

Upcoming Events

Homecoming

October 16, 2004

Cocktail Party

Thursday, November 11, 2004
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Clubhouse at Lenox
Square Mall

3393 Peachtree Road, N.E.,
Atlanta

(404) 442-8893

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Cash bar.

Valet available in front.

See you there! ■

Did You Know ...

This year's freshman class at the University of Georgia comprises the most academically prepared in the university's history. Here's a breakdown of the class of 2008:

Applicants: 13,300

Enrollment: 4,495

Women: 61%

African-American: 202

Asian-Americans: 256

Multiethnic/Multiracial: 146

Hispanic: 72

Native American: 9

Average High School GPA: 3.72

Average SAT Score: 1237

Source: UGA Admissions Office ■

Congratulations to Our Gamma Brothers for ...

- recruiting 32 top men into our Order,
- recording an overall 3.12 GPA, the highest in recent history,
- achieving 21 Dean's List and 12 Presidential Scholars (4.0 GPA) honors and
- contributing over 1,750 community service hours and over \$5,000 to various local and national philanthropies ...

... all before the beginning of the fall 2004 semester. Watch future mailings and the Web site, www.kauga.com, for news of future record-breaking accomplishments. ■

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Between the Columns

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Alumni

Profile

with Bill Jones III

His Climb to the Summit

It was once said that in hospitality, the chief thing is the good will. Enter Brother Bill Jones III, President George W. Bush, and the leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the European Union.

It all began in the fall of 2002. Jones was on a hunting excursion in Cabin Bluff, Ga., with his cousin, Congressman Rob Portman (Ohio 2nd Congressional District), and Joe Hagin, assistant to the president and White House Deputy Chief of Staff. The outcome of this hunting trip? We will get to that in one moment.

What you may be asking is this: Who is Bill Jones? And what is this Gamma Chapter brother doing with George Bush's Deputy Chief of Staff. The answer? Well, as Jones would put it, "It is all about 75 years of hospitality." You see, Jones is the fourth generation to lead his family's hospitality and real estate business. That business is the Sea Island Company, located on the Georgia coast, 80 miles south of Savannah. After having worked for several resorts following graduation, Jones filled several management capacities at Sea Island, including national sales manager and executive vice president. In 1992, he was elected to succeed his father as president, and in 1995, he became CEO. Finally, in 1997, Jones became the chairman of the board.

Founded in 1928, a year that saw a visit from President Calvin Coolidge, Sea Island Company today owns and operates The Cloister Hotel, The Lodge at Sea Island, The Lodge at Cabin Bluff and the private Ocean Forest Golf Club and oversees a home cottage colony on Sea Island and several communities on St. Simons Island. With so many opportunities for the "white glove" treatment, it is no wonder that Sea Island is where President George H.W. Bush and new wife, Barbara, chose to honeymoon in 1945. Avid golf fans may remember Sea Island as the 2001 host of the Walker Cup and a two-time home to the UBS Cup.

As a traditional vacationing spot and the home of an occasional rush party, Sea Island has accommodated several Gamma alumni and active brothers. Known as one of the finest resorts in the world, its Lodge at Sea Island is a year-to-year the recipient of AAA's Five-Diamond Award and the Mobil Five-Star Hotel Award. Additionally, it is the youngest resort to receive this level of acclaim. It is here that we can return to the fall 2002 hunting trip.



World-class host, Brother Bill Jones

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(L-R) Billy Crosby, Skip Hopkins, Gordon "Batman" Varnedoe '57 (Province Commander), Lee Carter, Robert Miller and Tom Faircloth (Executive Council member) united at the National Leadership Institute in Austin, August 2004. Turn to Page 3 for more chapter highlights.

Shaping Our Own Destiny at Gamma Chapter

It is hard to believe that football season is here again and that the Dawgs are in full swing in their SEC schedule.

The chapter had another successful rush. They pledged several legacies along with men from around the state and the Southeast. The men of Gamma continue to excel academically and in leadership roles across campus. However, they still find opportunities to have a good time. At the writing of this article, I am proud that they seem to have found a good balance. The shape of the chapter is as good today, if not better, than during the days when I was in school.

Unfortunately, I cannot report the same for the house at 294 S. Lumpkin. In 2004, we repainted the front of the house and repaired the columns before Old South. In the first week of August,

we spent over \$11,000 in order to assure that the sprinkler system, kitchen and other life safety issues met the standards of the university fire chief. The safety of the current brothers is of the utmost importance to everyone! The IFC is holding a series of workshops to educate the young men on steps they can take on a daily basis to ensure proper safety. Our thanks to **Roby Redwine '82** for the great job he does this time of year in working with the university and various contractors in order to prepare the house for fall.

I also would like to thank you for the input so many of you gave Gamma Advisors, Inc., and Affinity Connection on the feasibility survey questions regarding the future of our house. Everyone agreed that this was a project long overdue and very necessary.

Over the last nine months, I have continued to have good and candid meetings with senior administrators at the university. The feeling is that President Adams is not inclined to extend us a long-term lease at our current location. While less than what we want, we are faced with the fact that we do not control our own destiny as we speak. This had led Gamma Advisors to begin actively searching for alternative locations in case we are forced to build a new Southern Mansion. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Finally, please know that you are always welcome to stop by the house when you are in Athens. I hope you have a great fall and look forward to seeing you on football Saturdays at UGA. ■

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Report

By Lee B. Carter, Number 1

At Home and Abroad, Making Us Proud

The men of Gamma Chapter have now returned from their summer endeavors and are looking forward to an eventful and prosperous fall semester. This summer, one could have found our men throughout the world from Morocco to Spain to Austria, or a little closer to home in Washington, D.C., Montana or Utah. Whether these adventures were study abroad programs, internships or for sheer enjoyment, each brother now brings a new perspective back to the chapter.



Larry Neal (middle) took time from his study abroad trip in Spain during the summer of 2004 to visit with Leighton Liles (left) and William Liles (right) in Innsbruck, Austria, where they were studying.

Luckily, while some men were seeing the world, others were willing to stay around Athens to participate in summer rush. Thanks to the efforts of our joint Rush Chairs Nick Maslanka and Branford Thompson, we were able to recruit 32 able and qualified men into our Order. Please note the names of the new pledge class found in this edition of *Between the Columns*.

Before everyone left for summer vacation, the men of Gamma Chapter left a distinct

mark on the university and the community this past spring. The chapter concluded with an overall 3.12 GPA, the highest in recent history. This placed Gamma Chapter well above the all-male average and the all-fraternity average. We were fortunate to boast 21 Dean's List members and 12 Presidential Scholars (4.0 GPA). Additionally, the chapter contributed over 1,750 community service hours and over \$5,000 to various local and national philanthropies.

For five days in August, four of the officers were able to participate in Kappa Alpha's 59th Annual National Leadership Institute in Austin, Texas. The four officers attended leadership workshops and interacted with fellow brothers from throughout the country. The institute gave this select group of men the opportunity to hone their leadership skills in preparation for the fall semester. Robert Miller (Number VII), Skip Hopkins (Number VI), Billy Crosby (Number V) and myself were all in attendance.

I speak on behalf of the rest of the chapter in inviting all alumni, family and friends to 294 S. Lumpkin Street each time the Dawgs kick off this fall. I look forward to seeing each of you soon and, as always, please contact me (leeuga25@aol.com) or any member of the chapter with concerns or suggestions. ■



Larry Neal and Brant Evans stopped to overlook the Inn Valley in Innsbruck, Austria, on Mt. Patscherkofel, summer 2004.

Fall 2004 Pledge Class

- Chris Andrews (Athens)
 - Tyler Augusty (Nashville)
 - Michael Blackmon (Griffin)
 - Brian Busbee (Marietta)
 - Hugh Cheek (Columbus)
 - Joseph Duke (Perry)
 - Cole Dunaway (Hawkinsville)
 - Houston Duncan (Dallas)
 - Hunter Edwards (Rome)
 - Taylor Ellison (Augusta)
 - Mark Estes (Wichita Falls)
 - David Harper (Nashville)
 - Johnathan Harris (Augusta)
 - Justin Hollingsworth (Macon)
 - Cam Hopkins (Thomaston)*
 - Bob Klein (Athens)*
 - Dayton Macatee (Dallas)
 - Matt Middendorf (Athens)
 - Ward Mills (Fort Gaines)
 - David Mize (Columbus)*
 - Matthew Molony (Charleston)
 - Ben Moss (Augusta)*
 - Mickey Mulholland (Cincinnati)
 - Joseph Pierce (Perry)
 - Patrick Powell (Valdosta)
 - Jay Pritchett (Mobile)
 - David Regan (Nashville)
 - Jay Register (Charlotte)*
 - Kyle Short (Thomaston)*
 - Mac Sullivan (Charlottesville)
 - Sanders Wallis (Rome)
 - Lawton Wilson (Rome)*
- *Legacy

2004 Dawgs Football Schedule

10/9	Tennessee	11/13	Auburn
10/16*	Vanderbilt	11/27	Georgia Tech
10/23	Arkansas		
10/30	Florida		
11/6	Kentucky		

**Homecoming
Home games in bold*



Alumni UpDates

Frank C. Jones '43

(4957 Wellington Drive, Macon, GA 31210) I attended the University of Georgia from February through May of 1943, during which time I was initiated by Gamma Chapter. I joined the Navy on July 1, 1943, and was assigned to the V12 Unit at Emory University. After a tour of service thereafter, I returned to Emory and received my B.A. degree in December 1947 and an LL.B. degree from Mercer University in 1950. I practiced law in Macon from 1950 to 1977, when I joined King & Spalding in Atlanta and practiced there until my retirement at the end of 2001. My wife and I are now living again in Macon. I have been very interested in outside professional and other pro bono organizations, including serving in the past as president of the State Bar of Georgia and as president of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Currently, I am president of the (U.S.) Supreme Court Historical Society, headquartered in Washington, D.C. This organization was created to preserve the history of the court and its justices and to help educate the citizens of our country, particularly younger people, about the role of the Supreme Court of the United States in our constitutional framework.

Patrick L. Hobson '90

(2401 Ansley Court, Charlotte, NC 28211; plhobson@earthlink.net) My wife, Kristin (UGA-Theta), and I have two children. Our daughter, Elizabeth, is 4, and our son, William, is 1 1/2. We are living in Charlotte and doing well.

Peter J. Faherty '91

(1201 Squire Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211; pfaherty@carolina.rr.com) I moved to Charlotte, N.C., after graduation. I am married to Leigh Ann Hawkins of Charlotte and UGA and am running a wholesale and manufacturing distributorship of window treatments. Life is great! Hope all of you are doing well.

James P. Ferguson '92

(1656 Fernleaf Cir., Atlanta, GA 30318; jpferguson@duanemorris.com) I switched law firms and joined the Philadelphia-based law firm Duane Morris LLP. I am still practicing labor and employment law.

Lee G. Chisolm '93

(21 Nicholson St, Charleston, SC 29407; chisolmlee@hotmail.com) I am finishing my residency in Charleston. My wife, Rebecca, and I are moving to Athens with our sons, Charlie and Brooks.

Andrew Teegarden '01

(2524 Ridgewood Terrace, Atlanta, GA 30318; awt11@hotmail.com) I married Kimbrell Smith (Phi Mu - UGA) on May 15, 2004, in Atlanta. I am working for AIG insurance company, and Kimbrell is in theology school at Emory University.

The members of the Gamma Advisors, Inc., would like to congratulate Mark '82 and Susie Cross on the birth of their daughter, Constance Anne, on August 20, 2004. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Charles S. Thorp '38 (10/31/03)
Paul Hayne Walker Jr. '46 (1/27/04)
Bolling S. Dubose Jr. '47 (10/4/03)
Edgar Chambers III '50 (1/16/04)
Preston N. Rawlins Jr. '59 (2/8/04)
Willice R. Mullins II '62 (4/16/04)

Kappa Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Alumni Profile With Bill Jones III (continued from Page 1)

While enjoying a relaxing getaway with Congressman Portman and Deputy Chief of Staff Hagin, Jones voiced his interest in someday hosting some kind of international leadership retreat. One of them suggested that since 2004 was the year the United States was slated to host the G8 Summit, maybe Sea Island could host this annual meeting of the leaders of the world's major industrial democracies.

In June 2003, the decision by the White House was confirmed: Sea Island would host the 30th G8 Summit. Preparations soon began, including room modifications for a guest list that filled the resort during the summit, June 8 - 10, 2004.

And the summit was an obvious success. President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair experienced a complete Sea Island experience by each planting an oak tree on the grounds of the resort, a tradition that was started at the very beginning ... by President Calvin Coolidge.

"Laura and I thank the citizens of this part of our country," President Bush announced in a press conference following the summit. "This was a successful summit because the people here made it successful by being so warm and gracious. The Southern hospitality

was strong. The citizens of Sea Island, and Brunswick and Savannah, as well as people from around Georgia, were just really great, and we thank them. All the leaders with whom we talked asked me to express my appreciation to the people of this part of the world."

When asked what is next for Jones, he said, "There are many different things in the future. But I am just having a great time." Add to his summit credits the honor of being named Georgia Trend Magazine's Georgian of the Year for 2004 and 2003 Entrepreneur of the Year for the Georgia-Alabama-Tennessee area by Ernst & Young, and many are left wondering what could possibly be next.

In addition to his Sea Island enterprises, Jones recently completed his term as chairman of the Georgia Research Alliance Trustees and is a member of Gov. Sonny Perdue's Commission for a New Georgia and a director for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, King & Prince Seafood Corporation, Synovus Financial Corporation and Total Systems Services, Inc. Additionally, he is a trustee for The Nature Conservancy of Georgia and the Epworth-by-the-Sea Methodist Center. Jones and wife, Sally Hopper, a UGA graduate, reside on St. Simons Island, Ga. ■

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