

# THE Ψ PSI

PHI KAPPA PSI ♦ THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

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## GROWTH ON CAMPUS RESULTS IN NEW HOUSING AND INCREASED CHAPTER SIZES

*Alabama Alpha Works to Remain Competitive among Other Living Options*

### OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS FUEL ENROLLMENT SPIKE

The implosion of Rose Towers on July 4 was the latest example of the tremendous changes that have swept across campus in the past 10 years. During that timeframe, enrollment increased by more than 60% and now tops 32,000 students. Much of this growth is being fueled by out-of-state students. In fact, for the first time ever, the majority of the 2011 freshman class was students from outside the state of Alabama.

### FRATERNITY SIZES DOUBLE IN PAST 10 YEARS

The Greek system has benefited from this tremendous growth as well. Total membership of IFC fraternities has grown from just under 1,100 in 2002 to over 2,700 today. The average fraternity chapter size has nearly doubled to 100 members. The average sorority chapter size is now just under 250 members.

### UNIVERSITY OPENS NEW RESIDENCE HALLS

To fuel this growth, the University has opened a dozen new residence halls since January 2003. The latest project, Presidential Village, is a \$60 million complex composed of two residence halls made up of two- and four-bedroom suites. It also contains a 70,000-square-foot student activity center with recreation space for fitness, weight lifting, and indoor sports.

### RESIDENCE HALLS OFFER MODERN AMENITIES

The days of cramped, shared rooms, and group showers have passed.

The new living spaces being constructed on campus offer private rooms and bathroom space and have modern amenities such as flat-screen televisions, kitchenettes, and study space. However, these amenities come at a price. The average student pays \$4,400 per semester for residence hall space.

### GREEK SYSTEM TRANSFORMS HOUSING ON CAMPUS

Growth in housing is not limited to residence halls. The Greek system is also transforming its housing stock. Below are some of the most recent Greek housing projects. For reference, our current chapter house is approximately 8,000 square feet and sleeps 17 men.

### ENSURING OUR FUTURE ON CAMPUS

Your House Corporation is diligently studying these projects in light of our upcoming move. We have the great fortune of being able to move to a prominent location on University Boulevard. We want to make sure that we end up with a facility that will be competitive with our new neighbors and put our Chapter in the best possible position to succeed, all while ensuring financial stability.



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### GREEK HOUSING PROJECTS

Group	Project Type	Square Feet	Occupants	Cost
Alpha Gamma Delta	New Construction	30,000	32	\$5.8 million
Alpha Tau Omega	New Construction	25,000	40	\$5.9 million
Beta Theta Pi	New Construction	19,500	36	\$3.5 million
Delta Delta Delta	New Construction	41,000	33	\$9.2 million
Delta Kappa Epsilon	New Construction	25,000	39	\$6.2 million
Lambda Chi Alpha	Renovation	26,000	34	\$3.0 million
Phi Delta Theta	New Construction	25,000	36	\$6.4 million
Pi Kappa Alpha	New Construction	25,000	36	\$6.75 million
Pi Kappa Phi	New Construction	29,000	40	\$6.7 million
Sigma Chi	New Construction	26,625	35	\$6.88 million
Sigma Nu	Renovation	18,600	22	\$1.8 million
Theta Chi	New Construction	30,000	40	\$6.8 million



# OUTGOING NATIONAL PRESIDENT SHARES TREASURED EXPERIENCES OF PHI KAPPA PSI

Serving as president of Phi Kappa Psi was a singular honor and an immense personal pleasure. It was an intensive learning experience, adding layers of depth to my understanding of our brotherhood. Thank you, my brothers, for allowing me this rare privilege.

Phi Psi is healthy, strong, and growing. We are in excellent financial condition, our undergraduate membership sets new records every year, and our alumni activity continues to grow. Not only are we planting the flag of Phi Psi on new campuses, but our existing chapters are successfully recruiting high quality new members. With 51 Alumni Associations, we are enjoying a level of alumni activity that has grown steadily for a decade.

Today's actives are strongly community-service oriented, which combines nicely with our national partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Many of our chapters have provided valuable services to their local Boys and Girls Club. A point of pride for me is the effort spearheaded by Alabama Alpha to raise \$7,500 to help in the rebuilding of the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama, which was almost totally destroyed by the tornado that hit Tuscaloosa in April 2011. The video the Chapter produced was the catalyst for the adoption of this project by our national Community Service Committee. It inspired a number of our chapters to host fundraisers, and the goal was met with a final contribution of \$700 by attendees at the ALA last March.

Not all is rosy; progress is not made without problems along the way. The most trying task faced by the Executive Council is dealing with situations in which the standards of Phi Kappa Psi are ignored, trampled, and thrown in the trash. We had to close two large chapters: California Epsilon at UCLA and Arizona Alpha at the University of Arizona. Both chapters suffered from an almost total lack of alumni guidance, in stark contrast to our most successful chapters. Arizona Alpha was guilty of egregious hazing. **Hazing has no place in Phi Kappa Psi.** It is totally counter to our basic principles. I declared war on hazing and you will be seeing a continuing campaign to stamp it out in this fraternity.

During my time on the Executive Council, I have visited chapters and Alumni Associations across the country, from San Diego to

Seattle and Providence to Tampa. I have participated in GACs, WWLSSs, ALA sessions, PLAs, regional leadership conferences, scholarship award events, house dedications, Founders' Days, chapter charterings, and more. I have seen chapters large and small, housed and unhoused, old and new, some enjoying great success, and others struggling to survive. I have engaged with pledges, colony members, new initiates, charter members, badge number one, badge number 1787, and alumni with initiation dates as far back as 1937 who are still attending Founders' Day. I have met young men with no real plan for their future, budding entrepreneurs with active startup businesses, young professionals with small children, older guys well-established in their careers, giants of industry, financial geniuses, Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and more. With such a diverse group one might wonder, "What is the common element that binds these Phi Psis together?" The answer is brotherhood.

A small town guy from Alabama can meet any of these Phi Psis and find immediate common ground and acceptance. The core of Phi Psi is brotherhood. Without the brotherly love that ties us together, our fraternity would be a hollow shell.

I can recall the moment I was first addressed as brother by SWGP **Lou Corson, West Virginia University '34.** That moment remains the most meaningful in my life as a Phi Psi. Having **Paul Wineman, University of Washington '55** hang the President's Medallion around my neck was definitely memorable, but my entire experience is based on brotherhood—the one single common element that transcends all of Phi Kappa Psi.

Thank you, brothers, for having entrusted me with the leadership of our fraternity. It has been an unforgettable experience, one I share with only 61 of our 116,999 initiated brothers, and one that has taught me the value of that common bond we share: brotherhood.



God bless America and God bless Phi Kappa Psi.

Fraternally,  
**Tryon Hubbard '64**  
SWGP 2010-12

## Welcome, New Members

**James Autry**  
*Hueytown, Ala.*

**Connor Clayton**  
*Lutherville, Md.*

**Nico Flores**  
*Redwood City, Calif.*

**John Inguagiato**  
*New Providence, N.J.*

**Art Kapplow**  
*Vienna, Va.*

**Blake Behlman**  
*Wheaton, Ill.*

**Chris Crase**  
*Annapolis, Md.*

**Connor Graham**  
*Oxford, Ala.*

**Nick Goga**  
*Haymarket, Va.*

**Chris Krauter**  
*Upper Montclair, N.J.*

**Michael Bellamy**  
*Carmel, Ind.*

**Tyler Eastman**  
*San Ramon, Calif.*

**Carl Harvey**  
*Pell City, Ala.*

**Coleman Johnson**  
*Griffin, Ga.*

**Ryan Levey**  
*Farmington, Conn.*



# ALABAMA ALPHA STARTS SCHOOL YEAR STRONG

## Goals Set for Philanthropy

We are working hard to continue the success we enjoyed as a Chapter last year. We started off strong in July at the biannual GAC by winning an award for our involvement with the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama. We intend to continue our exemplary work in philanthropy by exceeding the 1,800 hours of philanthropy and service we compiled last year. We have already put this goal into motion with plans to participate in events that support a local retirement home, Best Buddies of Tuscaloosa, and the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama.

## 42 Quality Men Added to Chapter

Once school commenced our brothers did tremendous work with recruitment, adding 42 quality men to our roster. This is quite a feat for us considering this is the biggest pledge class our Chapter has ever seen. I would like to thank the many active brothers and alumni who put in countless hours of hard work throughout the summer and at the beginning of the school year to make this happen. Our main goal is to retain our membership and proceed into the future as a 90- to 100-man Chapter.

## Stop by the Chapter House

We have seen positive improvement in our scholarship and we look to see progress with increased study hours for brothers and pledges alike. There are many great things happening this semester at Alabama Alpha, and I encourage you to stop by the Chapter House on game days or whenever you're in Tuscaloosa. If you need anything, please contact me at (203) 631-0679 or ejlandow@crimson.ua.edu. Have a great fall and Roll Tide!

Fraternally,

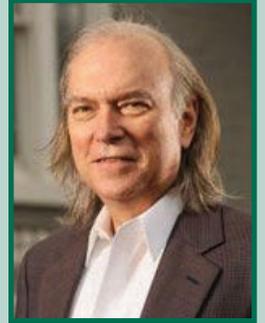
**Eli J. Landow '10**  
Chapter President



# ALUMNUS PROVES PHI PSI BOND IS LIFELONG

## Spotlight on Frank Davis '66

**F**rank Davis '66 has only one regret from his undergraduate experience—that he didn't join Phi Psi sooner. He became a member during his sophomore year after a friend encouraged him to stop by the house. Joining a fraternity wasn't something Frank had been thinking about at the time, but after he met the brothers he knew it was a great decision.



"I think of our Chapter as being unique in how close we all are," Frank said. "The friends I made as a Phi Psi are lifelong. I know I could call on any of these guys and they'd be there for me."

Frank stays in contact with quite a few of his Phi Psi brothers. Each year, he attends a Christmas party at the home of **Sam Harris '66**, where a group of brothers and their significant others come together to celebrate the holiday. On other occasions he meets brothers after work. "Some brothers regularly call around to get a group together for drinks," Frank said. "**Freddie Corina '66**, who once tried to snake a date of mine at the chapter house, is particularly good at getting us together when he comes to Birmingham from Mobile." Frank added, "I never held it against him. She was hot and as **Freddie Stakes '66** reminded me recently, Corina tried to snake everyone's dates."

This fall, Frank took two of his three children, 10-year-old Preston and 8-year-old Cricket, to a Crimson Tide football game to meet his brothers, where they enjoyed a delicious barbeque at the Phi Psi house. "I enjoyed talking to the alumni as well as the current actives and pledges," Frank said. "They looked sharp and I am happy to have them representing our fraternity on campus." After not attending a football game in 20 years, Frank now plans to attend at least three this fall. "And I hope Linda Campbell, the housemother, serves the banana pudding again."

Frank graduated with a degree in accounting in 1969, completed the University of Alabama School of Law in 1972 and finished at the Cambridge University School of Law in England in 1973. After law school, he rose to chair of litigation at a large regional law firm. In 2003, he became a founding partner of Davis & Norris LLP, concentrating on class actions, mass torts, and high-dollar plaintiff litigation. He has been in a lead position in some of the largest class action and mass tort cases in the history of the United States. In addition to practicing law, Frank is a partner in Attic Plus Storage, one of the largest self-storage companies in Alabama, and is involved with real estate and investment. When not working he can typically be found with his children. He can be reached at fdavis@davisnorris.com.

**Brandon Luckham**  
Anaheim, Calif.

**John Mattioli**  
Libertyville, Ill.

**Will Meyer**  
West Chester, Ohio

**Levi Seifert**  
Imperial, Pa.

**Tyler Speck**  
Stanwood, Wash.

**Joseph Terry**  
Hamilton, Ohio

**Dan Martin**  
Rochester, N.Y.

**Devin McDade**  
Coral Springs, Fla.

**Adam O'Brien**  
Sierra Madre, Calif.

**Sam Shell**  
Lancaster, Pa.

**Mason Stouffer**  
Libertyville, Ill.

**Christian Thonnesen**  
Rye Brock, N.Y.

**Joshua Martinez**  
Hurst, Texas

**Anthony Rizzo**  
Torrance, Calif.

**Tom Sortwell**  
San Mateo, Calif.

**Greg Terry**  
Pilesgrove, N.J.

## Join Us

### HOMECOMING

Saturday, October 27  
vs. Mississippi State  
Kickoff time TBA

Activities throughout the day include the Homecoming parade and lunch in the courtyard. Visit [www.phipsiala.com](http://www.phipsiala.com) for more information.

### FOUNDERS' DAY

Friday, March 8 - Saturday, March 9, 2013  
Chapter House in Tuscaloosa  
Contact **Jay Masingill '68** at  
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for more information.



## ALUMNI UPDATE

**Brad Turner '89** is enjoying life with his wife, Nicole, and three sons: Jack (10), Nash (3), and Eli (2). "Our house is a bit like the fraternity," Brad said. "All boys, constant antics, and a housemother trying to keep us in line. Life is good and we're having a great time over here!" Brad and his family enjoyed watching the Olympics in London this year. Nicole got to see the women win gold for team gymnastics and he and Jack watched the women win gold in soccer. "We also went to the Paralympics swimming and the closing ceremonies. It was pretty amazing!" Brad is a chief financial officer at Allegis Group. He and his family reside in the small town of Ascot in Berkshire, England. E-mail: [brturner@allegisgroup.com](mailto:brturner@allegisgroup.com)

### Attention Alumni

Be sure to fill out the enclosed biographical update so we can update your records and let your brothers know what you've been up to! Your alumni news will be included in future editions of *The Psi*. If you have any photos you'd like to send in as well, we'd love to share them.

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## ALABAMA ALPHA PUTS EMPHASIS ON PHILANTHROPY

### Over 1,800 Hours Completed

The members of Alabama Alpha strive for excellence in all of our philanthropic endeavors. A telling indication of this is our outstanding average of 22 hours of community service per brother each semester. This surpasses many other chapters twice our size. We achieved over 1,800 hours of community service during the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters, the highest number of hours completed in recent Phi Psi history.

### Supporting Boys and Girls Club

We have been able to perform outstandingly by incorporating two carnivals into our yearly philanthropic events. The carnivals that we host in October and April have become fulcrums in our yearly planning. For the past two years, we have been alternating carnival locations between the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama's facility and Alabama Alpha's front yard, which is

steps away from the Walk of Champions. We have strengthened our ties with the Boys and Girls Club and have been able to provide them with a carnival where children are able to celebrate Halloween and the spring season (Easter).

### Well-Rounded Involvement

In addition to the Boys and Girls Club, the brothers of Alabama Alpha are involved in many other organizations, such as volunteering at dog shelters, tutoring centers, and on-campus clubs. I have been proud to serve this fraternity as philanthropy chairman for the past two years and feel confident that **Logan Mayes '12**, our current philanthropy chairman, will uphold our standard and improve our communication efforts with other organizations on campus.

Fraternally,  
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