

UPCOMING EVENT

Come Home to Celebrate at ZBT: Homecoming 2018

We hope you will join alumni and brothers this Homecoming weekend as Georgia Tech takes on Duke October 13. This is a great chance to catch up with old friends, hear updates on the chapter, and engage with brothers you have not yet met. Due to potential TV coverage, game time will not be announced until 7-10 days beforehand. Therefore, we have planned the following scenarios based on likely kick-off times:

Friday Evening 10/12

Alumni meet-up dinner
(location TBA)

Saturday 10/13 - Noon

Kick-off

Wreck Parade - 8am

Brunch at the house - 9:30 am

Kick-off - 12:00pm

Saturday 10/13 - 3:30 pm

Kick-off

Wreck Parade - 8 am

Brunch at the house - 9:30 am

Luncheon at the house -

12:00 pm

Kick-off - 3:30pm

We do not anticipate a night game, but in that scenario, we would add a late afternoon barbeque at the house prior to kick-off. Please check our website gtzbt.org for updates!

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to the 2017-18 donors whose gifts came in after our late-August appeal letter was published, therefore their names were not included on the Honor Roll in any correspondences you may have recently received.

Our 2018-19 giving year began September 1. Visit www.gtzbt.org or call 800-975-6699 to kick off the new giving year!

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

2018 Georgia Tech Football Kicks Off

2018 GEORGIA TECH FOOTBALL	
9.1	VS ALCORN STATE
9.8	AT USF
9.15	AT PITT
9.22	VS CLEMSON
9.29	VS BOWLING GREEN
10.5	AT LOUISVILLE FRIDAY
10.13	VS DUKE
10.25	AT VIRGINIA TECH THURSDAY
11.3	AT NORTH CAROLINA
11.10	VS MIAMI
11.17	VS VIRGINIA
11.24	AT GEORGIA



Here we are again at the start of another Georgia Tech football season, and it's shaping up to be one exciting year.

The 2018 season for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets kicked off on Saturday, September 1, at home against the Alcorn State Braves.

Heading into the season, the Yellow Jackets are unranked after the latest release of the Associated Press's preseason poll. The team went 5-6 last season, but 2018 is a new year with an entirely rebuilt defense.

TaQuon Marshall will be at center, and he has experience on his side going into his second year as a starter. Marshall also spent the offseason addressing his passing game, which will hopefully be showcased in the fall.

A full line of veterans and one of the best running games in the nation only adds to the potential of the team during the upcoming season.

While the defense will shift to a 3-4 and the secondary is essentially starting anew, the talent is there to make this one of the most exciting seasons of Yellow Jackets football yet.

The team's schedule itself also lets us know that the 2018 Yellow Jackets football season will be one to remember.

In September alone, the Yellow Jackets will take on Alcorn State, USF, Pitt and Bowling Green. It also includes one of the most highly anticipated matchups of the

season: the Clemson Tigers.

Some of the most competitive games of the 2018 CFB season are expected to be Virginia Tech, Miami and Georgia.

So, why not meet all of your Brothers from ZBT at an upcoming tailgate for some great action by the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets?

You can reach out to your fellow Brothers directly, or you can check the Georgia Tech Alumni Association site for the latest events. www.gtzbt.org

NEW ADDITION



Brothers put the finishing touches on the new gazebo that was installed this summer in the back yard.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Thomas M. O’Leary ’74 – 1952-2018

We were saddened to learn that **Tom O’Leary ’74** passed away on June 5. Originally from Mount Vernon, New York, he joined ZBT as a freshman and served as Chapter President his senior year 1973-74.

He was in Naval ROTC while at Georgia Tech. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in a number of operations overseas, including Somalia and Gulf War I. In December of 1992, he was interviewed live on the Today Show as the Commanding Officer in charge of securing the airport in Baidoa, Somalia, for the rescue mission there. He also led a Marine detachment to retake the U.S. embassy in Kuwait City during Gulf War I. After a distinguished career, he retired in



2001 as a Colonel. He then served as a Board Member and COO of the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies.

Brother O’Leary was remembered extensively by his brothers from the 1970s – his love of the Marines, his nickname “Blade” for the ROTC-issued knife that he carried, his no-nonsense treatment of pledges (“Mr. O’Leary, Sir” is one of the ZBT catch-phrases of the year in the 1973 Blueprint), and his character and patriotism. In particular, Brothers spoke about how much of a role model he was, and how he impacted so many of their lives during his time at ZBT. He will be missed.

His official obituary is available at: <https://mountcastle.net/obituary/thomas-m-oleary/>

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

2017-18 Annual Giving Year

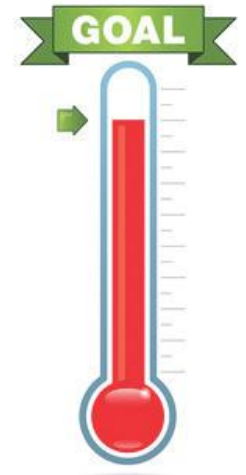
Thank you to all alumni donors who made their gift this past year to the 2017-18 annual fund. As a reminder, the annual fund runs from September 1 through August

31 each year, and supports alumni communications and events, house renovations, and chapter resources on a yearly basis.

<p style="text-align: center;">Make Your Gift <i>There are three ways to donate:</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Log on to www.gtzb.org and click on Donate in the upper right-hand corner</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Call 800-975-6699</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mail a check payable to “Zach, Inc.” to: Alumni Relations Office, P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007</p>
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LOOKING FOR PARTICIPANTS



ZBT Team in Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival

We are looking to enter a ZBT team in this year's Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival, to be held the weekend of October 18–21 at City Green in Sandy Springs. This competition is organized by the Hebrew Order of David and the Atlanta Jewish Times, and it benefits the Jewish Education Loan Fund. ZBT entered a team in last year's competition, and we are looking to do the same this year.

Further information is available at <https://theatlantakosherbbq.com/>

Please complete the information below if you are potentially interested in participating and email to

Doug Bodner '87 at doug.bodner@gatech.edu

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Grilling Experience*: _____

* Not necessary to participate

ALUMNI PROFILES

Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Q&A

We recently caught up with two Zeta Beta Tau alumni who graduated within the last 10 years, **Alex Cortelyou '12** (Computer Engineering) and **Matt Woods '15** (Biomedical Engineering). Both men



Alex Cortelyou '12

Q. Can you update us on what you're up to these days?

A. After graduating, I worked at several software startups in the Atlanta area before moving to Seattle three years ago. In addition to exploring the Northwest and being a licensed commercial drone pilot, I have recently joined Microsoft's Azure Maps team as a software engineer.

Q. What impact did being part of Zeta Beta Tau have on you?

A. It taught me about the amazing things you can get done with the power of coming together and to not take things too seriously.

Q. What's your favorite memory from that time?

A. The cabin retreats were definitely a highlight, because it was a time we could bond outside the campus setting.

Q. What do you miss most about college?

A. I miss the spontaneity of having everyone so close by. It's a lot more difficult now to get several people together due to time and distance.

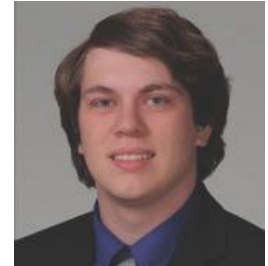
Q. How often do you reconnect with your alumni brothers?

A. It's a very rare day that I don't get a message from or see at least one ZBT alumni.

Q. Do you plan on going back and visiting the college or planning hangouts with your alumni brothers?

A. Every time I'm in Atlanta or a brother passes through Seattle is a potential alumni event.

updated us on what they're up to these days, and also shared how they're keeping up with their Brothers and just how influential being a part of Zeta Beta Tau was, and continues to be, for them.



Matt Woods '15

Q. Can you update us on what you're up to these days?

A. Not too much has changed since I graduated other than finding a job. A bit after graduating, I got a job working over at Duke University as a CMS. My work currently has me working with a few research labs performing day to day care for research specimens and performing data collection. Still chopping away at my student loan debt but looking forward to when the last of that is paid off.

Q. What impact did being part of Zeta Beta Tau have on you?

A. I would say ZBT had a big impact on me being able to finish college. Living away from home and having someone there, specifically the internal vice president who was in charge of our academics, to help keep me straight on grades was huge. I really struggled during my freshman year adjusting from being able to coast in high school to having to try hard in college to be successful, academically speaking. It was not until after my sophomore year that I was really able to get a handle on what I needed to do to be successful in class, and I'm not sure if I would have finished my degree at Georgia Tech had the support network of the fraternity not been there when I needed it most.

Q. What's your favorite memory from that time?

A. My favorite memory is a hard one to nail down. So many memorable Brotherhood retreats stand out in my mind that still make me chuckle to this day, though those stories are best left to being told in person. Of the memories I can share, the times around

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ALUMNI PROFILES

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Thanksgiving perhaps stand out the most. Twice during my four years at Georgia Tech I stayed on campus over the holidays. The first time was as a freshman, and I was graciously offered a spot at my Big's family's dinner table since he lived locally. It was a very thoughtful offer that I gladly took, and [I] enjoyed being able to meet his relatives. Being able to be surrounded by another's family at the time was really nice and that memory stuck with me. Years later, after he had graduated, again, I found myself sticking around campus, but this time it was my turn to do something. Reaching out to everyone who was staying at the frat house over Thanksgiving, we were able to put together a Thanksgiving Day meal that we were all able to sit down and enjoy together. Even far from home, we were able to each enjoy the same feeling of family.

Q. What do you miss most about college?

A. Perhaps the things I miss most about college was just the ability to walk around the frat house and being able to find something to do with someone. While I was not always the first to want to head out of my room, every so often, it was great just to be able to find something random to do or someone to hang out with. Whether it be watching sports on TV, especially watching the Bears fumble away a victory, going to play volleyball or just hanging out with Alumni on gameday weekends. Compared to now that I'm out of college, the nature of being in the frat and on a college campus made it so easy to just find someone to do something with, and the diversity of everyone there made every experience unique. That environment is something I've really grown to miss.

Q. How often do you reconnect with your alumni brothers?

A. I have been able to keep in touch mostly

with Xi chapter ZBT alumni who are actually local to where I live, including my Big, Logan. Whether it be going to one of the Duke football games, especially the GT@Duke one, or heading out to a unique beer tasting event, we try to meet up every so often just to catch up and hang out.

Q. Do you plan on going back and visiting the college or planning hangouts with your alumni brothers?

A. I am hoping to head back to Georgia Tech and Atlanta for the first time since graduating sometime in next January. Hopefully, I will get an opportunity to stop by the frat house to see what's going on and how things have changed, or perhaps even remained the same since my time. [I'm] hoping to catch up with any of the guys who are still around from when I graduated and get to meet the new crew that I have yet to meet over the past few rush classes.

SUBMIT YOUR UPDATES

We Want to Know Where Life Has Taken You!

After graduation, when we say goodbye to our friends and start down the road to adulthood and our careers, it is easy to lose track of the people who helped get us there. During our college days, no one knew us better or helped us push through more than our ZBT Brothers. We can all understand how busy life can be and that there is nothing to report back until you have had a chance to experience it and learn from it all.

For those of us that have been on our journey for a year or two, we need to keep a light on the porch for our Brothers. The very least we can do for each other is to keep the lines of communication open by providing updates on where we are in life; births, marriages, graduations, jobs, retirements, and by

sending in old pictures and stories so we can all remember the days when we just had our friends and our futures.

Luckily for us, we have a way to share these updates and memories. Visit the alumni website at www.gtzb.org and select "Submit and Update" under the Alumni Updates tab on the Home Page or you can send your updates in directly to our managing editor at seth@affinityconnection.com and they will be added to the website and featured in future eLetters and issues of Xi-Lights.

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