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SPRING 2016

NEW CHAPTER HOUSE TO BE MOVE-IN READY THIS AUGUST

Alumni, We Need Your Help to Reach Our \$1.25 Million Goal

From the accompanying pictures on page 3, you see that the new Chapter House is not a dream; it is happening right now. The roof truss installation started a week prior to these photos and is nearing completion. Windows are going in, brickwork is about to start, and with the roof soon to be dried in, all interior work will accelerate. Much of the HVAC ducting is complete, electrical work has proceeded well, most of the sprinkler piping is in place, and kitchen hoods are going in.

The early part of such a project involves work not easily noticed by the casual observer. Grading, compacting, footings, underground plumbing, conduit, and first-floor slab are all necessary, but proceed slowly and don't generate a lot of excitement. That is all done and we can see the finish line now. It is still four months out but from this point forward, every week will bring discernable progress to all who pass by.

In August, we will move into a new state-of-the-art Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house, which will sleep 35 young men, with all the facilities

needed to support a Chapter of more than 100 men! We are fortunate to have a great team effort and complete spirit of cooperation with Fitts Architects, WAR Construction, and the UA construction management group.

Our Chapter House will not just be a home to our undergraduates, but for alumni alike to gather, reconnect, and create new fraternal bonds. It's not too late to put your name on a project of this magnitude. It's more important now than ever that we secure the remaining \$290,539 so this project gets completed as we've all envisioned.

To join our generous list of contributors today, return the enclosed pledge form or visit <https://onlinegiving.ua.edu/giving/givingform> and designate Greek building funds and the Phi Kappa Psi account. Thank you for your role in our *Change for the Future, Opportunity of a Lifetime* campaign.

In the Bond,

Jay Masingill '68

Co-Chairman
(205) 792-0599

Fred Clay '67

Honorary Co-Chairman
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D. Frank Davis '66

Co-Chairman
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Tryon Hubbard '64

Honorary Co-Chairman
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Alabama Alpha House Corporation Welcomes New Chapter Advisor

Over the past decade, the Greek system at the University of Alabama has grown into the largest Greek system in the country, with some of the largest fraternity houses in the nation, an average membership of 110 individuals, and the largest chapter being 175 members. What was not anticipated with all this growth was the difficulty and challenges in managing large chapters. Managing a chapter of more than 100 members is an overwhelming challenge for local alumni volunteers and advisors because problems are magnified and the risk for incidents greatly increases. We observed that virtually every fraternity at Alabama that built these large houses and increased their memberships had major incidents that

resulted in sanctions. This phenomenon is not unique to the University of Alabama, since some of our largest Phi Psi chapters across the country have experienced similar problems.

The House Corporation felt that with the upcoming move to a new Chapter House that's three times the size of our existing house and with our membership continuing to increase, the Chapter advisor position has become more than we could reasonably expect a volunteer to do. We needed to hire a Chapter advisor to be on site on a day-to-day basis if we

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CAMPAIGN AT \$959,461 AND COUNTING

We are truly grateful to the following brothers and friends who have committed \$959,461 to Alabama Alpha's *Change for the Future, Opportunity of a Lifetime* campaign.

Any donor who contributes \$2,500 or more will have his name listed on a plaque in a prominent area of the new Chapter House. Donors over \$25,000 will receive a commemorative plaque. Donors over \$50,000 will receive a framed picture, rendering, or painting of the Chapter House.

Alumni are listed by initiation year in their appropriate giving levels. If you feel an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 with any corrections. Thank you for your support!

John Fraser Ramsey Society (\$100,000 and above)

Alabama Alpha
Undergraduate Chapter
John A. Carey '71

1964 Founders Society (\$75,000 to \$99,999)

312 University Boulevard Society (\$50,000 to \$74,999)

D. Frank Davis '66
In memory of
Kirby Freehling '68
Jay Masingill '68
In memory of
John F. Ramsey and
James "Jim" H. Webb '70
G. Phillip Cook '82

965 University Boulevard Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Jon C. Gornstein '63
In honor of
Herbert Gornstein, M.D.
John Tryon Hubbard Jr. '64
H. Troy Nagle Jr. '64
Kenneth E. Mahan '65
J. Freddie Stakes '66
In memory of
Benjamin D. Dennis '69
Fred H. Clay Jr. '67
Shannon Price '88
Anne and David Moyer '91

3 Marrs Spring Road Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Jerry C. Watson '64
Wolf Family Gift
Lee Wolf '64
Ben Wolf '88
Marcus Wolf '90
Eugene Glass '67

William C. Tidwell III '67
Larry W. Harper '69
Jackie F. Keel '71
Susan and Denton Copeland '72
John Ellis '81
James Newman '88
Devon Davidson '12

Alabama Alpha Heritage Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Ken Damsgard '64
Farley M. Snow '64
Terry Family Gift
L. Wayne Terry '64
Jason W. Terry '90
James M. Wallace '64
Gordon T. Carter '75
Bradley E. Gray '83
Michael W. Payton '87

Shield Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Anonymous
Daniel B. Banks Jr. '64
Thomas E. Clyce Jr. '64
Walter G. Hopkins III '64
H. Dyar Burtram Jr. '65
In memory of
David Burtram and
Michael Y. Newman '65
Jo and Andy Dillon '66
In memory of
Miss Maude Curry
John C. Reese '66
Thomas L. Gunter '70
Ron E. Abernathy '85
J. Scott Huffman '85
In honor of
Phillip "Alexander" Huffman '10
Mark W. Carlisle '92
John C. Cochran '03
In memory of
Timothy Baites '03
James R. Sims III '04

Cardinal Red & Hunter Green Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Theron F. Taylor '64
Alfred C. Corina '66
Bruce A. Burttram '67
In memory of
David Burtram
Ralph Mitchell Jr. '68
Harris Family Gift
John W. Harris '71
Peyton B. Harris '07
C. Martin Bradford '73
Robert W. Pirtle '73
Robin R. Renken '74
Dr. David R. Gunter '75
Phillip B. Whiteman '76
Gary L. Ely '77
Philip J. Williams '83
John D. Wilson '85
John Goodwin '89
James L. Henson '89
In honor of
the Colony Pledge Class
C. Bart Patrick '91
James "Richie" McCulloch '98

Brotherhood Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Beverly Rayfield
In memory of
Jimmy Rayfield '68
Bill Banks '64
G. Stanley Brock '64
John E. Gafford '64
W. Howard Gillum '64
Albert L. Pardue Jr. '64
Richard J. R. Raleigh Sr. '65
Dan Armstrong '66
In memory of
Dr. John Ramsey
Daniel E. Jones '66
Chris T. Larson '69
Walter F. Magel III '74
Michael T. Gunter, M.D. '81

Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of April 7, 2016

\$1.25 Million Goal

\$959,461
Total Commitments

89 Contributors

17.5% Participation

Richard H. Johnson '82
Jason W. Frye '85
Steve A. Harris '85
Rusty Stork '85
William Helmstadter '87
David T. Miller '87
In memory of
Evan Davis '90
Kyle L. Nash '87
Scott Diffenderfer '91
Patrick B. Adcock '04
John Adam Page '05

Phi Psi Supporter (Up to \$999)

Shirley Finley
In memory of
Pat Finley '64
James B. Adams '64
William I. Boozer '65
In memory of
Michael Y. Newman '65
Bradley M. Casselman '90
Brandon H. Hanks '95
Thomas C. Sinowski '04
C. Ryan Stockton '10

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DEDICATED TO THE FUTURE OF PHI KAPPA PSI

John Cochran '03—Why I Gave

When **John Cochran '03** came to the University of Alabama, he desired to be part of something new and connect with individuals who shared similar goals and aspirations. He says, "My pledge brothers played a significant role in my fraternal experiences and I cannot thank these men enough for providing me with a lifetime of laughter, memories, and friendship. It is my hope that future generations will have the same opportunities to gain lifelong friends and succeed in all aspects of the fraternity."



Looking back, John says Alabama Alpha presented countless opportunities to excel both in the fraternity and on campus. "There were many things I loved about my experiences in Alabama Alpha and the U of A in general. Spending football game days with brothers, engaging in the spirit and excitement on campus, and forming invaluable connections with people of different backgrounds and interests provided me the ultimate college experience, and I wouldn't trade the memories I gained during these years for anything."

These unforgettable moments inspired John to give back to the place that gave him so much so he could secure a future for Alabama Alpha. "The life skills that Alabama Alpha provided me paved the way for much of my personal and

professional achievements. This made me realize how important it is for current and prospective members to have the same resources I was afforded. The first step to ensure this is to provide members with a safe, modern facility."

John saw Alabama Alpha's campaign as an opportunity to carry on the legacy of **Timothy "Tim" Baites '03**, who passed away in 2008, and donate to the building project in his honor. "It doesn't matter how close or distant you were from brothers, it is our duty as alumni to maintain the unparalleled brotherhood that Alabama Alpha was built

on," John says.

As an alumnus, John stays connected with **Josh Booker '03, Will Nielson '03, Justin Slaughter '03, Blake Wilhelm '03, Heath Phillips '03, and Buz Miller '03**. John encourages alumni to remember their Alabama Alpha roots and be a driving force in providing members a modern facility that they can call home. He says, "For many of us, our years in the Chapter House were some of the best years of our life and, as alumni, we must follow through on our commitment to Alabama Alpha. By making simple sacrifices, you are making a big difference in the lives of our undergraduate brothers and ensuring our Chapter's prominent standing at the U of A for years to come."

John is a sales representative for 1157 design-concepts, LLC, which involves working with nonprofit institutions during capital campaigns and helping these institutions recognize donor generosity through designing and manufacturing displays. He cherishes the professional opportunities he's had to travel across the Northeast, from Washington, D.C., up through Maine.

When he is not hard at work, John is a professional wrestler and trains for Maryland Championship Wrestling, which stands as one of the most prestigious independent professional wrestling organizations. John and his wife, Laura, welcomed their first newborn child, Henry, on December 2, 2015, and have enjoyed all that the Baltimore, Maryland, community has to offer.

You can contact John at johnnyccochran@gmail.com.

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were to fulfill our mission, which is as follows:

"We are striving to develop the good man and the good citizen, and we believe that without the one, you cannot have the other." - **Dr. John F. Ramsey, California Gamma '28**

We were fortunate that Chapter Advisor Marc Robins was willing to accept our job offer. If you would like to contact Marc, you may reach him at robins.marc@yahoo.com or (205) 799-2066.

Marc will play a central role in the following areas and functions of the Chapter:

- Academic performance
- Recruitment and retention

- Fraternity education and ritual exemplification
- Financial management
- Health, mental health, and risk management
- Relations with parents, Chapter alumni, national fraternity, campus IFC, and the University

He will be the leading member of the Chapter's volunteer advisory committee and will report to the House Corporation Board of Directors.

Fraternally,
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House Corporation President
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Chapter Officers

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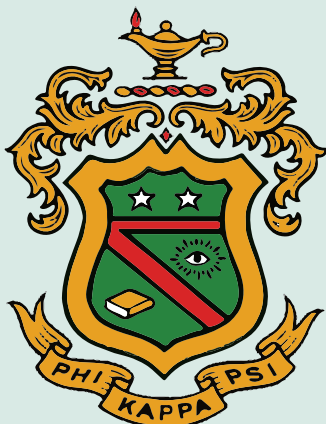
Ryan Daugherty '14

Chicago, Ill.

Messenger

Daniel Dowiarz '14

Lemont, Ill.



Brothers gather during the annual leadership retreat at the home of Sally and Jay Masingill '68.

Undergraduates Prepare for New Chapter House, Plan for Long-Term Success

The men of Alabama Alpha had a great start to the spring semester. In January, we kicked off the semester with our annual leadership retreat at the home of Sally and Jay Masingill '68 with 22 undergraduates in attendance, including Chapter officers, all committee heads, and representatives from our newly initiated pledge class. We had a larger group than usual to help prepare for the Chapter's move and other changes in store for this year. Also in attendance were House Corporation President and National Treasurer **Shannon Price '88** and the Chapter advisory team, led by Chapter Advisor Marc Robins and Assistant Advisors **Andrew Watson '95**, **Patrick Adcock '04**, **John Wilson '85**, and **John Adam Page '05**. We were pleased to welcome **Richie McCulloch '98**, who serves as chapter advisor for UAH's Alabama Gamma chapter.

MEMBERS FOCUS ON ACADEMICS, RECRUITMENT, AND PHILANTHROPY

At our retreat, we came together over long-range goals for the Chapter, including retention, academic standing, finances, philanthropy, and community service. Each advisor spent time with their particular group discussing how to make their committees more functional and getting members involved both on campus and within the Chapter. More importantly, we are preparing for and looking forward to our landmark move to our new home.

RECOMMEND A BROTHER TODAY

If you have a recruitment recommendation, please send their information to Andrew Watson at awatson386@gmail.com or (205) 792-8131.

Andrew oversees and maintains our recruitment database and will distribute the recommendation to Recruitment Chairmen **Tanner Kelly '14**, **Hunter Goens '13**, **Matt Brothers '14**, and **Charles Borges '15**. If the prospective member is pursuing engineering, we may direct him to an undergraduate in that field of study. Please provide us with your name and e-mail address, as well as the name, cell phone number, and hometown of the prospective member. Since we target prospective members and their parents when they visit Bama Bound orientation, providing us with their Bama Bound dates would be helpful. Since we have raised our academic standards to a minimum 2.75 GPA, it would also be helpful if you could provide us with information regarding a prospective member's academic standing, high school activities, and field of study.

CHAPTER BOASTS HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Our membership stands at 108 brothers, just two members short of the IFC average of 110, thanks to recruiting our largest pledge classes in Chapter history, having one of the highest retention rates on campus, and our eight-man spring pledge class. We achieved this growth despite recruiting from the oldest and smallest fraternity house on campus. When our new fraternity house is completed on "New Fraternity Row," the term now designated for fraternity houses located on University Boulevard, our Chapter for the first time ever will have all the resources necessary to compete on a level playing field with every other fraternity on campus. *(Continued on page 6)*

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Join Alabama Alpha Brothers for Chapter House Milestones!

Chapter House Farewell Celebration Saturday, May 14

Please join us on Saturday, May 14, to say goodbye to the old Chapter House. There will be free barbecue with all the trimmings in the courtyard from noon until 2 p.m.

Although our new home will not be completed until August, UA will move forward with tearing down the old house soon so that the site will be clear and a grassy lawn by the first football game.

For many of us, the old house holds special memories and we all grew up quite a bit there. We learned to put brotherhood ahead of ourselves, made some of the best friends in our lives, and formed relationships that have stood the test of time. Some of us met our wives or took them on the first date to the house. Some of us remember dancing to the Tams in the house, spending the band break visiting with Officer Fields, and singing fraternity songs on the front porch.

Bring your wife, children, or anyone you want to know about your college home. Take

pictures on the porch and share stories and memories with your brothers. Throw a football in the front yard. Turn back the clock! Bring a cooler if you wish. Just be there!

Open House Thursday, August 4

Open house: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Chapter House Tours This Fall

Alumni will also be able to tour the new Chapter House at any of the home football games this season. The home schedule is:

September 10
Western Kentucky

September 24
Kent State

October 1 (Homecoming)
Kentucky

October 22
Texas A&M

November 12
Mississippi State

November 19
UT Chattanooga

November 26
Auburn

Undergraduates Prepare for New Chapter House

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With a Chapter composition of 39 freshmen, 40 sophomores, 12 juniors, and 17 seniors, plus our high retention rate, we have a strong numeric basis on which to build. At the same time, the Chapter has continued to focus on quality. Our goal is not to be the largest fraternity but the best fraternity on campus.

Fraternally,

Kyle Anderson '13, Chapter President
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