



NU NEWS

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2008 Football Schedule

08/30/08
AU vs. Louisiana-Monroe
6:00 p.m.

09/06/08
AU vs. Southern
Mississippi
6:00 p.m.

09/13/08
AU at Mississippi State

09/20/08
AU vs. LSU

09/27/08
AU vs. Tennessee

10/04/08
AU at Vanderbilt

10/11/08
AU vs. Arkansas

10/23/08
AU at West Virginia

11/01/08
AU at Mississippi

11/08/08
AU vs. Tennessee-Martin
(Homecoming)
1:30 p.m.

11/15/08
AU vs. Georgia

11/29/08
AU at Alabama

Alumni Return for Homecoming Cocktail Party



Jennifer Margeson, John Haynes '64, and John's wife Markie enjoyed the cocktail party before the 2007 homecoming game.



Mike Wood '73 and Everett Stewart Jr. '73 were among the alumni who attended the cocktail party.

Nu chapter brothers treated alumni and their guests to a special evening during the 2007 Homecoming weekend. The chapter hosted a cocktail party Friday night before the Tennessee Tech game for alumni.

"The brothers hope to make this an annual affair on the night before Auburn's Homecoming game," said Number I **Bo Bradford '05**. "All alumni are encouraged to

set the date aside for this year's Homecoming cocktail party which will be Friday, November 7, 2008.

Alumni weekends provide a great opportunity for alumni to plan small reunions with their pledge classes. Do not miss the chance to reconnect with KA brothers and meet the young men who are the future of The Order.

Thanks to Alumni Support, New Alarm Lock Devices are Installed in the House

Security has been in the news for campuses around the country. Everyone is painfully aware of the threats within college communities. To be proactive about this situation, the alumni house corporation, the Nu Social Society, recently addressed access issues at the Mansion by installing a new high-tech security system.

With funds raised from alumni through the Knights of the Roundtable alumni dues program, the Nu Social Society installed electronic alarm lock devices on all doors over Christmas break.

The new system allows entry and exit schedules to be programmed for the brothers during normal school hours. The locks also allow KA to restrict access to brothers and guests after hours and to certain areas of the

house during evening events. With just a few computerized setting adjustments, the Nu Social Society can completely lock down the house when school is not in session.

To enter the house, each brother now has a proximity access card. Use of these cards allows KA to audit entry progressions. Overall, the new devices provide a much larger comfort zone on security for the young men of the chapter.

Active brother **Russ Smith '06** describes the new security system as very convenient. "The doors are unlocked for brothers during certain times of the day so we do not have to worry about typing in a code. We really appreciate the alumni who generously donated so we could obtain this new system. It helps tremendously," added Smith.



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KAs – Providing Leadership Across Campus

From the Student Alumni Association to College Republicans to various campus honor societies, you'll find KA members providing leadership across a variety of campus organizations.

Some brothers, like **Tate Buffington '07** and **Garrett Estes '06**, choose to focus their efforts on a highly-demanding activity, like Army ROTC. Others like **Gordon Davis '05** and **Eric Hutchinson '06** are active with

associations and honoraries that support their major degree of study. Membership in the Student Alumni Association ("SAA") seems to be one of the most popular outside organizations that KAs join.

"Campus involvement is important to us," said Number **II Thomas Steele '05**. "We encourage every member to be involved with at least one other organization on campus, and most are involved with several."



KA Accomplishments

William Addison

Institute of Industrial Engineers
SAA

Sam Barr

SAA

Mark Benton

Delta Epsilon Iota
Alpha Lambda Delta
IDSA
TALONS

Bo Bradford

Beta Beta Beta Honor Society
Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
IFC
SAA
College Republicans
Campus Crusades
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
Alpha Lambda Delta

Daniel Brinson

SAA
College Republicans
Intramural Sports
KA T-shirt Chairman
Ducks Unlimited AU
Redeem the Vote AU College
Representative

Tate Buffington

Army ROTC

Benjamin Carter

Honors College
Phi Eta Sigma
Financial Leadership Society

William Cross

Alpha Lambda Delta
PPC

Gordon Davis

SAA
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated General Contractors

Mason Dunn

Campus Crusades
IMPACT
Auburn Bass Fishing Club

Garrett Estes

Army ROTC
National Guard

Adam Fielding

Student Government Association College of
Business Senator
College of Business Student Council

Mac Gibson

IFC Cabinet (Programming)

Wes Hagler

ABC (Building Science Club)
AGC (Building Science Club)

Stephen Hammon

ASCE
ASME

Ben Hopkins

Agronomy Club
SAA

Eric Hutchinson

Student Government Association
Director of Tiger Habitat
IMPACT
American Institute of Architecture Students
Emerging Green Builders
SAA
Campus Crusades
Young Life Program
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Tau Sigma Delta Honor Society
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

Todd Jenkins

SAA

John Mansour

AIAS

Bradley Norman

SAA
Impact

Hayes Peace

SAA
Alpha Lambda Delta
Campus Crusades
Youth for Christ
Club Sports Water Skiing

Jake Smith

IMPACT
SAA

Lee Swann

SAA

Joseph Turner

SAA

Gordon Varn

SAA
Peer Instructor (TA for the Auburn
Experience)

Scott VonCannon

Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity
Project Uplift

Perry Washburn

SAA
Men's Soccer Club
Alpha Lambda Delta
National Society of Collegiate Scholars

John Wells

Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Chi Epsilon
College Republicans
IFC Cabinet

David White

SAA
Pre Law Society
Phi Sigma Pi
Auburn Plainsmen Baseball

Nick Wilson

SAA

Tyler Woods

Impact

Tyler Work

Men's Lacrosse Club
SAA

Andrew Yocom

IFC Cabinet
Men's Lacrosse Club
AICHE

Brinson Honored for Bravery

Daniel Brinson '06 will probably never feel comfortable being regarded as a hero.

It's a title the Auburn University sophomore KA member earned after he and a friend encountered a multiple-vehicle car accident on their way to the beach last fall. With some of the cars on fire, the pair jumped out of their vehicle and dashed to the scene. Brinson said it was clear they were too late, but then they heard voices.

One belonged to a young girl, trapped in a car.

"There was no telling when the car was going to explode, but we had to get her out," said Brinson, an agriculture business and economics major.

As the weeks and months have passed since then, it's gotten easier for Brinson to talk about that day's events and that young girl. He still remembers how they had to break her legs to free her from the wreck and how her passenger friend wasn't as lucky. She died at the scene, he said.

"I saw that she was young and pretty," Brinson said, "And I knew it was more important for her to live and go on than myself."

Congressman Mike Rogers heard the heroic tale of Brinson and Terrell Webb and shared it with his fellow legislators on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives back in January.



Daniel Brinson

Recently, he presented Brinson with a certificate of commendation at AU's Samford Hall.

"Anytime we see extraordinary bravery, we should acknowledge it," Rogers said.

Perhaps Brinson's instincts as a former volunteer

firefighter kicked in or it was just his inherent instinct to help others, but no matter what it was that drove him into that dangerous situation, he's glad he happened to be there and could do what he did.

"You can't pass burning cars and not stop," he said. "You just can't."

Since then, Brinson has learned more about the young girl whose life he saved, including how she had a young baby girl at home. She told the Brinson family how someone was looking out for her that September day and how she was meant to live her life for that little one.

News like that melts Brinson's heart and puts a big grin on his face.

The last time he talked to her, he said he learned that she had started rehabilitation and is even enrolled at Southern Union State Community College.

** Amy Weaver of the *Opelika-Auburn News* contributed to this article. A similar story appeared in that newspaper.

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Todd Reaves '89



KAs volunteered for a community service project at a confederate cemetery. Members of the chapter completed a landscape makeover and helped refurbish gravestones and the cemetery fence.



Above: Brother Wade Christopher '07 (#36) makes a hard tackle in a Spring Scrimmage game as the team prepares for the upcoming season.



Right: Nu Chapter members win third place in a synchronized swimming competition for Delta Gamma's philanthropy, "Anchor Splash".

Brother to Brother

Glenn Loughridge '90 and his wife, Shannon, welcomed their first child, Gibson Dorsey, on November 9, 2005. They live in Crystal River, Florida. Loughridge and his brother own Loughridge Brothers Seafood Company, a commercial venture specializing in stone crabbing and grouper fishing.

Thomas Robinson '91 married Kristi Meredith on November 17, 2007. They live in Pell City, Alabama. Robinson works for the law firm of Gentle, Pickens & Turner in Birmingham.

Spencer Harris '00 and his wife, Melise, welcomed their first child, Abigail Grace, on July 30, 2007.

Do you have news you would like to share with other alumni? Did you recently have a baby? Get married? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know what is happening in your life by posting your news and announcements at www.nuchapter.com.

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September 26-27

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