



The Iota

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100TH ANNIVERSARY

A Gift for Georgia Tech



As many of you know, we will soon be celebrating our chapter's 100th anniversary, in October of 2013. We have a lot to celebrate that year and we would like as many as possible of the alumni and their families to be a part of it. The chapter is planning on donating a gift to Georgia Tech. This can be, but is not limited to, a bell tower, a clock, a statue on campus, etc. With donations, we can have the most prominent gift on campus among Greek Organizations.

Another desire the chapter has for the 100th anniversary, is an Alumni Roseball ceremony. With it being a special occasion, we have discussed having a ceremony to celebrate this milestone. Alumni and their wives are encouraged to attend. It will be most likely the following spring so it does not conflict with the football season. I want to communicate this now so you can begin to plan a reunion with your brothers in a little less than three years from now. If you do not attend anything from now until the 100th anniversary, PLEASE COME TO THIS EVENT. More details are soon to come in the next edition of the *Iota*.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Matthew W. Cannon



Save the date

October 2013

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Q & A with Angelo Panousis



Q: Why did you join Pi Phi when you were at Tech?

A: I joined Pi Kappa Phi during rush of my very first quarter at Tech. There was a nasty rumor going around that there were no girls at Georgia Tech and if you wanted to have a chance to be at a party with

a girl, you better join a fraternity. I was passing by the Pi Kapp house during rush, they showed me that there was a girl at their rush party, so I joined. It was a quick and easy decision.

Q: You are involved with the chapter – how did you start out?

A: I was elected Vice Archon. I loved planning for rush. It was recruiting, which is now essentially most of what I do professionally now.

Q: Where has your education taken you in your career path?

A: I started at Georgia Tech as an Aerospace Engineer (candidate). At that time, you had to get “admitted” into the choice of your major school, even if you avoided failing out of Tech. After going forward blindly on this path for a couple of years, someone told me that the Cold War had just ended and there were no AE jobs.

I picked up a copy of the Ma Tech Almanac and looked at the ‘placement’ column - the percentage of folks that get jobs from each major upon graduation. Building Construction registered a perfect 100% for the previous five years, so I went with that.

I worked in hard bid general construction for several years, with its long hours and ridiculous amounts of stress. After a time, I found myself doing Airport & Airline construction work, then Airport & Airline IT work and now managing others who do actual Airport & Airline IT work.

Project management is project management - it is a portable skill between industries. This field is fun because the challenge is new every day. I like working with people, solving problems and talking at meetings. I’m working as an executive level manager for a small company but we’re getting bigger steadily, my hope is to continue that trend (PMTechnologies, look us up)

Q: What are some of your fondest memories being a member of Iota?

A: Beach parties (we used to dump truckloads of sand on the patio during spring), round-the-world parties, band parties...and a few non-drinking related activities. Seriously though, I really enjoyed the many many sporting events, Greek Week contests and anything else that involved teaming up with my brothers in a competition.

As an Alum, I still hang out with several people from my pledge class and the classes before and after. These people are my lifelong

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Chapter News

As the 100th anniversary gets closer, the brothers of Georgia Tech will reflect on our own founders' reasoning for beginning the Iota chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. Leadership, setting a higher standard, and building better men were all among our founders' reasoning for beginning this brotherhood. Our active brothers exemplify this motto and strive to teach it to our new associate members each and every year.

As our brotherhood continues to become one of the best and largest on campus, I am confident in saying that the men of the Iota chapter of Pi Kappa Phi will be the leaders of campus tomorrow. At the end of fall 2010, we had: nineteen new members, taken a Clemson road trip, held our beach weekend at Myrtle Beach, hosted two social mixers with sororities, as well as several band parties in between.

Beginning in 2011, we have eight associate members, had two more mixers, date nights, Rose Ball in New Orleans, and hosted

an Alumni Dinner on April 12th.

Our brotherhood continues to excel in the classroom as well. Our most recent associate member class had an overall GPA of above a 3.0 last semester and we believe this trend will continue throughout their time here. They have some big shoes to fill though as our graduating brothers are going to be accountants, finance consultants, engineers at Fortune 500 companies, or heading off to law school.

In the last three years, we have initiated twenty five to thirty new members each year. Our brotherhood is getting stronger and our members want to see us continue to succeed to the take our chapter to the next level.

We are finishing in the top three in most intramurals on campus, are one of the largest fraternities, and have brothers involved in almost every club including Interfraternity Council.

In April or May of 2012, we are planning on holding a Push America golf tournament and

we are encouraging alumni to participate. We will be organizing a dinner later that evening as well. We are also planning a summer Rush program to help us recruit new freshman and ways to help them better themselves over time. This will help us be more selective during rush as well lead to higher quality men becoming Iotas.

The brotherhood is optimistic that our future is bright for Iota. We want to continue to engage our alumni and strive to become the best fraternity on campus. I feel that we could not be where we are today without the alumni we have setting the foundation for us to succeed.

You have set a high standard in which our active brothers want to live up to after graduation to help us be the best chapter at Georgia Tech and of Pi Kappa Phi nationally. Thank you for allowing us to be where we are today as well as the mottos and standards you maintained when you were active which will make Iota stronger than ever.

2011 - 2012 Chapter Officers

Archon: *Christopher A. Voelker*

Vice Archon: *Matthew S. Callicott*

Treasurer: *Jeremy Tran*

Secretary: *Andrew R. Barth*

Warden: *Miles L. Gantt*

Historian: *Matthew W. Cannon*

Chaplain: *Kyle W. Beatty*

Fall Rush 2011

by Matthew Callicott Vice Archon I-1502



This fall Iota looks to add another solid pledge class to its ranks. Rush starts on Friday August 19th and continues through Wednesday August 24th.

The freshman class of 2011-2012 began entering tech at the end of June and Iota has been putting together summer events to attract the best of the best to its ranks again. Individuals from Houston to Connecticut have expressed interest in rushing Pi Kappa Phi.

With 84 brothers active this fall, breaking 100 is a very possible goal. With school fast approaching rush is becoming busier and busier, but soon we will have our fall pledge class. We look forward to introducing the pledge class of fall 2012 to you soon!

Fraternally Yours,
Matthew S. Callicott



Alumni News & Events

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Since our last Iota Newsletter, we have learned of the passing of the following brothers. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and friends.

Alexander McGraw 257

David McClanahan 349

Frank Hodge 384

Robert Stamps 513

Joseph Nocella 521

James Hicks 563

Donald Johnson 600

James Dull 1128

LEAVE A LEGACY!

Consider a lasting gift that will support Pi Kappa Phi long after you are gone. By including the house corporation in your estate plans you ensure the long-term health and success of our fraternity. Here's what you and/or your advisor might need to know:

Most common ways to include the house corporation are through your will or life insurance.

Sample language: I leave the sum of (\$xxxxxx.xx or xx% of my estate) to: Iota Alumni of Pi Kappa Phi Inc. tax id # 58-1648136 c/o Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, PO Box 240526, Charlotte, NC 28224.

This information is not presented as legal or tax advice. Always consult your advisors for questions you may have.

PI KAPPA PHI GOLF TOURNAMENT 2012



**Push
AMERICA**

Mark your calendars now! We will be hosting a Push America Golf Tournament in April or May of 2012. It will be around \$100 per person and all profits will go to PUSH. We will be planning events for your families to participate in as well. It will take place in the metro Atlanta area.

Georgia Tech 2011 Football Schedule

Sept. 1 - Western Carolina

Sept. 10 @ Middle Tenn.

Sept. 17 - Kansas

Sept. 24 - North Carolina

Oct. 1 @ NC State

Oct. 8 - Maryland

Oct. 15 @ Virginia

Oct. 22 @ Miami-FL

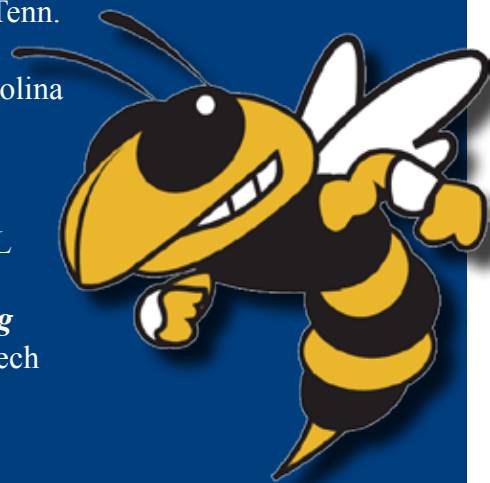
Oct. 29 - Clemson

Homecoming

Nov. 10 - Virginia Tech

Nov. 19 @ Duke

Nov. 26 - Georgia



Brag About Your Tailgate and Visit Ours

With summer well underway, football season is now within sight. More than a few of us are getting ready for this very special time of year. While the NFL has made nice, we know that our favorite college football is going to be there for us and we are going to be ready!

To me, tailgating has got to be one of the most important aspects of Georgia Tech Football game days. In some ways it may be the most important thing to many alumni. It's a chance to catch up with your closest friends and fraternity brothers who are part of your tailgate, as well as visit with many others at their tailgate. It's a time to catch up with each other, joke around and talk about football or whatever comes to mind.

It's also a good time to drink, eat and relax on a Saturday that might otherwise be just another chore-filled weekend day.

To this end, the chapter is interested in providing an online forum for alumni to talk about their tailgate - how they do it, where they do it, who generally shows up and their plans for this coming year. If you're interested in joining the discussion, please join the alumni forum area of the Iota Chapter website.

Enter PiKapp.net in your browser and register for the forums. Once registered, please look in the alumni forum section for a poll for the best game day for the official Pi Kappa Phi Iota Alumni Tailgate party. The possible home game day choices are:

North Carolina – September 24

Maryland – October 8

Clemson – October 29

We would like your feedback on which one of these games that alumni would be most interested in stopping by our tailgate for some food and fun. It is our hope that the alumni section of our forum will expand as a useful tool for our Iota Alumni to keep in touch and make plans to get together at our tailgate as well as your own.

We hope that you'll join us on the forum and that we'll see you during this upcoming football tailgating season.

friends. We have too many memories to count or recall. Plus what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

Q: Are there any other Pi Kappa Phi's or Yellow Jackets in the Panousis Family?

A: Yes, a Pi Kapp married my sister. Try not to let that happen but if it does, it's not the end of the world....ok, ok just kidding Dan. It's been great, really, to have a Brother-in-law who is also a brother.

Q: What has motivated you to stay involved as an Alumni?

A: Jerry Stamey said that he'd pulverize me if I didn't help.

Q: Why do you feel it is important that Alumni give back to the chapter?

A: You always feel a great deal of Brotherhood when you're around other Pi Kapps. That feeling is stronger when you're working towards a common goal together. It reminds you of why you joined in the first place - other than getting girls.

Q: What piece of advice would you give the undergraduate members as they begin their professional life?

A: Keep your personal networks strong. They will serve you at least as much as the good education that you're receiving at Tech.

Keep up the good work Angelo!

A New Addition?

The active chapter is looking to raise money for a flagpole in front of the house. We feel it that it would add something distinct to the outside of the house. The American and Pi Kapp flags would be flown.

We have been asking around to do some pricing. To have the base consistent with the outside of the house and to illuminate the flags from underneath, the total cost would amount to about \$3,000. We would like to raise this by Homecoming and have it installed by January 2012. If you are interested in donating money, please contact Jeremy Tran at treasurer@pikapp.net. You can also mail a check to the house and have the "For" be "Flag Pole".

We hope everybody had a safe and happy July 4th. We are looking forward to seeing you and your families this Fall at the football games.



Memory Lane

by J. Michael Jones '82

At the end of my Sophomore year I had to transfer to Southern Polytechnic. The spring of my Junior year (1980 – 1981), I came back to Georgia Tech to visit and catch up with my Iota brothers – who were throwing a huge luau themed party. They dug a swimming hole behind the house with a back hoe – deep enough to dive into. We roasted a pig and had a band play. They held a racy contest for the guys and girls. It was an extreme party – and I was really impressed by how much effort went into it. I remember my Little Brother at the chapter was drinking grasshoppers and we enjoyed the night into the early morning.



Does your company have job/ internship openings?

An important part and aspect of the fraternity is networking. Some of our alumni set our active brothers with internship and co-op opportunities, and sometimes even careers. If your company is looking for an intern, co-op, or an enthusiastic worker, please let the Historian know @ historian@pikapp.net. Please let **Matthew W. Cannon** know the name of the company, location of the job, description, and desired majors. In this economy, everything helps. Hope to hear from you soon!

