

# Alumni Events

## Alumni/Brother Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>

Location: TBA

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## Annual Crawfish Boil

Date: Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>

Location: ATO House

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## Homecoming

Date: Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Location: ATO House

Check Web site for details ■

# Third Thursday's with the Atlanta Alumni Club

As you may recall from our last newsletter, the Board of Trustees introduced the Atlanta Alumni Club. This Club coordinates alumni socials at local establishments throughout the year. These gatherings are casual in nature to provide in-town alumni an opportunity to socialize with other ATΩ's from Tech. Some of the past events have included happy hours, poker tournaments, and an occasional golf outing.

We would like to formally introduce the concept of **Third Thursdays**, intended to give local alumni and even members of the active chapter a chance to socialize at a central location in the Atlanta area. Beginning soon, Beta Iota from Georgia Tech will begin monthly gatherings at Rock Bottom Brewery in Buckhead at 7:00 p.m. every third Thursday of the calendar month (May 19, June 16, etc). Regardless of age or interest, please feel welcome to come join other ATΩ's from Tech for **Third Thursdays**.

Rock Bottom Brewery is located at the corner of Peachtree and Piedmont in the heart of Buckhead (3242 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30305; 404-264-0503).

To be added to the distribution list of the Atlanta Alumni Club, please contact Eric Smith ([ericsmith76@bellsouth.net](mailto:ericsmith76@bellsouth.net); 678-455-8437) or Chad Vickery ([cmvickery@mindspring.com](mailto:cmvickery@mindspring.com); 770-424-3447). ■



# THE GLAZEBROOK GAZETTE

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## Board of Trustees

# Report

Chad Vickery '97, Chairman

## New Leaders Take Their Seats

The Board of Trustees has had several changes take place this year. To the regret of the Board, our Vice Chairman, **Nate Gallant '99**, relocated to Silver Spring, Maryland to pursue a career opportunity. Nate has been an instrumental member of the Board and his local influence will be missed, though he will continue to be supportive of ATO no matter where he is. We all wish him well at his new location.

**Eric Smith '99** has taken over the position of Vice Chairman. His leadership has been a key factor in many of the new developments in the Board. He has headed up the efforts of making the *Glazebrook Gazette* a true voice of the alumni brothers. I know that he will continue bringing his ideas to the table for the benefit of us all.

The Board of Trustees is also encouraged to be working with a fine group of new ATO officers. Everyone is excited and anxious to make this year exceed all expectations for the entire chapter. The chapter has obviously been working hard on all aspects of the ATO college experience including the chapter GPA, rush, intramurals and social events. Board members are eager to help the chapter meet all of its goals for this year.

Last, but not least, the Board of Trustees is honored to have the eternal support of **John Robertson '66**. His leadership and direction have been a much needed and appreciated part of the chapter for many years now. We are all benefiting by his presence on the Board. Thanks John!

*The Board of Trustees has a few positions that have opened up in the past year. If you live in the Atlanta area and are interested in supporting the Beta Iota chapter by becoming a Board member, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are looking for young and old alumni and anywhere in between. Your time and effort will be welcomed and appreciated by all ATO brothers.* ■

## Find Old College Friends

Alpha Tau Omega is your strongest link to Georgia Tech, and the friends you made there. **We're on a mission to gather all the email addresses of our alumni.** This will help you stay in touch with old friends, and reconnect with others. We'll work to keep the list current too, so you'll always know where you can find ole what's-his-name's email address.

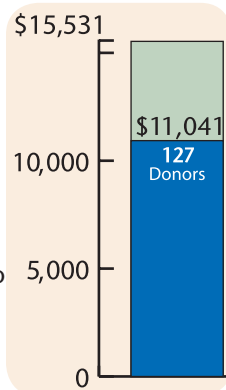
Only members of the Beta Iota chapter will have access to this information.

Send your email address, full name and graduation year to [cara@2stayconnected.com](mailto:cara@2stayconnected.com) (she's our account manager at our alumni relations service). Make sure you mention it's for Alpha Tau Omega, Georgia Tech, and give her your name. ■

## Together We Can Do It!

Alpha Tau Omega is well on its way to reaching its goal of \$15,531, which is a 25 percent increase over last year! 150 people contributed in the last five years; but these same donors have not contributed in 2005.

More importantly, 935 members have chosen to not support our Annual Fund! **Now is the time to renew your commitment to our friends and traditions by making a contribution of \$250, \$100, \$50 or more!** Add your name to the Honor Roll by using the enclosed envelope to send your check. ■



# Chapter

By Peter Stewart '01, Chapter President

## A Happening Place

As the spring semester draws to a close, I would like to make you aware of past, present and future happenings of the Beta Iota Chapter.

Fall 2004 was an exciting semester that brought more alumni involvement as well as an excellent recruitment effort by our rush chair, **Michael Bivone '02**. We awarded **Derek Carlson '04** and **Christopher Carsten '04** the now annual Freshmen Scholarship for their leadership and excellence displayed through their high school careers. Our academic performance improved substantially this past fall with our cumulative GPA reaching above the AMA, which is attributed to 23 brothers and 10 pledges making the Dean's List. With all the studying going on we still managed to have a great time during the semester with the traditional Hawaiian Party, alumni and brothers tailgating for home football games, and a mountain semi-formal in Pigeon Forge, TN. I would like to thank the over 300 alumni who signed in during homecoming weekend this past fall. It was great to see alumni from different classes and eras interact with each other on common ground.

Our spring semester has been going along smoothly. We just returned from our formal on a riverboat in the beautiful city of Charleston, SC. We have gotten involved in our community with several philanthropic events. We have been working closely with the Board of Trustees to plan upcoming exciting events: Founder's Day, golf tournament, career nights, Alumni/Brother monthly gatherings at Atlanta's Rock Bottom Brewery, as well as game day parties and tailgating (other suggestions?). I would like to thank you for your contributions and support as we continue to improve Beta Iota. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to recommend a potential candidate to Beta Iota, please don't hesitate to contact me ([stewart@gtato.org](mailto:stewart@gtato.org); 404-217-8849).

### Recognitions:

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 Junior – **Phillip Shearer**  
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## ATO Dominates Athletics

Over the past couple of semesters, Beta Iota has been very active increasing its overall standings in the area of athletics. In the spring semester of 2004 Beta Iota was proud to have a brother, Patrick Griffith, representing Alpha Tau Omega on the Georgia Tech men's soccer team. Griffith played goalie for the team. He was ranked as one of the top goalies in the South East division. Due partially to Griffith's contribution to the team, they were able to win the South Collegiate Soccer League championship. Beta Iota also fielded intramural teams in flag football, softball and other sports that semester.

This semester Beta Iota has become the most athletically dominate fraternity. Our intramural soccer team made it to the playoffs, but lost in the finals in a close game against Lambda Chi. The big story this semester is the Alpha Tau Omega basketball team. During the regular season the team

had a record of three wins and one loss. After beating Beta Theta Pi 55 to 35 in the fraternity championship, Alpha Tau Omega continued on to play for the school championship. In a close game against an independent team Beta Iota won 51 to 50. This win gave Alpha Tau Omega the title of school champions and an invitation to the national tournament. Alpha Tau Omega would like to congratulate the team's only graduating senior, Jeff Gardner. Continue to look for Beta Iota to do great things in the area of athletics in the future. ■



# Q+A with Joel Cowan '58

***Can you just tell me about your beginnings, I read that you grew up in Cartersville and your father was the mayor when you were a kid?***

The way I see it, there is nothing more important than local politics, and growing up with my father as a small town mayor gave me a leg up on everyone else because I knew a lot from my father's experiences..

***What made you decide on Georgia Tech?***

I had a number of friends from home who were going to go to Georgia Tech. In addition, my brother was at Georgia Tech and I'd been to Tech multiple times in high school and really liked the environment, I definitely preferred the big city environment to the small town environment I was from.

***Why did you choose Industrial Management when you were at Georgia Tech?***

I was not interested in engineering but general business and real estate. There were no real estate courses and IM was the closest I could come.

***Why did you decide on AT&T? What was AT&T like when you were here?***

As I stated earlier my brother went to Georgia Tech and he was a Sigma Chi, but I had a few friends from home who were AT&T's so I rushed and liked it. I'd say the major differences between when I was there and now are probably the pledgship and the different layout of the house. I'm sure our pledgship was a much harder routine than that of today. The biggest difference in the house between now and then was that we used to have our meals cooked for us downstairs and then sent up to us on the dumb waiter.

***How did you get started? I read an article that talked about you coming up with the idea for Peachtree City with the father of another Beta Iota when you were only a junior? Can you tell us about that?***

One morning I was eating breakfast with another one of my fraternity brothers, Peter Knox III, and I read in the newspaper that his dad was planning on starting a city. Given my past interests, I asked him if his father needed a mayor

for the new town. Some time later he told me his dad would be in town and he wanted to have lunch with me. We met and had an instant relationship which led to my managing the start of the project part time while finishing school. While the project had severe financial challenges, even affecting my pay, it was an affair of the heart from the start.

***I've read a lot of stuff about you having an intense interest in working to better the environment from the ground up, by changing where and how people live rather than working to counter the effects of people's transportation behaviors... How did you come up with the idea to work backwards to solve this massive crisis we are dealing with today?***

Peachtree City was to be a model city from the start and I promoted it as such. Then Governor Carter appointed me as Chair of a growth commission. Governor Harris asked me to head the Growth Strategies Commission which created the Georgia Planning Act which was the standard for many years. I was the GRTA (Georgia Regional Transportation Authority) founding chairman, where we worked to come up with administrative standards which introduced land use to improve traffic as well as protect the environment. I also was the founding chairman of the Metro/North Georgia Planning District, which developed a macro plan for managing and allocating North Georgia's water resources. Most of my work has been trying to improve land use patterns to enhance the ultimate quality of life. It was always very "leading edge" and not easily accepted of course.

***What were some of the biggest challenges associated with starting Peachtree City?***

One thing we had against us from the start was money. The truth was that it was never properly funded and couldn't even pay me initially. Producing the vision and plan to attract the funding without those resources required a lot of "invention." It was strange watching my fraternity brothers and other friends graduate from college with jobs that were with large established companies and instantly start making money. It

was a major challenge to prove to others that this goal was actually feasible, we had doubters from the start, but looking back on it, I'd say we proved them wrong.

***What do you do on a day-to-day basis?***

I work a lot with non-profit organizations, especially dealing with people in Central Asia. In addition, I've got a company working in the Netherlands, Ireland, and currently expanding into China, Brazil, and the US, that provides a sophisticated minute by minute tracking system to help save on fuel and maintenance cost, and to increase overall logistical efficiency.

***Who were the most influential people in your life that helped you get where you are today?***

Pete Knox definitely gave me wide berth; he was a dreamer and a visionary and after conceiving a project and direction, let you sink or swim. My father instilled the values that economic development and education made the greatest contribution to raising the living standards for working people.

***What advice would you give to the Beta Iota's of today to help give us an edge on everyone else as far as recognizing our potential in the future?***

Take every opportunity you can to meet people who are doing things and make connections that will serve you well years down the road. Meet executives and soak up the environment and information around you. I'd say one thing guys need to start doing is attending the free lectures here at Tech by some of the most influential business leaders in the world. It seems like a total waste when you have a powerful business executive coming to talk to college students and no one shows up.

***What is it like to hear people talk about driving on Joel Cowan Parkway in Peachtree City?***

In all honesty, I don't think people should have roads named after them while they're still living. If anything it just makes me more cautious than normal; it would be pretty humiliating to get a ticket on a road named after myself. ■

**Joseph S. Bond '52**

(5304 Fairfield W., Dunwoody, GA 30338) Architect retired in 1996. Travel through Spain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Estonia, as well as the Caribbean with my wife, Margaret Ann, and friends. I am in good health and participate in many civic and community affairs.

**John E. Robertson '66**

(1325 Peachtree St. N.E., #202, Atlanta, GA 30309; johnrobertson@wafflehouse.com) Jane and I have two grandchildren, Nicholas and Jack, both sons of our daughter, Katherine, who lives in Athens. Our son, Andrew, is in his second year of law school in San Diego. We are planning a trip to Peru this spring. If anyone has any tips, we are all ears. I've been spending a lot of time with the young men on Fourth Street – they are doing fine; you'd be proud of them (they are very serious about doing the right things that would make you feel this way).

**Wayne S. Webb '69**

(295 Rosehill Dr. E., Tallahassee, FL 32312; spiderwebb@osc-webb.com) I ran into Sammy Yarborough '72 when vacationing in Seaside, Florida.

**Chas E. Carter '74**

(4021 Riverside Dr., Brunswick, GA 31520; cec3@bellsouth.net) Two years ago I married the beautiful Deborah Hopkins Strickland of Folkston/Waycross. We are living on the Back River across from St. Simons and eating at John ('72) Howton's Blackwater Grill every chance I get. I still do freelance business writing.

**Jesse G. Smith '75**

(110 SW 5th Ter, Crystal River, FL 34429-4610; MSMith6127@aol.com) Moved to Florida a year and a half ago and endured four hurricanes. While I have frequented his store in Crystal River, I still haven't seen Bailes working there yet.

**James E. Cusick '87**

(240 Amesdale Ct., Alpharetta, GA 30022-6483; jecusick@bellsouth.net) I recently joined Azul Systems as Director of Sales. Azul is bringing network attached processing to the market.

**Robbie Kinsey '04**

(206 Fairway Ridge Apt E, Aiken, SC 29803; gte901m@gforcecable.com) I graduated from tech with a degree in chemical engineering in 2004. I took a job with Shaw Inc. in Aiken, South Carolina as a polymerization process engineer. ■

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