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New Chapter House and Academics Top List of Priorities

Dedicated Alumni Sought to Help Continue Iota Iota Legacy at the Capstone

ACADEMIC AWARD PROGRAM DOLES OUT \$8,000 TO UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS

The house corporation continues to undergo a period of transition but, fortunately, we are moving in a positive direction. I am happy to accept the role as house corporation president, while **Tony Robbins '81** focuses on helping the active members improve their academic standing on campus. Last fall, we instituted an academic award program to reward brothers who excel in the classroom—the first of its kind for a fraternity at Alabama. We have awarded over \$8,000 to more than 50 brothers since then, and I am proud to announce that all chapter executive officers received awards this spring.

ALUMNI CONTINUE TO WEIGH HOUSING POSSIBILITIES

Brothers **Judge Quinton Brown '69** and **Dag Rowe '69** head the committee to build a new house on campus. Their committee continues to examine our possibilities from every angle and remain in contact with University officials to determine our best options moving forward. The downstairs dormitory in our house was renovated to repair damage sustained last fall from a broken water main. The renovations look great, and the undergraduates are excited to have modernized rooms.

UNDERGRADUATES WORK TO DOUBLE DERBY DAYS DONATION

The undergraduates are fundraising for our 58th Derby Days. Their goal is to double their 2009 donation of \$32,000 to Children's Hospital of Alabama, an impressive amount to raise from ticket sales and small donations. Derby proceeds will also go to the Birmingham Chapter of Catholic Relief Services, which is facilitating earthquake relief in Haiti. Please visit www.bamasig.org to make an alumni donation to Derby Days.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Finally, I cannot begin to describe the untold work put in



*Stan Ingram '10, John Lovett '09,
Chris Peterson '09, Hughes Amberson '09,
Charlie Hamm '09, Grant McCabe '09, and
Tyler Anderson '10 at the National Championship Game.*

by members of the house corporation over the past two years. Managing our 133-year-old brotherhood could be a full-time job, especially with managing our aging facilities and supporting such a large membership. Fortunately, a few dedicated brothers have stepped up to help. **Johnny Frazier '80** is an invaluable asset to us with his accounting background, and **Paul Albano '03** selflessly serves as chapter advisor. Several others add their expertise, but we need more help. There will be many opportunities to donate your time or to give financially in the coming months. Please choose to give back and contact me to see how you can help.

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Chapter Continues Academic and Athletic Success

Recruitment and Successful Derby Days Focus of Spring



I am very excited to be the 2010 consul. I look forward to continuing the success we have already achieved, growing our chapter in the process.

Brotherhood Action Plan Sees Immediate Success

Late last spring, the house corporation worked with the chapter to set up a brotherhood action plan to address individual grades on a semester basis. The plan was designed to encourage high academic standards by providing cash scholarships for excellent G.P.A.'s, as well as to provide support via an alumni mentor for brothers with sub-par grades. This semester our chapter was proud to learn that our fall G.P.A. ranked fifth of the 24 fraternities on campus. We look forward to further academic improvement in the semesters to come.

Success in Intramural Sports

The new school year brought a clean slate for intramural sports. After winning the Crimson Cup last year, we were looking for a repeat with strong performances in football, basketball, and softball.

Pledges Visit Constantine Memorial

Last fall, Magister **Trey Wood '11** incorporated a visit to the Constantine Memorial into the pledge program. The pledges trav-



The chapter honored three Iota Iota WWII veterans at a special dinner in March.

eled to Clayton County, Georgia, to spend an afternoon reflecting on the history of our Fraternity, particularly during the perilous Civil War. The men bonded during the trip, and the excursion was a huge success that we hope to continue every fall semester.

58th Running of Derby Days at UA

This year's Derby will be held April 19-24. If you have questions or would like to help achieve our ambitious fundraising goal, please contact Derby Days Chairman **Taylor Ashy '11** at iotaiota.derbydays@gmail.com and visit www.bamasig.org to make a donation.

Chapter Hosts Dinner to Honor WWII Iota Iota Veterans

In March, the chapter hosted a dinner to honor Iota Iota men that served in The U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. Several alumni and three of the chapter's World War II brothers, **Robert Maxwell '51**, **Bill Cunningham '43**, and **Dick West '47**, attended the dinner. During the ceremony, the veterans were presented with the official Sigma Chi Military Service Recognition Pin by Chapter Advisor **Paul Albano '03**.

Pins were sent to WWII veterans unable to attend. It was a true pleasure and an honor for the Iota Iota undergraduates to meet and share in fellowship with these outstanding Sigma Chis. A special thanks to **Marvin Rogers '75** for coordinating this event.

Alumni Recommendations Needed for Recruitment

I encourage all alumni to contact me with questions about the chapter. If you are ever in the Tuscaloosa area, feel free to stop by the house for a meal or to meet some of the brothers. We are already working toward assembling the pledge class of fall 2010, and need your help finding quality men to contribute to the growth of our chapter. Please contact me or Recruitment Chairman **Justin Wampol '12** at jlwampol@crimson.ua.edu with recommendations for potential new members (visit www.bamasig.org for a complete list of Chapter officers). Thank you for your time and commitment to Iota Iota.

In Hoc,
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Welcome, New Brothers

Jacob Alexander
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Sam Dortch
Fairhope, Ala.

Logan Jaffee
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Seneca, S.C.

Joe Bernauer
Florence, Ala.

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Atlanta, Ga.

Matt McKee
Dallas, Texas

Justin Reeves
Gulf Shores, Ala.

Luke Wakefield
Florence, Ala.

John Blount
Mt. Brook, Ala.

Kevin Hire
Johns Creek, Ga.

Tyler Johnson
Mt. Brook, Ala.

Kyle Melson
Florence, Ala.

Chris Richard
Birmingham, Ala.

Chad West
Scottsboro, Ala.

Dr. M. Neil White '85 Applies Sigma Chi Lessons to Everyday Life



Dr. M. Neil White '85 still remembers the close camaraderie he felt with his Sigma Chi brothers nearly 25 years ago. From freshman pledges to transitioning into young adults, it was a time to be away from family and experience new things.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Neil learned early in his fraternity experience to stand apart from the crowd. "My high school friends went to UA and joined the fraternity that is most popular in Mobile. But I wanted to meet new people," he says. "Sigma Chi felt like a good fit even though I went against the grain of my buddies."

Neil stays involved in Sigma Chi today as a member of the Mobile Alumni Chapter. He hopes other alumni give back and pay tribute for their positive experiences at *lota lota*. "Stay involved in the Fraternity and in the undergraduate chapter by donating what you can, either time or money. Also, remember the values and lessons you learned in ΣX and continuously apply them to your life."

One of the Sigma Chi lessons Neil applies today is that of leadership. A successful OB/GYN physician, he tries to lead by example, by working hard and listening to his colleagues. "Never try to lead by intimidation."

Neil enjoys playing the piano—a hobby since second grade—and the keyboard in local bands. He and his wife, Alison, have two sons, Marshall (13) and Grant (12). He says his most important hobby, besides spending time with his family, is following Alabama football. To contact Neil, e-mail him at whitealineil@aol.com.

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ANDREW UNDERWOOD '02 PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE SIGMA CHI FAMILY



Inspired by his older brother's positive experience in *lota lota*, **Andrew Underwood '02** joined Sigma Chi and gained what he and **List '99** called their campus family. "That family included a great base of friends, a place to live, a place to party and socialize, and a place where I could develop into a productive adult," Andrew says.

Earning a bachelor of science in economics and German, and later an MBA, from Emory Goizueta Business School, Andrew maintained a strong focus on academics and hopes Sigma Chi undergraduates are putting school first. "I saw far too many of my fraternity brothers make bad grades, which they ended up being punished for later with fewer career opportunities. Unlike high school, your decisions have real consequences for the first time."

One of the most rewarding learning experiences Andrew encountered while at the University of Alabama happened while living at *lota lota*. "I loved living in the Fraternity house. I think it opened my eyes to the world far more than any class I ever took."

Now an associate in investment banking at Barclays Capital (formerly Lehman Brothers), Andrew has learned that confidence is key. "Most entry-level jobs aren't anything that talented Sigma Chi alumni can't handle. The way to get ahead and stand out is to do competent work that's delivered in a confident way."

Andrew and his wife, Meredith, live in New York City and have a 1-year-old son, Jack. In his free time, Andrew spends time with his family and says in the fall, even in New York, most of their entertainment revolves around Alabama football.

Sun Belt Commissioner Wright Waters '73 Forever Indebted to Sigma Chi Brothers

As commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, one would have a hard time imagining **Wright Waters '73** would ever feel nervous. But when he arrived at the University of Alabama campus 43 years ago, he was intimidated. It was for this reason that he joined Sigma Chi and found a membership that cared about and sincerely supported one another.

Wright shared in the experiences of the late 1960s and early 1970s with his Iota Iota brothers. "The Fraternity provided us a safe haven to enjoy and explore the world without a lot of risk. In our own way, we were an incredibly diverse group: rich, poor, conservative, liberal, athletic, non-athletic, preppy, hippie, but we all subscribed to one ideal and that was, and is, Sigma Chi Fraternity."



With a motto of "Have a dream and make that dream your life," it's obvious Wright has worked hard to achieve his goals. He has served as commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference since 1998 and is responsible for the athletic interests of 12 universities. Even though his job is high profile, Wright remains down to earth. "Be nice to people on the way up; you will see them

again on the way down," he says. "Respect experience. Never be too big, old, or important to learn something new."

Wright and his wife, Sara, live in New Orleans and have one daughter, Ashley, who works for the UA athletic department. Wright serves on several boards and NCAA committees.

Looking back upon his days at the University of Alabama, Wright says, "Sigma Chi probably saved my life by giving me direction at a time when I badly needed it. For the 200-some Sigma Chi bothers that touched my life, I am forever in your debt. To the undergraduates, the legacy of our class is established, but yours is just beginning—make us proud. We [alumni] are here to help you." E-mail him at luck002@bellsouth.net.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$16,631 with 174 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 contact **Jason Goggins '03** at Iota Iota House Corporation, P.O. Box 1880, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 or write to the house corporation at bamasig@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

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ALUMNI NEWS

1940

William R. Lauten '47 is a widow and lives at Catherine Place Assisted Living Home in Daphne, Ala. He is an avid Alabama football fan and belongs to the Baldwin County Red Elephant Club. Bill reports that many residents of Catherine Place gather each week to sing "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."

Jennings M. "Jay" Byrd '48 went on Honor Flight to view a World War II memorial and met many other veterans. He said he had a super time. Jay is a member of the Whitfield United Methodist Church, where he and his wife, Peggy, maintain the flower beds. E-mail: jaybyrd@knology.net

1950

Joseph H. Booth '56 retired from general dentistry 11 years ago after practicing for 36 years. He enjoys sailing, scuba diving, forestry management, and traveling. Joe's grandson, Josh Weaver, is an active Sigma Chi member of the Eta Rho Chapter at the University of North Alabama.

Charles M. "Tex" Spangler '56 and his wife, Dawn, have traveled a lot since his retirement in 1998. Their trips include steam engine train rides; Tex is a rail fan and model railroader. This year they resumed their interest in horses after not riding for more than 10 years. Tex says he is never too old to have fun in the great outdoors.

1960

William A. Milligan '61 and his wife, Connie, are retired and enjoy visiting their seven grandchildren who live in Charlotte, New York City, and Chattanooga. They

travel as much as they can. Bill fishes and plays golf, but his favorite activity is white water rafting in Idaho. He is a devoted Alabama fan and is active in his church and Rotary. E-mail: wam727@aol.com

Robert H. Everett '65 is an *lota lota* member from the "golden era and loved every minute of it." Bob wasn't initiated at *lota lota* but was "accepted and treated with true friendship and brotherhood, for which I will always be thankful." Bob retired in 2008 and lives in Tuscaloosa, Ala., with his wife, Judy. E-mail: reverett45@bellsouth.net

1970

Jack M. Sammons '74 resides in Memphis, Tenn., and serves as president and chief executive officer of Ampro Industries. He recently took a leave of absence to serve as chief administrative officer of the City of Memphis. Jack and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Jack and Neely. E-mail: jack@jacksammons.com

Chipper Hoyt '79 works at Tuscaloosa Memorial Park and Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel. They are one of city's oldest family owned and operated cemetery and funeral homes. The cemetery was started in 1929 by Chipper's grandfather. Chipper serves as president of the Association of Alabama Cemeteries. He has two sons, Austin (17) and Gray (8). Austin is a senior at Holy Spirit High School and is planning to attend The University of Alabama in the fall.

Douglas A. "Woody" Woodman '79 and his wife, Rita, live in Orlando, Fla. Their oldest son, Joey, is a freshman in Gainesville

and has pledged Sigma Chi. Son J.B. is a freshman at Edgewater High School. Woody says to call him at (407) 399-9277 if you are in the central Florida area. E-mail: bearbryantlives@live.com

1980

Michael A. King '80 has practiced law in New York City for 21 years. He is a partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. Michael and his wife, Leah, have two daughters, Caroline (13) and Catherine (11), both of whom are Crimson Tide fans. E-mail: leahking437@comcast.net

W. Marty Hamner '81 has been a real estate appraiser with Shamrock Appraisals in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for three years. He and his wife, Susan, have three children: Mary, Rachel, and Will. Marty invites alumni to come see them in Tuscaloosa on game days. E-mail: tuscaloosa1@yahoo.com

Mark D. Elms '86 has lived in Raleigh, N.C., for 11 years. In October 2008 he and his wife, Becky, welcomed their fourth child, Andrew, who joins three older siblings Brennan, Brady, and Nora. Mark is a senior executive sales director for P/S/L Group, a pharmaceutical marketing company. He would love to hear from his 1980s brothers. E-mail: markelms@aol.com

1990

Jeffrey W. Fox '98 of Charlotte, N.C., is an account executive with WCCB-TV Fox Charlotte. He and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their first child, a son named Brodie, in July 2009. E-mail: jfox@foxcharlotte.com



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Crimson Tide 2010 Football

Sept. 4	San Jose State
Sept. 11	Penn State
Sept. 18	Duke (Durham)
Sept. 25	Arkansas (Fayetteville)
Oct. 2	Florida
Oct. 9	South Carolina (Columbia)
Oct. 16	Mississippi
Oct. 23	Tennessee (Knoxville)
Nov. 6	LSU (Baton Rouge)
Nov. 13	Mississippi State
Nov. 20	Georgia State
Nov. 26	Auburn

Annual A-Day Barbecue, April 17

Save the date for the annual A-Day Alumni Barbecue on April 17. All alumni, family, and friends are invited to stop by the house for a meal at 11:30 a.m. Help us cheer on our national champions.

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Alumni, your referrals ensure the growth of Iota Iota. Please submit prospect recommendations to Recruitment Chairman **Justin Wampol '12** at (205) 903-1797 or jlwampol@crimson.ua.edu and Chapter Advisor **Paul Albano '03** at (205) 567-4042 or docpja2@aol.com or mail to Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi, P.O. Box 1880, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403.