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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

"Count Me In"

We Owe It to Ourselves to Make It Happen

By John Robertson '66

As we move forward with our capital campaign, we have more progress to report – our new total as of this publication is \$ 474,350. We sincerely appreciate this boost we experienced in October – as you can see we received \$75,000 in just one month. Many thanks to those who said "You can count me in" during this "silent" phase of our campaign for Beta Iota.

Three more alumni have made significant commitments to what we are trying to do. **Chris Johnson '08** is joining the board of trustees and will serve as chapter advisor to work with the young men to establish new standards and rules that will be needed to protect the investments that we envision. Please welcome Chris and thank **Peter Stewart '05** for serving in this crucial role for the past few years. Peter will continue with the board and work on alumni/chapter projects designed to make it easy and fun to reconnect with ATΩ at Tech on a more frequent basis. **Louis Todd '84** and **Rick Blanchard '88** have agreed to help oversee the construction side of things making sure we spend incoming funds wisely and in the right order.

Our Volunteers are Who Make It Happen

I also want to thank the brothers that have played major volunteer roles in the silent phase of our capital campaign: **Bill Collins**

'57, Nathan Sears '58, Grady Thrasher '64, Bill Viehman '67, Johnny Uttenhove '68, Neil Anderson '72, Wayne Luke '72, Keith Chambless '77, Louis Todd '84, John Simmons '88, Trey Warren '93, Jamie Hamilton '93, Ty Allen '94, Chad Vickery '97, Peter Stewart '05 and Scott Carlson '09. It's great to see such talented brothers giving back in so many ways.

Join Us in Showing Pride for the House

As I said in the last issue of the *Gazette*, we are doing all this so we can be proud of our home at Tech, and provide a better living environment for our chapter brothers. For the past ten years we have operating in an untenable situation for Beta Iota and the active chapter. Large mortgage payments have us hamstrung when it comes to the Beta Iota Corporation maintaining basic systems. In addition, the chapter has not had the budget capacity to address routine day-to-day house operations: cooking, cleaning, minor repairs are all done on a "volunteer" basis on top of a daunting academic workload. It's time that we break out of this, and the only way we're going to do it is by beating down the debt, and beefing up the maintenance and operating budgets. It will never be perfect – 80-year-old houses and 20-year-old men never are – but it can be a whole lot better.

We owe it to ourselves, and ATΩ to say "count me in" and make it happen.

If you are in a position to help in a big way and be a part of our "Leadership Circle", I sincerely solicit your support. Contact me at 770-403-8417 or johnrobertson@wafflehouse.com if you have questions or ideas.



ALUMNI EVENTS

Let the Pictures and Fun Tell the Story!

By John Robertson '66

I know of three great get-togethers held this fall that had hundreds of alumni reconnecting and renewing old bonds. If yours is not included please let me know and we'll get the pictures and story out there.

'50s



Here! A sample of the fun from the fabulous fifties September 5th get together. Keep showing us the way!

'60s



Almost 200 brothers, spouses and guests converged in Atlanta for a weekend of ATΩ fun! It was a great event that will be available soon on a DVD (stay tuned). It was wonderful to see so many old, dear friends.

'80s



The '80s got together for a golf/party event at East Lake Country Club. They look like they had a great day on the links as well as fun at the party!

Let's make it a goal for every era to have these kinds of events! Go to www.atogatech.org to get started. You can look up the contact info of other brothers using the online directory, and use the message boards to start planning. You can also email the details of your plans to content@affinityconnection.com (mention ATΩ at Tech), and we'll post them in the Events section of our site and monthly eLetter.

CHAPTER REPORT

Beta Iota Receives Third Consecutive True Merit Award

Alumni Chapter Also Wins Upper Alpha Award for Outstanding Board of Trustees

By Scott Johnson, Beta Iota Worthy Master

The chapter has rolled into the semester with a lot of excitement and progress. We kicked off rush during the first week of school. With rush numbers significantly down across campus from previous years, our chapter successfully pulled in 18 guys, an increase from last year. This new class has a little bit of everything including state champion athletes, high school valedictorians, and legacies.

This past September our Vice President **Matt Williams, John Uttenhove, John Robertson** and I traveled to Indianapolis, IN to receive the chapter's third straight True Merit Award. The chapter also received Excellence Awards in Summer Recruitment, Campus Involvement & Leadership Development, Pledge Education, Ritual, Financial Management, and Communication.

Add all of those exceptional awards to the Upper Alpha Award recognizing an outstanding Board of Trustees, and I'd say we had a very successful and exciting trip! These awards are very gratifying to receive and are a testament to the progress of the chapter over the past few years.

We look forward to seeing you at the remaining home football games. Go Jackets!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Paying the Price for Being Too Cool

As submitted by **Grady Thrasher '64...**

This picture shows me in the 1963 ATΩ entry in the campus Chariot Races. Unfortunately, the nerdy-looking guy (the Sigma Chi in the picture) won in opposition to the undersigned charioteer, clearly shown as an extremely cool ATΩ. Perhaps the swell cape created too much wind resistance. Coolness does have its price sometimes.

We want to feature more great pictures and stories from throughout our chapter's history in *The Gazette* and our monthly e-Letter. Send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention ATΩ at Tech).



A Lifelong Bond

Steve Necessary '78 Knows that His ATΩ Brothers would Still do Anything for Him, Just as He Would for Them

“A friend is someone who can see you and still enjoys the show.” This was the quote that **Steve Necessary '78** used to describe his experience in Alpha Tau Omega. “My ATΩ brothers know me at my worst and my best, and accept me for what I am,” he said. “I know they would do anything for me, even now, just as I would for them.”

Having grown up in Atlanta, Steve grew up cheering for the Yellow Jackets and always had the intention of attending Georgia Tech. His older brother **Bob '75** attended Tech and was an ATΩ brother as well. While this had an effect on Steve's decision of college and fraternity choices, he said that he explored other options before making his final decision. “Even though my brother was a member of Beta Iota, I certainly rushed other fraternities and liked several,” he said. “Clearly, though, I reached the conclusion that ATΩ was the best and that's what I wanted.”

Some of the earliest memories Steve has of the fraternity are with his pledge class, the guys with whom he formed a tight bond and references the memories with them to this day. “Our weekly ‘missions’ had all the intrigue that a bunch of 18 year-olds could muster,” Steve said. “Even now we enjoy the stories of our pranks on the E house.”

A Balance of Sentimental and Social Bonds

When it comes to classifying all of the great experiences of ATΩ and his undergraduate years, Steve divides them into two types. “First, and ultimately most significant, is the fellowship and camaraderie that develops living in the house,” he said. “Some of the late night talks just sitting in the hallway, were really remarkable as we challenged each other and helped each other grow from kids to young men.”

The second category involved the less-structured but equally memorable social outings with fellow brothers. “[The] Hawaiian Party, both the building of it and the event itself, still is unprecedented in any-

thing that I've been a part of,” Steve said.

It was undertakings such as the planning and construction of the Hawaiian Party that really pulled the entire brotherhood together working toward a common goal. “The lessons of teamwork, fostered before college as part of sports teams, were reinforced through my years at the ATΩ house,” Steve said. “It is as part of a team, whether in sports, business, family or church, that the most impact can be made and the greatest accomplishments achieved.”

The bonds that he fostered with brothers have survived the test of time and separation, and Steve said he still keeps in contact with **Paul Hinman '80**, **Mike Sellers '78** and **Alan Harrison '78** “along with our better halves” he added.

From ATΩ to VP

Since graduating from Georgia Tech, Steve has been busy building an accomplished career and spending time with his close-knit family. Working for Procter & Gamble right after graduation, Steve eventually went back to school at Harvard Business School to earn his MBA. With his heart in Atlanta, he returned to Georgia to work for Scientific-Atlanta where he worked his way up the ranks over the years. In 1991, Steve left to become President of Regal Technologies. Five years and a move to Chicago later, he returned back to Scientific-Atlanta to serve as General Manager of their largest division.

Building upon the success of his personal work alongside his team, Steve was promoted to VP of Marketing and eventually moved on to become CEO of PowerTV. After a move to Concurrent Computer as division president, Steve soon landed his current position at Cox Communications. He has served as VP-Video Strategy and Product Management since 2005 where he oversees the ever-changing technology field, ensuring that they stay ahead of the curve in creativity and innovation.

With such a lengthy resume, it's a won-

der that Steve had time for anything else. However, family and faith in Christ rank high above the rest on his list of priorities. He met his wife, Debbie, in study hall during his high school years. Parting ways for college, their casual dating led to falling in love and getting married, just recently celebrating 30 years. Together they have three daughters who do nothing but make their parents proud every day. Kristi, 27, graduated with a history degree from Georgia State and now dances professionally for the Atlanta Ballet. She is married to a Georgia Tech graduate and is currently earning her Masters in Education at Brenau part-time. Courtney, 25, graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in management and joined her sister dancing for the Atlanta Ballet. She is considering going back to school for her MBA. The youngest of the three is Abbie, 21, is a senior at Vanderbilt studying neuroscience and planning to attend medical school there in the fall of 2010.



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Ensuring Others have the Same Experience

Steve is quick to point out how blessed he is for having an amazing family and successful career. He says that he continues to support ATΩ because of all that it has given to him both then and now, as well as hoping to ensure others will have the same experience.

“Being a part of that brotherhood, that fellowship, with all the life experiences that it provided, helped lay the foundation with a level of perspective and confidence that remain to this day,” Steve said.

That pride for his family, school and fraternity is contagious and influential on all that Steve encounters. He made sure to add “Go Jackets!”

Reconnect with Steve at Steve.Necessary@cox.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

John Matthews '66

(36 East Wharf Road, Madison, CT 06443; jmatthews.jma@snet.net) I was honored as the Citizen of the Year by the Madison, CT Chamber of Commerce recently. It was great to see lots of old friends at the recent '60s reunion! Anybody coming to Connecticut, please give me a call at 203-214-5375...I'd love to see you!

Nathan D. Gallant '94

(4415 W Watrous Ave., Tampa, FL 33629; nategallant@gmail.com) I am living in Tampa, FL with my wife Nicole, son Parker and daughter Caroline. I am an Assistant Professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of South Florida.

We Need Your News!

This is an alumni NEWSletter after all! So please submit your news, updates, stories, memories and photos for publication in the next issue of The Glazebrook Gazette. Send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention ATΩ at Tech) or upload them at www.atogatech.org.

ALUMNI EVENTS

'70s and '80s Grads Continue 28-Year Tradition of Annual Golf Tournament

The ATΩ experience doesn't have to end with graduation, and these alumni prove they know how to keep the bond strong. See page 2 for more stories of recent alumni reunions, and instructions for how to plan your own.

On the Friday before a very memorable Tech Homecoming, 31 ATΩs from the late '70s and '80s continued a 28-year tradition at their annual golf tournament. This year it was held at East Lake Golf Club, a far cry from its humble beginnings at Alfred Tup Holmes. Activities included a get together at the ATΩ House Thursday night to pick teams, argue about the rules, lie about handicaps and make small wagers.

Following the tournament, Suzanne and **John Simmons '88** hosted a dinner party at their Morningside home. The winning team (**Ben Raney '80**, **Barry French '86**, **Bert Blanchard '84** and **Art Zipkin '83**) was awarded the Holcomb T. Green Cup by tournament committee member **Will Mizell '87**. **Louis Todd '84** updated the group on the Capital Campaign. Several non-golfers attended the after tournament party, where the atmosphere was much like a reunion.

We welcome ATΩs from all eras, not just the '70s and '80s. If you are interested in participating in this event next year either as a golfer or non-golfer, contact Louis Todd at louistodd@wafflehouse.com.

See a photo of the tournament on page 2!

The stories and photos of alumni throughout the eras who prove that the ATΩ experience doesn't end with graduation! Here, brothers from the '60s enjoy their recent decade-specific reunion.



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