



NU NEWS

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New Additions for Nu Chapter

The Nu Chapter house has quite a different look thanks to an expansion project currently underway. Renovations were made to accommodate the needs of the large and continually growing chapter. Nu Chapter has more than 150 members making it the largest chapter on the campus of Auburn University and the second largest Kappa Alpha Order chapter in the nation.

The dining area was not large enough to adequately and conveniently feed all members. The new construction expanded the dining room into the space that previously served as the chapter room. Now, the new dining room comfortably seats 130 people.

The former party barn was transformed into the new chapter room. The new party barn is still under construction in the side yard of the mansion.

The chapter is extremely excited about the renovations that have taken place so far. Be sure to visit the chapter house and see the progress during our A-Day alumni event on Saturday, April 19 or during our Old South festivities.



The functionality of the kitchen has improved with a new drink station that includes a new ice machine and coffee maker.



The expanded kitchen includes a new walk-in freezer, preparation table, additional dry storage space and several new appliances.



The location and layout of the new serving line eliminates the bottleneck that occurred with the previous serving line. It features a cold bar to keep salads and other cold foods easily accessible throughout the day.



The new party barn is under construction in the side yard of the mansion.



The old party barn was recently transformed into the new chapter room. The chapter is still in the process of decorating the space.

Kappa Alpha Order Improves Grade Point Average

Ranked 10th out of 34 fraternities on campus

Over the past four years, Nu Chapter has worked hard to improve its grade point average and now ranks 10th out of 34 fraternities on campus.

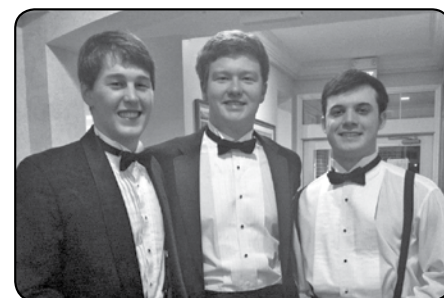
The chapter enacted an Academic Incentive Program to encourage brothers to study harder and perform better academically. Brothers who earn a 4.0 GPA receive a \$100 check from the chapter. Brothers who earn a GPA

of 3.5 or higher are entered into a lottery to win prizes. Gifts include a Yeti cooler, a gift certificate to Academy Sports and a gift card to Moe's Original Barbecue.

"We hope the Academic Incentive Program will raise the chapter GPA even further," said **Graham Norwood '12**, chapter vice president. "Our goal is to be ranked in the top five fraternities on campus."

Convivium 2014

Convivium 2014 was held at the Greystone Mansion in Auburn on January 24, 2014. The musical entertainment for the evening was Musical Fantasy, an eleven-piece Motown band. The *Definition of a Gentlemen Award*, as well as a Former Number 1's Jewel, was presented to **Whit Whittelsey '10**.



(L to R): Ross Gray '11, Wade Lowry '11 and John Slayton '11 attend Convivium 2014 held January 24 at the Greystone Mansion in Auburn.

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Nu Chapter Largest at Auburn University

Second biggest Kappa Alpha Order chapter nationally

Nu Chapter now has 150 active members, thanks to a successful fall 2013 recruitment season. The chapter is the largest fraternity at Auburn University and the second largest Kappa Alpha Order chapter in the nation.

"The brothers worked hard to be the best possible recruiters and the results are fantastic,"

says **Blake Callaway '12**, recruitment chairman. "We added 45 new members during fall 2013 and had one of the largest recruitment classes on campus. We are excited about the future."

Alumni are encouraged to submit recruitment recommendations to Blake Callaway at bwc0011@auburn.edu.

Fall 2013 New Members

Schaefer Amos Birmingham, AL	Drew Ferrell Scottsboro, AL	Garrett Jones Newnan, GA	Mitchell Moore Homewood, AL	Reeves Sheffield Columbus, GA
Sterling Anderson Montgomery, AL	Avery Fisher Smyrna, GA	Charles Laye Cartersville, GA	Ryan Moore Huntsville, AL	Richard Smalley Birmingham, AL
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Tatum Dean Montgomery, AL	Cannon Jarrell Columbus, GA	Adam Millhouse Birmingham, AL	Robert Pride Killen, AL	Pfeiffer Triplett Auburn, AL
Avery Duckworth Demopolis, AL	Payne Jennings Tallassee, AL	Rhett Monroe Auburn, AL	Jonathan Schmohl Birmingham, AL	Auty Wilson Florence, AL

Maggie Knot Chosen as Kappa Alpha Rose



Maggie Knot was chosen as the new Kappa Alpha Rose. Knot is a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Knot is pictured above with Lewis McDonald '10 at the 2013 Old South Celebration.

Nu Chapter Brothers Serve on Mission Trips



Nu Chapter brothers are focusing on their spiritual growth this year. There are currently three separate Bible study groups and many brothers served on mission trips during summer 2013. (L to R): Richard Petty '09, Lewis McDonald '10, Whit Whittelsey '10 and Stege Wheeler '07 traveled to Nicaragua during Spring Break 2013 to serve on a mission.

Chapter Donates More than \$7,000 to Muscular Dystrophy Association

Nu Chapter brothers raised over \$7,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) through their annual step competition and a cupcake eating contest. The chapter hosted their fourth annual step competition last fall at the Kappa Alpha house. Members from KA, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha

Epsilon, Beta and Farmhouse competed in the event. Last spring, they hosted a cupcake eating contest in partnership with Gigi's Cupcakes held on the Green Space on the campus of Auburn University.

Nu Chapter Shows Support for Breck Rogers '08

Nu Chapter actives, alumni and friends signed a Kappa Alpha Order flag and mailed it to **Breck Rogers '08**. Rogers recently completed all three phases of the Navy SEALs training program. "The chapter is proud of him and thanks him for his dedication, service and love of country," said **Chad Caudle '11**, chapter historian.



Sam Stormer '11, Daniel Brown '11, Luke Bailey '11, Wade Lowry '11 and Reid Cauthen '11 hold a Kappa Alpha Order flag signed by Nu Chapter actives, alumni and friends. The flag was sent to Breck Rogers '08 who recently completed all three phases of the Navy SEALs training program.

More than 70 Attend Alumni Tour in Decatur and Birmingham

Alumni meet current brothers and fellowship with old friends

Nu Chapter actives traveled to Decatur and Birmingham, Alabama on August 6-7, 2013, for the Summer Alumni Tour.

Twenty alumni, six actives and four new members attended the Decatur event held at B.B. Perrins Barbecue from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on August 6.

Thirty alumni, eight actives and eight new

members attended the Birmingham event held at Moe's Original BBQ from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 7.

"The purpose of the alumni tour is to provide alumni with an active chapter update," said **Whit Whittelsey '10**, former chapter president. "It also gives alumni the opportunity to meet current brothers and fellowship with old friends."

Farewell to John Margeson '72

John Michael Margeson '72 passed away at the age of 60 on July 15, 2013, after an 11-month battle with melanoma. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Gwaltney Margeson, three children, one grandchild, three brothers and one sister.

John graduated from Albany High School in Albany, Georgia in 1971. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Auburn University in 1975 and his M.B.A from the University of Georgia in 1976. While at Auburn, he was initiated into Nu Chapter in 1972 and later became chapter president.

John spent 25 years in the cable television industry and relocated back to Alabama to start a new career in real estate. He was very involved in his church and had a passion for weight lifting and body building. John was a passionate Auburn fan and enjoyed working in his yard. Family was extremely important to him and some of his happiest moments were with his children and granddaughter.

John was a great friend and fraternity brother. He was a positive light in many people's lives and will be missed dearly.

Special Acknowledgements

Nu Chapter wishes to extend sincere appreciation and thanks to **Jack B. Carter '71** of Birmingham for his tireless service in a multitude of ways; most recently as Alumni Advisor to the chapter. This was a second tenure in the role following his term as Commander for the Dunwoody Province. We are pleased he will continue to support the chapter as a member of the Nu Chapter Housing Corporation.

The chapter also wishes to express sincere appreciation to **Everett Stewart '73** for his outstanding leadership as President of the Nu

Chapter Housing Corporation for the past three years. Everett has supported the chapter in numerous ways and his expert guidance led to a sound financial position for the Kappa Alpha Order Mansion, including the current addition and expansion underway.

Nu Chapter welcomes **James Salter '08** as our New Alumni Advisor. James served as Number 1 in 2010 and relocated back to Auburn in the past year. He currently works for Heritage Bank.

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- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)

Brothers from the 1960s



A group of alumni from the 1960s get together a few times each year to reminisce and catch-up. (L to R): Stuart Evans '62, Tucker Frederickson '63, Billy Melton '62 and Bob Glenn '61 have fun at an alumni gathering during summer 2013.

Alumni Gather to Play Golf and Celebrate



The day after "The Miracle at Jordan-Hare," Auburn's 43-38 victory over the University of Georgia, a group of Nu Chapter alumni gathered at Farmlinks Golf Club in Sylacauga, Alabama for a day of golf, dinner and fellowship. Alumni celebrated the lives of those who have been lost over the years. They also celebrated the 60th birthdays of George Hawthorne '73, Norris Green '73, Greg Waters '73 and Mike Wood '73. Back row (L to R): Hugh Farmer '72, Norris Green '73, Mike Wood '73, Alan Ibrasher '73, Ronnie Coppock '73, Joe Pridgen '75, Jim Streetman '74, Mike Stewart '74 and George Hawthorne '73. Front row (L to R): Tom Lamberth '72, Everett Stewart '73, Tommy Comer '70, Greg Waters '73 and Bobby Driggers '75. Not pictured: Paul Barganier '74, Gary Patterson '73 and David Paulson '74.