

# Rebel 'Reck



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BREAKS \$1 MILLION!

By J. Kelly McCutchen '86  
Alpha Sigma Alumni Council President

The number one goal now, for both the alumni and undergraduates of our chapter, is to build a new chapter house. Fortunately, we are well on our way to that goal: as of the end of January, we have received pledges totaling more than \$1 million.

However, we need to raise at least \$300,000 to \$400,000 more to be able to start construction. We have not yet asked for our donors to send in their contributions because we have not met this goal. The good news is that we have not received pledges from more than 85 percent of our brothers. We feel confident that we can reach our goal once everyone has made his pledge.

Our new Web site is <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/kaorder/>. There you will find up-to-date information on our campaign and a list of everyone who has made a pledge. If your name is not on this list, print the pledge form out and send it in immediately!

We are very close to making our dream of having the best house on campus a reality. Please help us by making a pledge and urging your friends to do the same.

## CHAPTER HAS SEEN MANY EXCITING CHANGES

By Ryan Jones '97, No. 1

Alpha Sigma has seen many exciting changes in the past year. From the development of the new house campaign to the initiation of 12 new members, our chapter continues to adapt and excel in all aspects of chapter life.

Summer rush proved very rewarding for the chapter. Without a central meeting place for rush events, brothers had to work exceptionally hard to convince prospective pledges of the benefits of brotherhood. Even with this extra challenge, the 1999 pledge class contains 12 exceptional men.

Brothers placed extra emphasis on having a good rush because of the loss of many graduating seniors. Since the summer, Alpha Sigma has said goodbye to 14 brothers who helped develop the chapter into what it is today. The brothers of Alpha Sigma would like to thank these recent graduates: Charlie Clark, Brett Daniel, Cres Ferrell, Mark Hargett, Billy Harton, Haynes Killen, Doug Matthews, John Pruitt, Buddy Smith, Clint Stancil, Kav Tucker, David Tyre, Buck Watkins and Hunter Yancey.

Another challenge for the chapter is the development of the semester system. Because of this change, all brothers faced a marathon of classes lasting from August to December. Despite the increased emphasis on school work, the brothers maintained an active social calendar. Aside from the regular tailgates with alumni during home football games, band parties, and mixers with sororities, the chapter also had a successful Christmas party at an art studio in Atlanta. This was the last social event of the fall semester and was enjoyed by all.

Spring semester brings about the celebration of Robert E. Lee's Birthday and our annual Convivium, which will take place in Helen, Ga., and features dinner with a special speaker, David Carico (Emory '87). Brother Carico has been the director of the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation since 1992.

Spring semester also contains Old South week. From Casino night to Brothers' night, this week always proves to be enjoyable and a valuable strengthening tool for the brotherhood.

As the brothers of Alpha Sigma look at the rest of the coming year, we are excited about new possibilities, but we continue to value the traditions of the past. As the capital campaign for the new house gains steam and the start of construction draws nearer, we will continue our work to improve one of the best chapters at Georgia Tech.



1974 KA Rose Leslie Brown joins 1999 KA Rose Carolyn Smother, David Brown '97 and Chip Brown '71 to celebrate Homecoming.

THIS IS OUR CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,  
WHICH IS SERVING AS OUR  
DE FACTO ALUMNI  
BOARD.

- R. Jack Alexander, Jr. '46  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Charles C. Averett '52  
Norcross, Ga.
- William H. Avery '63  
Atlanta, Ga.
- James W. Bowyer '61  
Maitland, Fla.
- Daniel H. Bradley '58  
Savannah, Ga.
- W. Trav Carter '77  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Norman C. Chastain '74  
Marietta, Ga.
- James E. Elliott Jr. '76  
Warner Robins, Ga.
- John W. Ford '49  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Hodges L. Golson Jr. '64  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Bradley O. Green '84  
Decatur, Ga.
- Alton D. Greenway Jr. '83  
Macon, Ga.
- Thomas B. Gurley '56  
Decatur, Ga.
- Charles R. Haley '81  
Eatonton, Ga.
- Jeremy J. Hammerton '91  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Hubert L. (Herky) Harris '62  
Atlanta, Ga.
- John H. Keys '66  
Atlanta, Ga.
- G. William Knight '60  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Ben E. Lilly '58  
Alpharetta, Ga.
- John W. Lowery IV '90  
Marietta, Ga.
- William R. McCall '88  
Atlanta, Ga.
- J. Kelly McCutchen III '86  
Atlanta, Ga.
- S. Howard McKinley '57  
Eatonton, Ga.
- Robert C. Montgomery '61  
Chicago, Ill.
- William R. Morrison '86  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Clinton B. Newton '45  
Alpharetta, Ga.
- Mark D. Tiller Jr. '90  
Atlanta, Ga.
- Charles A. Wallace '60  
Atlanta, Ga.

## SEMESTER CONVERSION AFFECTS UNDERGRADS

By Keedick Coulter '98, No. III

This fall Georgia Tech began its semester conversion. After years of operating on quarters, students and faculty now go to school on a semester calendar. With such a large transformation, there were plenty of issues to handle and there are still more to consider. These issues affect everything, from scholastics to campus life to fraternities.

The first semester has finally ended and not much is clear. We do know that almost five months of engineering classes is too much! This was evident in the school's worst ever student body GPA. On top of the length of semesters, students are adjusting to starting school in August and finishing in May, which means that Alpha Sigma is now forced to celebrate Old South

before the beaches warm up. These changes have brought about some other, more serious, issues as well.

Alpha Sigma has realized the importance of adapting to these changes. The chapter has worked hard to maintain a strong presence on campus in the face of this conversion. Individually, brothers of Alpha Sigma have stepped up and contributed to the transformation process.

Tyler Brown '97 has played a vital role in helping us ease into the semester calendar. Tyler is the current student body president. As such, he oversees issues facing the Student Council and does his best to see that the Council tackles every issue. Tyler has done an excellent job of seeing that Georgia Tech handles the conversion smoothly and keeps

the members of Alpha Sigma aware of all the changes.

Alpha Sigma is also proud of Thomas Hudgens '96, who is currently vice president of the Interfraternity Council. Brother Hudgens has dealt with many policy issues concerning the new semester calendar and fraternity life. Most importantly, he has been involved in seeing that fraternity rush adapts to the change. This is an area where Alpha Sigma has made some internal changes as well. We have worked hard to change our rush strategies to better attract men.

Since we are placing emphasis on rush, expending extra effort to ensure success, and realizing the dream of a new house, we expect the future to be even brighter than our illustrious past.



## WEB SITE IS UP AND RUNNING

The address of our new Web site is <http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/kaorder/>. On this site you will find a list of donors to the capital campaign and the total money raised, a pledge form and a way of making a contribution on-line, information on the proposed new chapter house and information on how the undergraduates are coping without a house.

As we go forward, we plan to add floor plans of the new house; construction pictures; a list of donors to the Alumni Association; pictures from Homecoming, Convivium and other events; and perhaps even a voluntary e-mail list that we can use to stay in touch with each other. Please let us know what you think (you can send your comments to [kmccutchen@gpf.org](mailto:kmccutchen@gpf.org)).

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## RUSH RECOMMENDATIONS

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SEND IN A RUSH RECOMMENDATION. UNTIL WE BUILD A NEW HOUSE, EACH RUSH IS MORE CRUCIAL THAN EVER TO MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF OUR CHAPTER. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE PLANNING TO ENTER GA. TECH IN THE FALL WHO YOU THINK WE SHOULD RUSH, PLEASE SEND US THE INFORMATION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO [KMCCUTCHEN@GPPF.ORG](mailto:KMCCUTCHEN@GPPF.ORG). ALTHOUGH WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE, WE AT LEAST NEED THEIR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

## WELCOME FALL 1999 PLEDGES!

*Davis Beman*

Augusta, Ga.  
Biology

*Ben Brown*

Cleveland, Ga.  
Mechanical Engineering

*Chase Burton*

Marietta, Ga.  
Management

*Carter Butts*

Lumpkin, Ga.  
Mechanical Engineering

*Matt Dart*

St. Simon's Island, Ga.  
Industrial Engineering

*Jacob Dearolph*

Martinez, Ga.  
Engineering

*Ross Dekle*

Moultrie, Ga.  
Chemical Engineering

*Jonathan Glover*

Augusta, Ga.  
Mechanical Engineering

*Eric Johnson*

Marietta, Ga.  
Building Construction

*Kris Mickelson*

Woodstock, Ga.  
Management

*Jon Shroer*

Augusta, Ga.  
Industrial Engineering

*Matt Weibring*

Plano, Texas  
Management

## FALL 1999 CHAPTER OFFICERS

I

Ryan Jones '98  
Cartersville, Ga.  
Mechanical Engineering

II

Jake Sisley '97  
St. Simons Island, Ga.  
Civil Engineering

III

M. Keedick Coulter '98  
Roanoke, Va.  
Industrial Engineering

IV

Zach Ferrell '99  
Cairo, Ga.  
Industrial Engineering

V

Charles Wooley '99  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Management

VI

Nathan Purvis '99  
Stone Mountain, Ga.  
Management

VII

Casey Clark '99  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Management

VIII

Jonathan Cudnik '99  
Athens, Ga.  
Electrical Engineering

IX

Carter Butts  
Lumpkin, Ga.  
Mechanical Engineering

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SEE THE ENCLOSED HONOR ROLL FOR  
A LIST OF THE BROTHERS WHO HAVE  
PLEGGED TO THE ALPHA SIGMA  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!



# ALUMNI NEWS

**Luther Z. Drennon '34** (2975 Huntshire Pl., Atlanta, GA 30340) is retired from the automotive business and licensed as a broker with Drennon Realty.

Retired architect **John C. Wheeler '36** (Professional Bldg., 2000 Warfield Dr., Nashville, TN 37215) enjoys reading, fishing and gardening. He and Betty, his wife of 54 years, have three daughters, four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

**George P. Bates Jr. '42** (6417 Cross-woods Dr., Falls Church, VA 22044; gpbmebjr@aol.com) spends the winter in Thailand with one of his sons. In the fall, George can be found in England with his other son.

After 40 years in Silicon Valley, **Henry H. Armstrong '44** has moved to 2159 Morro Dr., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. He is enjoying the weather and scenery in the high Sierras.

**Charles M. Williams '45** (17800 Snug Harbor Rd., Charlotte, NC 28278) recalls: "I personally bought the first Rambling Wreck for the Tech/ Navy home game in 1946. We put a goat in the back and won Homecoming. It was a Model-T vegetable truck. I paid \$75.00 to a farmer."

**Edward G. Martin '48** (919 Treasure Ln., Lake Charles, LA 70605; hbmartin@compuserve.com) is active in the air show circuit with two antique DeHavilland aircraft.

Last year, **Charles C. Averett '52** (Southeastern Deep Seal Inc., P.O. Box 930923, Norcross, GA 30003) joined 19 of his Kappa Alpha contemporaries for three days of golf and socializing at Fripp Island, S.C.

During Homecoming 1998, **J. Charles Curry Jr. '54** (419 Pimlico Rd., Greenville, SC 29607) had a good time at the game and seeing his classmates at the barbeque.

**Frank C. Leister '57** (715 Woodbine Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45246) has retired from technology consulting.

**C. Dwight Tabor Jr. '57** (2716 Shetland Dr., Decatur, GA 30033; cdtabor@yahoo.com) retired as professor at



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the college of Business Administration at Georgia State University in 1997.

**Walter L. Busbee '58** (10529 Greene Dr., Lorton, VA 22079; busbs@erols.com), who is retired from the Army as a brigadier general, serves as president and CEO of Majesco Biologicals Inc., a medical diagnostics and biotechnology firm. Last summer, he enjoyed working with brothers of his era on plans for the October 1999 reunion in Atlanta.

"My Kappa Alpha days at Tech meant a lot to me," writes **F. Lee Cook '58** (804 Cleermont Dr. S.E., Huntsville, AL 35801). "I remember them fondly." Lee has retired and is now active consulting, traveling, playing golf, and studying the stock market.

**John R. Rowe Jr. '58** (2601 Prospect Rd. W., Tampa, FL 33629) retired as vice president of regulatory affairs at Tampa Electric Co. in October 1999. He has formed a new consulting practice, Rowe & Associates Inc.

Since retiring in 1999 after a 30-year career with Unocal Corp., **Wayne A. Sawyer '59** (3144 Nottingham Ln., Port Neches, TX 77651; wasawyer@mindspring.com) has been enjoying hunting, fishing and golf.

**James H. Applegate Jr. '65** (117 Frances Ave., Marietta, Ga 30060; f15jda@aol.com) works for Federal Express as a 727 co-pilot. He is retired from the Georgia Air National Guard.

**Harry S. Smiley '70** (706 Laurel Dr., Aiken, SC 29801; smiley@hacom.net), a princi-

pal engineer at Westinghouse Safety Management Solutions, had dinner with **Bobby Rushton '69** in the summer. The two brothers went to high school together. (Bobby is on our "lost" list. If you have an address for him, please send it our way.)

**Jesse O. Brown III '71** is a manager with Alcoa (201 Isabella St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212; chip.brown@alcoa.com). He has two Kappa Alpha sons — **David '97** at Georgia Tech and Russell at James Madison University.

At The Boeing Co., engineer **Christopher T. Butler '73** (28205 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Kent, WA 98031; christopher.t.butler@boeing.com) is an operations analyst. He is a captain in the Naval Reserve.

On a new assignment with IBM, **William B. Davis Jr. '81** (8005 Connestee Ct., Raleigh, NC 27612; brittd@us.ibm.com) is a manufacturing project manager for consumer systems with the Personal Systems Group.

Tracey and **James M. McCarthy '81** (3531 Pine Grove Dr., Douglasville, GA 30135; jimmymac@avana.net) have 2-year-old triplet daughters. Jim, a pilot, flies the 767 for Delta Air Lines and the B-1 in the National Guard.

"Good luck building the new house!" writes **Bruce H. Caldwell '82** (10915 Allenhurst Blvd. E., Cincinnati, OH 45241; caldwell.bh@pg.com) "I hope to come visit, but since I now have four kids, I hope there will be lots of room!" Bruce is currently the section head of Research and Development at Proctor and Gamble.

**C. Brodie Hyde III '82** (4911 Bryce Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107; cbhthree@aol.com) is a corporate cash manager at Pillowtex Corp. In February 1999, he and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed the arrival of their first child, Clarence IV.

**Keith T. Pigue '82** (3321 Afton Ln., Birmingham, AL 35242; kpigue1@aol.com) visited **Duffy Connolly '81** in Kingstree, S.C.

**Brian D. Crown '84** (12426 Sea Pines Dr., De Witt, MI 48820; bdcopa@aol.com), a CPA with Auto Owners Insurance Co., is scheduled to graduate from the Detroit College of Law at MSU in December 2000.

**Erhard C. Karl IV '86** (2597 Ridgemore Rd. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30318) and his wife, Jennifer, have a 1-year-old daughter, Martha. "Chad" serves as maintenance coordinator at Mead. He attended a birthday party for the son of **Keith Haas '85** and saw **Jonathan Eady '85** and his family.

In 1998, **Randall J. Ruark '86** (412 Santa Anna Trl., Martinez, GA 30907; randyruark@aol.com) left his job with Georgia Power to enter medical school at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He is now in his second year and looking forward to graduating in May 2002.

**David W. Sides '87**, a health care account manager with Collins & Aikman Floor Coverings, has bought a home at 129 Point Lobos, San Francisco, CA 94121. E-mail for him can be sent to dlsides@mindspring.com.

Jennifer and **David R. Sweat '88** (4321 Edgewater Dr. N.W., Kennesaw, GA 30144; david\_sweat@superioressex.com) have a new addition - their son, Justin, was born in June 1999. David is now an inventory manager at Superior Telecommunications Inc.

**Edward S. Wilson III '89** (228 Andover Dr., Savannah, GA 31405), a sales representative with Colonial Life & Accident, was recognized by the company as "National Rookie of the Year" for 1998. He serves on the board of directors of the Savannah Area G Club. Not long ago, the Club gave nine scholarships to area students headed to Tech.

Favorite memories for **Matthew J. Rose '90** include work week, pledge retreat, the "Wreck," Convivium, Redlight Ball, hanging out on the deck, crawfish boil, rainy day fun games, football games and the "Hank" party. He is now a vice president at Rawlings Engineering and living with his wife, Mary, at 353 Corbin Ave., Macon, GA 31204. You can reach Matt electronically at rawlings\_eng@msn.com.

**Samuel C. Bowyer '91** (862 Ponce de Leon Pl., Atlanta, GA 30306; sbowyer@mindspring.com) and Julie Evans married in July 1999.

In April of 1999, Deirdre and **Robert L. Grimes '91** (7719 Klondyke Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28311; deidregrimes@mindspring.com) welcomed the arrival of a daughter, Taylor.

