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Three generations of Holmes' at Doc Banks Weekend - Sam '87, Sims '14, Paul '62, John '85 and Paul '12.



Junior Class - Magnolia 2011

Eminent Archon Letter

The past year has had its shares of ups and downs for the men who reside at 247 Pulaski Street. We have recorded another successful year academically and have grown more conscious of the ever changing rules and policies of the University. In the fall of 2011, we posted a 3.17 GPA which is significantly higher than the all-men's average of 3.08. We had nine members on the Dean's list and one member on the President's list. Our new members posted a strong average of 3.30 which ranks sixth amongst new member classes.

On the social side, our chapter experienced some backlash from our main social event, "Showercap." The event was widely known as the party of year in the Southeast attracting students from as far north as Virginia and as far west as Texas. Due to the overwhelming size of the event Athens Clarke County Police detained a score of guests resulting in bad press for the chapter. While no members of the chapter were arrested, it falls under our responsibility as an organization to keep anything on or coming off our property to be in

accordance with the law. As a result SAE was put on half year probation and must do some serious reconstructing of the event. While it was once the "Party of the Southeast" we are now taking the appropriate steps to bring it back down to just the members and friends of the Chapter. SAE has followed through with the stipulations from the University and is now off probation for the spring semester.

Magnolia, which has become our parent's weekend as well, was a great success this year for both brothers and their families alike. At this event we really see the muscle of the Minerva Club flexed when they transform the house back into its regal state. They did such a good job this year that while we were setting up for the spring's Magnolia, representatives from the Athens Heritage Society were inspecting the house and ended up giving us the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation award for our renovation project. This is something that is very prestigious in the Athens area and should really be credited to the Alumni who were involved in the

restoration project and the Minerva Club for putting on the finishing touches.

Our annual Leukemia drive in honor of former Eminent Archon, **Ham Ansley '71**, was a huge success this year with the freshmen class raising over \$79,328. We realize that many of our alumni are called upon to donate, and our chapter greatly appreciates the support.

On the recruitment front, we had very successful summer which was led by sophomores: **Sims Holmes '14** of Macon, GA, **William Anderson '14** of Atlanta, GA and nearly half of the sophomore class who stayed over the summer to help with rush. This is something we haven't seen in the past and is very encouraging seeing so many people wanting to get involved. Over the past couple of years we've seen our chapter grow geographically bringing in people from as far away as Colorado while at the same time trying to keep our roots here in Georgia very strong. Undoubtedly, the lifeblood of the chapter is Rush and in particular, the men that come from the towns and cities, small and large, across the state of Georgia.

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Freshman tailgating before a game.

Rush Recommendations for Fall 2012

With spring rush events on the horizon and bids for the fall pledge class being offered as early as June 1, we encourage alumni to send recommendations as early as possible.

Please send your rush recommendations to **Mark Williams '83**, President of House Association (mark.williams@boswellgroup.org), **Henry Terrell '15**, Rush Chairman (henry12@uga.edu) or **Wally Davis '13**, Eminent Archon (wdavis11@uga.edu).

Be sure to include as much of the following information when sending a recommendation:

Name	Graduating High School
Home Address	SAE Legacy Information (if applicable)
Campus Address (if known)	Profile (sports, leadership, awards, etc.)
E-mail	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	

Eminent Archon Letter *(continued from page 1)*

With that said, Georgia Beta would not be where it is today if it were not for the amazing support of its alumni. On behalf of our chapter, thank you again for your support.

With another year under his belt, **Oliver Pryor '07** has done a phenomenal job keeping our chapter steered in the right direction and has proved time and time again to be one the most valuable assets to the Georgia Beta family. It has been an honor to work with Oliver, and I can't say that I would have been able to do my job without him. Our chapter is blessed to have an advisor with recent experience as an EA himself while still being able to be a role model to the young men coming through our chapter today. I would like to thank Oliver for all he does for Sigma Alpha Epsilon and for his continued support of the Georgia Beta Chapter.

This past fall was a great success with the Bulldogs shaking off a rough start and storming to

the SEC championship. Most notably our Auburn weekend saw a great turnout of alumni, friends and family at 247 Pulaski that ended with the Dawgs taking care of business between the hedges. Overall, I am especially pleased with the way our brothers have come together and taken a proactive stance to insure that the image of Georgia Beta is and will remain in a positive light moving into the future. This is truly a special group of men we have, and one should not expect anything but great things from them as they move on into the post-graduate world.

With that being said, it has been a great start to the New Year. I can confidently say that the new executive board, led by **Wally Davis '13** of Little Rock, AR, will continue to make sure that Georgia Beta remains the preeminent chapter at the University of Georgia.

Phi Alpha,
Cole Gentes '12
Eminent Archon

Dangerous Side of Downtown Athens

By Mark Williams '83, House Association President

As we stated in a recent edition of the *Georgia Beta Bulletin*, the House Association, and other alumni groups, are constantly looking at ways to maintain the house - which turns 170 years old this year - support the Chapter, and utilize the physical asset we are so fortunate to possess. Needless to say, with over 100 brothers, their dates, parents and alumni enjoying an active social calendar, accomplishing this is a tough task; however, I am happy to report that as I write this the house and the grounds are in wonderful shape.

Unfortunately, one of our biggest, if not the biggest challenge we face, is the ongoing crime issues in and around the house. This is not an SAE problem, but

an Athens and societal problem, but we are still looking at ways to minimize the issue. Recently over the Christmas break, the house was broken into, and we had several flat-screen TVs stolen from the Chapter and from individuals' rooms. The 52" flat-screen in the den/pool room was destroyed. The same night, the KA house was broken into as well. In addition, we also have had many cars broken into throughout the year.

Our video monitors were working and captured footage of the perpetrator clad in a dark outfit and a ski cap. Unfortunately, our alarm did not trip. We will be looking at even more security features going forward, including additional fencing, more security lights

or motion sensitive lights, inserting steel bars on all downstairs windows, etc. Of course, the loss of property is costly and inconvenient, but not nearly as important as the brothers' safety.

Although this was not on our property, we recently had a brother mugged while walking to his house on North Avenue from downtown. Although he is back and doing well, he suffered severe facial injuries and was very fortunate it was not even worse. Crime in and around Athens seems to be increasing, so we ask everyone who is in Athens for a visit to be aware of your surroundings, do not leave any valuables in your car, always stay in a group, and be sure to close and lock doors and windows.

Minerva Club Consistently Serving Georgia Beta

By Lou Holmes President

The Minerva Club has been busy this fall organizing events for 2011-2012. Our committee published a directory that is a helpful reference for both the fraternity and parents. We also decorate the house twice a year, for parents weekend in the fall and Magnolia in the Spring. For parents weekend this fall we hosted a dinner for 475 people on the front lawn under the big circus tent. The dinner was catered by Lee Epting Catering and afterwards, we enjoyed a

local band in the legendary shack.

The Minerva Club also sells prints of the Ross Crane house. We have two prints available: Ross Crane House Prints by Katie Garner for \$20, and 2009 Steve Penley prints for \$125. In addition, we also are offering the limited edition Jack Davis SAE Bulldawg. If interested in purchasing these prints please contact Carol Hughes of Augusta at (706) 733-9844 home, or cell (706) 833-3546.

Malinda Bergen of Savannah is also selling customized Georgia Beta silk ties from Ben Silver Company of Charleston. The ties sell for \$70, and you may purchase by contacting Malinda directly at MALB710@aol.com.

As always, the Minerva Club continues to assess the needs of the historic Ross-Crane house. Painting projects, furniture replacements, recycling and security are just a few items on our agenda for 2012.

Do you have news you would like to share with other Georgia Beta brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at georgiabetta.org. Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

2012 and Beyond - Members and Pledges Must Be Students at UGA

To align ourselves with University and SAE National rules and laws, Georgia Beta members and pledges must be enrolled at the University of Georgia. SAE laws read:

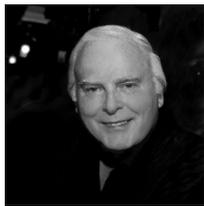
To be eligible for membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity a candidate

must be a male student of a collegiate institution which is the domicile of an active Chapter.

A member is in good standing unless he is not currently enrolled in the institution where his chapter is domiciled.

Accordingly, the Chapter will not be able to make any future exceptions as to Georgia Beta pledges and members who are not enrolled at the University of Georgia.

Georgia Beta Alumni Spotlight: Stuart Woods '59



Stuart Woods '59

The author of 44 published novels, 28 of which have been New York Times best sellers, is a Manchester, Georgia native and former

247 Pulaski Street resident. Stuart Woods actually lived both in the main house and the Shack during his Athens tenure.

Stuart reports that he was invited to visit SAE for a spring weekend and liked it so much he pledged in the fall. Football games provided his favorite college memories.

A favorite professor, Ray Payne, was the reason Stuart majored in sociology as he took a number of Dr. Payne's courses as electives. After a brief stint in the Air National Guard, Stuart moved to New York in 1960 in search of a writing career.

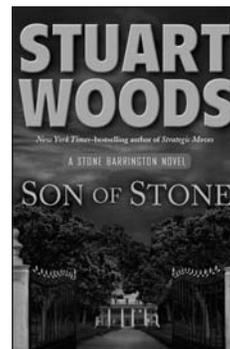
A writing career meant many years with ad agencies in New York, London

(after some National Guard time in Berlin) and Dublin. While in Ireland in the Seventies, work began on his first novel; however, Stuart also fell seriously in love with sailing eventually purchasing his own 30' yacht and participating in several transatlantic races.

Moving back to Georgia in the late seventies, Woods wrote two non-fiction books (one on his Ireland and racing experiences, the other a guide to the Inns of England and Ireland). Subsequently, a publisher contracted Stuart to finish his first novel with an advance of \$7,500.

Chiefs sold 20,000 hardbacks; yet sold many more in paperback edition. CBS bought the rights to the book and produced a six hour movie in 1981 starring Charlton Heston, Danny Glover and John Goodman. Woods' career as a novelist soared thereafter.

He is now a licensed, instrument rated



pilot of props and jets. He loves to sail "other people's" boats and is a fractional owner of a 1935 Trumpy yacht. He splits his time among residences in Key West, New York and Maine.

Stuart remarks he was able to meet a few times recently with former fraternity brothers on Sea Island. All of whom we are certain are proud of this very successful novelist who has moved far from his Shack dwelling days in Athens.

Chapter Advisor Perspectives

Oliver Pryor '07

The survival and prosperity of any organization often depends on its ability to proactively adapt to a constantly changing environment while still upholding the organization's core values. This is certainly true in the case of GA Beta in 2011/2012. The University has issued new rules regarding: the treatment of students selected for enrollment in January, the maximum length of pledgship, what does and does not constitute hazing, and most recently, how Showercap must be handled in the future. The renovation of the Ross Crane house has led to a push by many to re-concentrate the majority of social functions in the Shack, so as not to tarnish the house, which so many of you generously donated your time and money in order that it may be restored to its former grandeur. Recognition of the need to uphold the formidable reputation of GA Beta has led to the proposal and successful implementation of a drug-testing program for officers, pledges, and those living in the house. Adaptation

to all of the previously mentioned changes and developments requires the coordination and contribution of all stakeholders in GA Beta, including: student members, alumni, employees, the Alumni Advisory Board, and the Minerva Club. We at GA Beta are very fortunate to have effective leadership and active participation amongst all of the various groups, which allows us to continue to adapt to our environment while holding true to the core values of SAE and GA Beta.

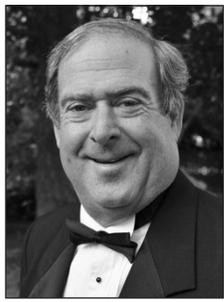
As for the students, enough cannot be said for the strong leadership provided by **Cole Gentes '12**, his officers, the Executive Committee, and the Judicial Committee this past year. Changes were made to the by-laws, and tough decisions were necessary, but, in the end, the student leaders always put the values and long-term prosperity of GA Beta ahead of their own self-interests, which is the a mark of true leaders. The systems implemented and rules upheld by this group of student leaders have laid

a strong foundational precedent on which GA Beta can build and prosper.

Our house staff continues to be the "glue that keeps the place together." Managing a house of, and cooking for, 120 18-22 year olds are not easy jobs, and we all owe Keith, Marvin, and Hootie a debt of gratitude for everything they do. They not only cook for the student members and make sure they have a clean house, they interact with the students on a day-to-day basis, look after them and keep them safe.

Another group that should be recognized for its contributions to GA Beta is our Alumni Advisory Board. This is a group of alumni who, without compensation, tirelessly work for the betterment of GA Beta. The Alumni Advisory also includes: **Jimbo LaBoon '85**, **Mark Williams '83**, **Rob Ellis '80**, **Warren Pope '95** and me. Jimbo serves as Financial Advisor and is responsible for the appropriation of all monies spent for the betterment of GA Beta. Mark serves as President of the House

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Chapter Eternal – Captain Mike Carrington '82

Mike Carrington passed away January 7, 2012, after a brief illness. Mike lived in Thomson and was Executive Director of *Forward McDuffie*.

Mike grew up in Milledgeville and graduated high school from Georgia Military Prep. He pledged Georgia Beta in 1978 and was a walk-on to the football team, and an ROTC graduate.

Mike began his military career as a 2nd Lieutenant

in the Georgia National Guard. He proudly served in Operation Desert Storm and rose to the rank of Captain before retiring in 1991.

Mike will be remembered by many as being the quintessential Georgia Beta Pledge Trainer. We thank you, Captain Carrington, for your service to SAE and your Country.

Portraits of Doc and KC Being Commissioned

Thanks to our many 2011-12 dues contributors, we will soon be hanging new portraits of two of our Honorary Georgia Betas: Doc Banks and KC Mattox. These loyal SAE House Managers were so critical to the success of the Chapter by providing a home away from home for hundreds of young men for over one hundred years. Again, your dues are funding these portraits and also allow us to run our website and these Bulletins. Thanks as well to those of you who supplied photographs of Doc and KC which we have given to our portrait artist in Savannah. We will commission a portrait of Paul Johnson as well when we receive his photographs accordingly. We hope to unveil the portraits of Doc and KC during Magnolia/Parents Weekend April 14.



Portrait of Doc Banks.

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Corporation, where he serves as custodian of the Ross Crane House, which was recently named a recipient of the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation Award for historical preservation, the first fraternity house to ever receive the award. Rob helps pull the team together and provides perspectives on risk management. Lastly, Warren Pope ably serves as Legal Counsel to GA Beta, where he advises on a wide range of issues. His counsel regarding recent amendments to the by-laws was pivotal in successful implementation, and we certainly appreciate that he counsels

GA Beta pro bono and does not charge us his King & Spalding hourly rate.

Finally, many thanks to all of you, the alumni of GA Beta. You are the lifeblood of the fraternity. It is through your support that GA Beta thrives. Your yearly contributions to the Ham Ansley Leukemia drive serve as evidence of the kind of men that you are and the kind of men that GA Beta produces. Your recent capital campaign contributions have given another generation of SAE's the opportunity to live and socialize in as beautiful and historic of a fraternity house

as can be found anywhere in the country. Your active participation in alumni events serves as an example to student members of how much SAE and GA Beta will mean to them for the rest of their lives. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support of GA Beta. With an active alumni base, strong student leadership, fantastic employees and a dedicated Alumni Advisory Board, GA Beta looks forward to the future with the confidence that it will effectively adapt to change, survive and prosper for many generations to come.



Parent's Weekend 2011

Pulaski Street Calendar

April 14

Magnolia/Parents Weekend

April 21

Showercap

June 1

Rush/Bids Officially Begins

September 22/23

Doc Banks Weekend (Vandy Game)

September 28/29

Parents' Weekend (TN Game); All Alumni Invited to Shack/Band Party Friday Evening

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