

FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER

Where You Been?

By Tom Cordner

J. Evan Gibson ... 1

Ever wonder what happened to Evan Gibson? After graduating in 2000 with his degree in Mechanical Engineering, Evan hired on with his co-op company, Max Air, where he worked as a Project Manager for three years. After reaching the breaking point, Evan freed himself from the shackles of corporate America and joined Greenpeace so he could devote himself to his true calling in life... saving the Humpback whale. Doesn't sound like the Evan you know? Actually, after leaving Max Air, Evan returned to Georgia Tech where he earned his MBA in 2005. With his new degree in hand, Evan obtained a position with GE where he worked for two years as both an Operations Leader and a Quality Manager. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer of The Underwood Companies located in Atlanta.

On a more personal note, Evan married his wife Kerry in 2006 and now lives in Smyrna, GA. (By the way, if you're looking to buy a condo in Smyrna, he has a special Phi Psi deal for you!) Evan and Kerry are the proud parents of their son Jack, who was born on 05 December 2007. Congratulations and good luck!



Evan has remained active with Phi Psi by serving a few terms as the Georgia Beta Housing Corporation president and most recently as a 2008 GAC delegate for the Atlanta Alumni Association. Feel free to stop by and visit Evan, Kerry, and Jack as they tailgate at their RV behind the Thrillerdome before most home football games.

Technology Update

Check out our new website at <http://www.gtphipsi.org>
Pictures at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/georgiabeta/>

In The Boardroom

By Charlie Park

The Housing Corporation Board of Directors has been concentrating on trying to accomplish as much as they can while not having a physical house to look after. Their main focus has been on reconnecting the alumni with the undergrads, which they feel is paramount with decreased membership. Social events such as golf outings, barbeques, after work happy hours, and a Homecoming week party are being planned. Their second priority is to fundraise. They have ordered embroidered, yellow polo shirts with the fraternity monogram on them. This will raise an estimated \$500 for the BOD. (Contact Charlie Park if you would like one.) The BOD is also continuing to monitor openings on campus in terms of houses for lease/sale as well as lot openings. They tried earlier in the year to secure off campus housing for the Chapter, but there was little interest. The BOD asks the fellow alumni to get involved with the Chapter in any way they can.

Recruitment & You

By Charlie Holder

As the first week of school came to a close, the outcome was not as good as we had hoped. Despite our best efforts with publicity and planning, this semester's rush produced no pledges. Recruitment all over campus was down, and we seemed to suffer the most because of it. But as we move into the fifth week of school, the chapter's muscle is being tested as we hold information sessions, continue to follow up with those potentials that wanted to wait until spring semester, and work on publicity in general around campus.

But now comes the hard part. What do you do in order to make up for a seemingly unsuccessful rush? Double your efforts and try new things for starters. Even as you read this, the chapter is continuing to pursue outstanding bids from this rush as well as spring rush.

Now, I bet you're asking yourself, "What can I do to help?" There are lots of things that you can do to lend a hand.

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The first thing to mention is your presence. Simply having you, our chapter alumni, around to interact with and talk to does wonders for conversation, knowledge, and image. Advertising a life-long brotherhood means that much more when it's visible.

Second, the ability to give out scholarships during rush is an AMAZING tool. Over the past few semesters it has helped to bring in brothers like Chris Dreybus (84) and Ben Mosher (93). Donations to our Chapter Scholarship Fund help us give out 5% to attract incoming freshman. (Donations benefit you as well with tax breaks! Contact us for more details.)

Third is continuous contact. You'd be surprised what a phone call can do to motivate someone to do something. Having someone "check up on your progress" means someone else that's depending on us.

And lastly, definitely a little bit of encouragement. Let's face it, we're all men, and men want recognition for their actions. We need a bit of banter so we know what we're doing is being noticed. A quick note to say thanks for planning an event goes a LONG way.

I would publicly like to say that I am VERY PROUD to be part of this group of young men. In spite of the situation, the undergraduate brothers have remained very upbeat and able to still have fun and smile with the potentials that come by. I am convinced that with this positive attitude and a little support, things will change for the better very soon.

Crime Report

By Chris Papa

Trey Rhodes' car was broken into. However, these thieves were caring enough to leave his car instead of taking it like Sean's. The only thing they took was his iPod. He listens to crappy music anyway.

Sean Lynch's apartment was burgled in August. The burglars took his computer, his camera, his wallet, his change jar, and his car. At the time of theft, his car also contained many personal affects of the chapter. Bid cards, bid packets, rush DVDs, national awards, tent tarps, and other event memorabilia. At least they left his adorable puppy. They also left their fingerprints.

Charlie Holder stole the fraternity's cookies. He is a vicious cookie thief. He goes on trial for armed robbery and attempted murder on October 1st.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 04 October 2008	Duke vs. GT
Saturday, 11 October 2008	Gardner-Webb vs. GT
Saturday, 25 October 2008	Virginia vs. GT (Homecoming!)
Saturday, 15 November 2008	Joint philanthropy event with Sigma Beta Rho
Friday, 05 December 2008	FratRAT

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Want to find out what's going on? Do you want to reinvest your time and help plan an event? Here's some information to figure out the best person to get in touch with from the chapter.

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If you have questions or comments about anything, please don't hesitate to call. We'd love to hear from you and catch up on your story too. ☐

