



The Iotan

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT



2012 has been another great year for the Iota chapter. We have continued to improve the house with new ceilings and floors throughout the basement and second floor public areas as well as finishing the renovations of

all of the restrooms. We have just a few more projects on our to-do list for the New Year.

Homecoming was a great success and it was great to see everyone that could be there. The Display was by far the best on campus and **Scott "Scooter" Sewell '95** drove the winning classic car in the parade. We also had a friendly BBQ competition



between the alumni and the actives and, while the actives may have won the competition, the real winners were those who enjoyed the great food.

I want to remind you that **2013 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Iota Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi**. We are currently planning a celebration to ring in our centennial for the evening of Friday, October 25, 2013. Watch your mail for additional details in the coming months. I hope to see as many of you as possible for this historic event.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. As always, if there is anything your Fraternity can do for you please, let us know.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Rob Schulten '98
President

Alumni Spotlight: David Szamborski '97

Editor's note: For this edition of The Iotan we're shining the spotlight on Brother David Szamborski '97. "Zambo" is the Head Brewer at 21st Amendment Brewery in San Francisco. Zambo graduated in 1997 with a BS in Management with Minors in both Marketing and Philosophy. He also has an International Diploma in Brewing Science from the World Brewing Academy (2004), an experience that had him living in both Chicago and Munich. Read on to find out more!

What brought you to the Iota house in school?

I visited a lot of houses during rush my first quarter at Tech. I think you're basically just looking for some people you relate to but, in hindsight, you really only scratch the surface during rush. I guess some of just get lucky and end up with the right group. I was in the marching band but could tell pretty fast they weren't my group. I still play around with my sax though!

Do you have any fond memories?

They are all fond memories. I'm sure the ones



Adding unvarnished Maplewood Louisville Sluggers to an annual charity brew guarantees a home run brew every time!

that I've forgotten were pretty fond as well. I got to be my unique self and learn to mix with people both equally as eccentric and quite the opposite. The diversity of Iota is its strength and your ability to work as a team outside the house with those you have found conflict with

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Homecoming Tailgate BBQ Competition

This year's homecoming festivities featured competition on and off the football field. As we all know, our beloved Yellow Jackets put up a valiant fight against the BYU Cougars, ultimately falling to the enemy with a final score of 41-17.

Although the battle on the field was disappointing, Pi Kappa Phi had already experienced a different type of contest earlier that afternoon. This contest featured two of our own locked head to head in a BBQ showdown. **Robert Schulten '98** - current Alumni Board President, and **Russell Rollins I-1560**, both avid BBQ men participated in the competition.

Rob grills regularly in regional competitions with his BBQ team, Under Construction BBQ, while Russell, an undergraduate CompE major, occasionally smokes up some pork for brotherhood events.



Russell Rollins (far right) with his grill during the Homecoming BBQ Challenge.

Not only would this competition settle a grilling rivalry between alumni and undergraduates, but also provide a delicious means to feed alumni, family, and friends! Both teams fired up their grills late Friday evening, cooking through the night until

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Chapter News

My name is **Christopher Stubel I-1520**, and I will be serving as Archon for the spring 2013 semester. I previously served as Treasurer, Greek Week Chair, Homecoming Chair, and in the upcoming summer I will be undertaking Push America's Journey of Hope. This fall semester the Iota Chapter initiated 16 impressive young men, maintaining a 100 man chapter.

We continued to improve in homecoming, with an 8th place finish out of 32 fraternities and a large alumni turnout for the homecoming game. Our academics are steadily rising and our chapter GPA is above the all Greek male average. I am excited for the upcoming semester and the great opportunities it holds for our chapter. During the spring I will be focusing on the following areas: increasing awareness of PUSH, involvement and presence on campus, and preparing for our Centennial.

I plan on doing two PUSH fundraisers: a joint volleyball tournament with a sorority,



and a bike-a-thon, both to raise funds and awareness of PUSH. Involvement on campus is always an area for improvement and I will work closely with our Warden to create an action plan to get our associate and younger members involved in clubs and organizations that fit their strengths and interests. Through campus leadership positions and increased awareness of PUSH, we will boost our presence on campus, benefitting our

chapter's reputation and rush results.

My final area of focus will be on preparing for our Centennial in October, the 100th anniversary of receiving our charter. This event is a monumental milestone for the Iota chapter and for the Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity. I look forward to leading and building a stronger brotherhood of brothers as we enter what will be the greatest year yet for our chapter.

Christopher Stubel I-1520
Archon

2012 Pledges

Conor Campbell: Atlanta, GA
Matias Bishop: Valencia, Venezuela
Aditya Raghupathy: Alpharetta, GA
Barclay Bogiages: Milton, GA
Bradley Oesch: Coppell, TX
Wade Enos: Alpharetta, GA
Kurt Hertz: Clemmons, NC
Daniel Radke: Virginia Beach, VA
Michael Myers: Nashville, TN
Gordon Huston: Farmington Hills, MI
Coleman Alford: Alpharetta, GA
John Gaddis: Bernardsville, NJ
Davis Schneider: Corvallis, OR
John Zimmerman: Wilton, CT
Julio Davila: Fairfield, CT
Daniel Silva: Fairfield, CT



Undergraduate Spotlight: Louis Wright '12

Hometown: Charleston, SC
Dual Major:
Mechanical Engineering &
Nuclear and Radiological
Engineering

What are some of your favorite memories as an active Pi Kapp?

My favorite moment as an active Pi Kapp actually occurred on a study abroad trip in the summer of 2011. During the study abroad trip, an unexpected group of Pi Kapps ended up running into each other for a portion of the trip, and it didn't matter that we were thousands of miles from home and in another country. The bond we created at Iota was carried with us and made for an extraordinary time. It was great to see how strong our bond is no matter how far away we are from where we first made it. The entire summer was filled with new experiences across different countries and it was great to share those moments with some of my Iota brothers.

Another good memory is going to Mid



Visiting my Big's Big in Maryland and holding my girlfriend's Guinea pig named Cookie.

Year Leadership Conference in Baltimore and meeting new Pi Kapps from the northeast region and discovering new friends. It was a pleasant surprise to meet new Pi Kapps from a different part of the country and discover how similar we really are. Throughout the conference, we became practically inseparable discovering more and more similarities as the conference progressed.

As Justice of Standards, what needs do you regularly see and address?

I am always striving to increase the quality of our chapter and everyone that is involved with it. I try to keep everyone informed of our Code of Conduct and how we can improve ourselves which in turn improves Iota. Instead of trying to administer punishments/judgments for what has been deemed as violations, I try to preemptively place our standard in the forefront of everyone's mind.

How has your membership with Iota helped you get through school?

Iota has always been there both academically and socially. With Iota there was always someone who had been in the class I was going



Birthday celebration in Boston with friends: Iota Brother Aakash Gihwala (l), Louis Wright (middle r).

through and often times there was another brother in the same class with me. That has been very helpful to understand some of the more difficult classes as I have progressed through Georgia Tech.

Being involved with Iota in several chairman positions and Vice Archon has given me access to several Pi Kapp workshops and great leadership experience that I have been able to transfer over to other organizations, group projects and the work environment.

What type of recreation and work are you involved with on campus?

During my time at Georgia Tech I have been

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Alumni News & Events

Iota Alumni Board

President

Rob Schulten '98

Treasurer

Jerry Stamey '94

Secretary

Angelo Panousis '94

Member-at-Large

Scott Sewell '95

Member-at-Large

Perrin Quarshie '08

Member-at-Large

Matthew Cannon '11

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serving time the next day.

For the lunch, pulled pork and ribs were served as well as sides from a local barbecue joint. Rob's pulled pork came from an entire pig, featuring some complex pork flavor. On the other hand, Russell's came from a pair of shoulder butts he had diligently prepared. In all, eighteen racks of ribs were carefully smoked through the night and ultimately served.

In the spirit of friendly competition, two judges were picked from the brothers and two from the present alumni. The vote on pulled pork was split, however, the vote on ribs went unanimously in Russell's favor. Although Russell won, he gives Rob credit, claiming, "if I had to produce the kind of volume he did, I wouldn't have stood a chance." Rumor of the competition brought the most number of alumni by the house seen in recent years! Current undergraduates had the opportunity to spend some time with many of our distinguished alumni. We look forward to next year and another occasion for everyone to meet, mingle, and chow down before the homecoming game!



Above: Robert Schulten's grill from the "Under Construction" BBQ team, in full cook mode. Below: Part of the Homecoming crew (l to r) Andrew Barth (Current Archon), Braxton Greer '63, Parker "Pete" Petit '58, Brian Coffey (Current Vice Archon).



Save the dates

100

years at

October 2013



◆ Friday before Georgia Tech 2013 Homecoming Game - Details to be announced ASAP

◆ August 10, 2013 - Journey of Hope Arrival in Washington, DC - Be sure to follow and support our very own Christopher Stubel as he participates in the 2013 Journey of Hope for PUSH America!



Above: Pi Kappa Phi's Fixed Body entry to the annual Ramblin Reck Parade. Below: Pi Kappa Phi's bicycle powered contraption entry for the parade. Featuring Chris Stubel and Travis Turner to current undergraduates set to ride in the Journey of Hope.





My wife Nicole and I in front of San Francisco's Wreck Room.

within the house is a testament to the strength you gain in this fraternity. We make each other better people.

How did you get into the beer brewing profession?

I was homebrewing throughout college, although it became much more palatable in Southern California when I got involved with some local clubs and competitions. Eventually I realized that, although brewing is 90% cleaning, I never thought of it as work. The next step was to find some sucker to pay me to do what I love. Next comes the period of working your butt off for very little compensation to prove you are the man for this job. And yet, when you are doing what you love, you still go home smiling. The money eventually comes along with the important lesson that money does not define wealth. Wealth lies in one's heart.

What does a brewer do on his day off?

Basically the same thing I do at work... drink beer. San Francisco is an amazing town and my wife Nicole and I still feel like we are on vacation here even after 3 years. There are cool historical sites and a hell of a baseball team. The Giants' pitchers like my MCA Stout, brewed in honor of a fallen homie;-)

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Being in a brewpub allows me to walk out to the bar and watch people enjoy my beer. I feel production breweries are somewhat like

a factory and lack this personal touch. It is especially fulfilling to hear the compliments when I sit anonymously at the bar on slower nights.

What is the biggest challenge you as brewmaster?

Baseball season is very challenging for us. I have a part-time assistant but pretty much run the show. Being 2 blocks from the stadium, we go through an unbelievable amount of beer. Some people handle it better than others. After a very physical day on the job, it can be tough dealing with the impatience of drunk sports fans. Usually they are great... just not always. Hold it together, boys. Man up.

What is your signature brew and can members buy it?

I brew every style and more. My beer is mostly available in the San Francisco area, although it can be tasted every year at The Great American Beer Festival in Denver. (I've scored two Gold medals and a Silver in the past 2 years). I brew once a year for the national market but so far it has been draft only. The last one I brewed for the national market was called "Zambo," affectionately named by one of our owners.

As far as our regular national beers, I have brewed all of them at the pub and am partial to the Back in Black, which is an American Black IPA. You can find where to buy 21A beer on our website... www.21st-amendment.com. I believe we are in the process of launching a new one.

How are you involved with Pi Kappa Phi today?

I am in touch with some of the

brothers and see them every year. I haven't made it to homecoming in a few years though so hopefully I can get back to Atlanta soon. I found my experience as the Social Chairman for a few years helped me gain the experience that has made me successful at event planning at the brewpub. I am now a Certified Cicerone® and I host beer dinners throughout the year. I encourage brothers to get involved in at least one committee. It is great experience!

What advice can you give our members about pursuing their dreams?

Do what makes you happy. Work your butt off to become the best. Immerse yourself in the industry you choose. Don't ever make a job decision solely based on money. You will get your just compensation when you are doing what you are meant to do.

A Day in the Life of a Master Brewer



Dressed up for our annual Repeal Day celebration on December 5th.

- 6:00 am Grain delivery, but that's every 6 weeks.
 - More typically:**
 - 7:30 am Wake up, stretch, cook breakfast for 2. Turn on slow cooker.
 - 8:30 am Pull empty kegs from cellar and restock. Place orders for guest beer.
 - 8:45 am Clean lines. Release new beer. Quality Control/tasting.
 - 9:00 am Begin brew setup or filtration setup.
 - 11:30 am Restaurant opens. Sit for daily gumbo and QC.
 - 2:00 pm Lunch break. Lots of QC/tasting.
 - 4:30 pm Finish brew/filtration day. Enjoy a beer at the bar with our loyal patrons.
 - 5:00 pm Hit the market for fresh veggies.
 - 6:00 pm Pull awesome beer-marinated meat from slow cooker. QC.
 - 7:00 pm Dinner with Nicole, my awesome wife
 - 8:00 pm Hit a local watering hole.
- Pretty simple, I guess. And yet, it never gets old;-)

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involved in a number of clubs and societies. I have volunteered with such organizations Circle K and Relay for Life events. I've also been involved with engineering societies such as NSBE, ANS, and ASME. Since my second semester at Georgia Tech, I have worked at the Campus Recreation Center where I became a fitness supervisor and was selected to the interview panel.

I am always involved with our intramurals teams for Iota, with many of them going deep into the playoffs consistently.

As a graduating senior this year, what do you plan on doing after graduation?

Upon graduation, I will be moving to New Orleans to start my career working with International Paper in their rotational engineering development program.