Ben Dyer, BK 752, Inducted into Greek Hall of Fame

Ben Dyer, BK 752, Industrial Engineering 1970, was inducted into the Georgia Tech Greek Hall Of Fame for his outstanding service to the Georgia Tech community and his profession. The ceremony was held on April 7 in the historic Academy of Medicine building on Georgia Tech’s campus. Brother Dyer was one of six inductees into the 2016 Greek Hall of Fame, a class which also included former Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough and current Board of Regents member Ben Tarbutton, III.

Brother Dyer serves as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin and as the Lead Director of the Advisory Board of Enola Labs, a software architecture, design and engineering firm. As the author of TechDrawl, a blog promoting technology entrepreneurship and innovation across the South, Brother Dyer serves in many advisory capacities for technology ventures. Brother Dyer is best known as a founder of Peachtree Software, Inc. and served as its president until 1983. He also served as president and chairman of the de novo Enterprise National Bank, was a founding director of Bank of Atlanta, and served as Chairman and CEO of Comsell, Inc.

Dyer concentrates his community activities on higher education, having served as President of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, director of the Georgia Tech Foundation, chairman of the Alumni Advisory Board for Tech’s School of Industrial & Systems Engineering, as well as chairman of the Georgia Tech Research Corporation. He received the Joseph Mayo Petit Alumni Distinguished Service Award from Tech and was inducted into Georgia Tech’s Hall of Fame.

Bravo, Brother Dyer - you deserve every accolade and make us all very proud!
As we enter the Fall 2016 semester, Beta Kappa continues to improve its ranking and standing on campus. Our standards began high and our newest members drive the chapter toward even greater success. We aim and expect rankings to rise as we continue to focus our efforts on improving the fraternity’s role on campus.

We currently rank 10th academically with a 3.35 average GPA; this is up from a 2.7 GPA when we began our scholastic program overhaul last fall.

Additionally, Beta Kappa received the following awards: Top 10 Best Overall Fraternities, Top 10 in Campus Leadership and Top 10 in Greek Week.

Brothers particularly excel at intramurals, ranking 3rd overall and returning as champions in Fraternity League Cornhole, Three on Three Basketball and Volleyball while finishing second in Fraternity League Championship Basketball.

Invigorated by our most successful Rush in the past four years, we gained 24 Associate Members, all of whom exhibit qualities to become significant, positive impacts on Beta Kappa. Upon their initiation, our total membership will be 99 brothers strong.

Welcome, New Associate Members!

Max Bentata
Caracas, Venezuela

Yongik Choi
Busan, South Korea

Shane Hitson
Villa Rica, GA

Chris O’Brien
Clarks Summit, PA

Mannie Solis
Columbus, GA

Ash Bhimasani
Downington, PA

Cam Cianciolo
East Greenwich, RI

Devin Jackson
Cheapeake, VA

Kevin Polak
McLean, VA

Kaythan
Somavaranapu
Elk Grove, CA

Sam Bowie
LaGrange, GA

Logan Coon
Columbia, MD

Jerrin Kakkanatt
White Plains, NY

Kesh Raajan
Villa Rica, GA

Chase Viland
Chattanooga, TN

Anthony Chawki
Lagunga Hills, CA

Thomas Farias
Duxbury, MA

Mich Liaoutos
Athens, Greece

Eric Salisbury
East Providence, RI

Justin Ziegler
Villanova, PA

Zach Cheshire
Gainesville, GA

Drew Floyd
Wilton, CT

Jose Lopez
Bradenton, FL

Beruk Samson
Houston, TX

Rohan Mundkur, BK 1955

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Brian Duffy, BK 2016

HIGH IOTA
Ryan Knipe, BK 1975

HIGH TAU
Will Economy, BK 1986

HIGH SIGMA
Josh Cherry, BK 2006

HIGH KAPPA
Gordon Nail, BK 1940

HIGH RHIO
Matt Shriver, BK 1920

HIGH DELTA
Aaron Stansell, BK 1982

CO-HIGH EPSILON
Aaron Parry, BK 1989

CO-HIGH EPSILON
Joel Buehler, BK 1988

HIGH PHI
Drew Middleton, BK 1960

STANDARDS CHAIR
Alex Wandrick, BK 11968

HOUSE MANAGER
Alex Berrey, BK 1943

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Brother Quill is a 4th year Materials Science and Engineering major from Grayson, Georgia who joined Lambda Chi Alpha in the fall of 2013 during his first semester at Georgia Tech. He enjoys fly fishing, backpacking and scuba diving.

Brother Smoot is a sophomore at Georgia Tech studying computer science and currently working at Delta Air Lines. He was born in Alexandria, Virginia where he played baseball in high school and was also an Eagle Scout.

Brother Wandrick is a graduate of Milton High School in Alpharetta, Georgia and the son of two Georgia Tech graduates. He joined Beta Kappa in the fall of 2013 and is entering his 4th year at Tech. Majoring in Industrial Engineering helped him complete a co-op with Majure Data, a warehouse management systems company. In addition, he will begin a Computing & Information Internetworks minor this fall. He previously served as co-Social Chairman during the 2015 calendar year, and is currently serving as our chapter’s Standards Chairman and as a member of our Executive Board.

When you see these three young men this fall, be sure to congratulate them on a job well done!

The scholarship fund continues to steadily grow. Because of generous support from our donors, the fund now totals over $222,000. This allowed us to increase the total award amount to $7,000 for the 2016-2017 school year. In addition to the three Academic Excellence awards, scholarships were given for Brother of the Year and Associate Member of the year:

Brother of the Year - Alex Berrey, BK 1943 received $1,000

Alex Berrey, BK 1943, is a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major with a Leadership minor from Cartersville, Georgia. He served as House Manager this past spring and summer. He also completed his Georgia Power Sales and Marketing co-op. Berrey plans to graduate in spring 2017 to pursue a full time position with either Georgia Power Company, or a consulting firm. Brother Berrey actively hunts, saltwater fishes, travels and enjoys baseball and college football.

Associate Member of the Year - Josh Cherry, BK 2006 received $500

Josh Cherry, BK 2006, is a first year Electrical Engineering student from the Philadelphia area. He previously served as Scholastic Chairman for the fraternity. This past summer he worked for Quest Renewables, a startup fostered through Georgia Tech. He enjoys intramurals, music and exercising the house dog, Luna.
House Manager Report  
Submitted by Alex Berrey, BK 1943

We are prouder than ever to call the fraternity house home. Major renovations to the bathrooms, front yard, living rooms and front façade make it a welcoming sight.

All three hall bathrooms received extensive renovations this summer from an outside contractor. Through House Corporation funding, all bathrooms were demolished and new gray tile, counter tops, sinks and stalls were installed. The actives appreciate having clean, new bathrooms. They were proud to present them as part of the house during Rush.

The front yard was completely resodded by a few actives at the beginning of the summer. We enlisted TruGreen to maintain the yard on a monthly basis. The actives took pride in keeping the front yard and area looking its best for Rush and continue to do so for football season.

The living room and front façade, as well as other parts of the house, were completely repainted by an outside contractor. This tremendously improved the look of the house to give it a new, clean impression and makes us all feel a bit more dignified.

We are happy to give tours and show off the combined work of alumni raising money, actives working hard and all of our planning. It makes a big difference to our reputation and comfort.

Tau Chapter Report  
Submitted by William Economy, BK 1986

Maybe my last name led me to become Tau, but whatever the course, we are all better off for the destination. After troubled times with the IRS, we are back on track.

Resolving our issues this year has us back in their good graces.

In order to ensure that none of these problems happen again, we now have a step-by-step process documented to properly file our tax documents. For future Taus, there will be no ambiguity as to the correct procedure.

To make paying bills more straightforward, we enhanced our payment process by creating multiple online accounts.

Our current goal is to create a dedicated savings account to serve as a rainy day fund. Out of respect for future brothers and our reputation, we want to preserve the financial future of the fraternity.

Beta Kappa achieved high academic marks in Spring 2016, with an average GPA of 3.35. New incentivized programs by High Sigma, Josh Cherry, BK 2006, and a successful freshman class ensured academic success.

We focused our time in the spring semester on brotherhood, as the social scene typically slows down. Brotherhood events included 45 chapter members gathering for an Atlanta Hawks game, the chapter letting out steam with a day of paintball battles and a retreat to an island campout in Tennessee.

The Choppers broke ground in athletics this year as Lambda Chi Alpha had a massive presence on the GT Men’s Lacrosse Team. Undefeated throughout the regular season and 16-1 overall, this team went down as the best in Georgia Tech history. They culminated the season reaching the Final Four in California. Senior Chopper Chris O’Brien, BK 1922 took advantage of the West Coast home field advantage. He dominated on all fronts and was awarded the US Lacrosse Godekeraw Award for Top Scholar Athlete in the Men’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA).
Actives and alumni proudly gathered at the Academy of Medicine, off campus in Midtown, to honor Brother Ben Dyer, BK 752, on his induction into the Greek Hall of Fame. Applications for the 2017 Greek Hall of Fame will open soon. Please send nominations to the High Rho at rho@gtlambdachi.org.

The summer saw another successful Beta Kappa Alumni Golf Tournament. Play was held Saturday, July 16 at Towne Lake Hills Golf Club in Woodstock, Georgia. Congratulations to Brandon Latham, BK 1638, Clay Hamlin, BK 1587, Michael Leonard, BK 1578, Prem Shetty, BK 1609, and Pat Gigandet, BK 1606, on taking home first place with an impressive score of 58 (-14). Young alums Cole Phillips, BK 1820, and Dave Owen, BK 1805, took home the Closest-to-the-pin and Long Drive contests, respectively.

Beta Kappa looks forward to traditions of Georgia Tech football on The Flats and Saturday tailgates at the house.

Join us for an Active-Alumni happy hour planned for our Homecoming game against Duke on Saturday, October 29. If your alumni group needs tickets for the game, contact the High Rho at rho@gtlambdachi.org so the Athletic Department can be informed of the need.

In order to meet national requirements, Beta Kappa is in need of an official Alumni Advisory Board separate from the Housing Corporation. The board (of at least three) will directly advise current officers on their positions and will serve as a general resource for active members. Formal duties will require a semesterly meeting, in person or virtual, with the officer with whom you are paired to be reported back to National office. If you are willing and able to give your time and guidance, contact High Rho, Matt Shriver, BK 1920, at rho@gtlambdachi.org

Lambda Chi National reported strong growth during the Spring 2016 ELC visit. All Zeta members received "meets" or "exceeding expectations" reports. The ELC gave positive recommendations and goals to each officer to work on for the fall semester. Brothers are currently following up on those recommendations so the chapter continues to represent the National fraternity well.

The chapter looks forward to hosting alumni for football games, homecoming and other occasions. Chef John will once again "make it hot" for the football game day lunches. We welcome all alumni to stop by the house, get to know new members and hang out with old friends at all Georgia Tech home games.

Younger alumni are encouraged to form a support group for the Zeta. Please email me at cole.phillips5@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in a support or mentor role for officers or actives.

I am doing fine and enjoying some off-time. I recently returned from an 11 day trip to Vegas-Lake Tahoe where I saw six shows and had an amazing time! I always appreciate your emails, jokes and phone calls - keep them coming. You are always welcome in Maryville, Tennessee. You can reach me at jrh1129@gmail.com or (865) 982-6827.
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Luna loves her home and we love showing her off ______

Beta Kappa’s Saint Bernard, Luna, is loving life at a year and a half. She energetically patrols the grounds and enjoys outings. We take good care to get her out of the house and let her run and sniff to curiously explore the world.

She can occasionally be a friendly nuisance as she becomes accustomed to her size. She often takes up a third of a couch for her afternoon naps, displaying one of her many endearing habits: sleeping on her back.

This summer, we discovered she is quite a swimmer. On a recent trip to the Chattahoochee, she bravely pursued a kayaker showing off her stamina and skill. Her superlatives bring good attention to Beta Kappa and we greatly enjoy each others’ company.

Plans for Beta Kappa’s 75th Anniversary Celebration Underway

Join us in Atlanta on October 6, 2017!

Beta Kappa Chapter turns 75 next year! Plan on celebrating this golden occasion with your brothers. Anniversary chair, Ben Cagle, BK 1147, and his committee are making plans for an event on October 6, 2017 in Atlanta. The committee booked the beautiful and historic Georgian Ballroom at the Biltmore. Be sure to save the date on your calendar and look for additional details as anniversary time approaches.