

Coming in May 2003

Alpha Sigma Contact Guide

We are getting ready to produce a contact guide, including name, initiation year, and home and business data for each Alpha Sigma alumnus. Make sure to send in your updated contact information so that it appears correctly in the new guide. It's a great way to stay in touch with your Alpha Sigma friends.

Use the enclosed form and postage-paid envelope to submit your updated information. Please also consider including a check to help fund this important effort.

Thank you! ■

State of the Chapter

Convivium took place at the Middlecreek chalets in Pigeon Forge during January 9-11, 2003. The dinner and party were on Saturday night, and the annual toast was given by **Clay Zielinski**, with Selective Funk playing after dinner. Both were an enormous success.

Recently the new officers were installed. Filling the positions of Number I, II and III are **Walker Stewart**, **Tyler Gaines** and **Davis Beman**, respectively. In addition, 12 new brothers were initiated on January 16. Initiation was held at St. Mark's Church on Peachtree Road. The chapter participated in a work party on the following Saturday to benefit the church in return for allowing us to use their facilities.

On February 8, the chapter held a date night at the Professional Bull Riding Atlanta Classic Rodeo. This was the beginning of an excellent social calendar leading up to Old South later this spring.

Alpha Sigma has been very involved in philanthropy, and we have two events coming up. First, the chapter will be stuffing envelopes for the MDA. Second, many of the brothers of Alpha Sigma will be taking part in Operation Crimson Gift by donating blood in support of the American Red Cross through April 15. ■

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Alumni Profiles

Q+A with **William Chastain '76**

Future Book Will Be Close to Home

Bill Chastain's passion both for writing and sports led him to become first a sportswriter, then a sports novelist. Be sure to keep an eye out for his next novel, set in the KA house at Georgia Tech!

Why did you join Kappa Alpha?

Well, my brother and father had both been members in the same chapter, so I already knew a lot about it. My brother, **Norman Chastain '74**, was two years ahead of me. I knew everybody up there, and I really liked the guys.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

I remember when **Jim Elliott '76** was the rush chairman; he really liked preppie stuff. So, he planned a party that was going to be '50s night. This was during more of the hippie era. The preppie guys kind of had their way of dressing, and the hippie guys their own way of dressing. I fell somewhere in between; most of us were just kind of college grunge. Anyway, I think Jim had visions that this was going to be a really great party where everyone dressed up in preppie clothes. They had a guest DJ from the ΣAE house — the preppiest fraternity on campus. But Jim's plan backfired. By the time the night was over, most of the brothers ended up dressing more like the cast of "Grease." It was like the Jets and the Sharks from "West Side Story" and "There's Gonna Be a Rumble." It was the rougher side of the '50s. I think Jim was kind of disappointed.

What influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

Most of my really close friends are from the fraternity. I feel like I could call the ones I don't stay in close touch with and hook up again tomorrow.

With whom do you stay in contact?

I've stayed in touch with **Vick Rice '78**, **Jimmy Guyer '76**, **Bob Hume '76**, **Rammy Cone '74**, all the **Bryant boys** — **Grady '76**, **Clay '78**, **Carlton '81** and **Vernon '79** — and **Bryan Hutton '73**, **Jim Elliott '76**, **Rick Walsh '76**, **R. Michael "Doc" Halliday '74**, **Chris Butler '73**, **Bobby Maxwell '76**, **Roger Bedell '77**, **Jim Stroupe '74**, **Bob Graham '74** and **Rick Toole '76**. Then there are others that I've lost touch with. I haven't been able to contact **Gregg Griffin '76** and **Steve Davison '78**, and we were really close. People move, get married, have kids and it gets hard to stay in touch.

Did you have a nickname? How did you get it?

They called me "Willie." The bank had sent my checks to me as Willie Chastain.

Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates?

Yes, I lived in the house. My roommates were **Jimmy Guyer**, **Jim Stroupe**, **Richard Martin '76** and **Wayne Thigpen '75**. Most memories can't be printed! I do remember a kind of funny thing. Each year we moved to new rooms according to house points, and some rooms were better than others. During my senior year, I accidentally went back to my old room after having a bit to drink and threw the guy out of his bed. I think it was **Jim Elliott**.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Patty, and I have been married 20 years. We have a daughter, Carly, who is 16 and wants to go to Georgia Tech. My son, Kel, is 15, and he hasn't thought about college yet.

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Alumni Article

An Outstanding Year at Alpha Sigma

The brothers listed below value the relationships they developed through Kappa Alpha Order and want to keep track of old friends and our chapter's progress. They care about the place they called home at Georgia Tech and where they will always be welcome visitors. They have a stake in the ongoing process of creating the next generation of young leaders, and by writing a check to our 2002-03 annual fund, they have shown that they believe these things are important. Their

contributions also fund alumni communications, including this newsletter, our Web site (www.kagatech.com), reunions, house events and maintaining contact information for nearly 1,000 living Alpha Sigma Chapter alumni.

To date, 101 brothers have made gifts totaling over \$6,400. However, we still hope to hear from many more this academic year. We reach out to those who have not been involved and invite them to participate.

A strong organization is the foundation for a healthy undergraduate chapter — a place where leadership develops and lifelong bonds are forged. Our donors are grateful for what the fraternity did for them and wish to pass along to current and future undergraduates the experiences and benefits of Kappa Alpha Order at Georgia Tech. ■

"The ultimate continuing strength of a college fraternity chapter rests with its alumni members. The chapter's undergraduates come and go, its leaders change, its programs are modified and its home replaced, but its alumni maintain a lifelong association that ends only with death. As each generation dies, a new one matures to provide the continuity that perpetuates the chapter. Alumni members are the keepers of the tradition, preferred stockholders in the enterprise, the mark of its accomplishment."

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Alumni UpDates

Walter D. Bach

(100 Turnberry Ln., Chapel Hill, NC 27517; wdbjr@att.net) I married the former Sharon Kelly of Durham, N.C., on January 12, 2002, at a family service in Marietta, Ga. She is an avid Duke basketball fan, but roots for Tech otherwise.

Ben F. Brian

(1 Hyacinth Ln., The Landings, Savannah, GA 31411-2926; BBrian66@bellsouth.net) The annual Alpha Sigma Invitational Golf Outing hosted by **Chuck Averett '52** on Fripp Island will be held April 14-18, 2003. Members looking forward to participating in this very prestigious event are **Ham Arnall '52, Chuck Averett, Jerry Beck '54, Ben Brian, Phil Carley '52, Rives Carter**

'51, "Nu Nu" Chastain, Fenimore Cooper

'53, Jim Gazaway '55, Richard Norwood

'51, Phil Reece '52 and Chip

Ritchie '51. These "high rollers" are now negotiating handicaps. Betty and **Ben Brian** are planning on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with all their family (14 people) on a Caribbean cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's "Navigator of the Seas," sailing out of Miami on June 28. **Chuck Averett** introduced Betty to Ben in 1953, and the rest is history!

Thoms J. Berry '36

(818 Hillcrest Ave., Griffin, GA 30224-4917)

I would like to hear from any brothers who lived in the KA house in 1937, 1938 or 1939.



Albert O. Waldon '36

(312 S.E. 15th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471) Living in sunny Florida and remembering my fraternity days.

N. Carter Poe '41

(515 Pelham Rd., Greenville, SC 29615; cpoe@bellsouth.net) Mary and I are fine, aside from 10 years on borrowed time.

Henry H. Armstrong '44

(P.O. Box 578966, Modesto, CA 95357-8966) Congratulations on the new house!

Alumni profile with William Chastain '76, continued

Tell us about your career.

I've been all over the place. When I got out of college, I was one of those guys who hadn't really thought a lot about what I wanted to do. I had my head down — Georgia Tech is a hard school. Most of my focus was on just getting out of there. In fact, when you talk to most Georgia Tech graduates, they don't ask when you graduated, they ask "When did you get out?"

The nice thing is that everyone is in the same boat. My major was industrial management, and I worked in construction when I first got out of school. But as I realized that I needed to work for the rest of my life, I really thought about what I wanted to do. I was lucky because I found that I had a passion for writing. So I started to do freelance writing, probably in about 1980. I tried to get into better publications, which I did, and by the mid '80s I had a pretty good resume showing work for a lot of national magazines.

I also started looking at working for newspapers and landed at the St. Petersburg Times as a correspondent. At the time, they had an afternoon paper called The Evening Independent, so I moved over there for a while. Then I left and worked in construction again. Then in 1990, I went to work for The Tampa Tribune. I covered baseball, traveling all over the place. Always in the back of my mind, though, I wanted to be a book writer. I was with the Tribune for about 12 years, but for the last four, I really knew I wanted to write books.

It's funny: Covering sports is like working for McDonald's — you don't like the food after working there a while. I was getting sick of sports. It's like any job — it's a job. Most people think, "Isn't that great? You go to the ballpark and watch games!" They didn't see that I would get to the ballpark at 2:30 p.m. and leave at 12:30 a.m. One thing I miss, though, is writing under a deadline. It is kind of a rush to see what you can do when you are under the gun.

I had a great run with sports writing. I got to see places I never would have seen, everywhere from Tampa to Seattle to New York to San Francisco. But eventually it started to feel like work, it didn't pay well enough and the hours were quite demanding. There were always 10,000 people who wanted my job, who would do it for less and would work all the hours happily. Also, I started to realize that all I did was write about what other people did.

I decided to leave the paper in September 2001 and start my own public relations business. So, I now do that and write books. [Note: Bill has published two books — a baseball novel called "The Streak" and a biography of Steve Spurrier.] I had actually written the novel several years ago, and I refined it over the years. But this year, I finally got a publisher for it. I was hired to do the Steve Spurrier book by the publisher, and it turned out pretty well. He was pretty interesting. I enjoyed that more than I thought I would. As I said, I was a bit burned out on writing about sports people, but I enjoyed doing that book.

The novel, though, is more where my heart is. I have two other novels I am trying to sell. One of the first sports novels I ever read was "The Natural," and I just loved that. I really wanted to write the great American baseball novel. So, it's been quite a thrill to have that published.

My brother Norman and I are very close — most people would probably remember him since he was president of the fraternity. He really paved the way for me and is trying to do some writing as well. He is a talented writer and has helped edit my books. I hope he gets one of his published soon.

The novel I am working on now is set at Georgia Tech at the KA house. I'm about halfway done with it. As for the public relations business, I really do enjoy it. I've been surprised that one aspect of PR I really like is the business element.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I love to play golf, and play every Saturday. I try to be a good father. The kids are getting to the age where they don't want Dad around that much, though.

What are your goals for the next few years?

My goals are to make my public relations business a big success and parallel that with the success of my novels. Eventually, I would like to just be writing novels.

Brothers who want to get in contact with Bill can e-mail him at williec1@gte.net. ■

Alumni Updates continued

Walter E. Deyerle '46

(320 Greenbriar Ln., West Grove, PA 19390-9490; deyerlewe@aol.com) Retired. In good health and now living at Jenner's Pond, a continuing-care retirement community.

Clinton M. Hunter '55

(220 Buckingham Rd., Greenville, SC 29607; clinhunter@juno.com) Started at Georgia Tech 50 years ago, but still working! Hey, we need an Alpha Sigma e-mail directory! Do we have one for publication? [Editor's note: Look for the new Alpha Sigma Contact Guide in May.]

Marshall P. Walker '55

(1060 E. Ave., Madison, GA 30650; MWalker435@aol.com) I retired from Union Camp Corp. as southern regional manager,

moved back to my hometown of Madison, Ga., and started a business here to keep my marriage together and to feel productive after retirement. I'm doing consulting work in the industry that I was involved in for 40 years, placing managers in the industry and selling commercial real estate — keeping busy with a one-man office. I see brothers **Buck Shamburger** and **Jack Hall '50** fairly frequently as both live in the area; and also my brother and fellow KA, **Barrett Walker '47**. Would like to know where **Stan Carlson** lives. Anyone know where he went?

Thomas B. Gurley '56

(1496 Country Squire Ct., Decatur, GA 30033-1811; tbgurley@att.net) I am very proud to see our new house and what it offers to Alpha Sigma. Every four to six weeks a group of us "younger" fellows

meet for lunch at the OK Cafe in Atlanta. It is good fellowship. Retirement is nice, as is my new career in the travel business. Grandchildren are also very nice to enjoy.

F. Lee Cook '58

(804 Cleermont Dr. S.E., Huntsville, AL 35801-1844; bbc6714@juno.com) I have three degrees from Tech (B.S. in applied math, 1961; M.S. in applied math, 1964; Ph.D. in math, 1967). I retired in 1997 from my last position as a mathematics professor and a dean at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. My wife, Barbara, and I travel extensively and also spend about three months of the year (spring and fall) at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Our trips in 2003 include whale watching in Mexico early in the year and a cruise/land tour to Alaska in July/

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Alumni Updates continued

August. We intend to visit Australia and New Zealand as well as Ireland in 2004. Currently, we stay in touch with a number of brothers of my vintage through an e-mail network run by **John Rowe '58** who lives in North Carolina. Barbara and I plan to attend as many KA reunions as possible. We welcome any brothers who travel through Huntsville. Just give us a call at 256-539-6714 to make sure we're in town.

John R. Rowe '58

(81 Skye Dr., Pisgah Forest, NC 28768; jubilee3@citcom.net) My wife, Leslie, and I have completed our new home, "Jubilee," in the North Carolina mountains.

Edward L. Kelly '59

(3321 Marblehead Ln., Raleigh, NC 27612-4927; lkelly@piedmontac.com) I certainly enjoyed my class reunion this past fall and the opportunity to visit a lot of old friends at the new KA house, some of whom I had not seen in 40 years.

Thomas R. Boys '62

(903 Blanton Pl., Greensboro, NC 27408; tom_boys@takata.com) Product manager, Highland Industries, in Greensboro, N.C. Doing sales and marketing of industrial textiles. My wife and I are both avid golfers and snow skiers, and vacation frequently at Keystone, Colo.

Roy E. Jarrett '64

(6130 S. Potomac Way, Englewood, CO 80111-6633; roybeth@ix.netcom.com) The visit to the new KA house prior to the BYU-Tech game was a highlight of my recent visit to Atlanta. I would encourage all brothers to visit old Alpha Sigma when in Atlanta and to financially support the capital campaign and annual fund.

Robert W. Fenet '66

(7522 Rienzi Blvd., Bogue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1122; bobfe3373@aol.com) Sally and I became "empty nesters" on 8/25/02 (four kids), and celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary on 8/26/02.

R. Jack Alexander '74

(5220 Vernon Springs Trl., Atlanta, GA 30327; deidrajack@hotmail.com) Entire family of six completed the Peachtree Road Race this year. The kids all beat me (even my 10-year-old girl — she did 56:00!)

Eric W. Carlson '74

(Qtrs. E. Mason Rd., Naval Weps Sta., Yorktown, VA 23691) I reported to the Fleet Hospital Support Office as commanding officer in June 2002. We are enjoying being on the East Coast again. I hope to get down to Atlanta for homecoming in fall 2003 and see the new house.

Joseph T. Putnal '76

(1625 Cooper Falls Ln., Raleigh, NC 27614-8795; putnals@bellsouth.net) Working for Intel in sales on the communications side of the business. Times are tough right now; I'm fortunate to have a job! Married 20 years to KA little sister Dottie Enslow; one son, Coalter, 7. Travel some, including overseas, so lots of frequent flyer miles that we use for vacations.

John W. Rhymes '77

(2500 Huntington Parc Ct., Homewood, AL 35226; jwrhymes@mindspring.com) I have 13 grandchildren. I also have sweet, sweet memories of our days at Alpha Sigma. I am proud of your good work at Kappa Alpha.

Brian D. Crown '84

(12317 Mission Hills Dr., De Witt, MI 48820; bdcppa@aol.com) My wife, Cassandra Drysdale-Crown, and I have a daughter, Brina R. Crown, born Aug. 5, 2001. I earned my CPA designation in 1991 and received my J.D. in 2000. I currently work as in-house legal counsel for Auto-Owners Insurance Co., in Lansing, Mich. I am interested in locating **Frank Fitzgerald '84** and **P. Douglas Ford '84**.

Burt M. Deardorff '87

(4537 Treadstone Ct., Suwanee, GA 30024; burtdeardorff@advantageind.com) I'm an account manager for Advantage Industrial Automation. We sell factory-floor automation equipment and services. My wife, Sherri, and I just celebrated the birth of our first child, Sydney Marie, on Jan. 20. Whatever pride/ego you have before you change a dirty diaper goes right out the window when you have "number 1" and "number 2" on your hands at 3:00 a.m. To be honest, I never thought I could love something as much as I do my child. I highly recommend the experience to all brothers.

James L. Herrin '87

(4365 Smoke Ter., Hoschton, GA 30548; jherrin@nalco.com) Two business associates and I have successfully launched a new business enterprise, Paradigm Chemical and Consulting, which provides process additives and engineering services primarily to the pulp and paper industries in North and South America. Launched in October 2001, the business has grown to \$15M in annual sales revenue and employs 14 people. I serve as president and general manager. My wife, Phyllis, and I and three sons reside in Powder Springs, Ga., and are avid Tech football fans. I also maintain regular correspondence with Alpha Sigma alumni **Richard Wylot '87**, **Mike Hopkins '87** and **Matt Rose '90**.

David W. Jones '90

(3348 Windgate Dr., Buford, GA 30519-1950; davidwjones1969@yahoo.com) I've been living in Buford (between Lake Lanier and Mall of Georgia) for five years now. I am married with no kids yet; have two dogs. I am a financial services broker (insurance and investments), and I own a daycare facility near Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth. Jayme and I take a lot of time off and enjoy ourselves ... hey, no kids, so why not? The next time one of you is in northeast metro Atlanta, call me!

Jerry Reeves '96

(6025 S.W. 86th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608; jreeves@tsgwater.com) I am currently working as a project engineer for a desalination and wastewater firm in Gainesville, Fla. On Dec. 7, 2002, Kristy Bowen (Alpha Chi Omega) and I were married and vacationed in St. Lucia for our honeymoon.

Kav Tucker '97

(7791 Belfort Pkwy., Jacksonville, FL 32256; kavtucker@hotmail.com) I am a financial consultant who enjoys golfing. ■

In Memory

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

Harry A. MacEwen '31 (2/20/02)

Hugh W. Lester Jr. '32 (2/28/97)

William W. Pace III '37

Jim B. Pace '43 (4/02)

Joseph S. Woody Jr. '44 (7/4/02)

John J. Lemm '50 (9/3/99)

Alpha Sigma Chapter mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Goodbye to a KA Brother

William J. Alfriend Jr. '36 passed away on September 14, 2002. He was age 83 and a retired captain of the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1982, Bill and Lil moved to Ventura, Calif., where the retired couple enjoyed being close to his family and the beauties of the West Coast. He loved both the mountains and the sea, spending many wonderful years enjoying the adventures of camping, traveling and family gatherings from East Coast to West Coast. As a "rambling wreck from Georgia Tech," Bill was an active fan and participant in sports, especially football and golf. He was also always active in his church and community, generously giving of his talent, time and treasure. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and loved him.