

FOOTBALL

2017 Georgia Tech Football

Come Cheer on the Yellow Jackets with Your Beta Iota Brothers!

9/4- Tennessee Volunteers
(At Mercedes-Benz Stadium)

9/9- Jacksonville State Gamecocks

9/16- at UCF Knights

9/23- Pitt Panthers

9/30- North Carolina Tar Heels

10/12- at Miami Hurricanes

10/21- Wake Forest Demon Deacons (Homecoming)

10/28- at Clemson Tigers

11/4- at Virginia Cavaliers

11/11- Virginia Tech Hokies

11/18- at Duke Blue Devils

11/25- Georgia Bulldogs



FLASHBACK



From the Archives

Check this great photo of Brothers and Pledges enjoying fine food and an evening of entertainment from the 1959 edition of *The Blueprint*.



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ALUMNI PROFILE

ATO Connection Leads to Prosperous Life and Career

After leaving home in the fall of 1963, **Albert Thornton '68** happily found two surrogate parents: the Georgia Institute of Technology and Alpha Tau Omega.

Even after graduating in 1968, Thornton has found plenty of time to support those two loves. Thornton was the president of the school's alumni association for a time. And he's never hesitated to support his brothers – either alums or undergraduates – at Beta Iota Chapter.

"Some of them are good friends to this day," Thornton says. "I've stayed in close contact with those guys."

After college, Thornton went on to a long career in the corporate office at Waffle House, eventually becoming president and COO. He also made the restaurant's famous dish, "Bert's Chili."

Last year, Thornton published his first book, "Find an Old Gorilla: Pathways Through The Jungle Of Business and Life."

Thornton's success at Waffle House started thanks to an ATO connection: Brother **Joe Rogers Jr.** When the founder of Waffle House, Joe Rogers Sr. – who died on March 3 at the age of 97 – retired and left the company to his son, Rogers Jr. called on Thornton.

"He said, 'Come help me,'" Thornton recalls. "I eventually became president."

Through that fraternity connection, Thornton was able to build a wildly successful career. And he's always given back to Beta Iota Chapter through financial gifts and material donations. When the house was renovated in



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the 1990s, Thornton had Waffle House install all of the kitchen equipment and silverware.

To hear him tell it, Thornton has plenty of good reasons for giving back.

"Ethics, knowledge and experience were instilled in me at Georgia Tech and at ATO," he says. "The contacts that I made along the way (benefitted me)."

A native of Tampa, Thornton was a prep football star who picked Tech over Florida and Vanderbilt, among others. He wanted to get an education and play for legendary Yellow Jackets coach Bobby Dodd. He was the left guard on the 1966 Tech team that rose to No. 3 in the national rankings and later played

Florida in the Orange Bowl.

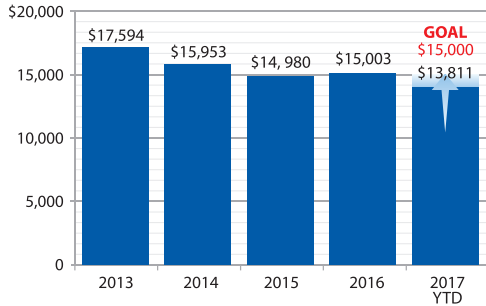
Working side by side with other talented football players' day in and day out formed its own type of brotherhood. And as much as Thornton enjoyed that, he wanted more brothers – which is where ATO comes in. His father had been an ATO, but Thornton says he chose Beta Iota for the simple fact that it felt like home to him.

"(ATO) was the best fit for me at Georgia Tech," Thornton says. "I liked the personalities and the whole ethics of the ATO fraternity at Georgia Tech."

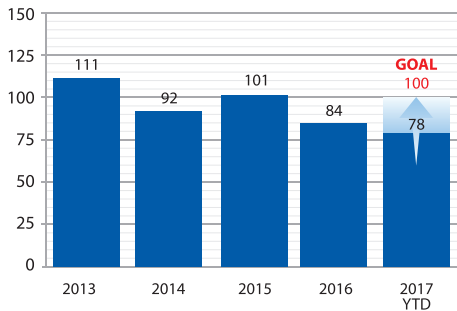
Now retired, Thornton lives in Pensacola, Fla., with his wife Kathy; they have three daughters – all Georgia Tech graduates – and seven grandchildren. He maintains the title of Vice Chairman Emeritus at Waffle House.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Annual Fundraising



Annual Number of Donors



Thank You Donors!

As you know, our Chapter's success rests on the loyal support of you, the alumni, along with the fine crop of young men living in the Chapter House. We'd like to thank the 78 donors who have given this year to help raise over \$13,000. This money helps in many aspects, such as funding the communication piece you are currently holding in your hands. In our alumni years, staying connected to those we knew when we were young is critical – and your contributions keep our alumni network strong. Our giving year for 2016-2017 ends August 31 of this year, so if you have not yet made a contribution this year, please consider doing so – It's quick, secure, easy, and

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2. By sending a check to:
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Center
PO Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007
3. By calling our toll-free donation hotline at 1.800.975.6699

Thank you to all the Brothers listed below who have given in 2016-2017! Make your gift today to see your name on the next published honor roll and on our alumni website, www.atogatech.org

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

John Henry Weitnauer Jr.	1944
Albert Sharp Thornton Jr.	1965

Heraldic Cross Club (\$500-\$999.99)

David George Moring	1959
William Herndon Lewis	1979

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

Robert (Bob) Porter Hicks	
William Vance Custer	1951
William (Nick) Nicholas Brown	1957
John Richard Herrig	1965
John Bernard Lovell Jr.	1970
James Andrew Carlos	1972

205 Fourth Street Society (\$205)

Roy (Bunky) Pearson Herring III	1962
Hugh L. Rice III	1966
Ralph Rothery Bouton III	1968
Frederick Johnstone Crowe	1968
James Mell Thibadeau	1968
Brooks James Bonnot	1975
William Craig Mizell	1984

The 1865 Circle (\$186.50)

Joseph Sams Bond	1949
John Mills Goodloe	1955
Edward Walter Avra	1967
Don Colquitt Howard	1968
Randy Randy Dishongh	1969

Melton Wiley Hood	1969
Charles Miller Magbee	1970
Andrew John Willig	1973
Stephen Dale Wyngarden	1977
Richard Christopher Peebles Jr.	1983

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Clarence Raymond Kite Jr.	1949
A. James Smith Jr.	1950
Albert Rankin Fowlkes	1951
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Cecil Randolph Phillips	1953
Robert Houston Stickley	1953
William Royce Collins Jr.	1955
William Harry McElveen Jr.	1955
Joseph Walker Taylor	1955
John Kimberlin Butcher	1956
Kenneth Marion Carter	1956
Peter Aird Kill	1956
Damon Paige Pierce	1956
Orson George Swindle III	1956
James Cecil Green	1957
Arne Sigvald Svindland	1957
Tom Edwin Lewis Jr.	1958
Dan Evans	1963
Ronald Edward Rich	1963
David Lanier Simpson	1963
John Riley Hollington	1964

Robert Vernon Phillips Sr.	1964
William Conrad Viehman	1964
Patrick Calvin Glisson	1966
Douglas Edward Wren	1968
John William Grant III	1969
Mark Warren Howell	1970
John Morton McGhee	1971
Donald Roderick Thacker Jr.	1976
Robert Keith Chambless	1977
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Beta Iota Supporter (\$50-\$99.99)

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Stephen Mark Worsham	1956
Robert Owen Allen	1961
John Edmond Robertson	1963
Alton Dempsey Fryer III	1965
Lowell Douglas Kirkman	1968
Thomas Mark Thibadeau	1970
David Neal Reed	1980
Patrick Joseph Donald Taylor	1981
James Edward Cusick	1983
Robert Eugene Reed III	1987
Stuart Fraser Humphries	1988

Other (Up to \$49.99)

John S. Thibadeau Jr.	1966
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ALUMNI PROFILE

Unwavering Dedication to ATO



John Howard '59, has a dedication to ATO that has spanned a lifetime, from active brother to dedicated leader in alumni fund raising.

“Jack” joined the fall of his freshman year. He was originally attracted to ATO because he had two cousins who were already members. He also was very favorably impressed with their very visible presence on campus. Once he met the brothers,

He was immediately impressed by the quality of the young men who constituted the organization.

“They were good down-to-earth, solid individuals,” Jack said. “There were about ten of us in all in our pledge class. We formed a bond and stayed close throughout the years.”

Jack stayed active through his time with the chapter, living in the house in his junior and senior years. He served as Kitchen Manager and became Vice President of the Georgia Beta Iota Chapter in his senior year. In addition, Jack had many interests and responsibilities outside of the Chapter.

“I was active on campus,” Jack said. “I served as president of the local YMCA. I took part in the Rambling Rick club, which was a pep club founded to generate enthusiasm among the student body, particularly to raise spirits for football and

other athletics.”

As a socially and academically involved student, Jack also served on the Intra Fraternity Council and the Honor Council.

To this day, Jack is in close touch with several of the brothers. In fact, he says that he recruited five of his original pledge class of ten to be part of the Alpha Tau Omega 50th Reunion board.

Working with brothers and alumni, the team was able to raise over \$3 million for the reunion. The 50th Reunion was a huge success, with 300 of the 900 students from the class in attendance. But that’s not the only event that brings Jack together with his ATO brothers.

“About six years ago, ATO brother **Orson Swindle '55** started what became the annual Fall Football Gaggle,” Jack said. “We get a bunch of the brothers together for an annual game, one of the brothers donates use of his skybox, and we meet back here in Atlanta.”

“Most of the brothers who come to the game are from Georgia, or South Carolina, or Tennessee. It’s become a great little reunion for all of us.”

Brothers he mentioned meeting at the Fall Football Gaggle include **Bill Collins '57** and **Nathan Sears '57**.

“Through the years I’ve served as both chair and co-chair of reunion committee. I’ve worked primarily and on development side of things side by side with Barry Carson,” Jack said. “We’ve handled a number of things, but the reunion has

always been the primary focus.”

Jack believes strongly in continuing to support and stay connected with the chapter. He has donated both monetarily and as well as through time and service.

“About ten years ago, **Dave Preak** reached out to me. He was heading the fundraising drive to remodel the chapter house. I was happy to be able to help out with my donation.”

His motivations for supporting ATO are simple. In interview, Jack said, “I really enjoyed my time as an active brother. It was a great bunch of guys and I want to help provide those opportunities for future. It’s something I truly believe in.”

When asked what advice he had for new generations of ATO, Jack said. “Remember to cherish the moments and perpetuate the bonds that you form during those four years as an active brother with ATO. It may surprise you, but it will mean more to you than you can even imagine.”

Today, Jack lives in Atlanta. He has four daughters, three sons in law, and five grandchildren. He is actively working, as owner and President of a small financial services company called Principal Resource Group, also based in Atlanta. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Elder at his church and serves on the board of directors for two for-profit companies and one non-profit organization.

“I intend to stay really involved as long as I have my health and good Lord is willing,” Jack said.



Fall Career Night at Beta Iota

Thank You Brothers and Alumni.

On December 4th, Beta Iota held its second Alumni Career Night of the year. The following alumni were in attendance: **Joe Depa (IE '05)**, **Nick Gritz (ME '06)**, **Patrick Taylor (ME '86)**, and **Keith Chambless (ME '80)**. This was a great opportunity for active brothers to engage with alumni about their career paths and offer some insight on how to make the most of the ATO experience at Georgia Tech. Thank you to the brothers and alumni who attended for making the event a success. We are looking forward to the next one in the Fall!



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ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS

Current VP Corelli Bags Prestigious Prize!



Chapter VP,
Jack Corelli

A safer medical device used to remove unwanted tissue and to stop bleeding won Georgia Tech's InVenture Prize in March.

The four biomedical engineering students- Dev Mandavia,

Jack Corelli, Hunter Hatcher, and Devin Li, behind CauteryGuard, re-designed an electrocautery device by adding a retractable tip. This change prevents the risk of burns many doctors and patients face from the device's exposed tip. It also eliminates the chance of fires in operating rooms because an exposed tip could come into contact with flammable materials. Corelli recently shared with us why he decided to be an ATO at Georgia Tech and how the idea for the aforementioned medical device came about.

"Rush was a very interesting experience," said Corelli. "I am from out of state- from PA, and I knew nothing about Fraternities. When I rushed, I went to some not-so-great houses and it was an interesting experience. Some felt like an interview and some felt like no one really wanted to talk to me. ATO felt more natural and I had a good conversation instead of being asked to systematically describe myself."

Corelli went on to add that his favorite Beta Iota memory so far is playing Frisbee with the intramural team as a pledge. He says they won the fraternity league, and then lost to the



The Cautery Guard device

A team Frisbee club group in the intramural league.

By spring of 2016, ideas between Corelli and his colleagues began to swirl.

"It started in spring 2016 and then grew slowly from there," the VP said. "In Fall 2016 we participated in an Idea-2-Prototype program that gave us \$500 to use as funding in development, and it really grew from there. In March we did a lot more of the business- the



The team on TV

design itself didn't change much. Realistically, had we been developing it like a senior design project, it would've gone much faster, but as it was a hobby of sorts it evolved naturally so to speak. Three of the four team members are actually Greek, so it's a nice feeling to know that we put out a good picture of Greek life in the academic world. We got a ton of support from all of Greek life throughout the competitions, which was awesome. ATOs at GT are encouraged to pursue their own passions, which I think is unique."

The team won \$20,000 plus a free patent filing and a spot in Flashpoint, a Georgia Tech accelerator. They also won the \$5,000 People's Choice Award, which went to the fans' favorite invention.

"This is really incredible," said Dev Mandavia, a student in Georgia Tech's Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering. "This validates all the hard work we've put into this device. This will allow us to take it to the next step and bring our product to FDA approval and then eventually start saving the lives of patients and surgeons."