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Sustaining the Fraternity for Life

by Richard Sapp, Alumni Association Co-Chairman



Greetings Fraters! I hope you are enjoying *The Tech Teke*. This is our third edition, and we are now into our second year of establishing a Georgia Tech TKE Beta Pi Alumni Association.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is committed to creating a viable and sustainable alumni organization. This is a significant change from the past, where we are now taking a more alumni-centric view of the chapter. The BOT has structured a financial model such that the Alumni Association can be self-supporting. Part of that model includes using an outside service, with a proven track record, to help us move the program forward. As BOT members, **Wes Schiel** and I are Co-Chairmen for our Alumni Association, and report on alumni affairs at every BOT meeting. So, with major change underway, our Alumni Association is becoming a sustainable organization, and as alumni, you are part of it!

There are three key reasons for making these changes now: 1) benefits for you the alumni, 2) benefits for the undergraduate chapter, and 3) the changing “landscape”.

If I asked you what you got out of your Georgia Tech TKE experience, almost every single one of you could immediately rattle off a list of positives such as academic support (aka, Word), fun times, personal growth, leadership, resume bullets, character building and brotherhood.

We are changing so that we can re-connect with one another, and continue to enjoy the benefits of the “fraternity for life”, which you probably have a better appreciation for as the years pass. I suspect and hope that most of you no longer need academic support. But, we certainly can sustain our relationships with one another and have some fun. Reconnecting in a meaningful way also gives us the opportunity to support each other professionally and personally.

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Ahh, memories! Do you have an era photo you want to share with us? Please send it in the enclosed envelope and we will publish in future issues of *The Tech Teke*. Can you name any of these brothers?

On Track With Frater Charles “Wick” Moorman ‘75



Frater Wick Moorman and his wife Bonnie

After receiving a degree in Civil Engineering from Georgia Tech, Frater **Charles “Wick” Moorman ‘75** went to work in the railroad industry, an industry that he has continued to work in for over 30 years. Growing up, Wick did not think about being an engineer but when it came time to decide where to go to college, he chose Georgia Tech because he was a fine math and science student, and it was the premiere engineering school in the South.

Wick began at Georgia Tech in the summer of 1970. He spent three months in the fall as an engineering co-op for Southern Railway, a predecessor company of Norfolk Southern where Wick is currently Chairman, President and CEO. When Wick returned to Georgia Tech in the winter, many of his friends, including his neighbor in the dormitory, **Andy Dalgliesh ‘74**, had joined the Beta Pi chapter of TKE. Andy was the first person whom Wick met at Georgia Tech and they became good friends. Since most of his friends had joined the fraternity, Wick decided that he would too.

“Beta Pi and TKE made life good at Georgia Tech. I thought the world of the members when I was in school, and I still do.”

During his time in the chapter Wick served as Steward. As Steward, he was in charge of the kitchen and the meal plan at the chapter house. While living in the chapter house, Wick roomed with Andy. They still remain friends today.

After leaving Georgia Tech, Wick went to work for Southern Railway in 1975. In 1982, Southern Railway and Norfolk and Western

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State of Beta-Pi

by Paul Wach, Prytanis



With much of the 2008 year past, Beta Pi chapter has proven dominance and upheld the TKE tradition once again.

The chapter made a great showing at Greek Week. Catapult was a solid first place, hitting the target on the first try and being the only participant to land within striking range. Despite the water crisis raising the question of not having Tug this year, we trained with enthusiasm. The hard work paid off, securing our twelfth victory in a row!

Three new members were added to our chapter in the spring, making a total of twenty-one new members for the '07-08 year. The new members have proven to live up to the TKE name by taking on leadership roles in the spring elections, assuring the success and continuity of our chapter. As the summer nears an end, we will enter the fall semester with two new member candidates and several other potentials.

Preparations for the future renovation of the house are coming together. Thank you to all who have made a commitment to the future of Beta Pi. I hope many more will follow.

After graduating so many members this past year, we have a challenging recruitment goal for the fall, but it is at these moments when we rise up in unity. I assure all that with each "By Damn..." of Fall Rush will come a new member worthy of carrying on the tradition of TAU KAPPA EPSILON.

Yours In The Bond,

Paul Wach
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Scholarship Report

Fall 2007 - 91 members, 2.98 GPA (12 of 36)
Spring 2008 - 81 members, 3.10 GPA (6 of 36)

2008 Chapter Officers

Paul Wach – Prytanis
Pearce Matthews – Hegemon
John Iannelli – Grammateus
Austin Berry – Hypophetes
Matt Luczynski – Pylortes
Nick Jennings – Histor
Scott Weathers – Rush Chairman
Zach Zegar – Assistant Crysopholus
JT Mason – Assistant Kitchen Steward
Sy Hubert – Assistant Social Chair

Chapter News



Above: Despite the Georgia drought, the brothers of Beta Pi were able to compete in and win the Tug-of-War during Greek Week. Their first place victory in this contest helped them win 5th overall for the week.



Left: Beta Pi brothers perform at Greek Sing during Georgia Tech Greek Week. The chapter placed 4th in the Greek Sing Event.

Below: Beta Pi brothers took first place in the pyramid competition.

Congratulations 2008 Graduates!

Tom O'Niel
Jeff Burns
Oliver Barrett
Pete Creighton
John Story
Buck Pardee
Mark Ladisch
Chris Callura
Derrek Weidmen
Keith Horton
Helmut Drews
Jerry Ashmore

Blaise McEachern
Matt Goette
David Sanborn
Sean Farrell
Ed Fleiss
Eric Granados
Josh Marcy
Nick Rossi
Ian Stewart
Carlos Tan
Joseph Wach

We wish you all the best of luck and look forward to your continued support as an alumnus of Beta Pi and Georgia Tech!

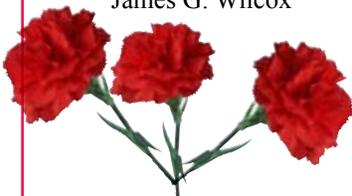


Alumni News & Notes

Chapter Eternal

We have learned of the passing of the following fraters since our last mailing. We send out condolences to their friends and family.

Endslow Hoagland '54
William L. Wills '55
Bruce B. Hickox '63
Jerry O. Phillips '68
William D. West
James G. Wilcox



J.R. R. Anderson '58 is active in several technical societies. He has seven grandchildren, two girls and five boys, ranging in ages from 9 months to 14.

Russell H. Heil '64 has two sons. Each one has one son and there is another grandchild on the way!

Timothy A. Ashton '77 is the Vice President of Comfort Systems USA in the Southeast. He has three daughters, two sons and two grandsons.

Steven A. Copeland '79 owns Albert Energy L.L.C., a direct-hire recruiting firm serving companies in the North American energy sector. He has been married to his wife Pam since 2005. Steven has two children, Chris, 25 and Ashley, 21 and one grandchild.

Bruce E. McLean '81 recently completed an outreach center in the Himalayas which included a kindergarten for village children. Bruce, his wife Claudia, and 3-year-old son Daniel spent the month of November in Germany and visited Dubai on their return trip.

Mark A. Daly's '82 oldest daughter, Erin, graduated from high school in June 2008.

Criss E. Vanderburg '99 and his wife Amber had a second ceremony to celebrate their marriage on May 4, 2007. May 18, 2008 they were married for a second time in Shanghai, and will hold a ceremony in Atlanta on August 8, 2008.

Chad G. Smith '01 and his wife Amy announced the birth of their daughter,

Kinsey Elise on September 10, 2007.

David A. Wofford '01 is serving as the senior pastor at Big Springs United Methodist Church in Woodstock, Georgia. He is engaged to marry Sarah Gross in October 2008 in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Hugh G. Lentile '03 married his college sweetheart, Renee. They had their first child on June 13, 2007, Emmalee Wynne Lentile. They currently live in Boston, Mass. where Hugh works for John Hancock.

Have news or photos you want to share? Please send them in the attached envelope and we will publish the info in a future Tech Teke newsletter.

On Track with Frater Moorman, *continued from page 1*

Railway merged to form Norfolk Southern Corporation. During his time with the company, Wick has held various senior positions in the areas of operations, personnel, labor relations, information technology and strategic and corporate planning. He became President and CEO in 2005, and earned the additional title of Chairman in 2006. When asked what he likes best about his job, Wick responded, "It is hard to pin down just one thing. As a kid I loved trains, so working with them as an adult is great. I work with great people, and I spend a lot of time out working with them."

Today, Wick resides in Virginia with his wife, Bonnie. He has one son, John, who is married and practicing law in New York. His daughter, Marion, whose godfather is Andy Dalglish, is in medical school at the University of Virginia. Wick says that he tries to stay in contact with his brothers as best he can. He is still good friends with many of the men and says, "Beta Pi and TKE made life good at



Frater Moorman speaking at the 58th Annual Mississippi Economic Council meeting.

Georgia Tech. I thought the world of the members when I was in school, and I still do."

When asked what piece of advice he would give to undergraduates who are contemplating career choices, he said that some of the best advice he ever got was from his step-father, "Try to find something you will enjoy doing, and then you will be good at it."

Thank you Frater Moorman for your dedication to Beta Pi, TKE and Georgia Tech!

LEAVE A TKE LEGACY

Many dedicated brothers often ask... "How can I include TKE in my estate plans?" Below are three ways to do just that.

WILL:

Sample: "I leave the sum of \$XXX,XXX to TKE of Georgia, Inc., tax ID # (58-0687626), c/o the National Fraternity of TKE and insert address, for their general purposes" OR, I leave XX% of my estate (or the residuary of my estate) to TKE of Georgia, Inc., tax ID # (58-0687626), c/o the National Fraternity of TKE and insert address, for their general purposes"

LIFE INSURANCE: Name the House Corporation as a beneficiary of all or a percentage of the proceeds of your life insurance policy. Simply complete a change of beneficiary form.

RETIREMENT PLAN: Name the House Corporation as a beneficiary of all or a percentage of the proceeds of your IRA or 401(k). Simply designate the beneficiary on the proper forms.

Celebrate Sixty for Beta Pi!



In recognition of Beta Pi's 60th Anniversary, several special events are being scheduled for this academic year. In October, the annual Alumni Golf Tournament will occur

on the 5th, and Homecoming is the 25th. Please be sure to reserve those dates on your calendars.

The Celebrate Sixty Homecoming celebration will occur on Friday night, October 24th at Park Tavern next to Piedmont Park. A special post card will be mailed next month with details and registration information. In addition to rekindling those old Beta Pi friendships, we'll be making some pretty big announcements ... and burning the mortgage on the chapter house. Don't miss this special event!

Visit www.betapitke.org for the latest on Beta Pi!

Save the Dates

Alumni Golf Tournament – October 5

Homecoming Alumni Event – October 24

2008 Yellow Jacket Football Schedule:

August 28: Jacksonville State
September 6: at Boston College
September 13: at Virginia Tech
September 20: Mississippi State
October 4: Duke
October 11: Gardner-Webb
October 18: at Clemson

Homecoming October 25: Virginia

November 1: Florida State
November 8: at North Carolina
November 20: Miami
November 29: at Georgia



Beta Pi alumni gather at the Teke house for a Georgia Tech home football game.



Rendering of the proposed new Beta Pi house. A feasibility study will be completed in early September to determine the level of alumni interest in supporting the project. Look for more updates in the fall and when you get contact, please take the meeting for the future of Beta Pi!

Fraternity for Life, *continued from page 1*

We have an opportunity to pass along our support and wisdom to the undergraduates who are in the early stages of joining our fraternal bond. We are changing to make sure that future generations of young men at Georgia Tech will enjoy the benefits of brotherhood during their four (plus) years and for the remainder of their lives.

I am excited about the future of TKE at Georgia Tech. Many of you have children attending Tech: past, present and future. Some of your sons have even been or will be Tekes at Tech. My daughter is in her first semester at Tech, and I'm sure she will meet many Tech Tekes. So, if this cycle of building character in young men during extremely formative college years is going to be perpetual, then we have an opportunity and an obligation to put an infrastructure in place to help make the fraternity for life a sustainable reality.

Changes to our approach are necessary because society is changing. As students enter Tech (or any college) today, they are very well connected to each other through Facebook and cell phones. Most have cars on campus soon after they arrive. Competition from the Tech Housing office and other fraternities is as intense as ever. Tech purchased the Georgia State Olympic high rise dormitories on Techwood last year. Most major fraternities have re-modeled or built new houses recently.

When most of us started at Tech, we were attracted to the housing, transportation support, communication support, academic support, and so on. Believe it or not, Tech even does a better job today assisting students academically than they did in the past. The reasons we chose to be a part of TKE in the past are just not as relevant today for incoming freshmen. We must rethink our model. The best thing we have going for us is each other and the "fraternity

for life".

Be on the lookout for more networking opportunities. Definitely reserve the weekend of October 25th for a Homecoming visit this year. Wes Schiel is putting together an Alumni Association event that you won't want to miss. You may remember from the last issue of The Tech Teke that this is the year we "Celebrate Sixty". The BOT will have some exciting news to share about our facilities plans. We are also in the process of formally chartering our Alumni Association ... we'll have more to share in the fall about that. There's a lot going on!

I hope you will all choose to be a part of this movement to reconnect. Your annual donations will support our efforts to reconnect alumni in a sustainable fashion, and to assist the collegiate chapter. When you return your donation for our annual fundraising program, please also drop us a note on the return slip to let us know what you're up to. Feel free to send new and old pictures, too, that we can share through future Newsletters. And, we'd love to hear your ideas for strengthening the sustainability of our fraternal bond as Beta Pi Tekes.

So, enjoy this new edition of The Tech Teke. It includes news from the undergraduate chapter, news from many alumni, and a spotlight on Frater Wick Moorman who is the Chairman, President and CEO of Norfolk Southern Corporation. I hope you like it.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in the Bond,

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