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Eminent Archon Year in Review

Another Successful Year for Georgia Beta

The 2018-19 school year was another big success for the men of Georgia Beta. The chapter excelled in the classroom and composed itself as gentlemen in leadership, philanthropy, and social events across campus.

Nearly \$142,000 Raised for Ham Ansley Campaign

Continuing the tradition of the Ham Ansley Memorial Fund into its 47th year, our freshman class raised nearly \$142,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Atlanta, with **Russell Blanchard '22** individually raising \$17,745. Both marks shattered all previous records.

Throughout the year, the chapter hosted a variety of events to support campus and community charities. Most notably was the "Jam for Cam." This battle-of-the-bands event raised more than \$70,000 in memory of the late Sigma Nu Cameron Fearon who succumbed to melanoma last August. We also organized a second 3-on-3 basketball tournament with Kappa Alpha, hosted a dodgeball tournament, and opened the historic Ross Crane House for the annual Classic City Tour of Homes.

Academics

The freshman class began their time at the University excelling in the classroom, achieving a 3.43 GPA. In fact, our whole chapter made great academic strides. The chapter once again had a GPA higher than the all-male average, with a 3.38 average from both the fall and spring. A total of 16 brothers, including four freshmen, were recognized on the Dean's List this year for their efforts in the classroom.

Social

As always, the social calendar for Pulaski Street proved to be the envy of campus. Beyond the traditional tailgates of football season, the chapter hosted band parties throughout the year along with date nights both in and outside of Athens. A few favorites included a Braves game, brothers-only rafting trip, and the annual formal in New Orleans.

When spring arrived, the much anticipated 40th Edition Showercap provided perhaps the largest assembly of people ever seen at the chapter house. Finally, another successful Magnolia Ball closed out a great year of fun.

Recruitment

As classes ended and the summer began, we turned our focus back to recruitment, the lifeline of this great fraternity. Head Recruitment Chairman **Hays Burns '22** with **Gunby Garrard '22**, **Jack Smith '22**, and **Will Spivey '22** are leading the effort to field yet another great class of incoming freshmen to join the chapter.

Before I close, I must offer a sincere and personal thanks to **Keith, Hootie, Marvin**, and **Larry** for their continued dedication to the chapter. Just as **Doc Banks**, **Paul Johnson**, and **K.C.**



The 40th annual Showercap at Georgia Beta breaks attendance records. Fellow Σ AE brothers and members of local band AFTM are among the performers.

Mattox, they are just as much part of the fraternity as I or anyone else may claim to be. They are better men than the lot of us, and the entire chapter looks forward to another year with them.

It is a responsibility and an honor I hold dear to be entrusted with guiding this fraternity, not only for the current brothers, but for the more than 3,000 who have preceded me in our 154-year history. Thank you, again, for your support of Georgia Beta, and I look forward to welcoming you back to Pulaski Street this fall for football season.

Phi Alpha,
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Eminent Archon
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House Association Reassembled

This spring, the House Association was reassembled with expanded membership under revised and updated bylaws. Essentially, the House Association is comprised of Georgia Beta alumni representatives who serve as:

- Stewards of the physical assets of Georgia Beta
- Landlords to the chapter and those residing in the chapter house
- Advisors to the chapter
- Managers of alumni relations, events, and communications

In this capacity, the House Association recently passed two policy statements that have been communicated to the chapter:

1. Any chapter member found guilty of forcing another chapter guest, recruitment candidate, new member, or member to ingest alcohol or any narcotic shall be expelled permanently from Georgia Beta.

Why: The House Association is highly concerned with the wave of tragedies around the country resulting from the aforementioned issues. These actions are illegal, immoral, and contrary to the foundational principles and precepts of our chapter and fraternity.

2. Georgia Beta shall not extend any bids to non-University of Georgia students; essentially, to be eligible for membership into Georgia Beta, a candidate must be a male student formally accepted by and/or enrolled at the University of Georgia.

Why: Responding to the growing trend in Athens of fraternities extending bids to and having non-University of Georgia students participate in new member programming, the House Association was compelled to take this stance. We intend to work with other fraternities and the IFC to have them adopt similar policy for the University.

2019 Georgia Beta House Association Members

Rob Ellis '80
Savannah, Ga.

Chris Hatcher '89
Albany, Ga.

Charles Wills '05
Augusta, Ga.

Charlie Spalding '13
Atlanta, Ga.

Leland Malchow '82
Augusta, Ga.

Gunby Garrard '95
Columbus, Ga.

Oliver Pryor '07
Athens, Ga.

Thomas Paris '17
Athens, Ga.

Jimbo LaBoon '85
Athens, Ga.

George Greer '96
Macon, Ga.

Matt Beacham '09
Athens, Ga.

Otis Jones '87
Newnan, Ga.

Sanders Monsees '11
Savannah, Ga.

Scholarship Endowment Created in Memory of Benjamin Hawkins '04

A scholarship for the University of Georgia Law School has been established in memory of **Benjamin "Benj" Hawkins '04** who passed away in a car accident in 2004. Friends of Benj (www.friendsofbenj.com) was created by a group of Benj's close friends. They helped raise more than \$140,000 for the scholarship endowment in memory of one of ΣAE's finest brothers.

Born and raised in Macon by his parents, Kathy and **Jay Hawkins '76**, Benj was the quintessential ΣAE—excelling at everything he did. He will always be remembered for his infectious energy, witty sense of humor, and passion for



the Dawgs. The \$140,000 endowment was raised by hosting a series of parties and tailgates over the past few years, with more planned for fall 2019.

The endowment currently funds one 'quarter scholarship.' Please consider attending events in the future (a gathering is tentatively being scheduled before this fall) or donating directly to the endowment that will perpetually honor his legacy at the University of Georgia. Donations can be made by visiting gail.uga.edu and searching "Benjamin."

Prather Hudson Recognized by ESPN

All-Around Student Athlete



Prather Hudson '20 right before an accidental tackle of ESPN and SEC sideline reporter Laura Rutledge during the UMass game at Sanford Stadium in November 2018.

In May 2019, an ESPN article by Alex Scarborough sought to predict the future head coach from each Top 25 team's current roster. **Prather Hudson '20**, a Columbus native, Georgia Beta brother, and running back for the Bulldogs, was named as most likely to lead a Georgia program one day. Scarborough cited Hudson's unique "blend of intelligence, work ethic and toughness [that] you look for in a football coach."

This is not Hudson's first run-in with ESPN—a collision with sideline reporter Laura Rutledge during the UMass game was met with great media fanfare. The former Brookstone School standout took the field in all 14 games last season, including the SEC Championship and Sugar Bowl, in which he netted 64 yards on 15 carries. However, Hudson's real contributions are found on kickoffs and special teams, as he was awarded the 2018 Frank Sinkwich Award, recognizing the team's toughest player for the season.

Off the field, Hudson also excels in the classroom, and he is one of only six football players with a GPA higher than 3.50.

Ross Crane Magnolias Trimmed and Repurposed



good of Georgia Beta.

Otis will be contributing small bowls salvaged from the Magnolia to the first 25 alumni who contribute \$500 or more in 2019 dues. The bowls will be etched to reflect their origin.

Georgia Beta 2019 Honors

Football

J.T. Dooley '21
Ed Ferguson '21
Prather Hudson '20
Garrett Jones '21

Interfraternity Council Committee Chairmen

Brennan Cox '21
Rolf Reynolds '21

Order of Omega

Campbell Jones '19, Officer
Brennan Cox '21
Rolf Reynolds '21

Corsair Society, Finance

Jack Barnes '19
Joseph Hillin '21

Student Managed Investment Fund

Jack Barnes '19
Brennan Cox '21
Richard Ferguson '20

Dean's List

Harrison Barnes '19
Connor Bolton '20
Jack Dobson '20
Sean Doud '22
William Dickinson '22
Mils Eisenberg '21
Jack Hardin '22
John Hopkins '19
Cooper Marchetto '21
Jax Murphy '21
Mitchell Rostowski '19
Scott Saunders '20
Wyatt Settles '20
Jack Smith '22
Will Spivey '22
Reese Sullivan '22

Congratulations to the following 2019 graduates for being accepted to UGA graduate school programs!

UGA Business School

Heyward Berry '19
Mason Jones '19

UVA Business School

Sam Bromley '19

UGA Law

Tommy Duffy '19



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New Athens Band Features Georgia Beta Talent

Following in the footsteps of R.E.M., Widespread Panic, and the Futurebirds, AFTM is the latest up-and-coming band from Athens and the University of Georgia. **Forrest Whitlark '19**, from Atlanta, serves as the band's lead vocals, while **Kelly Bouchillon '18**, from Savannah, plays guitar. Other members include John MacLane (bass), Will MacLane (guitar), Cam Corsino (drums), and John Cherry (keys).

After selling out the historic Georgia Theatre in August 2018, Whitlark, Bouchillon, and the rest of AFTM put the finishing touches on their debut album, *Around for the Moment*, which featured 12 original songs that drew inspiration from likes of Dave Matthews Band, The Allman Brothers, The Black Crowes, and Kings of Leon. After releasing the album in January 2019, to yet another sell-out crowd at the



Georgia Theatre, AFTM turned its sights to doing what its members love most: performing live.

At the 40th Edition of Showercap, Whitlark and Bouchillon played as the home crowd favorite. More recently in June, AFTM headlined AthFest, the premier summer festival held each year in the Classic City. Outside of Athens, the band has played in Atlanta, Savannah, Macon, Nashville, Charlottesville, and Chapel Hill to name a few. Upcoming dates include August 16 in Charleston, S.C., and September 13 in Roanoke, Va., where all are welcome to join them.

Chapter Eternal: Cole McAfee Hagood

Cole McAfee Hagood, 24, of Atlanta, passed away on July 6, 2019. He was born March 24, 1995, in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from The Lovett School in 2013, where



he was a member of the varsity wrestling and soccer teams. One of his favorite memories of UGA was being initiated into the fall 2013 class of SAE by his grandfather, Tom Paris '61. Cole was a trusted and kind friend who was enjoyed by all. He was a loyal and dedicated pledge brother who always put his family and friends before himself. A celebration of Cole's life was held on June 12 at Northside Methodist Church. An overwhelming number of brothers traveled to celebrate Cole's life and the happiness and joy he brought to so many. He will be missed dearly. Phi Alpha.