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SPRING 2011



Alabama Alpha Granted One More Year in Chapter House

- *Chapter Looks Forward to Upcoming Football Season*
- *Thank You, Generous Alumni, for Contributing to the Sustaining Membership Program*

Since my last report, the timeline has become clearer for our chapter house relocation to the Alpha Tau Omega house. The ATΩs will begin occupying their house this fall. Zeta Beta Taus will also begin a year-long renovation of their house this summer. Due to this the University gave us the option to either move to the ATΩ house this fall and let ZBT occupy our current house for one year, or ZBT would move to the ATΩ house for one year, and we could remain in our current location for one more academic year then move into the ATΩ house in the fall of 2012. We chose the latter option. Delaying our move one year will give us more time to adequately plan for the transition and provide us the opportunity to be near Bryant-Denny Stadium for one more football season. Look for further information this fall on plans for a celebration weekend next spring to honor our chapter house.

Finally, I want to thank the many brothers who generously support us financially, even during these difficult economic times in our country. Alabama Alpha's Sustaining Membership Program is our annual contribution campaign. The money raised through this campaign helps publish this newsletter, provides funds for ongoing maintenance to our facility, and supplements the programming offered by the undergraduate chapter. The Sustaining Membership Program raised \$12,750 in 2010 from 39 generous brothers. These gifts are acknowledged on page 3 in *The Psi*, but thank you, again, for your support.



Amici, In the Bond,
Shannon Price '88
House Corporation President

CHANGES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE FRATERNITY

Alabama Alpha Determined to Be the Best

CHAPTER EARNS BRONZE STAR AWARD

This spring, our Chapter was awarded for our 2010 accomplishments. At the Greek Excellence Awards banquet, the University awarded our Chapter with the Bronze Star Achievement based on certain criteria, including scholarship, philanthropy, campus involvement, and overall Chapter operations. Beginning in the fall, our Chapter has implemented a cabinet positions program, that helps undergraduate members dedicated to Alabama Alpha become more involved in the fraternity, as well as on campus.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

Jay Masingill '68 announced last fall that he will no longer be Alabama Alpha's Chapter advisor. We want to congratulate him on his retirement and sincerely thank him for his years of service as the Chapter advisor for over 30 years. The Chapter is pleased to announce that **John Adam Page '05** is our new Chapter advisor, beginning this spring semester. Our alumni team also has a new member, **Marc Robins '83**, who will be our scholarship advisor and new member education advisor.

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CHANGES FOR THE BETTER

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COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS BENEFIT COMMUNITY

In the fall, we participated in the second annual Shipwreck Party at Pine Valley Retirement Community, located in Northport, just north of campus. We teamed up with Alpha Omicron Pi and held a bigger and better event than last year's party. Our philanthropic efforts are led by our philanthropy chairman, **Richard Rabello '10**, and this semester we are planning an event to take place on our front lawn that will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of West Alabama. We will team up with Alpha Omicron Pi again and potentially Phi Kappa Sigma and one other sorority for the event. The event will feature field day activities for the kids and we will host carnival-style events centered on providing the children with a full day of fun. All funds raised by this event will go to the Boys and Girls Club and other organizations.

ADVISORS MOTIVATE CHAPTER

Recently we announced that **Jimmy Hubbard** will be our official faculty advisor for the undergraduate Chapter. Jimmy currently serves as community director in the Hackberry Community on campus and enjoys the opportunity to educate students in a wide range of life skills and assist them in becoming productive and active citizens in the world community. He will be working closely with **Marc Robins** and our scholarship chairman, **Robbie Pilcher '09**, to help achieve and promote a better academic environment for our members. Each member who fails to meet his obligations set forth by the scholarship committee will be taken to review by the governing and grievance committee, which then assesses penalties.



Conner Barnes '07, Justin Pickle '09, and Ben Beutel '07 at Formal in New Orleans.



Chapter President Conner Barnes '07 and SWGP Tryon Hubbard '64 at the Presidents Leadership Academy in Indianapolis.

RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS IMPRESSIVE

This semester, we were able to achieve a five-man spring pledge class, by Recruitment Chairmen **Ben Beutel '07** and **Culin Brown '10**. We plan to use that momentum and bring a solid pledge class for the fall. Recruitment efforts for the fall have already begun. The summer recruitment program is led by Chapter VGP's **Ryan Snyder '09**, **Jake Moore '09**, and **Rob Schuhmann '10**. Any recruitment recommendations are greatly appreciated and can be completed at the Chapter website, www.phipsiala.com—look under the Contact Us tab. We have set a pledge class goal of 30-40 solid young men for the fall semester.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM CREATES STRONG BROTHERHOOD

With the help of John Adam Page and Marc Robins, **Eli Landow '09** and **Clinton Cuzzort '08** have completely transformed our New Member Education program. We are looking at new and improved ways of developing a pledge into a worthy brother of our fraternity. The program has been reformatted to benefit each individual and help craft him into a true Phi Psi gentleman.

Our members are dedicated to making improvements to Chapter as a whole, as well as each individual associated with the fraternity. Our brotherhood and alumni support are at an all-time high, and we believe that we can build off that momentum to achieve our goals.



Fraternally,
Conner B. Barnes '07
President

Successful Alumnus George Riley '70 Grateful for Phi Psi Brotherhood

Brother **George Riley '70** was born in 1950 in Atlanta. His father was a career Army man, so as a child and teenager George lived all over the world, including Japan, Alaska, Louisiana, Birmingham, and Huntsville. He graduated from Lee High School in Huntsville, and started as a freshman at the University of Alabama in 1968. After a freshman year with little or no social life, he decided to give fraternity life a try. He pledged Phi Psi in the fall of



1969 and was initiated in January 1970. Being a Phi Psi made a big difference in his life. Prior to pledging he had few social skills, little teamwork experience, and virtually no self-confidence.

The confidence and interpersonal skills developed while an undergraduate, living in the house, and working with the brothers are still with him today. He is sure that many of the brothers from that time period will recall the famous "chapel" house that he and several other new initiates rented during spring semester 1970—the social events held there are legendary.

He earned his degree in electrical engineering in May 1972. He worked for General Electric Corporation in Huntsville on the Saturn V program; he then joined Control Data Corporation as a hardware engineer and later was a systems analyst. He also worked at the University of Georgia, Florida State University, and the Kennedy Space Center.

Between 1980 and 1996 he founded several small consulting businesses located in Cocoa Beach, Florida, focusing on real-time computer systems and several PC-based software applications. After 16 years of running the businesses, chasing contracts, managing employees, and filing IRS paperwork, he decided to fulfill a long-time desire to earn a Ph.D. and become a college professor. He and his wife Dr. Kris Nagel pulled up stakes from Florida, moved to Atlanta, and he enrolled at the Georgia Tech College of Computing as a full-time student. He earned his Ph.D. in computer science in 2001 and was

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Undergraduate Calendar

Ragin' Cajun Weekend — April 15-16

A-Day Celebration — April 16

Boys and Girls Club Event — TBA

George Riley '70

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fortunate to be hired by the Georgia Tech College of Engineering as an associate professor. He earned tenure at Georgia Tech in 2007 and continues to enjoy the academic environment.

He has four children; Jennifer is the head of the Carolina Digital Library and Archives at UNC Chapel Hill, Patrick earned a Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University and works at Google in Mountain View, Michael is finishing his third year as a computer science major at Georgia Tech, and Matthew is completing middle school and will be a high school freshman in the fall. He also has one granddaughter, Quinn Elizabeth Riley, who is almost 2 years old.

He and Kris are enjoying life and looking forward to their 25th wedding anniversary in early 2012. They are also looking forward to the empty nest coming up in a few short years. Brother Riley can be reached by e-mail at riley@ece.gatech.edu

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RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recruitment recommendations can be completed at the Chapter website, www.phipsiala.com, under the Contact Us tab or e-mailed to **Culin Brown '09** at ecbrown5@crimson.ua.edu, **Conner Barnes '07** at cbbarnes2@crimson.ua.edu, or to summer Recruitment Chairmen **Ryan Snyder '08** at rmsnyder1@crimson.ua.edu, **Jake Moore '10** at rjmoore3@crimson.ua.edu, or **Rob Schuhmann '10** at rpschuhmann@crimson.ua.edu. Please e-mail the summer recruitment chairmen for incoming students who should be contacted during their Bama Bound sessions.

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