

Message from GTBAA Executive Director, Julie Filipek

Football, falling leaves and pumpkin spice lattes. It's that time of year again and there are many things that I would like to call out that have happened in the past year.

One of our own, Chris Forrence, has been working on a new website for GTBAA. Between a wedding, moving, a new job, and ever changing requirements, I believe Chris has done a wonderful job and we have finally settled on a good design. Jen Duke has also been very beneficial in revamping our by-laws. I highly encourage everyone to take a look at these before Homecoming this year. See Jen's article for more information.

As always, we have been very busy planning Homecoming. Without fail, Fireball will be providing numerous cheesecakes for Surround Sounds.



We are also trying to streamline more of the registration process (especially when it comes to payments). As this will be a highly attended Homecoming, we hope to draw more alumni into performing with us this year. Depending on how many of you can join us, we may be able to perform pre-game solo.

There are always ways to make improvements within our organization. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the board with new ideas as we will gladly look into them. I hope you enjoy the rest of this newsletter, and I look forward to seeing you in October.

Nov. 5- Symphony Orchestra Concert
7:30 pm at the Ferst Center

Nov. 22-Chamber Strings Concert
3:00 pm at the Ferst Center

Nov. 23- Symphony Orchestra and Glee Club Concert
8 pm at the Ferst Center

Dec. 1- Symphonic Band and Concert Band Concert
7:30 pm at the Ferst Center



Surround Sounds Concert, October 23rd at 7 pm at the Ferst Center

Don't miss out on Surround Sounds!

Surround Sounds is back, and better than ever! Join us at the Ferst Center on October 23rd at 7 pm to see the Yellow Jacket Marching Band in their fabulous Surround Sounds Concert.



After the show, be sure to stop in to the free reception provided by your GT Band Alumni Association, featuring a plethora of cheesecakes by Fireball

Tickets for the show are \$15.00.





Christopher J. Moore
Director of Athletic Bands
Director of Percussion
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Georgia Institute of
Technology

Hey Band (Alums)!

I am writing this as we take to the road and send 220 members to Notre Dame. Many of you may remember one of our past trips to South Bend. This year's version of the "Yellow Jacket" Marching Band is off to a great start with just over 350 members. 120 of those being RATS. Because we have 1 full/ 4 pep band away games it will give all members of the band the chance to travel and support the team.

The current band staff, student leaders and GTBAA have been planning for what we hope will be a fantastic homecoming weekend. The weekend will begin with the annual Surround Sounds Concert October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the First Center. A post concert reception provided by GTBAA .

Saturday we will get ready to take down the Noles and shed those RAT caps. Like year we are inviting all alumni to join us on the field for pre-game where collectively we will perform Fantasia on Georgia Tech Themes, The National Anthem, Up With the White and Gold and Ramblin' Wreck. Following the game Tau Beta Sigma will host a post -game reception in the Couch building. Tours of the newly renovated Couch basement into a recording suite will be available throughout the reception.

Our alumni are very valuable to the health of our organization so thanks for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you at Homecoming. Go Jackets!
Chris



The Band Club will be participating in Shack-a-Thon, a fundraiser opportunity for organizations on Tech Green on **November 16th and 17th** where we will be selling the GT Band Jacket Pillows.



In Memorium

I am greatly saddened to report that William A. (Bill) Moncrief, my good friend of almost 50 years and long time partner doing videos of GT Band's performances passed on Sept 23, 2015. Bill was an Electrical Engineer known for his knowledge of power generation, presenting papers, teaching and consulting not only in Georgia and the US, but throughout the world. Bill is a KKPsi Brother and was Band Captain in 1969. Bill and I shared an apartment in Buckhead before his marriage and I succeeded him as Band Captain in 1971. Bill was also active in the formation of the GTBAA in 1979. He is survived by his wife Diane, daughters Lindsay Mesarvey (Preston) and Courtney Hazen (Alasdair) and 2 grandchildren. He will be missed by many, but especially by me. *Tom Billings*

Homecoming Swag Available:

<https://squareup.com/market/georgia-tech-band-alumni-association>



PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 16th

Register for Homecoming!! Homecoming is October 24th vs Florida State

Alumni Band Homecoming 2015 Info:

<http://gtband.net/>



Some key things:

-Registration is a 2-step process:

Step 1 (ah! ah! ah!) - Follow the link to the GT Band Alumni Band registration form.

The first is for the GT Band so they know instrumentation, if you need to borrow an instrument, etc. While it's an extra step for you, it takes a HUGE hassle away. They can monitor all this without waiting on us to tell them.

Step 2 (ah! ah! ah!) - Follow the link to the GTBAA payment site

This link is for you to pay for Home-

coming, buy a shirt, etc. Once you fill out the Google Form for the Band, you will need to go back to the link below in order to get to "steppa two". This link will allow you to make your secure payment to us using Square.

-We will be performing Pregame with the GT Band this year!

- Finally, we are still working with the Athletic Association to get tickets to the game, but if you have tickets or can get tickets otherwise, please do so.

We can guarantee to get you on the field for pre-game, but as of now we cannot guarantee you tickets to the game itself. When we find out more, we will let you know via social media.

After registration closes, you will be e-mailed music directly from the band. Please print it and bring it with you to homecoming.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to ask any of your friendly neighborhood GTBAA Executive Board members.

All activities are dependent upon kickoff time, which is announced at earliest, 12 days prior to the game.

Don't forget to come back to **Couch** after the game for the reception hosted by **Tau Beta Sigma!** Grab a bite to eat, and schmooze with all of the other band alumni! Good times!



GAMEDAY Schedule with Alumni Band and GT Band Activities

TML Minus	Activity	Location
5:05:00	Check-in	Couch
4:35:00	Rehearsal	CRC (SAC Field)
4:05:00	Lunch/GTBAA Business Meeting	Couch
3:05:00	GT Drumline Warmup at Lot	Catholic Center
2:35:00	GT Spirit Bands Meet	Calloway Plaza
2:15:00	Percussion Leads Team down YJA	Calloway Plaza
2:10:00	Spirit Bands	Roam Campus
2:05:00	Alumni Band Perform at Campanile	Campanile
1:25:00	Full Band Meet & Perform	Campanile
0:55:00	BUD at Library	Library
0:40:00	Marchdown & Stairs Performance	Top of the Hill
0:14:00	Percussion Enters Field	Stadium
0:13:00	Pregame	Stadium
0:00:00	Toe Meets Leather!	Stadium



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GTBAA 2015 - Band Club

by Elijah Black, *Band Club President*

Hello, GT (old) Band Alumni!

My name is Elijah Black and I'm a fourth year business major (choo choo).

This year I am serving as the president and am joined by two phenomenal second years: Ariana Olalde as vice president and Andrew Cameron as the secretary/treasurer. The Band Club has been very busy since school started back up. Along with the usual freezy pops and pizza for band camp, water before pregame, and snack bags for away trips, we raised nearly 800 dollars through swag sales to incoming freshmen and parents. We will also be participating in Shack-a-Thon, a fundraiser opportunity for organizations on Tech Green on **November 16th and 17th** where we will be selling the GT Band Jacket Pillows. One of the more ambitious projects that we've taken on is the sponsorship of the revitalized GT winter guard headed up by Tita Anderson. We are happy to support this program and can't wait to see what they can do! So far, this semester is going great and we still have homecoming activities and banquet to look forward to! **Go Jackets!**

The RAM: Who's Doing What, and With Whom:



Jill (Womack) Sewell invites all former members of the Atlanta Olympic Band to a reunion to be held in Atlanta in the summer of 2016. The event is still in the planning stages, but will likely be in July in conjunction with the City of Atlanta's 20th anniversary events.

E-mail olympicbandreunion@gmail.com or fill out the interest survey here: <http://tinyurl.com/o5pp7ut>

JD Ingraham was honored to lead the bagpipers who played at the City of Charleston prayer vigil for the 9 victims of the shooting at Emmanuel EME. The service was broadcast internationally, and showed the world what civic pride and social unity is really all about.

JD is the front left piper in this picture from the AP, <http://ak-hdl.buzzfed.com/static/2015-06/19/20/enhanced/webdr06/ehanced-16350-1434759282-1.jpg>

Lt. Cmdr. Mike Billips (alto sax '80-'84 and '86-'89) served on active duty for six months as the public affairs officer for Naval Support Facility Deveselu, Romania. NSF Deveselu is an Aegis Ashore ballistic-missile defense base scheduled to become operational by the end of this year, deploying the same Aegis Combat System used on Navy ships to protect against ballistic-missile threats to our forces, allies and partners in Europe.

Chris Rankine, Sarah Hibbs, Becky Crum and Katie Butterfield are working on entering another Red Bull soap box car. The race is the day of homecoming



The Steinbachs

Engaged:

Alec Shull & Lauren Alexander
John Gorta & Marilee Murray
Matt Scrudato & Kara-Sha Jones
Christian Doetsch & Maddie Sheppard
Elaine Bell Brooks & Rob Steinbach

Married:

James Froelich & Tye Anderson
Kevin Lindsay & Melissa Murgas
Chris Forrence & Alex Humphrey

Begats:

Mikhal Lovell & Tita (Anderson) Lovell begat Imogen Rose
Kat (Pierce) Folk & Lance Folk begat Salome Frances
Ian Stults and Sara (Morris) Stults begat Kaylee Evelyn

T Time with Fireball

The band has long had a tradition of playing Budweiser (You've Said It All) between the 3rd and 4th quarters of the football game. How did this get started? It's actually an interesting story.

Throughout the 60s (and possibly earlier – anybody know when this started?), the band played a medley of songs at the end of the 3rd quarter, entitled “Southern Special”. Part of this song—the part most remembered—included “Dixie”. Towards the end of the 60s, the University System of Georgia started putting pressure on the band to stop playing Dixie...which of course gave the Band added incentive to continue to play it.

In the meantime, the Tech band played the Budweiser jingle “You've Said It All” during a halftime show in Fall 1970. The show included a pitcher pouring into a mug. A CO2 canister provided “foam”.

At the Spring 1971 T-Night Game (the final event of Spring football practice), a fraternity brother of Drum Major Emery Anderson showed up in a Bud Man costume, mimicking Emery's directing while the band played You've Said It All. From that point, You've Said It All became a staple of all band performances.

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At Bobby Dodd's request, the band stopped playing Southern Special in fall 1971. There wasn't so much a conscious effort to replace it with Bud, other than the fact that it had become wildly popular with the students, especially after the appearance of Bud Man at the Spring '71 T-Night game. So since 1971, You've Said It All has heralded the start of the 4th quarter.

The band had maintained a close relationship with the Atlanta Beverage Company from that song – they provided several things including an equipment van. However, due to institute regulations, they were not allowed to have their logo on the van. There have been other occasions when a game was sponsored by another beer company – and the band had to play such tunes as “Make it a Stroh's Light Night”. Not for long.

And by the way Fall 1971 was also the same year that the band started playing The Horse!



More RAM:

- **Tim Brown, class of '85**, has joined Georgia Tech's ISYE faculty as Managing Director of the Supply Chain & Logistics Institute. He lives in East Cobb with his wife (Ellen- MS class of '10) and two children.
- **The Hampton Family** relocated to Houston, TX in February.
- **Christopher Simpson (Trombone '10)**
Lots of changes for 2015, the big three being:
 1. Married my wife Kalli Simpson
 2. Landed a new job as a manufacturing consultant with A.T. Kearney
 3. Moved back to Atlanta and would love to get back involved (business travel schedule permitting)



GTBAA 2015 - By Laws

by Jen Duke, *GTBAA Secretary*

It's time to update our Bylaws! Over the last year, I have been working with the rest of the Board to update the Bylaws that govern the operations of GTBAA. We will be presenting an updated version of the Bylaws to the GTBAA Members at our Annual Business Meeting during homecoming this year, and will be asking everyone to vote to approve the adoption of the updated Bylaws.



Because I'm guessing most of you hear "Bylaws Update" and think "Boring legal stuff" I'll give the quick overview of the Bylaws update first. Essentially, this update will not change the way GTBAA operates. Instead, we have updated the Bylaws to reflect the way we operate and allow us to continue to do so. The last time the Bylaws were updated was a few years ago, however the last time an update to the Bylaws was approved and adopted by GTBAA was, well, honestly no one really knows. This will allow us to continue business as usual, without potentially being in violation of our own governing documents.

With that, I'll spare most of you the legal details. If anyone is interested in reviewing the Bylaws prior to Homecoming, I would love to get your input. Please ask and I will be happy to send you a copy!

So....tell me. What does a board member do?

Well, quite a bit, actually. Of course, the main focus of activity is about homecoming. For homecoming, the board and the officers meet several times, starting a few months before homecoming to plan out what we are going to do. We work with the directors to figure out the logistics of alumni band – where we're going to play, what we're going to play, how GAMEDAY is going to run, etc. We plan the Surround Sound reception, the GAMEDAY meal, and the business meeting. We also interview candidates for the Outstanding Junior Award, and make the presentation to the winner.

Other than homecoming, we also plan other alumni band events. We usually play a couple other athletic band events during the year – such as volleyball or basketball. For the past few years, we have played some gigs for the College of Engineering,

2014 Outstanding Junior Award Winner: Parker Buntin



The recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Junior Award was Parker Buntin. Parker is a Trumpet player, who also served as 1st Quarter Drum Major in 2014. Parker is a Material Science & Engineering major from Norcross, who is a Sagittarius and wears a size 11-1/2 shoe. He's active in many different ensembles, including

orchestra, jazz band, chamber, and new music ensembles. A brother in Kappa Kappa Psi (Spring '12), he also is the orchestra librarian. He loves getting everyone involved in the band, and especially loves providing continuity of an consistency for incoming RATS. He's into the entire musical experience and creative outlet for everybody in the band. When he's not busy with band, Parker is involved in a lot of other activities, including Executive Committee for Service, Omicron Delta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, and MSC (recruiting freshmen). Furthermore, he does undergraduate research in a chemistry lab, working on lithium ion battery safety.

Parker's future plans include studying abroad in the Pacific program, which includes traveling to Australia and New Zealand.

Congratulations again to Parker Buntin, recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Junior Award!



and we also have been organizing other fund-raisers for the band. We've been working to maintain & upgrade the gtbAA.org website, and we have some other long-term projects planned. The board members help to make these decisions, as well as spreading the word about what the alumni are up to. If you are interested in running for a board member position, be sure to come to the business meeting on Saturday, and let us know of your interest!



GTBAA 2015 Kappa Kappa Psi

by Dale Rivera, *President*

The Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Georgia Tech had a very productive past year. With service projects from building a Mahler Hammer Box for a symphonic band piece, to collecting used instruments to be given to schools in need, the brothers have continued in their mission to support the Georgia Tech Bands and the Georgia Tech community in any capacity necessary. The chapter also participated in several outreach events including performing for the children at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and performing at the Boy Scouts of Atlanta Annual Peach of an Athlete Banquet. The chapter was recognized this past year for its outstanding leadership within the chapter and within the band with the Chapter Leadership Award. This award is given to the most outstanding chapters in the nation.

This coming year, the chapter is shifting it's focus to more service events that include the entire band. The chapter plans to get the band more involved on campus through annual projects such as Tech Beautification Day and the Martin Luther



King Jr. Day of Service. The chapter would also like to organize a large service event for the band to accomplish such as Habitat for Humanity. We look forward to working with the band to give back to our community!



Previous Outstanding Junior Award Winners:

- 1985: David "Alpha" Smith
- 1986: Rob Swope
- 1987: Chuck Dodd
- 1988: Brian Hollahan
- 1989: Steve Gibson
- 1990: Sandy Labbe
- 1991: Chris "Opus" Garrett
- 1992: Jim Schutz
- 1993: Dana Papp
- 1994: Mindy Brown
- 1995: Joselyn Hoffman
- 1996: Stephanie Davis
- 1997: Sara Neave
- 1998: Jessica Shearer
- 1999: Jack Foy
- 2000: Terence Haran
- 2001: Chris Rankine
- 2002: Ian Turner
- 2003: Chris Lafferty
- 2004: Kerry Lafferty
- 2005: Jessie Grogan
- 2006: Katherine Goodman
- 2007: James Benson
- 2008: Amy Cheben
- 2009: Katie Horn
- 2010: Riley Winton
- 2011: Vicky Prince
- 2012: Bridget Neukum
- 2013: Sydney Butler
- 2014: Parker Buntin

Tom Billings

Award Recipients:

- 2001 Sara Neave
- 2007: Charles Gaston
- 2007: Elizabeth Van Patten
- 2008: Valerie Stickles
- 2014: Dustin Ingram



Tom Billings



GTBAA 2015 - Tau Beta Sigma

by Karla Wagner, *Tau Beta Sigma President*

The Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma have had a busy year so far, not only assisting the GT Marching Band, but Georgia Tech and the surrounding Atlanta community as well. Every fall when football season rolls around, the Sisters serve the marching band in multiple ways, specifically through band camp lunch, tunnel water, instrument cleaning, truck cleaning, and more. We also seek to serve the band through other service projects within Couch from maintaining the music library organization, painting the rehearsal hall doors, and reorganizing the display case full of the band's history. The Sisters of Tau Beta Sigma strive to help the Music Program at Georgia Tech in any way we can. In addition to serving the GT Music Program, we love to bring music to the Atlanta community. For example, one of the Sisters' favorite projects is our semesterly Girl/ Boy Scout Day, where we teach young Scouts from the metro Atlanta area about different types of music. Throughout the day, we help the Scouts learn to read, write, and conduct various types of music, and then they are encouraged to pro-

duce their own composition on a pan flute that we help them make. We also participate in Create Your Dreams a few times a semester, which is an after school program through which we give kids exposure to music and instruments that they might not get elsewhere. The Sisters find that music was an integral part of their youth, and want to pass it on to others. Bringing music into the lives of children is something our Sisters have always found to be a worthwhile project.

This summer, we had an amazing time attending National Convention in Lexington, KY and learning about how we can better serve our band programs and bring music into our community. We were also a National Chapter Leadership Award finalist, putting us in the top 10 chapters in the nation! Music and the Yellow Jacket Marching Band will always be as important to us as it is to you. Thank you for your continual support of the GT Band programs and we hope to see you at the homecoming game!

GTBAA Officers and Trustees

Here's the list of your GTBAA elected/railroaded officers.

And as always, feel free to contact any officer to find out more information about any GTBAA activities. This being an odd year, we will be electing the officers at the annual meeting on October 24th. So, show up or it could be you!

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