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SPRING 2009

NEW YEAR BRINGS SENSE OF RENEWAL FOR ALABAMA ALPHA

~ A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTORS FOR DONATING \$13,000 ~

~ ALUMNI ENCOURAGED TO STAY ACTIVE WITH PHI KAPPA PSI ~

CHAPTER RETREAT MEANINGFUL FOR ACTIVE BROTHERS

This new year is off to a fast start for Alabama Alpha. We began the semester with a Chapter retreat to Camp Sumatanga on January 5-6. Brothers **Tryon Hubbard '64**, **Freddie Stakes '66**, **Fred Clay '67**, **Jay Masingill '68**, **Mark Dixon '83**, **Boyden Moore '89**, **John Adam Page '05**, **Harrigan Clay '04**, and I joined the Chapter for dinner on the first evening and conveyed to the members why the Fraternity is so special to us even after graduation. The men worked very hard during the two-day retreat and left with a renewed sense of excitement and passion for our brotherhood.

SAVE THE DATE

Founder's Day
March 1, 2009
1 p.m.

Pine Tree Country Club
Birmingham, Alabama
\$35 per person

Visit www.phipsiala.com for additional information and directions or contact **Ryan Johnston '99** at (205) 310-6800 or rjohnston@fmmafco.com.

Alumni, active members, and guests attended Alabama Alpha's tailgate event last year, which took place before and after every home football game. See page 4 for more details about participating in this year's tailgate experience.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF PHI KAPPA PSI

I want to thank the many brothers who support us financially through our annual campaign, Alabama Alpha's Sustaining Membership Program. Forty-three generous brothers raised nearly \$13,000 in 2008. Contributions made to our campaign have been used to make many of the renovations and improvements to the Chapter House that you see (and many you can't see) when visiting. Most of the facility upgrades and much of the programming that we offer to our undergraduate members could not be supported by the Chapter alone, which is why your support is so vital in permitting us to offer a well-maintained facility and a program that is attractive to future Phi Psis.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME

While your financial support is both needed and appreciated, I ask that you consider

ways to support the Chapter with your time, as well. Several alumni have stepped forward to volunteer—some having a formal title and others simply finding a task that needs to be done. Please consider helping the Chapter through service projects, giving a recruitment recommendation, providing career counseling for graduating seniors, participating at a local alumni gathering, or mentoring an undergraduate. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at the information below or contact Jay Masingill at (205) 247-3565 or jay@ogb.state.al.us.

As we embark on this new year, reflect on all that Phi Psi has given you and pledge to do at least one thing in 2009 to give back. Happy New Year!



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Another Busy Year for Phi Kappa Psi

~ CHAPTER BENEFITS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION ~
 ~ OUTLINED GOALS MOTIVATE ALABAMA ALPHA BROTHERS ~

BROTHERS GIVE BACK AND SERVE THE TUSCALOOSA COMMUNITY

Last semester was a very busy one and the active brothers are upholding the fine tradition of Alabama Alpha. The Chapter as a whole completed nearly 500 community service hours in the past year, benefiting organizations such as the West Alabama Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Being able to help such organizations opened our eyes to the difference that we can truly make as brothers.

ACTIVE MEMBERS ATTEND RETREAT AND SET GOALS FOR SEMESTER

Nine young men joined the brotherhood of Phi Kappa Psi January 4, and on January 5-6 the members headed to Camp Sumatanga in Gallant, Alabama, to discuss the Chapter's



Chad Durrance '05, Collier Meyer '07, and John Kelly '09 dress up for Halloween 2008.

goals for this semester. With the help of UA Director of Greek Affairs Gentry McCreary, we identified key issues and discussed them at length with the Greek Life staff, national staff, and key Alabama Alpha alumni. The Chapter has set four specific goals that we plan to obtain by the end of this semester:

- Cumulative Chapter G.P.A. of 3.0
- Have all Chapter members involved with an on-campus organization
- Have at least 500 Chapter community service hours
- Have full member participation and attendance at Chapter events

BROTHERS BELIEVE IN CHAPTER'S SUCCESS

By reaching these goals, we believe Alabama Alpha will be one of the most successful fraternities at The University of Alabama. We are at a point where change is necessary for the future of our Fraternity. We hold the success of the Chapter in our hands, and with the current undergraduate members, I feel the sky is the limit for the Alabama Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO ALUMNI

I would like to thank **Fred Clay '67**, **Jay Masingill '68**, and **Shannon Price '88** for their selfless service to the Chapter. I would also like to thank all of the alumni who have become involved with the Chapter's success. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of you



Peyton Harris '07 and Mark Gilbride '07 cheer on Crimson Tide at a home football game. Active members enjoyed spending time with numerous alumni who attended the tailgating event on Alabama Alpha's front lawn during every home football game.

who attended our past tailgating events and hope more will join us for the next one. A special thank-you goes out to **John Adam Page '05** and **Andrew Watson '95** for all of their time in making these event so memorable. I encourage all alumni to come see Alabama Alpha's progress and the traditions you have left behind. I have no doubt this semester will be one of the best and set the standard for years to follow.



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ALABAMA ALPHA'S ONLY CRIMSON TIDE FOOTBALL LETTERMAN

Alumnus Spotlight—Chris Costigan '86

BY TRYON HUBBARD '64

Chris Costigan '86 had never seen the UA campus when he arrived from California ready to begin college. His decision to attend was influenced by his father who said, "The University of Alabama feels like a real college campus, not a school built around a city, but a town built around a University." Upon meeting Chris, **John Higginbottom '83** and **Dave Owsley '83** encouraged him to join the Chapter. From the warm welcome he received and the family influence from his older Phi Psi brother, Chris quickly joined the ranks of Alabama Alpha.

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After graduating in 1990, Chris ventured to the University of Pacific in Sacramento to obtain a law degree—the first student in his class to be admitted to the state bar. While in Sacramento, he was accepted into the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate's General Corps and after graduation was sent to the U.S. Naval Justice School in Rhode Island. His first tour was in Guam, serving as defense counsel and eventually senior trial counsel.

After returning to the U.S. to serve as a staff judge advocate for a Naval Special Warfare Command, he secured a job in Australia with Pfizer's corporate affairs department. He quickly learned about Australia's politics, rugby, rules for football (which he remembers watching in the Ramsey Room with fellow Phi Psis), and settled into the Australian lifestyle. Chris played football for Crimson Tide as an undergraduate and played in Australia as a starting wide receiver for the American Gridiron.

After spending eight years in Australia, Chris moved to New York and had the fortunate opportunity to reestablish close contact with

many Phi Psi brothers. "It was like old times and coming home again," he said. After a year, Chris returned to Australia and was promoted to regional senior director for Pfizer, eventually relocating to Hong Kong.

"I have seen more places and sights than I ever thought I would. I have been very fortunate. Throughout my travels, I often am asked about the 'big ring' that I wear. I explain to people that it is an SEC championship ring from UA's football team. No matter where I am, the people that ask are always amazed when I tell them how big Bryant-Denny Stadium is and that it was built for a 'university football team.' They cannot believe the stadium seats more people than the population of Tuscaloosa," he said. Chris spent Christmas cheering on the Tide in Tuscany and welcomes all of his brothers

to visit him in Hong Kong. Contact Brother Costigan via e-mail at christopher.costigan@pfizer.com.



Chris Costigan '86 with his girlfriend, Leti

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARSHIP

Phi Psi Welcomes Dr. Walter G. Hopkins III '64

BY TRYON HUBBARD '64

The Executive Council of Phi Kappa Psi confirmed the appointment of **Dr. Walter G. Hopkins III '64** as director of scholarship for the Fraternity. Better known as Gary, or to a few as Hoppy, he readily agreed to apply his lifetime career of college education to improving the scholarship of all chapters.

Gary received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1964 and later obtained his master of science degree. He married Rosemary Bishop of Birmingham, Alabama, and they moved to Auburn so Gary could work on his Ph.D. in electrical engineering.

After a short stint with Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Huntsville, Alabama,

Gary began his teaching career. His first five years of teaching were spent at Alabama A&M University, and then he taught for the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, then at the Capstone, and lastly, at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Gary and Rosemary have three children: Melissa, Cassandra, and Walter G. "Buddy" IV, and are the proud grandparents of six

granddaughters and seven grandsons. Gary has retired from teaching and enjoys racquetball, being a AM radio operator (Amateur Extra licensee AC7IW), a life senior member of the IEEE, and an active member of the Flagstaff Rotary Club. He and Rosemary also completed a two-year mission as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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FALL 1995 PLEDGE CLASS UPDATE

Where Are They Now?

It is hard to believe, but it has been 13 years since the fall pledge class of 1995 was initiated. Here is what those brothers are doing now:

Jarron B. Springer '95 (382) lives in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife, Jennie Rebecca, and children, Battle and Hayes. He received his law degree and serves as president of the Tennessee Grocers and Convenience Store Association. He competed in his second marathon on November 23. E-mail: jbspringer@tngrocer.org

Timothy J. Bush '95 (383) lives in Killen, Ala., with his wife, Kelli, and two dogs. He works as a rocket scientist at the UAH Propulsion Research Center and hopes to attend some Crimson Tide games and events soon.

Randy C. Fitzgibbons '95 (384) lives in Mobile, Ala., with his wife, Lori, and daughter,

Maya Alexandria, and works for Global Tel Link in the engineering department. He has been traveling overseas and all over the Northwest. He is training for his first marathon and plans to run in the Disney World marathon. E-mail: catphish3@yahoo.com

Joseph A. Watson '95 (385) lives in Houston, Texas, and is the general manager of a Buffalo Wild Wings. Adam and his fiancée, Sarah, welcomed their daughter, Addison, in January. E-mail: jwatson385@hotmail.com

William A. Watson '95 (386) lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala., with his wife, Jennifer, two dogs, and two cats, and works for The University of Alabama in the information

technology department. He helps with the Chapter Web site, www.phipsiala.com, and the Alumni Tailgate Club. He is working toward a master of science degree in financial planning and counseling from UA. E-mail: andrew386@comcast.net

Brandon H. "Bubba" Hanks '95 (387) owns a pawn and jewelry business in Gadsden, Ala. He works with **John Hammock '96** in the early stages of bringing the Booth back to Tuscaloosa. He is married to Staci and has one daughter, Lily, and a cat. He can already see that Lily will be a Crimson Tide girl. "Well, she will be if she wants her college tuition paid. Roll Tide!" E-mail: Rulesnations@aol.com

ALUMNI UPDATE

John T. Hubbard Jr. '64 is an artist of digital photography and illustration. He has exhibits at the Stanley Museum in Kingfield, Maine, and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Visit his Web site at www.jthdigitalart.com.

Oscar C. Russell '65 lives in Atlanta, Ga. He is the chairman, president, and CEO of Balsaer Companies. E-mail: budrussell@gmail.com

Hubert T. Nagle '66 resides in Durham, N.C., with a career focusing on the research, design, development, and commercialization of medical devices. E-mail: t.nagle@ncsu.edu

David R. Gunter '78 and his wife, Jayne, reside in Opelika, Ala., where he is a dentist. He and Jayne have two children, John David and Hayden.

Ronald E. Abernathy '85 and his wife, Lisa, reside in Abbeville, Ala. They report their three children "keep them jumping." Their oldest daughter, Maggie, is a freshman at UA. In his spare time, Ron announces the home football games for Abbeville High School and road games via radio. E-mail: ron.abernathy.lxml@statefarm.com

Alumni and Undergraduates Strengthen Brotherhood Bond

*Game Day Memories Created
During Successful Tailgating Experience*
RESERVE YOUR TENT LOCATION BY JUNE 1



After canvassing a number of our alumni who were tailgating at various locations around campus, the Fraternity determined that there was sufficient interest to offer alumni the opportunity to participate in a tailgate operation on Alabama Alpha's front lawn. Many alumni told us they enjoyed tailgating but were tired of hauling and setting up necessary tailgating equipment, arriving early to get a good location, and not being able to park near their tailgating location.

Last fall, the Phi Psi Tailgate Club was born, generously helping fund the tailgate experience. The visibility and activity surrounding our tailgate operation resulted in more alumni stopping by the Chapter House during football season, which greatly enhanced the game-day atmosphere for our actives, alumni, and guests.

Back by popular demand, we are proud to announce the Fraternity is once again offering alumni reserved tent space for tailgating on the front lawn nearest the Phi Delta Theta house. Our tailgating experience provides a great opportunity for alumni to have a reserved tailgating area to socialize with friends and families before and after every home football game.

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 for each tent space reserved in the Fraternity parking lot
- Use of adjacent 20 x 30 tent with two big screen high-definition televisions and seating for game watching
- A meal for eight served in the Fraternity courtyard before the game (additional meals can be purchased for \$5)

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Thank You, Alabama Alpha Brothers, for Your Loyal Support

The Alabama Alpha House Corporation gratefully acknowledges its loyal supporters. Forty-three generous brothers raised nearly \$13,000 in 2008. The following is a list of contributors to the Alabama Alpha House Corporation and The Alabama Alpha Foundation since 1980. Donors' cumulative giving totals are listed by giving level. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Alabama Alpha House Corporation, P.O. Box 19144, Birmingham, AL 35219. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—your gifts truly make a difference.

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(\$50,000-\$99,999)

John Donnell
* David Ekland (170)
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(\$25,000-\$49,999)

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Northa Porter Mayo
Tryon Hubbard (1)
Ed Lowery (122)

Patrick Finley (20)
Howard Gillum (11)
* Gene Glass (60)

The Founder's Circle

(\$10,000-\$24,999)

* Fred Clay (66)
* Jay Masingill (86)
George McAdams (77)
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* David Gunter (150)
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* Michael Gunter (185)
Thomas Gunter (111)
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(\$5,000-\$9,999)

* Gordon Carter (160)
* Ken Damsgard (16)

Frank Davis (57)

* Mark Dixon (217)

Sam Harris (47)

Mark Moore (138)

* Mike Newman (32)

* Shannon Price (291)

* John Reese (52)

* Michael Payton (287)
Drew Peterson (51)
Rodger Rainey (95)

Max Ray (190)
James Rayfield (78)

George Riley (106)
Oscar Russell (31)

* Farley Snow (12)
Wayne Terry (5)

* William Tidwell (64)
James Wallace (15)

The Mars Spring Circle

(\$1,000-\$4,999)

* Anonymous

Lee Allison (140)

Dan Armstrong (44)

* Daniel Banks (14)

* Stan Brock (28)

Bruce Burttram (62)

Dyar Burttram (34)

Dennis Cameron (136)

* John Carey (118)

* Phillip Cook (206)

Jerry Watson (9)
James Webb (117)

Anthony Williams (200)
Ben Woolf (290)

Lee Woolf (6)

Marcus Woolf (315)

The Shield Society

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William Banks (18)

* Jamie Bierchen (169)

John Chicarelli

Thomas Clyce (22)

* Larry Cook (53)

Jerry Creel (151)

* Ralph DeSanctis (198)

Gary Dillard (85)

John Gafford (8)

* Charles Goldthwaite (46)

* Brad Gray (207)

Gerry Henderson (266)

William Higgins (83)

Matthew Hyde (155)

Tim Jefferson (340)

Richard Johnson (201)

Robert Jones (319)

Frank Kanelos (82)

Harry Katapodis (165)

Christopher Larson (94)

John Neal (4)

John Olszewski (72)

Robert Pirtle (141)

Pledge Class of 1984

Tim Price-Williams (104)

Richard Raleigh (30)

John Ramsey

* James Reed (336)

* Ward Saxon (98)

Larry Sims (128)

Terry Smart (66)

Philip Williams (216)

Steven Williams (202)

The Alpha Club

(\$250-\$499)

James Amason (105)

Judson Bailey (314)

Brooks Barksdale (347)

* Mark Carlisle (342)

Bruce Carothers (139)

Brad Casselman (321)

Andrew Dillon (59)

Thomas Early (260)

Jeff Ford (328)

* Steve Frazier (135)

Jason Frye (242)

Jim Intihar (357)

Warren Laird (199)

Michael Lovett (227)

* Will Rasberry (402)

Earl Stafford (189)

Frank Taylor (3)

John Thompson (93)

John Wilson (245)

Chapter Patron

(\$100-\$249)

Ronald Abernathy (243)

Jeremy Auvil (403)

Kyle Bazemore (225)

Dayn Beam (167)

Jack Beard (208)

William Boozer (33)

Charles Cain (264)

Ryan Casey (362)

Richard Chastain (197)

Timothy Connell (265)

Tommy Dobbins (241)

Gary Ely (178)

Jeff Emerson (288)

John Goodwin (299)

Keith Gray (240)

Thomas Haladey (286)

Jason Halcomb (261)

John Hall (213)

* Walt Hayes (452)

James Henson (69)

John Higginbottom (215)

James Hodgson (80)

Lou Hoffman

Terry Holley (159)

Alexander Hood (113)

Melvin Hutson (55)

Fred Jones (42)

Roy Jones (229)

Richard Mayo (39)

Robert Merrill (54)

David Miller (273)

Boyden Moore (302)

John Moorman (115)

Albert Pardue (19)

Brad Plumley (351)

Mercer Prickett (74)

Robin Renken (148)

Ryan Smith (388)

Rusty Spruell (284)

Jason Terry (312)

Matthew Totty (331)

Brad Turner (301)

Mark Van DeWater (334)

Riley Walter (100)

Andrew Watson (386)

* Phillip Whiteman (163)

Donald Williams (13)

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David Williams (110)

* Denotes 2008 donors

Brotherhood Bond

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- Drink table with water coolers in the large tent
- 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

The tailgating experience is offered for a contribution of \$2,500 for the season to the House Corporation, and a portion of 2009 proceeds will help support the Chapter's summer recruitment efforts. Once you secure a tent, you are guaranteed a reserved tent spot the following season, as long as you reapply with your payment by this year's deadline of June 1. If you are interested in receiving an e-mail invitation to participate in the 2009 tailgate, please contact **Jay Masingill '68** at jmasingill@ogb.state.al.us.



A special tailgating area is designated for the season to alumni and guests who contribute \$2,500 to the House Corporation. Proceeds from the upcoming fall tailgates will help support the Chapter's summer recruitment efforts.

Charter Member Contributors Fund Tailgate Experience *A Special Thank-You to the Phi Psi Tailgate Club*

Fred Clay '67
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David Williams '70
Ed Lowery '71
Dennis Cameron '72
David Gunter '75
Mark Dixon '83
Ryan Brewer '94
Chad Hanson '94
Jon DeWaard '95
Brandon Hanks '95
William Watson '95
James Holley '96
Steven Weaver '96
James Webb '97
Lance White '97
Wes Whitten '98
Alex Williams '98
John Page '05
Tommy Stephens '09

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2009 Crimson Tide Home Football

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| Sept. 19 | North Texas |
| Sept. 26 | Arkansas |
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| Oct. 24 | Tennessee |
| Nov. 7 | LSU |
| Nov. 21 | Tennessee-Chattanooga |



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