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- Click on First Time Login
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- Enter your Member ID* when prompted
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*You can find your Member ID above your name and address on this newsletter.

Thanks for your participation in our online community! By expanding our online presence, we can keep you connected with ATO while saving money on paper, printing and postage.

UPCOMING EVENT

Georgia Tech Spring Football Game
April 24, 2010

We are planning an event for the 2010 spring football game. Make your plans now to visit the chapter house after the game. Stay tuned to our website, www.atogatech.org, for more details. We hope to see you there!

ALUMNI UPDATE

Kevin Dean '06

I am engaged to Kristin Cox. Our wedding will be at Chateau Elan on April 3, 2010. I am currently in graduate school and will graduate in September 2010 with a Masters of Medical Science in Anesthesiologist Assistant.

Read more updates and share your own at www.atogatech.org.



Capital Campaign Sees Strong Results

ATO Develops House Pride Rules To Put Funds To Good Use

By John Robertson '66

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I am pleased to report that we continue to make progress on our capital campaign. When the *Gazette* was last published in November, we stood at a little over \$474,000. When you receive this newsletter, we will be over \$542,500—an almost \$70,000 increase in gifts and pledges over the holidays.

Special thanks go to **Ken Clary** for a gift of \$50,000 from the Gene Clary Foundation. We sincerely appreciate Ken's generosity and leadership in our efforts to preserve the house and provide for the chapter's future.

Our era captains and class agents continue to work hard during the "silent phase" in an effort to secure leadership pledges and gifts and to expand our "leadership circle."

The Board of Trustees continues to work with the chapter and its leadership on house pride. As most of you know the chapter divides up the house and does its own cleaning. They don't have Mom Scott, Mom Rooney, Otis, Luther, or Miss Blanche. This is one reason for our capital campaign.

The brothers know they need to improve and have developed a set of "house pride" rules and schedules to address the need to keep the house "guest ready" shown below:

Clary House Pride Standards

- ✓ The house will be clean by 12 a.m. Monday morning.
- ✓ The house will be clean by 12 a.m. Thursday morning.
- ✓ The house will be clean by 9 a.m. on game days.
- ✓ If any damage is done due to negligence and stupidity, it will be fixed within 72 hours.
- ✓ Anything else that is broken will be fixed within 5 days, and if it cannot be fixed, the issue will be reported to BOT for further help.

- ✓ Full trash cans will be emptied and trash bags will be replaced, and trash cans will be located in every room of the house.
- ✓ No parking in the front yard or out back.
- ✓ Internal sanctions and chapter executive committee inspections will drive compliance. The Beta Iota Board of Trustees and Chapter Advisor will inspect progress on a routine basis.

The parking rule needs special explanation:

- The board knows that this might be unpopular, but it can't be avoided if we want 205 Fourth Street to look as good as it can look. We realize that tailgating on game day in the yard is a great way to stay connected and we'd like to come up with alternate ways to make this happen. (e.g. special events, mini reunions, refreshments, etc.) Peter Stewart from the Board of Trustees has agreed to work on this on behalf of all eras.

We know that some of our alumni had less than favorable experiences at the house, and we invite you to come back to see it today for yourself. I hope you can see that we are working on the right things for the right reasons. We owe it to ourselves and to our fine young actives to do our part in making it happen. I hope we can count you in on this as we have an important fire sprinkler deadline coming up (January 2011) as well as loan renewals looming in the next 24 months.

Orson Swindle '55 Recounts His Amazing and Inspirational Journey ATO Friendships Have Lasted a Lifetime and Helped Him Through Some Difficult Times

Orson Swindle '55 is an inspirational Alpha Tau Omega brother who has had extraordinary successes in leadership as well as experiences that would test the strongest of spirits. He believes that his bond with ATO brothers helped sustain him through some of his difficulties, and his dedication to the organization is stronger than ever.

Orson comes from a small town of Camilla, Ga. in the South. He said that moving to the big city of Atlanta was a little bit of shock.

"Fortunately, I knew two gentlemen also from Camilla who were ATOs and they put the hustle on me to pledge. Knowing these two guys made ATO a natural place for me to get to know people and build up that new sense of family," says Orson.

Orson humbly described himself as "a very average student at Georgia Tech", but his strong bond with his brothers turned out to be an important force in his life that helped define him as a true leader.

"Reflecting on good times helped sustain me through those difficult years."

"I went into the Marines the year after college," Orson explains. "I became a fighter pilot, and on my 205th mission, my last before I was supposed to go home, I was shot down and captured. I spent six years and four months as a prisoner of war in Hanoi."

When Orson was put into that terrible situation, he found that his memories of ATO brotherhood helped to sustain him.

"Spending that much time in isolation gives you a chance to reflect on your experiences. You have to keep your mind active, and I started recollecting all the good times I had with my friends in ATO," says Orson. "I found because of the friendships I had, reflecting on good

times that helped sustain me through those difficult years."

On March 4, 1973, he was released from captivity at the conclusion of American involvement in the Vietnam War. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1979 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was awarded more than twenty military decorations for valor in combat including two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, two Legions of Merit, thirteen Air Medals and two Purple Hearts.

The ATO Inspiration

The important role that ATO friendships have played in his life helped inspire Orson to find new ways to connect with other alumni.

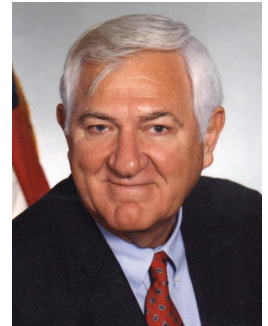
"About six years ago, I started talking to some guys I went to school with. We chatted about what a great group we had. I mentioned I had about ten email addresses of other alumni, so why not try to get everyone together for a football game?" he asks.

"Well, we had about 100 brothers and their wives show up for what became the annual Fall Football Gaggle. Bill Collins has been very generous with his support, by providing his skybox for the game," Orson says. "It's a great opportunity for us to take a trip back to Atlanta. I still reserve the right to choose the game – usually one we can be sure we'll win!"

When asked what advice he had for new generations of Taus, Orson responded, "Take your friendships seriously – they are with you all your life if you're lucky. It may not be on a day-to-day basis, but they play a part in your life and who you are. I am the product of my family of course, but also of my teachers, coaches, and friends."

Orson believes in supporting the chapter today. He is working with John Robertson, who he says is "incredibly dedicated to Georgia Tech" to raise money for maintenance and improvements on the ATO house.

"To me, supporting ATO, given the role it played in my life, is a pleasant obligation. I want to support the chapter and help give the same great experiences to students for generations to come."



Orson Swindle '55

Brother in the Public Eye

Orson is now retired, but has had a highly distinguished life of public service. Recently he served as a senior policy advisor in the Washington, D.C. office of Hunton & Williams LLP addressing information security and privacy policy issues with the Center for Information Policy Leadership.

As a close friend of Senator John McCain, Orson was involved in Senator McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. He served as a Commissioner on the Federal Trade Commission from December 18, 1997 through June 30, 2005.

From 1981 to 1989, Orson served in the Reagan Administration where he directed financial assistance programs to economically distressed rural areas of the country. He served as national spokesperson for Ross Perot's grassroots presidential campaign in 1992 and became the first national leader of United We Stand America.

Orson is now a frequent speaker on matters of public policy, particularly information system security and privacy, corporate governance and information management. He has been the subject of hundreds of news articles and has made dozens of appearances on television. He and his wife, Angela Williams, live in Alexandria, Va.

Do you know a Beta Iota alum who has an interesting story to tell? Send an email to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention ATΩ at Georgia Tech), and we'll consider him for a profile in an upcoming edition of the *Gazette*!

CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Tau Omega House Bustling With Activity

Football Games, Alumni Visitors and Community Service Keeps the ATOs Very Busy

This fall has been a very exciting time for all the brothers here at Alpha Tau Omega. Hopefully you were able to make it down to a game or two during this incredible football season. The house was vibrant and packed each game with brothers, friends, alumni, and especially parents.

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We kicked off the fall semester with a huge alumni event hosted by the guys of the 1960s. Brothers helped them feel welcome

back to the house and a handful of us were able to attend the alumni reception at night. Seeing how many men in their 60s still care about the house was very special!

Next we rolled onto our annual Hawaiian Weekend. Once again, we teamed up with GT H.E.R.O.s and raised money for children with disabilities by hosting the ATO Hawaiian Weekend Volleyball Tournament. We were also able to give back to the homeless community of Atlanta by teaming up with the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority to make hundreds of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in an event we like to call “Hoagies for the Homeless”.

The 2009 executive board finished the year strong and the new members are excited

about the transition into the new year. This spring holds a lot in store for our brothers as we continue to strive for, not only another True Merit Award, but also the Best Chapter Award given out by ATO National.

We will be looking forward to events such as a formal in Savannah, our annual Viking Party, and philanthropy events such as ATO Buzz Off and Relay for Life.

Finally, our fall grades just came in at 2.99 for the chapter and pledges – an all-time high! Best wishes,

George Evagoras
Worthy Master 2010

ALUMNI REUNIONS

The ATO Experience Isn't Just for Four Years...It's for Life!

Thank you to **Neil Anderson '72** for submitting this photo.

He writes, “This picture is from a reunion of our pledge class that we had about two years ago. We did a “retro” golf tournament at Bobby Jones golf club, where a number of us played while still at Georgia Tech.”

We want to publish more stories and pictures of alumni reunions! Send yours to content@affinityconnection.com, or upload them at www.atogatech.org.

Want to get started planning a reunion? Find contact info for brothers from your era on our web site.



Send Us Your Email Address!

We're Missing Them for 64% of Our Alumni!

Having a high percentage of email addresses is a critical advantage to our alumni association. Why? It saves us money on paper and printing, it enables us to communicate with you more frequently, and it allows us to put you back in touch with long lost ATO brothers.

We will never sell, trade or give away your email address – ever. Your

email address will be stored in our secure database and used solely for ATO communications.

So please update your email address today to stay informed on the latest news and activities from the Beta Iota undergraduates and alumni, as well as progress on our capital campaign. You'll also receive electronic reminders when we're

getting ready to publish an issue of *The Glazebrook Gazette* so that you can submit your latest news and photos for publication.

You can send your email address directly to our alumni relations firm at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention ATO at Georgia Tech) or update it online at www.atogatech.org.

2009-10 ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL

Remember the Annual Fund, Too

As we progress with our capital fundraising campaign to raise money for house renovations (find more information on page 1), we ask that you also continue your support of the annual fund, which helps to maintain our yearly operations budget to continue our communications program.

The alumni listed below have made contributions to the 2009-10 annual fund since it began September 1.

Beta Iota Legacy Circle (\$1,000+)

Roy Anderson Jr. 1949

Azure & Old Gold Club (\$250-\$499.99)

Cheves (Bo) Powell 1964

Albert S. Thornton Jr. 1965

Hugh L. Rice III 1966

W. Thomas Smith Jr. 1966

James A. Carlos 1972

205 Fourth Street Society (\$205)

Orson G. Swindle III 1956

Ralph R. Bouton III 1968

Richard B. Inman Jr. 1970

The 1865 Circle (\$186.50)

Brian S. Brown 1947

Ted R French 1949

John M. Goodloe 1955

Edward W. Avra 1967

Fred J. Crowe 1968

White Tea Rose Club (\$100-\$186.49)

Garland Wilson

Calvin Johnson 1944

Bobby Joe Anderson 1946

C. Carter Graham 1949

Robert F. Fowler Jr. 1951

William S Shep Hanner 1951

William H. Debeaugrine 1952

L. Neal Smith Jr. 1952

John R. Curtis 1953

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Peter A. Kill 1956

Robert H. Stickley 1956

William Nicholas Brown 1957

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William D. Ramsbottom 1957

Grady G. Barnwell Jr. 1959

Roy (Bunky) P. Herring III 1962

Ronald E. Rich 1963

John R. Herrig 1965

John E. Robertson 1967

Donald C. Howard 1968

Randy Dishongh 1969

Jack Helinger 1970

Mark W. Howell 1970

Charles M. Magbee 1973

Brooks J. Bonnot 1975

R. Keith Chambless 1977

D Neal Reed 1980

William E. Kahn 1981

R. Todd Evans 1984

Alan Cablik 1996

Richard E. Cotton 1951

Montgomery E Thorne 1951

John K. Butcher 1956

Kenneth M. Carter 1956

D. Paige Pierce 1956

Malcolm C. Allen 1957

Glen S. Parsons 1957

Jordan P. Short 1962

Buddy Wilson 1967

Neil Anderson 1969

Melton W. Hood 1969

John M. McGhee 1971

Gregory L. Forrest 1982

Other (Up to \$49.99)

Theodore M. Forbes Jr 1947

John T. Williamson 1947

Andrew E. Hall 1949

John Guy Jackson Jr. 1950

Charles M. Hutcheson 1954

J. Charles Collins 1965

John S. Thibadeau Jr. 1966

William C. Mizell 1984

Steven A. Morin 1988

Charles Craig Tommasello 1998

Add Your Name to the List!

There are three ways to make an annual fund contribution:

- Online at www.atogatech.org.
- By calling 800-975-6699.
- By returning the response form that was included with your recent annual fund letter.

Remember, our annual fund and capital campaign are two separate, yet equally important, fundraising drives.

Beta Iota Supporter (\$50-\$99.99)

Michael J. Maxwell

Rick Smith

James F. Scott 1938

John H. Tucker 1946

Donald H Ramsbottom 1949

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