

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Be sure to come by the house at any time and hang out with the actives
- Help give back to chapter with the Endowment fund
- Get involved with the future of our brotherhood in the Alumni Mentorship Program

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Dragon's Tale

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NEWSLETTER DATE

Letter From The President

Respective Alumni,
I hope this newsletter sees you are doing well, and you are ready for the Fall as much as we are. With the conclusion of rush, and midway through the semester, I am pleased to say that the Gamma Eta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has gotten off to a fantastic start to the year. We have 23 quality pledges, coming from Georgia, South Carolina, and even California. They are all very excited to be pledging our fraternity, and we are very glad to have them.

Also, It is my honor to say that our chapter was awarded our third John Reilly Knox award and 27th straight Francis H. Sisson award. I know the guys have heard me say this already, but the hard work of our active brotherhood and Alumni have really paid off...now next year let's make it our fourth

Knox and 28th straight Sisson!
Looking ahead to a few dates, we welcome all Alumni back to Lil' Tara for any football



Lil' Tara glowing in the night

tailgate this year! A huge game this year is, of course, Thanksgiving weekend versus the Georgia Bulldogs. This should be an impact game for the Jackets, as they are trying to make an Orange Bowl appearance this year, and

we would love to have you stop by the house.

Thanks again for all of your support. It really means a lot to our chapter to have such active and involved Alumni and we hope to see you this year! If you ever need anything from the chapter, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Your's in _kai_,
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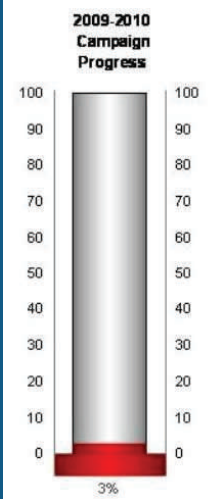
Endowment Fund

Fellow Gamma Eta Alumni,
I would like to take a minute to discuss the Beta Theta Pi Bridge Builder Endowment Fund. This fund was started in 2007 by brother Kevin Widmaier -1879- through the Georgia Tech Foundation. It serves as the financial basis for the future of our house. It is an interest bearing account at an 8% guaranteed rate of return. It requires that all money drawn from it be ap-

proved by the Dean and the COO of the Foundation, John Carter, and that the funds' usage is deemed as educational, which also makes the expenditure tax-deductible for the donors and for us. He informed us that any "educational" improvements to our house (for instance if we wanted to rewire the house with higher speed internet, or put a computer lab in the basement) could be covered by funds from

this endowment (which is tax-deductible to our donors)! We can use a portion of the interest to start a scholarship fund for those who have financial need, make top grades, do the most philanthropy, and more. Furthermore, between 25% and 40% of the cost of a new house could be deemed educational way down the road. It would be an advantage to us if we could pay for a portion of the... (cont. pg.2)

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house with money from tax deductible donations. I am currently in the process of working with Housing Corporation to appoint an Alumni Oversight Committee over the Endowment as well, so that the account can be managed as effectively and efficiently as possible.

We have started to contribute to this fund via a \$15 a semester donation per active brother. Now it is time to get our Alumni involved and spread the word. There is no such thing as a donation too small. We are seeking 100%

participation from our living alumni to help secure and advance the future of the Gamma Eta Chapter. I am very excited about the future of our house, and while this money is for the future, we can start building that bridge today so that their future Beta days can be like ours. If you would like to reunite your pledge class and have a get together here in Atlanta, I would be more than happy to assist you with anything you may require. If you have any further questions, or are considering making a one-time

donation, or a long-term pledge, please feel free to e-mail at Will.Ballard@gtri.gatech.edu or call me at (404)-694-0725 and we can sit down and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

*Yours in _kai_,
William H. Ballard
-1919-
Endowment Chair*

Outstanding Alumnus of the Year

Last year, Gamma Eta chapter recognized Alumnus Adam Nelson Swett, -1819-, as our Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. Originally from Salt Lake City, UT, Swett graduated in 2008 as Electrical Engineer. He is currently stationed in Chareleston, SC as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. During his time as a brother, he served in many vital roles of the chapter including President, House Man-

ager, Pledge Educator, and Pledge Committee. We decided to award Adam with this award because of his help to the chapter this past year. Even as an alumnus, Adam helped with the crucial job of officer transitions because of his past experiences in those roles. He helped make sure that we could run smoothly as a chapter even after the previous leadership had left. Not only that, but Adam would show up to our chapter house

in his free time just to hang out with his friends, get to know the younger guys, and always lend a helping hand to any brothers or officers. He even came back for our Greek Week and helped our Tug team win first against heavy competition. We were proud to have Adam as a fellow brother, and glad that he decided to come back and help as an Alumnus.

Improvements to Lil' Tara

Over the past few months we've really been working hard on Lil' Tara. Over this past summer, we renovated the carpets in the public areas of the house. In addition, the front yard soil was re-leveled, and we set down some beautiful Zoysia Sod. The first deck also saw some improvements via refur-

bished hard wood floors and professionally painted walls. Our annual Work Week, in which the entire brotherhood takes a week out of their busy schedules in order to renovate and beautify the house, went very smoothly. We accomplished just about everything that we set out to do. Needless to say, Lil' Tara is looking

better than she has in years; and it has been a great experience as House Manager working with everyone on these latest improvements.

*Yours in _kai_,
Gary Grimm -1895-
House Manager, Beta Theta Pi*

Contacting You

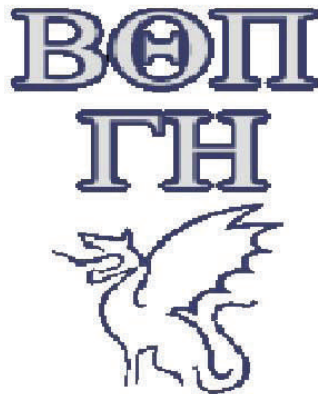
Alumni,

I hope that you are all doing well and enjoying your days. Unfortunately, I am displeased to say that we are missing a good bit of contact information, whether it may be email, phone number, or current addresses, for many of you and your classmates. If you have recently moved, updated your email address or phone number, or

know of anyone that did not receive this recent Dragon's Tale, please feel free to contact me at will.ballard@gttri.gatech.edu so that we may be able to keep current records. Also, if you have any news that you would like to see in the next issue of the Dragon's Tale, again please feel free to contact me. We would love to hear from all of you and know that your class-

mates would love to hear what all is going on in your lives as well. We hope to hear from you soon and stay tuned for the news on the Dragon Classic, our Alumni Golf Tournament hosted in the spring!

*Yours in _kai_,
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