

GOLDEN COGWHEEL

P S I U P S I L O N G A M M A T A U

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Oh man have we had an awesome last two semesters here at Psi U. We had a fantastic rush in the fall with 23 people pledging here. 13 of them went on to become neophytes in the spring semester. We had three pledges in the spring semester, and all of them are now brothers too as of April 19th, 2008! This means that we have an active brotherhood at the end of this semester numbering at 34 people. We're going to be losing three brothers to graduation from Tech, and another one is moving

away to Hawaii. We are hoping to have a really awesome Rush again this upcoming fall, and we'd love for as many alumni as can come to show up and participate in the awesomeness.

This coming year will be a very promising one; Travis Harkleroad is going to be the new VP of Member Education. Alma Castaneda will be heading up the scholarship side; we're going to be expanding what the Member Ed Committee can accomplish by expanding our focus to include all of our

members, not just our pledges. Weston Packard will be our man of history; he'll be the guy going around and sticking a camera in your face, so please, try to smile. Juan Morales and Jay Belmon round out the rest of the committee and will be there to help get the rest of the grunt work done. Be sure to contact Travis ((423)208-0072), so you can show up and share your stories at pledgucation.

Clinton Weigle, GT '09

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Websites
(check 'em out):

- <http://www.gtpsi.org>
- Wiki
- <http://www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/psi>
- Official

Also, don't forget to check out PUSOG's website:
<http://www.pusog.org>

B I O S

Alma Delia Castaneda

My name is Alma Delia Castaneda Robledo Cuadros Cervantes Garcia, and I really enjoy telling people my name. I was born in California, have lived in Clayton County for most of my life, and am now attending Tech as a first year. Maybe someday I will get out with a BME degree. I want to make drugs, especially drugs that make people happy. :D In my spare time, I enjoy caring for dogs, harassing my big (Anastasia), prowling the internet for dirty gay fanfiction, gothic lolita fashion, and sleeping.



Amir Dawood Sattari



My panda friends call me Pandamir. My kat friends call me Miiiiirkat. My religious friends call me Amiracle. My hungry friends call me Miracle Whip. And my friends that need my validation call me AMIRITE? Also, here are some nicknames that are WIP in either the alphamir or betamir stage of development: enigmamiir, suupamir, uberamiir or ubaamir, miirwax, miirlobe, miirmuffs, miirdrum, gammamir, aquamiir, stratamir, mochamir, koalamiir, and dreamiir. I'm a freshman CM major.

Andrew Thomas Davis

Name: Andy Davis
 Year: First
 Major: Computer Science
 Interests: Computer Security, Cryptography, Computer Theory, Comics (both online and off), Math, Movies
 Description of Appearance: When beard bit is set to 1, my appearance is that of rapist / Richard Stallman / Alan Moore. When beard bit is set to



0, my appearance is that of a serial killer.

Favorite Programming Language: Tcl

Description of Personality: Huge Nerd

PGP Fingerprint:

Hex: 38FE 255C 5419 OCC3 D78D AFE6 4FD2 77CA 2606 6E7F

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replica	stopwatch	microscope	rocker
trombonist	dropper	sensation	
involve	revenue	bookshelf	
amulet	goldfish	integrate	

Anything Else You Want to Know: Just ask.

Chirley Marie Quillian

CM majors fill the active brotherhood. Japanese fills the house. I contribute to these things. When I was Chirley Quillian, the pledge, it was pretty fun. Being now Chirley, the Brother, fills me with pride. My hair is purple, which is pretty cool. I don't think I'll ever graduate, even though I'm but a freshman this year. Ask me sometime to compare skin (I'm totally paler than you) or talk tattoos and piercings (I need moar). I really lurve lolcatses. I love to create - let me know if you ever want something made. I have moved into the house, which makes me happy... and House Mommy! Clean up after yourself and of course I have some Tylenol for that hangover.



Benjamin Andrew Stewart

I'm Ben Stewart. Some may claim that I have a nickname, but this is malicious falsehood. I'm a first-year CS major, which really sets me apart from the pack. (Cough.) My hobbies include losing at video games, buying but never actually reading Nietzsche volumes, and doggedly clinging to Objectivist philosophy. My two greatest dreams are colonizing Mars and participating in a street riot. I came to Psi U because I figured I would have a great time with likeminded folks, and I'm proven right day after day.



David Aaron Hollis

David Hollis is a first year Discreet Math major currently writing his bio. Well, he probably isn't writing this as you read it, but he is certainly writing it as



he writes it. He enjoys math. He also enjoys the occasional pithy sentence, much like the previous one but not so much like this one. Due to lack of creativity and motivation, he will leave the rest of the bio up to the reader. David's favorite activities include _____(verb)ing, _____(verb)ing, and _____(verb)ing the Garthok.

He is very _____(adjective) to be a _____(noun) _____(preposition) PsiU. He will likely be graduating in _____(year between 2011 and 2017).

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B I O S

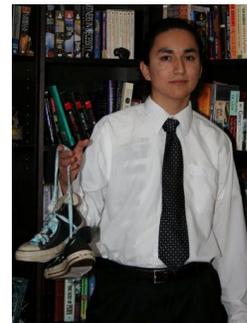
David Poore

One man. One hat. This is David Poore. Born without the ability to walk or talk, he would later overcome these obstacles to join the ranks of the Gamma Tau chapter of Psi Upsilon at the prestigious Georgia Institute of Technology in his second year. A noted audiophile, Poore is currently teaching himself the bass guitar, though his Guitar Hero skills are already legendary, and at various times has counted himself among the ranks of the Georgia Tech Men's Glee Club and the Georgia Tech "\$1.98 Noise of the Southland" Marching Band. Currently working as a code monkey at GTRI's Signature Technology Lab, Poore hopes to one day start a nuclear war, enabling himself to seize power in the ensuing post-apocalyptic society.



Jairo Zapata

Colombian by birth, Jairo (pronounced high-row) is your typical nineteen year old who one day is sure to wake up screaming realizing he should be an English major. For now he's happy being a student in the field of computer engineering, with a projected graduation date of 2011. That is of course assuming he isn't kidnapped by a bunch of blood-thirsty bakers, and kneaded into delicious cookies. Maybe that's exaggerating. They'd bake him into croissants.



James Robert King III

My name is James Robert King III, however I have been called Bobby my entire life. I came to Georgia Tech from a military family who didn't really stay in one place for more than three years. I am a Computational Media major who should be graduating in 2011. I enjoy working with film editing software and playing various video games. I hope to get a job working in the television/film industry with post production. I am also the only person I know of who has a Florida tag on his car, a Georgia Driver's License, and immediate family living in England.

Jay Quincy Belmon

I like cheesecake... I like steak... I like food... I like a lot of stuff. I like brawl... Super Smash Brothers Brawl... awesomeness. I really like candy. I like randomness. I like video games. I like a lot of stuff. I don't like typing bios. It involves....thinking? Ok, I don't think the preceding would be much of a bio, so I might as well type more while I'm typing. dot dot dot. I'm hyper sometimes. I'm shy too sometimes, if I'm not hyper. I like hugs too, they're cool. Oh, yeah, I'm a Computational Media major. I'm a freshman. I don't feel like typing. I'm lazy too....I'm Jay.



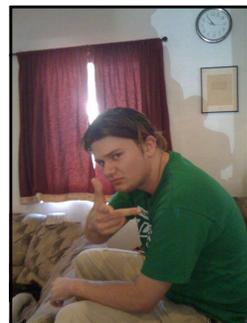
Jonathan Michael Paprocki

My name is Jon Paprocki, but most people call me Poprocks. I am a first year Physics major/Math minor. I am only serious about 1.2348204534% of the time, and love to laugh and attempt to make others laugh. My primary interests are physics and math, though I also enjoy video games and music, especially death metal. I am also a member of Let's Try This! which is DramaTech's improv troupe. I am from southeast Michigan and I came to Psi U just looking for something to do before school started.



Trevor James Register

My name is Trevor James Register and I'm a 3rd year Physics major. I transferred in Fall of '08 from another school, Clayton State University. I am aiming for a Ph. D. in some sort of theoretical physics, probably involving quantum theory. I was drawn to Psi Upsilon because I soon learned that the sort of brotherhood, love, and friendship that fraternities are supposed to have actually exists here. Apart from enjoying the masochism that being a physics major involves, I enjoy playing guitar, listening to a wide variety of music, video gaming, and any other typical quality that can be attributed to a Psi U. I also practice the Brazilian martial art Capoeira. I will leave the esteemed reader with this advice. When you're feeling down, just say this to yourself: "One more time we're gonna celebrate! Oh yeah, oh right, let's start the dancin'!" I promise, that the day can only get better! P.S. Yes, that's the right hand rule. I flash it like it's my gang sign. Seriously, I've got pics to prove it.



Juan Morales

Hello all. I'm one of those cool neophytes you've all been hearing so much about. We're awesome. Seriously. My name is Juan and I am working on a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I'm a pretty relaxed first year. You'll recognize me by my loose Hispanic fro and glasses. Let's hang out, it'll be awesome.



B I O S

Daniel Gordon

Name: Daniel Gordon (nicknames: Spaniel, Cocker, Danceman)

Majors: Discrete Mathematics; Applied Psychology

Graduation Year: Spring 2008

I like: learning Japanese and other languages

How I came to Psi Upsilon: Former pledge Aisha invited me and a mutual friend over to watch the ending of Paper Mario for the Wii back in the spring of 2007. When I saw the Japanese writing and generally humorous things written all over the walls of the upstairs I knew I had to come back, and the rest is history.

**Michelle Alderman**

Hello, I'm Mongoose (people who aren't so cool call me Shelly Alderman). I am a 2nd year physics major. I am recently married and will probably have already moved to Hawaii by the time you get to read this. I do a lot of cool stuff, like play fiddle, scuba dive, and play World of Warcraft. If I were a Pokemon, I'd be Mudkip.

**Reed Lipman**

I'm Reed, a first year CS major, graduating in '11. If you come by the house, I'm probably playing a game. It's most likely Magic, another card game, a board game, or a video game. People also say I'm good with computers. I run Ubuntu on my desktop and my laptop, so if you have questions I'm the guy to ask.

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

This last year has been a blast. We began with a fantastic full house clean-up week where we replaced all of the carpet in the Brother's Room and the upstairs hallway. We also completely redid the front lawn's landscaping and stained the deck. We blew away most of the fraternities on campus during fall rush. While the average pledge class was sixteen, we had a pledge class of twenty-four. At the beginning of this Spring semester, we initiated thirteen neophytes and another three at the end of the Spring. We worked with TeamBuzz in the Fall to help clean up a park that was overrun by foreign invasive plants. While we were but one of many teams that showed up to help at the park, we were specifically invited back to next Fall's event by the leadership of TeamBuzz because of the excellent job we did. Our annual Brothers' Outing was a huge success,

and all of the actives who made it were able to bond and talk into the wee hours of the morning. We had a great Alumni Weekend in the Spring where we were able to congratulate many of you who have done such a great job in helping to bring PUSOG back and see that organization grow. This coming Fall we will have a house full of brothers and an active brotherhood numbering in the low thirties. We look forward to accomplishing even more this upcoming year while still maintaining the close-knit brotherhood that makes us who we are.

Clinton Weigle, GT '09

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

This past year the house has seen a lot of improvements, but it still has a ways to go. Phase two of the deck renovations were completed, we added lattice work between the supports of the deck and stained it a rich mahogany. We even added in a door so we can store yard equipment underneath the deck! Last full house cleanup week, the landscaping was redone. Despite the fact that we planted during the harsh Georgia summer, almost all of the plants pulled through and are growing rapidly in the fair spring weather. We're planning on filling in the few plants that died, and planting a tree in the patch of grass across from the deck. Rounding off the exterior improvements, the pledges this spring semester repaired some of the damaged brick retaining walls, and it's amazing how such a little change can greatly enhance the house's appearance. As for interior improvements, the ansul system was re-

placed, which has greatly increased our standing with the fire marshal. Other kitchen improvements include a repair and slight overhaul of the garbage disposal system. For the most part, however, the interior of the house has just been in maintenance mode and is doing fairly well. The exceptions to this are the two bathrooms. Our upstairs shower scrapes along like a one-legged dog and the downstairs bathroom's toilet is quite broken. Fortunately, PUSOG has started a collection for getting repairs for the bathrooms and has already raised over 5,000 dollars. All in all, the house is in a good state. We've fixed most of the minor/moderate problems it has and are now concentrating on saving up money so we can start some of the big renovations within a few years.

Elijah O'Rear, GT '09

WEBSITE UPDATE

The internet (also known as Cyberspace, the information superhighway, the net, the world wide web, or the Infobahn), if I were a Pokémon this is where I would be caught. This is why I chose to update the unofficial website (gtpsi.org) while I'm not reading Wikipedia. I've been working on a private (Brothers only) on a contact management system, updating the digital photo collection, and making a bully genealogy. This is the section of the paper where I'm going to attempt to predict your questions and primitively respond to them. First, what is our site running on? The website is running Smilax. You might be asking yourself what on earth is Smilax. Well... it is a web server and back end written entirely in Tcl (which is my favorite scripting language) and uses Berkeley DB. Second, how am I going to access to this "website?" This is going to be an exclusive club. We're not gonna let just anybody in. You're going to have to know someone who knows someone. Or... just ask me (and be a Brother). Third, why do you keep using parenthesis? I am using them to hide my less than stellar writing style. Fourth, isn't this whole "internet" thing just a fad? Yes. Fifth, what is the Big-Oh of calculating a Fast Fourier transform? It's $n \log n$ Fast Fourier transform and n^2 for a Discrete Fourier transform (don't quote me on that... I acquired this knowledge while reading the above mentioned Wikipedia). Sixth, when will the site be done? It will probably come out sometime between now and one month after Duke Nukem Forever is released. Anyway, it'll get done eventually... probably.

Andy Davis, GT '11

CHI DELTA ANNIVERSARY

During the weekend of April 11-13 2008, I had the privilege of attending the Chi Delta chapter's 35th anniversary celebration, orchestrated and run by the Chi Delta Alumni Association (the well-organized, Carolina-BBQ flavored equivalent of PUSOG). The anniversary celebrated the continued existence of the chapter, reunited some of the oldest alumni, and put the younger alumni and active brothers back into touch with those who have drifted apart over the decades.

This event, which was in planning for the past two years, represented an excellent opportunity to meet many of the founding members of Psi Upsilon Chi Delta and Chi Delta Phi, the local fraternity which formed the basis for the Chi Delta. It also served as a shining example of everything to do right in welcoming our own alumni back to the chapter for the Gamma Tau 40th Anniversary, which is just under 2 years out now. The short trip up to Durham gave me new hope and vision for how to do both a one-off celebration and build a lasting relationship with our own alumni.

The weekend itself was packed with organized activity and ample opportunity to mingle. Early risers enjoyed a Saturday morning golf tournament which, despite some threatening weather, had great turnout. As a counter-

point, the traditional Thunderball Foosball Tournament was a surprising success, drawing out so many competitors that several doubles teams (comprised mainly of undergrads) bowed out after their first look at the fierce skills of their elders. Informal mixers on Friday and Saturday nights gave those at Section a great time to sit down and have long conversations, serious and not, between actives and alumni of all ages. Dinner at Bullock's BBQ, a local favorite, and Sunday brunch in section let the shy folks sit down and chat as well.

The capstone event of the weekend was a cocktail mixer and banquet, held at the Millennium Hotel near Duke Campus. The mixer, featuring a few free drinks and plenty of storytelling, gave way to a delicious dinner with speeches from alumni, CDAA officers and the current undergraduate leadership. The group (with songbooks for spouses thoughtfully provided) also sang several songs, and had three talented actives sing a new song for the assembled alumni.

Jesse Joe Scherer, GT Alumnus

SONIC LIVES

Sonic lives on! The tradition of clan Sonic members graduating before a new Sonic has been initiated is no more. It has been broken by Brian Ouellette. Brian has acquired four littles since his initiation with three of them, Greg Brown, Travis Harkleroad, and Amir Sattari, moving on to become Brothers. But it doesn't stop there. Since becoming a brother, Greg has also added to Sonic's growth with two of his own littles, Susan "Squee" Queen and Jonathan "Poprocks" Paprocki, becoming Brothers as well. Not to be outdone by his fellow little, Amir ac-

quired and had his own little initiated, Daniel Gordon. Since Louis did not get a little, many believed that Paulie's line would die out. However, as of two years ago, life had been restored to it with the addition of Brian Rabideau to Clan Sonic. But Sonic's comeback doesn't stop there. Not to be left out, Eli Foley's little Juan Morales was initiated this Spring. Clan Sonic now stands at eight active members: Brian, Greg, Travis, Squee, Eli, Amir, Poprocks, and Juan Morales with Briand as an inactive member. That's twice as many as House Foos with Austin

Klaus and Carlos Isales avoiding the House's destruction with the addition of two new Brothers, Chirley Quillian and Jay Belmon, and four times as many as Clan (insert name here) containing Anastasia Nienow and Alma Castaneda. House Kaos leads by nine members. Hopefully, Sonic's current upraising will remain strong with more members initiated in the coming year. To all the Sonic Alumni: Come by and see the new force to be reckoned with at Psi U!

"Fred Beamer"

EXTERNAL'S AFFAIRS

Well, it was a busy year for the External Affairs committee, starting with a LAN party in September, in which Teams were fortified, battles were won, empires were won and lost, and sleep was simply lost. Next was Octogahedonism in the fall, which saw the triumphant return of October, Togas, and Hedonism (With Cliff saving the day by bringing the cross at the last minute), as well as a visit from the firecrackers. Following this was Coke & Donuts, with the Alpha Xi Deltas (the sorority next door) joining us as we gave voice to all our frustrations, screaming on the midnight that exam week began, then partaking of soda and delicious donuts. In the Spring, Heaven and Hell was held, with five mak-



ing it to Heaven, that sugary land of sweets run by Zeus, and another five making it to Hell, run by the diabolical Slinky. Plans have also been laid in motion to astound the Greek community at Greek Week with an astounding catapult, and end the year with Coke and Donuts, as usual.

Carlos Isales, GT '10



THE CHI DELTS VISIT GAMMA TAU



So the first time I met our fellow Psi U's the Chi Delts from Duke University was back when I was a pledge in the fall of 2006 when I followed my big, Jessica Frame, and Grandbig, Laura King, to Duke for their homecoming. I have since had the pleasure of spending time with the Chi Delts again several times with the most recent being the weekend from the 29th of February to the 2nd of March when they came down from Duke to visit and reclaim a stolen pledge plaque and elusive raiders paddle. The first group arrived at our chapter house Friday evening and after hanging around for awhile went to Laura King and Larry Fine's house to spend the night where Enrique Santos, Susan Queen and I joined them. Another group of Chi Delts arrived much later in the evening and spent the night at Gamma Tau. Most of Saturday was spent just hanging out with the Chi Delts and many brothers played foos ball with them or guitar hero. Later on that day the Chi Delts as well as myself and Paul Wrayno, one of their alumni that goes to Emory, met Jesse Joe Scherer and Laura King at Little Five Points. After wandering around for awhile the whole lot of us had dinner at the Vortex and then returned to back Gamma Tau and enjoyed a party which was coincidentally that weekend. They returned to Laura's to once again spend the night and Sunday morning they returned to Duke after having brunch at Paul's place. And they also managed to steal a brick from our house as well as a time capsule that says to be opened Alumni Weekend 2009 so I obviously should visit the Chi Delts again.

Anastasia Nienow, GT '10

ALUMNI CORNER

Update from Ken 'Hat' Crouch. My wife Young Moon and I just returned from a 15 month tour in Iraq with the Army 25th Infantry Division Band. She played keyboard in a rock/country/hip hop band called "Free Beer Tomorrow" and operated a \$1.5M Goodyear blimp look-alike (with nifty spy cameras). I played fiddle/trumpet/mandolin/guitar and sang in a band called the "Electric Strawberry Orchestra". I also had an Irish band called "The Irish Mob", played bass for Protestant services, played guitar/sang/ran the Catholic music ministry, helped with the pagan services (including acting as high priest for the Lughnasadh ritual), and caroled for 17 hours during Christmas.

Our caroling group on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-sKGG1wyg4> (or search YouTube for "god rest ye soldiers Iraq")

Upon returning to the western hemisphere, we took a month-long tour of the mainland US during which we were able to visit with Pynk in Iowa and briefly see Katre in NYC. We also managed the traditional Yeng Jing with about 20 people, albeit without the Lazy Susans. We're back in Hawaii now, but not for long. My wife starts Army Officer Candidate School in June. While she is in school, I will thru-hike the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia (or get massively hurt trying).

Take care all!

Ben "Pynk" Phillips (GT '02) is the editor of a horror fiction podcast called Pseudopod (<http://pseudopod.org>), which has just become the world's largest short horror fiction market. The podcast presents fiction in audio form similar to audio books, and all of the episodes are free to download, supported by listener donations. Pseudopod's unique download count each week has reached 8000, which eclipses the circulation numbers for the largest horror fiction print magazines such as Cemetery Dance and Weird Tales.

Pynk is currently living in Iowa City with his wife Alice, who is in the first year of the PhD program in Art History at the University of Iowa.

Chris Angell

The last year has seen many changes in my life. Kokoro and I got married last August. I had met her the previous summer when I was doing research in Japan. We're currently expecting our first child, due this October. We're already thinking of Japanese names, because English names just wouldn't be cool enough. On the academic side, my long haul in graduate school for nuclear physics at UNC is coming to a close. I should be receiving my PhD this fall, and then on to brighter horizons.

Matt "Maui" Simpson (B.S. CmpE '04)

My fiancé Missy is heading to Newcastle, England this September to begin a 9 month Study Abroad program.

Nophest 4 & 20 was a smashing success! www.nophest.com

60 bands, 3 days, awesome times had by all.

Working on a new record with my band Harmaline; released The Secret Life CD in December of 2007.

Lisa N. Jordan and Jon-David Langeland (Gamma Tau '05 & '07) were truly thrilled this year when their dog Steinway

decided to buy a lovely new yard for them. As it turns out, the house attached to said yard was pretty nice, too. Now Lisa & JD truly are civilized adults... ones who offset their world of yard work and home improvement with plans for tree houses, hedge mazes and wet bars.



Sarah Powell ('04) and Michael Powell ('04) are expecting a baby girl due August 29 (Labor Day weekend). We're not sure, but we think this may be the first full-blood Psi U spawn in Fraternity history.

Have a great story of Psi U? Want to share them? Done something exciting in your life? Or even mediocre and you want other people to know about it? Share your past and your present with your fellow Psi U's with the new Alumni Corner. Sent us something, but don't see it here?

If you want your story or blurb here, send it to Anastasia Nienow, the Vice President of the Internal Committee at anienow3@gatech.edu.



ACTIVES MISSING: CHRIS, HAZMATT, ALMA, ELI

A Big Psi U Family

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Psi U SPAWN

Psi Upsilon is breeding. Here are the upcoming babies for the year.

Chris and Kokoro Angell are expecting this October.

Justin and Melody Melvin are expecting twins.

Christopher and Kristina (Trin) Tang are expecting.

Sarah Robertson and Michael Powell are expecting this August.

Psi U SOULMATES

Psi Upsilon's are tying the knot. Here are the happy couples of the year.

Chris Angell married Kokoro Toda last August.

Justin Reock married Kristi Maurus last August.

Shelly Rhodes married Xander Alderman last December.

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