

## UPCOMING EVENT

### 2009 Push America Golf Tournament Saturday, March 28th

City Club Marietta  
in Marietta, Georgia  
Cost \$150/per person

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# The Iota



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Brother Pete Petit Inducted into Iota Hall of Fame *Alumni Help Needed for Continued House Improvements*

I would be remiss if I didn't start by thanking **Jimmy Piper** for his term as Alumni President. Jimmy has been a great asset to the alumni board and the Iota Chapter during his nine years as president. At our annual alumni meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> our new officers were elected. **Jerry Stamey** was re-elected as Treasurer, **Scott Sewell** was re-elected as Member-at-Large, **Clay Pumphrey** was elected as Member-at-Large and I, **Rob Schulten**, was elected as President.

During the homecoming celebration we had the privilege of inducting **Parker "Pete" Petit** into the Iota hall of fame. This has been long overdue as it was Pete's leadership and generosity that allowed us to build our house 12 years ago.

We have been busy at 220 Ferst Drive over the past few months. Over the past year we have begun an effort to renovate and update the house for the first time since it first opened in 1996. The project started with a goal to make the Pi Kappa Phi house the nicest on campus and I am proud to say we have come a long way towards our goal. I hope many of you have been able to see this through your football season visits to the house.

We have renovated the dining room, kitchen, chapter room, bar and all of the

bedroom racks have been rebuilt. The outside of the house has been repainted and the main floor entry way and hallways have been dressed with new paneling and trim. These projects, along with the diligent work of the chapter, allowed us to have the largest pledge class on campus.

The alumni board has taken over the dining program and hired a full time cook. James has quickly become an integral part of chapter life cooking two meals a day as well as preparing food for tailgating before the home games.

While we have made great strides we are still only half way through our list of needed projects. The work done so far has been funded primarily through a refinance of our mortgage. We still have a lot of work to do and we need your help. We can only reach our goal with the generosity of our alumni. I ask you to join us in our effort by giving back to the fraternity in whatever way you can.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Push America Golf Tournament in March. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about the chapter, the house or the alumni board.

Yours in Brotherhood,

**Rob Schulten**

President

## NEW ALUMNI OFFICERS

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## SCHOLARSHIP

### Two Seniors Honored with Academic Awards

#### *Summer Semester Improves Chapter's Overall GPA*

Each year the Iota chapter of Pi Kappa Phi honors two members with The Most Improved Scholar Award and The Scholar of the Year Award. Last spring, both of these awards were won by seniors.

Brian Antkowiak, a Mechanical Engineering major, won the award for the Most Improved Scholar. Brian is graduating this semester and is very involved on campus and within the fraternity. Brian is the Sorority Relations chair at Pi Kappa Phi, on the events committee for GT Heroes and serves as a lector at the GT Catholic Center.

Douglas Morgan, a Computer Science

major, won the award for the Scholar of the Year. Graduating next spring, Doug earned this award because of his exceptional grades and involvement on campus. Doug served as the head of the GT Greek Week Executive Committee and is responsible for organizing all of GT Greek Week. Doug was the internal vice president of the GT chapter of the ACM and an active member of GT Heroes. Doug also worked as a tutor in several programming languages and as a teaching assistant. Despite all of these activities he earned a 3.8 GPA last fall and a 3.6 GPA in the spring.

### Chapter Statistics

#### *Spring*

2.92 Overall GPA  
Almost Half of Pi Kappa Phi on  
Dean's List or Above

#### *Summer*

3.01 Overall GPA

## PHILANTHROPY

### Pi Kapp Awarded Dean Dull Philanthropy Award

#### *Iota Chapter Working with Push America to Help People with Disabilities*

The Iota chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity congratulates Adam L. Caruthers and Daniel C. Brown for being accepted to the upcoming Journey of Hope team. This Journey of Hope event will take place across 32 states and will cover over 12,000 miles. This is a great honor and we know they are up for the challenge.

As for Gear Up Florida 2009, Todd M. Heffner will be participating in his second cycling event after participating in the Journey of Hope tour a few years ago. Todd is also, along with Doug L. Stine, on the crew for Build America 2009. Build America 2009 will begin in Cleveland, Ohio and end in Denver, Colorado.

The associate members of the Iota Chapter are currently fundraising for Push America. They have contacted local hotels and stores who will ask their patrons to donate on the behalf of Push America. You can help too by making a tax-deductible donation online at [www.pushamerica.org/events](http://www.pushamerica.org/events). Last year our chapter was recognized by the University, as we won the Dean Dull Philanthropy Award for our 4000+ hours of service to Push America. At Supreme Chapter, the chapter received the silver star award, red rose club award, and centennial society award from Pi Kappa Phi. The Iota chapter wants and will continue to fulfill the Push America mission of helping people with disabilities and raising awareness of people with disabilities.

## RECRUITMENT

### Iota Chapter Welcomes Largest Pledge Class with 33 Pledges

#### *House Improvements and New Dining System Helps Sell Pi Kapp as the Best*

Approaching a semester with more than 14 brothers graduating, the Iota Chapter increased our efforts to assure ourselves of not only a large pledge class- but also a quality pledge class. This year the Rush Chair and Vice Archon strove to be ahead of the game, ready to surpass other fraternities and ready to strike come fall rush.

The overall housing improvements to the chapter room and the new dining system with Chef James Moore helped the brothers sell our fraternity as one the best on campus. The brotherhood came together and put forth the effort needed so that we would meet our goals in both quantity and quality. The Vice Archon and Rush Chair ensured an organized rush, allowing brothers to focus on the potential members and not have any distractions.

Our efforts gave way for the largest pledge class on campus with 33 pledges. While the Iota Chapter is very pleased with the results of our fall rush, we are focused on continuing with the same approach and efforts with intentions of maintaining if not increasing our numbers with a large spring pledge class.



## BROTHERHOOD EVENT

### All Alumni and Actives Welcome to Monthly Golf Outings

By Clay Pumphrey

Combining brotherhood with his passion for golf, Mike Mulvaney has organized a monthly Pi Kapp golf outing open to all alumni and active brothers. This summer, Pi Kapps gathered monthly at courses all around the metro Atlanta area to play a round of golf and catch up with one another.

The locations for the monthly outings have moved around in order to be convenient for as many brothers as possible. So far, locations have included Hampton Golf Village in Cumming, River Pines in Alpharetta, Bradshaw Farms in

Woodstock, Cobblestone in Acworth, and Bear's Best in Suwanee.

Since the weather is turning cold, the group will take a winter break until the 2nd Annual Pi Kapp Golf Tournament benefiting Push America, which will take place at Marietta City Club on March 28th, 2009. The regular monthly outings will continue after that.

We would like to involve as many brothers in these outings as possible, so if you are interested in having a fun and relaxing round of golf, please send an email to [mikemulvaney@earthlink.net](mailto:mikemulvaney@earthlink.net). We

are looking for great courses to gather and play at, so if you have any suggestions, we welcome those as well.



**Brothers at one of this past summer's golf outings.**

## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

### William Boll Shares Why He's Proud to be a Pi Kapp

*"I am a Brother of Pi Kappa Phi and I do My Best to Help Anyone in Need"*

*William Boll '09 will graduate this spring with memories that will last him a lifetime. While never holding an official position in Pi Kapp, William served his fraternity through tutoring his brothers and caring for the house mascot. He is proud to be a Pi Kapp brother forever bound by the common bond of brotherhood.*

#### Why did you join the Greek system?

I joined the Greek system because I knew that some of the most active students on campus are Greek. Along with school, I felt that I would develop even more skills for my future if I joined a Greek organization.

#### Why did you choose Pi Kappa Phi?

I rushed around to several of the fraternities on campus my freshman year but Pi Kapp seemed to be one of the stronger organizations. I found that a variety of backgrounds could be found at the Pi Kapp house and I liked that they allowed each member to form his own ideals. Everyone at Pi Kapp is their own person and strongly upholds their own personal values. Nevertheless, everyone works towards a common goal as a fraternity.

#### What is your favorite memory from the fraternity?

Every spring we build a water slide behind our house that's two to three stories tall. Throughout the week, brothers come together to help plan and construct. In the end we are able to experience the final product and see our hard work pay off. This last spring we made local Atlanta news twice.

#### What else are you involved in (extracurricular activities, employment, etc.)?

Currently I am the Society of Physics Students (SPS) President, a teaching assistant (TA) for two different Physics II sections and I am also a TA for a Calculus class. I also play intramural soccer, in which our team is currently one of the leading teams.

#### Do you hold a position in the fraternity?

I have never held an EC position as a brother of Pi Kapp. However, there are many untitled positions that I do hold. For instance, I have exchanged our student football vouchers for tickets for the past two years. This job requires a lot of trust

from the rest of the brothers. I have helped many times of taking care of our house mascot when no one else could, both Miles and Oakley. One year I was even head chef and in charge of making a menu and distributing cooking schedules to those that cooked (before we had a chef, a few select brothers would cook for the brotherhood). I also help out brothers who have trouble with classes, especially physics. But most of all I am a brother of Pi Kappa Phi and I do my best to help anyone in need.

#### Anything else you would like to add about your experience as a Pi Kapp at Ga Tech?

Pi Kapp is a well structured organization. Not only are we a national fraternity, we also developed PUSH and Journey of Hope. I always enjoy when other brothers from other chapters visit our chapter at Georgia Tech, especially during the summer when Journey of Hope rests at our house for a couple nights. Brothers of this chapter are able to meet and discuss how things work at other chapters. I think it's great that so many different people are bound together by a common bond.

# CHAPTER REPORT

## Chapter Earns Top Five Fraternity Ranking on Campus

### *Iota Brothers Donate 4,000 Hours and \$35,000 to Charity*

We're proud to announce that last school year the brotherhood placed fifth overall IFC fraternities in addition to receiving awards for our philanthropic efforts. The chapter earned our top five ranking for the overall award due to our success in intramurals, Homecoming, Greek Week and campus involvement. We proudly placed in the top six of each of those categories. Our philanthropic awards recognize our 4,000 hours of service and the \$35,000 the Iota Chapter has raised for charity since 2007.

Alumni and actives alike spent many hours assisting with the renovations to the house this summer. Doug Stine participated in Build America again, while brothers Daniel Brown and Todd Heffner worked at summer camps that help people with disabilities. The chapter also worked to put together new marketing tools such as brochures and fliers. The entire chapter

also participated in a two day workshop to focus on the best rush techniques.

We're also proud of the chapter's 34 new associates giving the Iota chapter the largest pledge class on campus. At 93 members currently, the chapter ranks in the top 5 on campus and in the top 10 for Pi Kapp chapters across the country. Our associate members also recently completed the Academic Success program with Dr. Anderson

Many alumni were at the house for **Pete Petit's** induction into the Iota Hall of Fame as well as prior to the game to enjoy the food prepared by Chef James. Alumni and active brothers also enjoyed a Pig Roast later that day. Seeing alumni from all different decades is a rare occasion, but we're glad everyone came together to share a great game day.

Five brothers have already made plans to participate in Summer Events

for Push America continuing our strong philanthropic tradition. An accessibility project is being planned right now for the beginning of the spring semester. Some of our brothers were also recently recognized at the halftime of a Penn State Basketball game because our chapter ranked in as the top fraternity fundraiser for GT HERO's service organization this year.

The chapter would also like to welcome new volunteers within the chapter. Gabe Gehret is the new Chapter Advisor replacing Jeff Reid who moved to Connecticut. Gabe is from Chi Chapter at Stetson University. Prof. Yalamanchili is the new faculty advisor as well. Sudhakar Yalamanchili is a professor with the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. We are confident that these two gentlemen will be great assets to our chapter.

*A brother takes a swing at one of Pi Kapp's recent alumni golf outings. Find out how you can join in for a round of golf on page 3!*



*New Alumni Association Officers Elected, and the Chapter Brings in the Largest Pledge Class on Campus...All the Details Inside!*

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