast. I am still traveling the state with PPI helping communities find funds to develop infrastructure and buildings.

W. Coley Herrin '89

(3632 Ivy Ridge Ct., Buford, GA 30519; cherrin@plumbingdistributors.com) On January 20, 2011, I was named President and C.O.O. of Plumbing Distributors, Inc (PDI).

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HOMECOMING 2011



Photos from this year's Homecoming celebration at the KA Mansion are now posted online! Check them out at www.kagatech.com or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kagatech. If you have pictures to share from Homecoming or another

game this season, please upload them to one of these pages.

In this photo: Lifelong friends come together at Homecoming; from left to right Scott "Scrape" Patman, Mark Tiller, and Eddie "Chicken Hawk" Wilson.

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