



# Xi-Lights

Xi Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity  
Georgia Tech • Atlanta, Georgia



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## BY THE NUMBERS

**107**  
Years of Xi Chapter

**\$14,000**  
Annual Fund Goal

**\$480**  
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October 30, 2024

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# Future of Xi Chapter

As you know, we disbanded the current incarnation of Xi Chapter at the end of the last academic year. Unfortunately, the chapter declined significantly during and since the pandemic. Numbers are the tell. The previous brothers lost their way as a fraternity and simply could not maintain their numbers despite help from alumni volunteers and the national fraternity staff. We all know that recruitment is the key to survival.

Rest assured, though, we are committed to reestablishing Xi Chapter at Georgia Tech. In preparation, we have done many significant renovations to the chapter house since last spring. They include a new roof and renovations to the living room, chapter room, basement game room, and many upstairs bedrooms. The house is in better shape than it's been in many years.

We thank all of you who contributed this past year and we were especially gratified to see numerous donations after the last newsletter in which the news about the chapter was announced. Keep in mind that your donations help fund not only our chapter re-establishment efforts, but also these newsletters, our website, and alumni events.

To bring you up to date, we attempted a fast restart with help from the national staff earlier this fall. Unfortunately, we were premature, and our plan was just not up to the task. We will be recalibrating and re-engaging with a new plan soon. In the meantime, we will continue with limited alumni programming. Stay tuned for details via email.

If we are to be successful, we will need additional volunteers, especially from among those brothers who have graduated in the past 20 years. Please consider volunteering in the areas of chapter development, facility management, or alumni programming.

Let's all remember. ZBT is not an entitlement. It is something that must be earned. Otherwise, it goes away. This is true every year in an undergraduate chapter. It is even more important now.

C., F., & S.,

**Douglas A. Bodner**

President & Executive Trustee

## LOOKING BACK

# ZBT in the 1960s

We take this opportunity to look back to our history from the 1960s. The 1960s started with JFK vs. Nixon and moved on from there. The halcyon days of the 1950s gave way to a close call with the Soviet Union and Cuba, a presidential assassination, the civil rights struggle, and Vietnam. The Beatles and Rolling Stones, the summer of love, hippies, and a manned moon landing.

Xi Chapter changed just as the country did. Founded as a traditional Phi Epsilon Pi chapter, Xi admitted its first gentile member in the 1960s. There was the 50-man pledge class toward the end of the decade. And as we transitioned to the 1970s, Phi Epsilon Pi became a ZBT chapter with the merger.



### In Memoriam

We honor the following frater and send condolences to his family and friends. May his memory be a blessing as he passes to the Chapter Eternal.

Howard L. Wolfe '55

## Xi Chapter on the Web

Are you plugged in to our Zeta Beta Tau at Georgia Tech social media page? Follow us to reconnect with your Xi Chapter alumni buddies online, find out about upcoming virtual and in-person events, and keep up with the latest news from the chapter.

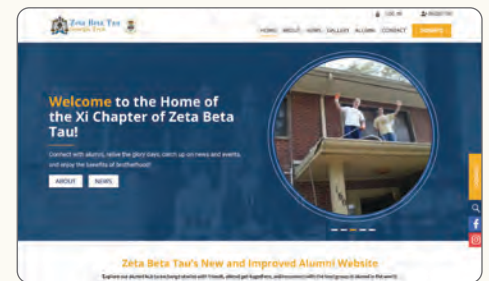


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Check for frequent updates on what the actives are up to!

# Congrats new grads!



Congratulations to Clay Smith (computer science) and Carson Jacobsen (physics) as they graduate this semester. We wish them the best as they pursue their careers!

## Attention New York Area Brothers

Be sure to check out the ZBT New York Area Alumni Association and its new LinkedIn page: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4717849>.

## Got Some News?

We'd love to hear about your updates – new jobs and career moves, weddings, new children, reconnecting with fellow brothers. You can simply go to our website ([gtzbt.org](http://gtzbt.org)), navigate to the Alumni section and select Share Alumni News.

## Zeta Beta Tau is grateful for you

We want to wish all of our current Xi Chapter undergraduates, as well as all of our alumni members, a Happy Thanksgiving. The holiday season is always a time of reflection, celebration, memories, and most importantly, gratitude.

Whether it be through making donations, attending reunions, or volunteering your time, we are thankful for your support in more ways than one. As Zeta Beta Tau brothers, we share a passion for the brotherhood that contributed to our personal development, relationships, and lives as students and far beyond to our roles as husbands, fathers, professionals, volunteers, neighbors, and friends.

We can't overestimate the true meaning of adding your name to the ranks of our alumni donors. We want to share our continued gratitude to those brothers listed on the honor roll who have graciously given back to Zeta Beta Tau this holiday season.





## '80s and '90s Alumni enjoy tech triumph in Ireland

A number of ZBT alumni from the 1980s and 1990s traveled to Ireland in August to watch Tech take care of business on the field against ACC rival Florida State in the Aer Lingus College Football Classic. It was a great trip, not just for the big Tech win, but also for the shared brotherhood and the chance to tour the Emerald Isle. All in all, a great experience!



Photos courtesy of Mike "Mole" MacLellan '89 and Derek Harris '95.

## Zeta Beta Tau alumni, where are you now?

As the years go by since our time as undergraduates at Georgia Tech, it can be increasingly difficult to keep tabs on what our Xi Chapter brothers have been up to. Time passes, life gets in the way, and we can lose touch.

To fight that progressive drift, we want to hear from you! What have you been up to since the ZBT days? Have you reconnected with any fellow alumni? Have you been thinking about any good stories from back in the day? We want to know!

Visit to our website ([gtzbt.org/alumni/share-alumni-news](http://gtzbt.org/alumni/share-alumni-news)) to submit any updates or stories you want to share, and we will publish them in an upcoming e-letter or newsletter!

