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## Alumni Report

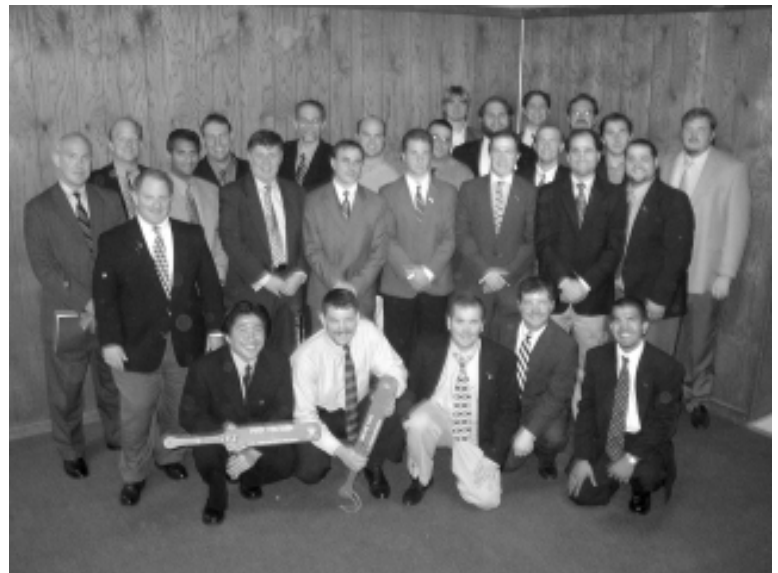
By Doug Bodner '87, Alumni President

### Xi Colony Paves Way for ZBT's Return to Georgia Tech

Another academic year has begun at the Georgia Institute of Technology, bringing the kind of excitement seen only on college campuses in fall. The campus wakes from the care-free lethargy of summer and bursts into life – with hordes of students, the rush of classes and, of course, Saturday football games. Amid this flurry of activity, we can pause and think, isn't it great to have an undergraduate ZBT back at Tech?

The past year has seen remarkable progress in our efforts to re-establish Xi Chapter. We can take pride that we now have a new undergraduate group, Xi Colony, which was formally initiated last spring. Along with colony status came recognition by the Inter-Fraternity Council, as an associate member. The brothers have taken on a number of responsibilities, as well. They have been holding brotherhood activities, developing a budget, participating in campus activities like Homecoming and working to improve the house.

However, progress has left us with new work to be completed. And our colony has much work ahead. Foremost, it must grow through extensive recruitment to be successful. This is a critical time. With a group of 11 members, Xi Colony is on the brink of establishing itself as a group with long-term viability. With increased size, our colony will not only secure stability, but also will enjoy all the benefits that we did while we were in school – more resources, better social events, more campus visibility and improved facilities.



Alumni and newly initiated brothers celebrate the Xi Colony installation on April 25, 2003.

While there is more work ahead, it is interesting to note that recruitment is the answer to most of our duties. For example, consider achieving full chapter status. Increased membership is one of the main requirements for Xi Colony to reach chapter status within ZBT, and thus receive its charter. With the charter comes an additional goal – full membership in IFC. To maintain our house and financial stability, we need to work to keep the house full. In this transition time, it is easy to see that recruitment solves our dilemma, as a larger colony will be able to fill the house. The domino effects of recruitment are key to many of our goals.

To help ensure success, the trustees have intensified focus on advising the colony. We have appointed an adviser, **Chuck Patel '93**, whose main focus within the trustee board is to work with the colony, help it set goals and help the group grow. In addition, we are fortunate to have assistance from other trustees and alumni volunteers, most notably **Dan Lawrie '93**, **Brian Anulies '91** and **Mark Weilandt '94**. And, of course, it is gratifying to have such strong support from our alumni in general. Thanks for the support! ■

## Homecoming, Fall Rush Among Colony's Big Strides

By John Strickland '06, Colony President

What an exciting summer and fall it has been for ZBT this year! Summer projects, fall rush and Homecoming have kept all of us busy. We've accomplished quite a bit and continue to put forth the effort to make ZBT what it once was.

With fall rush approaching, we had many objectives to complete. Our main objective was renovating the basement. We brought back the old pool table and, thanks to the help of some very talented brothers, the table was renovated and brought back to life. Two dart boards, a pinball machine (thanks Bill!) and a foosball table have joined the pool table to make the basement a great place for entertainment.

Fall rush went well and the brothers all had a great time. We picked up three new members, helping us fill the spots of graduating seniors. We now stand at 11 active brothers, all of whom have taken a strong interest in the fraternity.

Homecoming couldn't have turned out any better. We entered the classic car competition, participated in Greek activities and raised a large amount of money from the alumni. The brothers and I sincerely thank all alumni who helped by donating to ZBT. Next year, we plan on building a wreck!

Our future goal for this semester and into next spring is to become more active on campus (i.e., student tour guides, FASET, etc.). We also hope to continue growing with a successful spring rush and to continue to have fun and enjoy fraternity life. ■

## Alumni Activities

### ACTIVITIES KEEP ALUMNI CONNECTED...

Recent months have seen our alumni participate in a number of activities, reconnecting with one another, and meeting brothers from the new ZBT colony. Among the activities were the spring picnic, football tailgates, Homecoming brunch and the alumni golf tournament.

This year's spring picnic was a great success, as a number of alumni and families turned out for a beautiful spring day at Pinckneyville Park in Norcross, Ga. Thanks to Tejal and Chuck Patel '93 for organizing.

It's football season again, and you know that ZBT alumni are down on campus getting ready before the games. Football tailgates have proved a great way for brothers and alumni to meet and get to know each other.

Our Homecoming brunch was a big success. Alumni were able to meet brothers from the colony and see the work that they put into the Homecoming celebration.

This year's alumni golf tournament went off without a hitch, thanks to the efforts of organizer Jin Kwon '93. It was a close match, but Mario Arbesu '94, John Ewalt '94, Rob van Akelijen

'96 and Mark Weilandt '94 pulled out the victory on the fourth tie-breaker. Other winners included Bill King '98, longest drive; van Akelijen, front pin; and Derek Harris '95, back pin. ■



Alumni enjoy Homecoming 2003.

For an extensive recap of recent alumni events, as well as photos and other fraternity news, be sure to log on to our Web site at [gtzbt.org](http://gtzbt.org)

## Board UpDate

### New Officers Elected to Board of Trustees

At its Oct. 12 meeting, the trustee board held officer elections for the upcoming term. The following alumni were elected: Doug Bodner '87, president; Chuck Patel '93, vice president; Dan Lawrie '92, treasurer; and Jin Kwon '93, secretary.

This year's elections represent some turnover, as Pete Estelle '82 and Mike MacLellan '89 have stepped down from their positions of treasurer and secretary, respectively. The trustee board appreciates their service and contributions to our efforts over the years.

In addition to working extensively with the new colony, the trustees are working on a number of projects. Primary among these is to keep the house rented and maintained,

which of course includes keeping it competitive in the housing market. We also continue to sponsor alumni activities and communications to keep our brotherhood connected and strong. The new officers certainly will be busy in the upcoming year.

We are also working to improve our organizational effectiveness. To keep some of our more senior board members involved, we recently established a senior advisory board of trustees. These trustees do not participate in the day-to-day management of the trustee corporation, but rather provide long-range perspective and advice. While the exact role of this board will be worked out over time, it is clear that this mechanism will be a useful addition to our overall board structure. Charter members of the senior advisory board are long-time trustees Paul Mandé '69, Leonard Segall '69 and Bob Shulman '69. ■

## **Ernest Scheller '52**

(730 Canterbury Ln., Villanova, PA 19085-2052) My wife, Roberta, and I spend the winter and summer in Vail, Colo. We are happy to have visitors. Call first at either (610) 527-2557 or (970) 479-9403.

## **Chaz Cone '61**

(6900 Hunters Knls NE, Atlanta, GA 30328-1763; chazcone@mindspring.com) I have been retired since August 2000. I spend my time in Atlanta doing Web pages for folks and take an infinite number of digital photographs. I support some of my old orthodontic clients and am still using the program I developed for them. I am enjoying my Corvette collection and I still listen to the Four Freshmen. Gael and I will celebrate our 37th wedding anniversary in November. Our daughter and son-in-law Matt live in Santa Rosa, Calif., raising our grandson Spencer, who'll be 2 in February 2004. You can see my Corvette site at [www.chazcone.com/corvette](http://www.chazcone.com/corvette) and the Four Freshmen site at [www.fourfreshmen.com](http://www.fourfreshmen.com).

## **Wayne M. Walters '70**

(20520 Callon Dr., Topanga, CA 90290) My wife, Sue, and I live in the hills behind Malibu with our four children. After Tech, I built and lived on a sailboat for 10 years, completed advanced degrees in operations research, systems engineering and business management, and provided consulting services to defense industry. I am a senior project manager at Northrop Grumman. Our family spends a lot of time in Australia with Sue's family. **Bill Roberts '73** and I get together on a regular basis.

## **Louis Wallen '71**

(460 Malbone St., Ste. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11225; wallen770@aol.com) I am the manager of patient accounts for Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.



*Rusty Stoeckel '73 and Lou Wallen '71 having a great time in New York City.*

## **Craig S. Varon '72**

(798 Bedford Oaks Dr., Marietta, GA 30068-4408; csvaron@aol.com) Well, I'm one of the guys who never left Atlanta. After graduation, I worked for four years selling Burroughs Computers here. Afterward, I sold wholesale apparel at the Atlanta Apparel Mart until '92. Since then I've been an independent insurance agent. I have been married for 26 years to Muriel, a teacher. We have two boys, Scott, a University of Georgia graduate who works for Prudential, and Alan, who is finishing his freshman year at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. I talk to or see **Joel Ackerman '73**, **Howard Fleisig '72**, **Bob Shulman '69** and **Harvey Helman '70**. Less frequently, I talk to **Steve Borochoff '72**, **George Kalnin '74** and **Paul Mande '69**. I'm sure I'm forgetting others — sorry!

## **Richard C. Reisman '73**

(410 W. Santa Inez Ave., Hillsborough, CA 94010-6866) My wife, Cathie, and I have three children, Diana (14), and Michelle and Brian (11).

## **Marcus E. Thalheimer '73**

(1587 S. Roslyn St., Denver, CO 80231-2614; mthalheimer@hotmail.com) After graduation I received a master's degree from Stanford in construction management. I put the degree to work right away by joining a large construction company, Washington Group. Since then, I have worked on construction projects across the United States: a refinery in Texas; estimating in Connecticut; a pier on the Mississippi River; a canal in Louisiana, a pipeline, bike trail, hospital and city streets in Anchorage, Alaska; City Street in Palmdale, Calif., a military test site; a new military base; Denver's new airport; a refinery in Ohio; a brewery in St. Louis; and toll roads in Denver. I am married to Anna. I have two grown children, Jon and Chris, and four grandchildren. My 2-year-old grandson is living with us in Denver.

## **George N. Kalnin '74**

(4560 Chatsworth Overlook, Roswell, GA 30075; gkalnin@bellsouth.net) During 2002 I formed Precision Associates, a commercial real estate brokerage and investment firm. At the end of September we acquired an 80,000-square-foot office complex here in Cobb County, which we are now renovating. In December I married the

former Kathy Schumy. I have one son, Tim, who is a junior at Walton High School.

## **Jeffrey G. Arbital '75**

(10641 Rivermist Ln., Knoxville, TN 37922-5524; aij@y12.doe.gov) It's great reading the updates. Just seeing familiar names brings back lots of good college memories. I'm living in East Tennessee these days, as I have since graduate school except for a four-year stint in Newport Beach, Calif. I am still at SAIC, which has been great because we grew from 1,000 back in 1976 to 41,000 today. I've been married for 20 years with two great kids. My daughter is looking at colleges with hopes of being a serious writer some day. My son will be 13 this year, so we're busy planning his Bar Mitzvah. In my spare time I started a real estate and development company and built a subdivision in Lenoir City, Tenn., then sold it all. I was named president of the reform Temple in Knoxville a few years back. These days I coach Jake's Little League team and spend a lot of time on my boat. It's great hearing from you all.

## **Joseph L. Moskowitz '75**

(4550 Rutherford Dr., Marietta, GA 30062; jmoskow@bellsouth.net) Thanks for the newsletter. It was great to read about my brother-in-law, **Bruce Fleisher '72**. I have many memories about Zebe life in the '70s.

## **Nicholas C. Vasti '80**

(6150 Timber Ridge Ct., Indian Head Park, IL 60525; vastinc@bp.com) My wife, Diane, and I just celebrated our 10th anniversary. We have two kids, Alex, 6, and Chris, 2. Alex is playing baseball and hockey — he's learning to skate now rather than wait until he's in college. Unfortunately Alex has become a Cubs fan (he's too young to understand the history) but it looks like Chris will be cheering for the Yankees. I keep in touch with a few old Zebes — **Andy Cripps '81**, **Doug Ramsay '82**, **Bill Fairchild '82**, **Harry Heinkele '79**, **Jerry Keen '84**, **Bob Lovinggood '80**, **Pete Estelle '82**, **Chris Haas '81** and **Chris Muller '82**. Living in the Chicago area gives me the opportunity to catch up with people visiting from time to time. I work for BP now as a feedstocks trader. It's hard to believe I've been working for 22 years. I guess that means I'm getting close to retirement. I always look forward to hearing from my bros.

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# Alumni UpDates ... continued

## William H. Cleary '82

(4058 Centennial Trail, Duluth, GA 30136-4243; clearyb@comcast.net) Despite the fact that I broke my foot 20 minutes into the actual work, the brothers did a great job of putting in new walls in the basement. We're getting free bricks from the Theta Chi housing rebuild that we're using to brick up the windows down there. We'll leave one window open for an air-conditioning unit. The new room should have a nice pool table, a pinball machine and a dartboard.

## Christopher K. Muller '82

(38 John Dyer Way, Doylestown, PA 18901-9615; cmuller.che82@gtalumni.org) The Muller's are doing well. We are living in Doylestown, outside of Philadelphia. The boys – Tim, 15, Matt, 13, and Andrew, 10 – continue to keep Debbie and me busy. I'm still at Merck, currently in

vaccine manufacturing. It's hard to believe it has been more than 20 years, and I'm actually starting to look toward retirement (12 more years). My brother, **Dan '85**, and I get together for lunch once per week.

## Daniel J. Lawrie '92

(31 Mistywood Ct., Marietta, GA 30064; dlawrie@bellsouth.net) Our first daughter, Madeleine Grace Lawrie, was born on June 25, 2000. She was 5 lbs., 7 oz.

## Richard S. Lin '92

(469 Clementina St #15, San Francisco, CA 94103; richlin71@yahoo.com) I'm unemployed, am not married and have no kids. I've come a long way, baby! I've been in the Bay Area since graduation, working for various technology firms. I received a master's in engineering management at Stanford. I'm thinking about relocating to Los Angeles or New York.

## Evan C. Bates '94

(10406 Lawnmeadow Ct., Richmond, VA 23233; e.bates@mailcity.com) Always great to hear from Xi. Hope all is well with all of you.

## James M. Dallas '94

(698 Eaton Cir., Superior, CO 80027; jdallas@displaytech.com) Paula delivered a baby girl by cesarean section. Taylor Grace Dallas weighed in at 7 lbs., 4oz. We're all home now and are doing fine.

## J. David Mura '94

(251 St. Martins Drive, Mableton, GA 30126; mura\_d@bellsouth.net) Caroline Ruth Mura was born Oct. 7, 2002.

## Robert J. Tinsley '01

(1404 Briarhill Ln, Atlanta, GA 30324-5433; tinsleyrobert@hotmail.com) I recently returned to graduate school at Georgia Tech to receive my master's degree in electrical engineering. ■

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