



Iota Alumni Association

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Message from the President

Greetings Brothers,

Well this has certainly been a busy year for the members of our steadily growing organization. I can hardly believe how much things have changed in all of our worlds since we set out two years ago to begin our adventure in what used to be John Harvard's Tavern in Buckhead. Our world has gone through massive political, social and economic upheaval, but our organization's goal of supporting the Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi remains. When I look at the current state of this Alumni Organization, I see much good in that we are meeting most of the goals we set out during our initial meeting and through our chartering process. We are providing assistance to the chapter without turning into those pushy old-farts that people just want to go away. We have hosted a ritual workshop over the past two years and are working to take feedback we have gotten from these two events and use it to make the experience even more rewarding and beneficial to the actives. We have also started to diversify our leadership base. I will freely admit that I am a huge fan of the Spring of 94 pledge class, but I will be the first to admit that it is vital to our success in the long run that we continue to bring in members and officers from not only different pledge classes, but also from different eras. We need these different perspectives to make sure we are serving all parts of our alumni base. Therefore, I urge all of you out there to consider running for the three positions we will vote on at the Annual Meeting (President, VP & Sec/Treas). If you are considering offering your name as a candidate for one of these positions, please feel free to announce your intentions to the general membership by e-mailing iotaaa@harmony.music.gatech.edu.

This year has seen a lot of growth in the chapter as well. They just completed hosting the Southeast district convention, which was the largest convention (including National Conventions) in the history of the fraternity with over 900 registered participants. I am very pleased by the positive trend I see in the active chapter and hope it continues far into the future. In closing, I would like to thank everyone who pitched

in and helped when we were getting this association off the ground, especially Jeff and Chris for serving along with me and lending an extra hand when I got swamped with other responsibilities. Additionally, I urge each of you to continue your efforts to recruit new members and to continue serving the chapter which gave us so much joy and satisfaction "Back in the day."

AEA

Sarah Hampton

Ritual Work Shop

Fellow Alumni,

On February 10th of this year, the IAA held the second annual Ritual Workshop as a service to the Iota chapter. A plethora (about 10) of actives and 4 alumni were in attendance. The ritual workshop consisted of a discussion revolving around preparing for the ritual and the music of ritual. The discussion of the music of the ritual was led by Fireball and the other discussions were more of a roundtable format led by yours truly. Other alumni in attendance included Sarah Hampton and Chris Hill. The active members of the chapter happily participated in the discussions that were held. In fact we had to wrap up a little early so we could evacuate the chapter room to make room for a Epsilon Theta meeting. At the conclusion of the workshop I couldn't help but feel that the ritual workshop we put on last year was a much bigger success than this one. After leaving the ritual, Sarah pointed out to me that the chapter was in actuality expecting something much more like last year's workshop. Many of the people who attended this year's workshop were either neophytes or very recently initiated brothers and they were attending the workshop to gain the kind of knowledge that was passed on last year. In other words, younger brothers were attending to gain some knowledge of what the ritual means and why it is the way it is. During the post-workshop debriefing we talked about changing the ritual workshop from a constantly evolving discussion session covering a myriad of different topics each year to a series of workshops held every year. The purpose being to pass on our knowledge about the meaning and significance of ritual to the recently initiated brothers of the chapter. This would entail a workshop much like what we put on

last year, but it would probably involve more than one day. The whole thing would be designed for this one purpose by our VP and carried out by a group of alumni large enough to demonstrate portions of the ritual. This is something that can be discussed at greater length during the annual meeting but it would seem that everyone who has been to both workshops would be in agreement with this proposed course of action for the future.

AEA,

Todd Lyman

Meet the Board

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Homecoming

We would like to encourage all alumni to dust off those instruments and come join us for Homecoming on October 26th by playing in the Alumni Band. Last year, not only did we form the tunnel for pregame, but we marched on the field at halftime and played a tune with the band. We would love to make a huge impression this year with a strong showing of Iota alumni. GTBAA will be sending out more information and sign up sheets this fall. If you are not already receiving the GTBAA newsletter, please contact Sam "Fireball" Feuer at flig@bigfoot.com.

How to Join

To join the IAA you need to fill the form found in the newsletter. By joining the IAA, you automatically become a member of the National Alumni Association, and will receive a membership card from nationals.

Dues are \$50 a year, and your money goes towards projects such as: National Delegate Fund, Pay it Forward, and the Annual Newsletter.

Pay it Forward!!!

As a way of connecting Iota's newest brothers to Iota's alumni, the IAA is starting a new program beginning this fall. Starting this year, a portion of your IAA dues will be used to help pay the initiate fees for new brothers. It may have been a long time since you've crossed, and you may not realize it, but chances are in that time initiate fees have increased. Currently, new brothers are paying \$150 for that first year -- \$75 in initiate fees, \$60 for national dues, and \$15 for local chapter dues. It is our goal to help ease the financial burden on these young students by having the alumni help out.

This program will start out by having a fixed sum of money, which will be divided equally among the members of the initiate class to go towards their initiate fees. As we increase our membership, and with it our funds, we would increase this amount of money, until one day when we will be able to pay the entire initiate fee for each and every new brother!

Keeping in Touch

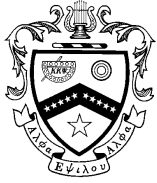
The IAA website: <http://harmony.gatech.edu/iaa/>
Visit here for updated information on upcoming events, contact information for the board, and documents such as our constitution and minutes to all the meetings.

Join the IAA email list!

The email list is an essential tool for us board members letting everyone know the latest information plus a great forum for discussion on topics that come up during the year. To sign up for the list, send an email with no subject to listproc@harmony.gatech.edu and 'subscribe iotaaa Your Name' in the body of the message. Don't worry, the traffic on this list is relatively light and only has IAA related business on it.

2000-2001 Budget Breakdown

Income		Expenses			
Category:	Amount:	Percentage:	Category:	Amount:	Percentage:
Local Dues	\$275.00	29.41%	National Dues	\$275.00	36.87%
National Dues	\$275.00	29.41%	Local Association Annual Fee	\$5.00	0.67%
Donations	\$385.00	41.18%	Newsletter	\$275.00	47.71%
Outside Fundraising	\$0.00	0.00%	Delegate Assistance	\$110.00	14.75%
Totals	\$935.00	100.00%	Totals	\$745.83	100.00%



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Dear Alumni,

Last April, Iota concluded the 2000/2001 school year with the elections of new officers. Iota also received the National Service Certificate for outstanding service to the Georgia Tech Band. One reason Iota received this honor was the now annual outdoor concert Iota hosts as part of Iota's Five-Year Plan. This year's outdoor concert is set for April 10, 2002.

The summer of 2001 was a very busy time for Iota. Brothers participated in the summer symphonic band and there were various service projects open to the entire band, such as clearing out the new uniform's room and building new storage shelves for the shakos that the band wears in the fall. Props received a major face-lift too, as new shelves were assembled and were used to replace the old shelves that had to be tore out. Brothers Chris Porter, Terence Haran, and Jason Allgood made sure Iota was seated at the National Convention in Texas.

Fall was a busy time for Iota as brothers filled 17 leadership positions. Brothers cooked the band a meal during band camp and rented movies for the band on its trip to New York City. Iota was fortunate to meet brothers from the Eta Phi chapter at Syracuse and present their chapter with their very own T. Iota helped out the band in any way possible during the fall by doing small things such as donating drinks to the band buses for our trip to Tallahassee for the F\$U game.

Iota also had the privilege of re-installing one of our own little brother chapters. In November, the Iota Theta chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Moorehouse College was re-installed as an active chapter. That was a great day for Iota as we crossed 7 new brothers into Iota and 12 colonists into Iota Theta.

This spring, things are looking good for Iota. Recently, Iota joint hosted a workday with TBS to winterize instruments. Brothers helped out at the CBDNA/MBA Conference by setting up the stage for bands to perform. Iota is co-hosting the SED Convention with the Morris Brown chapters of KKΨ and TBΣ and with our own sister chapter. Iota is still hosting the Band Formal and District Day (D-Day) jointly with TBΣ. Iota is currently working on submitting a bid for the Eighth Note, the official SED Publication.

The chapter GPA is sitting at a whopping 3.04 and Iota has applied for the National Academic Achievement Award. Iota has also boasted a retention rate of 89% while averaging 39.5 actives over the last year. Iota has almo st completed our Five-Year Plan (submitted by Jeff Kunberger in the spring of 2000) and is updating the Five Year Plan. Plans are currently underway on the "Bucky Johnson Classic", a golf tournament hosted by Iota. The target date for the golf tournament is June at Stone Mountain Park. We've also scheduled a fundraiser every month this spring, so if you're ever in town for a GT Baseball game, you might recognize that old familiar blue jersey behind the concession stand counter.

With the retirement of our Director of Bands, Bucky Johnson, came the search for a new sponsor for Iota. Currently, interim Director of Bands, Andrea Strauss, has resumed the role of sponsor and is excited about working with our chapter. We will miss Bucky and we wish the best of luck to him in his future endeavors.

AEA,

Jonathan Sims, President - Iota

New Brothers

We've been pretty busy this past year with new membership; the past three classes have crossed 25 brothers alone. This spring's class could bring 6 more new brothers to Iota. Each of these new brothers and candidates had to go through the same membership education process. Typically, it is a 10-12 week process. During this process, each candidate must take four tests, over our Preamble, Creed, Greek Alphabet, National, District, and Local information. They also have to built their own T, pick and carry out a service project for their class, and interview all the active brothers, band club president, current directors and 10 active sisters. I invite all alumni to attend our rituals or ceremonies this spring or anytime in the future.

AEA,

David Stevenson, Vice President - Iota

Spring '01

Becky Crum
Ian Turner
Elizabeth Van Patten
Scott Wilson

Fall '01

Laura Bandy
Rachel Black
Chris Epstein
Ken Hurlock
Eric Lynch
Bo Major
Michael Richardson

Iota Officers for 2001 - 2002 Year

President - Jonathan Sims (Spring '99)

Vice President - David Stevenson (Fall '98)

Secretary - Elizabeth VanPatten (Spring '01)

Treasurer - Patrick Butler (Fall '98)

Alumni Secretary - Jason Allgood (Spring '97)

Historian - Jessica Shearer (Winter '98)

Athletic Director - Tim Stultz (Fall '00)

Bucky Johnson Classic

The Iota Chapter will be sponsoring a golf outing and bar-b-que in honor of retiring Director of Bands, Bucky Johnson. The event will take place at Stone Mountain on June 22, 2002. For more information, please visit the web site: <http://www.buckyjohnsonclassic.com> or contact Jason Ideker at 404-875-0529.

Five Year Plan

Brothers-

In the past few years, the Iota chapter has grown by leaps and bounds. This semester, with over 40 active brothers, we definitely have the ability to achieve many of our five-year goals. The brotherhood has already hosted President's conference, and this year is serving as a host chapter for the District Convention. Activity at the district and national level is a major goal of our chapter.

Additionally, the funding for the Iota commissioning project is approximately 40-50% of it's required level. The project, started several years ago, seeks to commission a work to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the GT band in 2008. Dr. Andrea Strauss, who recently commissioned several pieces for the symphonic band, will be working with the 5-year committee to ensure that the chapter gets the most for its money, arrange special financing deals, and obtain an excellent composer capable of musically capturing the spirit of Georgia Tech

Finally, the brotherhood as a whole is moving towards creating a stronger relationship between members of the chapter, other musical organizations, and our sponsor/director. The ultimate goal of the 5-year plan is of course, to continue to strive for the highest. It is this goal which drives our efforts, and by definition, will continue to shape the 5-year plan to add loftier challenges for the brotherhood.

AEA

Patrick Thomas Biltgen

2002 SED Convention

In conjunction with four other Atlanta-area chapters, Iota successfully hosted the Southeast District Convention on March 7-10, 2002. The convention was attended by 881 registered members, making it the largest convention (including both district and national conventions) in the history of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Overall, the convention operations were smoother than expected, especially considering the large number of Brothers and Sisters who were in attendance.

Our team included Iota and Epsilon Theta from Georgia Tech, Iota Rho (KKY) and Theta Kappa (TBS) from Morris Brown College, and Theta Nu (TBS) from Clark Atlanta University. While having so many chapters involved resulted in a somewhat unwieldy organizational structure, the district benefited substantially from our collaboration. All five chapters have had different experiences at previous conventions and we were able to use that knowledge to help make the 2002 convention an improvement over previous ones. One obvious example involved the Step Show, which was plagued with numerous problems during the 2001 Convention hosted by Vanderbilt University. During the planning for that event, we were able to work with three chapters who step regularly and who understand the problems associated with putting the show together. This allowed the host chapters to make a variety of logistical changes in order to prevent the types of problems that occurred last year. This convention appears to have laid the groundwork for future cooperative hosting efforts between chapters at different schools. In fact, the 2003 convention, to be held in Tallahassee, Florida, will also be a collaborative effort hosted by the Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma Chapters at Florida State University and Florida A&M University.

Financially, the convention performed better than expected. The large number of registrants helped prevent any budget deficit and we were easily able to cover the handful of last minute expenses. In fact, once all of the accounting is complete, we expect to make a profit of approximately \$1,000, which is not excessive considering the convention had a total budget in excess of \$30,000.

Considering everything, the 2002 Southeast District Convention was a successful project for Iota, the other four host chapters, and the district. The level of attendance gave it a feel closer to that of national convention rather than a typical district convention. The central location in Atlanta allowed an unprecedented number of attendees from all over the Southeast District - seated delegates represented all but four Kappa Kappa Psi chapters, which is a significant improvement over previous years. Iota also cemented its standing as a leading chapter in the district, a status that was affirmed when we received the Outstanding Chapter award. The chapter and our alumni can be proud of what we accomplished in the course of hosting the SED convention.