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# The Iota Iota Messenger

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA | EST. 1876

## Iota Iota Builds for the Future Maintains Standard of Excellence

As the fall semester begins, I am happy to report that Iota Iota continues to raise the bar for success at the Capstone and within Sigma Chi. I would also like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for the brothers and university community that continues to recover after the April tornadoes.

### A NEW HOME FOR IOTA IOTA

If you have an opportunity to return to Tuscaloosa this fall, you will notice some new construction along University Boulevard near the new Pike house. More information will be forthcoming over the next several months, but we want to share the outstanding news that **the University Board of Trustees has approved of Iota Iota's plans to build a new chapter house on University Boulevard!** The House Corporation and alumni volunteers will be reaching out to our brothers over the next academic year as plans and details are still being finalized, but we don't want anyone to be surprised this fall if they notice the lot being prepared for construction on campus. This is a tremendous step for the future of Iota Iota and, with alumni



The future home of Iota Iota Chapter on University Boulevard.

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### IOTA IOTA ALUMNI CONTINUE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE SUPPORT

The future needs of Iota Iota are an evolving process that has required the House Corporation to find new opportunities for alumni to support our chapter. As many of you know, we have worked in conjunction with the University to enable our alumni to support Iota Iota with tax-deductible donations. That tax-deductible program was implemented last fall for our annual giving program and has yielded strong results from our alumni. Without that support, the chapter would not remain as a top-tier fraternity at Alabama. The maintenance requirements of our chapter house alone are a daily reminder of the need for an updated new chapter facility. Your tax-deductible donations have helped alleviate some of that burden from the chapter. The House Corporation offers its gratitude and sincerest thanks to the brothers who have given back.

### 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, OCTOBER 21-22

The Iota Iota Chapter will celebrate 135 years at the University of Alabama this fall. Since our time at the "old" house on Jefferson Avenue is coming to a close, we invite all alumni to come and relive memories during the Tennessee home game weekend. To officially celebrate the farewell of the house, **Dag Rowe '69** and **Mark**

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## IOTA IOTA IS LARGEST GRAND CHAPTER DELEGATION, HONORED WITH PETERSON AWARD

This summer the chapter attended the 78th Grand Chapter in Dallas, Texas. We had the largest delegation of any school for the second straight Grand Chapter. Our sweetheart, Candice Rosenkrantz, was a great finalist and we appreciate her going through the process of nomination. It is a great honor for our chapter to be represented by two International Sweetheart finalists in a row. We would also like to thank Alexa Stabler for serving as the Sigma Chi International Sweetheart for the past two years. She was an out-

standing fifth International Sweetheart for Iota Iota and we appreciate all she has done for our chapter.

### Peterson Significant Chapter Award

The men of Iota Iota Chapter attended the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop this summer and were honored with a third consecutive J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter Award. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed on an undergraduate chapter,

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Iota Iota had the largest undergraduate representation at the 2011 Grand Chapter.

## IOTA IOTA WINS THIRD CONSECUTIVE PETERSON

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and is the 10th Peterson in our chapter's history. We are honored with the award by the International Fraternity and would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all alumni and undergraduates who worked so hard for this achievement.

### Celebrate Our Time on Campus

We are all excited that the Board of Trustees approved a lot for our new Sigma Chi house. We would like to thank everyone involved with the project for all of their time and dedication to our fraternity. The undergraduate chapter will continue to do all

it can to support this project to completion. The 135th anniversary celebration will be held the weekend of October 21-22. We invite all alumni to visit the chapter house one last time before we move to a new location. We look forward to seeing everybody this fall. Roll Tide!

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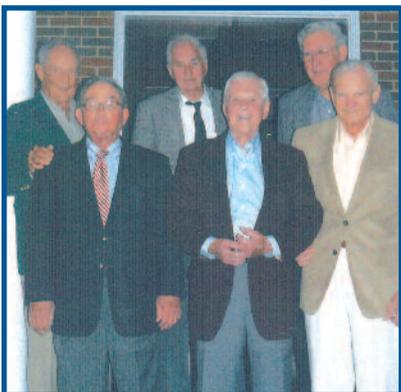
## Iota Iota Builds

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**McColl '81** invite you attend Iota Iota's 135th anniversary weekend on October 21-22. Friday night will feature an alumni reunion dinner at the Vestavia Country Club in Birmingham and Saturday will be the official farewell party at the chapter house. For details on the weekend please see page 6. If you believe you will be able to attend the Friday night dinner, RSVP to Mark McColl at mcoll@pass-inc.com. This will be a great time to reconnect with old friends and relive a few memories at the old chapter house one last time.

In the meantime, if you find yourself in Tuscaloosa, please feel free to stop by the chapter house and visit with the undergraduates. Alumni support helps carry on our strong tradition at the University of Alabama.

In Hoc,  
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Members of the class of 1945 gather at their 65th reunion. Bottom row, left to right: Walter Byars Jr. '48, Bob Esdale '54, Jim Anderson '49. Top row, left to right: Dick Warren '49, J.J. Hines '49, John Pradat '48.

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*John and his family enjoyed spending time together on a recent vacation.*

## *Dr. John Holaday '66 Credits lota lota for Experience in Leadership and Brotherhood*

Education does not solely stem from the classroom, and alumnus **Dr. John Holaday '66** credits lota lota Chapter for instilling leadership skills and providing an environment that sustains growth and values. "The strong bonds you develop with brothers early on grow with time and shared memories."

As an undergraduate, John was head of the ritual committee and involved in many campus charity events. His time as a leader in those positions gave him a unique outlook. "I remember learning how to delegate by sharing responsibilities." Two of the most important contributions lota lota gave John were friendship and brotherhood. "The friends you develop as a Sigma Chi will never be eclipsed by time and distance. You grow up with your fraternity brothers and you grow older with them as well." Some of John's favorite undergraduate memories include football games during the Namath era and the great times after fraternity parties. "We would gather around to sing rowdy songs and build our brotherhood." He also offers advice to undergraduates and young alumni. "Maintain your personal values as you make decisions. Be persistent and have fun, and learn to make a difference and help others."

lota lota allowed John to establish himself as a strong brother and provided a chance for him to test his leadership skills. The value of leadership is not lost on John and he acknowledges the effect those skills learned at Sigma Chi had upon him during his transition into adulthood. "You will make mistakes in the journey, learn from them. A good leader is a good follower; no job is too small and a leader always pays attention to details." He also advises that good leadership is a learned skill. "Often leadership is best learned from follow-ship. Set aside insecurities and build teams through example."

John's passion is building companies in the life sciences and has served as the CEO and chairman of many enterprises. He serves as the managing director and CEO for QRxPharma, a company headquartered in Sydney, Australia. "I enjoy building teams and making a difference in people's lives through entrepreneurship." He received his B.S. in 1966 and his master's in 1968 from the University of Alabama. He continued his education at the University of California, San Francisco and graduated with a Ph.D. in 1976. John serves on many boards, including the Leadership Board for the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama. He was honored with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award by the University of Alabama in 2008.

John enjoys running, skiing, rowing, and spending time with his family. He lives in Bethesda, Maryland, with his wife, Dori, and their sons, Sean, 17, and Jackson, 15. He can be contacted at [johnholaday@me.com](mailto:johnholaday@me.com)

## Alumnus Gained Friendship and Life Lessons

*Spotlight on John Chapman '99*



**John Chapman '99** grew up in the small town of Scottsboro, Alabama. He followed a family tradition and some childhood role models into the lota lota brotherhood. "My time at the University of Alabama was one of the best in my life. I was able to develop friendships that are so very dear and meaningful."

As an undergraduate, John was highly involved in the chapter. He served as social chairman, rush chairman, and ritual chairman. These positions allowed John to test his leadership skills and helped shape his beliefs on leadership. "Everyone in life will be presented with challenges and adversities. It's how you react and deal with them that define you as a leader." John enjoyed his time as an undergraduate and advises collegians to enjoy every last moment. "There are too many great memories to recount. But, they all center around the great friendships that lota lota and the University of Alabama afforded me."

He also offers insight to younger alumni. "Find your passion, and then proceed with vigor. You will make mistakes, that's a given. Learn from them and you will prosper." He also points out that the people you surround yourself with will have an impact on your success. "I like to surround myself with those who are fully engaged in life, whatever their profession or family circumstances. You can always learn something from those that are engaged and involved, no matter what they are involved in."

John and his wife, Bronwyne, have three children: Jack, Henry Carr, and Callie. They live in Birmingham, Alabama. He earned a degree in corporate finance with a concentration in real estate investment and opened his own firm, Farris Group. He is passionate about Alabama football. You can contact John at [jchapman@wynncapitalpartners.com](mailto:jchapman@wynncapitalpartners.com).

## THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$44,832 with 349 gifts since our annual campaign began in the fall of 2008. Iota Iota alumni are very loyal and the support you give makes a difference to our chapter and its future. Our undergraduate brothers greatly appreciate your generosity.

Contributors are listed below in graduation order. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact the House Corporation at [bamasig@gmail.com](mailto:bamasig@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**William Cunningham '43** entered Chapter Eternal on August 1, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth. He is survived by his daughter, son, and six grandchildren. Following graduation he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received a purple heart on his first assignment.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Edward F. Thomas '43** enjoys his friends and playing golf. He and his wife, Susan (deceased 2008), have three children: Julie, Amanda, and Edward. Edward resides in Birmingham, Ala. E-mail: [efthomas1@gmail.com](mailto:efthomas1@gmail.com)

**Charles M. Spangler '59** has been assisting his wife, Dawn, as they travel around Texas for her competitive trail horse riding. He has also been working on his model railroad. They live in Spring Branch, Texas.

**Jim D. Harris Jr. '64** has practiced law for more than 40 years. He is proud to have so many Sigma Chis in the family, including his father, uncle, two brothers, son, and son-in-law, **Kenneth M. Davidson '92**. Jim and his wife, Jean, reside in Bowling Green, Ky. E-mail: [jharris@kscvlaw.com](mailto:jharris@kscvlaw.com)

**Loring S. Jones III '75** is the new Vulcan District Boy Scout round-table commissioner in the greater Alabama council. Loring's son, 1st Lt. Loring S. Jones IV, serves in Afghanistan with the U.S. Army. Loring resides in Vestavia Hills, Ala. E-mail: [l3@jalaw.net](mailto:l3@jalaw.net)

**Johnny L. Thornton '76** opened his own company, Riverside Capital LLC, last year after more than 30 years in the commercial lending field. His company works with small to medium sized businesses and helps clients qualify for financing and locates sources of funding. John and his wife, Larkin, live on a farm in Courtland, Ala. They have four children: Emily, Henry, Virginia, and Stuart. Johnny says, "I'd love to hear from any Sigs!" E-mail: [jlthornton@gmail.com](mailto:jlthornton@gmail.com)

**William G. Martin, D.M.D. '77** and his wife, Cris, were married in March 2010. They have four grown children and like to spend a lot of time deep sea fishing in Fort Morgan, and relaxing at Lay Lake. William enjoys hunting and watching Alabama football. E-mail: [crisomartin@aol.com](mailto:crisomartin@aol.com)

**M. Neil White III, M.D. '85** is proud that his OB/GYN group, Gulf Coast OB/GYN, is the first on the Mississippi gulf coast to perform robotic-assisted surgery. Neil and his wife, Alison, have two sons, Marshall and Grant, and reside in Mobile, Ala. E-mail: [whitealineil@aol.com](mailto:whitealineil@aol.com)



## IOTA IOTA 2012 RUSH INFO

The chapter is seeking qualified young men for the first class to pledge in Iota Iota's new chapter house on University Boulevard in the fall of 2012. If you know of any highly qualified men attending the Capstone or planning to next year, please e-mail their contact information to the chapter as soon as possible:

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Please include the rushee's name, phone number, e-mail, mailing address, and any connection to Sigma Chi and/or Iota Iota. Thank you for your continued support of Iota Iota.

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Iota Iota Chapter and House Corporation



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## 2011 Alabama Home Football Schedule

September 3	Kent State
September 17	North Texas
September 24	Arkansas
October 8	Vanderbilt
October 22	Tennessee
November 5	LSU
November 19	Ga. Southern

**Pre-Game at Sigma Chi:** All alumni and family are invited to enjoy pre-game lunches before each and every home football game this fall. Please go to [www.bamasig.org](http://www.bamasig.org) for details on each weekend. ROLL TIDE!

## 135th Anniversary Weekend

October 21-22 (Tennessee Game)

**Dag Rowe '69** and **Mark McColl '81** invite you to attend Iota Iota's 135th anniversary weekend.

### Friday, October 21

Annual reunion

5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Vestavia Country Club

Birmingham

R.S.V.P. to **Mark McColl '81** at [mmccoll@pass-inc.com](mailto:mmccoll@pass-inc.com).

### Saturday, October 22

Pre-game alumni tailgate featuring large tent, live music, and professionally catered food and bar.

This will be the last fall in our old house, so please stop by one more time to relive memories and learn more about our new house as **Iota Iota moves back to University Boulevard.**