

GOLDEN COGWHEEL

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Our new pledge class celebrating their installation.

Woaaa, Rush! We had an awesome Rush this year. We have gotten 24 new pledges. Each night was amazing, I'm really proud of how everything turned out. We came off of a really awesome full house clean up week. We printed off hundreds and hundreds of flyers, papered campus, and got lots of people to show up each night.

Weston and Travis threw down with Maui making a guest appearance on Friday night. We spray painted the heck out of a broken Pepsi dispenser and a canvas. We had some great Psi U made music that made for a big opening night that gave us a lot of momentum for the rest of the week. We had about twenty people show up each night,

save Monday night which was Destruction Night. We had around forty or so people show up for it. Lisa, Slinky, Ann, Carlos, and me (Clint) got to throw off three TVs, a few printers, two laptops, a fax machine or two, and over twenty monitors all to the glorious sounds of the "1812 Overture".

We just recently had pledge class elections for their president and treasurer. Their president, Dean Sanderson, is already having them meet with each other upstairs in Oy while the Brotherhood meet down stairs for the Brothers Meeting. This looks to be a fantastic year for Psi U.

Clinton Weigle, GT'09



B I O S

Clinton Derek Weigle

I'm Clint Weigle, and I was initiated with Greg from the Spring Semester of 2006. I joined Psi U because it's so awesome. Now that I'm a brother, I greatly enjoy Dead Poet's Society on Thursday nights and just hanging around the brothers. As the Vice President of Member Education, I've gotten the opportunity to meet a lot of our new pledge class who are all really awesome. I look forward to being an active brother for many semesters more (yeah, Tech).

**Geoff Emmer**

Geoff Emmer said he would never join a fraternity. He would sit in his room and study and be so sad. Time has made a liar of him. Aided and abetted by the mysterious Lisa Jordan, he found himself becoming a brother of Psi Upsilon. Hailing from Thomas Jefferson HS in Virginia, he came south to learn more Japanese and about computers that go beep beep. So far, Tech has not let him down. So far. We're not entirely sure what his long-haired hippy hobbies are, but he tries to be funny and tries to speak the Japanese. He lived in Australia for four years and has no trace of an accent.

**Enrique Orestes Santos, Jr.**

My name's Enrique Santos, quite possibly the most generic Spanish name one can imagine. I originally hail from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I'm in my second year working on my Computer Science degree. I'm a student of everything, and master of nothing. I'm absolutely unsure of what the future holds for me, but optimistic nonetheless. I enjoy programming, playing video games, reading, training in martial arts

and listening to good music any chance I get. Before coming to Psi U, I don't think I've ever met a band of cooler cats anywhere.

**Anastasia Nienow**

The name's Anastasia "Nova" Nienow. I am a second year BME major from Valdosta, GA. The first encounter I had with people from Psi Upsilon when I was walking along Skiles Walkway with my roommate from freshman year and this guy who liked my shirt told me to come over to his table. He told me to rush because I would love it there. Eventually my curiosity got the best of me and I stopped by the house with my friend Susan and have been hanging out there ever since.

Greg Allen Brown

Sonic. I'm a computer engineering major in my 3rd year. I collect video game systems, old games, and anime. I like kittens.

I came by the house spring my first year when I was invited by Omelette who I had a class with at the time and Jessica Frame who was then president of the anime club. I was pledged that same semester and became a brother at the following Initiation with Omelette as my big making it the first time in a while that there was more than one active

Carlos Ivan Isales

Carlos Ivan Isales Viscal Forsythe. Proven in tests to be 77% more effective than the leading brand. Likes westerns, mockery, and whoopee cushions. Wrote this bio almost a year after he was told to do so. Hates choppy sentences incorrect gammar and tyepos [sic].



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Ky-Hyeun Lee

Hello, this is Neophyte Ky (I hope I can keep the title Neophyte. It just sounds cool to me). You can called me Kiwi. I got that nick name from a boarder, forgot who. Anyhow, one interesting fact about me is that I lived three different countries; in order of Germany, Korea and United States of America. I lived in US since summer of 2002. So, the question is why did I join Psi U? I consider I lost myself (personality) long time ago, and I started to find myself back in Psi Upsilon. And I really love the Psi U brothers and I totally love the house... especially the smell of good old house. -_-;



One of my biggest interest and which I lack to take care of right now is music. My parents are musicians and once upon a time, I wanted to be a musician too. I decided not to, because it's so difficult to make a living with music.

Right now, I am co-oping in Leica Geosystems, working with Ham-mad (woo hoo), Moogle, Alan, QJ and Ryan. I would love to get to know you, so look for Kiwi next time you swing by the house.

B I O S

**Briand Rabideau**

Hi, I'm Briand, there is absolutely nothing special about me aside from the fact that I love playing with

fire. When I was born, an insurance company spawned to make sure I didn't burn down the hospital with a pack of matches I found in the delivery room. With any luck, the fraternity insurance rates won't skyrocket because of my existence. I'm studying Mechanical Engineering and live for fire and Science.

**Squee**

At the beginning of freshman year my name was Susan Queen. However, I have since been renamed Squee, which is what everyone knows me as now. My favorite color is green and I am (reluctantly) a CM major. I'm terribly indecisive and tend to procrastinate too much. At first, I only came to Psi Upsilon with my friend Anastasia since she didn't want to go alone. But I enjoyed spending time with everybody so much that I decided to accept my bid and pledge (and alumni took me to IHOP and threate- I mean, won me over). So now I'm a Brother and still having as much fun as I did in the beginning.

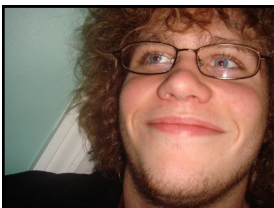
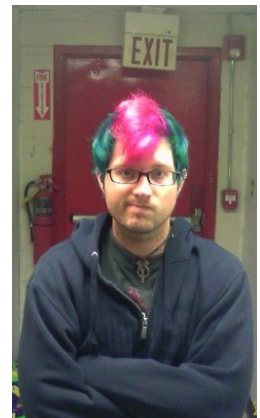
**Peter Watanabe**

I'm Peter Watanabe. I'm a third-year CM major. I've known Eli since middle school so I was vaguely aware, in my freshman year, of a fraternity that played D&D and was basically full of awesome but I didn't really have any intention of joining a fraternity due to horrible prejudice. Then this year, I was helping Danni, who I'd known since early high school and was a freshman this year get acquainted. She also knows Eli so she wanted to come by the House during Rush. I came along. I was hooked instantly. And here I am. I'm all about programming cool things, and hope to eventually go into the video game industry as a designer or programmer.

Travis Harkleroad

I'm a sophomore looking to graduate in 2010 with a degree in Computational Media. Born in Chattanooga, TN, in 1987, I grew up in the doldrums of the Deep South with a mindset of getting out. Naturally, I fled the South at my first opportunity...to Atlanta, a bold move indeed. I gotta say, I was pretty nervous about actually finding people at Tech that I got along with, and for the first couple of months I didn't really do much beside just sit in my room. Psi U is by far on of the weirdest/nerdiest places I've ever been to, and I love it to death. I'm obsessed with movies and crazy electronic music, and here I've come to find a place where there are plenty of people who enjoy those exact same things.

I'd like to say that I'm a fairly meek individual, but my hair is usually dyed to a shade of blue or green. I'll just go ahead and say that I'm a little eccentric some of the time, but in a very plain and boring way. I can't really say what I want to do after college, at the moment it's a toss up between going to Grad school, maybe doing video editing work, or who knows: maybe I'll go crazy and become a musician. Hopefully, by the end of my 4 (5....6...) years here, I'll have a better idea.

**Weston Packard**

Hello, I'm Weston Packard. I'm a sophomore majoring in Computational Media and the ultimate goal is to work on games that do the medium justice as an art form. I draw a lot and am attempting to make some extra money with that. I also really love music, especially anything live, experimental, or noisy. I guess as far as personality I'm pretty relaxed and do my best to be a good person. That's all I have to say about myself other than I'm quite happy to be a part of Psi Upsilon, which is kind of a given anyway.

Christopher Brett Fuller

I was born in Montgomery, Alabama and attended public schools until I was admitted into the Alabama School of Math and Science in the year 2003. Then, I applied to Georgia Tech, graduated from high school, and here I am today.

I am a second year computer science major; my interests include mathematics, complexity theory, proofs, plasma and plasma-related hazards, and video games new and old. Especially old - 16-bit gaming is almost the epitome of nostalgic gaming goodness, at least for me. Last but not least, Psi Upsilon Gamma Tau.

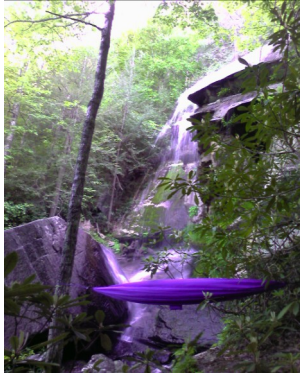
I came around Psi Upsilon for the first time in the fall of 2006 during Rush Week. While I was still a student in secondary school, a good friend of mine who is now also my Brother, Matthew William McCawley, told me of this awesome fraternity he had joined - and how they were into all of this awesome (geeky / nerdy / just cool) stuff. Upon arriving at Tech, a friend of mine and I called Matt up. He suggested we stop by during Rush. The rest is history - although it took me a while to pledge, it's been one of the best choices of my life.



APPALACHIAN TRAIL

So I decided to take a walk this summer. I hadn't saved up nearly as much money as I thought I had, so I wasn't sure how far I was going to make it, but I wanted to get to Maine. For those of you unfamiliar with long distance hiking: the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (or A.T.) is a 2,176 mile footpath that follows the crest of the Appalachian mountain range from Springer Mtn. in Georgia to Mt. Katahdin in Maine. It was constructed as a recreational vacation trail for weekend trips. Hiking the entire trail start to finish was widely considered impossible for decades until 1945, when Earl Shaffer became the first "thru-hiker". Nowadays thousands of people (about 3,000 this year) set out trying to

hike thru. Only half make it out past the Great Smokies, and about 100-200 end up completing the journey. The trail typically takes between 4 and 7 months, though it's been done in as little as 47 days and can take well over a year. This year I made it 742 miles over about 2 months.



Only crazy people hike the trail, so you only meet crazy people. The social scene on the trail is truly unique. I met some of the most amazing people on the planet, each with a different reason for hiking. Most people do it alone, with the exception of a few couples or close friends, but end up making dozens of friends along the way. The only means of communicating with other hikers on the trail is through trail logs: composition books left at every shelter (Every 8 miles or so) where hikers leave notes for hikers behind them. Because of this, the hikers behind you know everything about you, and you know absolutely nothing about the people behind you.

This makes for some interesting conversations when someone catches up after following someone a while. You never really know who you're going to hike with or shelter with (sheltering doesn't mean sleeping in a shelter, hardly anyone sleeps in the shelters)

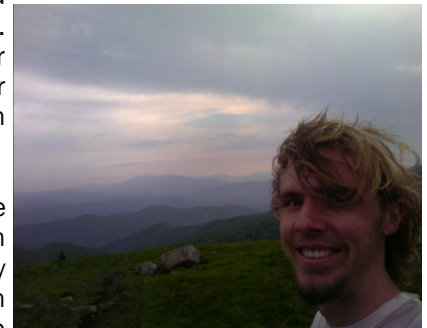
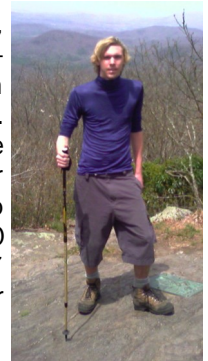


There's a number of sayings amongst thru-hikers. The most meaningful one for me has been "Hike your own hike". On the trail, you'll hurt yourself real quick if you try and keep pace with someone you know is faster than you, and you'll fall behind the pack if you slow up for too long to let folks catch up. The only way to truly be happy is to hike your hike and forget where everyone else is. Treat it as a blessing when you get to catch up with someone you haven't seen in a while. Like Emerson says, expect nothing, and you'll be blessed with pleasant surprises every day. I'm off topic.

Anyway, I don't know how many stories I have in me because I haven't told any yet. I do know that I've had countless amazing experiences that have changed me forever. If you'd like to hear about any of them, or just want to wank about gear for a while, feel free to stop by the house and share a drink

with me. Or, if you want to go on a hike sometime, whether it be 2 miles or 2,000 miles-let me know. I'll probably be doing some sort of long distance hike next summer-and I'll definitely be finishing my section hiker or thruing sometime soon.

YitB,
Eli Foley, GT '09



HOUSE ISSUES AND IMPROVEMENTS

The beginning of fall is marked by one of the Psi U's biggest events, Rush. It's so large it often overshadows the other large event that happens near the beginning of the semester, Full House Cleanup Week. This year's FHCW saw a large number of improvements around the house. The focus this year was on external improvement of the house, since our grisly visage has probably scared away more than a few people.

The landscaping was redone around the base of the deck and on the hillside that borders the street. We went with a mix of plants, creeping rosemary and day lilies were planted on the wall borders while creeping raspberry and a variety of sedum were planted to fill in the hillside.

The hillside was topped off with a few lady's banks rose and the planting bed near the driveway had some golden pygmy and liriopie planted in it. Our big indoor project was recarpeting the brother's room and the up-

stairs' hallway. Other improvements include adding lattice to the deck and staining it, making some repairs to the downstairs bathroom, fixing the leaky air conditioner upstairs, insulating the air conditioner's coolant pipes on the roof and doing general repairs around the house. Oh, and we cleaned the house up, too.

You have to admit, the house is getting better. Getting better, all the time! We have a list going of projects that we'd like to do in the future, and would be ecstatic to accept donations towards house repairs/renovations. We'll be upgrading the fire suppression system in the kitchen and completely renovating the downstairs and upstairs bathrooms.

EJ O'Rear, GT '09



PSI U DANGER CART



Due to the time and effort of EJ O'Rear and Greg Brown, Psi Upsilon has its very own Danger Cart. About a year ago, EJ discovered a half-smashed pocket bike in the Wreck Lot. After testing to see how it still worked, he brought it back to Psi U. The pocket bike was heavily damaged, which included but is not limited to its missing seat, halfway broken muffler, lack of working electrical systems, two flat tires, and one of its foot pegs barely hanging on. EJ did some work on the pocket bike, then left it under the stairs and forgot about it. Then a year later, during one of the Spring Full House Clean-Ups, Greg found the forgotten bike and the two of them began to work on fixing it. The two cleaned the carburetor, cut out all of the electrical system, and tightened the bolts. To test drive the pocket bike, they zip tied a plank of wood on as a replacement seat and Greg test drove the bike around the gravel parking lot. Since then, the bike has been ridden by

various other people and a new seat made with a staple gun, foam, cloth, and that same plank of wood has been attached. The throttle has been adjusted and the tires are being worked on. So now the pocket bike sounds like a "high performance weedwacker". The pocket bike was christened the "Psi U Danger Cart" both for irony (it's actually a bike not a cart) and because it was "very dangerous and a very bad idea". So far the Danger Cart has claimed no victims and no one has been seriously injured. Future plans for the Danger Cart include the bike being ridden around during Rush with a gigantic banner and probably for general amusement. The Danger Cart was such a great idea that it inspired Greg to buy his own pocket bike which he will most likely ride to his classes.

Susan Queen, GT '10



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben "Pynk" Phillips, GT '02

"Alice (Jill Allison Miller) and I are engaged to be married, and are moving to Iowa City in July where she'll start work on her Art History PhD at U. of Iowa. We expect to be there at least 4-5 years."

Ken "Hat" Crouch, GT '02

"I've been deployed for almost a year now near Tikrit, Iraq. It's hot! We have just a little over 4 months left here before we get to leave."

We hope for a safe return for Hat and all of our currently deployed alumni overseas.

Hammad Khan, GT '04

"I got married to my long-time fiancée, Sarah Lapp."

In an effort to test fate, Hammad Khan and Sarah Lapp got married on April 13, 2007 (which just so happens to land on a Friday, hmmm...). Despite this, things couldn't be better for the couple as they are currently in the process of moving into their new house.

Justin Melvin, GT '05

"On Saturday, August 18, 2007, at 12:11pm EDT, Aria Hamlin Melvin was born! She is 6 lbs, 15.6 oz and 20 inches long."

Will Moss, GT '03

Damian Seaborn Moss was born via Caesarian on August 23, 2007 at 10:12am. Weighing 8 pounds and 12 ounces with a stature of 20 1/2", this kid is ready for the world that awaits him! Congratulations!

"St. Damian is the Patron Saint of Doctors. Believe it or not, we hadn't seen the Omen until people started looking at us funny."

Patrick Decker, GT '07

Patrick Decker and Allison "Aly" Slate were married on July 27, 2007 and now reside in their new home a stone's throw away from Tech campus. Patrick is continuing his education at Georgia Tech with a focus on Electrical Engineering.



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