



Chapter Newsletter



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ALUMNI DINNER



Alumni and Brothers at the dinner



Fraternally

Ryan Snyder 547 ...

Alumni & Public Relations Chairman

PHILANTHROPY WITH A NAUTICAL THEME

"Yo Ho Yo Ho", those were the words of the elderly after our shipwreck philanthropy event in early November. Phi Kappa Psi teamed up with AOPi to put on a party for the Pine Valley Retirement Center with a pirate theme. The goal of the night was to entertain the elderly and have fun in the process. The women of the home were escorted by the boys, while the men of Pine Valley were escorted by the AOPi girls to their seats, and served from a buffet line of great food including cheese, crackers, and wine to cups of fruit. Live music was preformed acoustically by brothers Alex Huffman and Matt Allen. They preformed great classics and our house favorite, Wagon Wheel. When all was said and done the residents were escorted back to their room with not only a full stomach, but also great memories as well.

On October 23, 2009 the undergraduate chapter hosted our 1st annual Alumni dinner to show our appreciation for the continued support of our alumni. Mrs. Campbell, the Alabama Alpha's house mother, went out of her way to help organize and prepare food for the dinner. We had a great attendance from our alumni and their families. After the meal many alumni, actives, and pledges socialized discussing the Chapter and celebrating the success of our football season hoping for a perfect season continued with the Tennessee- Alabama game the next day.. It was a great way to start off a successful and an exciting weekend to be an Alabama Fan and to be a Phi Psi. The event was such a great success that we would like to make this an annual event.



Fraternally

Conner Barnes 516...

Recording Secretary

GOLDEN TEE PHI PSI STYLE

What better way to bring the family of brothers together than a friendly game of golf at the local neighborhood course? October 17, 2009 was a bit windy day but luckily the winds were in the golfers' favor. We had about 12 active members participate in the Phi Psi Cup.

We also continued a timeless tradition at the house; grilling out! We cooked hamburgers and hot dogs to go well with the round of golf.

It turned out to be a great time, with Travis Carello announcing over the clubhouse speaker system.

Great golf was played throughout the day. However, Brother Rogers was a bit off his game. Getting halfway through the course, Rogers avoided hitting a university bus and was at an awkward lie, but made the best of his shot and played it within putting distance of the course. Nathan Nidu also had some very lucky, light pole, shots.



Fraternally
Ryan Stockton
550...



Golf outside of the house.



Group at Pine Valley Retirement Home



Alumni Dinner

UPCOMING SUMMER 2010 RUSH EVENTS

The following events will be associated with the Phi Kappa Psi Alabama Alpha Chapter for Summer Rush 2010. These events are planned to bring the brothers and potential new members together over the course of the summer. If you have any questions or need details please email Alex Huffman at Pahuffman@crimson.ua.edu

- May 22 – Birmingham Barons vs. Mobile Bay Bears (in Birmingham, AL)
- June 26 – Atlanta Braves vs. Detroit Tigers (in Atlanta, GA)
- July 10 – Lake House party on the Elk River in Rogersville, Alabama (Brother Matthew Gardner's home)
- July 30 – Lake House party on Lake Mont in Georgia (Brother Ryan Stockton's lake home)
- August 7 – Raft float on the Cahaba River near Limestone, Alabama



Fraternally,
Alex Huffman 545...
Recruitment Chairman

Meanwhile, parents and new students, when you're at the University for your BamaBound session, please drop by for an Open House during the first day of your visit. The Phi Psi house is located right next to Bryant-Denny Stadium.



RIGHT BESIDE BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM

SPRING 2010 PLEDGE CLASS

We are happy to announce that we currently have seven pledges for the Spring 2010 Pledge Class. The following young men are currently going through the pledge processes of hopefully becoming a brother of our Noble Fraternity.

- 1 Jared May- Prattville, AL
- 2 Robert Rudolph- Valrico, FL
- 3 Vincent Muscat - Theodore, AL
- 4 Lon Cowart- Homestead, FL
- 5 Richard Rubello- Miami, FL
- 6 Angelo Barbush- Harrisburg, PA
- 7 Mark English- Birmingham, AL

This is a great group of guys who have shown a great effort and desire to be a part of our Fraternity. I can personally say each one is determined to see through pledgeship, while still keeping up their grades and are eager to learn the history of our fraternity. These boys are hard working and have good academic integrity as well as study habits. Each one has shown great interest in learning about us. I am proud to say the pledge class this semester is alive and well.



Faternally
Brian Lowe 550...
Fraternity Education



Pictures from our Founder's Day 2010

FOUNDERS DAY 2010

On Sunday March 9, 2010 we held our Annual Founders' Day celebration. This year's event was held at the Pine Tree Country Club in Birmingham. It was a great way for the new members to meet and interact with members of our Alumni.

We had a great turn out from the active members as well as a great number of Alumni. A representative from Alabama Beta, (the Phi Psi Chapter at Auburn) gave us an update and challenged us to have a Phi Psi Iron Bowl

football game against our Phi Psi brothers from Auburn.

Our guest speaker for the event was Byron Cain, Vanderbilt '70, who gave us some wisdom about what brotherhood truly means to our Fraternity and how we can better the Chapter everyday.

Each semester there is a chance for members living in the house, to receive an academic scholarship for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or better. We would like to congratulate this year's recipients Ben Beutel and Peyton Harris for their academic excellence while living in the house.

The Brother of the Year award is given to the brother who stands out in academics, leadership, and influences on the fraternity. The brother is elected the chapter meeting before Founders' Day. We would like to congratulate Chapter President, Benjamin Beutel for being chosen as Brother of the Year.

Founders' Day was a great success this year and hope to be for years to come as we celebrate our Fraternity's founding fathers.



Faternally
Ryan Nash 517...
Historian

A WORD FROM OUR ARCHON

Since 1886, the Phi Kappa Psi has been controlled by undergraduates. This unique system of governance is achieved by a governing body, the Executive Council, which is made up of a majority of elected undergraduates. These undergraduates, known as Archons, represent the six Districts of Phi Kappa Psi, which divide the nation into roughly equal parts based on the number of chapters represented. The Executive Council oversees the policies, finances, and the strategic plan of a national organization of roughly 76,000 members.

This past summer I was honored by my district and elected to the position of District IV Archon. This district covers the states of

Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, and Florida. I have had the unique experience to meet a large amount of undergraduate brothers and alumni from chapters in these respective states, but also from chapters all over the country. My travels as a member of the Executive Council have brought me to Ohio, Texas, Indiana, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. I have been involved in the starting of numerous colonies, the chartering of a few chapters, and unfortunately, the shutting down of a few chapters.

On the National side of Phi Kappa Psi, I am pleased to announce that many good things are happening. By the GAC this year, we will have 100 active chapters and 44 alumni associations across the country.

Undergraduate membership is at an all-time high, with 4,778 members being reported during the last census (Fall 2009), which is an increase of 1% (59 brothers) from the previous year. With this growth, Phi Kappa Psi has now seen membership increase in 11 out of 12 years!

The Phi Kappa Psi Foundation is also something to be very proud of, with over \$32 million in total assets. It helps support all chapter scholarship funds and provides the financial backing for many of the great Phi Psi programs, such as PLA, WWLS, the Consultant program and many other various programs.

The 75th Grand Arch Council will be held in Orlando Florida at the Hilton-Disneyworld from July 28 – August 1, 2010. I hope to see many of you attend; as we hope that this is one of the largest GAC's ever. You can find more information for the GAC at www.phikappapsi.com

If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to contact me at aprichardson3@gmail.com



Fraternally,
Aubrey P. Richardson III 494...
Alabama Alpha '06
Archon, District IV



Alumni at Founders' Day



Brothers Lando, Moore, & Nidu at a football game



Brothers and their dates ready for Formal

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS SPRING 2010

Name	Officers	Committees
Benjamin Beutel	GP (President)	Recruitment
Peyton Harris	VGP (Vice President)	Governing & Grievance
Ben Stanley	P (Treasurer)	
Tyler Zajac	AG (Corresponding Secretary)	Social
Conner Barnes	BG (Recording Secretary)	
Ryan Nash	SG (Historian)	
Brain Lowe	HOD (Messenger)	Education
Niles Phillips	Phu (Sergeant-At Arms)	
Aubrey Richardson III	Hi (Chaplain)	
Alex Huffman		Recruitment
Chris Mullen		Philanthropy
Ryan Snyder		Alumni & Public Relations
Robbie Pilcher		Scholarship & Finance