

# The Iota Iota Messenger

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## Chapter Success Provides Momentum for New House Corporation

### 2009-10 Corporation Officers Elected

Since May, Iota Iota has achieved a string of accolades that no Sigma Chi chapter has accomplished in the same short amount of time. And, as many of you may know, the past several weeks have been a period of transition for the house corporation.

#### Thank You House Corporation Members, for Years of Service

In August, **Glen Randall '68** decided to retire from the house corporation after almost 40 years of service to the Iota Iota Chapter. Glen's many contributions will not be forgotten, and I thank him for his dedication to our order. Additionally, I would like to thank former President **Charlie Smith '73** and the rest of the 2007-09 members for shepherding the chapter through a critical period in our 133-year history at the Capstone. These brothers did an exemplary job of getting Iota Iota back on track.

#### Chapter Accomplishments

The brothers have accomplished a lot since the spring semester. In May they presented a \$32,000 check to Mike Warren, the CEO of

Children's Hospital of Alabama. Less than two months later, 14 brothers and a group of alumni attended the 77th Grand Chapter in Charleston, South Carolina, where they successfully campaigned to have Alexa Stabler elected as Iota Iota's fifth International Sweetheart. One month later, the executive officers attended Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Chapel Hill. Thanks to hard work and dedication over the past two years, Iota Iota brought home its eighth Peterson Outstanding Chapter Award, the first since 1994. As you know, the Peterson Award is the highest honor that can be given to a chapter of Sigma Chi.

#### House Corporation Agenda Items

There are numerous items on the newly elected member's agenda, such as lobbying for a new chapter house; preserving our aging house to provide brothers with an adequate facility; establishing and enacting a viable business model to help our chapter grow and keep dues at a reasonable level; and mentoring the undergraduates to help them succeed both at Alabama and after graduation.

The number of alumni who have stepped forward to serve on the 2009-10 executive committee is a solid group of brothers from various professional backgrounds. Please see page 3 for a complete list of officers. Many other alumni will soon serve on the newly created finance, mentoring, and communications committees. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to help serve your chapter.



In Hoc,  
**Tony Robbins '81**  
House Corporation President  
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**Top:** Iota Iota Chapter Sweetheart Alexa Stabler (Phi Mu '09) was elected International Sweetheart at Grand Chapter. **Bottom:** Brothers hold up photos of former Iota Iota International Sweethearts while standing with Alexa Stabler.

# Actives Have Most Successful Year in Recent History

- Iota Iota Raises Record-Breaking Donation for Children's Hospital of Alabama
- Pledge Class of 41 Welcomed to the Chapter
- Newly Won Eighth Peterson Award to be Displayed In Chapter House

We are extremely excited about the fall semester after such a great summer for Iota Iota. Recruitment Chairman **Jackson King '11** put together some great events during June and July to keep brothers connected and to welcome incoming freshmen. Through those recruitment events, we have assembled a quality pledge class of 41 aspiring young men.

## Brothers Raise Record Amount for Children's Hospital

Last spring we held our 57th annual Sigma Chi Derby Days. We had a great time and managed to raise \$32,000 for Children's Hospital of Alabama. This amount is the new record for a donation amount given by a UA fraternity or sorority and in the entire Southeastern Conference. A select number of brothers presented the donation to Children's Hospital's CEO Mike Warren in early June with local television networks covering the presentation.

## Campaign for Chapter Sweetheart Alexa Stabler a Success

Last July 10 brothers attended Sigma Chi's 77th Grand Chapter in Charleston, South Carolina. We built relationships with brothers from different chapters but spent most of our time campaigning for our chapter sweetheart, Alexa Stabler, to become the 32nd International Sweetheart. Alexa is our chapter's fifth International Sweetheart, which gives us the lead for the most International Sweethearts from any single chapter. We are truly honored to have such



Brothers of Iota Iota with International Sweetheart Alexa Stabler.



The active members donated \$32,000 to Children's Miracle Network in 2009.

an accomplished and caring friend to represent our chapter and continue our tradition.

## Members Take Pride in Peterson Award

We are so proud to have won our eighth Peterson Outstanding Chapter Award at Sigma Chi's Balfour Leadership and Training Workshop. The chapter is taking great pride in this award and it has encouraged us to further succeed. The Peterson Award will hang in the chapter house for all to see this football season.

## Brothers Gearing up for Intramurals

Our intramural season is getting started and we hope to repeat our recent accomplishment of winning the University's Crimson Cup, which is awarded to the most athletic fraternity on campus.

We are excited about the semester and the future of Iota Iota. All alumni are welcome to visit the chapter house any time—I hope to see everyone this football season. I would also like to thank the alumni who helped in our advancement.



In Hoc,  
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**Manley Cummings '11**  
Spanish Fort, Ala.

# Sigma Chi Brother

## Elected Student Government Association President

### Thanks Iota Iota for Encouragement and Support

As I look back on the spring semester, I cannot help but think about the historic Student Government Association election that took place. My opponent and I brought more than 50% of the student population to the polls. This number is much larger than that of previous years. Following that election, I became SGA president. The result could not have been possible without many faithful supporters and my fraternity, Sigma Chi.

#### University Library Extends Hours

With an ambitious team behind me, we have already accomplished many things. The SGA, in conjunction with the university libraries, will extend their hours yet again. Instead of offering the 24-hour library only four nights a week, Rogers Library will now be open five nights. This SGA initiative gives students the opportunity to study for exams, write papers, or even read a good book in a library every week night.

#### Crimson Watch Program Revamped to Increase Student Safety

For our off-campus students we have been hard at work revamping the Crimson Watch program, which is an SGA-sponsored neighborhood watch program. We will implement a Web site ([crimsonwatch.ua.edu](http://crimsonwatch.ua.edu)) that serves as a complete safety resource to students. We will also get students involved in the process, making them aware of their neighbors and developing a sense of community.

#### SGA Works to Lower Student Costs

In response to the tough economic times that our nation and state

face, SGA is doing all it can to relieve the financial burden on students and their families. We have made it easier for students to acquire student loans by posting the process online. SGA also worked with the SUPe Store to implement the textbook rental program. The pilot program this fall will offer courses where students can rent a book at a lower price than buying it.

#### More Fall Classes May Become Available to Students

For the remainder of my term, SGA will try to implement a second fall option for students. This option allows students to sign up for classes one month after school begins. It is similar to a "May-mester" but occurs within the fall and spring semesters. SGA is also working on creating an action card discount program, which allows students to show their action cards to local businesses to receive incentives.

SGA will continue to advocate for student interests and make sure they have a voice in the decisions that take place at UA. It is an honor to serve as SGA president and I look forward to the rest of the year. Once again, I could not have done this without a hard-working SGA team, as well as the brothers of Sigma Chi.



In Hoc,  
**Steven A. Oliver '10**  
Student Government Association President  
University of Alabama

### A Note from Iota Iota's International Sweetheart, Alexa Stabler



It is truly an honor to represent the brothers of the world's preeminent fraternal organization. I continue to be impressed by the different temperaments, talents, and convictions of the men who have earned the right to call themselves brothers of Sigma Chi.

Serving as international sweetheart is a privilege that affords me the opportunity to meet brothers from across North America, though I will remain forever grateful to the brothers of Iota Iota for their unconditional support, encouragement, and confidence in my ability to serve as an ambassador for Sigma Chis everywhere. I look forward to meeting all of you at the chapter house this fall in Tuscaloosa.

## HOUSE CORPORATION

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**Ralph Procter '81**  
Birmingham, Ala.

**Dag Rowe '69**  
Huntsville, Ala.

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**Johnny Frazier '80**  
Haleyville, Ala.

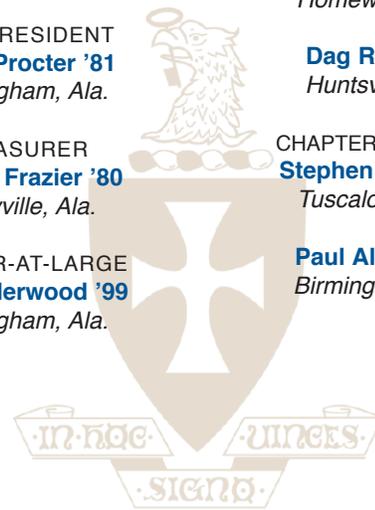
CHAPTER ADVISORS

**Stephen Cross '07**  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

**List Underwood '99**  
Birmingham, Ala.

**Paul Albano '03**  
Birmingham, Ala.



## Thank You, Loyal Alumni

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$11,355 with 119 total gifts, averaging \$95 per gift. The support you give makes a difference to our chapter and its future. Our undergraduate brothers greatly appreciate your generosity.

Iota Iota at the University of Alabama is becoming even stronger with your loyalty. We hope more alumni will join their brothers and contribute to our ongoing annual campaign. Your interest and involvement make a difference in the future of our Fraternity.

Contributors are listed below in graduation order. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please e-mail the house corporation at [bamasig@gmail.com](mailto:bamasig@gmail.com) or write to the Iota Iota House Corporation, P.O. Box 1880, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403. Thank you for your support!

### *The Circle of Constantine*

(\$1,000 and up)

- \* Robert A. Hieserman '73

### *Benefactors of Iota Iota*

(\$500 to \$999)

- \* Lt. Bill W. Hoffman '51
- \* Hinton W. Waters III '73
- \* Mark A. Ascik '79

### *The 1876 Society*

(\$100 to \$499)

- \* Hon. Alex T. Howard Jr. '48
- \* Hollis J. Wiseman, M.D. '48
- \* John A. Hines '49
- Jack P. Strong, M.D. '49
- \* Gregg Harris Jr. '50
- \* William B. Philips Jr. '50
- Victor E. Woodman '51
- \* Alex Newton '52
- \* A. P. Owen Jr. '52
- \* Henry G. Whigham Jr. '52
- \* Jack D. Cummings '53
- \* Edward T. Peter '53
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- \* Col. Lyle K. Alexander '54
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- \* Hon. Warren L. Hammond Jr. '57
- Robert A. Rollings '59
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- \* Col. Charles Schimmel Jr. '62
- Stephen D. Kane '65
- Louis N. Deangelo '68
- \* Roy V. Elliott Jr. '68

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- \* James M. Seaver '69
- \* R. K. Wyatt '69
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- \* James E. Edwards III '71
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- Marvin D. Beasley Jr. '74
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- Joseph W. Hawkins '79
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- Phillip C. Nicholas '79
- \* Lee H. Loftin '80
- \* William T. Davis '81
- \* Mark McColl '81
- \* Ralph T. Procter '81
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- \* Jon E. Price '82
- \* Gregory P. Driskill '83
- \* M. N. White, M.D. '85
- \* J. W. Yeldell III '86
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- Matthew T. Banker '89
- \* David M. Jenkins '90
- \* Stan D. Hester '91
- \* Herman N. Clark III '05
- \* Jackson M. Neal '09

### *The White Cross Club*

(\$Up to \$99)

- \* Coralyn P. Gaston
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- \* Judd P. Webster '52
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- John L. Thornton '76
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- \* Robert S. Yoe '82
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- Howard L. Einstein '86
- John D. Kearley '86
- \* James G. Carroll '89
- Robert Howland '89
- \* Daniel Despot '90
- \* Preston Peete '91
- Trent D. Williams '06

\*Indicates donors from the spring 2009 appeal

## Alumnus Proud of Sons Continuing Sigma Chi Tradition

### Spotlight on Jack M. Neal Jr. '71

For **Jack M. Neal Jr. '71**, the pride he feels for Sigma Chi Fraternity has deepened since his days in the chapter house. Nearly 40 years since he was an undergraduate, his two sons, **Jackson '09** and **Madison '12**, have become a part of the Sigma Chi tradition.

Both men have made Jack proud during their time at Iota Iota. Jackson won the 2009 Balfour Award and Madison is actively involved as ritual chairman. "Our chapter has a great group of fine young men. With the passage of 40 years between my being there and now, the two groups are amazingly similar in a good way," Jack says.

Jack joined the fraternity to experience the fun and fulfillment of sharing the brotherhood and ideals of the organization. He says the lessons learned and the friends from this period of his life are



cherished to this day. "I can truly say I'd do it all over again and make all the same mistakes, only sooner!"

In 1971 Jack graduated with a bachelor of science in commerce and business administration and earned a doctor of jurisprudence at the Cumberland School of Law in 1977. He is a shareholder of the Sirote & Permutt P.C. law firm. In addition to his practice, Jack is the president of the Birmingham Bar Association and a member of the Alabama State Bar Board of Bar Commissioners.

Jack lives in Birmingham, Alabama, with his wife, Carolyn, (Phi Mu '71). In addition to their two sons, they have one daughter, Kate, a Kappa Omega at Sewanee. In his spare time, Jack enjoys farming, hunting, spending time with his wife and children, being outdoors, and following Alabama football. To contact Jack, e-mail him at [jneal@sirote.com](mailto:jneal@sirote.com).

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Edward F. Thomas '43** enjoys frequent meals with his children: Julie, Amanda, and Edward, and their spouses. He lives in Birmingham, Ala., and golfs weekly at the Birmingham Country Club. E-mail: [efthomas1@gmail.com](mailto:efthomas1@gmail.com)

**Alex T. Howard '43** lives in Mobile, Ala., with his wife, Anne. They have two grown children, Sandy and Catherine. Alex was a senior United States district judge but is inactive due to a disability. He is very proud to be a Significant Sig.

**J. Thomas McKenzie '47** says he and his wife, Charlotte, are both well and surviving old age. They live in Gadsden, Ala., and have four sons and four daughters. Thomas enjoys playing golf and traveling. E-mail: [tommck14@bellsouth.net](mailto:tommck14@bellsouth.net)

**James W. Greiner '49** retired in 1993 as the director of the Wisconsin State Fair Park. Twenty years prior, he was the manager for all Iowa fair grounds for five years. Bill lives in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Tolbert A. Daniels '50** and his wife, JoAnn, spend a lot of time at their West Georgia mountain cabin and their house at Carillon Beach, Fla. They are enjoying retirement.

Sonny spent 33 years with the U.S. Army and reports it just about wore him out. Their son, Stephen, returned unscathed from Afghanistan in 2008 after one year with the Special Forces. Sonny says, "Like father, like son!" E-mail: [dan17148@aol.com](mailto:dan17148@aol.com)

**Thomas M. Marr '52** has practiced law since 1957 and works in the home construction and land development business. He developed a sewage plant in Orange Beach, Ala. Thomas' businesses also help clean up after hurricanes, ice storms, and wars overseas. E-mail: [tmmmfc@aol.com](mailto:tmmmfc@aol.com)

**William H. Proctor '56** says he and his wife, Margot, are trying to keep up with their daughters and their families, and are traveling to Canada, Holland, Germany, Park City, Los Angeles, Biloxi, Paris, and Berlin. Bill says there is no shortage of places to visit. He retired in 2007 and lives in Vestavia Hills, Ala. E-mail: [biip3inala@aol.com](mailto:biip3inala@aol.com)

**Teddy O. Wilson '63** moved back to his hometown of Headland, Ala., 12 years ago. He is blessed with good health and says he is not retiring any time soon, unless he wins the lottery! He is building a small sub-division oriented to retirees.

Teddy says to come on down, they are located six miles north of Dothan, Ala. E-mail: [mcheadland@aol.com](mailto:mcheadland@aol.com)

**Jim Harris '64** has eight grandchildren and lives in Bowling Green, Ky. He is a retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, was on the Kentucky Bar Association Board of Governors, and was a special justice for the Kentucky Supreme Court in 2008. He ran the New York City Marathon in 1994. E-mail: [jharris@kscvlaw.com](mailto:jharris@kscvlaw.com)

**Donald Moore '78** owns Moore Solutions, a technical advising, document imaging, Internet consulting, and online storage company. He lives in Birmingham, Ala. E-mail: [don@donaldbmorre.com](mailto:don@donaldbmorre.com)

**Anthony M. Robbins '81** qualified and competed in the USAT World Championship Duathlon Long Course in Geel, Belgium. He finished 12th out of 26 and was the first USA finisher in his age group (50-54). Anthony received an All-American standing from USAT for Duathlon 2008.

**Timothy M. Nichols '84** wants everyone to know about the Sigma Chi-University of Alabama group of Facebook. The group

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## ALUMNI NEWS

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includes more than 100 brothers and two former sweethearts. He says to visit the Web site if you want to stay in touch or want to reconnect with your brothers. E-mail: nic30043@yahoo.com

**Gary Lake '86** works at Tuscaloosa Ear, Nose, and Throat Center with Brother **Lee Loftin '80**. Gary says to give him a call if you are in town. He and his wife, Robin (Alpha Gamma Delta), have three children: Mary Katherine (16), Sherman (14), and Mason (11). E-mail: glake@tuscaloosaent.com

**Walter Adams '88** is a sales representative with Physician Sales and Service. He and his wife, Stacey, have three children: Holly, Allison, and William. They live in Decatur, Ala.

**Jason Godsey '00** and his wife, Enjoli, married after graduation. He works in the family business and has two children, John (3) and Elisabeth (2). Enjoli is a registered nurse and works in Haleyville. Jason says he pursued his dreams and has become a professional golfer. He did well on the PGA mini-tours in Florida and California but decided to get back to Alabama to be closer to his wife and kids. E-mail: yesdog22@gmail.com

**Paul J. Albano '03** is a pharmacy supervisor for The Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham and a co-owner of a drug rehabilitation center. Co-chapter advisor of Iota Iota, P. J. served in various offices while attending the University of Alabama, including alumni relations chairman, ritual chairman, and Derby Days chairman. He has served as the fundraising chairman, vice chairman, and chairman of the Tuscaloosa County Young Republicans. He was also a charter member of Mentor Alabama, a mentoring initiative created by former Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor. E-mail: docpja2@aol.com

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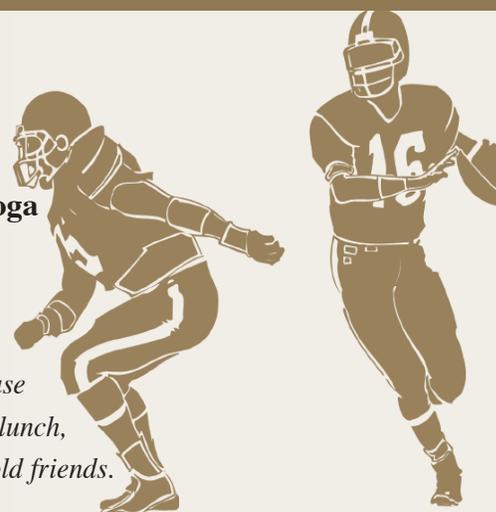
**ATTENTION:** *This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address. Thank you.*

## CRIMSON TIDE 2009 FOOTBALL

- Nov. 7 **LSU**
- Nov. 14 Mississippi State
- Nov. 21 **Tennessee-Chattanooga**
- Nov. 27 Auburn

**Home games in bold**

*Alumni are invited to stop by the house during home game weekends. Enjoy lunch, tour your house, and catch up with old friends.*



## WEB SITES

Iota Iota Chapter – [www.bamasig.org](http://www.bamasig.org)

The University of Alabama – [www.ua.edu](http://www.ua.edu)

Alabama Athletics – [www.rolltide.com](http://www.rolltide.com)