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# The Alpha Gam

DELTA SIGMA PHI AT GEORGIA TECH

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

WINTER 2007

## Upcoming Event:

# 7th Annual Alpha Gam Golf Tourney

## Saturday 21 April 2007 10:00 A.M.

The Seventh annual Alpha Gamma Open golf tournament will be held on the 21st of April with consecutive tee times starting at 10:00 A.M. at the Marietta City Club. The tournament entry fee is \$74, which includes a \$7 food credit and prizes, and is payable to Jim Adams '60. All interested golfers should contact Jim to sign up and pay the entry fee by Friday 13 April.

The format of the tournament will be a four-person scramble. Golfers can sign up complete teams, place requests for one or two people with whom they wish to play, or leave team assignments entirely up to Jim. Friends of the Fraternity are welcome as are wives and girl friends (that is, a wife or a girl friend, but definitely not both).

Further details including directions to the Marietta City Club and individual handicaps will be discussed as players register. Please contact Jim at 678-297-3002 or james.adams@mindspring.com.

## Familiar Faces Return For

# Homecoming 2006

## Awards and a Weekend of Alumni and Football

**H**omecoming 2006 saw the return of many familiar faces as the Fraternity welcomed alumni, family, and friends. A couple hundred people turned out to socialize, chow down on excellent barbecue catered by Williamson Brothers, and enjoy some football on the enormous HDTV!

The group did take a few minutes to handle the business of the annual alumni meeting, and 14 alumni were selected to serve as the Alumni Corporation Board for the subsequent year. These brothers are listed in the box on page 5.

Throughout the week that led up to Homecoming Day, the undergrads competed in a variety of competitions with their fellow Greeks. Alpha Gamma placed 4th overall in the Homecoming competition that was highlighted by top finishes in two of the main events. Brothers Nikhil Patil '04 and A.J. Brandt '04 led the Fraternity in Mock Rock, in which Greeks perform usually elaborate (and sometimes screwball) song and dance numbers. Since this year's competition bore a 1940's theme, Alpha Gamma's performance told the story of Mr. Peabody and Sherman and their "way-back" machine trying to learn about that decade. The entertaining storyline and brilliant choreography blew the crowd away and earned the chapter a 1st place finish! Meanwhile, brothers Douglas Farrell '03 and Klar Fausnight '02 led the way in the Fixed Body competition for the Wreck Parade and, with the help of many other brothers, were able to impress the



At Homecoming '06: Herlene Gilbert, Chris Call, Charlie Gilbert;  
Below: Shawn Fowler and son, Andrew



spectators and judges alike with a design that depicted a WWII-style dogfight. With two large fighter planes mounted above the vehicle and locked in a continual firefight, the design was extraordinary enough to garner another 1st place win for the Fraternity!

Homecoming Day would not have been complete, however, without an impressive showing by Tech on the football field against the Miami Hurricanes. The Jackets started slow but put up 17 points in the 4th quarter to come from behind and pull out the win!

# Strong Bonds of Brotherhood

## Thoughts from the Chapter President

The fall 2006 semester saw Alpha Gamma continue to show its strong brotherhood in a variety of ways, but the chapter also received its first disciplinary sanction since returning to Tech's campus in 2000.

At an October social event, the brothers called police to the House when an underage guest of the Fraternity became unresponsive after consuming too much alcohol both before coming to the party and at the event itself. The student was taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons, but he suffered no injuries and was back on campus shortly thereafter. The leadership of the Fraternity handled the situation proactively by immediately reporting the incident to their advisors and by voluntarily making the House dry until the issue was resolved. Sanctions for allowing underage drinking were issued both by Georgia Tech and the National Fraternity that require all social events at the chapter to be dry until April 2007 and also require mandatory attendance to various educational seminars. In addition to satisfying those requirements, the chapter has implemented new risk management policies to complement those that already existed in an effort to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future.

That incident would be the sole low point of the semester, however, as the brotherhood had success in several other key areas of Fraternity life. A strong *(continued on back page)*



Wreck Parade: Alpha Gamma's 1st Place Fixed Body Design was featured on ABC's telecast.

### Chapter Snapshot:

- 54 Brothers                      9 Pledges
- GPA for Spring 2006 – 2.98                      GPA for Fall 2006 – 3.02
- 1st Place in Wreck Parade Fixed Body Competition
- 1st Place in Homecoming Mock Rock Competition
- 21 Undergrads and Alumni attended the Regional Leadership Academy
- Undergrad Involvement Highlights:
  - Michael Kraus – Senior Director of Investment for Georgia Tech Student Foundation
  - Darahn Hun – President of the Chinese Student Association
  - Walid Neaz – Secretary of the Interfraternity Council

### 2007 Calendar Year

# Undergraduate Chapter Officers

President	Douglas Farrell	Grapevine, TX	Mechanical Engineering	4th Year
Vice President	Andrew deRussy	Savannah, GA	Civil & Environmental Eng.	4th Year
Secretary	Allan Suen	Taipei, Taiwan	Electrical Engineering	3rd Year
Treasurer	Tom Minderman	Rockville, MD	Industrial Engineering	1st Year
Sergeant at Arms	Matthew Ward	Alpharetta, GA	Biomedical Engineering	3rd Year
Recruitment Director	Zack Trinite	Winder, GA	Mechanical Engineering	3rd Year
Social Director	Michael Lindsey	Powder Springs, GA	Mechanical Engineering	4th Year
New Member Educator	Cameron Aubuchon	Alpharetta, GA	Computational Media	4th Year
House Manager	Adam Hart	Washington, DC	Aerospace Engineering	2nd Year

# Updates

**A**fter a prolonged absence, the *Alpha Gam* is back thanks to our new affiliation with Gilchrist Alumni Management Associates. Due to our transition between alumni service companies, several alumni updates went unreleased for an extended period of time, and those have been included here even though they might have since become outdated. We are confident, however, that our partnership with Gilchrist will help ensure regular, high quality issues of the *Alpha Gam*, and we hope that you will continue to send in your alumni updates.

**Philip Vincent '63** (9 Club Drive, Newnan, GA 30263; pmavincent@numail.org) I roomed in the house with Barry Ervin '65 in 1964-65. We kept in touch for many years; however, I have lost contact with him.

**Stephen Lynn '89** (1436 Glastonbury Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103; padlynn@yahoo.com) My son Spencer was born in April. I am now a Finance Manager at Nissan after finishing my MBA at the University of Michigan. I am wondering about Trevor, Noid, Dangler and Hiro. Where's Dahl DeForest, and Dennis McLaughlin '89?

**Frank Lin '91** (8755 Charleston Valley Drive, Mason, OH 45040; flin2905@yahoo.com) My wife Gloria and I are happy to announce the birth of our son Noah on 6 February 2005. We moved to London and will be here until 2008.

**William R. Griffin '67** (13025 Old Hill City Road, Keystone, SD 57751; billkris@rushmoreonline.com) I live two miles from Mt. Rushmore National Monument. Delta Sigs who visit this area are invited to call me (605-666-4408). My wife and I spent the weekend in Santa Fe NM with Graham McFarlane '66 and his wife. We had lots of fun. My wife and his wife are both artists.

**Wilton Rooks '58** (6345 Barberry Hill Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506; wilton@rooks.us) In 2005 I moved back to the Atlanta area on Lake Lanier. Diane and I are enjoying boating and just being closer to the

grandkids in the Atlanta area.

**John Hale '61** (1613 Country Club Drive, Camano Island, WA 98282-6326;

camanokids@aol.com) Having been a realtor with Windermere Real Estate for 20 years, (Continued on page 4)

## The Bond Eternal

**Joseph C. Griffith '60** – On 18 March 2006 in Columbia, SC of complications of a blood disorder.

Joe Griffith from Alpha Gamma's golden age was a great Delta Sig. He was genial and gentle, traits which coupled with imposing size earned him the affectionate nickname of "Gus Goose." Joe was very well liked and probably would have been the common answer to the question, "who is the nicest guy in this Fraternity?" He was a "townie" and caught the usual flack for it but handled it with his usual good humor. Joe was Ken Hill's little brother.

Joe's wife to be, Carol Watrous (Kappa Delta at UGA) was frequently seen (and admired by all) at the House during Joe's time at Tech. Carol graciously filled in some details of their life together between graduation and the present. Upon graduation (degree in CE) in September of 1962, Joe and Carol were married. Joe received his ROTC commission in the Air Force and was sent to Japan for what Carol recalls as a pleasant stay. Heading back home meant heading back to Tech for Joe where he got a masters degree in IE then finally out into the real world to work. They ultimately found themselves in Columbia, South Carolina and retired there. On the way they had three children: daughters Heather and Elizabeth who graduated from Presbyterian College and son Clay who got his degree in architecture at Tech and an MBA from the University of Virginia. The family also has five grandchildren.

Joe was not idle in retirement. He personally built their dream house on 15 acres in Columbia and populated the estate with a horse and donkey.

Our sympathy goes out to Carol and all of Joe's family. We understand their loss because Joe was our

brother. He is remembered fondly as genial companion, a good friend and a great Delta Sig.

**William M. McIntosh III '56** – On 14 December 2006 of a heart attack at his home in Blairsville, GA.

Bill McIntosh was a great Delta Sig. Bill was born in Virginia, but followed his father, a Tech CE, to Tech. Bill and Frank Posey '56 (The Bond Eternal '04), friends since the third grade, came to Tech together and pledged Delta Sig together. Bill married his wife Dottie in 1960, while he was still in school so she shared in the Tech experience and Delta Sig experience.

Dottie very kindly filled in some blanks for us. Bill graduated with a degree in Industrial Management and worked for a 36 year career in the pharmaceuticals industry, retiring as the manager of the Atlanta district. After retirement Bill and Dottie moved from Kennesaw to Lake Nottely in Blairsville. In retirement Bill was not idle. He served as a member of the Union County Elections Board, the Chatuge Gun Club and Sons of Confederate Veterans. He was also an avid reader, a rock hound, fly fisherman, amateur jeweler and literally, a walking encyclopedia.

Besides wife Dottie, Bill leaves behind daughters Susan and Christina and sons William McIntosh IV and Adam Matthew and eight grandchildren. Bill and Dottie deserve special recognition for fathering intelligent children and raising them properly. Both of their daughters attended Tech (one IE and one ME) and a son-in-law is a Tech EE. Dottie says all of the grandchildren have an aversion to red and black.

Our sympathy goes out to Dottie and all of Bill's family. We of Delta Sigma Phi understand and share their loss because Bill was our brother.



Above: Fall 2006 Initiation Class

## New Members at Alpha Gamma

Alpha Gamma initiated 13 new brothers on November 4th, 2006.

Graeham Bruce	Marietta, GA	Mechanical Engineering	1st Year
Aldon Eberhart	Marietta, GA	Mechanical Engineering	3rd Year
Christopher Esteves	Marietta, GA	Chemical & Biological Eng.	1st Year
Brendan Gunning	Baltimore, MD	Computer Engineering	1st Year
Daranhdara Hun	Bronx, NY	Civil & Environmental Eng.	4th Year
James Lee	Alpharetta, GA	Biology	3rd Year
Matthew Martin	Camden, NJ	Industrial Engineering	3rd Year
Thomas Minderman	Rockville, MD	Industrial Engineering	1st Year
Alex Padilla	Marietta, GA	Aerospace Engineering	1st Year
Thomas Pearson III	Miami, FL	Aerospace Engineering	1st Year
Nicholas Solana	Marietta, GA	Undecided	1st Year
Kyle Thomas	Savannah, GA	Biomedical Engineering	1st Year
Jeffrey Wells	Marietta, GA	Industrial Design	1st Year

The chapter also welcomed 9 new pledges during January's Rush Week.

David Buckingham	Brookeville, MD	Polymer, Textile, Fiber Eng.	1st Year
Brian Chan	Toronto, Canada	Aerospace Engineering	1st Year
Andy Cheung	Hong Kong	Computational Media	1st Year
Chris Dale	Sandy Springs, GA	Undecided	1st Year
Jace Dalton	Cleveland, GA	Mechanical Engineering	1st Year
Sahan Jayasumana	Fort Collins, CO	Biomedical Engineering	1st Year
Robert Martinez	Miami, FL	Computer Science	1st Year
Justin Nix	Winder, GA	Management	1st Year
Daniel Smith	Jacksonville, FL	Civil Engineering	1st Year

### Alumni Updates (from page 3):

it's tough to leave the real estate business. I am still licensed in both Washington State and Arizona.

**Thomas J Fox '51** (820 E. 8th Ave., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169-3204) Attention, Jim Adams & Brothers: All is well. Sorry I missed the last golf outing. Hope to make it next year.

**J.P. Coughlin '00** (2120 South La Rosa Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282; jpcoughlin@gmail.com) I will be graduating from Arizona State University with my masters in Materials Engineering in August 2007 and working for Intel Corporation. I am playing in a rock band, Playground Legends ([www.theplaygroundlegends.com](http://www.theplaygroundlegends.com)), and am doing production and recordings for other local bands. Arizona is hot and Mexican food is spicy.

**Christopher Stevens** (5235 W. Price Road, Suwanee, GA 30024-1701; sean.stevens@charter.net) I am still the same old Sean. I just don't have time to drink as much.

E.Allen James Outstanding Undergrad Award

# Stan Hill Wins Undergrad Award

The Fraternity is pleased to announce that J Stanton Hill '02 was selected as the 2006 E. Allen James Outstanding Undergraduate Award recipient. The award recognizes one undergraduate in the nation each year who has made outstanding contributions to his chapter and to the Fraternity during his college career.

While an undergraduate member of the Fraternity, Stan served as Alpha Gamma's Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Recruitment Director. In addition, he is a graduate of the Mu Class of the Delta Sigma Phi Leadership Institute, and is currently serving on the Fraternity's Ritual Review Committee being headed by Grand Council member Chris Northern.

Stan served in many leadership positions on campus, including as Treasurer of the Executive Roundtable, which is one of Tech's top campus organizations, and as a Connect with Tech Host, where he served as an ambassador for the Institute with visiting potential students.

Stan is a 2006 graduate of Tech with a degree in Material Science and Engineering. He recently started law school at Vanderbilt University as a Chancellors Scholar and resides in Nashville, Tennessee.



Alumni Corporation

## Board Officers



President:	Chris Call '60	CCall@bkr-metcalf.com
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At-Large Members:

Jim Adams '60	Andy Booth '85	David Farmer '01	Mike Gantt '01
Greg Johnson '87	Kevin Haluska '00	Greg Munna '01	Mike White '02

## Send Us Your News!

New Job? Promotion? Retirement? Marriage? New Child? Reunion With Brothers?  
Your Brothers Want to Hear from You! Send us something to include in the next issue  
of *The Alpha Gam*. Mail to PO Box 4633, Chapel Hill, NC 27515

From Adam Tillery:

# Treasurer's Report

## Sound Footing; Mortgage Rate Reduced

The 2006 fiscal year was another good one. Net income for the year was \$33,433. We recognized total revenues of \$100,592 for the year, including rental income from house operations, alumni donations, and interest income from investments. After deducting operating expenses for the house, we recognized a profit from house operations of \$36,808. The ACB continues to support the chapter with academic scholarships, supplemental funding for attending the National Convention, costs associated with attending the National's Regional Leadership Academy, as well as supplementing projects undertaken by the chapter for various house improvements.

With the assistance of alumnus David Farmer '02, branch manager of Suntrust, we refinanced the mortgage locking in a rate reduction of 1%. In addition, we paid down the mortgage principal by \$40,000 during the year. Our year end cash balance was \$83,188 down from \$88,090 at 12/31/05 due to the mortgage payment. These funds are retained for further improvements to the house in hopes of completing further renovations in the future.

### FY 2006 Profit and Loss

Income	
Donations	\$ 1,205
Rental Income	96,675
Interest Income	<u>2,712</u>
Total Income	\$ 100,592
Expense	
House Operating Exp.	\$ 3,093
Insurance	5,065
Mortgage	14,949
Fundraising	3,135
Repairs	3,509
Scholarship	400
Taxes	5,516
Utilities	27,734
Other Expenses	3,756
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 67,158</u>
Net Income	\$ 33,433

### FY 2006 Balance Sheet

Assets	
Total Current Assets	\$ 84,068
Total Fixed Assets	367,340
Total Other Assets	<u>250</u>
Total Assets	\$ 451,658
Liabilities & Equity	
Total Current Liabilities	2,445
Total Long Term Liabilities	185,150
Retained Earnings	230,629
Net Income	<u>33,433</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 451,658

**Chapter President Report** from page 2:  
Rush Week saw 13 men welcomed as pledges. The group worked hard to learn what it takes to be Delta Sigs during their new member education period, and at the end of the semester, the Fraternity initiated all 13 men, which is a testament both to the education process and to the quality of men selected.

The brotherhood retreat was held in the North Georgia mountains where brothers camped and climbed rocks. During this retreat, the brothers not only became closer with each other, they also became closer with nature since there were no facilities. The group met for a brotherhood dinner at a Mexican restaurant before traveling up the mountain! The rock climbing proved to be a challenging yet fun experience and a large portion of the brotherhood was able to do something that they never thought they would be capable of doing. As always, the retreat was a great bonding opportunity and everyone left feeling that the brotherhood was stronger than ever.

Last but certainly not least, the chapter proved again that it remains focused on academic success as the brothers posted a 3.02 GPA for the Fall semester, outpacing the all men's average of 2.97 and improving upon the chapter's Spring 2006 mark of 2.98. With Spring 2007 already off to a great start thanks to a 9 person pledge class, the brothers expect that the semester will bring continued academic success and strong bonds of brotherhood that will complement the group's dedication to responsibility and risk management. ■

## Stay In Touch Electronically!

Join the Alumni Email List to receive periodic announcements regarding upcoming alumni events. Subscribe to the alumni email list using the link below:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GoDeltaSig/join>

Check Out Alpha Gamma's Undergrad Website at [www.godeltasig.com](http://www.godeltasig.com)

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