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## MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

*Show your support of Preserving our Legacy, Strengthening our Foundation before the campaign closes Dec. 31!*

Gifts can be paid over a three-year pledge period, or can be made as a one-time gift. New pledges can be tax deductible if in the amount of \$2,500 or more (paid as a one-time gift) or over \$5,000 (paid over 3 years).

There are two ways to make your pledge:

1. Go to [www.kauga.com](http://www.kauga.com) to download your pledge form.
2. Contact Campaign Manager Ellen Konkle at 814-571-0576 or [ekonkle@gmail.com](mailto:ekonkle@gmail.com).

## BY THE NUMBERS

### *Preserving our Legacy, Strengthening our Foundation*

- ✓ 616 = campaign donors
- ✓ 1,400+ = number of living alumni who have not yet made a commitment
- ✓ \$3.8 million = raised to date
- ✓ \$300,000 = amount needed by December 31

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# Between the Columns

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## CAMPAIGN REPORT

### Last Call! 7 Great Reasons to Support the Capital Campaign In Its Final Push

*Preserving our Legacy, Strengthening our Foundation to Come to a  
Close at the End of 2014*

*By The Gamma Chapter Campaign Advisory Committee*

The capital campaign is down to the last \$300,000 we need to raise to leave the active chapter in a sound financial position and to finance the remaining debt. We know that many of you have already given - some more than once - and we are grateful for all of you and for what you have done. But if you have not yet made a commitment to the *Preserving our Legacy, Strengthening our Foundation* capital campaign, please help us cross the finish line and raise the final \$300,000 needed to close our campaign on December 31. We've compiled 7 great reasons to make this the year you pledge your commitment to Gamma Chapter.

**1. Our house is a gem on campus.** The KA mansion shines in comparison to other neighboring fraternities, is an attractive living option for our undergraduate brothers, and serves as a central gathering place for our alumni during major KA and UGA events. Completed in August 2008, the 20,000 square foot facility boasts a detached recreational and development center, and 1 1/4 acres of land and parking facilities.

**2. The active chapter is excelling academically.** KA's grade point average is 3.31, above the all men's average of 3.08. Read page 2 for more information on the great things our chapter has been doing.

**3. We've got a strong legacy that's been carried for generations.** This fall, we've welcomed 13 legacies in our pledge class and are working hard to preserve our strong traditions from one era to the next.

**4. KA helped shape our lives.**

**John Walden '66** says it best: "I donate because KA helped make me the man I became. I want others to consider all the good memories that we have, reflect on them, and help the brothers that are there now. The house needs all of our support."

**5. We're a more than generous group.** To date, we have raised \$3,832,758.28 toward the campaign from 600+ alumni, friends, and parents. Of that, \$3,620,824.60 has been paid. And, our annual fund numbers are thriving too! (See the enclosed form for details).

**6. We offer plenty of ways for you to reconnect with old friends and with Gamma Chapter.** From our alumni events, this newsletter, and our online community, there are great and fun ways to find old friends and make new ones.

**7. You're the key to our past, and the link to our future.** As an alumni association more than 2,200 strong, we boast generations of brothers that have contributed to our rich history. We have collectively preserved traditions, enriched lives of young men, and kept a great organization going strong at UGA for nearly 150 years. You have a unique place in that history, and are asked to make a commitment to pay it forward for future generations.

We've got a strong alumni association, a revitalized active chapter, and a 146-year legacy at UGA. If you haven't been involved in the past few years, we personally invite you to get involved with *Preserving our Legacy, Strengthening our Foundation* before the end of the year. As you can see, there are plenty of great reasons to make a commitment.

## CHAPTER REPORT

### KA is the Largest Fraternity on Campus (and One of the Smartest!)

#### Gamma's 142 Active Members Bond Together to Achieve a 3.31 GPA

By David Gibbs (No. I) and Stephen Griffith (No. IV)

KA isn't just the largest fraternity on campus - it's one of the smartest. For the spring semester, KA ranked 7th out of 26 IFC fraternities for GPA, with a 3.31 average. Seventy-nine percent of our members earned a GPA above 3.0, 24 brothers (17%) were named to the Dean's list, and three were named to the President's list for achieving a perfect 4.0. KA was also the largest fraternity on campus this past spring, with 142 active members.

Our strong and deep fall pledge class

consists of 34 new members hailing from a number of states around the Southeast, which is consistent with the many classes that have come before them. The new pledge class also carries on our rich family tradition, with 14 legacies this fall. Having over 400 students enlisted for formal and informal rush, we were able to meet and get to know a vast majority of potential pledges through events such as our rafting trips down the Broad River. From this process, we feel that we have selected a group of the finest young men that the

University of Georgia has to offer.

Philanthropically, the chapter is still in the process of raising money for our National nonprofit partner, the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In the past we have generally finished as one of the top donation-raising chapters. Additionally, we have also sponsored two underprivileged families through the Open Hearts Society. We know how fortunate we are as KAs and know the importance of giving back.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

### Overseeing the Recruitment of UGA's Greeks

#### Charlie Haack Serves on IFC's Executive Board as Recruitment Chairman

Congratulations to **Charlie Haack**, who has been serving on the IFC executive board at UGA as Recruitment Chairman. A junior from Athens, he is majoring in Real Estate through the Terry College of Business. He also served as Recruitment Chairman for KA in his freshman and sophomore years.

#### **Tell us more about your role with IFC.**

My main responsibilities came over the summer of 2014, where I prepared PowerPoint and oral presentations for new students and parents on the merits of fraternity life and the fraternity recruitment process, and assisted with the coordination of all orientation information sessions. In addition, during the week before the start of the fall semester I oversaw the formal recruitment process for all 26 fraternities in the Interfraternity Council, while maintaining and updating the recruitment database.

#### **How did your KA experience help prepare you for your IFC position?**

My KA experience helped me because I had been a rush chair for our fraternity. I had experienced and understood the recruitment process from a single fraternity aspect.

#### **What is the biggest thing you've learned so far from this experience?**

This experience has helped me understand how the university interacts with individual chapters. I saw how chapters worked with the university to foster proper risk management for recruitment purposes. I also feel like I can use this experience to help KA by improving communication between our chapter and the university. Also, I can help strengthen our risk management techniques because I have seen certain situations arise and how other fraternities have handled these situations.

#### **Why did you join KA when you came to UGA?**

I knew I wanted to join a fraternity. I have some family friends who were KAs at the time, and some of my dad's closest friends were also Gamma KAs in the early '80s. I had always heard great things about this chapter and knew this would be a fraternity that I would enjoy being a part of.

#### **What is your best KA memory?**

Sophomore year Convivium. We went to Nashville for a three-day weekend for our formal and to attend a Predators game. It was great weekend for brothers to spend together

in a different city where there were a lot of things to do.

#### **What are your future plans/goals after graduation?**

I plan to attend graduate school to attain either a MBA

or law degree. This is something that I have always thought about. I want grow my skills and knowledge so that I am not limited in my career choices and can pursue whatever opportunities I may have.

#### **In what ways will you remain involved with Gamma Chapter as an alum?**

I hope to stay involved with our fraternity in whatever aspect the chapter needs my help, whether it be recommendations for recruitment or just being a part of the alumni network.



**Charlie Haack**

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Milton B. Pope '55

(114 Saint James Pl., Macon, GA 31204-1499) I retired about 12 years ago from the textile industry and settled in Macon where we had previously resided on and off over the years. My wife, Carol (Wesleyan College), and I have been married for 54 years, and we have two grown sons - one in Macon and one in Virginia. We had a mighty good chapter when I was in Athens, and there are several of us here in Macon. So very sorry to lose one of our good brothers recently, **Mark Simmons Jr.** He was a great KA and a fine person, as all KAs are. I enjoy reading to kindergarten classes in one of our public schools, delivering Meals on Wheels, teaching an adult Sunday School Class, and working with the AARP income tax preparers each year. I'm looking forward to visiting the new house one of these days. I'm sure it's a great improvement over the one on Milledge Avenue and the old Law School dorm!

### Bo Strickland '95

(1620 N. Valencia Dr., Albany, GA 31707; bstrickland@mcd-r-law.com) I am married

to Molly Wright Strickland and we live in Albany, Ga. with three lovely kids: Boz (11), Lavitz (9), and Melt (5). (These are all family names that my wife insisted on). I am a partner in a law firm wherein I focus on real estate law.

### Brian Bacon '99

I am the Territory Sales Manager for Tractor & Equipment Company out of our Augusta location (my hometown). I got married to my childhood girlfriend, Dr. Brandy Gheesling, in May 2014 and we have a daughter, Anna Kate. We are living in Evans, Ga.

### Tommy Hopkins

(1435 Maple Drive, Griffin, GA 30224; hopkinssct@aol.com) I'm in my fourth year serving on the University System Board of Regents and Board of Georgia Regents University. Both are very challenging and afford me to see the great things happening throughout Georgia's higher education system. Also, I lobbied Kennesaw State University to invite Kappa Alpha as the next fraternity there. My son, Chase (Gamma '05), started

his dental practice on St. Simons Island this fall. My daughter, Paige (UGA '13, ADPi), is in her second year of physical therapy school at Georgia State.

### Share Your News

We need your help to populate the alumni updates section in our next issue. This is your opportunity to brag about your family, share career accomplishments, relive funny memories, praise your life-long friendships through stories of recent reunions, or show us pictures of any of the above.

To submit your materials for the next issue of our newsletter:

- Enclose them with your gift using the provided envelope,
- Email content@affinityconnection.com,
- Or upload them to [www.kauga.com](http://www.kauga.com)

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

### Record-Shattering Senior Swimmers

#### *Brothers Irwin and Hal Stolz Hold US and World Records in Competitive Masters Swimming*

**Irwin Stolz '51** and **Hal Stolz '53** are more than just KA brothers. They're blood brothers who are two of the world's fastest competitive senior swimmers.

The pair had a spectacular summer competing in Masters swimming. In a meet in Greenville, SC June 21-22, Irwin won the 1500 Meter Freestyle with the fastest time in the country in his age group (85 to 89). Hal won the 100 Meter Breaststroke and earned the nation's best time for his age group (80 to 84). Irwin then joined with Hal and two other teammates in a 4 x 100 Meter Medley Relay (long course, 50 meter pool). Hal swam the butterfly leg and Irwin anchored the freestyle leg. The team broke the existing **world record** for the 320+ age group. Not to be outdone, the next day the same four swam the 4 x 100 Meter

Freestyle Relay and shattered the existing world record by over 35 seconds!

In August at the 2014 FINA World Masters Championships in Montreal, Canada, the brothers were at it again, but without two of their relay members. Individually Hal won the 100 Meter Breaststroke with the best US time, and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in three other events. Irwin placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in two events and won the 200, 400, and 800 Meter Freestyles. Quite a summer!

Both Hal and Irwin competed for University of Georgia while undergraduates and have been active in Masters swimming for a number of years. They have each won many National Championships and are Masters Swimming All Americans.



*Hal (left) and Irwin Stolz at the Greenville, SC Masters swimming meet this past summer. The brothers each hold US and world records in competitive Masters swimming.*

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

### Wyck Knox '59 Receives Distinguished Award from UGA School of Law

Congratulations to **Wyckliffe "Wyck" A. Knox Jr. '59** for receiving The University of Georgia School of Law alumni association's Distinguished Service Scroll Award in June. Wyck was one of two members—the other being UGA president Jere Morehead—to be presented with the alumni association's highest award for their work following their time at UGA.

Wyck, an attorney in Augusta, said that the law school is important for developing future leaders.

"The University of Georgia School of Law is a special institution in my opinion," he said. "Through its doors pass many leaders of the state of Georgia... The law school, because of its unique role in shaping our society and its leaders, is deserving of our investment.

It is vitally important we keep educating the leaders of this state."

*Photo from  
The Augusta Chronicle*



**Wyck Knox**

## ANNUAL FUND

### Annual Fund Gets Major Boost from Increased Alumni Participation

#### *Join Our Expanding Base of Supporters as Celebrate Highest Support Levels in Half a Decade*

Gamma of Kappa Alpha Order is pleased to announce that we ended our 2013-14 annual fund giving year on August 31 with the highest annual giving levels in the past 5 years, with 70 brothers contributing a collective \$12,718—a 104% increase in participation over the previous year! Thanks to all who helped us to reach this milestone!

We're looking to grow even more in our new giving year, which kicked off September

1. In 2014-15 we are fully committed to expanding our base of supporters to include more brothers, and are striving to add 6 more donors to bring our total participation to 76. Can we count you among them this year?

As a reminder, the annual fund is a separate fundraising drive than our capital campaign and serves as the operating budget for Gamma of Kappa Alpha Order. The more money we raise, the more we can do

to enhance your alumni experience through increased publications, gatherings and events, and more. Your donations also allow us to provide support and mentorship to our thriving active chapter, which is upholding our strong legacy on UGA's campus.

See the enclosed form for more information on how to make your gift in our new giving year.

## 2013-14 ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

*Thank you to the following alumni for their gifts to the annual fund during our 2013-14 giving year, which ended August 31. Be among the first to add your name to our 2014-15 Honor Roll by making an annual fund gift today. See the enclosed form for more information.*

#### **Gamma Club**

William Kidd 1960  
Paul Kilpatrick 1960  
Joseph Boland 1961  
John Walden 1962  
Malcolm Liles 1971

Irwin Stolz 1951  
Jo Stegall 1952  
Claude Graybill 1953  
Allan Barber 1954  
John Wilson 1955  
James Keaton 1957  
William Ray 1959

Allen Davis 1976  
Joseph McGowan 1979  
Don Roberts 1982  
Todd Lee 1984  
Alexander Cann 1985  
Trey Rhodes 1988  
David Jewell 1989

James Orr 1956  
William Atkinson 1963  
Louis Riccardi 1963  
Thomas Vann 1963  
Rutherford Harris 1964  
Richard Belford 1965  
Thomas Bowden 1966

#### **Sustaining Member Club**

Penn Holman 1954  
Donald Sprayberry 1954  
Hugh Hosch 1958  
Asa Candler 1963  
B. Branford Thompson 1973  
I. William Stolz 1979  
Scott Shell 1981  
John Buchanan 1984  
John Chambliss 2001

Charles Harris 1962  
Lyle Nichols 1962  
H. Norman 1963  
David Sipple 1963  
D. Quillian Harris 1964  
Donald Massey 1965  
Grover File 1967  
Robert Bowden 1968  
Stewart Champion 1968  
Jack Friou 1968  
Calvin Hopkins 1969

Richard Conner 1991  
Sean Dwyer 1991  
James Hester 1991  
Edmond Perry 1991  
Grady Jackson 1992  
Hunter Hopkins 1997  
Tom Easterly 1999  
William Knox 2002  
William Jeremiah 2008

E. Russell Epperson 1967  
Zane Bair 1968  
David Brumby 1972  
William Beattie 1982  
Fred Sims 1982  
Charles Waters 1984  
D. McCord Moody 1990  
David Withers 1991

#### **Gold and Crimson Club**

George Dismukes 1951

Hugh Hamilton 1974  
Douglas Hendrickson 1975

#### **Contributor Club**

Merritt Pound 1952  
William Palmer 1953

#### **Other**

H. Ayers 1942  
James Hudgins 1978