



NU NEWS

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A Dedication To Remember

More than 400 alumni, spouses, parents, actives, dates and friends gathered at the KA Mansion in September to dedicate the newest and finest fraternity house at Auburn University.

“We’ve been waiting for this day for a long time,” said Nu Social Society president **John Haynes ’64**. “I couldn’t have been more pleased with the turnout and good fellowship everyone enjoyed.”

Guests were treated to a barbecue lunch in the overflowing dining room. While some ate indoors, others took advantage of the space in the Social Hall out back. Some retreated to the beautifully decorated Alumni Room to watch other college football games that afternoon.

When the official dedication ceremony began, hundreds filled the side yard to hear remarks from **John Haynes ’64**. **Dr. Mike Helms ’64** asked everyone to pray as he blessed the house. National Councilor **Tom Faircloth** (Kappa Chapter) as well as Executive Director **Larry Wiese** (Gamma Omega) addressed the crowd on behalf of the National Fraternity.

In between remarks commemorating the occasion, the chapter and Nu Social Society surprised Dunwoody Province Commander **Jack Carter ’71** by presenting him with beautiful large oil painting of the former KA Mansion. The original will hang in the new house. Carter received a smaller version of the original painting.

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Nathan Cauley '03 cuts the ribbon formally opening the KA Manor



Hundreds gather to hear remarks during the dedication ceremony.



A banner welcomes alumni and visitors to the dedication ceremony.

Chapter Officers

Nathan Cauley '03
Number I
Selma

Adam Pierce '03
Number II
Vestavia Hills

Tommy Stroud '03
Number III
St. Simons Island, GA

Michael Daniels '03
Number IV
Decatur

Griffin Duncan '04
Number V
Rome, GA

Wesley Padgett '04
Number VI
Atlanta, GA

Chase Chambliss '04
Number VII
Prattville

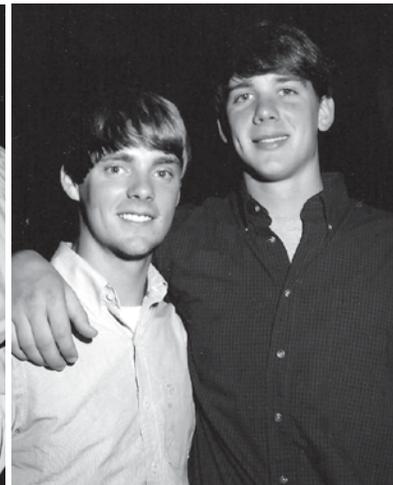
Ryan Hunt '05
Number VIII
Opelika, AL

Blair Carter '05
Number IX
Rome, GA

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Brothers and guests gather after a football game. From left to right: Burke Buster '01, from Cullman, Owen Peak '03 from Selma, Kane Sutphin '04 from Rome, GA, Gordon Cortez '01 from Birmingham, Philip Leach '01 from Montgomery, Andrew Glennon '03 from Florence, and Davey Lyon '01 from Selma.



Selma Natives, Fall 2005 pledge Dylan Jones and Owen Peak '03.

Convivium Set for January 21, 2006

All alumni and parents are invited to attend Convivium on January 21, 2006, at the 755 Club at Turner Field in Atlanta, Georgia. Tickets to the event, including dinner, cost \$50 per person. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Social Chair **Bascom Judy** at judyjoh@auburn.edu.

Visit <http://www.nuchapter.com>

Have you seen the new Nu Chapter website? It's been expanded to let you:

- Update your contact information
- Search for old friends
- Tell us about something interesting that recently happened to you
- Learn about the capital campaign
- See pictures of the new house under construction
- Make a pledge to support the new house
- Make a pledge for your alumni dues

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"We wanted to recognize Jack for his many years of service," said Chapter Advisor **Todd Reaves '89**. "He's a constant in the life of Nu Chapter, and it was only fitting that we

dedicate the beautiful painting in his honor."

Following remarks, those in attendance moved to the front of the house for the formal ribbon cutting ceremony. Number I,

Nathan Cauley '03, had the honor of cutting the ribbon formally opening the KA Mansion. Amidst cheers and applause, **James Harrell Hammonds '74** set off a canon in the KA parking lot to let the rest of Auburn know the KAs were there to stay.

After posing for a group photograph in the hot sun on the front steps of the property, the band, Bascom, began playing in the side yard.

Activity at the house continued for many hours leading up to and after the Auburn football game against Georgia Tech.



Brothers pose outside of the Alumni Room on the lawn.

KA IFC Officers



Gordon Cortez
IFC Vice President
of Recruitment



Reed Barganier
IFC Treasurer



The House is Done – Now We Have to Pay for It

In September, hundreds of alumni and guests formally dedicated the brand new KA Manor. Construction is complete. The house is fully functional, and there is a sizeable mortgage on the facility.

The house cost more than \$2.3 million. Alumni helped pay for this spectacular home by pledging more than \$1.1 million to support it. More than \$650,000 has already been collected and used to pay for the facility. There, still, however, is more to do.

“We all get nervous when we have a mortgage of more than \$1 million,” said Nu Social Society Treasurer **Bob Agnew '65**. “We’d feel more comfortable if we could raise some additional money to give us a higher comfort level.”

Alumni, parents and friends can still make a pledge to support the new house. Although the house has been dedicated, the Wall of Honor listing every donor has not yet been installed. It’s not too late to get your name added to this distinguished list of alumni and friends. To make a pledge and support the new house, complete the form below.

You can also make a pledge online by visiting <http://www.nuchapter.com>. Once there, click on the “Capital Campaign” tab, then “Make a Pledge Online.”

Pledges can be paid over one to five years, and there are a variety of payment options available to donors.

“Right now, we have a top notch facility,” said **Jack Carter '71**. “To make sure it stays in great shape, we’re counting on additional alumni to step forward and make their own commitment to this important cause.”



Nu Social Society

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Brother to Brother

Albert Nettles '55 retired from banking in 2001, and from the U.S. Army in 1988, as a Colonel, Special Forces, with 30 years of total service - 4 active and 26 NG & USAR. He served in the 82nd Abn. Div & Special Operations units.

Mike Helms '64 currently lives and works in Columbus, Georgia.

John Margeson '72 posted this message on the KA website: "Jennifer and I have moved to Opelika from Des Moines after 9 cold winters. We are close to home (Albany, GA) and near all 3 kids. Our two boys Matt and Holt are both Nu Chapter KAs - ('00 & '05) and our daughter, Meghan, is a DZ at Auburn. I have just started a new career in real estate at Lake Martin with Russell Lands.

Karen and **George Comer '73** just relocated to Pine Mountain, GA at Callaway Gardens. Their oldest daughter, Jennie, will be a junior at Auburn. Their youngest, Kristina will be a junior in high school.

With his wife, Seay, **James Poulakos '88** would like to announce the birth of his second daughter, Rees Sophia, who was born on May 25, 2005. Big sister Mary Patten is thrilled.

Allen House '92 wrote: After a 6 month battle with lung cancer, my dad Bob House, went home to be with the Lord on July 28, 2005. He was able to chronicle his thoughts and experiences on <http://ibbob.blogspot.com>. Although my dad was not a KA, you would be hard pressed to find a better man. I think you will find the blog inspiring and a true testament to a model attitude in the face of adversity.

John Margeson '02 began working for the Target store in Opelika, Alabama in May of 2005. He and his wife just bought a home in Opelika's historic district.

Chad Bennett '03 began work with the Federal Land Bank Association of South Alabama on July 1, 2005. He will be working out of the Montgomery office.

Mrs. Mary J. Moore who cooked at the KA Mansion from 1947 through 1977 passed away at 91 years of age. Services were held at the Mt. Zion AME Church in Auburn on Sunday, October 30th.

Do you have noteworthy information you'd like to share with other alumni? We want to learn about you. Visit <http://www.nuchapter.com> and click on "Brother to Brother" to let us know.

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