



Chapter Newsletter



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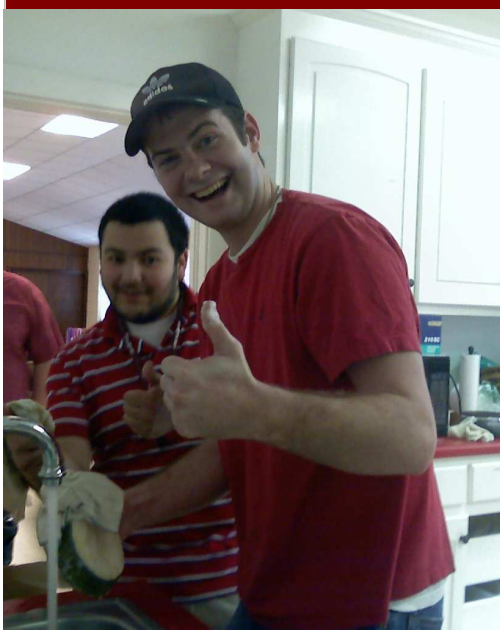
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PHI PSI 500 OFF TO GREAT START!!!



Benjamin Beutel and Tommy Stevens washing bowls during hunger and homelessness week

The philanthropy committee hit the ground running to start 2009, with the goal of getting the chapter to 500 philanthropy hours for the semester once again at the forefront. Our first event of the semester was the Phi Psi canned food drive, a first in recent years for the chapter. In just one week the brothers of Alabama Alpha collected 43 pounds of non-perishable foods to donate to the West Alabama Food Bank, who will certainly welcome the contribution.

On April 4 the chapter will be sending a team to Relay for Life, a fundraising event for cancer research. Our team has set a goal of \$2,000, which is twice the amount required to enter the event.

The biggest event of the semester has yet to happen, and is currently in the earliest stages of planning. The first annual Phi Kappa Psi Rubber Ducky Race will take place on April 17 at the university's lazy river adjacent to the student recreation center. This is an exciting and unique event that the philanthropy committee and the general chapter feel will bring a great deal of local attention to our commitment to serving others that we embrace just as our founders did. The philanthropy committee is currently working to establish a long term relationship with the Alabama Foundation for Oncology, the beneficiary for last year's Phi Psi wing eating contest. We hope that future rubber ducky races will be able to provide contributions to this outstanding charity for years to come.

Fraternally

Armon Drysdale 487 ...

Philanthropy Chairman



SCHOLARSHIP

The Alabama Alpha Chapter would like to recognize all brothers who made a 3.0 GPA or higher last semester fall 2008. Our chapter is continually striving for our goal of a chapter GPA above 3.0, and we feel the following brothers deserve recognition for their achievement.

*= Dean's list

**= President's list

Conner Barnes *
 Brandon Ford*
 John David Gunter
 Peyton Harris**
 Tedd Meyer
 Adam Newman *
 Adam Rudolph
 Jasen Sewell *
 Matt Metreyeon

BROTHER BLAKE TALLMADGE STUDIES ABROAD



During my 3rd year of college I was given an opportunity to study abroad in Augsburg, Germany. Augsburg is the 3rd largest city in the German state of Bavaria, behind Munich and Nuremburg.

The first semester was from the beginning of October until the end of January. During the semester I took 5 classes to better improve my German. The classes are much different than those at the University of Alabama. For these classes we met once a week for a period of 90 minutes. During the semester we were given no written assignments or tests of any kind. Our only grade was a comprehensive exam at the end of the term.

When away from class I have made lifelong friends from all

over Europe. During orientation we made several trips to Munich for Oktoberfest. On weekends we have enjoyed traveling to places such as Salzburg, Nuremburg, Prague, and Amsterdam. We have also made several trips to the Alps for skiing and snowboarding.

I would recommend study abroad to everyone. It is a great experience, to learn about other cultures and yourself.

Fraternally

Blake Tallmadge 495...



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

We are very pleased to announce our new officers and committee chairs for Spring 2009

Name	Officers	Committees
Aubrey Richardson	GP (President)	
Adam Newman	VGP (Vice President)	Governing & Grievance
Parker Dennison	P (Treasurer)	
Matthew Gardner	AG (Corresponding Secretary)	
Brandon Ford	BG (Recording Secretary)	Scholarship
Collier Meyer	SG (Historian)	
Conner Barnes	HOD (Messenger)	
Peyton Butler Harris	PHU (Sergeant-At-Arms)	
John David Gunter	HI (Chaplain)	Alumni & Public Relations
Armon Drysdale		Philanthropy
John Michael Kelly		Risk Management
Matthew Metreyeon		Recruitment
Benjamin Beutel		Recruitment
Edward Norton		Education
Ryan Rogers		Social
Chad Durrance		Finance

ALABAMA ALPHA VISITS PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

On January 23-25, I had the opportunity to attend the President's Leadership Academy (PLA) up at the National Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN. While at PLA, I learned how to do many things to help improve the fraternity as a whole. These things included: Discovering what my true values are within the fraternity, learning how to make a more positive image of Phi Kappa Psi at UA, how to help promote fraternity philanthropy and other events on campus, how to be more of a leader within the fraternity, and how to handle situations that the

fraternity may go through at any time.

In addition to all of these things, I had time to interact with fellow brothers from around the country and exchange beliefs and ideas with them. Along with interacting with the undergraduates there, I had the opportunity of interacting with the alumni and facilitators that were there and got tips on how to improve risk management, alumni relations, and what goals I want to set for the fraternity in the near-future and in the long-term.

Overall, I would say that PLA was a success and I have already started to implement some of the things that I learned from some brothers from other chapters regarding social functions and risk management. I would strongly recommend for everyone who has the opportunity to attend to do so. So many valuable things are brought up and discussed in the seminars. I enjoyed myself and am looking forward to possibly attending the Woodrow Wilson Leadership School at the University at Buffalo this summer and the next Grand Arch Council in Orlando, FL next summer.



Fraternally,
Adam Rudolphy 507...



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This semester your Alabama Alpha Chapter went on a Brotherhood Retreat. At that retreat the assembled brothers came up with 8 core values that every Phi Psi should have or strive to achieve everyday. Since, time was limited at the retreat to explore the meaning of each value I decided to ask Brother Mike Whatley if we could explore the meaning of those values as part of our Fraternity bible study for the month of February. The following is a list of those values and what dates we are covering them in bible study. The bible study is held

Wednesday night after chapter meeting around 7:30 p.m. in the Ramsey Room. I would encourage all alumni to come get involved in our discussions. The study is of course nondenominational. If you have any questions regarding the bible study or would like to get involved please do not hesitate to contact me John David Gunter at JGDGJDGHG@AOL.COM or (334)-524-0411.

This Schedule is tentative

- 1/28 Integrity
- 2/4 Service
- 2/11 Discipline
- 2/18 *No Meeting
- 2/25 *No Meeting
- 3/04 Respect
- 3/11 Academic Excellence
- 3/18 *No Meeting-Spring Break
- 3/25 Humility
- 4/01 Duty
- 4/08 Honesty



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John David Gunter 492 ...