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House Corporation Looks Toward the Future amidst Tide of Positive Changes with Iota Iota

As most of you know last fall was a challenging time for our chapter. However, I believe the changes that have been made allow us to move forward in a way in which we can all take pride. Our executive officers and brothers are working hard and doing a great job of running and managing our chapter.

As a house corporation board, we have decided to improve our alumni relations program. We have implemented a plan to keep you informed of the happenings of the chapter and your brothers. Read more about the program on page 3. It is our hope that you become reconnected with the fraternity and choose to support it any way you can.

The A Day barbecue hosted by the chapter in April and the June Birmingham alumni dinner were both well attended. Thanks to everyone who came. We want you and your families to feel welcome at the house.

The University is growing at a very fast pace and should reach or exceed Dr. Witt's enrollment projection of 28,000 by 2010. If Sigma Chi intends to remain a top fraternity at The University of Alabama, we must begin strategically planning for Iota Iota's future housing needs now. Part of this is to analyze our current structure and assess its needs



Ralph Procter '81, Scott Williams '80, Bob Loftin '79, and Mark Bates '81 at the summer Birmingham alumni dinner.

and capabilities. As part of this process, we have met with University officials to discuss our options over the next five years. The outcome of our strategic planning needs to accommodate our chapter's growth in such a way that we can stay competitive with other fraternities on campus. We will keep you posted on this as our plans develop.

There are many alumni involved with our chapter to help us be the best we can be. Three names that come to mind are **Stephen Cross '07** (chapter advisor), **Jason Goggins '03** (house corporation member), and **Glen Randall '70** (past chapter advisor and house corporation member). Also, a group of alumni have stepped up and agreed to meet with each new executive officer to discuss their plans and goals for the coming year. All of these brothers deserve a huge round of clicks for the time and energy they have put into preserving our chapter at the University for years to come.

We have renovated the dorm rooms and landscaped the backyard this summer. I believe everyone will be pleased with the results. This fall when you are in town for game days please bring your family and friends and enjoy spending time at Iota Iota. Each of us has so many special memories of our years spent there and the lasting friendships that were bonded through Sigma Chi.

We look forward to seeing you this fall.



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Iota Iota Launches New Web Site

Visit www.bamasig.org

Another tool to keep you informed is our new Web site. You can find current information about what's happening with the chapter and read about Iota Iota's long history and articles spotlighting various alumni. We will have a regularly updated events calendar. Through this you can find any events happening with Iota Iota, whether its football weekend events or an alumni gathering. The Web site also shows you how you can give back to the chapter by donating your time or resources.

A very exciting feature is the member login. When you log in as an Iota Iota alumnus you are granted access to extra features, such as password-protected articles and a member directory. So visit the Web site today and get reconnected with Iota Iota at The Capstone!



Undergraduate Brothers Have Successful Spring and Summer

Strong Philanthropy, Academics, and Recruitment Efforts

The Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi had a great spring semester that was highlighted by the 56th running of Derby Days, as well as academic, intramural, and philanthropic successes.

PHILANTHROPY INVOLVEMENT

Iota Iota's philanthropic year has been very successful by raising \$23,000 in the course of Derby Days. The chapter chose to donate the money to the Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham. According to the Office of Greek Life, this donation is the single largest amount ever given to charity by an individual Greek organization at The University of Alabama. In the spring, Sigma Chi hosted a cookout with the women of Chi Omega and Phi Mu that benefited Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama. The event was such an outstanding success that Iota Iota has been chosen to host the event annually.

ACADEMICS

The chapter's grade point average was second on campus for the fall 2007 semester. Scholarship Chairman **Scott Peters '10** is implementing a new academic standard to help brothers who may be struggling in their studies and to award brothers who are excelling.

RECRUITMENT

In early June, the chapter chartered a boat for a deep sea fishing trip in Destin, Florida. A small group of brothers and 12 prospective members went on the trip and caught over 300 pounds of fish. We also hosted two recruitment events in Tuscaloosa in June and July, catering to over 125 recruits.

GREEK COMMUNITY

On campus, we participated in the first



The undergraduates took a deep sea fishing recruitment trip this summer at Destin, Florida.

Greek Fest that took place on September 6. In the Greek intramural sports competition, we placed second for the Crimson Cup among 17 competing fraternities. Four brothers were inducted into the Order of Omega Honor Society, and two brothers were inducted into the Jasons Men's Honorary.

We look forward to continuing our successes and are excited about the upcoming fall semester. We anticipate having around 120 active members when the new pledge class is initiated toward the end of the semester. We ask that all alumni please mark your calendars for the alumni and parents Homecoming cocktail party at the house after the game on Saturday, November 1. We extend a warm welcome to all alumni to stop by and visit whenever you find yourselves in Tuscaloosa.



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Iota Iota donated \$23,000 in proceeds from Derby Days to the Children's Hospital of Alabama. Jackson Neal '09, John Lovett '09, Stan Ingram '10, and Grant McCabe '09 present the check to Jacque Cordle of the Children's Hospital.

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Alumni Relations Program Launched

Upon graduating from Alabama, we all leave Sigma Chi with high hopes of keeping our fraternal bonds intact. Unfortunately, we quickly find that many new interests—careers, families, and civic activities—can create valid diversions. The day-to-day activities of life take over and, before long, we fall out of touch and begin to wonder what happened to our brothers. Without a solid alumni relations program in place, our members lack the means for staying connected to the fraternity.

With this in mind, our new annual alumni relations program is designed to help our members stay in touch and to cultivate awareness and involvement in Iota Iota. There are several elements that are key to the program's success.

We will mail two newsletters each year containing alumni news, information on upcoming events, reports on various chapter activities, and current lists of undergraduate and alumni officers. The fall and spring newsletters also contain a list of all those who have contributed to the annual appeals.

After the fall and spring newsletters, we will send out an appeal to help support the chapter. Due to the various giving patterns of our members, we believe two appeals

each year are far more successful than just one. Many alumni choose to contribute each time they receive a solicitation, while others would rather give a larger gift on an annual basis. We also realize that, occasionally, members will misplace the first appeal and the second one gives them another opportunity to support the chapter. The contributions received as a result of these semi-annual appeals not only help sustain the alumni relations program but provide funds for house maintenance and the Iota Iota Chapter.

Once a year, we will send out a biographical update that allows alumni to update the information we have on record. These updates will also provide information for one of the most popular features in the newsletters, the Alumni News section. Altogether, the updates are a vital tool in maintaining our records and our ties with one another.

We hope that through the Iota Iota annual alumni relations program your fraternal bonds are regularly renewed and strengthened. We are always interested in hearing from you, so if you have any suggestions, alumni news, or ideas for articles, please submit them to Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi, P.O. Box 1880, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

Recruitment Recommendation

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Does prospect have a ΣX relative? _____

High school attended _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Alumni, we value your referrals. Please submit prospect recommendations to **Grayson Sandy '10** at gtsandy@ua.edu or mail to Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi, P.O. Box 1880, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.

ALUMNI NEWS

1940s

G. Dewey Vann '46 is enjoying retirement with his wife, Edith, in Birmingham, Ala. They have two daughters, Annette V. Miller and Carolyn V. Jennings.

Robert P. Gilbert '49 lives in the retirement community of Somerby, Ala. He retired as superintendent of the plant computer department with US Steel in 1984. Bob and his wife, Betty, have three children: **Carey '76**, Steven, and Virginia Loftin, whose husband is **Robert L. Loftin '79**, son of **J. B. Loftin '44**. E-mail: rpgilbert001@aol.com

1950s

Judd P. Webster '52 is retired and resides in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He is a 1986 graduate of the Realtors Institute and remains active in the real estate business. Judd has two children, Judd Jr. and Wendy, and three grandchildren.

Walter Lowe '57 resides in Birmingham, Ala. He is married to Carol and they have three grown children. Walter retired as account executive with Bergen Brunswig Corp. in 1999.

William Ricker '58 is an administrative assistant to the councilman of the City of Birmingham, Ala., and has been involved in city government for some time. William and his wife, Frances, live in Birmingham and have four children: Laura, David, Gabrielle, and Regan. E-mail: photo22@bellsouth.net

1960s

Antonio D. Melachrino '65 has been married to Melinda Pitman for 43 years and they live in Ormond Beach, Fla. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. Now that Tony is retired, he and Melinda enjoy traveling. E-mail: amelachrino@cfl.rr.com

Roger C. Williams '66 and his wife, JoAnn, live in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he is president of Williams, Williams & Williams P.C. Roger has three grown children: Melissa, Kimberly, and Courtland. E-mail: rogercwilliams@aol.com

R. Kenny Wyatt '69 is a doctor in Cullman, Ala. He is a past president of the Rotary Club and completed a fellowship with the Academy of General Dentistry. Kenny lives in Vinemont, Ala., with his wife, Karen. They have two children, Nathan and Rachel. E-mail: kpwyatt2003@aol.com

1970s

C. Glen Randall '70 was named chapter advisor emeritus. He resides in Tuscaloosa, Ala., with his wife, Nanette, and is a chief credit officer with Bryant Bank. E-mail: glen.randall@bryantbank.com

Bruce W. Pylant '71 is president of the Decatur, Ala., branch of Progress Bank and Trust. Bruce resides in Decatur with his wife, Vivian, and their two sons, Michael and John. E-mail: bpylant@charter.net

Charles R. Pearce '73 lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he is president of Pearce Trucking Inc. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children: Davis, Libbs, and Maggie.

Loring S. Jones III '75 is a partner with Jones & Associates, Attys., in Vestavia Hills, Ala. He is a former Vestavia Hills Scoutmaster, senior warden with Ascension Episcopal Church, president of Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Alabama Safari Club. His son, **Loring IV, Furman '07**, serves as a MP 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Germany. Loring continues his "service to others and the pursuit of big game around the world." E-mail: L3@joneswaldrop.com

R. Craig Villar '76 works for Atlas Roofing Corporation as the private label director. He lives in Fultondale, Ala. E-mail: cvillar@charter.net

Robert L. Loftin '79 and his wife, Virginia, live in Birmingham, Ala., and have a daughter, Emily. As an undergraduate he was assistant treasurer for the Student Government Association. While attending law school, Bob was a member of Jasons and treasurer for the Anderson Society Bench and Bar. E-mail: bob.loftin@elytonsolutions.com

1980s

Shan Paden '80 and his wife, Tricia, live in Hoover, Ala. They have two sons, Scott and Brian. E-mail: spaden@padenlawyers.com

Ralph T. Procter '81 is president of Procter Development Inc. in Birmingham, Ala. He and his wife, Lea Ann, have two children, Amie and Evan, and reside in Hoover, Ala. He was salesman of the year with Premier Beverage Company in 1985 and won an advertising chairman's award. He worked for Subway Restaurant in 1995 and served as their advisory chairman from 1989 to 2000. Ralph was involved with the Hoover Country Club from 1993 to 1997 as house chairman, vice president, president, and executive officio. In 2001 he was named developer of the year with Tropical Smoothie Café. E-mail: Procter1@charter.net

Mark Lundberg '84 lives in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Courtney. They have four children: Miller, Hall, Kassey, and Mallie. Mark is president of Alabama Wholesale Brokers Inc.

M. Neil White III, M.D. '85 is a physician with Gulf Coast OB GYN P.A. in Pascagoula, Miss. He and his wife, Alison, reside in Mobile, Ala., and have two children, Marshall and Grant, who

attend UMS-Wright School. E-mail: whitealineil@aol.com

William B. Joiner '88 and his wife, Mary Beth, have four children: Will, Julianna, Garrett, and Helen. They live in Brentwood, Tenn. Jay served as pro consul while attending The University of Alabama. E-mail: jayjoiner@comcast.net

1990s

Peter Phelps '93 is an architect with Lathan Architects. He is married to Alli, and they have two children, Luke and Lainey. Peter and his family reside in Homewood, Ala. E-mail: PeterandAlli@aol.com

2000s

B. Blake Norberg '01 was top producer in the USA for GAP at Monumental General Administrators. He lives in Birmingham, Ala., and is the vice president for C.D. Norberg & Associates. He reports he is "livin' the dream!" E-mail: blakenorberg2@hotmail.com

Brandon C. Smith '02 is married to Megan Powers, a Chi Omega alumna. They have a daughter, Matilda Rosemary, and live in Huntsville, Ala. Brandon is a certified public accountant with Anglin, Reichmann, Snellgrove & Armstrong P.C. E-mail: brandon.c.smith@hotmail.com

Spencer P. Akin '05 is a broker with The Shopping Center Group in Birmingham, Ala. He served as consul and alumni relations chairman while attending The University of Alabama. Spencer was also the secretary for Inter-Fraternity Council and was a member of Jasons. E-mail: spencerakin@aol.com

Stephen W. Cross '07 resides in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he is a property manager with GRS Properties LLC. He is the Iota Iota chapter advisor. E-mail: scross@greekresourceservices.com

A Strong Leader Gained Experience from His Days at Iota Iota

Alumnus Spotlight – **Scott Donaldson '81**

Scott Donaldson '81 pledged the Iota Iota Chapter in the fall of 1977. Following initiation, he remained an active member until he graduated from the University in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree from the College of Commerce and Business Administration. He held various offices in the fraternity as an undergraduate including pledge class president, co-recruitment chairman, and consul. Scott says he "joined the fraternity because many of my friends from Tuscaloosa joined during that time frame, but also because I genuinely liked being around the members I met during recruitment." That decision proved to be well founded, as his membership in Sigma Chi allowed him to create and maintain friendships that have now lasted more than 30 years.

Some of Scott's fondest memories of his undergraduate experience at Sigma Chi include traveling to Statesboro, Georgia, and Lubbock, Texas, for workshops, and to Indianapolis for a national convention where they successfully lobbied delegates from other universities to vote the Iota Iota sweetheart as the International sweetheart. Holding offices in the fraternity also taught him invaluable lessons in assuming responsibility, relating to people, and allowed him to gain experience through both successes and failures. "I learned as much from the mistakes I made during that time as I did from any successes," said Scott.

Following graduation, Scott went to law school and practiced law for more than 18 years. He is now a circuit judge for Tuscaloosa County, handling civil and criminal matters. He and his wife, Beth, live in Tuscaloosa and have two sons, ages 20 and 17. As a hobby, he has played guitar or bass in various bands over the last 25 years.

Scott advises undergraduates and young alumni to find an occupation or profession that truly interests you and not to choose a job solely because of the pay. He says, "You will find that, in most cases, the happiest people are those who are pursuing their interests, and money will not sustain that interest over time." E-mail Scott at scottdonaldson@comcast.net.

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Alumni and Parents Homecoming Cocktail Party

Saturday, November 1, 2008

Following the Arkansas State Game
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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. Thank you.*

ALUMNI SERVING IOTA IOTA Iota Iota would like your help!

Yes, I am interested in assisting and/or serving the

- House Corporation
- Undergraduate Chapter

Name/Graduation Year _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

E-mail _____

Mail this form to:
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2008 Crimson Tide Home Football Games

- Sept. 6 Tulane
- Sept. 13 Western Kentucky
- Oct. 4 Kentucky
- Oct. 18 Ole Miss
- Nov. 1 Arkansas State
- Nov. 15 Mississippi State
- Nov. 29 Auburn

Each Saturday will feature lunch at the house for all alumni, family, and friends and will usually start around 11 a.m. (Adjusted for kickoff times that are TBA)