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HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

A New House on the Horizon?

With a Growing Chapter and Increased Alumni Support, We Forsee the Potential to Build a Brand New Home within the Next Decade

By Chuck Patel '93

It is fall, and I'm proud to report that we've had a great year reaching out to our alumni with our mailings and electronic communications. The 2007-08 giving year has been our most successful year in terms of fundraising, as our alumni donors contributed \$11,225 before the giving year ended August 31. I'm certain that this is correlated to the success we've had on campus, and we hope we can kick off the 2008-09 giving year with the same momentum.

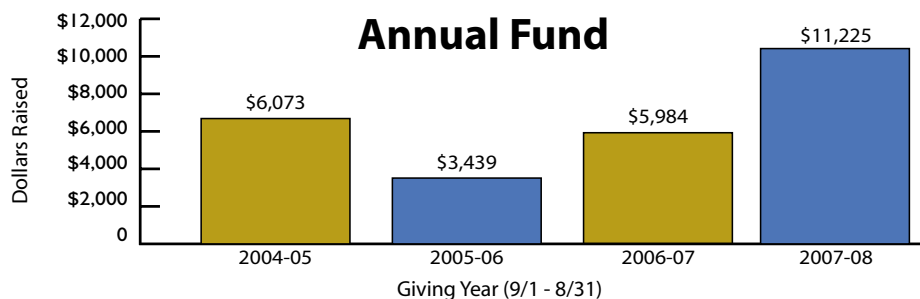
Our chapter is strong, growing fast and exceeding all expectations. We should all feel proud of our young men and encourage them to grow and prosper. As always, I'd like to thank our volunteers and donors for all that you've done to help us along the way.

Speaking of volunteers, **I'd like to promote the concept of adding some additional volunteers to the Zach Board.** Currently, we are a board of seven members. We try to do as much as possible to promote our young chapter and offer guidance as necessary, but we would like to gain more insights from the rest of our great alumni group. Typically, we meet as a group to talk about the chapter and house maintenance issues about five to seven times a year. We also leverage conference call services to have quick meetings every now and then. This would be a great way for those that are interested to participate in helping us

make progress with our chapter on campus. So whether you are in the Atlanta area or not, your time and input will always be appreciated. If you are interested in giving back to ZBT, please contact me directly at 770-495-4883 or ckcpatel@mindspring.com.

In the future, as our fraternity grows stronger and larger, Zach has been talking about the next steps for our house. I would like to put a stake in the ground and share our thoughts with you. Once we get back to our traditional size of 50 to 60 brothers, we plan to start a feasibility study for building a brand new house on our property. Yes, I said it. A **BRAND NEW HOUSE!** While this might be five to seven years into the future, we are planning to make this a reality. If any of you are in the commercial real estate business, construction or engineering related industries, we want your input and feedback on making this project successful.

Other areas of excitement on campus revolve around Coach Paul Johnson and our Yellow Jacket Football team! Personally, I have to say that going to the games is exciting and electrifying compared to the Chan Gailey years. I truly believe our new coach is going to put Georgia Tech Football back on the map to success where it traditionally belongs!



CHAPTER REPORT

Chapter Boasts Nine New Members, Two Legacies and 10 Philanthropy Hours Per Brother

Fall rush yielded nine new brothers, and we continue to rush throughout the semester. On October 1, we held a rush event to take rushees out to play Whirley Ball, which has produced great results for us in the past. We are currently in the preliminary stages of creating our own philanthropy event which will probably end up taking place in the spring semester. Though we may not have an official event within the fraternity, we require all brothers to have 10

philanthropy hours every semester. Some brothers have volunteered at a local soup kitchen this semester. This semester, we have a brotherhood retreat, date nights, and cabin fever. We have two ZBT legacies within the chapter: **Tommy Keen** is the son of **Jerry Keen '84**, and **Justin Warlick** is a national legacy.

Brothers and rushees play whirlyball.



UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

Powered by Veggie Oil

Recent Alum Featured in Tech Topics for His Conversion to Alternate Fuel

August graduate Mark Zoller '08 was featured in the Fall 2008 issue of Tech Topics. The article appears below.

By Van Jensen of Tech Topics

While escalating gas prices have kept many people from making long summer trips, Mark Zoller wasn't deterred. On a 1,000-mile drive to Destin, Fla., and back to Atlanta, Zoller burned through a grand total of half a gallon of diesel in his 1981 Volkswagen Rabbit.

"It's similar to driving a Ferrari. You get lots of looks and thumbs up."

A sign stuck in the car's rear window, right beside a Georgia Tech sticker, reveals his fuel-saving secret: "Powered by veggie oil."

"It's similar to driving a Ferrari," said Zoller, who graduated from Tech with a mechanical engineering degree August 1. "You get lots of looks and thumbs up."

After growing up working on cars with his father, Zoller decided a couple of years ago to join the small-but-growing faction

of diesel drivers converting their vehicles to run on vegetable oil. That alternate fuel is better for the environment and, best of all, is typically free because restaurants throw it out, he said.

Zoller started scouring Craigslist for a car to convert, eventually settling on the Rabbit for its meager \$200 price tag. He designed the new fuel system himself, welding a 25-gallon tank for the vegetable oil into the back and adding a new valve system to the engine. He finished the project earlier this year.

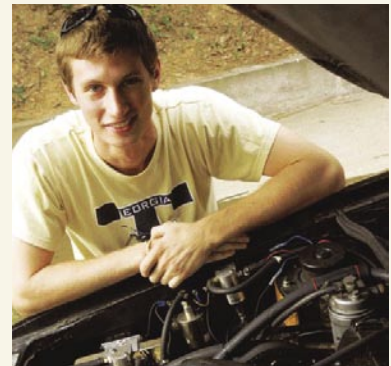
It's all controlled by a toggle switch, and Zoller only has to use diesel when starting and turning off the car.

"I just wanted to make it really simple and efficient," he said.

Zoller said his friends teased him about the car's appearance at first, calling it a "clown car," but they quit laughing when as prices shot up and Zoller was the only one not feeling the pinch.

"I think I'm the one laughing now," he said.

The Rabbit makes about 50 miles per gallon. Zoller picks up the vegetable oil from the Hall County Jail's cafeteria, free of charge, and he can't remember the last



Mark Zoller '08. Photo from Tech Topics magazine.

time he stopped at a filling station.

More than just a pet project, alternative energy has become a passion for Zoller, who hopes to find a career in that field. He's also been invited to speak on energy policy in Washington, D.C.

While the infrastructure doesn't yet exist for vegetable oil to become a viable alternative for gasoline, Zoller said it has strong potential.

"The best feeling I get is when people see my car and wonder, 'How is that possible?'" Zoller said.

Visit www.gtzb.org for a link to the article as it appeared in *Tech Topics*.

ALUMNI PROFILE

As Undergraduate President of Phi Ep, Bob Shulman '69 Helped Raise \$20,000 and Inducted the Chapter's Largest Pledge Class

Bob Attributes Fraternity Life With Teaching Him Organization and the Value of Teamwork

When asked what influence our fraternity has had on his life, **Bob Shulman '69** says that being in the Greek setting really helped to prepare him for the business world. It taught him organizational skills and getting along with others. Most importantly, it's where he learned the value of teamwork, both academically and athletically.

"Fraternity life at Georgia Tech was a great experience."

"Fraternity life at Georgia Tech was a great experience," Bob remembers, "We were a group of motivated and talented guys who went on to have successful careers and lifelong friendships."

Bob decided to join a fraternity to get involved and says that Greek life was an important support system on campus not only socially, but also academically. Before he was even enrolled at Georgia Tech, Bob knew **Howard Karchmer '68** and he visited campus in the spring of 1965 to meet some of the guys.

Eventually, he pledged the fraternity (which was Phi Epsilon Pi at the time) and lived in the house for three years starting in his sophomore year. In that time he had two or three roommates including **Bob Goldman '71** and **Sam Moskow '69**.

During the 1960s, Phi Epsilon Pi was struggling in terms of size and its facility. Bob helped raise almost \$20,000 from the national fraternity to fix up the house.

**Want to reconnect with Bob? Reach him at:
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While he was president, the Phi Ep pledge class had 51 members, the largest in the chapter's history.

However, tough times continued for Phi Epsilon Pi and in the early 70s they decided to merge with Zeta Beta Tau on a national level.

"National fraternities were struggling," Bob explains. "There is power in numbers and our locations fit well with Zeta Beta Tau's. There were no hard feelings about the merger, at the time it was just a fact of life."

During his college years Bob served as President and Rush Chairman. After graduation he was the President of the Trustee Board for several years and served until 2000.

Staying in Atlanta and staying involved with the fraternity has allowed him to keep in touch with many of the guys he graduated with. He also enjoys keeping in touch with new generations.

There is a group of Phi Epsilon Pi / Zeta Beta Tau guys in Atlanta who still get together socially even after 43 years. This includes **Paul Mande '69**, **Larry Henschel '69**, **Howard Fleisig '72**, **George Kalnin '74** and others.

Though Bob grew up in his hometown of Vandalia, Illinois, his path to Georgia Tech began by following in his father's footsteps. Bob's father attended in the 1920s and was a quarterback on the 1929 Rose Bowl championship team.

Bob and his wife, Jeanne (originally from Louisville), have been married for 28 years. Their son Andrew (26) is currently working on dual Masters degrees in Aerospace Engineering and an MBA at Georgia Tech. Their daughter, Sarah (20), is studying at Bucknell University and plans to become a doctor. You can hear the pride in Bob's voice when he talks about his family.



Brother Bob Shulman '69

Bob's degree in Industrial Management and Mathematics eventually led him to the insurance business. He and his partners currently own and operate a commercial insurance company, Pritchard & Jerden. He heads up the life and employee benefits division and has been with the company for 34 years.

In addition to staying involved with the fraternity, Bob works with civic non-profit organizations helping abused teens and at-risk youth. His hobbies include skiing, golf, travel, music and the theater. Bob and Jeanne are such avid skiers that for many years they served on the National Ski Patrol in North Carolina, where they made the five-hour commute from Atlanta on the weekends.

In the coming years Bob would like to continue to travel around the world. He'd also like to grow and expand his business to pass it on to the next generation. He says he may even eventually retire.

Do you know of a Zeta Beta Tau alum who would make a good profile subject? If so, contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention "Xi-Lights" in the subject line).

ALUMNI UPDATES

'70s

Irving Silver '72

(8725 Native Dancer Rd. N., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418-7731; irving_silver@ml.com) One of the funniest of many pledge raids by the '72 pledge class was when we stole the house's front door, shower heads and toilet seats. The brothers made all the pledges take turns being the front door with your right hand as the doorknob, the left hand on the top hinge, and your left foot on the bottom hinge. If someone came to the door, you would have to hop to swing out and then hop to close. In addition, we would have to walk around the house with our arms held out as either toilet seats or as spraying shower heads for over a week.

William Roberts '73

(19504 SE 134th St, Renton, WA 98059-7212; broberts104@comcast.net) I worked for the Navy in Panama City, FL for five years. Having received diver's training

from the Navy divers there, I got to watch some of my creations deploy underwater. I moved to Los Angeles to work for Hughes Aircraft Company in 1978 and then to Seattle in 1989. I retired from my EE career with Hughes Aircraft Co. (now owned by Raytheon) in 2006 and do investment advising when I'm not waterskiing, snowskiing, or making improvements to my house. I'm 17 years into my second marriage with the youngest firmly into his 2nd year at McGill, and the middle finishing at University of WA in early 2009. My daughter completed her MSIE in 2000 at Tech. If anyone comes through Seattle, call me at 425-235-8583.

'80s

William B. Fairchild '82

(21468 Arapahoe Trail, Chatsworth, CA 91311-7506; bill.fairchild@csun.edu) After Tech I completed graduate studies at the University of Texas, another football

powerhouse, but whole different type of environment with plenty of ladies and classmates that actually majored in things like English and History. Then it was off to work for McDonnell Douglas/Boeing building facilities in Long Beach, CA. Guess it was time to go back to being around engineers. After nine years in aerospace I left for a job in facilities planning, design and construction at, what else, a university. I have been at California State University for over 14 years. I still stay in touch with many of the brothers that passed through the Zebe house from 1977 through 1982. We had an awesome reunion last October and we're happy to be able to see the house with Zebe's again!

We want to know what's new with you too! Share your update online at www.gtzb.org.

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