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FALL 2010

Alabama Alpha Purchases ATΩ House

Phi Psi Occupancy Expected No Later Than January 2012

As you will recall from my last report, the University has informed us that we will not be permitted to remain at our current location because they want an unobstructed view of Bryant-Denny Stadium from University Boulevard. We had preliminary meetings with President Witt and Athletic Director Mal Moore to discuss options regarding new housing. Among the options we considered were moving our house to a lot near our current location, building a new house near our current location, building a new house in the recently expanded "new" fraternity row area, or purchasing an existing fraternity house.

There was no suitable location available near our location and the cost of building a new fraternity house was out of our reach. Therefore, we determined that purchasing an existing fraternity house was our best option. The only fraternity house available to buy was the Alpha Tau Omega house, as they are

building a new house. The University designed an application process for interested groups, and in late February we were notified that we had been awarded the right to purchase this house for \$2.15 million.

The ATΩ house sleeps 21 (as opposed to our current capacity of 17) and has approximately 15,000 square feet. While the house is structurally sound and will suit our needs well, it will need cosmetic work to bring it up to the standard to which we are accustomed. Additionally, we will be required to install a fire suppression system and possibly make other improvements to meet building codes. While we have not determined the exact cost of these improvements, we expect that they will be approximately \$500,000.

The timeline for this relocation is still up in the air. We cannot begin any improvements until the new ATΩ house is completed, which is scheduled for May 2011. The University

would like us to complete our work next summer and begin occupying the house in the fall. This occupancy date depends on whether the ATΩ's house is completed next May and whether our improvements can be completed within a short time thereafter. At the latest, though, I expect we will occupy the house by January 2012.

While we do not have an exact timeline, I urge you to make a special effort to come back to Alabama Alpha this academic year to reflect on the many memories and bonds that were created at our fraternity house. If you have any questions as we go through this transition, please contact me at (205) 421-1020 or price291@hotmail.com.



Amici, In the Bond,
Shannon Price '88
House Corporation President

SAVE THE DATE

**Second Annual
Phi Psi Alumni Buffet Dinner
October 15
6 to 8 p.m.**

R.S.V.P. to Benjamin W. Beutel
at (205) 317-6245 or
bwbeutel@crimson.ua.edu.

Please bring your
own refreshments!

CHAPTER FOCUSES ON ACADEMICS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Ψ Successful Alumni to Educate and Mentor Members
- Ψ Events Benefit Project Blessing, Relay for Life

Our main focus for the fall semester is academics. As a Chapter we have set a cumulative G.P.A. goal of 3.0 and plan on holding proctored study hall five nights a week, as well as mandatory tutoring for any brother who has a C grade or below at midterms.

This summer **Justin Pickle '09**, **Alex Huffman '09** and I focused on recruitment with the help of **Mark Dixon '82**, **Tryon Hubbard '64**, **Jay Masingill '68**, **Fred Clay '67**, **John-Adam Page '05**, **Andrew Watson '95**, **Charles Ellis '04**, **Kyle Bazemore '87**, **Marc Robbins '82** and **Scott Huffman '86**. Alabama Alpha held open houses, where over 100 freshmen and transfer students attended during orientation, and we talked with 200-plus incoming students via telephone who expressed interest in Greek life. At least one alumnus attended every open house to answer questions from parents while touring

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the facility. We also held recruitment events in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia over the summer, including a Braves baseball game, a float trip down the Limestone River in Briers field, and a party at Lake Mont, Georgia.

Brian Lowe '07 and **John-Adam Page '05** have created a pledge education program that focuses on academics, community service, alumni outreach, and university awareness. Alumni will be invited to attend our dinners to educate members on different topics each week, and volunteers will include, a UAPD officer, a Greek life representative, and a financial advisor.

Last semester our third annual wing-eating contest was held to benefit Project Blessings, a non-profit organization that helps remodel and renovate houses for families in need. The contest was a great success with six participants eating as many wings as possible in five minutes. Hooters provided the wings and the prize was a football signed by Kareem Jackson and Rolando McClain, former Alabama football players now in the NFL.

Alabama Alpha also participated in Relay for Life, raising over \$1,000 for the organization. This year we are aiming for more than 500 Chapter community service hours, full member participation and attendance at Chapter events, as well as raising and contributing over \$1,000 for philanthropies.

Our second Phi Psi alumni buffet dinner will be held on October 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. R.S.V.P. to me at (205) 317-6245 or bwbeautel@crimson.ua.edu. We ask

that you bring your own refreshments.

Fraternally,
Benjamin W. Beutel '07
Chapter President



Tryon Hubbard '64 Elected President at Grand Arch Council *Alumnus to Place Emphasis on Philanthropy*



Tryon Hubbard '64 was elected as the Fraternity's SWGP (president) at the Grand Arch Council in Orlando, Florida. Tryon has served on the Fraternity's executive board for the past three bienniums first as secretary, then treasurer, and most recently as vice president. There to cheer him on were 15 Alabama Alpha brothers: **Frank Taylor '64**, **Freddie Stakes '66**, Permanent Fund Trustee **Fred Clay '67**, **Jay Masingill '68**, **Gordon Carter '75**, **Tom Earley '86**, **Shannon Price '88**, **P. Scott Nelson '89**, **David Moyer '91**, **John Cochran '03**, **Harrigan Clay '04**, **John Masingill '04**, District IV Archon **Aubrey Richardson '06**, **Peyton Harris '07** and **Collier Meyer '07**.

As president, Tryon will place special emphasis on philanthropy, scholarship, and mentoring of undergraduates. Look for more information from him in upcoming issues of *The Shield*. You can send congratulations at john@jehubbard.com. Mark your calendar now for the next Grand Arch Council in San Antonio, Texas on July 11-15, 2012.

MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT 2010 FOUNDERS DAY

On Sunday, March 9, the Birmingham Alumni Association hosted Founders Day at Pine Tree Country Club. Nearly 100 alumni and undergraduate brothers were in attendance. Our guest speaker this year was **Byron Cain, TN Delta '70, TX Alpha '72**. He took the attendees back to 1852, speaking about the times in which our Fraternity was founded and relating how the values of those days are still relevant today.

Since Founders Day 2009 was cancelled due to inclement weather, the House Corporation honored two alumni brothers this year with the James H. Webb Most Outstanding Alumnus Award. The 2009 recipient is **Mike Whatley '89**. Mike was recognized for his contributions to the spiritual development of our undergraduate members. For the past several years, Mike has traveled to Tuscaloosa every Wednesday night to lead a Bible study for the undergraduate members and his influence has had a positive impact on the success of our Chapter.

The 2010 recipient is **Mark Dixon '82**. Mark was recognized for his contributions to the Chapter's recruitment efforts. In 2009 Mark worked with the undergraduate Chapter to develop a plan that would put Phi Psi's name in front of each incoming male student at the University. This resulted in a fall 2009 pledge class of 29 and a fall 2010 pledge class of 28.

Benjamin Beutel '07 was awarded the Most Outstanding Active Award by the Chapter due to his academic accomplishments, leadership and influence on the Chapter.

Special thanks go to **James Webb '97**, **Ryan Brewer '94**, and **Ryan Johnston '99** for doing a great job in planning and hosting Founders Day.

Founders Day Award Winners

James H. Webb
Most Outstanding
Alumnus Award
Mike Whatley '89 (2009)
Mark Dixon '82 (2010)

Most Outstanding
Active Award by the Chapter
Benjamin Beutel '07

Phi Psi Values Impact Life of David C. Williams Sr. '70

When I look back over the 38 years since graduation, very few things I have done had a larger impact on me as than my brotherhood and membership in Phi Kappa Psi.

I was born and raised in Gadsden, Alabama, and attended Jacksonville State University my fall semester of freshman year. After transferring to Alabama in the spring of 1970, I was initiated into Phi Psi. I immediately became an active member, serving as pledge class advisor, secretary, treasurer, vice president, and vice president of IFC. At the time I did not realize that the involvement in these activities was preparing me for the rest of my life: both in service to myself and, more importantly, in service to others.

My brother was also a Phi Psi, and thus I was a legacy. It made it harder on me, since my every move was watched and critiqued. My brother was nicknamed Squatty, due to his height and because he was a collegiate weight lifter. He is a past president of Alabama Alpha, a retired Marine Corps colonel, and a risk management attorney for UAB Hospital in Birmingham. He too would tell you that being a Phi Psi was a

wonderful, fulfilling and developing experience for his successes.



I now serve as the executive vice president of North Alabama Market Executive Wealth Management Group BBVA-Compass Bank. I married my childhood sweetheart, Patsy (Evans), who won many Tommy Tucker Tee Shirt Awards back at Alabama Alpha, and we have two wonderful sons, David Jr. and Stephen. David is a practicing attorney with Porterfield, Harper, Mills & Motlow, and Stephen graduated in the spring with a joint J.D./MBA and is now practicing law.

Phi Psi instills a value of giving to others, and this spirit of giving has stuck with me throughout the years, most notably through my service in the Huntsville Jaycees. In 1980 I became president of the leadership organization that is a part of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce. In addition to winning the Most Outstanding Chapter in Alabama, I was a John Armbruster Award recipient (given to the top four Jaycees in America). I was the first Alabamian to receive this prestigious award. Patty and I are also involved in the Whitesburg

Baptist Church, where I have held numerous positions, including deacon. I am certain that my time spent at Phi Psi helped prepare me for a lifetime of service to my community.

The rewards of Phi Psi are undeniable. They include a lifetime of giving and receiving blessing after blessing. There is not a day that goes by that I do not use the personal and interpersonal skills I learned as a Phi Psi. Be a participant, be a doer not a sitter, and you get out what you put in are all great dividends of Phi Psi life lessons.

Simply put, hi hi hi Phi Kappa Psi, live ever, die never Phi Kappa Psi.

God Bless Phi Kappa Psi,
David C. Williams Sr. '70

“There is not a day that goes by that I do not use the personal and interpersonal skills I learned as a Phi Psi.”

Welcome, New Members

Clinton P. Cuzzort | Fort Payne, Ala.

Travis J. Carello | Mount Vernon, Ill.

Matthew W. Lewis | Hoover, Ala.

William P. Bachmann | McCalla, Ala.

Micheal R. Tivaldo | Nutley, N.J.

Cameron M. Lane | St. Petersburg, Fla.

Lon N. Cowart | Homestead, Fla.

Mark A. English | Chelsea, Ala.

Vincent T. Muscat | Theodore, Ala.

Richard A. Rabello | Miami, Fla.

Robert J. Rudolph | Valrico, Fla.

Angelo M. Barbush | Harrisburg, Pa.

Recruitment Recommendation

Alumni, please submit recruitment recommendations at http://phipsiala.com/rush_recommendation.asp.

2010 CRIMSON TIDE FOOTBALL

- Sept. 25 at Arkansas
- Oct. 2 Florida**
- Oct. 9 at South Carolina
- Oct. 16 Mississippi**
- Oct. 23 at Tennessee
- Nov. 6 at LSU
- Nov. 13 Mississippi State**
- Nov. 18 Georgia State**
- Nov. 26 Auburn**

Home games in bold



ALABAMA ALPHA FOUNDATION RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION

*Undergraduate Brothers
Rewarded for Academic Success*

The Alabama Alpha Foundation is pleased to announce that it has received a gift of \$80,000 in memory of **Mark N. Moore '73**. With this gift, the foundation has assets of just under \$100,000.

The foundation was established as a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation to support the academic pursuits of the undergraduate men in the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at the University of Alabama. It accomplishes its mission by awarding scholarships to members that meet high academic standards. Since the foundation's inception in 2004, it has awarded \$19,500 in scholarships. Most recently, **Ben Beutel '07** and **Peyton Harris '07** were each awarded \$500 scholarships at Founders Day 2010 for their academic success.

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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

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