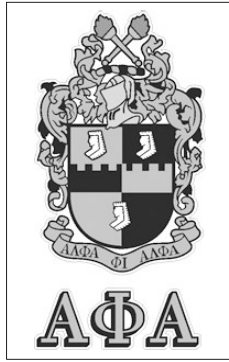


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Savannah Natives Continue To Make Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity History

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 In December, under the leadership of the 11th Georgia District Director Ronald Natson Sr., members of the fraternity convened at the Hyatt Regency Savannah for its 55th Anniversary Conference. The Alpha Train rolled into the City of Savannah, hosted by the Beta Phi Lambda, Delta Eta (Savannah State) and Xi Tau (Georgia Southern) chapters, to meet, greet, talk business and elect a new District Director. When the results of the election were announced on Dec. 18, 2010, Savannah native Ellis Albright had been selected to succeed Savannah native Ronald Natson Sr. as the next Director for the Georgia District of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Albright officially became the 12th District Director of Georgia on March 27, 2011 in Raleigh, N.C., when Natson passed the torch to his line Brother during the awards breakfast of the 80th Southern Region Convention.



The two, known as "Bucky (#1)" and "Marcel (#7)," were classmates at Beach High School and at Savannah State. They entered the fraternity in the fall of 1975 along with Ronald Battle,

Hebert Swain, Tommie West, Charles "Pooch" George Perry, Quarterman and Lewis Banks, known collectively as the Great Eight Men of Ability, the line that entered the 1975 Homecoming game against Fort Valley State University in a helicopter. Their fraternal life has been just as stellar as the dazzling steps they were known for while in school. Each has served as president of their local alumni chapters. Albright served five terms as president of Alpha Chi Lambda in Augusta, and Ron served two terms as president of Eta Lambda, located in Atlanta, the largest chapter in the fraternity. Both have held leadership positions

at the District level, prior to ascending to the top position -- Albright as Area Director and Deputy District Director and Natson as District Treasurer and Financial Secretary. On the Region level, Natson has served as Region Treasurer and Ellis as special assistant to the Region Vice President and Head Start Fatherhood committee chairman. On the national level Albright is a member of the National Sergeant of Arms team and Natson is a member of the Budget and Finance committee. Both are Life Members and Alpha Man of the Year awardees. Natson has also won the District Alumni Brother of the Year award, and Alumni Spirit of the Brotherhood Award, while Albright has won the Georgia District and Southern Region Witherspoon Leadership Award. Both are active members of the Savannah State National Alumni Association: Natson is a Life Member and Albright is a subscribing Life Member.

Under the leadership of John B. Clemmons and Dr. Henry M. Collier (the 1st Georgia State Director) Delta Eta became the first Greek lettered organization chapter on the Savannah State campus in 1949. In a little over 60 years the chapter has built a legacy of leadership, scholarship and service that is truly remarkable. More members of the chapter have served as SGAPresident or vice president than any other campus organization; in fact, the current SGAPresident, vice president and chief justice are chapter members. Members of the chapter can be found on the Dean's List, in Honor Societies, in addition to being named to Who's Who, and serving as class presidents, yearbook and newspaper editors, and organization leaders. From its ranks have come Dr. Prince A. Jackson Jr, Dr. Clifford Hardwick Sr, Lewis Vaughn, Curtis Cooper, Dr. Percy Mack, Otis Brock, LTG Walter Gaskin and countless other doctors, dentists, lawyers, politicians, entrepreneurs, military officers, edu-

cators and administrators. In 1973, the chapter was named the Fraternity's College Chapter of the Year. Albright, the son of Ms. Marguerite B. Albright and the late Mr. Rogers Albright, is the grandson of Ms. Viola B. Collins and the late Mr. Henry Collins, the father of a son, Ken, also a life member who graduated in 2000 from Savannah State University, and a daughter, Montez, who attends Murphy Charter Middle School. Albright is the current President/CEO of the CSRA Business League, Inc. in Augusta. Natson, the Director of Financial Analysis with the Atlanta Housing Authority is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Natson Sr., the husband of the former Darlene Chestnut, also a Savannah State graduate, and father of Ron Jr., who attends Kennesaw State University, and Renee, who attends North Carolina Central State University.

Green Party Member Asa Gordon Files Suit Against U.S. Reps

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 WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A civil action filed by Green Party member Asa Gordon is challenging the constitutional legitimacy of several U.S. representatives from southern states. The civil action (Gordon et al. v. Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, 1:11-cv-00003, filed Jan. 3, 2011), which is now pending before a U.S. District Court, seeks to enforce the Constitution's malapportionment penalty (14th Amendment, Section 2). The Amendment mandates reduction of a state's presidential electors and congressional Representatives ("the basis of representation therein shall be reduced") if "the right to vote at any election

for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States... is denied... or in any way abridged." The civil action would enjoin the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives from recognizing the full slate of Representatives from "unbounded Southern electoral states." It requests that the court take judicial notice that Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas are "unbound presidential elector states." After the November 2008 election, these "unbounded" states allocated their presidential electors on a "winner take all" basis, even though there exists no "winner take all" election statute in their state election laws. "The winner take all apportionment of electors in these states

effectively disenfranchised their citizens who voted for the presidential electors pledged to any candidate with less than the popular majority vote," said Asa Gordon, chair of the D.C. Statehood Green Party's Electoral College Task Force. Gordon can be reached by e-mail at Electorsus@aol.com or dignews@aol.com and by phone at 202-635-7926. "These southern states in particular awarded all of their unbound presidential electors on a winner take all basis that isn't grounded in any state or federal law. In particular, they engaged in de-facto disenfranchisement of those electors based on the votes of the state's African-American citizens. We're seeking either a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction

that would prohibit the Clerk of the U.S. House from including the full slate of unbounded electoral states' congressional Representatives, which are subject to the malapportionment penalty in the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," said Gordon. District Court Judge Henry H. Kennedy Jr., in a hearing on the civil action's request for a temporary restraining order on Jan. 4, said, "Mr. Gordon raises some weighty issues having to do with the consequences or results of an electoral system where a minority, a minority number of votes are not recognized, that is when there is a winner-take-all system." The civil action notes that Section 2 of the 14th Amendment requires that unbounded southern states allo-

cate their presidential electors in proportion to the popular vote split or suffer the federal statutory mandate to reduce the states' representation in Congress. The "winner take all" allocation of electors triggers the malapportionment penalty in Section 2, as implemented by the federal statute Section 6 of Title 2 of the U.S. Code. This statute creates a remedy for the abridgment in the right "to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States." "The original intent of Section 2 of the 14th Amendment -- sometimes called the Reconstruction Amendment -- as implemented by the federal statute was to place a ruinous penalty on those former

confederate states that would effect 'minority vote dilution.' It took over a century to enforce properly Section 1 of the 14th Amendment. Let us not allow another century to pass before enforcing Section 2," said Gordon. "The de facto disqualification of legitimate votes in many southern states is as much an outrage as the irregularities in Florida in 2000 and in Ohio and other states in 2004 that changed the outcome of presidential elections," said Darryl L.C. Meek, member of the D.C. Statehood Green Party and the Green Party Black Caucus. "It's also consistent with the objections imposed by many states on alternative party and independent candidates on the extra-legal assumption that only two parties deserve recognition."

Young Reflects On Induction Into National Portrait Gallery

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 "When I saw the painting done by Ross Rossin, it was amazing. Ross knew Jack Watson who was the chief of staff for the Carter administration and now a chairman for the portrait gallery," said Young. "I've known Jack since 1970; he was planning to run for Congress, and I was running as well. That was 40 years ago, we've been good friends ever since."

A graduate of Howard University, Young was a close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and was with King when he was assassinated in Memphis. He served as the first Black congressman from the South elected since Reconstruction, the first Black U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and served two terms as mayor of Atlanta. Young is currently a giant

in humanitarian work, serving as co-chairman of GoodWorks International, where he has brought to life his long-held mission of facilitating economic development in the Caribbean and Africa. He is also the producer of several Emmy Award-winning documentaries on stories from the Civil Rights Movement and developing African nations through his series "Andrew

Young Presents." Martin said, "It's a perfect fit. The theme of the exhibit is 'Struggle for Justice' highlighting those people in American history who have led the efforts for broader participation -- inclusion in the rights that are supposedly guaranteed to Americans. The Civil Rights Movement is one of the main stories that's conveyed there." He added, "We are pleased

to have in that exhibit portraits of Dr. King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement in the 20th century. Also, there are portraits of abolitionists and activists like Sojourner Truth and Frederick Douglass. Andrew Young's life story fits perfectly." Over the weekend, the Museum held two public events in concurrence with the portrait's installation: a public

talk and book signing with Young, and a book signing and author talk with Paula Young Shelton for her book "Child of the Civil Rights Movement." The induction of this painting represents some of the darkest times in American history as well as some of the most triumphant. It represents the work of many -- African American trailblazers past and present.

Is Bin Laden Killing A Plus For President Obama?

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 "Tonight, let us think back to the sense of unity that prevailed on 9/11. I know that it has, at times, frayed," he said in the near-to-midnight national television address. "Yet today's achievement is a testament to

the greatness of our country and the determination of the American people." Obama has faced heavy criticism dating to the early days of his administration when he gave speeches that opposition political figures said amounted to an apology for the strong U.S. military and foreign policy posture after the Sept. 11 attacks. He also was attacked by some for backing away from missile-defense deployments in Eastern Europe and for trying to "reset" relations with Russia. The 10 or so Republicans vying for their party's presidential nomination have been casting him as a weak leader. But, with elections 18 months away,

none of the Republicans has seized the imagination of a broad swath of U.S. voters, who are largely consumed with the struggling American economy. After the 2001 attacks, the United States quickly burned through a huge fund of global sympathy with its invasion of Iraq under the leadership of former President George W. Bush. Some close allies shunned Washington over a war that is only now ending after more than eight years. In the Muslim world, America is still trying to undo the perception that the U.S. is at war with Islam, witness Obama's words Sunday night: "We must also reaffirm that

the United States is not -- and never will be -- at war with Islam... Bin Laden was not a Muslim leader; he was a mass murderer of Muslims." "Bin Laden is dead. Al-Qaida is not," CIA Director Leon Panetta wrote in a memo to agency employees Monday morning. From the fastness of the towering mountains along the Afghan-Pakistan border to the ungoverned regions of Yemen at the bottom of the Arabian peninsula to the deserts of North Africa to the feared bands of sympathizers inside the United States and Europe, al-Qaida still flourishes. Bin Laden's death will be a psychological blow,

but one that foments retribution. And the nearly 10-year lapse between Sept. 11 and bin Laden's death has seen a devolution of power away from the tall and striking Saudi Arabian who was born to a family of wealth. Fundamental questions remain, too, about the course of the U.S. war in Afghanistan, where Obama has vowed to begin withdrawing forces this summer. Will pressure build for an outright end to the conflict that many critics see as a Vietnam-style quagmire, a vast waste of resources and American lives. And what of Pakistan, where Obama apparently was holed up in a specially built compound in

Abbottabad, a city not far from Islamabad and home to a brigade from Pakistan Army's second division and the location of the Army's military academy. The leadership of that country was kept in the dark until after bin Laden was killed, his body spirited away by helicopter to Afghanistan and then given a burial at sea. Answers to the vast array of questions raised by bin Laden's death will likely grow. And the answers to those questions could explode over the coming weeks, months and years like time bombs that shake rather than build upon the political and strategic victory achieved in killing the al-Qaida figurehead.

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Atlantans Get Preview Of King Memorial

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 In addition to Johnson, Lisa Anders, senior program director of the memorial construction firm McKissack & McKissack, gave background on elements of the memorial. She has overall responsibility for the management of the construction, a singular distinction for an African-American woman. She said the memorial uses varied treatments and textures of water, stone and landscape to create an environment that is inviting and creates a sense of the diversity of the Civil Rights Movement. Some 14 quotes from King

will be used across a circular stone wall that surrounds the 30-foot statue of King that faces the Thomas Jefferson Memorial across the Tidal Basin. The composition of the memorial utilizes landscape elements to convey three fundamental and recurring themes of King's life: justice, democracy and hope. The circular geometry of the memorial, juxtaposed within the triangular configuration of the site, including the Tidal Basin and frames views to the water. As the group toured the memorial, members took turns

touching the quotes which are still to be etched onto the walls, and said "awesome" as they took in the 30-foot statue of King carved into the backside of the stone monument facing the Tidal Basin. Young gathered everyone at the base of the enormous King statue for a group prayer. The Rev. Whalem of Memphis, Tenn., led the prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of the participants in the Civil Rights Movement, including Young and King. During course of the tour, it was noted that the other memorials on the Mall are dedicated

to U.S. presidents and wars in which Americans fought. The King Memorial is the only one dedicated to peace. Bernice King Celebrates At Coretta King Academy

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 that they will continue to embrace nonviolence as a way of life." The key learning experiences from the program included: Teaching Kingian nonviolent philosophy and method; students journaling their daily triumphs; and children reporting their milestones as an overall group