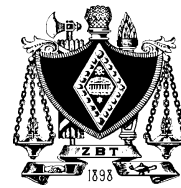




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Atlanta Alumni Reception Draws ZBTs

In conjunction with the ZBT Supreme Council meeting held in Atlanta this past April 14-15, the National Fraternity sponsored a reception for Atlanta area alumni on the evening of April 13. Attending were a number of the national officers, staff and Supreme Council directors, as well as Atlanta-area alumni from a number of chapters.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the ZBT Man of Distinction Award to Robert Lipshutz (Georgia '44) by National President Ron Taylor (Washington & Jefferson '66). This award is presented to those alumni who have distinguished themselves by fulfilling the ideals of good citizenship through outstanding civic service and community involvement. Certainly, Frater Lipshutz has proven his credentials in the area of civic service. While serving as counsel to President Jimmy Carter, he was instrumental in the signing of the Camp David peace accords, among many other accomplishments. In addition, he has been highly involved in the Atlanta Jewish community and also served as an advisor to Xi Chapter and Zach, Inc. during the time of the merger between Phi Epsilon Pi and Zeta Beta Tau.

In his presentation speech, President Taylor touched on a number of topics of interest to alumni. He relayed that this past year has been particularly good for ZBT, with an increase in the number of undergraduate groups and initiation figures. ZBT has been a pioneer in the development of non-pledging and non-hazing programs, which are increasingly important in this day and time. Finally, he mentioned that the National Fraternity is currently working to re-establish an undergraduate group at the University of Georgia and also will soon be working with the Xi trustees to re-establish the undergraduate Xi Chapter.

Frater Lipshutz was asked to speak after the award presentation, and he gave a particularly inspiring talk on the importance of civic involvement.

The reception was a great success, and afforded an excellent opportunity for ZBTs from many different chapters to meet one another and network.



ZBT National President Ron Taylor (left) presents the ZBT Man of Distinction Award to Robert Lipshutz '44.
Photo courtesy of ZBT National.

Homecoming 1999 Recap

Though faced with a near rainout, ZBT alumni still turned out for Homecoming 1999 and associated events. The young alumni crowd gathered Friday evening for dinner at Mexico City Gourmet in Dunwoody. Organized by Mike Bobrowski '92, there was a great turnout of alumni from the late 1980s and early 1990s, including a number of out-of-town alumni.

Game day saw rain, but a number of alumni attended anyway. Several alumni stopped by the chapter house to enjoy the open house sponsored by the trustees on the way to watching the Yellow Jackets defeat the North Carolina Tar Heels in overtime.

Unfortunately, this year's golf tournament was rained out. Scheduled for the Sunday after the Homecoming game, and organized by Ron vanAkelijen '96, the tournament saw most of the participants show up. Then again, so did heavy rain. We will look forward to future golf tournaments. Thanks to all alumni who were involved in organizing these events.

Xi Trustee Corporation Update

As we close out another school year, I am pleased to bring you a report on the status of our alumni trustee corporation, Zach, Inc. We can all be proud that a number of alumni have stepped up to the challenge of keeping our fraternity alive during the past several years of difficulties — through involvement on our trustee board, through alumni "work parties" to keep our house in good shape, and through generous donations that aid us in maintaining our property and in planning for our future chapter.

Perhaps most importantly, we have stabilized our financial situation since the closing of the undergraduate chapter in 1998. Fortunately from our perspective, Georgia Tech still has a housing shortage. Hence, we have been able to rent the chapter house to Tech students, and we have kept full occupancy for the most part. This contrasts with our struggles to reduce the vacancy rate during the last few years of the undergraduate chapter. In addition, we now collect all rent and such up front, and do not have the problem of student debt accumulation. Thanks to good management and alumni involvement, we have been able to address the considerable debt that was left by the chapter at the time of its closing. We are now able to position ourselves for the future. While not easy, the lessons learned will help us tremendously in future years.

Speaking of the future, we have been working with ZBT National and Georgia Tech to plan a successful recolonization. It is quite clear that we will have new direction for the undergraduate chapter — one that involves responsible membership and leadership, especially in the areas of new member programs and risk and alcohol management. We have laid the groundwork, and certainly will welcome alumni to be involved who subscribe to the new direction for Xi Chapter. I hope that you will want to be involved. Clearly, this will be a very exciting and rewarding endeavor — a chance to build a fraternity and its traditions. Please contact me if you are interested.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who have supported us in these last several years. Your donations and help have had immeasurable impact in terms of keeping our fraternity viable for future generations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I hope you will join me in looking forward to the new Xi Chapter.

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Web Site Resurrected



There is now a worldwide Web presence for Xi Chapter alumni, currently located at the site below until more permanent arrangements can be made.

<http://www.mindspring.com/~dbodner/zbt>

Please visit, and send comments and suggestions for improvement to the webmaster. You can visit the National Fraternity's website at <http://www.zbt.org>.

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Alumni News

Rudolph H. Bunzl '43 (406 Lakeway Ct., Richmond, VA 23229) was featured in an article in the spring 1999 edition of *Georgia Tech Alumni* magazine. The article focused on his "third career" in managing the REB Foundation which he and his wife, Esther, established to support public education. Since 1988, the Foundation has awarded \$1.1 million in grants in support of its goals. Rudy is retired as CEO and chairman of American Filtrona Corp.

After a career in engineering, consulting and manufacturing, **Austin R. Baer '51** (24416 U.S. Hwy. 550, Ridgway, CO 81432; lazybear@alum.mit.edu) retired to ranching a decade ago. He is active with new patents, M.G. car restoration and the Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum. "Ozzie" would enjoy hearing from fraternity brothers.

Morton L. Metersky '58 (725 Cheryl Dr., Warminster, PA 18974) is also keeping busy. He's taken a course on creative writing at a local college and taught courses in both investment and decision making. As a member of a photo club, Morton has won several awards. He is also the editor and publisher of the quarterly newsletter issued by the International Calcite Collector's Association. You can check out its Web site at www.rockhounds.com/icca.

Our congratulations to **Beirne M. Prager '58** (6388 Kirby Oaks Dr., Memphis, TN 38119) on his election to a three-year term as a trustee of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. Xi chapter alumni can be proud of his service to the Institute.

Lewis A. Deutsch '64 (33 Drake Way, Toms River, NJ 08753), an R.V. owner, enjoys traveling in the USA, Canada and Europe. He has two daughters and a young granddaughter.

Peter Schwartz '68 (205 Wyckoff Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850; ps18@cornell.edu) is a professor in the Department of Textiles and Apparel at Cornell University. He took a four-month sabbatical to teach a course on composite materials at the Technical University of Hamburg-Harburg.

Paul R. Mande '69 (1453 Huntingford Dr., Marietta, GA 30068) was looking forward to marking the 30th anniversary of his graduation with a reunion dinner during Homecoming weekend this past October. He is married to Audrey and has three children. His oldest son was to be married in 1999.

Robert M. Shulman '69 (5615 Claire Rose Ln., Atlanta, GA 30327), CLU, has been promoted to executive vice president of Pritchard & Jerden Inc., a firm specializing in commercial and personal lines of insurance, employee benefits and risk management.

Allan B. Quiat '73 (5018 Hastingwood Dr., Houston, TX 77084; abqu@chevron.com), a performance consultant, has been with Chevron Corp. for more than 25 years.

Steven B. Seivitch '73 (17 Heidi Ln., Bow, NH 03304) had a good time at the Gator Bowl with **Irv Silver '72**.

When he's not on the job as a project engineer at Envisor's Inc., **Francis X. Ritchie '76** (324 Vail Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884; francisxritchie@prodigy.net) can be found enjoying his hobby of gardening. He has a producing macadamia tree and was writing an article for *Australian Plants Online*. Frank and his wife, Helen, are co-owners of McInRitch Ventures Inc. and operate Little Chef's Cooking Academy, a school for teaching culinary skills to children.

As a project manager at Unisys, **Jeffrey P. Clow '81** (1431 Palm Ridge Way, Canton, GA 30115) has been overseeing the installation of computer networks. He was planning to be married in the spring of 2000.

Martin V. Mancuso '85 has a 2-year-old daughter, Emilia. Last year, he moved with his family to a larger home at 1307 Surry Dr., Greensboro, NC 27408. Martin is a mechanical engineer and senior group leader at Volvo Trucks North America. E-mail for him can be sent to pernillamartin@mindspring.com.

After graduating from Tech, **Michael W. MacLellan '89** (2060 Bankston Cir., Snellville, GA 30278) pursued an MBA on a part-time basis, then temporarily left the corporate world to become a full-time student. He is a graduate research assistant for noted economist Donald Ratajczak and planning to graduate from Georgia State in August after studying abroad in France.

Robbie and **Mark Stadter '92** (2429 Sherbrooke Ct. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30345) became parents in June 1999 with the birth of their first child, Laura.

In a new position, **Greg A. Wombough '92** (570 Medallist Way, Conyers, GA 30094; gwombough@aol.com) is working for Doulgerakis Consulting Engineers, a civil engineering firm.

Leslie Y. Barchard '93 (5875 Haterleigh Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30005) is now the LightHouse point-of-sale product-line manager for Radiant Systems. He has a 1-year-old son, Grant.

Civil engineer **John D. Ewalt '93** (9010 Nesbit Ferry Rd., #269, Alpharetta, GA 30022) has passed his professional engineering exam and is now licensed to practice in Georgia.

Nirmal K. Patel '93 (3720 Bardfield Ct., Cumming, GA 30041; chuckp@gtpi.com), a consultant and partner in Global Technology Partners, sold his company last year. He has visited **Carl Carlsson '90** in Louisiana and **Jin Kwon '93** in Missouri.

David Sheldon '93 (3502 Ashley Cir., Homewood, AL 35209) ran the Rock and Roll Marathon in San Diego and raised over \$3,500 on behalf of the Leukemia Society of America. Proceeds from the June event benefited Gillham Middleton, a young boy living in Marietta, Ga.

J. David Mura Jr. '94 (1000 Duluth Hwy., Apt. 1411, Lawrenceville, GA 30043; dmura@bellsouth.net) is enrolled in law school full time at the University of Georgia.

Janell and **Ed Myers '94** (909 Park St., Gainesville, GA 30501) hosted a housewarming party after completing renovations on their new home. A number of ZBT alumni were in attendance at the gathering.

Mark K. Weilandt '94 and Kari Maybee were married in May and have purchased a house at 1135 Kimball Crest Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30022.

In September 1999, **Darren R. Himmelbaum '98** (3740 Club Dr., #1104, Duluth, GA 30096) and Renee Smith were wed.

Both **Jon M. Wallace '99** (223 Valley Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28305) and **Aaron C. Derer '99** (1809 Lynton Cir., West Palm Beach, FL 33414) are pursuing master's degrees in mechanical engineering at Tech.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Daniel L. Scharff '19** (10/22/99) and **Benjamin J. Coplan '25**. Zeta Beta Tau mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

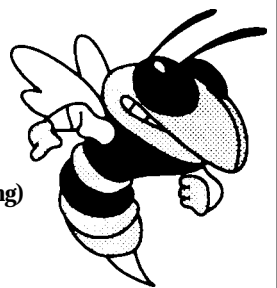
Thank You...

We didn't want to miss thanking the following 1999 contributors, whose checks were in the mail when we published our Honor Roll.
(Xi \$71 - \$125) William B. Fairchild '82
(Buzz \$36 - \$70) John S. Levine '76

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2000 Tech Football Schedule

Aug. 27 at Virginia Tech (BCA Bowl)
Sept. 2 CENTRAL FLORIDA
Sept. 9 FLORIDA STATE
Sept. 16 NAVY
Sept. 21 at N.C. State
Sept. 30 at North Carolina
Oct. 14 WAKEFOREST (Homecoming)
Oct. 21 DUKE
Oct. 28 at Clemson
Nov. 9 VIRGINIA
Nov. 18 at Maryland
Nov. 25 at Georgia



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