

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring 2006—Mark Your Calendar

Thurs.-Sun. March 9-12

SEC Men's Basketball Tournament

Sat. March 24

Cowboy Ball

Wed., April 19

Old South

Sat., April 29

MDA Dodgeball Tournament
(Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.)

ON THE WEB

Visit Gamma on the Web at www.kauga.com and connect with brothers, keep up-to-date on alumni events and update others on events in your life.

Log on to www.kauga.com and:

1. Update your profile and add a photo;
2. Add an alumni update;
3. Use the alumni directory to keep in touch with brothers;
4. Start or participate in a blog with other alumni;
5. Find out about upcoming events; **and much more!**

Regional Alumni Events Great Success

Numerous regional alumni gatherings have been taking place across Georgia in the past few months and have been extremely successful. Hundreds of alumni have gathered at events in Savannah, Augusta and Athens. A special thank you goes to Larry Knox, Capital Campaign Chair, Paul Threlkeld and Mark Cross and their host committees for their time, effort and hospitality to bring brothers together and inform them of the state of the chapter. For information on upcoming events, log onto www.kauga.com.



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Between the Columns

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A New Door Opens at Gamma Chapter

by Mark C. Cross '82, Gamma Advisors, Inc.

As many of you have read in previous issues of *Between the Columns*, the Gamma trustees have been actively exploring and trying to determine what our options are for the house over the past two years. Many of you have either heard or seen in the news that the university has asked five fraternities on Lumpkin Street to relocate by June 2007. It was their determination that other university programs were more in line with the strategic plan for that property. We, of course, are one of the houses that must relocate.

It is fortune that we started looking for alternatives over two years ago. Recently, 10 alumni formed Gamma Partners, LLC. On November 1, this group purchased property at 755 W. Hancock. The property is located two blocks northeast of The Varsity and the Alpha Delta Pi house, six blocks from downtown and a block off Milledge Avenue. Totalling 2.55 acres, it is currently the home to Cobb Hill Apartments.

While the property that we have purchased is not as close to campus as the current house, times have changed. We have found ourselves

in a position where we must move forward. The board chose this property based on its location, the character of the neighborhood and zoning that allowed for Greek living. In other words, a fraternity will fit in nicely.

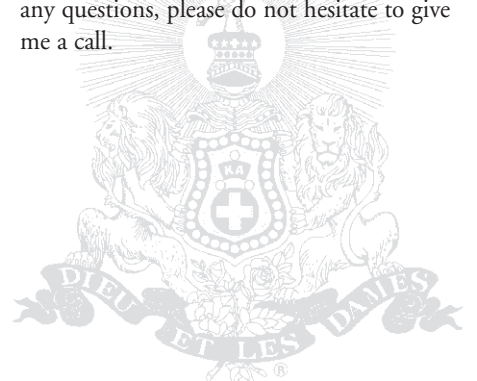
Our decisions are even more fortunate than we first realized. On Tuesday, Feb. 7, Athens-Clarke County issued a moratorium on fraternities locating anywhere in Clarke

“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

- Alexander Graham Bell

County. It also is forbidding fraternities from seeking building permits. We were given prior notice that this would be added at the last minute to the agenda. Thus, we were able to get architects and engineers to submit an application to be grandfathered in prior to moratorium. It was a success.

The hard work and foresight of our board has put KA in a position to control our destiny and thrive for another 136 years. I look forward to sharing additional information about our groundbreaking, new house, Fall 2007 ribbon-cutting ceremony and more in future communications. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.



Chapter Reports on Appreciation of Accomplishments, Boiler Problems, Upcoming Calendar, New Chapter House, and Philanthropy

2005 Officers Set High Standard with Leadership Legacy

by Will Curry '03, Number I

Kudos for Jobs Well Done

On behalf of the 2006 Gamma officers, I would like to thank the former elected officers, **William Liles '02 (I)**, **John Jones '02 (II)**, and **Larry Neal '02 (III)**, for their excellent work during 2005. Under their leadership, we won our first Ammen Award (the top 15% of Kappa Alpha chapters nationwide), Alumni Advisor of the Year, and the Scholarship Award. The previous administration set a very high standard, which we strive to maintain and build upon.

I also can't say enough good things about **Mark Cross '82**. He has been an amazing alumni advisor who devotes countless behind-the-scenes hours to ensure that operations are running smoothly. We are very fortunate to have him guiding our chapter.

As for the Scholarship Award, Gamma has maintained a chapter average that is above the all-fraternity average, as well as above the all-men's average for the past four semesters. This past fall, we boasted a new member grade point average (GPA) of 3.15 and a fraternity GPA of 3.13, ranking us among the top 15 fraternities in the nation.

Broken Boiler Causes Delays and Discomforts

Over Christmas break 2005, we had some trouble with our aging boiler when it cracked, then stopped working. While it was being replaced, the men had to move into the Holiday Inn. Convivium, usually held the third weekend of January, was pushed back until February because of booking difficulties. Also, we celebrated Robert E. Lee's birthday a little late, hoping that the quality of the festivities made up for the delay.

Upcoming Calendar Proves Eventful

We have planned a very eventful calendar for the remainder of the spring semester. As rush season approaches, we encourage you to contact our rush chairs with recommendations for candidates (see Rush article).

Just a few weeks after the Cowboy Ball, we

will be participating in our annual Old South weekend. The Old South parade is tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 19, and we hope that all parents and alumni will join us.

In our final week of classes, we will be hosting our second annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) dodgeball tournament. It is currently being planned for Saturday, April 29, but more information will be available at a later date. Last year, the dodgeball tournament earned a substantial amount of profit, which was given to MDA, and we hope to earn even more this year.

Philanthropy Remains a Strong Focus

The brothers in Athens have been very active in raising money for MDA, donating close to \$20,000 in the fall semester. We also support local charities and volunteered 1,373 hours of community service.

We raised the most money (over \$5,000) for UGA HEROs, a nonprofit organization that provides quality of life services for children affected with AIDS/HIV, and were recognized on the field during the Georgia vs. Auburn football game.

In addition to community service, the men of Gamma were very involved on campus. Joe Lariscy, an active brother and Number III, was elected into the highly-regarded IFC president's position.

New Chapter House Brings Excitement And Appreciation

The most exciting news of all is that a new Kappa Alpha mansion will be built in the coming year. The land has been purchased and the plans have been drawn. We are very excited about this new venture and plan to occupy by Fall 2007. The new location will be a few blocks behind the SAE house and is very close to downtown. All of the brothers

would like to thank alumni for contributions, which will keep our traditions alive and ensure us a permanent home.

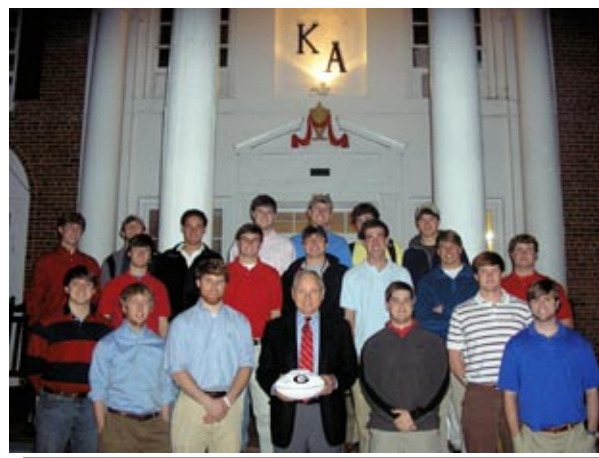
In addition to many generous alumni donations, the brothers of the Gamma Chapter have pledged to contribute as well. Thus far, nearly 80% of active members have

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pledged donations that will be paid following their graduations. It is our hope that this pledge drive, coupled with the great alumni support we have already received, will help us reach our monetary goals.

Final Words from Will Curry, Number I

I am truly excited about what this next year has to offer and the challenges that I am sure to face. I feel extremely privileged to be serving as Number I and will do my best to maintain the strong leadership that Gamma has exhibited over the past few years. As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime with suggestions, comments, or concerns. Thank you again for your continued support of the men at Gamma, and we look forward to seeing you this spring.



The brothers of Gamma with the legendary Coach Vince Dooley. Coach Dooley joined the actives to congratulate them for their amazing fundraising efforts for UGA H.E.R.O.s, Hearts Everywhere Reaching Out for children. The organization, created in the fall of 2003 on the UGA campus is the organization in Georgia that provides quality of life programs for children affected with HIV/AIDS.

HONOR ROLL 9/1/05-2/18/05

Gamma Club (\$500+)

Joseph B. Manderson 1959
Paul V. Kilpatrick Jr. 1960

Sustaining Member Club (\$250 - \$499.99)

Joseph H. Boland Jr. 1961
William N. Searcy 1961
Malcolm H. Liles 1971

Gold and Crimson Club (\$100 - \$249.99)

Wilder G. Little 1948
Irwin W. Stolz Jr. 1951
William I. Bowen 1952
Rudolph H. Driftmier Jr. 1952
John C. Wilson 1955
Harry G. Haisten Jr. 1956
Peyton H. Keaton III 1960
Charles N. Harris III 1962
William B. Heeney 1962
Troy R. Millikan 1962
John T. Parramore 1962
Alvan S. Arnall 1963
D. Quillian Harris III 1964

Martin G. Blanchard 1965
Thomas A. Peterson III 1965
Wade Wright Walter 1965
Grover S. File 1967
Edward D. Tolley 1968
F.A. "Pete" A. Dortch 1969
Gary L. Nix 1969
Sidney W. Barge 1971
Joseph Clem Brannen 1971
Howell T. Dudley Jr. 1971
Hugh L. Hamilton Jr. 1974
James S. Mathews 1974
Charles A. Lanford Jr. 1975
John R. Jackson 1978
Seth L. Knight III 1978
Neal J. Quirk 1979
George W. Simmons 1981
James L. Ogletree 1982
John B. Peterson Jr. 1982
John C. Buchanan IV 1984
Matthew G. Moffett 1984
Glenn A. Kolker 1989
R. Scott Wilder 1990
Baylor J. Coffman 1991

James T. Hester 1991
Richard W. Conner 1992
Bradley F. Fields 1995
John Thomas Johnson 1997

Contributor Club (\$50 - \$99.99)

Lewis M. Killian 1937
Upshaw C. Bentley Jr. 1942
Fred B. Sheats Jr. 1943
J. Warren Mitchell Jr. 1944
William T. Wingfield 1948
James A. Thomas 1949
Carl R. Hartrampf 1950
George W. Dismukes Jr. 1951
Charles A. Hodges Jr. 1951
Gene Drennon 1962
James C. Hill III 1962
Louis A. Riccardi 1962
J. Michael Blalock 1963

R.T. Hoke 1963
H. Lev Norman 1963
Robert A. Bowden 1968
John K. Higgins Jr. 1971
A. Middleton Ramsey 1971
Richard A. Henson 1973
Daniel N. Hannon 1980
Joseph B. Orr III 1988
Sim Z. Rhodes III 1988
Jason O. Ritchason 1992
Colin Stokes II 1995
James B. Alley 1998
James B. Edwards 1998
Adam W Griffin 2000

Other (Up to \$49.99)

William R. Tuck 1934
Henry M. Marks III 1957
Philip C. Jones Sr. 1961
Frank H. Barron 1970

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ALUMNI UPDATES

70's

John Fish '78

(16209 1st St. E, Redington Beach, FL 33708-1603; jfish1@tampabay.rr.com) Cassandra and I have three kids: Carter (10), John Edward Jr. (8) and Caroline (1), and our dog Georgia (4 months). I saw Bud Fry's cute girls in the June issue and had to weigh in. We stay in touch with Brian Saunders and his family. I spoke to Lee Shaw recently, ran into John Jackson down in the Keys and Pete English at Wrightsville Beach, and see Bruce Bishop and Bill McElveen down here in Florida every now and then. I miss other old boys like B. Gibbs, S. Stewart, B.Y., C. Sewell, B. Flexor, B. Kennerly, P. Collins, S. Rogers, J. Morrison, B. Turrentine, T. Sharpley, S. Shepherd, J. Spellman and many, many others that I just can't think of right now. I reminisce often, because the older I get, the more fun we had! Other than

the fact that I live in a state that has 17 million people, of which, 14 million are Gator fans, life is good and I hope it is for all of you.

90's

Orlow Walstad III '92

(218-B Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101; win@sbmailworks.com) My Stephanie and I had a baby girl, Palmer Knox Walstad, on April 24, 2005.

Baker Leavitt '98

(24 E. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, GA 31401; bleavitt@corabettthomas.com) I am living in Savannah, GA and recently married on April 29, 2005, to a wonderful young lady from Nashville TN by the name of Stephanie Wilson. Life couldn't be better! In August, I went on a 10-day safari in South Africa with my younger brother Mitchel. Go Dawgs!

**Letter from Vice President and Associate Provost
for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Dr. Rodney
Bennett, Supports New Chapter House**

**University Recognizes Future
of Strong Relationship with KA**

November 8, 2005

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The University of Georgia and Division of Student Affairs supports Kappa Alpha's capital campaign to resurrect a new fraternity house. This new chapter house will serve as a source of pride for our Greek community and a worthy home for the Gamma Chapter. It is our hope that this beautiful new house will directly reflect the ideals of Kappa Alpha and will be one to emulate within our UGA Greek community. I hope this new structure assists Kappa Alpha in their dedication to academic and leadership excellence. I appreciate the time and energy that **Mark Cross '82** has provided to this initiative

and wish you luck in your efforts to build a new fraternity house. The University looks forward to strengthening our relationship with Kappa Alpha as we move our Greek community forward.

All the best,

Rodney Bennett, Ed.D.

Vice President and Associate Provost
for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

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**Come One,
Come All ...
It's Rush Season**

Building a top-level team is a vital component to the success of today's businesses. In fact, one Fortune 500 chairman said it this way: "Take our 20 best people away, and I will tell you that we would become an unimportant company."

Why should Gamma be any less deserving of the best recruits? Rush season is upon us, so if you know of any quality candidates, please pass along their contact information to one of our rush chairmen.

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