



# Conversations

*with the Chairman*

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## ▷ GSU GREEK SYSTEM HONORS FRATER BUDDY CLAY

Frater Buddy Clay (ΛΥ 2), Lambda-Upsilon's Chapter Advisor, is the recipient of the 2006 "Advisor of the Year Award" from the Greek System at Georgia Southern University. The award was presented during the annual Greek Awards Banquet held in Statesboro on November 8. A chapter Founding Father, **Frater Buddy played an integral role in the establishment of TKE at Georgia Southern in 1967**, and later served as Lambda-Upsilon's first Prytanis, following the installation of the chapter in 1968. In addition to his duties as Chapter Advisor, Frater Buddy has been an active member of the Board of Advisors, as well as a proud, dues-paying member of the Lambda-Upsilon Alumni Association. A **Life Loyal Teke**, Frater Buddy and his wife, Janie, live in Savannah, where he serves as the Director of Revenue for the City of Savannah. Congrats Frater Clay!

## ▷ REMEMBERING FRATER RICHARD SILVEY

Frater Richard W. "Snake" Silvey (ΛΥ 6), 61, passed into the TKE Chapter Eternal on Sunday, October 29, due to complications from kidney surgery. Frater Silvey accepted our Bond and was initiated into the Lambda-Upsilon Chapter on May 25, 1968. A Founding Father and **Life Loyal Teke**, **he was currently serving in his second term as the president of the Lambda-Upsilon Alumni Association at the time of his passing**. A graduate of Georgia Military College and Georgia Southern College, Frater Silvey retired as Deputy Chief of the Atlanta Department of Corrections in January 2004, concluding twenty-four years of service to the City of Atlanta. A driving-force in the re-establishment of the Lambda-Upsilon Alumni Association in 2001, Frater Silvey served as a member of the Board of Directors, in addition to serving as Vice President and President. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Chapter Corporation, a member of the Board of Advisors, and was selected as "Alumnus of the Year" by the collegiate chapter in 2005. His wonderful wife, Vikki Silvey, who supported and encouraged his continued involvement with Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity over the years, survives Frater Silvey.



Frater "Snake" was a loyal and dedicated member of Tau Kappa Epsilon for nearly forty years. We will remember him for his rugged sense of determination ... his dry sense of humor ... the fierce loyalty he displayed to his Fraters, family, and friends ... as well as for his never-ending passion for the "possibilities" offered by the TKE experience. **He tirelessly contributed his time, energy, and financial resources, doing his part to help build a bigger and better Lambda-Upsilon.** He was truly "one of a kind" ... and we will miss having him as an important part of our fraternal family and volunteer leadership team. Thank you, Frater Snake, for exemplifying the concept of "love, charity, and esteem" in the way that you lived your life ... and for being a wonderful example how Tau Kappa Epsilon is, indeed, the "Fraternity For Life." God's Speed. YITB.

► **POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE FOUNDATION:** <http://www.pkdcure.org/>

## ▷ STUDENT VOLUNTEERISM IS UP

More than 3.3 million college students engaged in volunteer activities in 2005, up 20 percent from 2002, according to a report released by the Corporation for National and Community Service. About 30 percent of students about whom data could be obtained engaged in some volunteer activity. **Both the percentage of students volunteering, and the rate of growth in volunteer activities exceed those for the population as a whole.** Tutoring and mentoring were cited as the most popular volunteer activities, and volunteer rates were higher among students who also have a part time job. Mark D. Gearan, president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and former director of the Peace Corps, said he was pleased with the results of the survey. "I'm very encouraged by this," he said, adding that it was important for people to know that this generation of college students is engaged with the idea of helping their communities — counter to some stereotypes of this group. Gearan said he expected the growth to continue. Not only are students expressing more interest, but colleges are creating programs to help match students to volunteer opportunities and to link community work with academic programs. The top states for student volunteer rates were Utah, Idaho, Oklahoma, Vermont and Nebraska. The bottom states for student volunteer rates were Massachusetts, Tennessee, Nevada, New York ... and Georgia, which ranked last.

► **FULL REPORT:** [http://www.nationalservice.org/pdf/06\\_1016\\_RPD\\_college\\_full.pdf](http://www.nationalservice.org/pdf/06_1016_RPD_college_full.pdf)

### ▷ CHAPTER HONORED FOR SERVICE

Speaking of service, Lambda-Upsilon Chapter has been honored by the International Fraternity ... and by the Greek System at Georgia Southern University for the commitment of our chapter members to philanthropic service. The Chapter is the recipient of the 2006 "Award of Excellence for Community Service & Outreach" from the International Fraternity and the 2006 "Greek Service Award" from the Georgia Southern Greek Community. The chapter was honored for its participation in a variety of philanthropic projects, but primarily for **the successful effort to raise nearly \$11,000.00 in cash contributions to provide support for hurricane relief and recovery efforts along the U.S. gulf coast**, in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In a message to the TKE Grand Council, Grand Prytanis Mark Fite said the following: "We are grateful for the efforts and leadership of Lambda-Upsilon Chapter at Georgia Southern for organizing the TKE Hurricane Relief Fund. Over the past several years, the Grand Council has participated in a number of functions in the New Orleans area with collegiate and alumni Tekes from our each of our chapters along the Gulf Coast. So many of their names, faces, and personal stories are known to us. We can only begin to imagine the challenges that these Fraters and their families have faced. Our hearts go out to them. I encourage all Fraters to support Lambda-Upsilon's wonderful demonstration of Charity, Esteem and Love in action."

### ▷ NEW WEB RECRUITING TOOL FOR TEKES

The International Fraternity has launched a new website, specifically designed for membership recruitment. The website assists Fraters in their efforts to extend bids to quality young men who reflect **the six cornerstone principles of Tau Kappa Epsilon: Scholarship, Character, Leadership, Teamwork, Service and Brotherhood**. The site features a welcome message from Grand Prytanis Mark Fite, historical information on the Fraternity, a parent's guide, a special message to potential members from the late Frater Ronald Reagan, and much more. "Recruitment is our legacy and is core to our purpose," says TKE CEO Kevin Mayeux, CAE. "It is vital that with the launch of this new website, Fraters realize recruitment is not a one week a semester process. Rather this is a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year process." With this thought in mind, the TKE Headquarters has provided a cutting-edge recruitment tool for each chapter Rush Chairman to employ. The site uses video testimonials to discuss concerns potential members may have about the recruitment process and expands on the many benefits of joining the largest social fraternity in the world. There is also a contact form for interested men to submit that will be linked directly to the chapter desired. If there is no chapter present at the college or university where the young man attends, the colony coordinator will contact him on starting an interest group.

» VISIT THE NEW TKE RECRUITMENT SITE: <http://www.jointke.org>

### ▷ METH USE: HOW WIDESPREAD ON CAMPUS?

Methamphetamines have surged into the national consciousness in recent years. A drug that was popular in the 1960s as the province of bikers, dieters, college students, and truckers struggling to stay awake, had faded in popularity only to reemerge in a big way, with reported lifetime use of methamphetamine among adults more than doubling from less than 2 percent in 1994 to about 5 percent a decade later, according to a report funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. **Young adults aged 18 to 25 exhibit the highest rates of methamphetamine use nationally**, according to the [National Survey on Drug Use and Health](#). However, college students are less likely to use methamphetamine than those their age not in school: In 2005, 1.7 percent of full-time college students reported they had used methamphetamine in the past year, compared to a 4.9 percent usage rate reported by their peers not enrolled, according to the [Monitoring the Future Study](#) at the University of Michigan. Data from the study also suggests that prevalence of methamphetamine use among 19 to 28-year-olds has remained relatively stable since it was first measured in 1999. Yet, Peg Shea, executive director of the [Montana Meth Project](#), a prevention-oriented non-profit organization, pointed out that there are a lot of unknowns and that methamphetamine use, although far less prevalent than alcohol or marijuana abuse, needs further study within the college-aged population. "It is under the radar for, on the surface, good reasons, but I think there are questions about how widespread the use is, what's happening to the individual students. Has anyone taken a close look at the drop-out rate to see if there are any substance abuse issues connected with it? I don't think people really know," said Shea.

» FULL DOJ REPORT: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/209730.pdf>



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