

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Second Annual ZBT Atlanta Golf Classic for Children's Miracle Network

March 31

*Eta Lambda Chapter at Emory University is sponsoring the Second Annual ZBT Atlanta Golf Classic to raise money for ZBT's national charity, the Children's Miracle Network. All Atlanta ZBT alumni are invited to participate.*

### Get on the Ball 2012

April 6-13

*Xi Chapter will be sponsoring the annual Get on the Ball philanthropy event during the week of April 8. The goal is to get as many signatures as possible on a large ball that the brothers roll around campus during the week, with pledges geared toward the number of signatures or a flat donation amount. Proceeds go toward our philanthropy organization, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.*

*More info on these events can be found at [www.gtzb.org](http://www.gtzb.org).*

## IN YOUR WORDS

### Why did you choose to join Phi Ep/ZBT over other Tech fraternities?

**Morton Metersky '58:** I picked Phi Ep over other fraternities because I liked the members that I met. Another pledge and I were the first co-op students to ever be rushed. I guess they were desperate for members.

*Share your stories on the message board at [www.gtzb.org](http://www.gtzb.org).*

## RECENT GRADUATE

Congratulations to our newest alum, **Joshua Styles '11**, Industrial Engineering, who graduated in December.

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## ALUMNI REPORT

### Brothers Fill House, Upgrade Facility and Stress Importance of Academics

As we move into 2012, we are pleased to report progress on a number of fronts. Alumni support continues to be strong, as shown by the turnout at this year's Homecoming. The brothers have done a good job with filling the house, and we continue to maintain and upgrade the facility. The alumni are also engaged in making sure that the undergraduates understand the importance of their academics.

#### Homecoming Recap

This past Homecoming saw a strong showing of alumni, as there was attendance by alumni from every decade ranging from the 1950s to the 2010s. The Class of '57 kicked things off with their reunion, as they stopped by the house and visited with the brothers for brunch after the Wreck Parade. Speaking of the Wreck Parade, the ZBT contraption entry finished the course for the second year in a row.

*"We continue to make improvements and upgrades to the chapter house property based on needs of the undergraduate brothers."*

Since the game was at night, brothers and alumni gathered at the house for the rest of the day, renewed old friendships and met new friends. And, of course, we were all able to watch the Yellow Jackets soundly defeat the Clemson Tigers 31-17!

#### Facilities Update

We continue to make improvements and upgrades to the chapter house property based on needs of the undergraduate brothers. Recent projects include:

- ✓ Replacement of the hot water tank and washing machine
- ✓ Electrical upgrades in the kitchen to support

increased appliance demand for the chapter's meal plan

- ✓ Installation of a security camera in the parking lot
- ✓ Continuance of the lawn maintenance service



*Fall scholarship award winners.*

#### Chapter Academics

We are pleased to announce that the following brothers have received scholarships for their academic achievements during fall semester. These scholarships are sponsored by the trustees. Alumni continue to emphasize the importance of academics to the undergraduates. Congratulations!

**Best GPA for a Returning Brother – Kevin Warstadt**

**Most Improved GPA for a Returning Brother – Alex Dial**

**Best GPA for a New Brother – A. J. Newton**

In addition, the fall new brother class achieved a 3.17 grade point average, with three new brothers making a 4.0 (**Christian Botkin, Eric Lee and A. J. Newton**).

## ALUMNI UPDATES

**We're happy to report lots of great news from Phi Ep and ZBT alumni!**

### '50s

#### Ben Stegall '54

(424 Euclid St. Santa Monica, CA 90402-2128; benstegall@yahoo.com) I joined Xi Chapter in 1950 because my father brought Phi Epsilon Pi to the South when he installed chapters at Ga. Tech and the University of Georgia. Also, many of my friends in Atlanta were Phi Eps.

I also have a new business! For anyone who is interested in buying the latest name brand, higher quality children's clothes at closeout prices for kids, grandkids, or children of relatives and/or friends, just go to my website [www.bisclimbing4kids.com](http://www.bisclimbing4kids.com) and link to either retail / wholesale or individuals in order to see the latest styles available. New ones for babies and older children come in daily.

#### Morton Metersky '58

(725 Cheryl Dr. Warminster, PA 18974-2134; mort1934@comcast.net) I continue to teach photography at the nonprofit Community Conservatory in Doylestown, PA. I am still on the Board of the Warminster Symphony Society. I take courses at Gratz College, a Jewish college near me. We've been studying Maimonides the past three semesters. Next semester we will be taking a course on the comparison of the three major religions, Jewish, Christian and Muslim. Our teacher is a Rabbi of the second oldest synagogue in the U.S. and was born in Egypt.

### '70s

#### Alan Dechovitz '72

(401 Battery Chase Beaufort, SC 29902-5803; sena05@charter.net) Joan and I just finished delivering our (new to us) sailboat down from Baltimore. It was a tough, cold sail at the time, but will be more fun as we remember it. We intend to race her locally and cruise the Southeast coast. I stepped down as President of our HOA ([www.islandsofbeaufortsc.com/](http://www.islandsofbeaufortsc.com/)) in January after six years. But I am staying active as vice chair of



Joan and Alan Dechovitz.

the Metro Area Planning Commission and a director of the yacht club. Interestingly, I was at a holiday dinner and was asked about my fraternity affiliation. The guy across the table, just a bit older than me, immediately slipped me the Phi Ep secret handshake, which we eventually got right. It gave us both a good laugh after so many years. "Friendship binds eternally." Come see us in Beaufort.

#### Lester Zinger '73

(2271 Sparrow Ridge Dr. NE, Marietta, GA 30066-2148; bmw400k@aol.com) I just

completed three and a half years working in Afghanistan (returned January 1) and now I am off to South Africa for the next three years with my wife Anita this time. For the last 12 years I have been working in Russia, China, Scotland, Canada, Iraq and Afghanistan.

#### Steven Toth '77

(151 Joyce Ct Elkhart, IN 46516-5049; istvan008@aol.com) I retired less than a year ago.



SFC Toth at an ANA OP.

### '80s

#### Bill Cleary '82

(4058 Centennial Trail, Duluth, GA 30136; clearyb@comcast.net) I am sad to inform my brothers that my wife of 19 years, Alexandra Yolonda Cleary, passed away peacefully in her sleep on 12/30/11. She will be missed.

#### Vincent Daw '85

(711 Chinquapin Dr Lyndhurst, VA 22952-2914; vwdaw@aol.com) We moved from Klamath Falls, OR to Lyndhurst, VA in 2010. We teach for Augusta County. Our youngest daughter, Kimberly, is a sophomore at Stuarts Draft High School. Our son, Andrew is a junior ME at Rose-Hulman in Terre Haute, IN. It has been a challenging transition and we would like to reconnect with some old friends. Lori and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary last April. We also

## NEW BROTHERS



**Congratulations to the newly initiated brothers of Xi Chapter for spring semester! We wish them well as they begin the lifelong ZBT experience.**

**Deniz Sanli** – Management  
**Mark Stathos** – Biomedical Engineering  
**Taylor Walsh** – Computer Engineering

## ALUMNI UPDATES

celebrated the graduation and wedding of our first daughter, Meredith (BS in Mathematics from Northern Arizona University), last summer. She is living in Seattle with her husband, a graduate student in theoretical physics at the University of Washington. We hope to visit Atlanta sometime this year and would love to hear from some local alumni.

### Dan Homiller '86

(202 Bebington Dr. Cary, NC 27513-1748; dan.homiller@att.net) I opened a law firm in November. The new firm, Murphy, Bilak & Homiller, PLLC, specializes in patent law.

## '90s

### Carl Carlsson '90

(1506 Droxford Dr Houston, TX 77008-3214; cccarlsson@sbcglobal.net) The family and I moved back to Houston in late 2011. I had been running a power plant in PA for three years, and now GDF SUEZ Energy has me trading gas and power. It's much more contract and financially oriented than I am used to, but an enjoyable challenge. I'm not sure if I'll ever use my environmental engineering skills again. The girls are all glad to be back in Houston, though I have to admit I will miss the skiing (flat, hot and humid sucks). Long term projects include house remodeling and landscaping the yard (e.g. - moving rocks around). This summer might involve a trip to Greece and Cyprus. Cayce is teaching again, and the girls (Dagny 11, Elena 9 and Hanna 6) are busy with

school, music, OM, tennis, dance, and iPod/DSI/iPad/Wii etc. Fortunately there are no boys yet, but not for long. I published a SciFi novel last year and might get around to the sequel someday. As usual, not enough hours in the day!

### Chris Goodson '93

(3785 Whitney Place Duluth, GA 30096-3170; kolbygoodson@yahoo.com) My wife Ruthie and I are living in Alpharetta with our two boys, Jarrett (7) and Sam (2). For the last four and a half years, I've worked as the Director of IT and P.M.O. for a healthcare services company based in Norcross.

### David Sheldon '93

(2224 Valley Vista Rd., Louisville, KY 40205-2037; david.sheldon@ge.com) We've been living in Louisville, KY for almost seven years now and life is great! I'm a product development leader for GE's Appliances business, with two daughters, 11 and nine years old respectively. We love to have visitors and show off our adopted home town so please let me know if anyone's ever in town!

## '00s

### Mark Zoller '08

(911 Tates Creek Rd Lexington, KY 40502; markzoller@gmail.com) I got married to my college girlfriend, Virginia Kerr, in October of last year in her hometown of Lexington, KY. There was a tremendous showing of ZBT brothers and friends at the wedding!

She and I spent our honeymoon in San Francisco, where we hit the city on Segways. We now have a house in downtown Lexington where we've been involved in the Georgia Tech Alumni Association of Lexington. The veggie Volkswagen is still running great. Virginia and I are planning on doing the drive to California and back (all on vegetable oil) this summer!



Mark Zoller '08 and his wife Virginia spend their honeymoon on Segways in San Francisco.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

**Share your news, stories and photos for our next issue or for publication online!**

### To make your submissions:

- Upload them to [www.gtztb.org](http://www.gtztb.org)
- Email them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention ZBT at GT)
- Mail them to the return address on this newsletter

*What's new with you? Share your news, updates, photos and more at [www.gtztb.org](http://www.gtztb.org).*

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

### Honoring Maurice Furchgott '45, Football Legend

An unlikely contender for Georgia Tech, "mammoth" **Maurice Furchgott '45** didn't let his brother's legacy or his own size get in his way of playing college football. He attracted national attention as a walk-on and received plenty of recognition and awards throughout his time at GT and after.

Not only did he excel on the field, but on campus as well. He took his skills and energy into the classroom and got involved in several extra activities, clubs, and groups. The late Coach Dodd

made this quite clear as well. "Furchgott happens to be one of those hard-hitting guards who gets out in front of the ball-carrier and clears the way. He does everything well."

Furchgott is one of those unforgettable people who make being a GT and Phi Ep/ZBT alumni, something to be proud of.

**Find a full article on Furchgott's career at Tech at [www.gtztb.org](http://www.gtztb.org).**

## BROTHERHOOD

### ZBT Bonds Remain Strong, No Matter the Miles

Even though we don't still live under the same roof - or in the same city or state for that matter - we will always have strong bonds with the friends we met at Phi Ep and ZBT.

Thanks to **David Sheldon '93** for sharing some of his chance, and not so chance, encounters. He writes, "several years ago, amazingly, alumnus **Brian Miller '94** boarded a flight that I was on from Frankfurt, Germany to Cincinnati and sat three rows in front of me, I absolutely couldn't believe it. We've been in touch since.

...Also, on a recent business trip to the O'Hare airport area in Chicago I got the chance to spend an evening with **Jon Godston '96** for a night of local pizza and tropical drinks at an 'old school' tiki bar. Jon's got a product development business and it sounds like business is great!"

*Read about more of David's recent reunions and share your own stories on the message board at [www.gtzb.org](http://www.gtzb.org).*

### Phi Ep Brothers Continue to Reunite 55 Years After Graduation

The Phi Ep Class of '57 held a reunion this past Homecoming, as nearly 20 brothers from '57 and neighboring years and their spouses gathered for a weekend of festivities. They kicked things off with a dinner Friday night at the Georgia Tech Hotel. They then gathered at the house for brunch after the Wreck Parade.

That night, they had dinner at Gordon Biersch before heading out to the game, and they gathered one last time for Sunday brunch before heading home from a great weekend.

After the reunion, **Marv Gechman '57** arranged to donate a treasure trove of memorabilia from Phi Ep in the 1950s, including an 11x14 composite from 1954, his fraternity paddle (family number e), his rat cap, a number of issues of the *Technique* that highlight Phi Epsilon Pi and activities of Phi Ep members, and a number of chapter newsletters. We appreciate the donation and are currently making arrangements to display the items.

One of the main organizers was **Allan Klepper '57**, who advises that they plan their next reunion in 2013.



*Class of '57 reunion alumni socialize with undergraduates*

*Meet our newest brothers on page 2!*



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