



The Iota

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Alumni Spotlight Terry Dewberry I-627

One of the first things **Terry Dewberry I-627** remembers about going through Pi Kappa Phi rush at Tech, is seeing a rendering of the fraternity's impressive future house. "When I went to the Pi Kapp House, it was a small three-bedroom house they had rented on campus across from Peters Park. When you came into the main room, you noticed a beautiful rendering for their future house on campus. It made you all excited about the future house." Terry soon found out that they had used the rendering during rush for about two years. It was one of their pledge tools. A construction date had not been set and would not be for many years.

Originally from Marietta, Terry and his family moved to Florida when he was in eighth grade and lived there until he started to Tech. He pledged Spring Quarter 1962 and was initiated in October 1963. The chapter had about 30 brothers. Students took a minimum of 18 credit hours per quarter and often attended class on Saturdays. It was suggested that freshmen take 20-plus credit

hours. Terry says that while college is different today, many things are the same. Back in the early 1960's, the gentlemen at Tech had little experience with sororities, as there were few female students. Today, the student population is about equal and there are many sororities.

Terry took longer to graduate since he was also working. However, he knew he didn't want to be an electrical engineer, his chosen major, the rest of his life. Early in his junior year, the Dean

of EE called him in and said, "Son, you need to find something else to do". The conversation made him mad and more determined to finish, which he did in December 1966.

After graduation, Terry used his EE degree to work as a Flight Test Instrumentation Engineer at Lockheed Martin Corporation. The job was a lot of fun, he says. He flew on test flights and in chase planes. Yet, he knew that wasn't what he wanted to do for the remainder of his career. The problem was he had no idea what he wanted to do. He had not considered a career choice in high school.



Terry poses with Sharon, Dan, Ben and Lindel.

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Letter From Iota Alumni Board President



We want to continue to improve upon the House at 220 Ferst Drive and launched a new Web site. It seemed only fitting that *The Iota* get a facelift as well. We are excited about the opportunity to work with a new publisher and expand our reach to the Alumni base.

We want to continue to improve upon

I'm glad to once again address the Alumni in *The Iota*. In the past two years, we have remodeled

the Pi Kappa Phi experience and strive to be the best chapter with the best facilities on campus. The recent improvements helped us move toward this goal and helped us ring in the largest spring associate member class in Georgia Tech history.

As this goes to press, we are about to have the first of many casual Atlanta Alumni events. This one centered around the NCAA Basketball tournament and hosted at 5 Season's Brewery in Sandy Springs. As your Iota Alumni Board, we hope to bring the fellowship of the fraternity back into the lives of the Alumni. Look for future events in the mail.

Additionally, keep up with both the Iota and Atlanta Pi Kappa Phi groups through the

following Facebook groups:

- **Pi Kappa Phi - Iota Chapter - Alumni and Students**
- **Greater Atlanta Area Pi Kappa Phi Alumni**

I look forward to seeing you all at these events and value your input on how we can improve. As always, if there is anything your Fraternity can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Rob Schulten I-1178

Chapter News

Chapter Report

by **Andrew Talerico**, Archon I-1436



Since our last update, the Iota Chapter has accomplished some great things. We have continued our tradition of excellence in philanthropy. Over the past year, we have had brothers participate in many philanthropic events including Build America and Accessibility Projects. Our Vice Archon, **Ross Taylor I-1473**, is the marketing chair for Relay for Life at Georgia Tech and has pushed

us to start a Pi Kapp relay team. We are committed to making philanthropy part of the pledge process and that each pledge class raise money for Push America.

Homecoming 2009 was a great success. We hosted a pre-game tailgate complete with fried turkeys (fitting since we played Virginia Tech). We were very excited to have many alumni from many different decades attend the event. We initiated five new brothers in Spring 2009 and 19 in Fall 2009. As many of you are likely aware, this semester we had a record breaking Spring 2010 rush with 18 new associate members. We are thrilled to have the largest spring class ever at Georgia Tech and look forward to welcoming them as new brothers. We constantly work to get our name out on campus, and are taking the necessary steps to ensure a bright future for the Iota Chapter. We wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Andrew H Talerico, I-1436

Introducing the Spring 2010 New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Major</u>
Andrew Barth	Fayetteville, GA	Bio Medicine
Joshua Basuthakur	Norristown, PA	Mechanical Engineering
Kyle Beatty	Westport, CT	Material Science
Denzel Cole	Peachtree City, GA	Biochemistry
A.J. Curry	Lawrenceville, GA	Industrial Engineering
Ryan Daly	Pittsburgh, PA	Industrial Engineering
Doug DeRito	Alpharetta, GA	Biomedical
Kevin Driscoll	Fort Myers, FL	Mechanical Engineering
Diogo Dutcher	Marietta, GA	Industrial Engineering
Daniel Edwards	Marietta, GA	Mechanical Engineering
Alex Eplan	Alpharetta, GA	Mechanical Engineering
Eric Frey	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Mechanical Engineering
Chris Gintoli	Boca Raton, FL	Mechanical Engineering
Eric Hunt	Wilmington, NC	Chemical Engineering
Drew Killpack	Marietta, GA	Management
Sumeet Shah	Alpharetta, GA	Chemistry

Rush

by **Ross Taylor**, Vice Archon I-1463

Spring 2010 was a great rush for the Iota Chapter. We have 18 new Associate members! Our class is the biggest and best on campus. The newly initiated brothers did a great job rushing their friends. Fifteen of the 18 associates know members of our fall 2009 class. Brothers **Neal Coffey** and **Carlos Alvarez** headed up rush and got all the brothers involved. We expect to have retention of at least 90 percent which will put our chapter past 80 members.



Members of Pi Kappa Phi during rush activities.

Fall 2010 Rush is far away, but already on our minds. We are putting together some rush events over the course of this semester and the summer. These events include tubing down the Chattahoochee River and a Braves game. Our goal for Fall 2010 Rush is another 20-plus associates, which should be easily attained. The Iota Chapter is excited about what's to come and making Pi Kappa Phi the most desirable fraternity on campus.



Chapter News

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From top left to right: **Ross L. Taylor** (Vice Archon), **Andrew Talerico** (Archon), **Blake T. Bredbenner** (Chaplain). From bottom left to right: **Kyle R. Carnahan** (Warden), **Ram S. Patel** (Treasurer), **Daniel A. Hanison** (Historian) and not pictured **Nicholas M. Peters** (Secretary)

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Collegiate Spotlight William L. Mehserle I-1458



This issue spotlights **William Mehserle I-1458**, of Venice, FL., who will graduate this year in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

When William came to Tech, he rushed all around campus and was sought by several fraternities. But when he came to Pi Kappa Phi, he felt that the guys he met were the guys he would want as friends during and after college. William

was drawn to the multiple backgrounds of the brothers and liked that they were not a bunch of cookie cutter fraternity guys. He didn't want to spend college with people who were exactly like him. He wanted to spend the time with people who would offer new outlooks and perspectives on life.

Since starting Tech, William has participated in numerous organizations. He's served on the board of professional organizations including the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), as an EC member of Iota, and has been active in Relay for Life, Peer Mentors, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Connect with Tech.

With graduation just months away, William has accepted a position he describes as an internal consultant with Georgia-Pacific. With the new position, he is looking to enjoy a balance of engineering and management.

He plans to, after a few years, pursue a graduate degree likely in law or business. In the far future, William hopes to serve a district in the United States House of Representatives.

Even though he is graduating and has accepted a job in downtown Atlanta, he plans to keep and expand the connections he's made while a brother at Pi Kappa Phi. "I'd love to help the Iota Chapter continue to grow while I remain in this area."

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation and new job! We hope to see you around the house in the future!

Homecoming 2009

by Jeff Ye, Homecoming Chair I-1468

Pi Kappa Phi Homecoming 2009 was, for many reasons, a new experience for brothers both young and old. To other campus organizations, Homecoming meant a week of competition which involved events, shows, and dramatic displays. To Pi Kappa Phi, Homecoming meant a chance to establish itself as one of the leading student bodies on campus.

Preparation and planning for Homecoming began last semester. My co-chair, **Nicholas O'Connell**, and I had one major goal in mind: to attempt to place in the top three for every event. This attitude differed somewhat from previous years, where only certain events were attended and others neglected. As the smallest amount of effort in any event resulted in participation points, we decided that it was necessary to at least show up for everything this time in order to rank in the top 10 fraternities overall.

After many late nights, early mornings, and more than \$1,500 spent, Homecoming week was eventually over. Pi Kappa Phi ranked 6th place overall after losing 5th to a competing fraternity at the last possible minute. Though the result was not as satisfying as it could have been, it was a great increase from the 15th place achieved the previous year. As a result, the fraternity bonded and grew as a whole. Whether it was the 6 a.m. run to Kroger for 100 cans, or the all-nighter pulled to finish a complex display, everyone agreed that effort was no longer the problem.

Although brothers graduate and new brothers initiate every semester, the attitude around Homecoming will only get better. There is faith that before long, possibly in the next year or two, Pi Kappa Phi will rank among the top fraternities in Homecoming and will set the standard for other organizations.

His dad, who attended engineering school but had not had the opportunity to finish, hoped that Terry and his brothers would become engineers. The elder Dewberry was successful in that all three children earned degrees in engineering, as did several of his grandchildren.

After graduation, Terry was at Edwards Air Force Base for a test program and received a publication listing occupations throughout the country. He studied the booklet and narrowed down his new career choice to law, medicine or accounting. He says he rejected law because he couldn't spell. Then he rejected medicine because there was a two-year wait to get into school. So accounting it was. In 1972 he graduated from Georgia State University with a Master of Professional Accountancy. He went to work for the accounting firm that is now KPMG and earned a CPA certificate. He was there until 1981 when he left to work for Healthdyne, a company founded by **Pete Petit (Parker Petit '62)**, his big brother in the fraternity. It turned out that Pete and Terry were at Lockheed and GSU at the same time. The company was very successful and after a merger in 1996 Terry retired as vice chairman. Terry has remained active, serving on the board of several public and private companies, including the most recent, MiMedx, where Pete has assumed the roles of CEO and chairman.

Terry has also remained active with the Iota of Pi Kapp alumni. He credits **Jim Ramage '35** for finally building the fraternity house on Techwood that he had admired so long ago in the rendering. Terry served as Treasurer for the Housing Corporation during parts of the '70s. Terry credits Pete as the driving force behind building the current house. In 1993, there was an opportunity due to the Olympics to get favorable financing. Pete took on the challenge and kept at it until the house was completed in 1995. Terry says one of the hardest, and most rewarding, organizations to successfully manage is a fraternity. He has told undergraduates many times that if you can manage a fraternity successfully, you can manage almost anything.

Besides staying active on the Iota alumni board, Terry stays in touch with several of the guys from Tech. He says, "Fraternity brothers are brothers always. It doesn't matter if you haven't seen a guy for 50 years, when you meet it is like it was just yesterday when you were in school." He regrets not staying in touch with more of his contemporaries. The alumni board, he says, is trying to organize more events and find other ways for the guys to stay in touch.

Still, with his many years of experience with Pi Kapp, the event he remembers most is walking behind his son, **Ben I-1445**, during his initiation. "It is an indescribable feeling to see your son become a Pi Kapp." Terry says alumni brothers who have the chance to experience initiation with a son or grandson should not miss the opportunity.

Ben, for his part, helped bring his dad back to Pi Kapp and get him active again with the alumni board. Terry has found that he really enjoys working with the underclassmen and believes they've got a great bunch of guys there. "If they are not the best chapter on campus, they are darned close." He also believes they are probably more mature than when he was at Tech.

Terry has a daughter, Deborah, from his first marriage, and two sons, Ben (James Benjamin), the son at Tech, and Joseph Daniel 'Dan'. Deborah is a teacher in Atlanta. Ben entered Tech in 2006 and pledged Pi Kapp with one of his buddies from high

school. This was a surprise to Terry, as he didn't think Ben was going to pledge a fraternity. "I guess you can say, 'Like father, like son'" said Terry, adding that Ben started to get his degree in EE, but switched to Management with a Technology and Management certificate. He will graduate this December.

In May, Ben will marry Lindel Krige. Lindel is headed to medical school at the Medical College of Georgia or Boston University and wants to be a surgeon and do medical research. Soon they will learn if they will be located in Athens or Boston. Dan attends Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and is a talented artist. He is majoring in Film and Television.

Terry and his wife, Sharon, who was a Registered Nurse at Children's Health Care of Atlanta at Scottish Rite, met at a TGI Friday's restaurant and were married 11 weeks later. This year will mark their 32nd wedding anniversary. Married for 10 years before Ben was born, Terry finds raising kids at this age interesting, but says he really does enjoy it.

A special thank you goes out to Terry Dewberry for this issue's alum spotlight! We thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to Pi Kappa Phi!



Members of Pi Kappa Phi posing for their class photograph.

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