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ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Sigma Expands as High-Caliber Men Recruited During Early Rush

By David McCandles, Alumni Relations Chair, Alpha Sigma of Kappa Alpha Order

Alpha Sigma got an early jumpstart to this year's rush season. With numerous brothers living locally, the active chapter had the opportunity to start recruitment over the summer with some informal activities. Last year, this approach proved very effective, as we recruited a pledge class of 18 men. Last year's pledge class—described as close-knit, smart and motivated—really changed our chapter. Most of these men are local and so we benefitted from parental involvement. Plus, they excelled at intramurals and are active in their community and on campus. Last year's pledge class made strides in taking real ownership in the chapter.

This year, we have once again proven ourselves to be avid recruiters with an intense focus on quality of character. We'd like to welcome the following 2013 Fall Pledge Class to Alpha Sigma:

Stephen Snyder (Macon, Ga.) Mechanical Engineering
Bennett Humphries (Macon, Ga.) Mechanical Engineering
Noble Harris (Macon, Ga.) Civil Engineering
Hall Neel (Macon, Ga.) Undeclared Engineering
Eric Flint (Canton, Ga.) Material Sci and Engin

Will Rassmussen (Atlanta, Ga.) Industrial Engineering
Guy Fulwiler (Atlanta, Ga.) Computer Science
John Cox (Flowery Branch, Ga.) Civil Engineering
Will Broms (Atlanta, Ga.) Industrial Engineering
Shane Laufer (Houston, Tx.) Biomedical Engineering
Kyler Allen (Atlanta, Ga.) Business
David Adams (Kennesaw, Ga.) Business
James Sanders (Atlanta, Ga.) Chemical Engineering
Joey Riordan (Virginia Beach, Va.) Aerospace Engineering
Tyler Christian (Kingsport, Tenn.) Biomedical Engineering
Collin Humphries (Macon, Ga.) Industrial Engineering
Reid Love (Atlanta, Ga.) Biomedical Engineering

Rush is always an exciting time for the chapter. The brothers particularly enjoyed Run for the Roses, which took place after rush. On Run for the Roses, all the new pledges in sororities run from house to house in sundresses, singing to the fraternity pledges and being sung to in return. Our Alpha Sigma guys gave out lots of roses to the ladies.

The chapter has enjoyed numerous philanthropy events this fall, participating in sorority philanthropy events on campus, outreach volunteering in Atlanta, and focusing on MDA fundraisers. This fall every brother has contributed at least 10 hours of community service.



Early recruitment efforts are paying off for Alpha Sigma

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Productive Summer Showcases Undergrad Work Ethic and Pride

It's been an exciting summer for Alpha Sigma! Work Week has proven to be one of the most successful the Alpha Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha has seen in recent years. Current house manager **Will Walker '11** led the week with many improvements including everything from replacing missing ceiling tiles to mulching the entire 5th Street side of the front yard.

Work Week was held August 12-15 and included more than 22 renovations to both the inside and outside of the house. Some of the more notable improvements included the downstairs floors stripped and refinished, a large grill being purchased for the front porch, everything both inside and outside repainted, as well as the steaming of the carpets in the Alumni and Study Room. The current brothers are extremely pleased with the renovations and invite all alumni to come see how wonderful the house is looking.

Young Alum's Growing Appreciation of KA

David Melton '03 was initiated into Alpha Sigma nearly a decade ago. Now, as a husband and father of two, he reflects on the contribution KA made—as the moral compass for this modern gentleman.

“My five years in KA at Georgia Tech was nothing short of life altering. Not only did I build lasting friendships and great memories, but it was there that I first heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and believed. I came to college with zero direction for my life and I left with an eternal perspective. I am thankful for the men in KA who took the time to share this with me despite my general unwillingness to listen.

For the past five years, I have worked for a college ministry at the University of Georgia. I have maintained close ties with KA through my involvement with the Gamma chapter. I've had the privilege of leading a bible study, playing intramural sports, and going to chapter with those men for the last few years. I wouldn't trade the conversations about life, God's word, and their beliefs for anything.

When I took my bid with KA in '02, I never thought I would still be going to chapter 10 years later! Hopefully, this time has impacted a few. I know it has impacted me.”

YOUNG ALUMNI LEADERS

Today's Greeks, Tomorrow's Leaders

Tribble's Bobbins: One Brother's Mechanical Engineering Project
Clifford Tribble '11 recently landed a mechanical engineering co-op with Southwire Company.

He writes: During the Spring 2013 semester, I have been responsible for the mechanical assembly, redesign, and commissioning of three new wire drawing machines. These machines take large continuous aluminum rod coils and draw (stretch) the rod into small wire, which then goes through a softening process before being automatically wrapped onto large steel drums called bobbins. This multimillion dollar project has daily necessitated the use of leadership, decision making, and organizational skills that were fostered through my time as Philanthropy Chair at Alpha Sigma.

I was raised working on our family cattle farm in Georgia, and learned the value of hard work and chivalry at an early age. As hard times later hit during the recession, this work ethic proved vital as I financially contributed to my family and worked my way up as Assistant Manager on a local horse, hay, and cattle farm. Upon arrival at Georgia Tech, I found the same values instilled in the brothers of the Kappa Alpha Order.

LeBlanc '10 Ventures into the Lost World

Taylor LeBlanc '10 embarked on a summer-long mission trip to South Africa. LeBlanc, a business major graduating in 2014, spent eight weeks in South Africa with Campus Outreach, a campus ministry whose vision is “glorifying God by building laborers on the college campus for the lost world.” LeBlanc was a campus ministry staff member for the summer. Taylor (second from left) is pictured with two other Campus Outreach counterparts and some of the guys whom they reached out to in their assigned residential hall.



Austin Dodson hopes to work at BMW after graduation.

German Engineering From Down South

Pledge trainer and vice president **Austin Dodson '10** was honored to intern for BMW last semester. Dodson says of his internship: “My project this last term was to update the engine line with new tools and fixtures to assure that the new X5 (with seven new engine variants) was able to be made. For my final term in Germany, I will be working for the same Planning Department but the German equivalent that does the original planning.”

Austin, pictured above with some other interns and co-op students for BMW Spartanburg, hopes to work full-time for BMW after graduating with an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering. Pictured behind Dodson is the brand new X5 that hasn't even come out in America yet.



Brother LaBlanc went on a mission trip to Africa

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Last week brothers served at an MDA Gala fundraiser in Buckhead that included silent auctions and various other money-raising activities. Over 600 people came to this black tie event where brothers served on the check-in team, spotting for the silent auction and ushering. We also came the day before the event to help unload supplies and set up.

The brothers of Kappa Alpha really encourage each other with our studies here at Georgia

Tech and currently hold a chapter GPA of 3.1. Seniority in the chapter, who chooses their room first, is based off of a formula that heavily involves GPA. This is an excellent method because, as our chapter swells, getting into the house becomes competitive.

We hope to see you at the Chapter House this fall!

Alpha Sigma brothers participated in Tech's campus-wide volunteer weekend, Team Buzz.



ALUMNI UPDATE

Albert "Al" Holt '57

(1875 Burley Road, Annapolis, MD 21409; al@holtmarinesystems.com) I am a contractor working as a technical advisor in the Major Program Support Office in the Department of Defense. My wife (Edith) and I live in Annapolis, Md., where we enjoy sailboat racing and visits from our three children and many grandchildren.

Ben E. Lilly '58

(1875 Crescent Drive, Hiawassee, GA 30546-1643; belilly@ccim.net) Last year, Brother Ty Robin '58 and I were honored to serve as co-chairs of the Class of 1961 Georgia Tech 50th Class Reunion. Thanks to a very generous group of alumni making gifts, we were in the right place at the right time in order to break the record for class giving at the nearly \$26 million level.

Several of us Alpha Sigmas of the 1950s - 1960s era gather bi-monthly at the OK Cafe for a good lunch, good time, fellowship and storytelling (a/k/a lies). Long time, still teaching, Tech Nuclear Physics professor Weston "Bill" Stacy, still sporting his Old South beard, is a regular attendee along with his classmate Tom Gurley who coordinates our get-togethers.

Robert "Bob" Goodman '63

(311 14th Street #2, Atlanta, GA 30318; bob@bobgoodmanpe.com) I have not retired yet but can tell the body is beginning to rattle a little. Still designing buildings in Atlanta, and next week I get to fly in the world's largest air show in Oshkosh, Wi. Visit our website (www.teamrv.us) and come see us have fun.

Robert "Bob" Fenet '66

(990 Stanford Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; bobfenet@gmail.com) Sally and I still

reside in Baton Rouge. Our daughter, Lydia, will be giving us our first grandchild sometime around the end of October. I have one question: where is Mike Wyzga?

Hobart "Bart" Everett '69

(8309 Ridge Route Rd., San Diego, CA 92120-1736; everett@nosc.mil) I am currently Technical Director for Robotics at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific in San Diego, CA; I also just completed six years of intensive research for my latest book, "Unmanned Systems of World Wars I & II," and am currently shopping around for a publisher. (www.barteverett.com)

Don Smiley '70

(655 Main St # 101, Edmonds, WA 98020-3059; dkmsmiley@yahoo.com) I retired from BP in 2009 and moved from Alaska to Edmonds, Wash., in 2010 to be near my two grandkids.

Harry Smiley '70

(188 Pledge Pt., Ten Mile, TN 37880-5215; hssmiley@gmail.com) I became a grandfather. Robert Houston Smiley was born June 13, 2012, to Benjamin Houston Smiley and Audra Marie Hensley, in Knoxville, Tenn.

Alan Bomar '81

(5 Somerset Ct., Williamsburg, VA 23188-1539) If you want evidence that Kappa Alpha order builds leaders, I offer to you that the Head of the GA Tech Hampton Roads Chapter of the Alumni Association is lead by a KA, Jan Gripp. Jan has set up a great fun program for GA Tech Alumni and his activities drew me in to volunteer. This led to realizing our common background. So I encourage anyone in the Hampton Roads area to come join some KAs in the local GA Tech club.

Charles "Chuck" Haley '81

(PO Box 4250, Eatonton, GA 31024; chaley@tpbeatonton.com) My son, Wil Haley, has carried on the KA tradition at Georgia Southern University. He is currently #1 of Delta Theta Chapter.

Joseph "Kelly" McCutchen '86

(380 Robin Hood Drive NE, Atlanta, GA 30309; kmccutchen@georgiapolicy.org) I joined up with another Georgia Tech alum, Ross Mason, and several other Georgia leaders in founding the Georgia Warrior Alliance. Its mission is to make Georgia the national leader in programs supporting military veterans and their families. You can read more at <http://georgiawarrioralliance.org>.

Michael Hopkins '87

(1650 Anita Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30306; mikehopkins@coca-cola.com) In June, I completed 25 years associated with Coca-Cola. For the past four years I have been working on the Coca-Cola Freestyle machine project. The Freestyle machine gives consumers 125+ choices that include 60+ diet choices. We now have over 5000 machines out in the market across the U.S. My next challenge is to introduce them into Canada, Japan and Europe.

David Melton '03

(101 E. Lakeshore Dr., Dalton, GA 30720; dvance.melton@gmail.com) I graduated from Georgia Tech in May 2007 with a B.S. in Building Construction. I married my beautiful wife, Jenny, in October of that year and we now have two sons: Cade is two years old and Vance is two weeks old. My family is a joy and blessing that I certainly don't deserve!

LEGACY PROFILE

Steve Riordan '84 Watches as Son Walks in His Father's Shoes

Two Men Journey Through Similar Experiences: GA Tech, Navy ROTC and Kappa Alpha Order

Steve was raised in Stone Mountain, Georgia. In the summer of 1983, Steve attended the Naval Science Institute in Newport, R.I., for eight weeks for naval and military instruction, and upon arrival at the Georgia Institute of Technology and its Navy ROTC unit in the fall of 1983, he was designated a 2nd Class Midshipman. In the summer of 1983, he attended the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order and was initiated in early 1984. Steve moved into the KA house in August 1984 and lived there until December 1985. During

this time, Steve balanced the requirements of being a KA brother, with duties associated with being a Navy ROTC midshipman, the academic rigors of the Industrial Management curriculum, as well as working part-time as a student employee for the GT housing office.

In December 1985, Steve was commissioned through the NROTC program and earned a BS in Industrial Management. During his 21 year long career, Steve served on the USS PENSACOLA, USS YORKTOWN and the USS THOMAS S. GATES. In June of

2000, he reported to the USS HALYBURTON (FFG 40) as the Executive Officer, where he engaged in counter-narcotic operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. In July 2001, he transferred to Commander, Carrier Group Five (CCG5), embarked USS KITTY HAWK homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. After September 11th, 2001, he deployed to the Arabian Sea in Operation Enduring Freedom.

See Steve's complete profile online at www.kagatech.com to read how Steve's son Joey is following in his path.

COMMUNICATIONS

Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for More Than Half of our Members

We need your help! More than half of our alumni brothers are missing from our list of email addresses, which means that they aren't receiving our monthly eletters or other electronic communications. Please help us to reach our brothers more frequently and cost-effectively by reviewing our lost email list at www.kagatech.com or by forwarding any email addresses of alumni to content@affinityconnection.com. Rest assured that our database is used solely for chapter communications.

The more email addresses we have, the more money we can save on paper and postage to keep you in the loop throughout the year. Thanks for helping us to stay connected!

These Alpha Sigma Gents are Missing Out!

*Donald Nichols '59
Jeffrey Barnes '65
Chris Abbott '71
Albert Pearce '73
Flin Coleman '93
Jonathan Schroer '00*

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