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IN MEMORY

We are saddened to learn of the passing of **James Lonnie Jones '78** of Woodstock, Ga., on June 1 after a short illness. Lonnie had a 30-year career with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Early in his career, he was project engineer on the I-75-I-85 interchange (Spaghetti Junction) in Atlanta. He served as Area Engineer for White County and later worked in the State DOT office. He was responsible for implementation of the computerized signs that are used on interstate highways throughout the Atlanta area.

Lonnie graduated from GT with a bachelor's of science degree in civil engineering. He is survived by his wife, two children, and three stepsons.

We are also saddened to have learned the deaths of the following brothers:

Barry Sugerman '60
Gordon Gruber '67

Our hearts go out to their families and we mourn their passing.

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Xi-Lights



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ZBT VS. SIGMA NU

I Have a Dream for ZBT

One Day, We Will Have a Bigger and Better House than Sigma Nu

By Doug Bodnar '87, Alumni President & Chapter Advisor

It's no secret that Sigma Nu has a bigger and better house than us on campus. Just a few blocks away, Sigma Nu constructed a \$4.8 million new home nearly a decade ago. Most other Tech fraternities are following suit, positioning them with a competitive advantage in recruitment and in keeping upperclassmen in house, sustaining their chapters for the next generation.



ZBT

I have a dream that one day we will have a bigger and better house than Sigma Nu. Our chapter can rally and rise above the status quo we are currently in. But, we need your help. Requisite to their success is extensive alumni involvement and a strong alumni board. As reported in the last issue of *Xi-Lights*, we continue to make progress in moving our organization forward through focus in these three key areas:

- **Keeping our current facility competitive.** *As you know, we have an older facility. And until we are in a position to build a new house, we are committed to making our house an attractive option for new recruits and a good living experience for our undergraduates.* See page 3 for a list of recent and upcoming projects.
- **Developing our active chapter.** We have appointed two advisors, Scott Saffran '89 and Greg Wombough '92, to work with the chapter to implement a year-round recruitment cycle and provide advice for improved

programming that will attract and retain new members. While ZBT recruited quality men in eight new members last year and four thus far this fall, neighboring fraternities are far exceeding these recruitment numbers (Sigma Nu, in comparison, has a 21-man pledge class this fall). Our advisors are working with the chapter to recruit more members in the necessary effort to keep ZBT viable.



Sigma Nu

- **Engaging our alumni base.** We support a continued alumni experience beyond graduation through newsletters and our website, as well as numerous alumni activities that range from our traditional Homecoming celebration at the house to monthly lunches and happy hours sponsored by the ZBT Atlanta-Area Alumni Association.

You, along with our entire alumni brotherhood, hold the key to our future. Here is how you can help:

- Volunteer for a board position (see page 2 for details)
- Show your financial support (see page 3 for details)
- Reconnect at alumni events, such as our upcoming Homecoming celebration, or plan your own
- Support the active chapter through mentorships and by providing rush recommendations

I have a dream for the future of ZBT. Do you? If so, please get involved today so that Xi Chapter can remain competitive for tomorrow. It's time for choosing.

CHAPTER REPORT

Academics and Philanthropy Continue to be the Chapter's Strong Points

Alumni Advisors Appointed to Assist with Recruitment Initiatives

This past spring, Xi Chapter sponsored the annual Get on the Ball fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH), raising over \$2,400 for this worthwhile charity. Brothers rolled the ball on campus, at Atlantic Station and at Georgia State. In addition, ZBT partnered with Phi Mu sorority and Dance Marathon at Georgia Tech in fundraising efforts for CMNH.



New members serenade sorority pledges in annual Run of the Roses.

The chapter's academics continue to be successful, as they achieved a 3.03 overall grade point average for spring 2013. Congratulations to **Nash Bharwani** (CMPE) and **Brandon Campanile** (AE) for achieving the most improved academic performance from fall semester. Both will receive scholarships funded by the trustees to recognize their accomplishments.

We look forward to working in partnership with our two new alumni advisors on new programming to recruit new members.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Great Hairstyles, Facial Hair and Oversized Eyewear Captured on Film

Did you know that our online community at www.gtzb.org now features the opportunity to upload your own photos to our group photo albums and comment on others? Thanks to **Harvey Meinstein '78** for sharing this composite from the chapter in 1975. If you're among the lucky guys forever captured in this image with a '70s hairstyle, great facial hair or oversized eyewear, head on over to our web site to leave a comment on this picture.

Other brothers: take advantage of the opportunity to upload similar pictures from your own era. We may select them to appear in an upcoming publication and hopefully spark some fun banter and memories among your class. Upload your photos now by going to www.gtzb.org.



ON THE WEB

Our Online Community has a New Look!

Check it out today at www.gtzb.org.

GIVE BACK

Extend the ZBT/Phi Ep Experience Into Your Alumni Years

These Volunteers Opportunities Are Great Ways to Stay Connected with the Chapter

We are in need of additional volunteers to help address current issues and move our fraternity forward. Please consider becoming involved. In the past, we have had active involvement from a number of alumni. *Zach, Inc., is a shared responsibility, and to further develop our chapter or to move forward with any major projects such as an eventual new house, we will need additional alumni involvement.*

Treasurer. The treasurer maintains the day-to-day finances of the trustee corporation, such as paying bills, depositing rent and other revenues, and ensuring financial stability. We envision

expanding this role to include long-term planning, equipment amortization schedules, and capital budgeting. **Derek Harris '95**, who has served as treasurer for a number of years, will be stepping down due to his recent move to Charleston. We thank him for his service to Xi Chapter.

Facilities Director. The facilities director handles facility maintenance, repair and upgrades. Part of this involves keeping aware of trends in student housing, as well as facilities and amenities offered by the competition.

Assistant Chapter Advisors for Programming, Finances and Risk Management. We currently have advisors concentrating on our short-term recruitment needs. However, we need advisors in other areas to promote overall chapter development and success.

Alumni Director. The alumni director handles alumni communications (newsletters, website, email, etc.) plus programming (Homecoming, picnics, golf tournaments, etc.).

Get involved today! Contact Doug Bodner at doug.bodner@gatech.edu with your interest.

DONATION REPORT

Where Do Your Donations Go?

Upswing in Giving Allows for Increased Programming and Necessary House Repairs

We are pleased to report that 74 alumni brothers supported us last year by donating to our annual fund. Thank you! This is the highest annual participation we've seen the last three years. We are appreciative for your support, and look forward to continuing that trend as we kick off our new giving year. **View the list of the 74 donors who donated this past year on our website at www.gtztb.org.**

We often hear terms like "pay it forward" to describe how donors and volunteers can make a difference in organizations like ZBT, which are in the business of creating the next generation of leaders. It's important, though, to know where the donations are going so that we can ensure good stewardship of donated funds and trust of our donors.

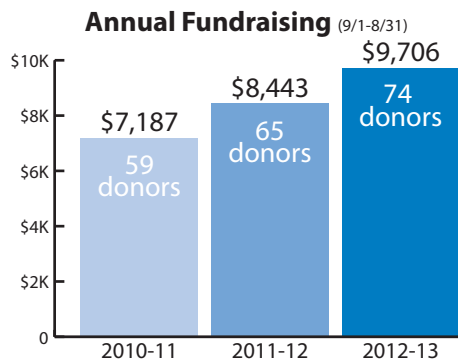
Here's a recap of where the donations went this past year:

- First and foremost, donations help pay for our alumni engagement program, which consists of communications and programming.
- They funded programming, which helped our chapter continue to improve and grow. This past year, we sent the chapter president to the annual ZBT Presidents Academy, a leadership program sponsored by the national fraternity. We also funded merit scholarships for brothers to reward scholas-

tic excellence. We would like to expand our programming for undergraduate leadership development in the upcoming year.

- Donations also helped us improve our facilities. In particular, we replaced flooring in the kitchen, serving room, foyer and girls bathroom. It's important to note that replacement of such items is part of our capital budgeting from general revenues. However, donations helped us purchase nicer materials than otherwise would have been selected.

To protect our investments, we have an active equipment maintenance program to keep systems in good working order and avoid costly repairs, and engage a lawn service to maintain the grounds and landscaping. Upcoming work includes installation of electronic locks on the exterior doors.



2013-14 YTD HONOR ROLL

Superiors (\$500 - \$749.99)

Michael A. Slack 1993

160 Sixth Street Society (\$160- \$249.99)

Robert M. Shulman 1969
Howard S. Fleisig 1972
Michael McCormick 1974
Thomas B. Sanders 1974
Nicholas C. Vasti 1980

Gentlemen (\$125-\$159.99)

Morris Nussbaum 1973

Xi (\$75-\$124.99)

Craig S. Varon 1972

Other

Michael N. Weinstein MD 1970

Reflects gifts received as of September 27, 2013.

ADD YOUR NAME TODAY!

Join them on this year's honor roll by making your contribution. Here's how:

- Log on to www.gtztb.org.
- Call 800-975-6699.
- Return a gift with the form you recently received in the mail.

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Harry Lutz '67, Larry Sprayberry '71, Larry Henschel '69, George Kalnin '74, Bob Shulman '69 and Paul Mande '69 at a recent alumni lunch. Take advantage of opportunities to connect with fellow brothers at our upcoming chapter events, or contact one of our board members for assistance in planning your own era or regional reunion.



WORK WEEK

The brothers came back to campus at the end of summer for the annual ZBT work week tradition of cleaning, painting, fixing, throwing away junk, and sprucing up the house. We are pleased to report that the house was in good shape and was ready to start off the new year.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Allan Quiat '73

(5018 Hastingwood Drive Houston, TX 77084-2361; abquiat@chevron.com) My wife Jean and I are now first-time grandparents. Granddaughter Noa Josephine Quiat was born to Daniel and Elizabeth Quiat in Dallas, Texas, on May 24, 2013.

Zane Coleman '92

(119 S. Arlington Ave Elmhurst, IL 60126-3545; zacoleman@gmail.com) My wife Theresa and I welcomed our first child Shayna Coleman, born 12/6/2012.

Mark Zoller '08

(911 Tates Creek RD Lexington, KY 40502; markzoller@gmail.com) My wife Virginia Zoller and I are expecting our first child, a little boy, this month. I work as an energy manager for the Kentucky Army National Guard and, as a side project, am working with an upstart business called George Bear (www.GeorgeBearWear.com), an outdoor clothing company. We regularly spend time with brother **Andy Kiesler '12** and his wife Leslie who live just across town in Lexington, KY. We plan on making the trip back to Atlanta for the homecoming football game!

LOST LIST

Searching for Nearly 60 Brothers

There are currently close to 60 alumni on our lost email list. This means we don't have valid email addresses on file for them to receive our eLetter and other electronic communications. Please help us to reach more alumni brothers more frequently and cost effectively by reviewing our lost email list at www.gtzb.org.

If you recognize any names (including your own), please follow the instructions online to help us update our database with the correct contact information.

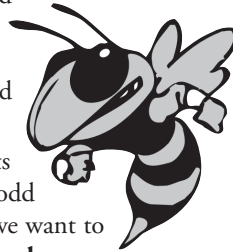
HOMECOMING 2013

Homecoming Activities Planned at ZBT

Join Your Brothers for the Parade, a Meal and an Open House on November 2

Homecoming is always a special time at GT and 2013 is no exception! The University-sponsored Welcome Reception kicks off the weekend on Thursday, October 31, followed by reunion parties for the class of 1988, 1973, and 1963 on Friday evening. After spending Saturday morning at the famous Ramblin' Wreck parade, head over to the ZBT Chapter House for brunch or luncheon (depending on the game's kickoff time, still to be determined) along with an open house and State of the Chapter Report.

Join your fellow brothers and other Yellow Jackets as we welcome the Pittsburgh Panthers to Bobby Dodd Stadium. This is Pitt's first season in the ACC and we want to make sure to give them a proper GT welcome. **Please be sure to check www.gtzb.org for updates to the Homecoming schedule.**



Allan Klepper '57 (lbklep629@fullchannel.net) reports: Eight former Phi Ep Pi brothers (plus seven spouses/companions) will reunite at this year's Homecoming Weekend. This will be our nominal 56th group reunion as most of us graduated in the class of 1957. We will be housed at the Melia Hotel and plan to attend the Ramblin' Wreck Parade and then to visit the Chapter House for brunch and to share our memories of how and what we did when we built 'Recks back in the late '50s. We have reunited as a group starting in 1987 for our 30th and at that time the group was much bigger. And yes, we will all be sitting together for the football game on Saturday.

*In this issue...
- A Dream for the Future of ZBT
- 2013 Homecoming Details
- How to Stay Actively Involved in Your Alumni Years*

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