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FALL 2006

## GROWTH OF CHAPTER RESULTS IN A FULL HOUSE

### Phi Kappa Psi's Renovations Make an Old House New

I am pleased to report that the House Corporation has been hard at work this summer in Tuscaloosa. Our major focus was the renovation of the Ramsey Room. The hardwood floor and cabinetry work has been completed and will provide us with a first-class setting to display the rich history of our founder and our Chapter. We are grateful for the donations of several brothers, which allowed us to complete this project, and hope you'll come by this fall to see the beautiful renovations.

#### Kitchen Receives Renovation

The Delta Kappa Epsilons were kind enough to offer some of their kitchen equipment when their house was demolished, and so we have also renovated our kitchen this summer with new flooring and the new equipment. This will be very helpful as we expand our kitchen service from just serving dinner to serving three meals per day. Finally, we were required to replace the air units on both the second and third floors this summer. This was an unexpected, but necessary project.

#### Linda Campbell Takes the Lead as Housemother

The House Corporation is pleased to report that for the first time since the Chapter moved locations in 1992, the house is full with all 17 rooms rented. Because of the growth of the Chapter and the expanded kitchen operation, we have hired a housemother, Linda Campbell, who will be managing the kitchen and assisting the House Corporation with on-site management of the physical plant.

#### Prime Location Offers Football Fans a Tailgating Mecca

As many of you know, our Chapter House now sits beside the stadium plaza, the new main entrance to Bryant-Denny Stadium, giving us the premier location on campus. The Delta Kappa Epsilon house was demolished this spring and they will re-build across the street at the old police station. In an effort to be a good neighbor in the Greek community, we have offered to allow the Delta Kappa Epsilon alumni to gather in our front yard at two or three football games this fall. They have been very hospitable neighbors to us for the past 13 years, and I hope you will make them feel welcome.

#### A Chance to Reminisce with Old Friends

I encourage each of you to make a special effort to come by the house on game days this fall. We will have food beginning three hours before kickoff for most games, and you can see the many improvements we have made to the house, as well as visit with old friends and meet the great group of undergraduate brothers we support. I look forward to seeing you this fall.



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*Our kitchen is complete and operational after summer renovation.*



## ALUMNI RELATIONS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Upon graduating from The University of Alabama, we all leave Phi Kappa Psi with high hopes of keeping our fraternal bonds intact. Unfortunately, we quickly find that many new interests—careers, families, and civic activities—can create valid diversions. The day-to-day activities of life take over and, before long, we fall out of touch and begin to wonder what happened to our brothers. Without a solid alumni relations program in place, our members lack the means for staying connected to the fraternity.

With this in mind, our annual alumni relations program is designed to help our members stay in touch, and to cultivate awareness and involvement in Alabama Alpha. There are several elements that are key to the program's success.

We mail two newsletters each year containing alumni news, information on upcoming events, reports on various Chapter activities, and current lists of undergraduate and alumni officers. The fall and spring newsletters also

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contain a list of all those who have contributed to the annual appeals.

After the fall and spring newsletters, we send out an appeal to help support the Chapter. Due to the various giving patterns of our members, we have found that two appeals each year are far more successful than just one. Many alumni choose to contribute each time they receive a solicitation, while others would rather give a larger gift on an annual basis. We also realize that, occasionally, members will misplace the first appeal and the second one gives them another opportunity to support the Chapter. The contributions received as a result of these semi-annual appeals not only help sustain the alumni relations program, but also provide funds for house maintenance, undergraduate scholarships, and alumni events hosted by the House Corporation.

Once a year, we send out a bio update that allows alumni to update the information we have on record. These updates also provide the information for one of the most popular features in the newsletters, the alumni news section. Altogether, the updates are a vital tool in maintaining our records, and our ties with one another.

We hope through the Alabama Alpha annual alumni relations program your fraternal bonds are regularly renewed and strengthened. We are always interested in hearing from you, so if you have any suggestions, alumni news, or ideas for articles, please submit them to Alabama Alpha, Phi Kappa Psi, P.O. Box 19144, Birmingham, AL 35219.

*James "Yames" Newman '88, Shannon Price '88, and Tom Haladey '88 have fun together in Las Vegas for Super Bowl weekend.*



## PAST AND CURRENT BROTHERS' JOINT EFFORTS SECURE A PROMISING FUTURE

- 17 New Members Join Phi Kappa Psi
- Six Members Receive Scholarships for Academics

**W**e have a busy year ahead of us at Alabama Alpha. Recruitment is under way as pledgship started the middle of September. We recruited 17 new members, bringing our total membership close to 50 and enabling Phi Kappa Psi to compete with the larger fraternities on campus. To ensure we remain active throughout the community, many philanthropic events have been planned for this fall. We will participate with Habitat for Humanity, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Relay for Life, and many other volunteer organizations. With a newly renovated house, several new members, and a higher G.P.A., I am confident this year will be even better than the last.

### High Academic Achievements by Members

This past spring, Alabama Alpha finished with a G.P.A. of 2.85, which is higher than the all men's average. We continue to strive for our Chapter goal of 3.0. Six members living in the house received above a 3.5 and were given \$500 scholarships for their achievements. I am very proud to say we have had many brothers go above and beyond, and they should be recognized for their hard work. As the house has reached its maximum occupancy this semester, for the first time in several years, we are hoping to continue our upward swing of higher G.P.A.s, so we can continue to offer more scholarships.

### CONSTRUCTION IS UNDER WAY

This summer has been hectic as construction is taking place in and outside of the house. The kitchen has been gutted and refinished with new equipment to make our new house-mother's job easier as she will be providing us with three meals a day again. I am happy to report the Ramsey Room construction is under way, and when it is completed, it will be our pride and joy. Our alumni have made sure all of the renovations to the Chapter House—even the small ones—have been completed to ensure Phi Kappa Psi offers a safe, comfortable, and adequately-equipped facility for its members.

### INTRAMURAL TEAMS SHINE

Our spring and summer intramural teams continued to excel. We have assembled many

competitive teams for flag football, soccer, and dodgeball this fall, and we are hoping to see Phi Kappa Psi posted on the champion's wall.

### THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR SUPPORTING US

During the course of this next semester everything will begin to take shape. We owe a large portion of this to our gracious alumni—especially **Fred Clay '67**, **Jay Masingill '68**, and **Shannon Price '88** for the time and resources they have provided us. We hope that all of our alumni will stop by while on campus for a football game or any time throughout the semester to see the Chapter's progress and the extraordinary Ramsey Room.



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## ALABAMA ALPHA FOUNDER ENJOYS LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS AND SERVING CHAPTER

### Alumnus Spotlight—Tryon Hubbard '64

**A**s one of the first initiates of Alabama Alpha, **John "Tryon" Hubbard '64** has an interesting story to tell. When Tryon arrived at The University of Alabama in 1960, he briefly met with a couple of fraternities, but none seemed to offer much that could keep his interest. Tryon went his own way, focused on freshman engineering studies (which he would later change to electrical engineering), and kept plenty busy. Midway through his sophomore year, friends told Tryon of a new fraternity that was forming on campus, a fraternity that intended to be somehow different than the existing ones. This intrigued him, so he went to a meeting. "I met guys with similar interests. That, plus the challenge of actually starting something new, was plenty to hold my interest."



Tryon grew very close to a group of guys who have remained his friends throughout life. Phi Psi gave him a unique opportunity to learn to work with a group and to organize toward common goals. It also gave him the experience of contributing to the achievement of a major goal that originated from scratch.

Upon graduation, Tryon was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served two years on active duty. Afterward, he worked for the Boeing Company in Huntsville, Alabama, as a guidance and control system engineer on the Saturn V/Apollo moon rocket and the Skylab space station. Then Tryon joined a small company consisting of 35 people, M&S Computing, which became Intergraph Corporation and grew to 10,000 people worldwide and Fortune 500 status. The company grew and changed throughout his 23 years, and Tryon did a variety of different jobs ranging from programming to marketing. Tryon and his wife Elaine, also opened Theater 'Round the Corner, a small, professional theater in Huntsville, Alabama. In 1999, he decided it was time to retire.

Tryon has some words of wisdom to pass on to his younger Alabama Alpha brothers: "Every successful organization needs good leaders, but it also needs good followers. Followers exercise leadership in their own way by being good role models for others. Everyone needs to consider their gifts and find out how to use those gifts for the greater good. The Chapter is a workshop for your personal development; use it well."

Some of Tryon's favorite memories of school are Farley's Farm, getting Phi Psi's charter, the Woods Hall parking lot, great socials, three national football championships, and "quality time with my Chapter brothers."

Now Tryon spends his time serving as national treasurer of Phi Kappa Psi and chairman for the Alabama Alpha Foundation. He helped to implement a program providing scholarships for members who live in the Chapter House and maintain a G.P.A. of 3.5 or above.

Tryon and his wife of 20 years, Elaine, have two children; Perry (36) works for Sherwin Williams and lives in Huntsville, Alabama, with his wife, Sarah. Rob (33) works for Pratt and Whitney in Hartford, Connecticut. Stay in touch with Tryon by e-mailing him at [john@jehubbard.com](mailto:john@jehubbard.com).

## Welcome Fall 2006 Pledges

**Nate Culora**  
*Lawrenceville, Ga.*

**Kyle McAnnaly**  
*Oneonta, Ala.*

**Dwight Daboval**  
*Houston, Texas*

**Tedd Meyer**  
*Philadelphia, Penn.*

**Nabil Dawahre**  
*Colorado Springs, Colo.*

**Josh Norton**  
*Birmingham, Ala.*

**William Dunlap**  
*Champagne, Ill.*

**Benjamin Oertling**  
*New Orleans, La.*

**Ronnie Evans**  
*New Orleans, La.*

**Aubrey Richardson**  
*South Brunswick, N.J.*

**Anthony Garzon**  
*Tampa, Fla.*

**Ryan Rogers**  
*Dallas, Texas*

**Jack Huguley**  
*Prattville, Ala.*

**Adam Rudolph**  
*Chicago, Ill.*

**Carson Knight**  
*Huntsville, Ala.*

**Jamie Stewart**  
*Dallas, Texas*

**Blake Talmage**  
*Dunwoody, Ga.*



*Alabama Alpha brothers pose for the camera.*



*Tommy Sinowski '04, Chad Durrance '05, Chance Armistead '04, Patrick Adcock '04, Tim Hughes '04, and Colin Moody '04 relax at a Kappa Alpha Theta date party.*

## ALABAMA ALPHA HOUSE CORPORATION

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*Pelham, Ala.*

**James Newman '88**  
*Pocatello, Idaho*





*Looking sharp at Founder's Day are Jasen Sewell '05, Will Paddock '03, and James Sims '04.*

## FOUNDER'S DAY

**F**ounder's Day announcements will appear in the winter issue of *The Shield*, which will be in your mailbox near the first of January.

If you are not receiving your copy of *The Shield* in the mail, please go to [www.phikappapsi.org](http://www.phikappapsi.org) and update your mailing address with national headquarters. You are entitled to a life subscription.

## WEB SITES

**Alabama Alpha**  
[www.phipsiala.com](http://www.phipsiala.com)

**Phi Kappa Psi National**  
[www.phikappapsi.com](http://www.phikappapsi.com)

**The University of Alabama**  
[www.ua.edu](http://www.ua.edu)

**Crimson Tide**  
[www.rolltide.com](http://www.rolltide.com)

**Walter "Gary" Hopkins III '64** retired in June 2005 after 22 years of teaching electrical engineering at Northern Arizona University. He and his wife, Rosemary, have three children: Melissa, Cassandra, and Walter G. IV, and 10 grandchildren. You may reach Gary at [walter.hopkins@nau.edu](mailto:walter.hopkins@nau.edu).

**Fred H. Clay Jr. '70** lives in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Ruth Ann. They have two children, Sara Katherine, a freshman at The University of Alabama, and **Harrigan '04**, a Phi Psi senior also at The University of Alabama. Fred is president of Clay-Greene Inc. in Alabaster, Ala. E-mail him at [fhclay@claygreene.com](mailto:fhclay@claygreene.com).

**Eugene F. Glass '71** and his wife, Laurie, built a retirement house on Lake Travis, Texas, outside of Austin. They have two sons, Andrew and Mark. Gene is a retired engineering advisor with Exxon Mobile. He occupies his time consulting, playing lots of

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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.*

## ALUMNI UPDATE

golf, and boating. You may reach him at [eglass3@austin.rr.com](mailto:eglass3@austin.rr.com).

**Steve G. Frazier '72** still believes in the Crimson Tide! He owns Crimson Construction, a contracting company in Morgan City, La. To reach Steve, e-mail [steve@atvci.net](mailto:steve@atvci.net).

**Jack F. Keel '73** is working in the defense attaché office of the American embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. He works as chief of technical support in electrical engineering.

**Larry Weisman Jr. '85** went back to the Chapter House after 15 years to watch the AU vs. LSU game with **Scott Huffman '85** and **John Ellis '81**. "It was great to be back at the Capstone. I plan on attending another Alabama game this fall," he says. Larry lives in Longwood, Fla., and works for FDN Communications as a strategic accounts manager. You may contact Larry at [lweisman@mail.fdn.com](mailto:lweisman@mail.fdn.com).

**John "Brad" Turner '92** was recently promoted to director for Allegis Group Services Inc. to oversee operations and business development in the Asia-Pac region. He lives in Baltimore, Md. Contact Brad at [brturner@allegisgroup.com](mailto:brturner@allegisgroup.com).

**Alfred C. Hopton III '93** is a senior account executive and publicist for BWR in Los Angeles, Calif. Alfred says he is "living and surviving in LA." E-mail him at [ahopton70@yahoo.com](mailto:ahopton70@yahoo.com).

**William "Andrew" Watson '99** and his wife, Jennifer, moved back to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where Andrew helps with the redesign of the Chapter Web site, [www.phipsiala.com](http://www.phipsiala.com). He asks all Phi Psis to visit the site and keep your contact information up-to-date. Also, send any improvement suggestions to him at [andrew386@comcast.net](mailto:andrew386@comcast.net). Andrew works at Health South as a web developer in Birmingham, Ala.