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Athens-Clarke Planning Commission Approves Chi Phi House; Planning Continues

After more than 24 months of planning, negotiating, revising those plans and discussing the project with various zoning authorities in Athens, Chi Phi received the first major victory when the Athens-Clarke Planning Commission formally approved the plans for the Chi Phi House on October 7, 2010, with a 3-2 vote.

The next important hearing is one before the County Commissioners.

Because things are now moving quite rapidly, it is possible that by the time alumni receive this newsletter, some significant developments may have occurred.

This process started soon after Chi Phi sold the chapter house at 290 S. Lumpkin to the University of Georgia for \$1.75 million. Then, the Eta Trust Association (the alumni house corporation) immediately purchased one of the most prominent 2.2 acres in Athens on which to build a new Southern mansion beside the Arnocroft

property on South Milledge Avenue.

Pending further plan revisions required by the zoning and permit authorities, the new Chi Phi house will include an elevated front porch flanked by white columns at the entrance, a TV lounge area, dining room, kitchen, basement, a semi-enclosed outdoor plaza, parking lot, covered bike storage and bedrooms for residents. Each bedroom contains a private bathroom, a sitting area and space for a queen-sized bed.

"The planning and zoning process has been a struggle, and a book could be written about it," explained **Jim Wimberly '65**, "and I plan to write the history of this process at some point for future Chi Phi's."

There has been strong neighbor opposition led by the "Friends of Five Points," who are opposed to having any more fraternities and sororities on S. Milledge.

In addition, the city passed an "Anti-

Fraternity" ordinance about three years ago, while KA was receiving zoning approval for its new house that is located in an African-American neighborhood. In fact, KA received approval the very same day the City passed the "midnight ordinance."

"We are hoping that the zoning and preliminary process will be complete by the end of the year, so that we can get construction bids and break ground during the winter," said Wimberly. "The construction process should take about 18 months, or more. When completed, however, we may have the best fraternity house facility in the U.S., and it is on the best lot in Athens."

The zoning efforts in Athens are being led by **Joe '64** and **Andrew Neighbors '68**, and **Lam Hardman '92**. **Joe Wilen '73** heads the Zoning Committee in Atlanta, with major participation by **Kirk Malone '72** (whose son is in the Chapter) and **Hudson Hooks '99**.



(L to R) Gray Messier '11, Stuart Carrington '13, Kendall King '11 and William Ross '11 pause for a photo while enjoying Formal held in Savannah, GA the weekend of March 26-27, 2010.



Brothers and their dates dance the night away at Formal.

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31 Pledge Chi Phi

Over at least the last 6-8 years, Chi Phi has had the preeminent Rush program at UGA. This year's Rush efforts were headed by **Ross Conway '13** (Westminster of Atlanta), **Matt Loparco '13** (Athens Academy) and **Stuart Carrington '13** (Lynchburg, VA). Perhaps due to the economy, the number of boys going

through Rush this fall and pledging among all fraternities was down 25%. The average pledge class was around 20, and the largest was 37. The following boys committed to Chi Phi, with their home towns and high schools also listed:

NAME	HOME TOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Alex Zimmerman	Charlotte, NC	Providence Day School
Bryce McKinon	St. Simon's Island, GA	Glynn Academy
Charley Frazier	Chattanooga, TN	Baylor
Connor Oglesby	Knoxville, TN	West
David Limentani	Charlotte, NC	Charlotte Latin
Don Armento	Atlanta, GA	Riverwood
Hunter McGranahan	Atlanta, GA	Lovett
Jack Benefield	St. Simon's Island, GA	Frederica Academy
JD DeYonker	Atlanta, GA	Westminster
Jeff Ervin	Atlanta, GA	Marist
Jesse Codner	Atlanta, GA	Woodward
Joe Austin	Atlanta, GA	Holy Innocents
Jonathan Barshop	San Antonio, TX	Alamo Heights
Julius Bodie	Chevy Chase, MD	Bethesda Chevy Chase
Mark Allen Harris	Albany, GA	Northview
Neal Maranuk	Houston, TX	Stratford
Nick Merlino	Atlanta, GA	Wesleyan
Nick Muratore	Roswell, GA	Roswell High School
Nigel Johnson	St. Simon's Island, GA	Frederica Academy
Patrick Brown	Lynchburg, VA	E.C. Glass
Penn Davenport	Atlanta, GA	Marist
Robert Horne	Raleigh, NC	Broughton
Ross Erskine	Atlanta, GA	Westminster
Sam Stringer	Atlanta, GA	Riverwood
Scott Carter	Austin, TX	Westlake
Scott Dickson	Greensboro, NC	Page High School
Trace Walker	Atlanta, GA	Westminster
Tucker Braden	Richmond, VA	St. Christopher's
Vince Capparell	Atlanta, GA	Holy Innocents
Watts Douglas	Atlanta, GA	Holy Innocents
Will Craver	Sullivan's Island, SC	Porter-Gaud

Chi Phi Grades Again Top All Competitors

Once again, Chi Phi finds itself in the top 8 out of 28 total fraternities in grade point average rankings. The Chi Phi GPA of 3.26 is well above campus averages.

Last year, two seniors graduated with perfect grades. **George Akers '09** and **Everett Mattox '09** both graduated with

perfect 4.0 grade point averages and were admitted to Phi Beta Kappa. Akers was named valedictorian (first honor graduate) at UGA. He previously was the valedictorian at the Westminster School in Atlanta, and Mattox had been the salutatorian at the Episcopal school in Alexandria, Virginia.

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Wooden On Leadership

Each year, the members of Chi Phi learn about the philosophy and pyramid of success developed by ten-time national champion UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, one of the greatest basketball coaches to ever pace the court, thank to long-time alumni advisor **Peter Amann '68**.

Whether discussing teamwork ("It takes 10 hands to make a basket"), organization ("Don't mistake activity for achievement") or discipline ("The carrot is mightier than a stick"), Wooden's lessons provide a template for confronting limitations and achieving personal success in virtually any setting

or situation – especially within the fraternity house.

For more than ten years, based on Wooden's Pyramid of Success, Amann delivers instruction that provides a leadership skills guide designed to help Chi Phi brother develop character, conviction and remarkable achievement.

Brother to Brother

Alan Joel '83, president of the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors, and Dan Granot, a top producer at the former Atlanta office of GVA Advantis with more than 20 years in the market, have launched Joel & Granot Commercial Real Estate. The merger marks an attempt to seize an opportunity in Atlanta commercial real estate created in the wake of growth within the city's largest firms. The trends have created a potential niche for small or "boutique" firms that specialize in leasing. Joel & Granot Commercial Real Estate will be a full-service firm, focusing on investment sales, land sales and property management, but its highest producing service line - at least in the early going - will likely be tenant representation, where both Joel and Granot have the most experience.

Do you have news you want to share with other alumni. Did you recently marry? Have a baby? Change jobs? Start a business? Retire? Let us know. Post your news at www.chiPhiuga.com.



Eta brothers sponsored two families for Christmas 2009. The brothers partnered with the Boys & Girls Club and provided a large Christmas dinner and presents for four children.



(L to R) Patrick Richardson '11 and Frank Brown '12 present a \$1,200 check to UGA Miracle during Dance Marathon. UGA Miracle is a student-run philanthropy organization that benefits Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Chi Phi Fast Facts

- Founded 1867
- Fifth oldest Chi Phi chapter
- 5th largest chapter at UGA
- 2nd largest Chi Phi chapter in the nation
- Spring 2010: 8th out of 28 fraternities, with a 3.26 GPA
- 2010 - 11 IFC Vice President Patrick Richardson
- 2009 - 10 IFC President Trevor Brightwell
- 2009 UGA Valedictorian George Akers

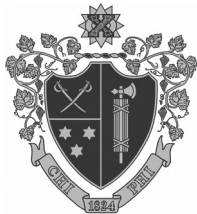
Chi Phi Continues Leading IFC

This year, Chapter Alpha **Patrick Richardson '11**, formerly of Whitfield Academy in Atlanta, is the Vice President of the Interfraternity Council

at the University of Georgia. Richardson succeeds **Trevor Brightwell '10** who served as president of the IFC last year. Brightwell is a graduate of Woodward

Academy in Atlanta. Over the past several years, including this year, Eta has been fortunate to have a brother as either President or Vice President of the IFC.

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