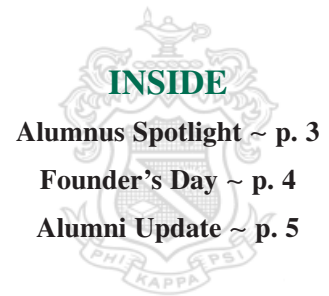


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SPRING 2007

FOUNDER'S DAY CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN NEWLY RENOVATED RAMSEY ROOM

Commemoration of Our Departed Brothers to Follow

During the Christmas break, the House Corporation refinished the parquet floors throughout the first floor of the Chapter House. We also completed the renovation of the Ramsey Room this fall. The Ramsey Room now contains the original oil painting of Dr. Ramsey, along with many of his archives and several of the Chapter's awards in the built-in cabinets. We have also reserved an area in the Ramsey Room to display the badges and composite pictures of brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal. This area will serve as a lasting tribute to our departed brothers. If you know of the whereabouts of any badges of deceased brothers and would like to see them displayed, please contact me, and I will be glad to add them.

Tuscaloosa Serves as Founder's Day Location

On Saturday, March 3, we will celebrate Founder's Day at the Chapter House in Tuscaloosa (Please see Founder's Day article on page 4 for more information). I hope each of you will make a special effort to attend. Many alumni like the convenience of holding Founder's Day in Birmingham, but many others enjoy coming back to campus occasionally. We have tried to balance everyone's wishes by periodically rotating the event between the two locations. This year, we will have all activities at the Chapter House to allow everyone to see the Ramsey Room renovations, view several

new improvements to the house, and to experience a meal prepared by our housemother, Linda Campbell, and her staff. I think it will be readily apparent why several of our undergraduates have "grown" in the past few months!

\$2,500 Awarded to Deserving Undergraduate Brothers

We continue to be pleased with the growth and progress of our Chapter. Alabama Alpha now has 45 outstanding young men who are involved in campus life and the community and continue to excel scholastically. The Alabama Alpha Foundation awarded a total of \$2,500 in scholarships to five brothers who lived in the Chapter House last spring and earned at least a 3.5 G.P.A. We expect to award a similar amount at Founder's Day for scholastic achievement this past fall. Your support to the House Corporation and the undergraduate Chapter helps make this possible and we thank you for it. I look forward to seeing you at Founder's Day.



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Alabama Alpha's Recruiting Efforts Cultivate Chapter

ACTIVE MEMBERS HOLD MANY OFFICES ON CAMPUS AND RANK HIGH ACADEMICALLY

Fall semester was gone before we knew it here at Alabama Alpha. We have 45 active members and anticipate losing only four seniors to graduation. We plan on having a spring new member class of five to 10 quality men. This will put us in a position to grow to our full potential next fall. Grades have remained a focal point for our Chapter, and I expect we will be ranked amongst the top 10 fraternities on campus in academics.

With required study hours each week, our new member class put time outside of class toward their school work. We continue to stay active throughout the community and look forward to a productive semester.

Philanthropic Efforts Keep Undergraduate Members Busy

We continue to involve ourselves with many philanthropic organizations in the Tuscaloosa area, including Habitat for

Humanity, the Boys and Girls Club, Best Buddies, and several other local organizations. Habitat for Humanity recently dedicated a house we worked on this past fall semester to a well-deserving family. It was rewarding to see our hard work pay off. With **Tedd Meyer '06** as the new philanthropy chairman, we plan on becoming more involved with the Red Cross this spring.

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The Alabama Alpha Chapter gathers for a group photo after initiation.

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Alabama Alpha Displays Strong Presence on Campus

We have several brothers serving on SGA committees and two serving on IFC committees. **Joseph Thigpen '04** is a director for an SGA Homecoming committee and plans to serve again next year. With many of our freshmen becoming involved in these organizations and others such as Freshman Forum, we expect to have a deep hand in campus politics in the upcoming years.

for football games since they did not have a house this year. We would like to thank our housemother, Linda Campbell, and the staff for providing wonderful meals for the games in addition to our normal three meals per day during the week.

New Pledge Class Looks to Be a Talented Intramural Team

Our intramural teams continued to perform well last fall. Our flag football team made it to the semi-finals of the playoffs, and our new member team held their own in a front-yard showdown as they tied the Phi Delt new members. Our soccer and volleyball teams did not fare as well this season, but with the help of an athletic new member class, this semester looks promising.

Our Future Looks Bright

As we grow in size and in stature, our focus on recruitment, academics, and campus involvement is essential. This past fall was an extremely productive semester, and I anticipate the spring semester to bring even more to Phi Kappa Psi at the University of Alabama. As always, we encourage alumni to stop by the house whenever they can.

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Members of Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi pose for a Homecoming photo.

Football Games Pack the Chapter House

With the location of our Chapter House being the most desirable on campus, we had a wonderful turnout of parents and alumni visiting this past football season. It was great to see more Alabama Alpha brothers, and we hope they continue to stop by the house. We also welcomed Delta Kappa Epsilon to our facility



Brother Recalls His Time as an Alabama Alpha Active

Alumnus Spotlight—Jim Wallace '64

Brother Jim Wallace '64 was a charter member of Alabama Alpha. Before he pledged Phi Kappa Psi, there was only one other fraternity Jim visited; however, it was arguably billed as the number one fraternity on campus. The brothers extended a pledge-ship to Jim, but across campus there was “a rag-tag group of sincere men in a modest house with whom I resonated and shared their visions for the future,” he recalls. When Phi Kappa Psi extended their pledgship, he turned down the other fraternity.



When asked about his most proud accomplishments, he states, “Well, other than marrying my wife, Shirley—I’m no dummy, so I better include her,” he jokes, “I’ll always be most proud of my successful international experience. Being considered an “expert” in my field, being asked to address national/local groups in my field, and the fact that I won five national first place awards for my annual report creations is gratifying. But, having said all that, and I realize it sounds patronizing, I shall always consider becoming associated with Phi Kappa Psi as one of the greatest accomplishments of my life. For in my mind, all

Upon leaving campus, Jim began his career with International Minerals & Chemicals in Winter Haven, Florida, in human resources management. From there he began progressing up the career ladder with Imperial Chemical Industries. He served twice with Nortek/Monogram, a large aerospace subcontractor and building products firm, and was later recruited to ITT and put in charge of the international sales expansions for the fluid products instrumentation division. Jim ended his career in July 2005 as vice president of human resources and corporate communications, in charge of media, public, investor, government, and community relations.

the other ones began with this one. Phi Kappa Psi molded me into the type of man I’m not sure I may have otherwise become!”

Jim now fills his time serving as rear commodore of the Villedge Idiuts for the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club in Huntington Beach, California, and will become commodore in November 2008. He also continues his retained executive recruiting and consulting practice when the Yacht Club allows him time to do so. You may contact Jim at silverfox@socal.rr.com.

PAT FINLEY '64, YOU WILL BE MISSED

By Tryon Hubbard '64

Francis Patrick Finley '64 passed on to Chapter Eternal at his residence in Oakwood, Ohio, on September 19, 2006, from complications of pancreatic cancer. Pat was born in Oklahoma City and, as a military brat, lived in seven different places, from Japan to Austria, before settling in Anniston, Alabama, where he graduated from high school in 1961. In Anniston, Pat was an Eagle Scout, ran track, and was known as the “fastest kid in the county.” Running track remained a passion all his life, and he served for many years as the assistant track coach at Oakwood Junior High School in Ohio.



his life in “enemy” territory up North. I attended his visitation and the amount of Alabama memorabilia on display was enough to strike fear in the heart of the staunchest Big Ten fan!

Pat worked for a number of companies, including Mobil Oil, Ford, and NCR, and spent the last 15 years of his career as a computer system designer and analyst at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. During this time, he earned a mas-

ter’s degree in computer science at the University of Dayton in 1993. He was always known as “the one who quietly fixed problems.”

At the University of Alabama, Pat pledged the Alabama Alpha Colony and became a charter member of the Chapter. He earned a B.S. in anthropology and an MBA, becoming a life-long Bama fan even though he spent most of

When he wasn’t at work or coaching track, Pat worked the “chain gang” at Oakwood High football games—26 years without missing a game. He also enjoyed building model railroads, an interest he and I shared and talked about a number of times over the past

few years. When he became ill and could not work the chains anymore, he attended a ball game in a wheelchair, and to his surprise, they delivered a salute to him for his years of service. As his wife, Shirley, put it best, “He loved trains, bagpipes, roller coasters, reading, history, genealogy, computers, family, Alabama, Phi Kappa Psi, and horseshoe curve PA.” That last one would only be understood by a true rail fan.

When Alabama Alpha held its 40th anniversary celebration, Pat heard a colony at the University of Dayton was about to be established. Immediately, he wanted to help. He became a part of the alumni group that supported the colony and served as the vice president of their house corporation. On the Saturday before his death, most of the members of the Ohio Mu Chapter were at Pat’s house to watch—what else—football with him, and the entire Chapter was present at his visitation. The next morning, many of the Chapter members were at his funeral, where we stood in the rain in a circle, placed roses on his casket, and sang Amici. Shirley gave me his badge and it is now on display in the Ramsey Room.

Please Join Us in Celebrating Founder's Day!

~ March 3, 2007 ~

You are invited to join in the celebration of the 154th birthday of Phi Kappa Psi, and the 43rd anniversary of the establishment of the Alabama Alpha Chapter. The Alabama Alpha Chapter and the Birmingham Alumni Association will jointly host Founder's Day 2007 at the Alabama Alpha Chapter House on Saturday, March 3, 2007, in Tuscaloosa. Our Founder's Day this year promises to be an event you will not want to miss!

The festivities will begin with a reception at the Chapter House followed by a dedication of the newly refurbished John F. Ramsey Room. During the reception there will be opportunities for house tours to give alumni a chance to view the many improvements that have been made over the last few years. To quote a national educational leadership consultant who visited our Chapter House last year before the Ramsey Room was refurbished, "The Alabama Alpha Chapter House is one of the finest chapter houses in all of Phi Psi." We truly have a Chapter House we can all be proud of.

The Founder's Day luncheon will be held in the courtyard under the "big top" tent. Our speaker for the luncheon will be Harry Lee, a former football

player, current secretary/treasurer of the Alabama Athletic Club ("A" Club), and a trustee of the University's John F. Ramsey Award. Following the luncheon, Harry will guide a walking tour of the newly refurbished football stadium to view the many areas of the stadium that are off limits to the general public on game days. The tour will include:

- Media room
- Recruiting room
- Dressing rooms
- Sky boxes
- "A" Club room

The highlight of the tour will be the "zone," a beautiful, glass-enclosed social area that overlooks the Phi Psi House and the new stadium plaza. The area contains information on Alabama's football legacy, including statutes of the four Alabama football coaches who have collectively won 12 national championships. We hope to arrange a group picture while at the stadium.



To close out the Founder's Day festivities, the Chapter will provide a band from 8 to 12 a.m. in the courtyard under the "big top." We hope you'll make plans to attend, as this will be a Founder's Day to remember! You may contact **Tim Connell '86** with any questions at (205) 919-8073 or tkcbama@bellsouth.net.

Yes, I will be attending Founder's Day 2007!

I will bring ____ people, including myself and my guest(s).

The cost is \$30 per person (Checks payable to: Alabama Alpha House Corporation). Dress is coat and tie.

Names and number of attendees (including yourself):

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

R.S.V.P. to **Tim Connell '86** no later than February 23. You may contact Tim with any questions at (205) 919-8073 or tkcbama@bellsouth.net. Please send your R.S.V.P. to Tim at 628 Meriweather Drive, Calera, AL 35040.



FOUNDER'S DAY

Reception

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Dedication of the refurbished Ramsey Room

12:15 p.m.

Luncheon and program with speaker Harry Lee

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Bryant Denny Stadium tour

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Dance band

8 p.m. - 12 a.m.



The recently refurbished Ramsey Room is complete. Please join us at Founder's Day so you can see the room!



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ALUMNI UPDATE

Wayne Terry '64 retired from Fidelity Investments as a senior vice president. He remains active in his church, participates in volunteer activities, cooks, fishes, and enjoys golfing. He and his wife, Judi, live in Scottsboro, Ala. They have two children, Paula and **Jason '90**, and enjoy grandparenting. You may contact Wayne at lwtbama@hotmail.com.

Larry Cook '66 is a director of independent agency acquisitions for Nationwide Insurance. He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Fayetteville, Ga., and have two grown children, Michelle and Justin. E-mail Larry at cookinsac@aol.com.

William J. Brower '69 is an attorney with his own practice in Mountain Brook, Ala. He and his wife, Susan, have three children: Scott, Jim, and Will. You can reach Bill at williamjbrower@bellsouth.net.

Gerry Henderson '86 completed the first official A. Barry Belman fellowship program in pediatric urology at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and is the chief of pediatric urology and a staff urologist at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash. His wife, Michelle, works with the National Academies in Washington, D.C. E-mail Gerry at cgerryhenderson@hotmail.com.

Jeff Emerson '88 has worked for Governor Bob Riley for nearly three years as communications director. He and his wife, Whitney, recently moved to Millbrook, Ala., with their two children, Wyatt and Anastacia. Get in touch with Jeff at jwhitemer@aol.com.

Michael W. Payton '88 is a senior software analyst and developer for Computer Sciences Corporation. He resides in Huntsville, Ala. You may contact Mike at paytonmw@comcast.net.

Scott Batey '90 is a social worker at the Health Services Center in Anniston, Ala., where he works as a substance abuse program coordinator. Scott resides in Pell City, Ala., and can be reached at dsb4ua@aol.com.

Brad Casselman '90 is a senior statistician for Blue Cross Blue Shield. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Sterrett, Ala., and have a daughter, Delaney. E-mail Brad at bcasselman@mindspring.com.

James H. Webb Jr. '97 and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed a son, James III "Trey," on November 1, 2006. James works as vice president of Webb Oil Company Inc. You may pass on good wishes to James and Stephanie at jamesharoldwebb@msn.com.



Frank Davis '66, Fred Clay '67, Freddie Stakes '66, Bill Banks '64, Shannon Price '88, and Drew Peterson '66 dined at Fleming's Steakhouse for Freddie's 60th birthday celebration.

A Brother Taken Too Soon

By Harrigan Clay '04

Timothy Patterson Baites '03 of Hoover and Tuscaloosa passed on to Chapter Eternal unexpectedly on Saturday, November 4, 2006. He is survived by his parents, John and Barbara, and his sister, Robin.

Tim was born in Birmingham on October 1, 1981. He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church for most of his life and a 1999 graduate of Hoover High School where he was a varsity runner on the cross-country and track teams. At the time of his death, he was a student at the University of Alabama, majoring in religious studies. He loved literature, sports (especially running and Alabama football), and the outdoors. He was very philosophical, well read, and enjoyed deep discussions on most every intellectual topic. He was a kind, compassionate person, always willing to help those in need.

He was initiated into the Alabama Alpha Chapter in the summer of 2003 and, although he had not been an active member in the Chapter for several semesters, he kept close ties to the Chapter and brothers at the University. His own badge (#451), his pledge paddle, a recognition pin, and other Fraternity memorabilia he collected were kept among his most treasured possessions and were displayed by his parents and family at his visitation. Also displayed were prayers and poems he had written in the spirit of our brotherhood and signed in the traditional fraternal manner.

He departed this life far too early and will be greatly missed by his relatives, friends, and his dogs, Artie and Goldie. A memorial service was held on November 9, 2006, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, with several of his closest Phi Psi brothers in attendance. He will be forever remembered and missed.

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RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Alumni can help our Chapter increase the number of quality members by letting us know of any incoming freshmen or independent students who would be good candidates for membership.

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

High school attended _____

Academic Status (incoming freshman, current undergraduate) _____

Does prospect have a ΦΚΨ relative? List name, relationship and chapter _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please submit prospect recommendations to:

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