

## Upcoming Events

### Homecoming

October 22 vs. Arkansas

### Cocktail Party

Thursday, November 10  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse at Lenox  
Square Mall

3393 Peachtree Road, N.E.,  
Atlanta

(404) 442-8893  
Hors d'oeuvres provided.

Cash bar.

Valet available in front.

**See you there! ■**

## Congratulations to Our Gamma Brothers

Well done to our brothers who brought home:

- 1) Academic Excellence Award — This is measured by GPA as it compares to other KA chapters and the Greek average at UGA.
- 2) The Ammen Award — This honor recognizes them as one of the top chapters in the country.
- 3) 100% bid acceptance for Fall 2005 rush – 33 new pledges.
- 4) Several Presidential Scholars as well as inductees into the Order of Omega.

They have done a great job and should be commended for their efforts! For more details and photos, please turn to pages 2 and 3. ■



And once again, Mark Cross is named National Alumni Advisor of the Year for the entire Kappa Alpha Order!

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# Between the Columns

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## Alumni

# Profile

Judge Irwin W. Stolz '51

## A U.S. National Champion at 75 ... and Holding

What is his secret? At age 75, Judge Irwin Stolz is the oldest member of the Athens Swim Club and the holder of 35 state Masters swimming records. Olympic gold medalist Alexander Popov may have said it best: "The water is your friend ... you don't have to fight with water, just share the same spirit as the water, and it will help you move."

In August 2004, at the National Masters Championship held in Savannah, Stolz won the 400- and 1500-meter freestyle events for the 75-79 age group. His 1500-meter time was the fastest in his age group across the country for 2004, entitling him to All-American status as a U.S. Masters swimmer.

"I realized at an early age that I could swim very well," Stolz said. "I was on the swim team in high school and at Washington and Lee." However, in the summer between his freshman and sophomore years, he suffered an automobile accident, which delayed his return to school. With some encouragement from his uncles — UGA graduates and KA alums — he was eventually headed to Athens. He became a key member of Georgia's first SEC championship team 1951.

Aside from his success in swimming at UGA, Stolz was fortunate to experience a rich family history at KA. His uncle **Alexis A. Marshall** was No. 1 in the early '20s. Other family connections to KA at UGA include brother **Hal '53** as well as sons **Irwin III '79** (No. 1) and **Robert '82** and nephews **Hal Jr. '80** and **Edward '82**. Stepson Wiley Wasden was a KA at the University of the South.

Expanding his swimming expertise beyond individual performance and into coaching, Stolz joined the YMCA staff as an instructor. He also served as an assistant student coach at UGA. In 1952, during the Korean War, Stolz was drafted into the Army where he became part of the 82nd Airborne Division in Ft. Bragg, N.C. Here, he coached the Third Army Division's swim team to the All-Army Championship with one team member breaking the 100-meter breaststroke record.

Returning to civilian life in 1955, Stolz continued in his pursuit to obtain a law degree. He completed his degree from Emory University and began practicing as a county attorney in Lafayette, Ga., in 1958. For 14 years, he helped fellow partners manage a very successful practice. One of these partners was UGA alum Norman Fletcher who recently retired as the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court.

In 1969, Stolz was elected to serve as president of the State Bar of Georgia. And only three years later, he was appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals by Governor Jimmy Carter. In 1977, he joined the law firm of Gambrell and Stolz in Atlanta. "David Gambrell is a former U.S. Senator, former president of the State Bar and one of the finest people I have ever known," Stolz admitted. They were in practice together for 20 years.

The year 1977 also marked the year that Stolz married the former Mary Bell Harrison of Savannah — the daughter of Superior Court Judge Dunbar Harrison. "Between us," Stolz said, "Mary Bell and I have seven children and eight grandchildren. All of our children are happy and successful. We are fortunate and very blessed."

Today, the Irwin and Mary Bell Stolz live in Athens. And five days a week, one can find Judge Stolz getting in some laps at the UGA swimming facility. But even through busy days of life as an attorney, swimmer, husband, father and mentor, he has stayed in touch with many KA brothers such as **Tommy Bentley '49**, a former No. 1, fellow attorney and very good friend who passed away last year. Others include **William Washington "Wash" Larsen '48**, **John Mobley '48**, **Dave Ebersole '49** (deceased), **Hal Morris '50**, **Tom Cousins '49**, **Charlie Sligh '52** (deceased) and **Terry Wingfield '48**. Brothers can reach Judge Stolz at [istolz@athens.net](mailto:istolz@athens.net). ■



Judge Irwin "Yutch" Stolz with wife, Mary Bell.

# New Recruits

## 2005 Pledge Class ... by Geography

Athens, Ga.  
Beau Gilmore  
Nicholas Pylant

Augusta, Ga.  
BB Brandenbrug  
John Freeman  
Thomas Freeman

Camilla, Ga.  
Jamie Shira

Columbus, Ga.  
Clifton Fay  
Daniel Parker

Eatonton, Ga.  
Ben Thompson

Greenville, Ga.  
Danny Flynn

Macon, Ga.  
Watson Argo  
Rob Forrester  
Chase Hopkins  
Taylor McClendon  
Chase Ruffin  
Benjamin Smisson

Perry, Ga.  
Jeff Roeder

Rome, Ga.  
Ford Knight  
Barton Lowrey  
Patrick McShane  
Will Waters

St. Simon's Island, Ga.  
Billy Morgan

Thomson, Ga.  
Bob Wilson

Tifton, Ga.  
Charlie Baldwin

Waycross, Ga.  
Chad Paulk

North Carolina  
William Hodges — Charlotte  
Brooks Pierce — Greensboro  
Stephen Taylor — Greensboro

South Carolina  
Butler Evers — Chapin  
John McCants — Charleston  
Jordhan Rives — High Point

Texas  
Scott Graham — Dallas

Virginia  
Robert O'Connell — McLean ■



## 2005 Dawgs Football Schedule

10/8	Tennessee
10/15	Vanderbilt
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Arkansas*</b>
10/29	Florida
<b>11/12</b>	<b>Auburn</b>
<b>11/19</b>	<b>Kentucky</b> <b>(Senior Day)</b>
11/26	Georgia Tech

\*Homecoming  
Home games in bold

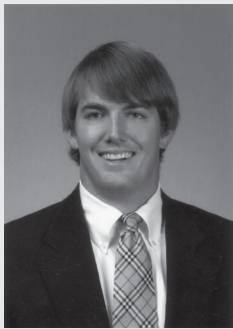


## Chapter Report

By William Liles, Number 1

### More Awards? Well, After All, It Is Gamma!

Summer is over, school is beginning and the men of Gamma Chapter are anxiously anticipating another great semester, complete with a national championship victory by the Dawgs. But, before we get too excited about this upcoming semester, the Gamma brothers have a lot



to report from the previous semester and summer.

The spring semester began with our annual trek to Savannah, Ga., where we honored Robert E. Lee with our Convivium celebration, and we were pleased to have several special guests in attendance at this year's gathering: Knight Commander Ben Satcher gave this year's toast; and Councilor Tom Faircloth, Hardeman Province Commander **Gordon "Batman" Varndoe '57**, Crawford Province Commander Blair Bailey and Savannah Alumni Chapter President Allen Vance all attended as well. Shortly after Convivium, Gamma hosted the annual Province Council here in Athens. It was by far the most-attended and entertaining Province Council in a while thanks

to performer Doug Clark and his Hot Nuts. Many thanks to Gamma brother and interim Province Undergraduate Chairman Leighton Liles who coordinated the event.

Just a week later, the men of Gamma hosted a dodgeball tournament at Athens Arena, which was attended by over 300 people and raised approximately \$3,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Our philanthropy chairs, Bynum Boley and Spencer Peterson, really did a good job making the event a success. Luckily, spring break gave us a much-needed breath of fresh air and some time to rest.

A few weeks later, at the UGA Greek Awards Banquet, several men of Gamma were recognized for their leadership on campus. Our Number II, John Jones, was a recipient of one of five IFC scholarships; our Number III, Larry Neal, was inducted into the Order of the Greek Horsemen; and our Number I, William Liles, won the William R. Bracewell Outstanding Greek Leader Award. Also, Will Curry, Blade Thompson and William Liles were accepted into the Order of Omega.

In late April, the men of Gamma held their marquee event, the annual Old South celebration, and it was truly an amazing spectacle. This year, we had over 30 horses, Andrew Petit and his flatbed semi, 100 young men in Confederate

grays and beautiful young women in their Antebellum dresses in our parade down Milledge Avenue. It was quite the sight to see. After the parade and party, the Gamma brothers headed up to Charleston for our annual beach weekend, and we would especially like to thank Evan Marko, Matt Molony and Ben Joyce, as well as their families, for being such great hosts to us while we were there.

When we returned home from Athens, we were met by the daunting final exams of the semester, but we aren't all about partying here at Gamma, and I'm proud to report that we finished the semester



The men of Gamma Chapter with Knight Commander Ben Satcher, Councilor Tom Faircloth and Hardeman Province Commander Gordon "Batman" Varndoe '57 displaying their hardware at Convention.

## Moving Ahead ... Setting the Pace

"With regard to **excellence**, it is not enough to know, but we must try to **have and use it.**" — Aristotle

Over the past few semesters, as I have prepared to write my update to you — our alumni brotherhood — I have been faced with an interesting challenge: how can I communicate that the state of the chapter is even better than last semester? And this semester, I am faced with that same challenge. Only with this update, the undergraduate chapter has made it incredibly easy for me.

What better example of **having and using excellence** is there than winning the Ammen Award? This honor goes to chapters scoring in the top 15% in the country across all areas of fraternity operations. Add to that our outstanding 33 pledges including several legacies, recognition for academic performance, top-level chapter leadership and a highly respected presence on the UGA campus, and the stage has been set for a new stage of growth.

To support our reputation as leaders in Athens and across

the US, we are continuing to work with the university on our exit strategy from our Lumpkin Street house. Our chapter was featured on the front page of The Red and Black on Friday, Sept. 9, in an article called "Kappa Alpha Eyes Site." "Now that the University has dedicated land off River Road for fraternities," the article states, "one fraternity president with a house on Lumpkin Street said his chapter is exploring its relocation options." That fraternity president is none other than our William Liles. And that house is Gamma Chapter. For the full article, please go to [www.redandblack.com](http://www.redandblack.com). And watch for our spring semester newsletter and the Web site for more developments.

Congratulations, again, to our fine undergraduate chapter and to all of the alumni volunteers who continue to guide our brotherhood into a bright future. We are quickly moving into the heat of UGA football season, so "Go Dawgs!" and don't be a stranger while you are in town for a game. ■

with a 3.18 GPA, the eighth-highest out of 27 fraternities. We were also above the all-fraternity average for the third straight semester with 25 members on the Dean's List (3.5 GPA) and 14 members who were Presidential Scholars (4.0 GPA).

As usual, the men of Gamma scattered all over the globe for their summer experiences, but Ben Joyce and Alex Coffee did



Nick Maslanka, Leighton Liles and Cleve Bostick celebrate Old South.

an excellent job of holding down the fort in Athens as our rush chairs. They really worked hard, and we had 100% of our bids accepted for the second year in a row. We now have 33 great pledges from all over the Southeast, and we are looking forward to an enriching pledgship under the guidance of our Number II, John Jones.

Early this August, Gamma brothers William Liles, Leighton Liles, Nick Maslanka, Wes Turner, Larry Neal, John Jones and Will Curry packed into two SUVs and made

the trip up to Roanoke, Va., for the 71st Convention and 60th National Leadership Institute. We were the largest group from an active chapter in attendance, and we are proud to report that Gamma really excelled at the event.

- Our Alumni Advisor, **Mark Cross '82**, was named the National Alumni Advisor of the Year, an award which he truly earned with his hard work and dedication.
- Gamma Chapter was the recipient of an Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award, which recognizes chapters with a cumulative GPA above the all-fraternity and all-men's averages on their campuses while also having above a 3.0 GPA. We were one of 10 chapters including chapters at Duke, Vanderbilt, Furman, Wofford and Washington College to win this award.
- We are extremely excited to announce that Gamma Chapter was the recipient of the Samuel Zenas Ammen Award for Overall Chapter Excellence. This award is one of the most prestigious awards given to an active chapter, and, again, we were one of only 10 chapters to win this award. Some other winners were Clemson, Ole Miss, Presbyterian College and Vanderbilt.

The chapter worked very hard on a day-to-day basis to put ourselves in a position to win these awards, and our Executive Council worked together to help compile our



Will Curry, Larry Neal, John Jones, Leighton Liles, Wes Turner, William Liles and Nick Maslanka found the original Gamma Charter from 1868 while in Lexington.

application, which was well over 100 pages long. These awards, however, have been a long time coming, and if not for previous leaders like Adam Griffin, Fiske Hopkins and Lee Carter, who all helped steer the chapter in the right direction, we would not be as successful as we are today. We are especially excited about these awards because **there are now 139 chapters of Kappa Alpha across the nation, and we are happy to officially solidify our spot as one of the best.** Hopefully, we can keep up the good work, and in a year or two, we can become a Marshall Award-winning chapter.

As you can tell, we've been busy here in Athens, and we hope to keep up the good work for this upcoming semester. We look forward to seeing many of you this fall. ■

## Undergraduate

# Q+A with Joe Lariscy, Outgoing Number IV

## Brother Sees the World as Foundation Fellow

### Tell us about your family.

I am from Athens and have lived here my whole life. I have two sisters. Rachel has one more semester at UGA, and then she's likely to go on to law school somewhere. My younger sister, Mary, is a freshman at Ole Miss this year. My parents are adjusting to the new lifestyle without any kids at the house. My mother is a public relations professor here at UGA. My father is an attorney in his own practice.

### What made it clear that UGA and KA were for you?

I originally wanted to get out of Athens for college. I highly considered UNC at Chapel Hill. But once I received the Foundation Fellowship from UGA, I knew I should accept the incredible opportunity and stay

in Athens. I joined the varsity tennis team as a freshman, and so I was a bit unsure about joining a fraternity initially. Some of my high school friends were rushing KA, and the last few weeks of summer, I got to know many of the pledges and brothers. I also considered a few other fraternities, but in the end, I knew I wanted to give KA a chance — it's been one of the best decisions I've made.

### What are you studying?

I am a finance major with a possible double major in philosophy, but it's not a definite. I want to pursue a career in business and hope to gain an investment banking internship in New York next summer.

### What is a Foundation Fellowship?

The Foundation Fellowship is an amaz-

ing opportunity. Approximately 0.3% of undergraduates receive this award, which includes full tuition, room and board, as well as travel stipends for every spring break and summer. Most are awarded this scholarship out of high school, while a few are awarded to students in their freshman or sophomore years at UGA. The process involves a thorough application including essays and a transcript, followed by a weekend-long interview and discussion group for finalists. This scholarship has provided me with all the resources I could want, as well as spring break in South Africa, and a summer in London, with more travel to come.

Brothers can reach Joe at [jlariscy@gmail.com](mailto:jlariscy@gmail.com) or [jeldawg@uga.edu](mailto:jeldawg@uga.edu). ■

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Number VI  
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Number VII  
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Number VIII  
**Leighton Liles**  
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Number IX  
**Brad Odom**  
Macon, Ga. ■

## In Memory

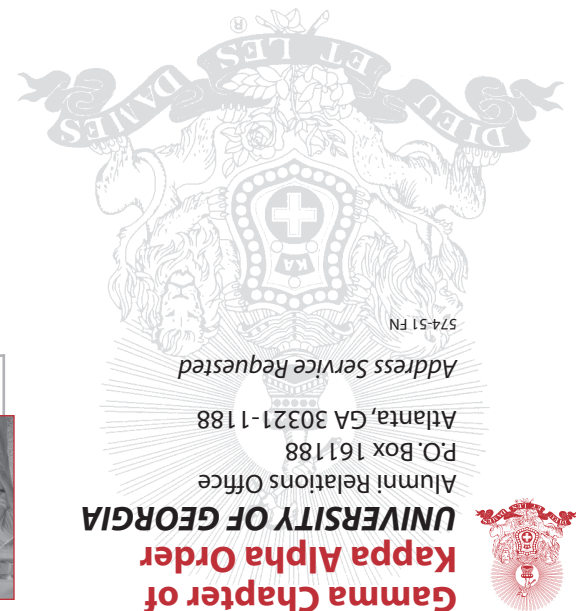
Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of Senior Judge **George A. Horkan Jr. '52**. Kappa Alpha mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends. ■

**Catch up on what your brothers have been doing. Go to [www.kauga.com](http://www.kauga.com) and click on Alumni Updates.**

*... more inside!*  
**Gamma brings home the Ammen Award**



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