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ALUMNI PROFILE

Allan Klepper '57 Says Without ZBT His Life Would be Much Different

"These Lasting Friendships Have Provided Me with Support throughout the Years"

Allan Klepper '57 joined the Xi Chapter in 1953 because, of all the fraternities at Georgia Tech that he scoped out, it seemed the most admirable. "I profited by guided maturity during the four years I was at Tech and formed lasting friendships that exist today," he said. In addition, his class of brothers tries to get together for reunions as often as possible. "We invited all brothers. From those who were seniors when we were freshmen, to those who were freshmen when we were seniors. Thirty two brothers and gals attended that first year," he said.

The group has held reunions approximately every five years, most of them at Tech, but one at Disney World. As brothers started to pass away, they began holding the event every two years. "When we learned of the 100th, I polled our group, and we all agreed to return this year. Unfortunately, with some health issues and unanticipated family obligations, instead of 12 brothers, we expect to have nine or 10," he said.

Allan added that he interacts with his brothers on a daily basis, so without ZBT, his life would be very different. "I can't tell for sure, but I can state that even our wives get along very well, and these lasting friendships have provided me with support throughout the years.



From left to right, Barry Sugerman, Cary Alper, and Allan Klepper as undergraduate brothers.

Submitted by Irwin Schuster '57.

"I profited by guided maturity during the four years I was at Tech and formed lasting friendships that still exist today."

I engage almost daily with one brother, as we both regularly submit Letters to the Editor to our respective local newspapers and we both write poetry," he said.

Since graduating from Georgia Tech, Allan has spent a lot of his time doing public service projects. "It has been a lifelong interest. I have been active in town government and county water authority since 1975, holding numerous elected and appointed positions. I am the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Bristol County Water Authority in Rhode Island and have been associated with that organization for over 27 years. I am also active in Temple Habonim in Barrington, Rhode Island, and served as a congregation president and a clerk of works on two renovations and upgrades to our facilities. I have even

lead courses at our local community school and in the Providence area's Lifelong Learning Collaborative," Allan said.

Allan is looking forward to the upcoming ZBT gathering with his fellow brothers and is excited about the memories and lasting bonds that may ensue.

Tell us about your ZBT experience. Visit our website (gtztbt.org) and submit an update.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Alumni Share Their Favorite ZBT Memories and Life News

Irwin Schuster '57 (8503 Portage Ave.,



Irwin Schuster with his grandson Harry.

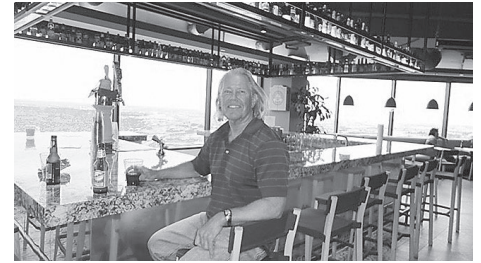
Tampa, FL 33647; irwin.schuster@verizon.net) I am proud to share that one of my grandsons, Harry III, graduated with honors from Georgia Tech this spring. Please note, he is NOT standing on a box.

Howard Levy '65 (604 Sugar Mill Road, Greer, SC 29650-3612; howardlevy@bellsouth.net) My favorite ZBT memory occurred sometime in the early '60s. It was after the homecoming game with Tulane, and we built a "wreck." We kept it in the front yard for a few days, and the next Sunday night when nobody had a date, one of the brothers and I did not have any cigarettes. Since neither of us had a car, we decided to take the "wreck" down Fifth Street to Hemphill to the Miss GA ice cream store to purchase a pack or two. The "wreck" had a bath tub protruding from the back and a commode mounted on the roof with a pipe running between the two. It was an



Howard Levy

Archimedes pump, powered by the drive shaft, which we had disconnected. There were no seats, so we sat on milk cartons. There were also no lights, so Russel, the other brother, held the flashlight so we could be seen by other vehicles. Not surprisingly, we didn't get too far before we were pulled over. The officer rattled off all of the offences we had committed, but he only gave me a ticket for no license plate and no driver's license. I asked for an escort back to the house, which he gave us. Court was scheduled for several weeks later, but before I went, I called one of our more famous alumni brothers, who was the vice mayor of Atlanta. I believe his last name was Rich. His family owned "Rich's" department store in Atlanta and several other cities. The store has since been bought out by Federated Department Stores and is now Macy's. When I showed up at court, slide rule strapped



Tom Sanders in Denver at Coors headquarters.

to my side and several pens in my pocket protector, the judge asked if I had a license plate for the car and my driver's license. I produced both and with a bang of his gavel, he said "case dismissed." I left the courtroom that day proving the old adage, "It's not always what you know, it's who you know."

Tom Sanders '74 (11517 SW 124th Ct., Miami, FL; tom.b.sanders3@gmail.com) My favorite ZBT memories would probably be from the Halloween parties if I hadn't drank all that punch. I recently visited Coors headquarters in Denver, which is where my cousin works.

Ryan Shaver '97 (14241 Midlothian Tpke, Midlothian, VA 23113-6500; rrshaver57@gmail.com) I still remember **Doug Bodner**. He is the consummate ZBT! I have been away from tech for almost 20 years, and Doug was there from the beginning!

ZBT ATLANTA CONVENTION RECAP

Xi Chapter Recognized for Centennial Observance

As many of you know, ZBT held its annual convention in Atlanta this past summer. One of the highlights was the Centennial Chapter Luncheon, where Xi Chapter was recognized for its centennial observance, along with Mu Chapter at the University of Georgia and Psi Chapter at the University of Alabama.

Chapter President **Christian Madsen '17** spoke to the assembled delegates and alumni about the history of Xi Chapter and recent accomplishments, including our 17-man new brother class last year, plus philanthropy and service work on behalf of



Xi Convention delegates alongside Xi Chapter banner.

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Purple Pansies (pancreatic cancer research).

Another highlight of the convention was during the initiation ritual, where our own alumnus **Howard Fleisig '72** was formally initiated as a ZBT. Frater Fleisig was originally initiated into Phi Epsilon Pi.

The finale was a tour of Atlanta's Center for Civil and Human Rights, where alumni and brothers learned about the history of the civil rights movement.

CENTENNIAL DETAILS

Celebrating 100 Years of Xi Chapter!

Join Us During Homecoming Weekend, October 28-30, to Commemorate Our Centennial Anniversary!



This year, the Georgia Tech Xi Chapter will celebrate 100 years of Phi Epsilon Pi and Zeta Beta Tau. In the last century, many memories were made that will last a lifetime. We want to commemorate the past 100 years and ensure Phi Epsilon Pi's and Zeta Beta Tau's legacy will endure for another 100 years. Join us during Homecoming Weekend, October 28-30, to celebrate the centennial anniversary

of Xi Chapter.

We have some exciting weekend events planned, including:

Centennial Banquet:

At Gordon Biersch: 3242 Peachtree Road NE
Buckhead Atlanta, GA 30305
Friday 10/28/2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
\$10 per person

Homecoming Game:

Georgia Tech vs. Duke
Saturday 10/29/2016
A tailgate at the house will be held three hours prior to the game. Depending on game time, it may be a brunch, luncheon, or cookout.

Details will be finalized when game time is announced. Tickets for the game must be purchased on your own.

Alumni Golf Tournament and Second Century Brunch:

Sunday 10/30/2016 (Free of charge)

Spouses and guests are welcome to attend the weekend festivities. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by visiting our website at gtzbt.com/centennial. Please note that the registration deadline for the Centennial Banquet has passed.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard C. Threlkeld at rthrelkeld3@gmail.com or 912-358-9177.

A CENTURY OF PHOTOS!

Irwin Schuster '57 Submits Collection of Photos from the '50s

We'd like to thank **Irwin Schuster '57** for sending in this great collection of photos from the class of '57, along with a few from the classes of '58-'59. *Do you have any great photos from your ZBT days? Share them with us by submitting an update on our website (www.gtztbt.org).*



A mystery girl pictured with
Gil Halperin



Irwin Schuster '57



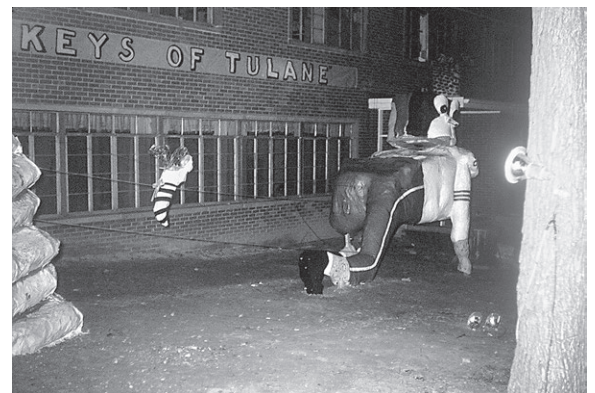
Larry Stern '57 and Phil Kaplan '57



Bob Wellins '57 at Allan
Klepper's '57 wedding



Allan and Linda Klepper at their wedding



Homecoming in either '55, '56, or '57



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ALUMNI BOARD REPORT

Board Reports Continued Progress during Centennial Year

We are pleased to report continued progress on a number of fronts during our centennial year.

In our last issue, we reported the renovation of our serving room. Since then, we have **completely refurbished the dining room** to support the new chapter meal service. The furniture is booth style, lending itself to a “ZBT Diner” motif. Altogether, we have **capacity for 32 brothers** at any given time. In addition, the brothers can use this new arrangement for studying and group projects during non-meal times. They are quite happy with it.



Brothers enjoy new dining room furniture

Kitchen renovation: As we have reported, Fulton County now regulates fraternity kitchens like restaurants. This will require equipment, plumbing and electrical upgrades to our kitchen to bring it up to code. We just received the engineering diagrams for the renovations, and these will be scheduled during semester break in preparation for spring. To be clear, this will be a major expenditure, but **we have judged it**

worthwhile to keep our facility competitive and offer meal service to our undergraduates.

Also, as you know, our Centennial Banquet is this October 28, the Friday night before Homecoming. We hope that you can attend. We've had to increase our commitment to the Gordon Biersch restaurant in Buckhead due to high demand. We have many decades represented starting with the 1950s up until the 2010s. **Sixty Years Plus of Brotherhood.** The '50s and '80s alumni are holding reunions. It will truly be a special night. You can RSVP and see the attendee list at www.gtzb.org/centennial. See

page three for more details.

In closing, your support, both financial and otherwise, has been instrumental. We do have to acknowledge that our alumni volunteer network is spread thin. This situation will need to be addressed if we are to continue our current success into our second century.

CHAPTER REPORT

Fall Semester Brings Exciting Updates from the Chapter

As the fall semester continues, we have some exciting updates to share with all of you.

ZBT has officially joined the Greek Dining Club, a low-cost, non-profit dining service that provides meal service currently from ZBT at Emory. Once our kitchen is renovated, meal service will operate out of our house for ZBT and other interested fraternities and sororities, with our own chef. Most houses contract meal service to for-profits, so our meal cost is much lower.

Fall rush saw four new brothers for ZBT. Unfortunately, numbers were down for campus as a whole. The brothers have implemented



Brothers prepare for the Run for the Roses

a rolling recruitment system that will run through fall semester to recruit additional new brothers.

The brothers also continue to perform

service and philanthropy work on behalf of many organizations, including the Children's Miracle Network, Team Buzz, and Trees Atlanta, among others.

This fall, the chapter has adopted a new mascot, a dog named Sparky. He is eager to meet alumni.

The brothers are also sponsoring tailgates at the house, and we hope to see alumni before each home football game this fall!

Stay up-to-date with the latest news from the chapter by keeping an eye on your inbox for our monthly electronic newsletters and visiting our website at www.gtzb.org.