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SPRING 2010

UNIVERSITY DEMANDS PHI PSI RELOCATION

Ψ BROTHERS EXPLORE NEW FACILITY OPTIONS
Ψ ALUMNI, ATTEND FOUNDERS DAY MARCH 7

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR INSIST ON MOVE

President Witt contacted us last summer and informed us that the University determined we, along with Phi Delta Theta, will not be permitted to remain at our respective locations. While there is no set timeline for us to move, the University has told us that we would likely have to move sometime within three to four years. **Fred Clay '67, Jay Masingill '68**, and I had some preliminary meetings with Dr. Witt and Athletic Director Mal Moore regarding the relocation and have discussed several options, but no plan has been finalized at this point.

ATΩ HOUSE APPLICATION COMPLETE

One option we are exploring involves the current ATΩ house. Last summer, the University awarded the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity the right to build a new house on the current Rotary lot next to the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. The ATΩ house will be available in the next couple of years and is the only existing fraternity house that is certain to be available for purchase at that time. The University designed a process for interested groups to apply for the right to purchase the ATΩ house and the application deadline was October 15. We submitted an application, along with several other interested groups, but the University has not made a determination.

CHAPTER LOOKS FOR BEST ALTERNATIVE

It is important to understand that no final

decisions have been made regarding where we may eventually relocate. Relocation to the ATΩ house is one of a few options we have explored, but it is the only one with an application deadline. No one is excited about having to move from the best location on campus, but we will make sure the best alternative location is chosen given the resources at our disposal.

ATTEND FOUNDER'S DAY MARCH 7

I urge anyone who has questions to contact me at price291@hotmail.com or (205) 421-1020. Also, I encourage all members to make a special effort to attend Founder's Day this year, when we will discuss the relocation project in detail. As more information becomes available, we will keep you informed.

Finally, I want to thank the many brothers who continue to generously support us financially. Alabama Alpha's Sustaining Membership Program is our annual contribution campaign. The money raised through this campaign helps to publish this newsletter, provides funds for ongoing maintenance to our facility, and supplements the programming offered by the undergraduate Chapter. The Sustaining Membership Program raised almost \$7,000 in 2009 from 43 generous brothers.



Amici, In the Bond,
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*Eli Landow '09, Kamal Triefi '07,
and Aubrey Richardson '07 spend time at the
Pine Valley retirement home in Tuscaloosa.*

PHI KAPPA PSI: LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY

Ψ Academic Expectations
Outlined for Brothers
Ψ Goals Defined for
Chapter Success

As we embark on another semester at Alabama Alpha, the Chapter has set goals that we are determined to achieve. As a whole we feel that, with the support and dedication of all brothers, we can make the following a reality:

- A spring 2010 3.0 Chapter G.P.A.
- All undergraduate members involved in at least one on-campus organization
- At least 500 Chapter community service hours
- Over \$1,000 raised for a philanthropy event
- Full member participation and attendance at all Chapter events

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR SPRING SEMESTER

We will be hosting our annual spring party Outback on April 9-11. On Friday and

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ALUMNI TAILGATE UNITES MEMBERS



Alabama Alpha alumni and friends gather at the Chapter tailgate.



Alumni and their spouses enjoy the hospitality and brotherhood shared at the alumni tailgate.



Numerous alumni cheer on the Crimson Tide.

LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY

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Saturday nights, bands will play at the Chapter House at 10 p.m. and a tiki hut will be constructed in the back courtyard. We invite all alumni to attend our A-day gathering at the Chapter House, Saturday, April 17, for the football spring game. We will have food, refreshments, and live music in the courtyard.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS IN FULL SWING

New recruitment chairman **Alex Huffman '09**, is leading our recruitment efforts and doing an outstanding job. Alabama Alpha has already confirmed 8 new members for this semester and a few men are committed to joining in the fall. We appreciate the involvement of Recruitment Advisor **Mark Dixon '82** and his help with planning events.

SPEAKERS ENHANCE NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE

New Member Educator **Brian Lowe '07** is teaming up with Education Advisor **John-Adam Paige '05** to create an education program to be installed for future members. The program focuses on academics, community service, alumni outreach, and university awareness. Guest speakers will meet with the new initiates each week and include a speaker from the career center, a UAPD officer to educate the pledge class on university laws, a



Undergraduates and alumni come together for the alumni buffet dinner October 23.

representative from Greek Life to discuss Greek policies, a guest speaker for finance, a speaker from financial aid, and our house-mother to inform members about proper manors, as well as alumni who excel in the fields of sales, public speaking, public relations, and others.

The main goal for our fall pledge class will be maintaining a G.P.A. that is equivalent to our active members. We plan on achieving this by holding study hall five nights a week that will be proctored by our pledge educator.



Fraternally,
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Athens, Ala.

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Apopka, Fla.

Justin Pickle
Loveland, Ohio



Several Phi Psi brothers attended a football tailgate September 12 at the Chapter House. The Crimson Tide rolled over Florida International with a 40-14 victory. We would like to thank all alumni who stopped by. We had a great time!



From left: Justin Goodson, Rachel Goodson, Morgan Harrison, John Adam Page '05, Susan Page, Mary Lawhorn, and Josh Lawhorn.



Joe Thrasher, Ed Lowrey '71, Cynthia Lowrey, Harrison Lowrey and friends.



Brandon Hanks '95, Staci Hanks, Kristie Dekoker, Chris Vickers '96, Andrew Watson '95, Chad Hanson '95, Ryan Brewer '94, James Webb '97

ALABAMA ALPHA AND ANCIENT ORDER OF THE S.C. MEMBER ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL

In Memoriam—Mark N. Moore '73

Mark N. Moore '73 entered Chapter Eternal on November 21, 2009. Mark attended every Grand Arch Council from 1974 through 2004, a total of 16, and had never missed a Founders Day celebration with his Alabama brothers during that time.

After being initiated in 1973, Mark quickly became friends with a few brothers who had finished school and bridged the gap between undergraduates and alumni. He was an only child, and the Fraternity truly became a big part of his family—one of the most important and beloved parts of his life.

His goal was to become president of what was then the First National Bank of Birmingham (later AmSouth Bank and now Regions Bank). He came close, rising to the level of senior vice president. In addition to the University of Alabama, Mark attended and received a degree from the Rutgers School of Banking.

Most of Mark's friends will remember his love of music, particularly folk music. His favorite song was "Chilly Winds" as performed by the Kingston Trio, which was played at his funeral.

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Mark developed his love of music on regular family trips to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where he heard a group known as the Town Criers. He was well known, both in the Chapter and at national Fraternity events, for breaking into impromptu performances of humorous musical limericks, many of which were *Them Poems* by Mason Williams. In the spring of 1976, Mark attended a bluegrass festival at Horse Pens 40 with several Chapter brothers, which was to be the first of many return trips. He spent hours playing the guitar with Phi Psi brothers, performing folk, bluegrass, and other types of music.

Mark's second primary pastime was hunting. He made many hunting trips in the U.S. and Canada, as well as Africa. Researching the trips, the

weaponry, and the hunting techniques was a great source of pleasure for Mark. He served as president of the Birmingham Safari Club.

Mark was always the resident medical advisor, having become a licensed emergency medical technician while still in high school. This skill carried with him throughout his life.

As an undergraduate, Mark originated the Chapter's yearly Outstanding Alumni Award. He knew that **John Ramsey, CA Gamma '28** was then, and would always be, the most outstanding alumni. Mark wanted a way to recognize outstanding Alabama Alpha alumni. It has been awarded every year since 1974.

Our dear Mark was one of a kind, truly a unique individual and brother. His heart was full of love, devotion, and loyalty to the Alabama Alpha Chapter and all of Phi Kappa Psi.

He loved us more than he loved himself, and we will miss him greatly.

Amici, In the Bond,
Fred Clay '67

FOUNDING BROTHER HAS EXCITING ENGINEERING CAREER

Alumnus Spotlight—Dr. Troy Nagle '64

Dr. Troy Nagle '64 played a key role in the colonization and chartering of Alabama Alpha. Upon entering the College of Engineering in the fall of 1960, he met two men in his calculus class who would become charter members of Alabama Alpha, **Gary Hopkins '64** and **Tryon Hubbard '64**. Through founding the Chapter, they became lifelong friends and shared an experience of teamwork that has benefitted Troy in his career.



As a sophomore, Troy heard about the efforts of Phi Kappa Psi to establish a chapter on the 'Bama campus, so he invited Tryon to a meeting regarding the colonization. Both came away excited to be a part of the founding and they convinced Gary to join. Finally in February 1964, the Chapter was chartered and Tryon was elected president and Troy vice president.

1966. Soon after, Dr. Chester Carroll, an admired lecturer, took a faculty position in the electrical engineering department at Auburn University and persuaded Troy to earn his Ph.D.

Upon completing his Ph.D. in 1968, Troy's deferment expired, and he entered active duty with the U.S. Army Ordinance Corps. After returning from service in 1970, Troy joined the electrical engineering faculty at Auburn as an assistant professor. There he became interested in the medical applications of electronics, which led to a two-year course that earned him a medical degree from the University of Miami. Troy returned to Auburn, but in 1984 took a leave of absence and spent six months working on medical devices at UNC Chapel Hill and GE Microelectronics in Research Triangle, North Carolina. He enjoyed the experience and subsequently accepted a faculty position at NC State University.

Over the past 40 years, Troy has been a recognized leader in electrical and biomedical engineering. In December 2003, he was appointed founding chair of the joint department of biomedical engineering, the first such program between NC State University and the University of North Carolina.

Of his Phi Kappa Psi experience, Troy says, "The creation of the Phi Kappa Psi colony and Chapter was my first experience in working with a group to build something new and enduring. The lessons learned during those times were extremely valuable and shaped many of the subsequent decisions made during my professional career. I will continue to treasure, the memories and lifelong friends made during my glorious time at the U of A!"

Troy served as resident of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) in 1994, has been the editor in chief of the IEEE Sensors Journal for the past six years, and is a member of the board of governors of the Research Triangle Institute. In 2008, he was awarded the

Alexander Quarles Holladay medal for excellence by NC State University. This is the highest award made by the University in recognition of faculty achievement and in recognition of the achievements and contributions of a faculty career at North Carolina State University.

Troy has also participated in the founding of two startup companies. Sicel Technologies, Inc., develops telemetric systems that use miniature implantable wireless sensor technologies to continuously provide real-time feedback about biological and physiological changes in cell and organ systems. Premitec, Inc., provides complete microfabrication design, development, prototyping, testing, and initial manufacturing of advanced medical sensor systems and devices based on micro and nano-technologies.

In 1989, Troy married Susan Schiffman, professor of medical psychology at Duke University. They both have daughters from previous marriages, and each year they spend more time traveling to Texas and Maryland to visit them and their families.

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Throughout this time, all able-bodied male students were required to take two years of ROTC due to the Vietnam War. With the draft looming in his future, Troy enrolled in Advanced ROTC and earned a commission upon graduation. He managed to secure a deferment from active duty to enroll in graduate school, and he earned his master's degree in electrical engineering in

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