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FALL 2009

ALABAMA ALPHA KICKS OFF FALL SEMESTER

- Ψ SUMMER RENOVATIONS IMPROVE CHAPTER HOUSE
- Ψ RECRUITMENT EVENT EFFECTIVE AT UNIVERSITY
- Ψ REUNITE WITH BROTHERS AT GAME DAY EVENTS

This summer the House Corporation focused on improving the inside of the Chapter House. Painting was done on the first floor and the bedrooms, the bedroom furniture was restained, and the dining room floor was replaced due to prior damage. Our housemother, Linda Campbell, continues to do an excellent job of controlling damage and coordinating repairs.

The Chapter instituted a new recruitment plan this summer involving an open house for incoming freshmen and transfer students attending orientation. The event provided an opportunity for prospective members and their parents to learn about our Chapter. The event was hosted by a team of undergraduates, our housemother, and at least one alumnus. We have received a great response from the students and parents who attended, as well as the University administration. A special thank-you goes to **Mark Dixon '83** for coordinating this effort and to the many alumni who participated in the sessions, including **Fred Clay '67, Jay Masingill '68, Kyle Bazemore '84, Scott Huffman '85, Boyden Moore '89, Andrew Watson '95, Chad Ellis '04, Harrigan Clay '04, and John-Adam Page '05.**

Please join us for the Phi Psi Game Day Experience. Enjoy catching up with old friends in the courtyard, meeting undergraduates, watching football games on our plasma television, and feasting on great food before heading across the street to watch the Tide. Meals will be served three hours prior to kickoff for a nominal fee of \$5 per plate.

I hope to see you this fall in Tuscaloosa.



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Save the Date

OCTOBER 23

**PHI PSI ALUMNI
BUFFET DINNER**

**Chapter House
6 p.m.**

Visit www.phipsiala.com for
additional information or contact

Benjamin W. Beutel '07 at
(205) 317-6245 or bwbeutel@crimson.ua.edu.

Dinner will be provided;
please bring your own refreshments.

BROTHERS SET GOALS FOR CHAPTER SUCCESS

- ~ *Undergraduates Aim for 3.0 Cumulative G.P.A.*
- ~ *Victorious Recruitment with Help of Alumni*
- ~ *Alumni Buffet Dinner, October 23*

Our main focus for fall is academics. As a Chapter we have set a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and plan on achieving this by holding proctored study hall five nights a week.

This summer **James Stewart '06** and I focused on recruitment with the help of alumni **Mark Dixon '82**, **Jay Masingill '68**, **Fred Clay '67**, **John-Adam Page '05**, **Andrew Watson '95**, **Charles Ellis '04**, **Adam Newman '05**, **Scott Huffman '05** and **Boyden Moore '88**. We held open houses at the Chapter House for more than 15 freshmen and transfer students interested in Greek life at the university. The events have been extremely successful and over 100 recruits toured the fraternity house. We have been blessed to have at least one alumnus attend every open house to answer questions from parents while touring the facility.

Our two main recruitment events were at Lake Tuscaloosa and in Atlanta, Georgia, where we attended a Braves baseball game. Mark Dixon and Andrew Watson are creating a recruitment Web site informing potential new members about Chapter obligations and upcoming recruitment events.

James Stewart and John-Adam Page have been creating a pledge education program focused on academics, community service, alumni outreach, and university awareness. The new members will learn about programs at the university. A consultant from the career center, UAPD officer, Greek life representative, finance advisor, and a number of alumni who excel in the fields of sales, public speaking, and public relations have all volunteered to attend dinner and educate our members on different topics each week.

Last semester we held our second annual wing-eating contest to benefit the Alabama Foundation of Oncology. It was a great success with six participants competing to eat as many wings as possible in five minutes. Hooters provided the wings and prizes for the contestants. This year we are aiming for more than 500 Chapter community service hours, full member participation and attendance at Chapter events.

October 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. we will host our first Phi Psi alumni buffet dinner, which is the Friday before the Tennessee game. Please R.S.V.P. at (205) 317-6245 or bwbeutel@crimson.ua.edu and bring your own refreshments.



Fraternally,
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INVALUABLE SKILLS LEARNED FROM PHI PSI

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT — W. MARK DIXON '83

When W. Mark Dixon '83 went through recruitment at Alabama, he didn't know a single person. His parents had been lifelong Bama fans and he decided to stay loyal to the university. Upon his arrival he was looking for lifelong friends and a sense of belonging—exactly what he found at Alabama Alpha.

While living in the Chapter House, Mark helped restructure membership. "I learned how to work with people who had different opinions and personalities, making it much easier to adapt to the competitive world of sales."

In his leadership experiences Mark has had much success. In 1995 he helped found a consulting company in the distribution industry. A second start-up, USr Healthcare, was formed in 2000 and out-sources the staffing of licensed medical staff at hospitals around the country. USr has won several awards, including 2009 Best Overall Place to Work in Nashville, Inc. 500, Future 50, Fast 50, and for the past seven years the Top Staffing Company in Tennessee.

Mark earned a degree in communications. His wife, Eileen, is a former Alabama Alpha Little Sister. They have three daughters; Kathleen graduated from Alabama in May, Stephanie is in her second year at Alabama, and Erin is in high school. Mark enjoys playing golf and cheering on the Bama Crimson Tide. Contact Brother Dixon via e-mail at mdixon@usresources.com.



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Mobile, Ala.



Psi Chapter spring 2009 pledge class.



John-David Gunter '05 prepares for Parents Week.

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Breaking News!

Fall recruitment was recently completed and we are proud to announce the Chapter pledged 27 men. This is our largest pledge class in many years. Congratulations to the Chapter on all their hard work!

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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.

CRIMSON TIDE 2009 HOME FOOTBALL



- Oct. 17** South Carolina
- Oct. 24** Tennessee
- Nov. 7** LSU
- Nov. 21** Tennessee-Chattanooga

To order tickets, please visit www.rolltide.com.

Alumni are invited to stop by the house during home game weekends. Enjoy a light meal, tour the facility, and catch up with old friends.



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