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FALL 2008

FOUNDER'S DAY MEMORABLE FOR ALL

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Many thanks to our alumni who attended Founder's Day in Tuscaloosa in March. We were honored to have Brother **Gordon Letterman, West Virginia Alpha '72**, as our special guest. He shared many memories of growing up as a legacy to one of the founder's of our Fraternity. He also

gave insight into the early days of Phi Psi through his research of his great-grandfather, **Willie Letterman**, and shared the story of Willie's buried treasures. The House Corporation also honored **George McAdams '68** as the James H. Webb Most Outstanding Alumnus. George has been a loyal supporter of the House Corporation for many years and donated the funds to outfit our computer lab and study hall in the basement.

up with old friends in the courtyard, meet our undergraduates, watch other football games on our plasma television in the dining room, and feast on great food before heading across the street to watch the Tide. Meals will be served three hours before kickoff for a nominal fee of \$5 per plate.

YOU'RE INVITED!

PHI PSI GAME-DAY EXPERIENCE
EVERY HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Meals served three hours
before kickoff for \$5 per plate

Catch up with old friends,
meet the undergraduates, watch football,
and enjoy great food!

See the Tide football schedule
on page 6 of the newsletter.

This summer, the House Corporation has spent nearly \$20,000 to replace the second and third floor compressors on the air-conditioning units, make electrical upgrades to the band room, replace the shingles and flashing on the roof, and maintain other general items. Fortunately, we have completed the major renovation projects, but maintenance of a facility such as ours requires a sizeable investment each year.

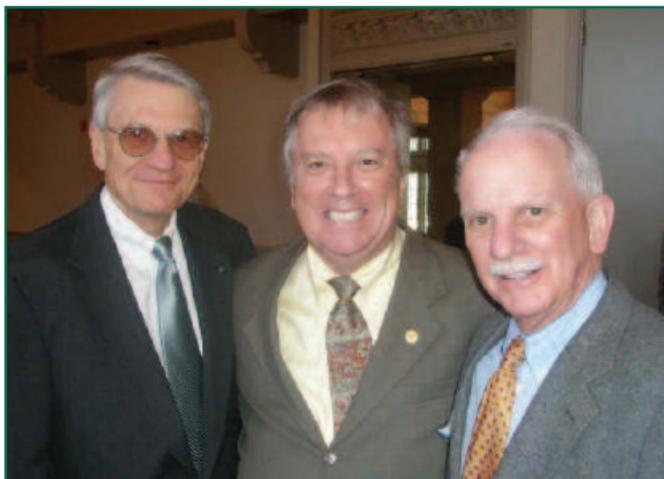
Please plan to join us this fall for the Phi Psi game-day experience. You can catch

In addition, you will see a tailgater's area in the front yard. This special area is provided to our alumni who have contributed at least \$2,500 to the House Corporation. We are very pleased with the response this opportunity has generated. For more information about the tailgate opportunity, see page 4 of the newsletter.

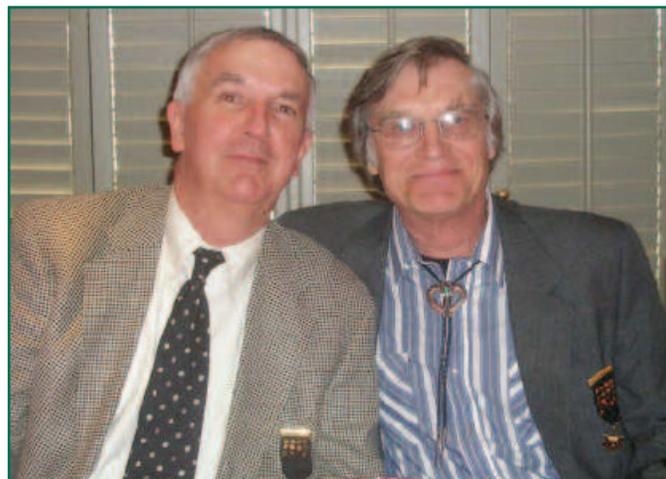
I hope to see you this fall in Tuscaloosa!



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Fred Clay '67, George McAdams '68, and Freddie Stakes '66 were three of many alumni who attended this year's Founder's Day.



Jay Masingill '68 enjoyed conversation with 2008 Founder's Day guest speaker Gordon Letterman, West Virginia Alpha '72.



Moving Forward

ALABAMA ALPHA ANTICIPATES PRODUCTIVE FALL SEMESTER



Ben Oertling '06, Tim Huges '04, Tommy Sinowski '04, and Nate Culora '06 make a foam pit during Outback 2008.

We have a very busy semester ahead of us at Alabama Alpha and we remain active throughout the campus and community. The brothers of Alabama Alpha completed over 500 community service hours last semester, including volunteering at the first wing eating contest to benefit the Alabama Center for Oncology. With **Nate Culora '06** as our philanthropy chairman, I believe we will achieve the Phi Psi 500 again this semester.

Recruitment continues to be a top priority. The Chapter size is being sustained and we plan on a very large pledge class this fall, which will allow Phi Kappa Psi to compete with the larger fraternities on campus. I anticipate meeting our goal of having one of the largest pledge classes in Alabama Alpha history, especially with the help of our recruitment chairman, **Nabil Dawahre '06**.

Grades also remain a top priority for the Chapter, and I expect us to continue achieving our academic goals. Five brothers last semester made the university dean's list for receiving a G.P.A. above 3.5. We will continue to raise our academic standards this fall with a higher G.P.A. requirement and more required study hours.

We look forward to the upcoming football season and the tailgating experience on the front lawn. I would like to thank **John Adam Page '05** for all his hard work and dedication in coordinating this event, and I hope to see a large alumni turnout for the football games.

We continue to receive a great amount of alumni support and I want to give a special thank-you to **Fred Clay '67, Jay Masingill '68, and Shannon Price '88** for giving their time and energy to the Chapter. I encourage alumni to stop by and see how the Chapter has grown and what legacy you have left behind.

As we increase in numbers, our focus on academics, recruitment, and community service remain our top priorities. I have no doubt this fall semester will be better than the last and help set the standard for the semesters to come.



Fraternally,
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Phi Psis took pleasure in reminiscing with old friends and this year's festivities.



Founder's Day attendees enjoyed good food and spending time with fellow Phi Psis.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help Needed to Plan 2009 Founder's Day

We are looking for a group of at least three brothers to form a Founder's Day Committee for the purpose of planning the 2009 Founder's Day.

The committee would be responsible for:

- Choosing the date and location of Founder's Day.
- Planning the program for the event and coordinating with the host venue.
- Promoting attendance at event through e-mail, postcard invitations, etc.
- Collecting fees from attendees and paying the host venue.

With three volunteers, the responsibilities should not take more than five hours of preparation prior to the event. If you are interested in serving on the Founder's Day Committee or want more information, please contact **Shannon Price '88** at (205) 421-1020 or via e-mail at price291@hotmail.com.



BELOIT TO BAMA, LINCOLNWOOD TO SAUSALITO

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT—Jon Gornstein '63

by Tryon Hubbard '64

During recruitment week in 1964, I was sitting inside the front door of the Alabama Alpha Chapter House when I spotted a stranger walking toward me. I rose to meet him, assuming that he was a lost rushee, but instead he slipped me the grip and introduced himself in a semi-intelligible Yankee accent. I managed to decipher “Jon” something, and “Beloit” from the strangely pronounced, high-speed stream of words. It was two or three days before we figured out that his last name was Gornstein and that he was from Lincolnwood, Illinois. He was transferring from Beloit College in Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Gamma Chapter to The University of Alabama.

We soon found out that his father had received his M.D. from UA and when Jon wanted a different environment than Beloit, his dad suggested Alabama. Jon’s dad had even attended classes with Paul “Bear” Bryant, but had neglected to tell Jon anything about Bear. Soon after Jon arrived in Tuscaloosa, he stopped at a drive-in and tried to strike up a conversation with the girl in the convertible next to him. Finally, she said, “You want to go to the practice field and watch the Bear?” He quickly learned who Bear was!

Jon’s first contribution to Alabama Alpha was to introduce some Wisconsin Gamma traditions to our two-year-old Chapter. He proved to be a leader and was eventually elected Chapter president. He claims to have profited from his time at Bama saying, “I owe a lot to my years at UA and especially the lessons learned about life by being among the brothers at Alabama Alpha. As true southern gentlemen, all the brothers were gracious souls who accepted this funny talking Yankee and those years together with all of you changed my life for the better, for which I’ll always be thankful!”

Jon lives in Sausalito, California, where he is president of *PersonaGLOBAL*, a management consultancy he founded in 1980. Training and consulting intervention programs are available in up to 29 languages across 40 countries and he travels constantly.

Jon is a doctoral candidate at Aarhus University, Denmark. He was awarded a John Marshall fellowship from the Scandinavian American Foundation, where he conducted his research in history and later continued his studies with a research grant from the Danish Humanistic Research Council. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. from The University of Alabama, where he studied American and European history, psychology, and economics.



Jon has three grown sons: Sean, Peter, and Mark. Sean lives in Copenhagen with his wife, Ida, and daughters Oliver and Emily. He works for an advertisement/marketing company. Peter lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Maria, and children Ben and Elias. He has worked with Tri Star Pictures in special

effects and did a lot of the art work in *Contact* starring Jody Foster. Peter is completing film directors school at the American Film Institute. Mark lives in Copenhagen and graduated from Copenhagen Business School. He works for Dell Computers.

“I owe a lot to my years at UA and especially the lessons learned about life by being among the brothers at Alabama Alpha.”

Jon met his wife, Eiko, in Hong Kong where she worked for Cathy Pacific Airways as the head of the in-flight personnel. She now assists her sister’s travel agency, Cycle Tour, in Tokyo, helping guide tours for the Japanese in Europe. Her hobbies are learning French and making teddy bears.

Jon says that his goal is “returning to Alabama to meet everyone with a pin number lower than mine and seeing how the Chapter has evolved.” If you want to contact Jon, e-mail him at jon@personaglobal.com. Drop him a line and let’s all work on helping him reach his goal!



ONLY ONE SPACE REMAINS

Alumni Tailgating Opportunity on Phi Psi Lawn

Beginning this football season, the Psi Chapter at The University of Alabama is offering alumni reserved tent space for tailgating. Tailgates will take place on the front lawn nearest the Phi Delta Theta house. This will be a great opportunity for alumni to have a reserved tailgating area and to socialize with friends and families before and after every home football game.

Our Chapter's prime location near the football stadium will offer a tailgating experience second to none. Alumni won't have to be concerned with arriving early to secure a tailgating spot or hauling large quantities of supplies and food. Reservations include parking for one vehicle in the Fraternity parking lot.

The tailgating experience is offered for a contribution of \$2,500 to the House Corporation and will be available for all seven home games during the football season. Once you secure a tent, you are guaranteed a tent spot the following season, as long as you reapply when prompted each year by the deadline. If you have any questions on reapplying, please contact one of the persons listed under "person responsible for tailgate operation."

To reserve a remaining tent space or for more information, please contact the tailgate coordinator, **John Adam Page '05**, at twoson43@yahoo.com or (205) 233-3625.

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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THE PHI PSI ALUMNI TAILGATE EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- One 10 x 10 tent with eight tailgating chairs and one six-foot folding table.
- One parking space (no motor homes, please) for each tent space reserved.
- Use of adjacent 20 x 30 tent with televisions and seating for game watching.
- A meal for eight served in the Fraternity courtyard before the game (additional meals can be purchased for a \$5 fee).
- Drink table with water coolers in 20 x 30 tent (bring your individual coolers for your 10 x 10 tent with personal drinks and/or food iced down). Limited ice replenishments are available.
- Fans to help cool down on those hot and humid game days.
- Labor to set up and break down your tailgating area.
- Security for your tent during the game (please advise the tailgate coordinator prior to leaving for the game).



ALUMNI UPDATE

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Kenneth M. Damsgard '64 lives in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Ann. They have four children: Ralph, Stephen, Dan, and Chris. Ken retired in March 2008 and enjoys his seven grandchildren and playing golf. E-mail: amdkmd@charter.net

L. Wayne Terry '65 is enjoying family, travel, fishing, hunting, and church activities. He is president of the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County and a member of the Scottsboro Lions Club board of directors. Wayne is planning a mission trip to Dominican Republic for the First Baptist Church. He and his wife, Judi, live in Scottsboro, Ala., and have two children, Paula and Jason. E-mail: lwtbama@hotmail.com

Laurence Weisman Jr. '87 has returned to the Phi Psi house the past two football seasons after a long absence. He plans to attend Homecoming for the upcoming football season and looks forward to seeing all of his Phi Psi brothers. Larry recently returned from vacation in Alaska and says, "I recommend it as a must-see destination." He and his wife, Cathy, have two sons, Justin and Brian. E-mail: lweisman@mail.fdn.com

Jack M. Mitchell '88 resides in Northport, Ala., with his wife, Laurie, and their three daughters. He teaches history at Northside Middle School in Tuscaloosa County, Ala., and is an adjunct professor of history at Shelton State Community College. E-mail: mitchell289j@aol.com



Phi Psis and friends stopped to pose for a picture at Founder's Day 2008.

PHI PSI CHAPTER REPRESENTED

*Chapter Honored at
74th Grand Arch Council
in Indianapolis*

- **The Psi** Honored with Outstanding Chapter Newsletter Award
- **James Newman '88** (296) inducted into the Ancient Order of the S.C.
- **Tryon Hubbard '64** (1) elected as SWVGP (vice president) of the Fraternity, serving for two years
- **Fred Clay '67** (66) honored with Order of Merit Award

Make plans now to attend the 75th Grand Arch Council in Orlando, Florida, in summer 2010.

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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.



Aubrey Richardson '06 congratulates the winner of the wing eating contest.



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Alabama Alpha — www.phipsiala.com

Phi Kappa Psi National — www.phikappapsi.com

The University of Alabama — www.ua.edu

Crimson Tide — www.rolltide.com

2008 Crimson Tide Football

Aug. 30 at Clemson

Sept. 6 Tulane

Sept. 13 Western Kentucky

Sept. 20 at Arkansas

Sept. 27 at Georgia

Oct. 4 Kentucky

Oct. 18 Ole Miss

Oct. 25 at Tennessee

Nov. 1 Arkansas State (Homecoming)

Nov. 8 at LSU

Nov. 15 Mississippi State

Nov. 29 Auburn

Home games in bold

To order tickets, please visit <http://www.rolltide.com>.