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# Xi-Lights



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Xi Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity

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### From the President's Desk:

## Recolonization of Xi Chapter: How You Can Be Involved

There we were, standing in the living room of our chapter house, as we did so many years ago. And we talked about rush, right where we used to make it happen – where so many of our brothers walked into the house for the first time and met their destiny. Except this time, things were different. We weren't talking about just another year's rush. No, we were talking about the real thing. We were talking about the re-establishment of our undergraduate chapter.

I'm pleased to announce the start of the recolonization of Xi Chapter. While we are back more in spirit than in body, you should know that the trustees have worked diligently over the past few months to secure the support of the National Fraternity and Georgia Tech for our plans. We have a dedicated expansion consultant from National Headquarters, who is working to recruit our founding fathers. We have a committed group of alumni volunteers to aid this process, led by Brian Anulies '91 (past rush chairman and brotherhood development director), Dan Lawrie '92 (past president), Chuck Patel '93 (past treasurer), Mark Weilandt '94 (past president) and Greg Wombough '92 (past rush chairman). Georgia Tech is excited about our return to campus and has pledged their assistance.

The pieces are in place. But what really makes a successful recolonization? The answer is quality men to be our founding fathers. Your recommendations can help us immensely. We are looking for men who can form a chapter with good academics; a commitment to service, campus involvement and leadership; good social skills; responsibility and entrepreneurship – a desire to create a lasting brotherhood! We have high expectations, but then again, without such expectations, how can we create the quality chapter that we all want, and that our students will want?

I continue to believe that fraternity offers tremendous benefits for today's students. Of course, ZBT offers a non-pledging, non-hazing brotherhood, and Xi Chapter offers a strong tradition dating back to 1916. But more than that, fraternity offers lessons in life and success – topics of timeless value to new generations of students.

Many thanks for all your support during the past few years. Recommendations can be sent to me (404-351-4946 or dbodner@mindspring.com) or to our expansion consultant, Todd Siegel (317-334-1898 x202 or tsiegel@zbtnational.org). Let's all look forward to our new Xi Chapter!

C., F., & S.,

Douglas A. Bodner '87  
President and Executive Trustee

*Alumni Spotlight:**Dick Lawrence '61 - Giving Back to Tech*

In this issue's alumni spotlight, we are pleased to highlight Richard Lawrence '61, past Superior (president) of Xi Chapter. After a long and productive career in real estate, Dick has retired and is now consulting part time and working on behalf of Georgia Tech. Most recently, he was vice chair for fund-



raising for the class of 1961's 40th reunion, which raised \$6.7 million for Tech – over \$600,000 more than the class goal. Two major gifts from their efforts include \$250,000 for the President's Scholarship Program and \$91,000 for the Tech Band, the largest single donation ever received by the Band. Dick is proud of his efforts during 2000 for Georgia Tech and is looking forward to additional service in the future. He encourages all Phi Epsilon Pi and ZBT alumni to give back to Tech. As we form our new chapter, we can view Dick's service as a model that all alumni can be proud of.

**Q: What made you decide to come to Georgia Tech and join Phi Epsilon Pi?**

A. My father was a Phi Ep at the University of Georgia. I grew up in Roanoke, Va., which had a very small Jewish community. I remember my childhood days, when we could not even use the community swimming pool. During my senior year of high school at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Ga., my father took me to Tech to see a football game vs. UGA. Afterwards we dropped by the house, and the brothers I met impressed me.

**Q: What were some of your impressions as an undergraduate?**

A: I thought it was great coming to a big city like Atlanta. The brothers were allowed to join the Standard Club for \$15 per month. We were exposed to some powerful Jewish business and community leaders and their daughters! I was in the fraternity for four years and was rush chairman one year and Superior during my senior year. I graduated with a degree in industrial management.

**Q: What did you do after graduation?**

A: I served two years of military service at Edgewood Arsenal in Aberdeen, Md. I had various jobs including a few months as a general's aide, where I planned and attended social affairs and cruised on the Chesapeake Bay. When my two years were up, I tried to get assigned to Europe. Because I didn't want to spend another 10 years in the Army, I interviewed for and accepted a job in commercial real estate in Washington, D.C.

**Q: What brought you back to Atlanta?**

A: Funny enough, it was at another Georgia Tech football game. A few weeks after deciding on D.C. I came to Atlanta for a football game and met some people in the commercial real estate business. I decided right then and there to stay. I only went back to pick up a few belongings, and I have lived in Atlanta ever since. I sold commercial real estate for 5 years and then jumped into the commercial real estate appraisal business. Later I joined Cushman & Wakefield and got to travel all over the Southeast.

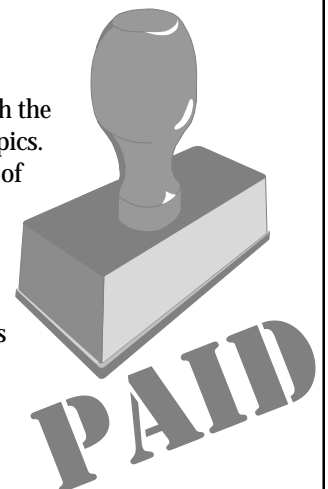
**Q: Anything else we should know about you?**

A: My wife Laura and I have a 29-year-old son and a 19-year-old daughter. I'm proud to have served on the Boards of The Galloway School and The American Heart Association, in addition to service for the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. Laura and I are strong supporters of the Georgia Tech Foundation and the Alexander-Tharpe Fund.

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$** *Paid in Full*

We are pleased to announce the end of our loan obligations, as your trustee corporation has made the last payment on its loan with SouthTrust Bank. Originally taken out in 1993, our loan of \$140,000 provided funds to renovate the chapter house in time for rental to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games for the summer games in 1996. Renovations made prior to the games included rewiring of all electrical systems; installation of central heating and air conditioning, new windows, new bathroom facilities and new flooring and carpeting throughout the house; and numerous cosmetic improvements. Of course, our goal was to provide

better facilities for our students with the opportunity provided by the Olympics. Thanks to aggressive paying down of the principal, we were able to pay off the loan considerably before final payment might otherwise have been achieved. We are also grateful to the National Fraternity's NPEF for its guaranty of our loan. Zach now owns the building and land free and clear!



## Alumni Excited about Xi's Return: Homecoming 2001 Recap

Homecoming 2001 provided a great opportunity for alumni to see each other and catch up on old times. As has become a tradition, ZBT alumni started celebrating the weekend the night before the Homecoming game, with the young alumni dinner at Champp's in Roswell. More than twenty alumni attended the festivities, organized by Derek Harris '95.

On the morning of the game, the trustees sponsored an open house and brunch at the chapter house. We were happy to see approximately fifty alumni and their families attend. Alumni were excited and had many questions about the return of ZBT to Tech. The Class of '76, looking back on 25 years since graduation, was represented by John Levine '76, Ira Margolis '76, Dan Rowe '76, Stu Shacter '76 and Hudson Smith '76.

The annual ZBT golf tournament has become a proud Xi Chapter tradition, and this year was no exception. Rob vanAkelijen '96 organized this year's tournament, which was held on Sunday. All told, 18 alumni participated, including Mario Arbesu '94, Chris Goodson '93, Derek Harris '95, Larry Henschel '69, Tracé Hitt '98, Travis Jackson '94, Chris Lavelle '95, Dan Lawrie '92, Scott Mullis '95, Chuck Patel '93, David Pritchett '96, Ben Szubski '98, Mark Weilandt '94. Congratulations to this year's champs – Sean Chancy '96, Mike Dewey '94, Darren Himmelbaum '98 and Jin Kwon '93.

**Note: The Class of '57 will be holding a reunion at this year's Homecoming. Contact Jerry Epstein for further information (404-256-1934). If you're interested in a class reunion, please contact Doug Bodner at 404-351-4946. We'll be glad to help!**

### Web Sites of Interest

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| ZBT Xi Chapter Alumni  | <a href="http://www.mindspring.com/~dbodner/zbt/">http://www.mindspring.com/~dbodner/zbt/</a> |
| ZBT National           | <a href="http://www.zbt.org">http://www.zbt.org</a>   |
| Georgia Tech           | <a href="http://www.gatech.edu">http://www.gatech.edu</a>                                     |
| Georgia Tech Athletics | <a href="http://www.ramblingwreck.com">http://www.ramblingwreck.com</a>                       |

## ΦΕΠ/ZBT Spring Alumni Picnic Set for April 20

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual ΦΕΠ/ZBT spring alumni picnic, set for Saturday, April 20, at Stone Mountain Park. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your fellow alumni. Last year, forty alumni and their families attended! We will provide food and drinks, as well as recreational equipment for softball and volleyball, so all you need to do is show up. (Be sure to bring your business card for networking opportunities.)



**Date and Time:** Saturday, April 20, 2002 – 11:00 a.m. until???

**Location:** Triangle Pavilion in Stone Mountain Park (located inside the park at the corner of Old Highway 78 and Robert E. Lee Boulevard, across from the Antique Auto Museum)

**RSVP:** RSVP by April 15 to Greg Wombough '92 at 770-602-4633 or [Gwombough@aol.com](mailto:Gwombough@aol.com), or by responding to the "Evite" to be sent soon.

All alumni and families are invited. Further details and directions will be posted to our website at <http://www.mindspring.com/~dbodner/zbt>. Make sure we have your e-mail address on file so we can send you an Evite. We look forward to seeing you there!

## THE POWER OF THE BOND

### Greek Alumni Change the World

#### Did you know ...

- Since 1900, two-thirds of U.S. Presidential Cabinet members have been Greek.
- Since 1910, 85 percent of justices named to the U.S. Supreme Court have been Greek.
- 65 percent of U.S. physicians and 78 percent of U.S. lawyers are Greek.
- Each year, Greeks do more than 850,000 hours of community service.
- Greeks lead 40 of the 50 largest U.S. corporations.
- Thirty-three U.S. Presidents were Greek.
- Two-thirds of the nation's most influential business and political leaders are Greek (Source: Fortune Magazine).
- 71 percent of fraternity men and 80 percent of sorority women graduate. For non-fraternity members, only 50 percent of men and 60 percent of women do.
- 52 percent of the U.S. Senate and 33 percent of the House are members of Greek organizations.
- The first female senator and the first woman astronaut were both sorority members.

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# Alumni News

**Harold E. Marcus Jr. '56** (7640 River Rd., Milton, FL 32583; hmarcus@pcola.gulf.net) President of LBCO Properties Inc.

**Beirne M. Prager '58**, whom you mentioned having passed away in the last newsletter, was a nephew of the late **Eugene Zacharias '19**, known as "Zach" to all Phi Eps of the day. "Zach" is the namesake of Zach Inc. There was no frater more dedicated to the fraternity or the house than Beirne.

**Howard R. Levy '65** (604 Sugar Mill Rd., Greer, SC 29650; thelevys@worldnet.att.net) Sales rep with American Fibers and Yarns.

**Steven P. Borochoff '72** (P.O. 3277, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359; borochof@pacbell.net) Vice president of worldwide sales for Summit Microelectronics. I married the former Monica Beth Berman on October 21, 2001. She is an attorney with Kelley, Drye & Warren in Los Angeles.

**Daniel P. Homiller '86** (202 Bebington Dr., Cary, NC 27513; homiller@earthlink.net) Director of research and technology at Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications.

**Carl C. Carlsson '90** (1111 Grant Rd., #1214, Cypress, TX 77429; caycarl@earthlink.net) I recently accepted the position of manager of environmental engineering with Tractebel Power Inc. in Houston, Texas. My responsibilities include compliance and permitting for power plants throughout North America. We are house hunting in Houston.

**Frank T. Lee '94** (2631 Myrtlewood Ln., Kennesaw, GA 30144; frank\_t\_lee@yahoo.com) Advisory I.T. specialist at IBM Global Services. I've been building solutions for IBM Global Services for more than four years now. Charouny and I celebrated our second wedding anniversary in 2001. I am actively competing in skateboarding competitions again at the age of 30, showing youngsters how it should be done ... ha, ha.

We regret to inform you of the death of  
**Louis C. Bodenheimer '41** (11/15/00) and  
**Gerard Kwilecki '41** (1/19/01).

Zeta Beta Tau mourns their passing  
and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## New E-mail Address:

**Harvey A. Helman '70** swanseamfg@pbtcomm.net

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## *Kudos and congratulations to these brothers:*

**Mike MacLellan '89** (2012 Double Creek Dr., Powder Springs, GA 30127) and his wife, Elisha, welcomed the arrival of their first child, Ian Andrew, on January 25, 2002.

On August 17, 2001, Susan and **Paul Dugas '93** (1711 Indian Ridge Dr., Woodstock, GA 30189) had their first child, Rebecca.

**Chris Weilandt '94** (809 Riverview Dr., Marietta, GA 30067) finished his MBA at Kennesaw State University in May of 2001.

Kelley and **Loren Teillon '95** (950 Allen Lake Ln., Suwanee, GA 30024) have a new family member — their third son, Holden Lance, was born on December 4, 2001.

Last June, **Anthony Damiano '97** (4746 Forest Home Dr., Missouri City, TX 77459) and his fiancée, Ellie, were married.

Stacy and **Trace Hitt '98** (1101 Juniper St., #710, Atlanta, GA 30309) welcomed their first daughter, Sidney, on September 24, 2001.

**Stefan Woulfin '99** (5013 Forestglade Ct., Stone, GA 30087) and Ashley Allera became engaged over the holidays. Ashley was a member of Alpha Chi Omega at Tech.

## *We want to hear from you!*

The success of our alumni program depends not only on your financial support but also on hearing from you so other brothers know what you're doing and where we can reach you. Don't miss this opportunity to maintain contact with men who meant so much to you in your college days. Please take time now to fill out and mail the enclosed news form. Your news will be published in the next issue of *Xi-Lights*.

## *2002 Georgia Tech Football Schedule*

August  
31 **VANDERBILT**

September  
7 at Connecticut  
14 at Clemson

21 **BRIGHAM YOUNG**  
28 at North Carolina

October  
5 **WAKE FOREST**  
17 at Maryland [ESPN]  
26 **VIRGINIA (Homecoming)**

*Home games are bold-faced and all capital. For kickoff times, please consult <http://www.ramblingwreck.com>.*

November  
2 at N.C. State  
9 **FLORIDA STATE**  
16 **DUKE**  
30 at Georgia

