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Beloved Artist and Georgia Beta Brother, Jack Davis '50, Remembered

Brilliant artist, loyal brother and Damn Good Dawg, **Jack Davis '50** passed away on July 27, 2016. He was 91.

Jack was born in Atlanta in 1924 and attended both E. Rivers and North Fulton schools making him an original "Buckhead Boy." Naval service in the Pacific preceded his matriculation to UGA and his initiation into SAE brotherhood. While at Georgia, he studied with renowned artist Lamar Dodd.

After graduation, Jack travelled to New York to pursue his craft. Jack struggled to find work and was, at one point, "about ready to give up, go home to Georgia and be either a forest ranger or a farmer." His break came in 1950 when he began drawing for EC Comics. The next year Jack helped launch the satirical and ahead-of-its-time Mad magazine. Jack and his fellow subversive Mad artists were affectionately known as the, "Usual Gang of Idiots."

Davis' career soared for the next forty years as his unique style found its way to a myriad of magazine covers and movie posters. He always found time to create Bulldog-themed art to adorn athletic posters, soft drink cups at Sanford Stadium and fundraising promotional materials for his beloved Georgia Beta.

Jack earned numerous professional awards for his work and in 1989, the United States Postal Service commissioned him to the 25-cent 'Letter Carriers' stamp. In speaking to Jack's impact upon graphic design, Mad art director Sam Vincent said, "There is not a humorous illustrator in the past 50 years who hasn't been influenced by him."

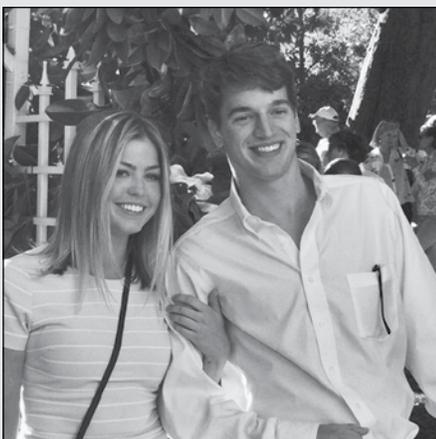


Jack's immediately recognizable style influenced humorous illustrators everywhere.



Jack's 'Letter Carrier Stamp' was commissioned to him by the USPS in 1989.

Out and About



Peter Waller '17 poses with Katherine Robinson at Magnolia.



Wil Akins '18 and Christian Milikin '18 with their dates at Fall Parent's Weekend/Doc Banks.



Josh Walker '17 with his date on Bourbon Street at Spring Formal in New Orleans.



Letter from the Outgoing President

This past school year has been an exciting one for the men of Georgia Beta. We had a tremendous year academically, philanthropically and socially. Boasting one of the best GPA's SAE has put up in years, we finished with a 3.3 GPA in the spring semester. This GPA was particularly rewarding as SAE moved up 10 spots to 8th overall in the Interfraternity Council's highest-ranking GPA's among UGA fraternities. As the academic landscape at UGA continues to become more challenging, it is exciting to see the guys of 247 Pulaski respond well to a challenge. For the record, 14 brothers made the Dean's List.

Socially, we had a fantastic spring

and fall. We put on our famous spring party, Showercap, which was a huge success once again. Our chapter works diligently to ensure this event continues to be safe and incident free, and we are happy the trend continued last year. We are also very fortunate to continue hosting this party as it serves as a great recruitment tool.

Magnolia, our spring parent's weekend, was a great event thanks to the Moms of the Minerva Club. We owe them many thanks for putting in their time and effort to ensure Magnolia and our Fall Parent's Weekend run smoothly. Without their help, the brothers, their dates and families would not be able to enjoy each of these events.

Our annual Leukemia Drive, in honor of Eminent Archon **Ham Ansley '71**, got off to a great start in the fall. The freshmen are entering the final stretch of fundraising, and have a goal of raising \$93,000. If achieved, this number will put the Georgia Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society over \$2,000,000 in donations since the inception of our fundraiser, an achievement we would be extremely proud of. The funds raised continue to go directly toward leukemia research. We thank all alumni who donated to this great cause. Without you, this amazingly successful fundraiser would not be possible.

Recruitment continues to go well for the chapter due in large part to the efforts of our rush chairs - **Sam Bromley '19**, **Will Calhoun '19**, **Tommy Duffy '19**, **Austin Harrison '19** and **Murphy Lee '19**. Their efforts, along with Eminent Deputy Archon, **Wil Akins '18**, helped pledge 34 great guys. We are excited to have them join Georgia Beta. The chapter continues to expand into states like Louisiana and Virginia, while also keeping our roots firmly entrenched in the state of Georgia. The lifeline of our chapter is Rush which we take very seriously as we prepare for spring and summer recruitment.

Our chapter would not be half of what it is today without the tremendous support from our alumni. Alumni support keeps us afloat, so on behalf of all current brothers, we thank you for everything you do.

Mark Williams '83 continues to serve as the Georgia Beta Chapter Advisor. We owe him many thanks for all the work he puts in to keep us in line and the chapter moving in the right direction. Mark is truly one of the Chapter's greatest assets. It has been an honor to work with Mark, and I can't thank him enough for all he has done for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

This past year has been a historic one for the boys at Georgia Beta with the announcement of one of our own taking over the helm of the UGA Football Program, **Kirby Smart '99**. Needless to say, last fall was exciting as we watched our new coach build the University of Georgia's football program into a team no one wants to play. The numerous tailgates, parties and cookouts, centered around Georgia football, have resulted in an always fun



Tommy Duffy '83, Tommy Duffy '19, Murphy Lee '19, Walton Lee '86, Dick Ferguson '86 and Richard Ferguson '19 at Magnolia. Actives pause for a photo with their fathers, all of whom are SAE alumni.



The newly painted shack with a nice addition courtesy of Lucy Wellborn

alumni crowd at 247 Pulaski. Even through the heartbreaking "Hail-Mary," we had a great turnout of alumni, friends and family at the House all football season. I encourage you to visit the House anytime you are in town or passing through the Classic City. Our doors are always open to our alumni and friends.

I am really pleased with all we have been able to accomplish over the past year. Our Executive Council and brothers continue to ensure the image of Georgia Beta is, and will continue to be, a good one in the ever-changing climate of hazing, substance abuse and other current issues. The Chapter has come together and taken a great sense of pride in handling each of these issues. **Wil Akins '18** took over as Eminent Archon on January 1, and I can confidently say the Chapter will be in great hands with Wil and his new Executive Council.

Our Chapter is poised for a great spring semester. We have a formal planned and will take a bus down to New Orleans to spend the weekend with dates. Magnolia and Showercap are already in the works and we are looking to build on the success we had last year with both events.

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Outgoing Eminent Archon

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Minerva Club Update

The Minerva Club currently has 125 supporting members who enjoy helping out with parties and maintaining the appearance of the house. This fall, the Minerva Club re-carpeted the staircase, re-felted the pool table, provided picnic tables by the sports court and organized the basement and President's room.

They also provide flowers for the house for every home game and keep communication open with all SAE families. Parent's Weekend/Doc Banks was attended by 450 people and plans are in place for another Parent's Weekend/Magnolia this spring. Everyone loves these weekends as they are a great opportunity

to see the boys and meet their friends and family.

Editor's Note: We challenge any other UGA or SAE Chapter to claim a more productive parent's organization than Georgia Beta's Minerva Club. We are grateful for all they do for 247 Pulaski!

Alumni Spotlight - F. Sheffield Hale '82

By: Chris Beckmann '83

Like a phoenix, F. Sheffield Hale '82, the son of a distinguished Mother Mu brother, rose from the ashes of one of the smallest and least distinguished pledge classes in the long history of Georgia Beta. (Full disclosure: I, too, was a member of this class). Yet Sheffield, an Atlanta native, soared just above the low bar of expectations set for his fellow pledge brothers graduating Summa Cum Laude from Georgia in 1982 before earning his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1985. Sheffield spent 16 years as a corporate partner in a large Atlanta law firm before finding his true passion in the non-profit world, first as Chief Counsel for the American Cancer Society and then as President and CEO of the Atlanta History Center beginning in 2012.

Sheffield's years in Athens and Georgia Beta shaped him in ways that formed his entire professional career. He fed his insatiable interest in the past by pursuing a history major. Sheffield remains an avid enthusiast, as his library will attest, but he also learned a great deal about fundraising and historic preservation as a brother.

During his freshman year, Sheffield was the top earner in the annual Ham Anslay Leukemia Drive, winning a well-lubricated all-expense-paid

junket with then Vice President **Rusty Hardin '80** to Las Vegas. Sheffield then learned how to run a multi-million dollar capital drive through his work with the "Save Spencer Hall" campaign. Those of you with no memories of the dilapidated house prior to the mid-1980s will never understand how badly this effort was needed.

Sheffield spent the last 30 plus years asking people for money to restore historic properties. This experience served him well for his current post as he raised \$62 million in capital funds for the Atlanta History Center in the last four years.

Sheffield married Elizabeth Warfield Medlin of Winston-Salem in 1988. Their three sons, Sheffield, Thomas and John attended Virginia, Wake Forest and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively. Sadly, Thomas was the only child with the good judgment to become a 4th generation SAE.



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2016 Fall Initiates

Harrison Barnes Atlanta, GA	Charlie Ellis Albany, GA	Grant Lang St. Simons, GA	Kyle Orr Atlanta, GA	Parker Swift Columbus, GA
Connor Bolton Dallas, TX/Atlanta, GA	Frank Ferrell St. Simons, GA	Jake Lee Savannah, GA	George Pettaway Chattanooga, TN	James Tardy Dallas, TX
William Brooks Atlanta, GA	Graham Goldstein West Palm Beach, FL	Chance Lewis St. Simons, GA	Jack Sallis Austin, TX	Cole Taylor Atlanta, GA
Wilson Bryant Austin, TX	Prather Hudson Columbus, GA	Jack Long Atlanta, GA	Scott Saunders Thomasville, GA	Ryan Toole Albany, GA
Palmer Clark Lake Oconee, GA	Ryan Johnston St. Simons, GA	Mercer Lynn Albany, GA	Wyatt Settles Lake Oconee, GA	Cameron Tyler Atlanta, GA
Davis Conway Atlanta, GA	Cole Jone Newnan, GA	Bauer Lustig Richmond, VA	Sam Smith Nashville, TN	James Whatley Rockmount, NC
Jack Dobson Austin, TX	Mathew Jones Augusta, GA	Lucas Mason Houston, TX	Haydon Stanley Newnan, GA	



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2016-2017 Annual Dues Campaign Continues!

Alumni support is crucial for Georgia Beta. Thus far, 147 brothers have given \$19,675 towards the *2016-2017 Dues Campaign* to support our alumni communications program. This ensures you have the best and most up-to-date information possible regarding our fraternity. Thank you to those who already made their gift and to those who will give in 2017!

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Class of 2018's annual group photo at Magnolia with some of their dates.