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“Celebrate Sixty” for Beta Pi

by David Adcock, Chapter Advisor



For over twenty years, it's been my privilege to serve as a local volunteer, board member and now Chapter Advisor for the Beta Pi chapter.

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From the days of the “old lady’s house” and Springfest, to the first major renovation of the apartment building, to the building of the new Social Quarters and the 1996 Olympics where we

operation with a legacy of more than 1300 Tekes sharing the Beta Pi experience. That’s quite a milestone!

During the last year, the alumni leadership of the chapter reorganized into two operating boards, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Advisors. The Board of Trustees will maintain responsibility for the long-term vision of Beta Pi and the upkeep of the chapter property and assets.

The Board of Advisors will serve as an oversight and mentoring group for the leadership

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played host to the Irish National Team, the Beta Pi experience continues to thrive and leave its mark on the Georgia Tech campus. This year we “Celebrate Sixty” years of continuous, successful

of the chapter helping to create a more efficient and impactful Beta Pi experience. Working together, the two Boards will involve more

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Fraters from the mid 50's gather after a chapter meeting. Can you name any?

Frater William Bulpitt ‘70 A Model of Energy Efficiency



Frater Bulpitt with Ramblin Wreck replica he bought on ebay (to be restored) for the Georgia Tech Foundation.

When it comes to alternate energy sources and uses, Frater William Bulpitt ‘70 has a leg up the competition. As a Senior Research Engineer at Georgia Tech’s Strategic Energy Institute (SEI), Frater Bulpitt is taking the lead in identifying unique and alternate fuel sources such as wind energy and ethanol from pine trees. *The Tech Teke* had an opportunity to talk with Frater Bulpitt about his research and how TKE has impacted him personally.

Tech Teke: What is the purpose of SEI?

Frater Bulpitt: The Strategic Energy Institute (www.energy.gatech.edu) is the research “umbrella” at Georgia Tech that pulls together researchers from various, schools, colleges, and institutes to work on specific subjects that need multi-disciplinary collaboration. Our emphasis areas have included offshore wind energy and transportation fuels from biomass, these are two renewable areas that show some promise for Georgia.

Tech Teke: What lured you back into academia?

Frater Bulpitt: When Mirant (originally called Southern Energy) was headed for bankruptcy in 2002 in the wake of the Enron mess, I was laid off after 17 years with the company. I got on immediately with an environmental consulting firm in Atlanta and worked for them for 2 years, but my old academic advisor from Georgia Tech (Dr. Sam Shelton) called me up and offered me a job in the new “Strategic Energy Institute” that was being formed at Georgia Tech. It sounded interesting, so I took the job.

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State of Beta-Pi

by Michael McLeod, Prytanis



2008 promises to bring new challenges and opportunities for us at 159 5th Street. Last fall we welcomed eighteen new men into the Beta Pi bond, as we face one of the largest graduation years in recent history.

We continued our commitment to philanthropy with our annual Volleyball Tournament. This year, in partnership with Alpha Xi Delta, we had over 30 groups participate and raise funds for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Although we didn't take home the trophy this year, we continued to make our presence known during Homecoming.

We have already kicked off the spring semester with rush, recruiting four new candidates and took the entire chapter to Charleston for our spring Formal. We're currently working on a new recruitment strategy for summer and fall, and will be offering three freshman scholarships as part of the Triangle Achievement program. Because spring semester is the time for Greek Week, we have already started training for Tug, and taking leadership positions for the Greek Week committee.

As the BOT plans for a major renovation of our house, we are doing our best to grow the chapter and continue our commitment to leadership, brotherhood and scholarship. Hopefully, 2008 will be a year to remember when we pay off the mortgage, create a new tradition for recruitment, and "Celebrate Sixty" years of Beta Pi dominance at Georgia Tech.

If you find yourself on or around campus, please feel free to stop by to visit your GA Tech home anytime!

Yours In The Bond,

Michael McLeod
BII 1298



Chapter News



Above: Fraters serenade Katie Roberts at the Spring 2008 Red Carnation Ball. Ms. Roberts was selected to serve as Beta Pi's 2008 Sweetheart.

Right: Fraters work until the wee hours of the morning on the 2007 Homecoming contraption. This year's theme was Knight of Tech Tower.



2008 Chapter Officers

- Prytanis - Michael McLeod
- Epiprytanis - Gary Gallagher
- Grammateus - Sy Hubert
- Crysophylos - Jeremy Martz
- Hypophetes - Jake Hinton
- Histor - Nick Jennings
- Hegemon - Todd Brock
- Pylortes - Paul Wach
- Rush Chairman - Scott Weathers

Welcome Beta Pi's Newest Initiates!



Luke Pollock	Augusta, GA	ME	Steven Rufus	Cumming, GA	IE
Kyle Orr	Snellville, GA	UEC	Brad King	Augusta, GA	ARCH
Andy Erwood	Atlanta, GA	BME	Greg Wicker	Decatur, GA	MGT
Eric Pease	Loganville, GA	BIO	Drew Webster	Gainesville, GA	BC
Kyle Inman	Chapel Hill, NC	Comp E	Aron Skelton	Decatur, GA	MGT
Ethan Lotz	Ocean Springs, MS	BME	Austin Berry	Alpharetta, GA	ME
Brendan Patterson	Duluth, GA	PTFE	Andrew McClintock	Atlanta, GA	ECON
Gilberto Estupinan	Cupton, NJ	CE	Jimmy Ruppert	Redding, CT	IE
Keith Martiny	Eden Prairie, MN	ME			
Kian Sadri	Atlanta, GA	ARCH			

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.

James Martin '68
Jerry Phillips '68

and continued working part-time until 2001. He has five children - all married and eight grandchildren between 14 and 2 years old. He remains active with the Boy Scouts, an organization he has been a part of since '64. Additionally, he and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Willard R. Cardot '59 has retired from PDVSA Service, Inc.

James "Pat" E. Patterson '75 currently runs two medium sized manufacturing companies plus a consulting company, all related to the graphics industry. He has been married nearly 30 years to Jane and has 3 sons with two graduates of rival ACC schools; the oldest - Clemson; the youngest - Virginia Tech.

Donald A. Sweat has a daughter, Rebecca, who is a Senior Biology Major at Valdosta State University; a son, Mark who is a Freshman Engineering student at Duke University; and a son, Scott who is a High School Sophomore.

Richard W. Phelps '53 retired from The Aerospace Corp in '96

Stephen P. Powell '78 started his own architecture firm, Powell Design Studio, in October 2007. He and his wife Sharon recently celebrated their 30 year wedding anniversary.

Gary J. Minor '81 has served for nearly 14 years as Vice-President of Development for National Industrial Real Estate Developer - IDI. He and his wife Denise have a 16 year old son, Reece (future Ga Tech, we hope), and a 4 year old son, Garrett. They still live in Sandy Springs and are loving it!

Glenn A. Petterson '86 and his wife Kathy, and their son Erik (2-1/2) currently reside in Suwanee, GA.

Charles H. Rogers '87 recently moved back to Atlanta and is the Director of Customer Service with FMC Food Tech, Inc.

Mark L. Tebault '90 changed jobs in September 2004, and is now employed at LogicBay Corp as Project Director.

Brad A. Sampson '99 was promoted to Manager in May 2007 for XCD Performance Consulting. He recently published an article in Supply Chain Quarterly.

Robert A. Ford '02 is in his 2nd year Pediatric Residency (3 years total) and plans to go into general pediatrics. Robert was married to Jessie Tatum of Jasper, GA on November 10, 2007. She will graduate from Mercer Medical School in May 2008 and start Pediatric Residency in July 2008.

Have news you want to share? Complete the information at the bottom of the letter and return it to us!



Frater William Bulpitt (far right) hosting members from the 2007 Georgia Tech Energy Symposium Power Plant session.

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Tech Teke: What areas of research are you focusing on?

I was the Project Manager for the offshore wind energy study performed for Southern Company, and am currently managing the efforts in producing ethanol fuel from pine tree feedstock in Georgia. I have also been involved with several training programs for Iraqi power plant managers, and with a simulation center for gas turbine power plants that has been constructed at Georgia Tech.

Tech Teke: You have degrees in ME, how did you end up in the energy field?

Frater Bulpitt: My master's degree was in Air Pollution Technology (related to automotive engine air emissions) and I have worked with several environmental consulting firms over the years. When I got on with Southern Energy (the unregulated subsidiary of Southern Company) I started up a large biomass fired power plant for them and continued to be interested in renewable fuels and pollution control. I was Director of Environmental Affairs at Southern Energy for 6 years.

Tech Teke: How did your membership in TKE help you personally and professionally?

Frater Bulpitt: Professionally, while limited, I have had some business relationships with other TKE alumni. The main thing has been personal. Our particular time (1965 - 1972) saw a great deal of turmoil in the world, and on college campuses in particular. This time is being relived right now through Tom Brokaw's book "Boom" and his PBS documentary on 1968. During the time I was at Georgia Tech I saw a lot of metamorphosis in our fraternity from "Preppies" to "Hippies" and it was an interesting transformation to watch. We couldn't help but form lasting friendships when we were all facing the same

circumstances - particularly the draft and the Vietnam War.

As an only child, I have probably put more emphasis on friendships than many people. At my second wedding in 2001, there were 15 fraternity brothers from the classes of 1969 - 1971 present. I have been told that is extraordinary, and I believe it.

Tech Teke: Are you still in contact with any Beta Pi brothers?

Frater Bulpitt: Yes (see above) and I also keep track with about 25 - 30 more - so if I had to, I could assemble about 50 - not bad after all these years - the internet helps.

Tech Teke: Why did you choose to join Beta Pi chapter of TKE?

Frater Bulpitt: When I came to Georgia Tech, I had no intention of joining a fraternity, and in fact I knew very little about them (no one on my

mother's side of the family had even been to college) and I didn't know what "rush" was. I had been assigned a roommate from Fort Thomas, Kentucky who knew some guys in

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the Teke house and convinced me I should sign up for rush just to go to some parties, so I did. One thing led to another and I met a bunch of people I liked (who have become life long friends for these past 42 years) and I pledged.

Tech Teke: Did you hold any leadership positions while in the chapter?

Frater Bulpitt: I was chairman of the “Ramblin Wreck Committee” which was responsible for winning one of the three consecutive (1969 – 1971) contraption Wreck Parades on the campus.

Tech Teke: Could you share with us a favorite memory, either as an undergraduate or alumnus?

Frater Bulpitt: Working all night

building the Ramblin Wrecks (welding, getting engines to run etc.), and going on a trip to Russia in 1969 with 11 other Tech students (including 3 other Tekes) for 9 weeks – probably the greatest single experience of my life. Some Tekes went the year before (1968) and one in particular convinced me that this was a trip I needed to take. I will forever be in his debt for helping me make that decision.

Tech Teke: What piece of advice could you share with today’s collegiate members?

Frater Bulpitt: One of my all time favorite movies is “Stand By Me” based on the Steven King novella and narrated by Richard Dreyfuss. It is a coming of age story about four friends growing up together. As the movie closes, Dreyfuss asks, “Do you ever have



Frater Bulpitt and his Sunbeam Tiger at the 2006 Georgia Tech Auto Show.

as good a set of friends as when you are twelve?” The answer of course is no (and I still keep in contact with my best friends from that time period when I was growing up in Long Island), but the second best set of friends will probably be those you know from

years 18 – 22. It takes a lot of energy to stay in touch with them after graduation, but it is an effort worth taking.

Thank you Frater Bulpitt for your time and leadership!

Save the Dates

April 6 - 15 Greek Week
April 6 - TUG

May 30 - June 1
Fraters Golf and Get-Away Outing

All TKE alumni are welcome to join us in Vero Beach, Florida for a weekend of renewing old friendships, making new ones, and reliving old war stories. For info, please contact:

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239-850-6764 (work)
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Georgia Tech Basketball

February 21 vs. Virginia
7:00 p.m. ET

March 01 vs. Wake Forest
2:00 p.m. ET

March 6 vs. Clemson
7:00 p.m. ET

2008 Homecoming Football Game

October 25 vs. Virginia

Celebrating 60 Years of History



This photograph was taken in early summer of 1993. The White House had been torn down and construction of the new social quarters was about to begin.

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chapter alumni than ever before to create an even better foundation for the next generations of Beta Pi Tekes.

For years to come, 2008 will be remembered as a defining year for Beta Pi. In late spring, we’ll officially pay off the mortgage on the house, making us debt free for the first time in many decades.

Fraters Wes Schiel and Richard Sapp have accepted the challenge to re-engage our alumni with regular communication and to create an active alumni association so that the Beta Pi experience can continue long after graduation. Also, in an effort to reduce our reliance on traditional campus recruitment periods, the chapter will kick-off a new recruitment strategy known as the

Triangle Achievement Program, identifying quality recruits by offering freshman scholarships to potential candidates.

Finally, since many fraternity and sorority chapters have rebuilt or upgraded their chapter houses in the last ten years, it’s imperative for us renovate our TKE home to maintain a competitive and safe living environment. So, the BOT has engaged a professional fundraising firm to complete a feasibility study for a possible capital campaign to support housing renovations and to endow leadership programming and scholarships for the members of the chapter.

As you can tell, 2008 will be a memorable and busy year! Please join us as we “Celebrate Sixty” years of Beta Pi success at Georgia Tech.