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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ATO Congress

8/1 – 8/4, Orlando, FL

### GT vs Alcorn State Tailgate

9/1, Beta Iota House

### GT vs Clemson Tailgate

9/22, Beta Iota House

### Homecoming Weekend

10/12 – 10/14

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Never A Dull Moment At Georgia Beta Iota

Recruitment: We are actively recruiting new members for the fall 2018 class. If you know of a new student attending Georgia Tech that is interested in going Greek please contact Recruitment Chair Mike Eberle at [mike.eberle26@gmail.com](mailto:mike.eberle26@gmail.com) or 770-289-5690.



## BETA IOTA CHAPTER REPORT

### A Wonderful and Productive Time at ATO

By Jonathan Wampler

This semester has been successful and productive for Beta Iota as many members expanded their campus involvement or were promoted within other organizations. The average member is currently involved in more than three on-campus organizations. Notable leadership achievements this semester, included: Andrew Jacou being promoted to Vice President of the GT All Majors Career Fair; Mike Eberle being promoted to the Executive Board for the GT All Majors Career Fair; Jack Corelli being elected President of IFC; Harry Liu being elected President of Pi Tau Sigma, the Mechanical Engineering Honor Society; Daley Cass being elected Vice President of the Ramblin' Reck Club; Jack Rager being elected Treasurer of the GT Running Club; and Jonathan Wampler and Garret Prellberg being promoted in the Georgia Tech Student Foundation Investments Committee as Sector Head of Utilities and Analyst of Utilities.

The chapter completed nearly 1,000 hours of community service this year and raised over \$4,000 in the process. One of the highlights of the semester was creating and hosting the ATO Three Points for CURE charity event. The chapter hosted a basketball three-point contest and raffle to raise funds for its cause, CURE Childhood Cancer. Contestants came from many other chapters on campus, and the chapter



Beta Iota Hosts the ATO Three Points for CURE charity event

greatly exceeded its original donation goal in raising \$1,200 dollars. This was a first-time event for the chapter that it looks forward to hosting annually.

The chapter ranked 4th in leadership, 3rd in Educational Programming, 8th in Philanthropy and 15th Overall out of 32

fraternities on campus for the Dean Dull Award even while spending much of the time on interim suspension. 28 of the chapter members made the Dean's List and 7 members received Faculty Honors for a 4.0 GPA. The chapter initiated 5 new members in the spring.

Professionalism and career development was also a chapter focus this semester, and a number of members received great internship and full time job offers. Members have found themselves with internships and full time offers at Rockwell Automation, Georgia Power, McKenneys, Coker Capital Investment Bank, Delta Airlines, and Exxon Mobile, among others.

## FOOTBALL GAME PARKING

Beta Iota is once again opening its back lot area to alumni for football game day parking. Parking will open four hours prior to each game and close two hours after each game. The cost for the 2018 season is \$160 and sales will be limited to only six season passes. Email Chris Johnson at [CJohnson.GT@gmail.com](mailto:CJohnson.GT@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

## ATO Helps Prepare You for Adversity in the Workplace and Pays Big Dividends



For **Ralph Bouton '72**, ATO at Georgia Tech was an easy pick. Growing up in Greenville, S.C., he knew several Tech ATOs from his hometown who

were “really first-class guys”, and when he started looking at colleges, he was invited to a rush party in Atlanta, for incoming freshmen. Those were Bouton’s first introductions to ATO, and he didn’t even bother rushing at any other fraternity.

It was a choice he has never regretted.

“Georgia Tech is an extremely difficult school,” he says. “They tell you in freshman orientation that half the people in orientation will not be there in four years. They basically flunk out or drop out. There were 35 of us in my ATO pledge class of 1967, and of that, 30 of us were engineering majors. I’m proud to say I was one of only five of us to graduate in engineering. The rest changed to majors that did not have all of the math, science, and labs.”

Part of this resilience on Bouton’s part could be attributed to what he portrays as a rigorous pledge training experience.

Pledge training is mentally very challenging because [the older] brothers are trying to get the pledge class to gel into a group. [They] put us through all these mental and physical exercises to try to get the pledge class to fall apart, but it causes the pledges to pull together and creates friendships through the duress.”

Following Bouton’s pledge experience, he recounts numerous fun memories from his days in the house.

“We had intramural sports – we played flag football, basketball, softball and I played on all of those intramural sports teams. We had a fraternity league and we would always compete with the other fraternities. Those were good rivalries,” he says, pointing to the strong rivalries that existed with the other houses on the block, including the SAE’s, Beta Theta Pi’s and Sigma Nu’s.

“Being in the ATO house was like being in an all-boy’s high school, all guys – and we were all just living together, playing together and studying together, with all the issues and

challenges of trying to be a student, but at the same time have a good time.”

“In the ATO house, we had lunch provided every day and so lunchtime was just an absolute great time, where you had a meal together with all your brothers and talked about everything going on,” Bouton continues. “At the time, the football team wasn’t as good as it had been, so we were always lamenting about struggling to beat Georgia or talking about social activities, that sort of thing.”

There were also three main card games in the ATO House – bridge, Oh Hell and poker. Bouton says the brothers had a poker game at least once a week, with small bets, which seemed bigger than they were, due to the tight budget of many of the brothers.

Another one of Bouton’s favorite parts of being an older brother was rush time. “It was always fun to evaluate who we were going to award bids to, to join the fraternity, and just the conversations as to why we wanted so-and-so and why we didn’t want so-and-so,” he says. “Any one brother could stop a rushee from getting a bid. It had to be unanimous that we were going to invite someone to join. Those conversations were always humorous, and also challenging because of some of the comments that would be made.”

However, Bouton affirms his own rush and pledge experiences were hardly similar to many of today’s fraternity experiences, a fact that’s quickly becoming a country-wide issue.

“Today we certainly need the older brothers to have more common sense about pledge training...and looking out for the safety of the pledges. As a pledge, I never felt I was asked [to do] anything unsafe. We were never forced to drink alcohol...Fraternities have gotten out of whack on some activities they’re requiring of the pledges, that put them in unsafe situations.”

But overall, Bouton says the fraternity system and Greek life is important, and made a vital difference in his own career. “[My brothers and I] probably wouldn’t have made it through Georgia Tech if it wasn’t for ATO. Georgia Tech wouldn’t have been as good a school for me personally if it had not been for ATO...I think if any university bans a fraternity from campus, they’re really going to miss out on some of the best students, because some students really need that social activity, that bonding that comes from the fraternity, to get through the challenges at the more difficult schools.”

In his career, Bouton says his pledge experience particularly helped him prepare for adversity in the workplace, assuring there was never a tough boss he couldn’t work with. “The pledge training truly breaks you down and builds you back up with resilience,” he says. “It sounds cruel, but it pays dividends as far as helping deal with adversity.”

And Bouton’s career certainly speaks for itself. A co-op student, he finished with his degree in civil engineering, then went back to Georgia Tech for his master’s degree in environmental engineering, to meet market demand, during the early days of the EPA. “I returned to J.E. Serrine Company, in South Carolina, and basically joined them in 1974 as the first environmental engineer in their company,” he says. “Business just boomed because all the industries throughout the country were having to put in air pollution control systems and water treatment systems and so on. There was just a lot of engineering and construction work going on to help industries comply with the new regulations.”

He worked with J.E. Serrine Company through 1984, then joined O’Neal Engineering as the head of business development, where he stayed for 19 years, growing their 50-person firm to more than 400 employees. He then accepted a promotion with AECOM, Inc., where he stayed for 10 years before retiring. Then, he was recruited out of retirement to work in business development with THS Constructors, a general contractor that builds industrial facilities, where he still remains today.

Bouton and his wife, Becky (ATO sweetheart in 1970 and 1971), celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this year. They are enjoying their seven grandchildren, all of whom he’s teaching to play poker and Oh Hell. While their three sons did not attend Georgia Tech, they were all members of fraternities at their schools of choice, experiences which he says were equally beneficial as his own.

He stays in touch with many of his ATO brothers, going to homecoming games and playing golf together, who he says “are just like high school buddies. You might go a year without seeing them, but you’ll always have that time together and it’ll be like you’ve never been apart. The bond you form with fraternity brothers is like that of your own brothers, or even better.”

## LITTLE FISH IN A BIG POND

### How ATO Helped Bill Lewis '82 Thrive at Tech

Coming from the small town of Melbourne, FL you could say that **Bill Lewis '82** felt a bit like a little fish in a big pond when he came to Georgia Tech.

"I thought I was smart until I got to Georgia Tech," he jokes. He'll never forget when he found out Steve Weinle '83, more fondly known as Moose, didn't even have to take notes and still aced his tests.

Luckily, though, Bill found Alpha Tau Omega — where grades didn't matter, everyone was equal, and he could blow off some steam.

#### Life as an Undergrad

Bill is a legacy. His dad, **Luther Lewis '52**, came to Tech and joined ATO after serving in World War II, along with several others who'd come back from the war. Coincidentally, this group also included **Robert Fowler Jr.'s** (Beta Iota '83) dad, **Bob '54**.

"They were a little older and saltier than the kids right out of high school, so they had to tone things down a bit so they didn't scare the younger guys off," Bill explains.

Though Bill explored other fraternities, following in his father's footsteps seemed to be the right move.

"The fraternity is the reason I stayed at

Tech," Bill admits. "I don't think I would have stayed there otherwise because it was so stressful. You felt like the little Indian on the bottom of the totem pole sometimes, but the fraternity gave us a family. Of course we didn't always get along perfectly, but at the end of the day they'd stick up for you."

Back then, the fraternity did well in intramurals and served as a good break from studying. Bill took part in softball and soccer, and recalls the chapter had a great field hockey team.

"Fraternities have changed, but back then we were pretty good in athletics, did well academically, and had some good parties — it was well balanced," Bill says.

Bill is a firm believer in the idea that you have to make mistakes to learn, grow, and gain experience. One such occasion from his early days in ATO is still fresh in his mind.

"We got thrown into the Marietta County jail one night," he says, laughing. "Unbeknownst to us pledges, you can't be in a federal cemetery after dark — it's a felony. Along with two of my buddies, who I'll keep anonymous, I ended up spending a night in the Marietta County jailhouse. Of course we weren't destroying anything — we were just on a scavenger hunt. Thankfully, once the judge heard the story, he took it off our

records."

#### Where He is These Days

After college, Bill returned to Melbourne and worked for his dad at Hobb's Electric. The two later bought the company and Bill is currently the president.

He and his wife Lisa have two daughters, one of whom is graduating from Furman University this year. And it just so happens she belongs to the same sorority as **Frank Dixon's** (Beta Iota '83) daughter. What a small world!

Bill doesn't make it back to the chapter house or Tech very often, but when he does it's usually for a golf tournament or a football game.

"Facebook and Christmas cards — that's how I keep in touch," he says. "When I do make it back, it's great to see everyone. Most of them have families and some even have grandkids. Overall, it's a good group of guys. Most of them have done very well for themselves."

#### Don't Be a Stranger

Bill and his family are only an hour away from Disney World, so if you're in town, be sure to look him up!

## RENOVATIONS & REPAIRS

### Housing Update from Richmond Property Group

We continue to replace the aging HVAC system, and within the next 18 months, will have tackled 100% of the HVAC units in the building! The dining room to back porch doors were recently repaired. Future plans include a gut and remodel of the 3rd floor bathroom. Selections are being made for new flooring in the study and back stairwell.

The GA Tech campus has a widespread rodent problem, likely a result of its proximity to downtown Atlanta. We've been trying to rid the house of this problem for several years now, but recently decided enough was enough and brought in a crew to complete & guarantee 100% eradication of the nuisance guests. The chapter leadership has been excellent to work with this year and we hope to build on the positive work relationship.

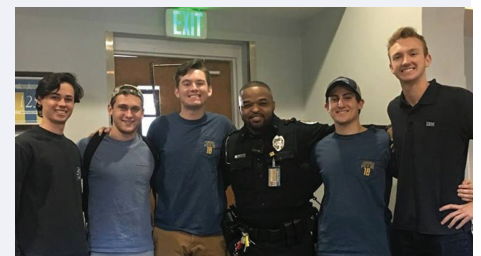
## ADOPT-A-COP

### Welcome to Our Adopted Cop Officer Dudley

Beta Iota began participating in the GTPD Adopt-A-Cop program during the spring semester. This program allows organizations to make a direct connection with a knowledgeable resource on safety. As the name implies, campus organizations contact the Crime Prevention program at GTPD and are connected with an officer or investigator with whom they can plan special events, training sessions or educational seminars. The officers have regular interactions with the groups, including attending their meetings and acting as a resource when questions arise.

The chapter adopted Officer Marcavius Dudley through the program. Officer Dudley was born and raised in Brunswick, GA where he attended Brunswick High School.

He played football and basketball, and his football career continued into college at Albany State University. While there, Officer Dudley was a team captain and appeared in three championships, winning two of them! After graduation Officer Dudley joined GTPD. He is married and has a new daughter on the way.



Pictured: Evan Williams, Todd Schleicher, Jacob Berens, Officer Marcavius Dudley, Max Liguori, and Jonathan Wampler



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## UNDERGRADUATE SUCCESS

### Congratulations To Our Undergraduate Scholarship Award Winners

Each year the Board of Trustees presents scholarships in the name of alumni Eugene M. Clary (Class of 1932) and C. Whitney Knoll (Class of 1970) to 3 outstanding members of the fraternity.

#### Eugene M. Clary Outstanding Achievement Award Winner: Jack Corelli



This is an annual award given by the Board of Trustees to a graduating senior that has shown outstanding leadership, good citizenship, and scholastic excellence during their time at Georgia Tech and Alpha Tau Omega.

Jack Corelli is a 4th year Biomedical Engineering major who has served as Vice President, Chaplain, Health & Safety Officer, Campus Activities Chair, and IFC Rep within the chapter. In addition, he has held the roles of President, V.P. of Programming, and Programming Chair within the Interfraternity Council. Jack has won the award for top GPA in his class

within the fraternity on several occasions and has also been awarded the C. Whitney Knoll Award previously. In 2017, his team won the GT InventurePrize, as well as the People’s Choice award, for their invention CautionGuard, a safer electrocautery device designed to prevent the risk of burns in operating rooms. When he graduates in December, Jack hopes to work in product/device design in medical equipment manufacturing.

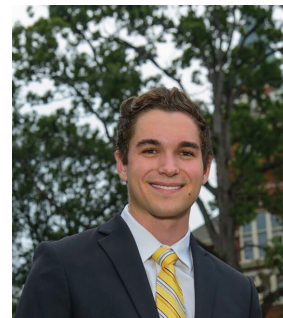
#### C. Whitney Knoll Award Winners: Andrew Jacon & Srikar Thammishetti

This is an annual award given by the Board of Trustees to one sophomore and one rising senior who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the community, college or chapter.

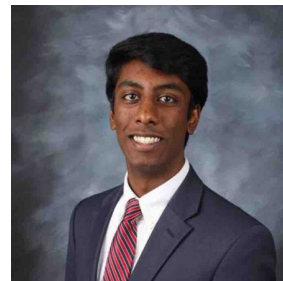
Andrew Jacon is a 3rd year Mechanical Engineering major who currently serves as President of the chapter, and previously as the Social Chair, IFC Rep, and Campus Activities Chairman. In addition, he has been a member of the GT All Majors Career Fair Executive for 3 years and will serve as Vice President in the fall; Andrew has also served as the IFC Public Relations Chair. Andrew has volunteered with the Our Lady of Lourdes soup kitchen, Atlanta Mission Homeless Shelter and participates each year in Tech Beautification Day Project Coordinator.

Srikar Thammishetti is a 2nd year

Industrial Engineering and Computer Science double major who currently serves as the Social Chair of the chapter. He also is a Pro Bono Project Leader with the Undergraduate Consulting Club, Business Presentation Lead for GT Motorsports, and a co-op with Delta Air Lines. In high school he served as VP of Future Business Leaders of America at Alpharetta High School and founded his own social media marketing company. Srikar has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and the YMCA.



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