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Chapter Status Report

Working to Boost Membership and Regain Financial Stability

As you know, this past academic year the chapter house was rented to another fraternity while our undergraduate chapter worked to build its membership to the point where it can successfully take over and manage the house. With the end of the academic year, it is time to decide among the options for operating the chapter house during 2005-06.

In formulating the lease, we made the term one year, with the hope that our chapter would grow large enough to take over. While our chapter has been successful in a number of areas, they currently have approximately 10 members, making it difficult to manage the house and be financially successful.

We were recently notified by the current tenants, Phi Kappa Psi, that they will be unable to renew the lease for the upcoming year due to their own financial situation. While this could have been a difficult challenge, we were able to execute a new lease with another fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, for next year. SigEp is an established fraternity that is building a new house and needs a place to stay during the construction.

The following are details about the new lease and overall situation:

- The lease is for nine months, from August 2005 until May 2006. While there is an option to renew for summer 2006, we hope our chapter will grow enough during the upcoming year that we can discontinue renting the house to others.
- SigEp plans to conduct their fall rush in their current house, prior to demolition immediately afterward. We have agreed with them that our chapter will be able to use our house for its own fall rush. This will provide significant benefits to our chapter.
- The chapter understands the situation and will continue to rent an off-campus house that the brothers can use.
- The trustees will continue to work with the undergraduate chapter to help boost membership.

The lease with PKP allowed us to maintain financial stability this year, providing income to make needed repairs and maintenance, along with additional funds for recruitment. We anticipate similar results in the upcoming year with the SigEp lease.

During the term of the new lease, we will not be able to hold alumni events at the house. We will, of course, be creative and hold events at other locations.

As always, your support is appreciated while we continue working to strengthen our Xi Chapter at Georgia Tech. ■

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars

- ACC Baseball Tournament (May 24-29, Jacksonville).
- ZBT National Convention (July 14-17, Walt Disney World).

See you there!

Exercise Your Brain: Take the ZBT History Quiz!

So how's your memory these days? In our April e-letter we included a short ZBT history quiz to see how well you've been paying attention over the years. For those of you who took that quiz, how did you do? Send us an e-mail at gtzbt@hotmail.com and let us know!

If you did not receive the e-letter, or if you just haven't had the time to test your knowledge yet, log on to www.gtztb.org and take the short quiz (just five questions). Then let us know whether you've still got it ... or if you need Ginkoba.

Stay in Touch with Xi Chapter

In this day and age of computers, the Internet, Palm Pilots and text messaging, it's easier than ever for friends to stay in touch. Help us stay connected with you by providing your e-mail address on the enclosed form or by updating your record online at www.gtztb.org. By ensuring we have your current e-mail address, you are helping us keep you informed of the latest ZBT/Xi Chapter news and events!

Benefits of providing your e-mail address include:

- Your e-mail address will be listed in our online directory, accessible only to Xi Chapter alumni. Your contact information may help a long-lost friend reconnect with you!
- You'll be contributing to an increase in the frequency and quality of ZBT communications via e-mail, which will result in drastic savings in printing and mailing costs.
- You'll receive special e-updates available only to our members who have submitted their e-mail addresses.

Your e-mail address will be used only for ZBT communications and will not be traded or sold. Update your e-mail address today! ■

Trustee Board Report

We Need Your Ongoing Support

This chart shows that in 2002-03, 110 brothers contributed nearly \$15,000 to our annual fund, proving their support for our mission and our goals as an alumni organization. In 2003-04, support slipped to just under \$6,000 from 61 donors.

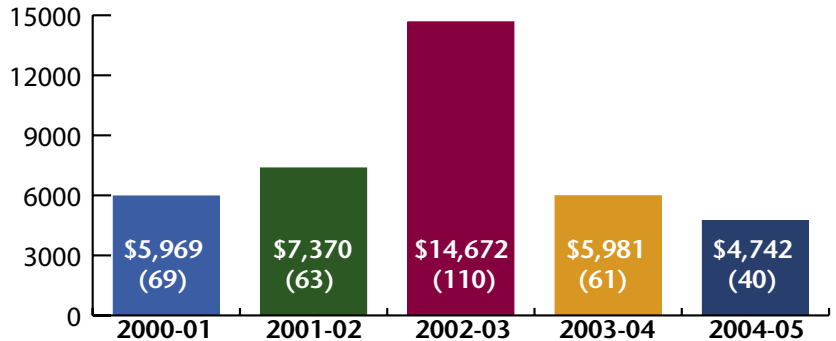
When you contribute to our annual fund, you affirm that:

- You support the spirit of volunteerism that drives our alumni board and those who participate in efforts to keep our alumni connected;
- The value of friendships forged at ZBT grows as time passes and should be celebrated with reunions, annual gatherings and other events that bring alumni together.

So far this year, 42 brothers have contributed just over \$4,700. Thank you to these loyal brothers whose names are listed in the 2004-05 Preliminary Honor Roll. Our past results prove we can do better! There are three ways to make a donation:

- By calling our toll-free donation hotline at (800) 975-6699
- On our secure Web site at www.gtztb.org
- By returning the enclosed form

Your participation is crucial to keeping our alumni organization going strong! ■



Annual Fund Update

Thank you to the loyal alumni listed below who have supported our 2004-05 Annual Fund. Our annual fund runs from September 1 through August 31 each year and enables us to continue our alumni relations program, which includes publishing *Xi-Lights*,

Superiors

Erwin M. Gudelsky 1958

Trustees

Alvin M. Ferst 1943
Jerry I. Lavinsky 1954
Robert S. Goldman 1972
Daniel P. Homiller 1986
Brian K. Tucker 1987
Nirmal K. Patel 1993

Gentlemen

Robert M. Shulman 1969
Irving Silver 1972

George N. Kalnin III 1974
Michael McCormick 1974
Joseph L. Moskowitz 1975
Peter W. Estelle 1982
Daniel J. Muller 1985
Christopher C. Hill 1994
Chris N. Weilandt 1994
Eric A. Bostick 1998

Xi

Donald A. Schwarcz 1964
Paul R. Mande 1969
Neal M. Williams 1969
Howard S. Fleisig 1972

Allan B. Quiat 1973
Lester J. Zinger 1973
William B. Fairchild 1982
Mark A. Rhodes 1988
Glenn A. Antonacopoulos 1989
John D. Ewalt 1993

Buzz

Irvin I. Gassenheimer Jr. 1938
Richard D. Nathan 1966
Peter Schwartz 1968
Harvey A. Helman 1970
Harry E. Carpenter 1974
Martin V. Mancuso 1985

Thomas R. Tate 1986
Mark A. Turner 1986
Richard S. Lin 1992

Burdell

Howard R. Levy 1965
Michael N. Weinstein 1970
Louis Wallen 1971
Craig S. Varon 1972
James M. Dallas 1994
Thalonus Stone 1994 ■

Alumni UpDates

Jeffrey L. Grover '75

(12020 N. Hickory Trace, Alpharetta, GA 30004; jlgrover@bellsouth.net) The acorn doesn't fall far from the tree. I took 11 years after graduation to move off 6th Street and 25 years to leave Tech, and I still live in Fulton County. I've been married to Shawn (one of the original Tucker'etts) for 26 years, and we have an amazing 13-year-old son, Devon. He plays football, sings in chorus and wants to go to the Air Force Academy to fly the fastest video games around. Since graduation I have been supporting our men and women in uniform, traveling extensively both nationally and internationally. I've been using two computer science degrees from Tech and an EMBA from Emory to assure that our collaborative information resources remain secure. I'm currently working for Army Aviation through the University of Alabama in Huntsville; it's a bit of a commute. A few memories: Sheba, Toker, Waldo, Wes, Ma, Sanders' car Betsy, Room 11, football brunches, band parties, rocket fuel, fraternity football, Greek Week, rush parties, Massey Girls, Mad Hatter, Fourth Bay, the Strip, Manuel's Tavern, Moe's & Joe's, Helen Ga, Fruit Jungle, Everybody's, Spring St. Liquor, Hex pavers.

William H. Cleary '82

(4058 Centennial Trail, Duluth, GA 30136-4243; clearyb@comcast.net) Guys, I have a new Web site (<http://home/comcast.net/~clearyb>) with pics of some old Zeebs, my old Camaro and related BS. If you would

like me to post a couple of pics on my site, please feel free to send them to me, and I'll resize/post them.

Peter B. Hart '84

(2251 Fairhaven Circle N.E., Atlanta, GA 30305; pete@plm.gatech.edu) I am currently located in the basement of the ESM building, with a lab of AE students working outside my door. They are mostly rotorcraft engineering students supporting the design of a light commercial helicopter, of which I am effectively the chief designer and project manager. This vehicle is being done in coordination with Istanbul Technical University in Turkey.

I established my own Center in Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) here at Georgia Tech, and I serve as the manager, as well as support a wide variety of design activities for other units of Georgia Tech (architecture, industrial design, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering). I got to travel for the whole month of May last year to Europe and the Middle East, all on business.

I am renovating the entire interior of a house that I purchased with my lover girl, Debbie Perdue. The structural beam work is winding down, the electric is half done and some wallboard is back in. The house is in Peachtree Hills. Ask if it is done before you visit!

Yes, Debbie is from Warner Robbins. Yes, her cousin is governor Sonny Perdue. We have been to the mansion for dinner and Thanksgiving, which was a lot of fun!

I would love to hear from any brothers.

I am not planning on leaving GT anytime soon, so if you are around town, send a note and we can get together for some good food and drink! I hope to hear from you all soon!

Larry V. Walker '86

(2227 E. Elmwood St., Mesa, AZ 85213-5907; larrywalker@cox.net) Believe it or not, I'm still alive and have been living in Arizona for the past 16 years. I am married to my former little sister, Ellen Grant Walker, and we have two wonderful kids, Sarah (16) and Michael (14). I work at ON Semiconductor as an evaluation lab manager. As always, I'm loving the outdoors, backpacking, hunting and fishing. God is good!

Glenn A. Antonacopoulos '89

(2400 S. Glebe Rd., #327, Arlington, VA 22206; glenn.antonacopoulos@ngc.com) Where is **Nick Mehrtens '90**?

Ernest C. Hernandez '90

(7617 Craig Ct., Orlando, FL 32835; ernie.hernandez@us.army.mil) Bros, I'm back... The Army Reserves activated me, (un)fortunately not to the sand box but at Ft. McPherson. Great news! Ana Maria and I welcomed our twins, Gabriel Felipe and Sofia Isabelle, on January 25. Babies and mom are doing great! I return to Orlando almost every weekend, but I'm up for drinks and/or some Texas Hold 'Em during the week ... anyone? My Atlanta number is 404-464-7381.

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From the ZBT Photo Vault

Stay tuned for announcements of future openings of our photo vault, as plans are in the works for photo collections from additional eras in our chapter's history to be posted on our Web site at www.gtzb.org. Which years will be next? Check our Web site often, so you'll be the first to know!



A scene from Greek Week 2004.



The Phi Ep scene at Tech, 1949.

Rush Never Ends: You Can Help

Spring semester has just ended at Tech, and it's time to start thinking about rush. If you know of any prospective members for our undergraduate chapter — either entering freshmen or students already enrolled — we would appreciate your recommendations. Please send the following information to gtzbt@hotmail.com:

- The name of each prospective member.
- His contact information (address, telephone number, e-mail address).
- His status (entering freshman or current class year).
- Whether he is a ZBT legacy.
- His interests.
- Your name and graduation year.

Zach Inc. is advising the Xi Chapter on how to grow their membership in Georgia Tech's highly competitive Greek community. **Jin Kwon '93** has been an active adviser with the young chapter. Your help with rush will be very much appreciated! ■

UpDates

Patrick D. McDougal '92

(3583 Westhampton Dr., Martinez, GA 30907; pmcdougal@knology.net) Melissa and I took a trip to Scotland (the homeland) last summer to celebrate my graduation from medical school. I have started my residency in emergency medicine in Augusta and will be here for the next three years. Both daughters, Kathleen (7) and Sarah (5), attended school this year, to the great relief of my wife.

Nirmal K. Patel '93

(3635 Bridge Mill Ct., Norcross, GA 30092; ckpatel@mindspring.com) Hey, everyone! I just wanted to announce that Tejal gave birth to our first baby, Shivani Elle Patel. She was born on June 9, 2004, and was 5 lbs., 14.5 oz. and 20.5 inches. Baby and mom are well. You can check out some pictures at <http://tpatel.photosite.com/shivani>.

David S. Sheldon '93

(3502 Ashley Cir., Homewood, AL 35209; dss@mindspring.com) How's this for a small world? I'm in the middle of managing a project for Peugeot in eastern France and was flying back home from Frankfurt, Germany, the other day. Guess who gets on the plane and sits down four rows in front of me? It was **Brian Miller '93**. He's working for Procter & Gamble and was buying some equipment in Germany. First time I've seen him in eight years or so and it's on an international flight.

James M. Dallas '94

(698 Eaton Cir., Superior, CO 80027; jdallas@displaytech.com) Our second daughter, Sarah, arrived in September!

Christopher C. Hill '94

(P.O. Box 3265, Holland, MI 49422; on_belay616@yahoo.com) No, I still haven't fallen off the edge of the world. Hope to see you all soon!

Michael P. Smyth '94

(1422 N. Druid Hills Rd., Atlanta, GA 30319; mpsmyth71@hotmail.com) If you have not heard the news yet, Karen and I recently got engaged. We held an engagement party at my place on April 9, 2005.

Trace M. Hitt '98

(2943 Mill Grove Terr., Dacula, GA 30019; thitt.ece98@gtalumni.org) I will be completing my MBA this summer, and I have decided to attend the University of Georgia Law School starting in August. Don't worry, I am not going to start cheering for those damn dogs, and you will never see me wearing red.

Channing R. Lewis '00

(360 Hammond Dr. N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328-5046; clewis@precisionaquatics.com) After working in the commercial swimming-pool construction business with two different contractors, I launched Precision Aquatics LLC in October 2003. Things are always tough and scary, as anyone who has ever started a business can tell you, but they're looking up. We have landed two contracts for

new residential pools, both of which will be showcased on HGTV's "Groundbreakers," hopefully this fall.

Daniel S. Noto '02

(208 E. 84th St., Apt. 3D, New York, NY 10028; dnoto@hotmail.com) Just wanted to let everyone know that on June 5, I said goodbye to singlehood and married Rachel Stanojevich. The ceremony was in Atlanta, and the honeymoon was in the Greek Isles. Absolutely beautiful! We are still up here in NYC. Rachel graduates from NYU graduate school this May, and I am still working as an engineer for Cosentini Associates. ■

That '70s Photo Update



We hope everyone enjoyed the photos from the mid-1970s that were recently posted on our Web site at www.gtzb.org. Thanks go to **John Levine '76**, who provided additional information on some of the pictures. If you have any further information about these photos (e.g., people pictured, event details, etc.), please send it to gtzbt@hotmail.com. ■

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