

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Picnic
April 17

Homecoming
October 9

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ON THE WEB

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We are pleased to announce the establishment of a group on LinkedIn.com for ZBT and Phi Ep at Georgia Tech under the name "Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT)/Phi Epsilon Pi- Xi Chapter-Georgia Tech." There are approximately 50 members. This is a great source for career networking and for finding potential hires and interns, since there are undergraduates who are members. Join today?

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ALUMNI REPORT

Xi Hosts Mu Colony Installation

It was 1916, early in Georgia Tech's history. Fraternities had been on campus for a number of years already, but it was time for a new fraternity to join them, with a little help from a few miles up the road. A 1916 issue of the *Phi Epsilon Pi Quarterly* put it this way:

On January 15, 1916, a new but strong link was forged to the Southern chain of Phi Epsilon Pi when Xi chapter, at the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta, Ga., was installed. The installation officer was **Frater Ben Stegall** of Epsilon, aided by **Fraters Oberdorfer, Joel** and **Siegel** of Mu Chapter (University of Georgia). The charter members were **J. A. Goldman, E. L. Goldman, L. M. Sterne, R. I. Spengler, I. Spann, C. F. Fox, A. R. Lowi**, and **Frater Siegel**.

Fast forward to 2010, and it was now Xi Chapter's time to return the favor, serving as host for the installation of the new Mu Colony at the University of Georgia. On March 8, **Brian Hoffman '09** (Tulane) of the ZBT National staff presided as installation officer, and the brothers of Xi Chapter performed the ceremony initiating eight new brothers from the newly established Mu Colony at our chapter house.

Alumni from many chapters besides Georgia Tech and Georgia were represented, including Alabama, Colorado State, Delaware, Emory, Florida State, Seton Hall and Tulane. **Faron Lewitt '97** (Alabama) and **Bruce Weinstein '70** (Alabama) represented the ZBT Foundation as executive director and board member, respectively. After the ceremony, several alumni spoke to the assembled undergraduates about the meaning of the Fraternity in their lives.

This renews the historic ties between Xi and Mu, both of which were pioneers in the Jewish

fraternal experience in Georgia. Xi was the first Jewish fraternity at Georgia Tech. Mu dates back to 1893 as a local Jewish fraternity at the University of Georgia. Originally known as Eay



New brothers and alumni from Mu Colony

Daleth Sigma (or the EDS Society), Mu was recruited to become a chapter of Phi Epsilon Pi in 1915 by Ben Stegall, a graduate of the Cornell chapter who took a faculty position at the University of Georgia, and who later served as Mu's advisor.

Mu has the distinction of being the oldest local Jewish fraternity in continuous existence prior to its becoming a chapter of a national organization, and it even predates ZBT, which was founded as the first Jewish national fraternity in 1898. Throughout the years, both chapters interacted with each other and held many joint activities. Mu Chapter was closed in the early 1980s and was revived for a few years in the early 2000s.

We welcome Mu Colony to the ZBT family and look forward to renewed ties between Mu and Xi.

HOMECOMING 2009 RECAP

2009 was a great season for Georgia Tech football, as Coach Johnson led the Yellow Jackets to the ACC Championship and a bowl appearance. Homecoming, of course, was a notch in our record, as the Jackets soundly defeated Virginia Tech.

We were happy to welcome many alumni

back to campus for the activities that day prior to the game. ZBT held its traditional alumni brunch, which was extended to a luncheon and beyond due to the late start of the game. The Class of '69 held a reunion in conjunction with Homecoming, so many alumni from that era were present to help celebrate our brotherhood and Georgia Tech's

impending victory.

On the other hand, a number of undergraduate ZBTs from Virginia Tech made the road trip down to Atlanta for the game, and they visited our chapter. They were not so lucky with the game's outcome.



Left: Raise your hand if you're a Phi Ep.

Right: Brotherhood through the years binds eternal.



ALUMNI NEWS

Longtime Facilities Manager Bill Cleary '82 Retires

Long-time Zach facilities manager **Bill Cleary '82** announced his retirement from that position as of March 6. Bill has led efforts for maintaining and improving the physical plant at the chapter house since 1995, when he joined the trustee board. Prior to that, he was heavily involved in a number of the annual

alumni-led house improvement projects in the 1980s, such as the establishment of the Win Crumley Memorial Taproom and efforts to renovate the back yard and patio areas.

After taking office with Zach, Bill led efforts to renovate the house for occupancy by the Atlanta Committee for Olympic Games (ACOG) in 1996. The lease with ACOG called for a number of requirements to be met, cosmetic and otherwise, and we passed with flying colors thanks to Bill's leadership. It was said that the house has never been cleaner or in better shape. Revenue from the lease enabled Zach to pay down its mortgage and finance a number of improvements to the house.

After the Olympics, Bill was instrumental in keeping the house functional and updated when ZBT was not on campus. During this time, he managed the replacement of a number of items, including the hot water system, both air conditioning units, the dishwasher, the ice machine, the washer and dryers, and even the old stove. The old Vulcan stove, which was original to the house in 1951, was replaced with an almost identical unit. They do still make them like they used to, at least sometimes.



Bill Cleary '82 (far left) assists the undergraduates in returning the pool table to the house.

When our chapter took occupancy of the house in 2007, Bill was called to action again to transition the house from the prior tenants to our brothers. He has worked with and helped successive undergraduate house managers since then, as the chapter has grown and become better able to handle facilities issues.

We most certainly thank Bill for all his hard work over the past many years in keeping our house in top shape and helping our undergraduates.

THANK YOU!

You are receiving this issue of *Xi-Lights* exclusively thanks to your past support of our annual fund. As you know, our communications program relies solely on alumni contributions to continue operation.

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- ✓ Online at www.gtztbt.org.
- ✓ By calling 800-975-6699.

CHAPTER REPORT

Recruitment is Our Top Priority

By Tommy Keen, Xi Chapter President

Xi Chapter is proud to announce 12 newly initiated brothers from our fall and spring

This brings our numbers to 30. Although this is the largest we have seen since our re-colonization, recruitment has become the number one priority of our chapter so that we may be competitive in all aspects with the largest fraternities on campus and well as the other ZBT chapters across the nation. This past fall, the we were officially re-chartered

and became a chapter with full rights and privileges.

During the current semester, we are re-grouping and trying to formulate a plan of the direction we want to head in over the course of the next few semesters. We are evaluating our constitution and by-laws, enforcing a stronger academic policy, creating ways to strengthen brotherhood bonds, and reconnecting with alumni who have lost touch.

For the fall, the brothers plan to hold a major philanthropy fund-raiser, participate in a block party with Kappa Sigma, Fiji, TKE and Theta Chi (which is already being planned), initiate the largest rush class we have seen, and improve our relations with ZBT chapters at other schools.

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Welcome Our New Brothers for 2009-2010!

Congratulations to our new brothers from this academic year!

Jessie E. Carnegie Jr. • Mechanical Engineering • Macon, GA

Patrick J. Chatfield • Physics • Warner Robins, GA

Paul L. Grzybowski • Materials Science and Engineering • Appling, GA

Adam C. Chapman • Biomedical Engineering • Woodstock, GA

Somya Chhajlani • Undecided Engineering • Wilmington, DE

M. C. Chandler Hill • Computer Science • Tampa, FL



Marty R. Jones Jr. • Applied Mathematics • Florence, AL

Brenton B. Rehm • Economics • Evans, GA

Andrew L. Schneider • Computer Science • Peachtree City, GA

Gregory M. Smith • Electrical Engineering • Huntsville, AL

Nicholas T. Smith • Computer Science • Augusta, GA

Kevin P. Warstadt • Biology • Suwanee, GA

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We love coming across great old photos from our Phi Epsilon Pi and ZBT days, including this one from the 1953 Technique.

Do you have pictures from your fraternity days to share with the brotherhood? Send them to us at content@affinityconnection.com, or upload them at www.gztbt.org.



ALUMNI UPDATE

Zane Coleman '92

(1342 W. School St. Apt. 3, Chicago, IL 60657; zacoleman@gmail.com) My wife Theresa and I have moved from Boston back to Chicago where I expect to settle down and make roots.

I now have my own business as a registered US Patent Agent doing patent drafting, patent strategy and optical consulting at www.phostech.com.

I will offer a 20% discount off of my fees to any Xi Chapter alumni who wish to file a patent or need patent or optical consulting work.

XI NEWS & NOTES

Check Out gtzbt.org

If you aren't checking out our website, you're missing out on a lot of new information about alumni and the chapter. Log in today to get the latest updates. If you are not receiving the monthly email update, please update your email address! (Either log in to the site and click on Edit Info, or send your updated email address to feedback@affinityconnection.com).

Here are a few highlights currently on the site:

- **Pete Estelle '82** and **Doug Ramsay '82** helped raise almost \$15,000 for charity via a bike tour in the UK.
- **Alvin Ferst '43** passed away on September 30. He was a charter member of Zach, Inc., and was a key alumnus during the building of our house.
- What's the story behind the **Meter Mobile**?
- ZBT adopted a new mascot, named **Zebe**, the same name as our old mascot from the late 1980s and 1990s.
- More details are available about the legendary **Whiteboard Guy** and his game-day commentary.

Alumni Updates

Stefan Woulfin '99 has been elected to a position on the trustee board. Stefan is an executive with the financial services division of Home Depot.

Recent Graduates

Nathan Margavich '09 graduated in spring with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He has taken a position as a quality associate with General Mills in Wellston, Ohio. He co-oped with General Mills while in school.

Andrew Rodrigues '09, past president, graduated in fall with a degree in Public Policy. He is currently working as a research assistant at Georgia Tech.

Undergraduate Accomplishments

Seniors **Mike Holcomb** and **Joshua Styles** are members of Georgia Tech's Archery Club and recently competed at the national indoor archery championship.

Senior **Jacob Rossi** gained fame in the football stands this past fall as the legendary **Whiteboard Guy**. You may have seen him on TV between plays, with biting commentary

on the game and the opposing team scrawled on the whiteboard that he somehow was able to smuggle into the game. He even has a Facebook fan group, with over 700 members (see "The Whiteboard Guy" on Facebook). Jacob plans to graduate this year and has accepted a position with Microsoft. It has not yet been announced what will happen with the whiteboard in 2010.

ZBT History Moment

In the early 1920s, ZBT recognized the importance of Roger Williams to ZBT and our legacy of religious tolerance. Williams, of course, founded the Rhode Island colony and was a principal proponent of religious tolerance and freedom in the American colonies. ZBT established Roger Williams Day as an official ZBT holiday to honor his legacy. This day is set during the last two weeks of March. All brothers are asked to reflect on the message that Roger Williams gives to our brotherhood today.



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