

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Picnic
April 6

Pickneyville Park, Norcross, GA
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IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the deaths of the following brothers...

Robert Jessup '56
Daniel DeCicco '87

Xi Chapter mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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ZACH, INC. UPDATE

A Transformation for Zach, Inc.

Alumni Organization Restructures to Move ZBT Forward

By Doug Bodner '87

In 2013, we are reshaping the alumni trustee organization that supports a successful chapter, owns our property and provides a lifetime fraternity experience to alumni. Essentially, this involves transforming Zach, Inc. from a system based primarily on board members with a few volunteers to a system where the emphasis is on positions with significant responsibilities to move the organization forward.

We intend to use this system, as is employed by a number of other fraternities at Tech, to remain competitive in these areas:

- **Chapter development** – We have recruited several hands-on assistant chapter advisors over the past few months to help our actives. The goals are to help the chapter recruit more brothers, to become larger, stronger, more successful, and to provide assistance with programming, finances and procedures to help ensure a rewarding undergraduate experience.

- **Facilities management** – Our immediate

goal is to keep the current facility competitive with necessary upgrades until such time as the undergraduate chapter is strong enough to sustain a new facility, and we have enough alumni support to provide a solid volunteer and financial foundation to contemplate building such a facility. We are looking for volunteers to help with improvements.

- **Alumni engagement** – We continue to provide a lifetime fraternity experience through alumni events and communications, and are looking to recruit additional volunteers to upgrade our programming to provide a better experience. We want to increase alumni participation to provide a more solid financial and volunteer support foundation. As we make progress toward this goal, there will be opportunities to be involved in planning for a new facility.

Please consider becoming involved in one of the areas noted above. Contact me at doug.bodner@gatech.edu if you are interested.

ZBT International: A Growing Powerhouse of Excellence

Xi Chapter is proud to be part of a strong international fraternity that is doing much to strengthen chapters like our own. ZBT was the first international fraternity to expand outside the US and Canada, opening colonies in the United Kingdom. There are now four colonies in the UK.

“ZBT International is a well-respected and strong international group,” said Xi Chapter alumni president **Doug Bodner '87**. “There have been a record number of initiations, rivaling the heyday of our fraternity. Their efforts in building alumni engagement have resulted in the building of alumni associations in major cities like Atlanta, New York and

in Southern California. This is having a very positive impact on our chapter.”

ZBT recently launched a new web service for alumni to keep their contact information current in the international fraternity database. This enables brothers to look up contact information for other alumni from all chapters. You can find this service – myZBT – online at www.zbt.org. A unique feature of myZBT is iJourney, launched in October, which provides a unique, interactive online community for ZBT undergraduates, alumni, volunteers and staff members. iJourney provides opportunities for members to connect, communicate, share ideas and find resources.

EVENTS

Great Turnout for ZBT Homecoming

Xi Chapter celebrated Homecoming 2012 with a tremendous turnout and two special class reunions. The class of '67 celebrated a big 45 with a reunion dinner at Maggiano's restaurant in Buckhead. Thirty-seven brothers and guests attended, making it one of their largest gatherings ever. The event was organized by **Paul Kelman '67**, **Bill Needle '67**, **Bill Blumberg '67** and **Harry**

Lutz '67. Brother Kelman was also able to orchestrate the purchase of a block of football game tickets for those who needed them (unfortunately he wasn't able to arrange a winning game this year!).

The class of 1982 celebrated its 30th reunion and, in addition to having a hard time believing they've hit their 30th, they celebrated with a round of golf and reunion

dinner the day before Homecoming. Many attendees went to the Homecoming luncheon.

Meanwhile, the undergrads participated in the Wreck Parade, with ZBT's contraption working just great – until the start of the parade. Well, they got their exercise pushing the thing down the course!

FUNDRAISING

The Power of Many, the Strength of Support

As ZBTs we take special pride in being “A Powerhouse of Excellence.” Good things are happening in our chapter and our future is as strong as each of us makes it. Your support of Xi Chapter is crucial to our continued success. Our goal is to have at least 100 donors for the 2012-13 year. **We appreciate the 46 brothers who have donated so far.**

Your support enables us to do several key things. Most importantly, it provides scholarships each semester for undergraduates, as a strong incentive for academic performance. It also makes our alumni communications possible

– print newsletters, eLetters and to maintain our website. It goes toward facility improvements for the chapter house; recent upgrades include dining room furniture and landscaping.

There's more that must be done, and we can do it with the participation of every brother. A new floor is needed in the kitchen and dining area. The side door must be replaced and an electronic combination lock is needed. Other projects include installation of shower stalls in the men's bathroom, and displays of past composites and photos from various periods of chapter history.

In the long term, we want to strengthen chapter development by improving programming/education. We can keep our facilities competitive through intelligent upgrades that make a substantial return on investment. Down the road, we are looking at planning for a new facility and a capital campaign that would make such a project possible.

Let's pull our share together. It's so important for our chapter today and tomorrow. Donate online at www.gtzb.org.

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“ZBT Was a Great Experience I Would Relive in a Heartbeat” Dan Muller '85 is Thankful for the Lifelong Friends He Made at Xi Chapter

Thank you to Dan Muller '85 for participating in this Q&A...

You had the opportunity to recently catch up with fellow brother Junichi Kurosaki '87. What was it like to reconnect?

Catching up with Junichi in Japan in 2012 was blast. Although it has been nearly 25 years since I had last seen him, it seemed as if it was yesterday. We had a great time catching up over dinner, discussing family, work and, of course, our time at Georgia Tech with our fraternity brothers. Neither Junichi nor I felt that we had changed that much since our days at ZBT. I look forward to my next trip to Tokyo to hopefully see him again.

“No matter how far apart or how infrequently we may see each other, it always feels like yesterday when I get a chance to catch up.”

Thinking back to your ZBT undergrad days, what stands out to you as something particularly special?

I think one of the areas that always stood out were the efforts of the brothers who spent countless sleepless hours, tirelessly working on the ZBT Wrecks for the GT Homecoming Wreck Parade without any rewards or recognition. Seeing them turn scrap into an engineering contraption was always quite impressive.

Was there a particular brother who had a significant impact on you back in your undergrad days?

Actually, I would have say there was not one brother, but many that impacted my undergraduate days. It was the collection of different individuals that made the experience of the fraternity such a great time. From the brothers who played the intramural sports, to those who partied hard and were still able to make the grades, to those who kept the house GPA from going in the tank, to those who had all

the girls...it was a great experience that I would relive in a heartbeat.

What impact has ZBT had on your life and career?

I would have to say my time in ZBT provided a great foundation for my personal and professional life as I left Tech. The diversity of brothers in the fraternity through the early and mid-'80s was quite broad as I previously mentioned. Being a part of ZBT provided me the opportunity to learn how to successfully work with these diverse individuals to accomplish a common goal. Also, being a part of ZBT forces you to learn how to contribute as part of a team, as well as how to balance responsibilities necessary to be successful in both personal and professional life.

What advice would you give to a current undergrad?

To the current brotherhood I would recommend that they be active in the house activities. Participate in some fashion in the operations of the brotherhood; whether it be through mentoring the freshman, assisting in Greek Week activities or holding an office. The fraternity works when all contribute. The differences and unique qualities you see in the brothers working with you will help you be successful in the future as you move from one stage of your career into the next.

Talk about the value of the Xi Chapter brotherhood.

Being a member of Xi Chapter has provided me with a network of lifelong friends with whom I have shared a common bond throughout the years. No matter how far apart or how infrequently we may see each other, it always feels like yesterday when I get a chance to catch up. For this I will always be thankful.

What are you doing these days?

I work for Applied Materials, Inc., a large hardware, software and services provider in the semiconductor, display and solar industries. I am a global product manager

for a couple of simulation software products that are used worldwide. I have been with the company since 1992 when we were privately owned. I have been working out of a home office for over 17 years now. My work had taken me all around the globe in support of my customers.



Junichi and Dan meet again after 25 years.

Tell us about your family...

I have been married to my beautiful wife Denise for over 19 years and we have a 15-year-old son William, who claims he is closer to 16 and that he should be able to see all R-rated movies. We live in Collegeville, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. We keep ourselves occupied with our son's sporting activities, mainly baseball and basketball. We love to travel, exercise, go to movies and local sporting events and are engaged in many family functions, as both of our families are from the area. I often have lunch and play tennis with my brother Chris, also a Xi Chapter Zeta Beta Tau brother. We are die-hard Philadelphia sports fans and were in heaven when the Phillies finally won the World Series back in 2008.

Brothers can reconnect with Dan at dmuller500@aol.com.

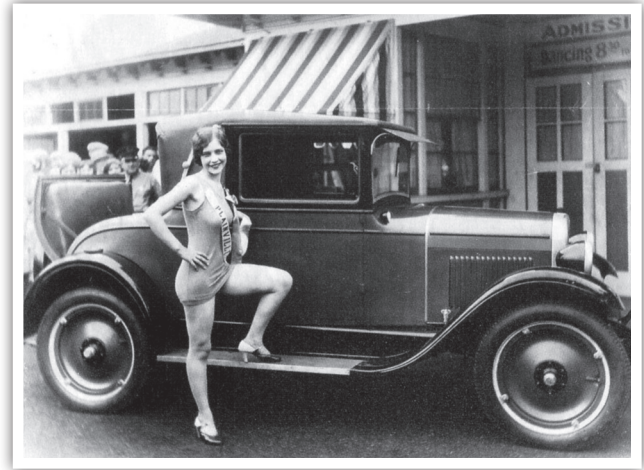
FROM THE ARCHIVES

A Look Back at the 1949 Phi Ep Ramblin 'Reck

Thank you to **Al Lowi '51** for sharing this great piece of our Phi Ep history, of the 1949 Phi Ep Xi Chapter entry into the Georgia Tech Ramblin' Reck parade.

He writes, "We started out with a 1928 Chevy coupe like the one being shown off by the pretty girl (no relation) but ransomed out of an Atlanta junkyard out Marietta Street for \$15 plus \$5 for a used battery."

Find more pictures and read the full history at www.gtzbt.org, where you can also share your own pictures and stories from your era.



ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

They're On the Go!

A snapshot of activities our active brothers are involved with this spring...

The executive board and its priorities.

Our executive board is a diverse group of very driven individuals ranging from first to fifth years, and biomedical engineering majors to management majors. They should improve the chapter significantly. The board's main priorities for this semester are planning/executing a successful Get On the Ball philanthropy event, all on a limited budget.

Get on The Ball. This year we are collaborating with Phi Mu and GT For the

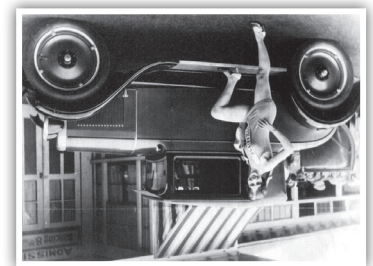
Kids, organizations on campus that also raise money for Children's Miracle Network, ZBT's official philanthropy. In addition, we will capitalize on last year's success to gain additional sponsors for this important event, raising even more money.

Grades & Scholarships. Fifteen brothers made Deans List or Faculty Honors. Two brothers, **Taylor Walsh** and **Taeyoung "Tyler" Kim** got 4.0 GPAs. Our chapter GPA is 2.90. Scholarships were awarded to Taylor Walsh for Most Outstanding GPA for a Returning Brother, Tyler Kim for Most Outstanding GPA for a New Brother and

Steve McEvoy for Most Improved GPA.

Recruitment. We already have a large list of prospects for this semester's recruitment because of a mini-rush week we held at the end of the fall semester and we anticipate a very successful recruitment. We also plan to be very proactive in finding additional prospects by visiting freshman dorms, playing pick-up games of basketball and football at the CRC, etc. Because of a tight budget we will not be able to do anything extravagant.

Get a sneak peek of the 1949 Phi Ep, Reck and the history behind it!



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