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Alumni Profile

Q+A with **Jeremy Hammerton '95**

Involvement in the redevelopment of the chapter house and his role in overseeing its ongoing improvements and maintenance may just give a second meaning to Jeremy Hammerton's college nickname of "Hammertime."

Why did you join Kappa Alpha?

It was appealing to me for a couple of reasons. One, my older brother, **J.P. Hammerton '91**, was a KA; he was president during his time so there was some encouragement from him to check it out, but he didn't put any pressure on me. The other reasons would be the down-to-earth nature of most of the guys I met and KA's reputation in the South as being a strong and well-respected fraternity.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

I would have to say band parties and socials around the house. There are simply too many memories to narrow it down to just one — GT football games in '90-'91 when we were national champs, Old South my freshman year, ski trips to Steamboat, watching "Wild Man" drink enough beer on the front porch to fill up Alex Nash's parked convertible with the empty cans, the Connell's MDA fund-raiser, dog-track mixer, Steeplechase my sophomore year, more importantly the busdriver who drove us to Steeplechase, singing "Dixie" at dinner and on the front porch, rush trips to Hensell Harris' house at Sea Island, the KA-SAE pledge football game, road trips to Athens and probably most memorable are the various personalities around the house that made it a special place.

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

It has had an influence without a doubt, mostly due to the connections and friendships I have maintained with the brothers I was in school with. There is

also the bond that comes from meeting alumni from other chapters around the Southeast. I've developed business relationships and friendships with KAs from other schools. That has been the biggest influence — the network that it has helped me create.

With whom do you stay in contact? Is there anyone you have lost touch with whom you would like to find?

I know I can't list everybody, but I am still very much in contact with a lot of guys. Some of my best friends are **Marty Phillips '91**, **Sam Bowyer '91**, **Mark Tiller '90** and many other guys who are just as good friends.

I have very close relationships with guys that are three or four years older than I and to some degree some brothers who graduated five years after I did. A lot of that has been due to my participation in the redevelopment of our chapter house and staying active with alumni activities. Right now I am serving as the president of Alpha Sigma Properties, which is the entity that owns the house and leases it to the chapter. I found myself in this position after providing some of the original site design and civil engineering for the redevelopment of the house in 2000. That got me involved with the capital campaign committee and now as those committee members have increasing commitments at home and work, I have slowly taken over the role of overseeing the ongoing maintenance, improvements and finances of the house.

I haven't really lost touch with anyone I can think of thanks to the

proliferation of e-mail. I can maintain regular contact with friends who are on the other side of the world such as **Mike Hopkins**. I am grateful for the technology we have, that I am able to stay in touch with brothers even if our paths don't cross. I know they're up to the same old thing and telling the same bad jokes!

Were there any other activities or organizations you were involved with during your college days?

To be honest, most of my activities focused around the fraternity. My senior year I was the vice president of the Interfraternity Council and the Zeta Tau Alpha Sweetheart — that sure had its benefits!

Did you have a nickname? If so, how did you get it?

I guess it was pretty funny. When I got to school, all these guys kept calling me "Hammertime" because of Hammerton. It was the time when that song by MC Hammer had just come out. Here we were just getting to know each other, and I became known by a song by a now-defunct rapper.

Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

I lived in with **Ivan Smith** in room 11 during my junior year, then with **Marty Phillips '91** in room 25 my fourth and fifth years. I finally moved out of the house and into an apartment six months before I graduated, but found myself at the house in my free time. There were some memorable times, like late night

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Greek Heisman Trophy Winners

- 1935—HB Jay Berwanger, Chicago (Psi Upsilon)
- 1936—E Larry Kelley, Yale (Delta Kappa Epsilon)
- 1938—QB Davey O'Brien, Texas Christian U. (Sigma Phi Epsilon)
- 1939—HB Nile Kinnick, Iowa (Phi Kappa Psi)
- 1940—HB Tom Harmon, Michigan (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1942—HB Frank Sinkwich, Georgia (Pi Kappa Alpha)
- 1944—HB Les Horvath, Ohio State (Delta Tau Delta)
- 1945—FB Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Army (Sigma Nu at North Carolina)
- 1948—HB Doak Walker, Southern Methodist U. (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1952—HB Billy Vessels, Oklahoma (Sigma Nu)
- 1955—HB Howard "Hopalong" Cassady, Ohio State (Sigma Chi)
- 1961—HB Ernie Davis, Syracuse (Sigma Alpha Mu)
- 1962—QB Terry Baker, Oregon State (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1965—HB Mike Garrett, Southern California (Tau Epsilon Phi)
- 1966—QB Steve Spurrier, Florida (Alpha Tau Omega)
- 1969—FB Steve Owens, Oklahoma (Kappa Sigma)
- 1973—HB John Cappelletti, Penn State (Phi Gamma Delta)
- 1992—QB Gino Torretta, Miami (Pi Kappa Alpha)
- 1993—QB Charlie Ward, Florida State (Omega Psi Phi)

Greek Heisman Trophy Runners-Up (second in the voting)

- 1936—HB Sam Francis, Nebraska (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)
- 1937—HB Byron "Whizzer" White, Colorado (Phi Gamma Delta)
- 1938—HB Marshall Goldberg, Pittsburgh (Zeta Beta Tau)
- 1939—HB Tom Harmon, Michigan (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1942—QB Paul Governali, Columbia (Alpha Sigma Phi)
- 1943—E Bob Odell, Pennsylvania (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)
- 1946—HB Charley Trippi, Georgia (Lambda Chi Alpha)
- 1947—HB Bob Chappuis, Michigan (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1948-49—Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice, North Carolina (Beta Theta Pi)
- 1950—HB Kyle Rote, Southern Methodist U. (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)
- 1951—HB Hank Lauricella, Tennessee (Sigma Chi)
- 1952—QB Jack Scarbath, Maryland (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)
- 1953—HB Paul Giel, Minnesota (Phi Kappa Theta)
- 1954—C-LB Kurt Burris, Oklahoma (Sigma Alpha Epsilon)
- 1955—HB Jim Swink, Texas Christian U. (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1956—HB Johnny Majors, Tennessee (Sigma Chi)
- 1958—QB Randy Duncan, Iowa (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1959—QB Richie Lucas, Penn State (Phi Delta Theta)
- 1962—HB Jerry Stovall, Louisiana State (Kappa Sigma)
- 1966—QB Bob Griese, Purdue (Sigma Chi)
- 1968—HB Leroy Keyes, Purdue (Omega Psi Phi)
- 1971—HB Ed Marinaro, Cornell (Psi Upsilon)
- 1975—HB Chuck Muncie, California-Berkeley (Theta Delta Chi)
- 1982—QB John Elway, Stanford (Delta Tau Delta)
- 1987—QB Don McPherson, Syracuse (Omega Psi Phi)

An Exciting Spring for Alpha Sigma Actives!

With Yellow Jacket basketball soaring and warm weather on its way, this spring has been exciting for the actives of Alpha Sigma. The chapter has had an increased focus on scholarship, implementing a required study hall for newly initiated members who had trouble with their first semester at Tech. This should result in KA having one of the top Greek GPAs this semester. KA has also maintained its strength in campus leadership. For example, brother **David Anderson**, who has been very active in student government, has played a large role in bringing change to major academic legislation and bringing Johnny Issakson to the KA house for a campaign stop at Tech.

We would like to thank all of the alumni who tailgated at the house during the past football season, and we look forward to seeing y'all again next year. This month, the chapter held its Second Annual MDA Benefit Golf Tournament, and we hope a number of alumni were able to participate either this year or possibly will in the future.

The chapter enjoyed an exciting spring break last month with brothers traveling across the country to do everything from skiing in the Rocky Mountains, to watching the Tech basketball team compete in the ACC tournament in North Carolina, to sailing in the Florida Keys. Alpha Sigma will be celebrating this year's Old South in Destin, Fla., the week following graduation. Graduating actives this semester will include **Jeffrey Crumbley, Davis Beman, James Brearley, Thomas Harris** and **Ross Dekle**.

We want to remind the alumni that we need your help with rush recommendations to ensure that we have a strong pledge class this fall. Please contact **Cort Ouzts** at 706-280-1537 with any suggestions. Also, please be sure to check out the updated Alpha Sigma Web page for up-to-date information on what is going on at Alpha Sigma. The address for the Web site is: www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/kaorder>www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/kaorder. ■

We Want to Hear From You!

Return the enclosed update form or e-mail us with the latest from your world! Send a quick note about what you're doing these days ... career, family, travel, brothers you stay in touch with, reunion plans, whatever you like. Be sure to send photos too. All mailed photos will be returned. If e-mailing your photos, please send in .tif, .jpg, .gif or .bmp formats.

Send your update to **Alumni Relations Office, PO Box 161188, Atlanta, GA 30321-1188** or e-mail it to news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to include Kappa Alpha Georgia Tech in the body of your e-mail, along with your full name, your graduation year and any new address information you have. Your news will be published in the next issue of *Rebel 'Reck*. ■

Donors to Date

Thank you to the brothers listed, who have already contributed to our 2003-2004 giving program. Your gifts provide the sole support that enables us to continue our alumni relations program, which includes the publication of this newsletter. If you have not yet sent a contribution for the 2003-2004 giving year, please do so today.

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Charles E. Turner 1939	A. Roland Holt Sr. 1950	Dwight E. Alford 1959	Joseph L. Holley Jr. 1976
C. Tom Nixon 1941	Charles C. Averett 1952	Edward L. Kelly 1959	W. Travers Carter 1977
Dan L. Neighbors 1942	Ben F. Brian Jr. 1952	Cheney N. Bryan 1960	Barry E. Cox 1978
Edmund L. Potter 1942	Wayne P. Reece 1952	G. William Knight 1960	Paul S. Carastro 1979
Jones H. Aderhold Jr. 1943	Howard I. Melton Jr. 1953	Arthur D. Hufford II 1961	Frederick J. Hampton 1980
Rogers W. Malone 1943	Nelson B. Arrington Jr. 1954	Byron J. Foster 1962	Gregg A. Lunsford 1980
Daniel C. McNeil 1943	Gerald R. Beck 1954	William H. Avery 1963	Earl H. Burton 1981
John D. Plaxco 1943	J. Charles Curry Jr. 1954	Fred J. Boling Jr. 1963	Charles R. Haley 1981
George E. Bailey 1944	Carroll B. Hart 1954	Charles H. Lewis 1963	Daniel J. Warren 1981
Lewis H. Figh Jr. 1944	William B. Patterson 1954	James L. Oliver II 1963	Bruce H. Caldwell 1982
John E. James 1944	George W. Poole 1954	Lyman B. Smith 1963	C. Brodie Hyde III 1982
Thomas B. Ray 1944	Henry T. Snead 1954	J. Brant Conner 1964	Keith T. Pigue 1982
Charles M. Snelling III 1944	Marshall P. Walker 1954	David W. Ellwanger 1964	Brian P. Beatty 1984
Franklin S. Chalmers Jr. 1945	Eugene C. Dunwoody 1955	Hodges L. Golson Jr. 1964	Frederick N. Sumter III 1984
Robert H. Hart 1945	Arthur J. Gazaway Jr. 1955	Roy E. Jarrett 1964	J. Thomas Duttera Jr. 1987
Clinton B. Newton 1945	Clinton M. Hunter Jr. 1955	John F. Lumpkin 1964	James P. Hammerton 1987
David R. Nimocks Jr. 1945	Carl J. Stokes Jr. 1955	Ronald K. Ogletree 1965	Frank M. Talbot II 1987
Curtis W. Walker Jr. 1945	Thomas B. Gurley 1956	John H. Keys 1966	Charles R. Todd 1987
C. B. Young Jr. 1945	J. Ray Preston 1956	W. Benjamin Grimes III 1967	Richard T. Bissinger 1988
H. Harvey Langston 1946	Charles M. Valentine Jr. 1956	Christopher D. Johnson 1968	David W. Sides 1988
Robert W. Tyson 1946	Donald W. Burke 1957	George B. Pugh Jr. 1968	Edward S. Wilson III 1989
Beverly I. Grimes 1947	S. Howard McKinley 1957	Christopher E. Wright 1968	Matthew J. Rose 1990
James L. Henderson Jr. 1947	G. Bruce McPherson Jr. 1957	Harry S. Smiley Sr. 1970	Samuel C. Bowyer 1991
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Alumni UpDates

John D. Plaxco '47

(1109 Lido Dr., Birmingham, AL 35226-2503) In the 1940s, we lived in a house across from the Naval Armory. The new house is a great improvement. Congratulations to those who made this possible. I hope to see it some day. I would be pleased to hear from any of the brothers who were there in the 1940s. My e-mail address is jdplaxco@juno.com.

George W. Murphy '56

(130 Woods Drive, West Union, SC 29696; gwmjr@aol.com) I am moving from Greenville, S.C. to a new house on Lake Keowee. My new address is shown in this update.

Harry S. Smiley '70

(706 Laurel Dr., Aiken, SC 29801-3358; smiley5@mindspring.com) I just had my 35th high school reunion. I had a blast. We ought to have KA class reunions. Gale

and I will have been married 28 years come next May.

Jeff V. Giglio '74

(110 Emerald Ln., Fayetteville, GA 30214-4234; jvgiglio@aol.com) How about a cash bar at homecoming?

Frederick J. Hampton '80

(3311 W. Santiago St., Tampa, FL 33629-7147; spikediver@aol.com) My wife, Paige, and I would like to announce the birth of our daughter, Curran Jordan Hampton, born on June 11, 2003. She is a beautiful, sweet child that thankfully favors her mother.

Brian P. Beatty '84

(140 Pleasant Hill, Fayetteville, GA 30215-5644; bpbeatty_btc@hotmail.com) My wife, Kimberly, and I have a new baby daughter, Lilly Anne Stafford Beatty, born

Aug. 26, 2003. She joins her two sisters, Sarah and Maddie.

Joseph H. Walter '86

(200 Concord St., Zebulon, GA 30295; walt6821@bellsouth.net) Beverly and I are pleased to announce the birth of our first child, Stephen Hawley Ross Walter, on Aug. 14, 2003, at Upson Regional in Thomaston. He weighed 9 lbs., 7 oz. and was 21 inches long. He is already up to 16 lbs. and 24 inches at 11 weeks (he is built like his daddy and will be a nose guard one of these days). Wheat Barley!

Charles S. Reyner '95

(P.O. Box 16449, Greenville, SC 29606; creyner@windsor-aughtry.com) Mary Catherine and I announce the birth of our daughter, Mary Wilson, born Aug. 28, 2003. Mary Wilson watched her first Georgia Tech football game the day she was born. Go Jackets. ■

Heritage

The Greek in All of Us

Almost everyday, something we do reflects just a wee bit of our Greek heritage. What did you do today that you can trace back to your Greek roots?

- In your office. Are you more often than not the person who leads meetings and makes sure that they are concise and to the point? Maybe this reflects back to when you had to cram house meetings in between a class and a wild and crazy party, but the point is, you know how to lead and lead well.
- At home. Besides making the meanest breakfast around for your son's 10 friends who slept over last night, you probably can also help your daughter sell more wrapping paper than your neighbor's kid. Despite what they say, competition is good, even for 12-year-olds!
- In your community. And who do they look to when your church or your child's school needs to raise funds for a major improvement? Yes, you have done that, too.
- In large gatherings. You can organize the most elaborate tailgate, the biggest bonfire and the most creative golf tournament — and you can do it for less money than any one would expect!
- When a friend needs help. The bond was strong then, and it's still strong today. When a friend calls and says he or she needs help, you know you'll be there.
- When you need help. Chances are at some point in your life, you need a little help — even just some networking to find a job. You could count on your brothers then and you know you can still count on them now.
- And last but not least ... Fraternities did not get the "Animal House" label because they were dens of meditation. You knew how to throw a party then and you know how to throw one now! Okay, so your friends of today are heading home before you would even dream of going out way back when, but you still throw a mean one! ■

Alumni

Q+A with Jeremy Hammerton '95

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hours after band parties and all the other crazy happenings of a fraternity house. Most of the after-hours stories aren't fit for print, but most of you can probably relate.

Tell us about your family. Have you married? Do you have children?

I am still single and hope to one day get married. I stay in close contact with my mom out in Tucson, Ariz., and my older brother, J.P., and his wife, Kathy, and their two children all living in Appleton, Wis.

Can you tell us about your career?

I actually transitioned from civil engineering into commercial real estate development. I am the vice president of development for Batson-Cook Development Company. I've been with BCD for 4-and-a-half years, and before that I practiced as a civil engineer for 4-and-a-half years in Atlanta for Jordan Jones and Goulding. I really enjoy what I am doing now. I've seen a variety of projects traveling around the Southeast to oversee and develop commercial real estate developments. One of the benefits of what I am doing here in Atlanta is that there are numerous influential KA and Georgia Tech graduates that are doing the same thing. One of the things I like most about my career is working with people I have something in common with. The friendships and the networks you create are far-reaching and perpetual.

What affiliations do you have or public service do you participate in?

I was a volunteer with the Shepard

Spinal Center Junior Committee. I am a member of the Urban Land Institute and a men's social group in Atlanta called the Benedicts. I am still a registered professional engineer, however my current position does not require I remain registered.

Do you have any hobbies that you enjoy?

I enjoy golfing, sailing, and exploring all that Atlanta has to offer.

Do you have any goals for the next few years?

My goals are to complete the final interior improvements of the chapter house and help re-establish an on-going maintenance plan for the house. This will help to protect the investment in the house from the donations received from generous brothers during the capital campaign and ongoing contributions. I would also like to recruit new officers and volunteers for the alumni association. I need some help — I'm currently filling the duties of the secretary, the treasurer and the president. If you have an interest in volunteering a little time toward alumni activities, please do not hesitate to contact me; your help will be greatly appreciated. My personal goal is to just keep on enjoying what I am doing.

Brothers who want to get in contact can email jeremy at jhammerton@batsoncookdev.com. ■

2004 Tech Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location
Sat.	09/04/2004	Samford	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field
Sat.	09/11/2004	Clemson	Clemson, SC
Sat.	09/18/2004	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC
Sat.	10/02/2004	Miami	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field
Sat.	10/09/2004	Maryland	College Park, MD
Sat.	10/16/2004	Duke	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field
Thu.	10/28/2004	Virginia Tech	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field
Sat.	11/06/2004	NC State	Raleigh, NC
Sat.	11/13/2004	Connecticut	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field
Sat.	11/20/2004	Virginia	Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field
Sat.	11/27/2004	Georgia	Athens, GA