

Board of Trustees UPDATE

The Undergraduate Chapter

Scholarship

Grades are getting better each year. Half of the brothers made the Dean's list at some point last year. Thanks go to them and to **Gene Clary '29**, **Tom Noonan '83**, **Polly Poole '42**, and **Bruce McEver '66**. All of these Alumni made significant contributions to the ATO Foundation to advance the cause. Gene's foundation and fund sponsors academic achievement awards. Tom set up the Noonan Challenge to build the computer center (and retire debt) to which Polly and Bruce responded.

Campus and Fraternity Leaders

Gene Clary's fund also sponsors leadership training, and results are already showing. The Brothers are more and more involved in campus leadership and they continue to select strong leaders to run the chapter. We are continually impressed by the vision, dedication and abilities of the chapter officer team.

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the "Glazebrook Gazette" appeal. Your contributions make possible this newsletter and our website (www.2stayconnected.com/ato-gt).

We still need to raise \$150,000 to retire temporary renovation debt. The good news is that we can now offer you a tax deductible vehicle through the ATO foundation to attack the problem.

Initial response has been good.

We have talked to a number of alumni brothers already. Stay tuned for the "official ask". We will call soon.

Thanks, in advance, for your help. Have a great holiday and 2003.

John Robertson '62
Jamie Hamilton '93



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Alumni Profile



Q+A with Orson Swindle '59

From ATO to POW to FTC, Swindle Learns Value of Brotherhood

Orson Swindle '59, now serves as a Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission. A full version of his exciting life story—from ATO, to his POW days with John McCain to his life of public service—may be read at www.2stayconnected.com/ato-gt. Below are short versions of his answers to a few questions.

Why did you join Alpha Tau Omega?

I guess the primary reason was that a couple of my friends from my high school days—one was a year ahead of me, and one was two years ahead of me—were members of ATO. And, I was from a small town, so when you go to a big town like Atlanta, you're looking for friends, so I think my inclination was to go with those that I knew. **B. W. Hughes '57** was from Camilla, GA and we played football together. **[D.] Conner Collins '58** was also from Camilla, and we had played football and basketball together, so I went with them. I didn't know a lot about fraternities, so that's how I made the decision.

With whom do you stay in contact?

I stay in contact with a number of people. I was recently down in Camilla, GA, my hometown, and saw B. W. Hughes. I was giving a speech in Albany and saw **Lawson Vann '59** and old roommate, **Ben Strickland '59** and his beautiful wife, Diane. I see **Frank Williams '56** at the Tech Alumni Club in Washington DC. In November, I spoke to the Alumni Club at Tech in Atlanta, and my old fraternity brother and classmate, **John R. Howard '59** was there along with **Bill Cotterman '60**. Last year, I gave a speech in Charlotte and some fraternity brothers of mine drove up from Florida to hear me run my mouth – **Dick Jacobs '59** and **John Morrow '63**. **Bob Sytz '57**, **Bill Wilson '64**, **Charles Whaley '61** and **[E.R.] Dick Johnston '62**, from the Charlotte area were there also. I was down in Melbourne, FL and **Bill Cotterman** and **Charlie Dodds '58** were there. Charlie was a year ahead of me, and flew fighters for the Air Force, and, of course, I was in the Marines flying fighters. I hadn't seen him in many years. It's just great.

These are wonderful experiences. You know, you run into these guys and it's like you do a real fast rewind, and you pick up the conversations where you left off. And, in these kinds of relationships, though you've been separated for many years, it's easy to get back to it, because you meant so much to each other. They are very special friendships, and it's unfortunate that you can't just hang around together for the rest of your life, because

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you do have something special. But, that's not the way life works.

Who were your roommates at ATO? Tell us about a memorable time with them?

One of my roommates was Ben Strickland from down in Edison, Georgia, mentioned earlier. Others included **Pat Kelly '57** from Tennessee, **Robert "Monk" Mansfield '58** from Cartersville, and **Julian "Pinky" Gray '60** from down on St. Simons Island. Pinky and I shared a basement room over on 5th Street a block away from the house our sophomore year. They would sue me if I told you our memorable times! Oh, we had great times. Our senior year, we had the best athletic record in intramurals. We won the football championship. We had some memorable road trips, and a lot of good parties. The summer school of 1956 was a fun time. **Tully Dawson's ('59)** Dad had a boat up on Lake Alatoona, so Tully, **Dave McNeill**, **Norman Reu**, Gray and others (all classmates '59) all arranged schedules to get



Orson Swindle '59 in 1965, at Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC, with an F8E Crusader. Brother Swindle was shot down over North Vietnam and was a P.O.W. for six years.

away early to head to the lake. It was a lot of fun, though we might have gotten into a little trouble, too. ■

Brothers who want to get in contact can email oswindle@ftc.gov

Make sure to read the full article at www.2stayconnected.com/ato-gt.

Homecoming 2002

Sharing Food and a Strong Bond

The 2002 Homecoming was a great success! More than 150 ATO Alumni attended the day's events. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken wings were all served for the pre-game cookout.

Our newly formed Mother's Club brought many delicious deserts and side dishes to share.

The Alumni who attended enjoyed meeting their old friends and pledge brothers—remembering they shared "a bond as strong as right itself and as lasting as humanity."

In addition, the brothers enjoyed mingling and networking with Alumni. The brothers of the Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega would like to thank the Alumni who attended. If you couldn't make it, please try to stop by next year—it should be a worthwhile experience you won't forget. ■



Stewart Jackson, Suzanne Law, Chris Law



Bob Kouns, Harry Colley, Walter Barineau



Brian Conlan and Ty Allen



Geoff Beakley, Sara Downs, Neal Martin, Andrew Segal, Kent Selles, Dixon Gilbert

Robert E. Morris '43

(1002 Katherine St., #5, Augusta, GA 30904) Having moved back to Ga., we will be able to visit Tech more often.

Doyle R. Johnson '47 (2985 Hwy. 138, Toone, TN 38381; doyletoone@gointer.net) Brenda, my wife of almost 30 years, and I recently returned from a three-week trip to northern Italy, spending several days each in Padova, Florence, Pisa, and Verona, and a week in Venice. It was an opportunity for me to re-connect with some of my favorite places that I had known during my four-year assignment in Rome with Procter & Gamble, and a chance for me to introduce those places to Brenda. I am grateful to all of my Beta Iota brothers who were on campus with me from 7/44-3/47. Also, to all of those who welcomed me back so enthusiastically in succeeding years at reunions and homecomings for solidifying and amplifying the values my parents taught me. I am especially grateful to those alumni such as Holcombe Green who maintained contact with the active chapter and provided so much help and leadership.

Whaite M. Clark '52

(78800 Lima, LaQuinta, CA 92253) Planning and building a new home has kept us busy.

John M. Goodloe '58

(434 Bouchelle Dr. #103, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169) I still have a home in Ft. Lauderdale. Had a great visit with **Pete Kill '59** & **Bill Harwell '54** while they were both in town in early April.

Orson G. Swindle '59

(3503 Old Dominion Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22305-1323; orsonIII@aol.com) Enjoying a few speaking engagements for the Georgia Tech Alumni Clubs and seeing old friends among which have been **Frank Williams '56**, **Dick Jacobs '59**, **Charles Whaley '61**, **Bill Wilson '64**, **Bob Sikes**, **John Morrow '63**, **Charlie Dodds '58** and **Bill Cotterman '60**. They all look older! [Read an inspiring Q&A with Brother Swindle at www.2stayconnected.com/ato-gt.]

John A. Matthews '60

(36 E. Wharf Rd., Madison, CT 06443-3114; jamjohnjam@aol.com) Building major addition on house so seven grandkids can come and visit. Recently

completed Fox Hop Yard Golf Club. Voted number one rated public access golf course in Connecticut.

Edward R. Johnston '62

(614 Capital Blvd., Apt. 109, Raleigh, NC 27603-1153; dj0165@msn.com) Pat and I divide time between a "loft" condo in downtown Raleigh and our home on Bald Head Island, NC. We have six wonderful grandchildren that keep us very busy. Other activities include skiing in the Rockies, playing Croquet tournaments, fishing, plus I'm still working — Managing Director of MercuryGate, a start-up software company. Hope to figure how to retire one of these days!

Ronald E. Rich '64

(218 26th Ave. #302, San Francisco, CA 94121; richsf@mindspring.com) So, whatever happened to Ron Rich (R Squared)? Did he ever graduate? Barely. But I squeaked out of Tech in 1964 and went on to bigger and better things. Moved back to Memphis, worked in an industrial engineering job for Dover Elevator several years, worked my way up to special assistant to the President, and graduated *cum laude* with an MBA from Memphis State (3.9 GPA so I apparently could study if motivated) in 1968. Accepted a sales position selling application software for IBM computers and moved to San Francisco after graduation. Joined Xerox in 1972 when it was a "hot company" and spent almost 20 years with them, finishing my career as VP Marketing for their software and technology group in 1990. Left high tech to start a meeting planning business with a business partner, specializing in organizing large conferences, incentive trips and sales meetings for the top companies in Silicon Valley (Sun, Oracle, PeopleSoft, Macromedia). Built the business from 10 to 145 meeting professionals and sold it two years ago to a major corporation when we hit \$80 million in annual sales. The timing was perfect. Our "exit strategy" worked and now we're winding down our active management leadership. My management contract runs through May '03 at which time I plan to retire and enjoy golf, travel, music, and probably do some consulting on the side in the area of sales and marketing strategy for high tech companies. Have been recently active with a group of business

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Continuing Your Tradition of Excellence

The Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega recognizes the foundations our Alumni have developed here and we strive to continue their proud tradition of excellence. In the past year, our chapter of over 60 brothers...

- Received one of the highest leadership rankings on campus. Two of the five IFC Executive Members are ATO brothers
- Completed more than 2,900 hours of community service
- Saw nearly half of the brothers on the Dean's List for academic achievement

In addition to the new Beta Iota Alumni Web site (www.2stayconnected.com/ato-gt), the undergraduate site (www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/ato) has been recently updated. With the help of our strong Alumni support, a study room and computer center is nearly complete; consisting of Ethernet connections, printing stations, individual desk space, and a conference table.

The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega thank all of those among our 1,200 living alumni Alumni who helped contribute to this beneficial renovation as we strive to make academics a high priority for our chapter. We encourage you to become involved with the chapter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on how our chapter can better serve you.

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Alumni UpDates

and civic leaders to get the 2012 Olympics to come to San Francisco. We've got a good chance but it is all highly political. I have also been active with two other ATOs to start the first ATO Advisory Council for the Bay Area. We're working with alumni to get some social networking underway out here in the West so that people like me who have been out of school a long time can not only socialize and play some golf together with other Brothers, but mentor and help newer grads entering the business world. I plan to keep my home in San Francisco but will be looking for a beach condo in San Diego or Puerto Vallarta as a second home. Never married but still love chasing the ladies...and yes, I still play the drums. Just bought a new "electronic drum set" which has over 600 percussion sounds. It will take me at least the next 20 years to figure out all the bells and whistles. Write or call if you are going to be in the Bay Area. Love to catch up with old friends. I stay in touch with **Harry Middlebrooks '61** on a fairly frequent basis in LA.

Hugh L. Rice '66

(1770 Kearney St, Denver, CO 80220) Son, John, graduated from Middlebury College after playing on two national champion lacrosse teams. He spent the winter skiing and is trying to avoid the "real world." Daughter, Jennifer, is junior

at Brown University and plays women's ice hockey (finished #2 in nation this year). I am in my 30th year at FMI and still trying to merge all firms in the construction industry into one giant contractor.

Ralph R. Bouton '71

(35 Forest Ln., Greenville, SC 29605; bouton@charter.net) Ralph and Becky celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 17th. They are enjoying their three grown sons and two daughters-in-law.

Charles W. Mauze '71

(113 Ripley Rd., Wilson, NC 27893; mauze@simflex.com) Oldest son, Charlie III, graduated from U.S. Air Force Academy and is in flight school in Valdosta, GA. Youngest son, Ben, will attend Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO in the fall.

Richard O. Brinkman '71

(1010 Chestnut Hill Rd., Marietta, GA 30064-5502; rick.brinkman@harrynorman.com) I have been with Harry Norman, Realtors, for 23 years, and am now a partner. We are trying to sell Atlanta, and it has been an easy sell! Son, Taylor, is a freshman at Ole Miss and appears to have acclimated extremely well. As they say, he is motivated to get a car. Daughter, Libby, is a freshman in H.S. at the Walker School in Marietta. As a

father-son project, Taylor and I built a kit car—1964 Shelby Cobra. It was a fabulous time shared with my son. My daughter has taken interest in my motorcycle wanderings, and we are off to California Oct. 17 for 5 days where my BMW is presently stored. Anybody riding these days? Gail, wife of 28 years, has done a super job with our children and has a very hard time keeping up with our wanderings. Hope everyone is doing SUPER!

Michael J. Stokes '74

(3124 Kings Rd., Panama City, FL 32405) I am enclosing my check for \$1,500, which is the balance of my pledge for the fraternity house renovation. Nothing new and exciting to report, as I seem to spend all my time "doctoring and daddying". Best regards.

Douglas W. King '81

(1958 Kentland Pl., Snellville, GA 30078-2094; dwking@mindspring.com) I have a daughter who is a senior in high school this year and a son who is a freshman in high school also. Have been married 20 years this year.

Ashley S. Wilds '83

(924A Hickman Rd., Augusta, GA 30904; ashleywilds@comcast.net) I have been married for 2 1/2 year and have a one-year-old son. He's been a lot of fun and a real blessing in our lives. ■

The Power of the Bond

Greek Alumni Change the World

Did you know ...

- Since 1900, two-thirds of U.S. Presidential Cabinet members have been Greek.
- Since 1910, 85 percent of justices named to the U.S. Supreme Court have been Greek.
- 65 percent of U.S. physicians and 78 percent of U.S. lawyers are Greek.
- Each year, Greeks do more than 850,000 hours of community service.
- Greeks lead 40 of the 50 largest U.S. corporations.
- Thirty-three U.S. Presidents were Greek.
- Two-thirds of the nation's most influential business and political leaders are Greek (Source: *Fortune Magazine*).
- 71 percent of fraternity men and 80 percent of sorority women graduate. For non-fraternity members, only 50 percent of men and 60 percent of women do.
- 52 percent of the U.S. Senate and 33 percent of the House are members of Greek organizations.
- The first female senator and the first woman astronaut were both sorority members.

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Support Our Nation's Next Leaders

Submit Your News Online!

Georgia Beta Iota has a new Web site for our alumni, but we need you to make it a success!

Log on to www.2stayconnected.com/ato-gt and register. New job? Relocating to Antarctica? New addition to the family? New house? Reunited with brothers after 40 years? Now you can submit your latest happenings online. While you're there, you can also contribute via MasterCard or VISA!

Now it's easier than ever 2 stay connected with your fraternity.