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CHAPTER HOUSE COMPLETE, BUT CAMPAIGN IS NOT OVER

We Need Your Help to Raise the Last \$323,000

Thank you to all who have contributed financially to the *Legacy Campaign for Iota Iota: Securing Our Future.* To date we have raised \$1,676,527 toward our \$2 million goal. After our first, full semester in our new chapter house, we are happy to report the chapter is stronger than ever and we are doing well at the Capstone. We have listened to your concerns and delivered an outstanding living/learning facility for the men of Iota Iota. Although our construction is complete, our job is far from done.

We have made great progress with our capital campaign, but we need to increase our contributions to ensure our chapter is on a solid financial foundation. The total project cost was \$6.8 million. This is on par with other fraternities on campus, and, in order to compete, building a house of this magnitude was imperative. To reduce our debt and make it much more manageable, we must fundraise the entire \$2 million goal.

The excitement around the chapter house is palpable. We have already seen its help with recruitment and our brothers are proud to give tours. They are taking care of the facility and are being great stewards of your investment.



However, this campaign is so important to continue our success and your help is needed immediately to help us reach our goal as quickly as possible.

- If you have not made a pledge, please do so now. We know you want to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
- Many brothers have taken advantage of our convenient five-year pledge program to maximize their giving potential.
- Remember, since all donations for this campaign go through the University, your gift is tax deductible.
- All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500
 to the campaign, over a five-year period,
 will be recognized on a plaque prominently
 displayed in the new chapter house, and
 donors pledging \$1,000 or more will be
 recognized in campaign publications.
- \$1,000 over five years is just \$200 per year or \$16.66 per month.
- If you know of a brother who has not stepped forward with a gift, encourage him to make a pledge immediately.

The need is huge, and the time is now. Please don't wait, use the enclosed form to make your pledge to lota lota by June 1 so we can make plans for a permanent mortgage on the house. You can also go to www.bamasig.org to make a secure pledge online.

In hoc.

Hon. Quentin Brown '69

Campaign Co-Chairman (205) 212-3900 / qb@brownmediations.com

Dag Rowe '69

Campaign Co-Chairman (256) 533-0202 / drowe@wilmerlee.com

Ralph Procter '81

House Corporation President (205) 823-4414 / procter1@gmail.com

HELP US REACH OUR GOALS

We need your support! Every dollar we don't raise in this campaign, the chapter must fund. Do your part and help us double our participation and reach our \$2 million campaign goal.

Please respond with a pledge by June 1 so we can make plans for a permanent mortgage for the house.

\$2 Million Goal



40% Participation Goal

22% Participation



THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN FOR IOTA IOTA: SECURING OUR FUTURE

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING MORE THAN \$1.67 MILLION

e sincerely thank the following brothers and friends for their dedication to the locary Communication to the locar dedication to the Legacy Campaign for Iota Iota: Securing Our *Future*. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Sigma Chi and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal of \$2 million for funding the building of our new home.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the new chapter house, and donors pledging \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign publications. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to Jason Goggins '03 at jmgoggins@gmail.com.

White Cross Circle (\$100,000 and above)

Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi

Founders Circle (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Quentin Q. Brown Jr. '69 James M. Seaver '69 David A. London '70 Ascik Family Gift Mark Ascik '79 Steve Ascik '83 David Ascik '12 William F. Stiers '86

Jordan Standard Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Walter R. Byars Jr. '48 John "JJ" Hines '49 Maxwell Family Gift Robert H. Maxwell '49 Richard K. Maxwell '74 David Maxwell '76 Alex W. Newton '52 Robert A. Rollings '59 John R. Purdy '62 Steve Kane '65 John D. Blue '70 Carolyn and Jack Neal '71 Chorba Family Gift Jody Chorba '73 Rusty Chorba '78 Eddie Lumpkin '74

Bob Loftin III '79 Cavett Fallis '85 In memory of **Newman Cross** John F. Chapman '99

The Norman Shield **Society**

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Mrs. Martha Bedsole In memory of T. Massey Bedsole Sr. '39 Billy Philips '50 Lt. Col. Bill W. Hoffman '51 A. Paul Owen Jr. '52 W. Wheeler Smith '68 In memory of Leslie and Caroline Smith Tom M. Underwood '73 R. Don Kennemer '74 Mark S. McColl '81 Oscar M. Dalton III '83

Blue & Old Gold Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Dr. Neil White III '85

Chris A. Jones '01

Mike King '84

Anonymous Gelwix Family Gift Cecil Mackey '49 Gray Whigham Jr. '52



Brothers come here to unwind with a game of pool.

Dr. Hurley W. Knott '63 In memory of Coleman Frye, Richard Mason, and Pat Lindsev Charles J. Kittrell '67 C. Richard Parr Jr. '67 Douglas P. Lyle '68 Michael F. Cortright '69 S. Dagnal Rowe '69 Cobb Rogers '70 Charles L. Perry '71 Bert P. Taylor '71 In memory of Wes Lavender '70 Ramon Arias '72 **Christopher Family Gift** John Y. Christopher Jr. '72 John Y. Christopher III '00 Donald L. Johnson '73 Wright Waters '73 Gary B. Clark '79 Warren Hawkins '79 Finis St. John '79 Ralph Procter '81 Chuck Welden '82 Tim Nichols '84 Will Yeldell '86 Rob Howland '89 Sonny Kullman '89

Capstone Sigs Club (\$5.000 to \$9.999)

Charles and Ava McPherson In honor of Steven D. Phillips '95 Harry L. Pennington '41 John Pradat '48

Victor E. Woodman '51 Robert G. Esdale Sr. '54 John Holaday, Ph.D. '66 In memory of

William D. Lowe '68 Hon. C. Lynwood Smith Jr. '66 Jerry M. Taylor '66 Roger C. Williams '66 Bucky Wood '66 Tommy Beason '68 Lt. Col. Louis N. Deangelo '68 Roy V. Elliott Jr. '68 David Hatch '68 William R. Lewis '68 In honor of

William R. Lewis Jr., South Alabama '99 Max T. Patton '68 Reb Beck '69 Robert T. Hunter Jr. '69 Thomas M. Eilerman '70 In memory of Wes Lavender '70 and

Bill Lowe '57 Michael E. Sparkman '70 Walter L. Evans II '71

Campaign **Status** At-a-Glance

As of March 20, 2013

\$2 Million Goal

\$1,676,527 **Contributions**

293 **Contributors**

1,329 **Mailable Alumni**

James D. Whitmire '71 Timothy C. Hennessy '73 Marl Cummings III '75 Bruce Kerlin '80 John C. Dobbs '81 William Henry Halama III '81 Stewart McLaurin '81 Tony Robbins '81 In memory of Carney H. Dobbs '49 Douglas A. Woodman '82 Charles E. Bottcher '83 Phillip Esdale '84 In honor of Robert G. Esdale '54

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The formal room of the new Iota Iota chapter house.



Brothers can relax and watch TV in the common room.

Derby Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

In memory of Judge Richard E. McPhearson '52 I. Lee McPhearson Virginia L. McPhearson Grace M. O'Grady Elizabeth Cunningham Pearce In memory of William Dodge Cunningham '42 In honor of the Class of 1942 Sam H. Wright '61 Memorial Gift Jack P. Strong, M.D. '48 Hugh S. Morrow Sr. '49 Sidney W "Billy" Smyer Jr. '49 Richard M. Warren '49 In memory of Dwight T. Warren '88 James B. Anderson '50 Rev. Ray W. Pradat '51 Jack D. Cummings '53 James W. Greiner '53 John F. Proctor '53 Thomas M. Marr Sr. '54 James R. Beaird '57 Robert E. Corry '57

Warren L. Hammond Jr. '57

James W. Yeldell Jr. '59

Sam H. Wright '61

Harwell E. Coale Jr. '62

Harwell E. Coale Sr. '29

J. Douglas Harris Sr. '38

Gay M. Lake Jr. '60

In memory of

In memory of

Michael L. Harris '65

In memory of

Billy W. Tate Jr. '65

Thomas Roberts '68

Tom Damson '68

Larry Jarvis '68

Rick F. Smith '68

Lix Fruge '62

Larry Sims '63

Norman J. Walton Jr. '68 Dr. S. Robert Hernandez '69 William H. Paceley '69 In memory of Wes Lavender '70 I.D. Turner '69 In memory of William R. King '67 In honor of the Class of 1967 R. Kurry Wyatt, DMD '69 Dennis Clowers '70 In memory of William Lowe John G. "Jack" Lowther '70 Doster L. McMullen '70 Robert H. Pettev Ir. '70 John R. Howard '71 Bruce W. Pylant '71 Steven Shockley '71 Fletcher B. Thornton '71 Stephen E. Horn '73 Bill King '73 In memory of Samuel Clark, Samford 1877 Cecil E. Kimbrough '22, W.C. "Pete" Kimbrough '49, and W.D. "Sunny" King '49 Richard Pearce '73 C. Stokes Ritchie '73 In honor of James I. Ritchie, LSU '46 Wm. Michael Walters '73 Danny Alm '75 Brian A. Perry '75 Lawrence C. Weaver '75 In honor of S. Dagnal Rowe '69 and C. Stokes Ritchie '73 D. David McBride '76 Markel R. Wyatt '76

William M. Johnson III '78

Upshaw Family Gift Jefferson D. Upshaw III '78 H. Walker Upshaw '88 Christie Upshaw Travis In memory of Jefferson Davis Upshaw '25 and Dr. Jefferson Davis Upshaw Jr. '50 Barry H. Sauders Jr. '79 W. Ryland Byars '80 Reginald D. Hyde '80 Joseph S. Redmon '80 Scott G. Williams '80 In honor of the Iota Iota Fall Pledge Class of 1976 Mark A. Bates '81 William L. Middleton III '81 J. Eric Price '81 Gregory N. Bare '82 David B. Harris '82 Roger P. Myers '82 Tom C. Wells '83 In memory of Paul G. Fowler '82 In honor of Marty Fugazzi '86 Marty Hamner '85 In memory of Don Collins '85 George F. Vieth '86 Douglas M. Giffin '88 **Knouse Family Gift** Eric Knouse '88 James G. Carroll '89 In honor of Andrew B. Carroll, University of Miami '58 Luke Standeffer '89 Jimmy Duncan '97 M. List Underwood III '99 Owen Bradley '02 Dennis Rowlen '02 Daniel P. McDow '03 Jackson M. Neal '09 Kilby Newton Hammond '10 Stan B. Ingram III '10 R. Scott Peters '10 Taylor Sanders Scruggs '11 In honor of the Iota Iota Pledge Class of 2008 G. Madison Neal '12

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

Anonymous In memory of Ira De Ment III Ruth De Ment Walter Byars '48 Alex W. Newton '52

Lvnda Newman In memory of Graydon L. Newman Jr. '53 George O. Sparks '48 David L. Clokey '49 Arthur J. Fox '50 Robert C. Holloway '50 W. Gene Hunter '51 Don Newton '56 Robert E. Willisson '57 Frank Helderman '60 David L. Veal '60 In memory of J. Ross Veal II '21 and Ross S. Veal II '46 Joe Aldy '62 Donald L. Avant '62 Joseph W. Lehmann '63 In memory of Dr. J.R. Gossman '64 Charlie D. Yeldell '63 Walter S. Adams Jr. '64 James D. Harris Jr. '64 In memory of J. Douglas Harris Sr. '38 In honor of James Douglas Harris III '90 Harvey B. Morris '64 Ray Walker '66 Ben Rowe '67 In memory of Bill Lowe Rankin Sneed '67 Duncan Hamilton '68 Ed Graham III '68 Robert A. Lacey '68 Joel D. Latham '68 Frank D. Moore '68 Stan Cash '69 Phillip Corazzari '69

Lee F. Meier '69 In memory of Wes Lavender '70 R. Douglas Street '69 In memory of Wes Lavender '70 Gordon Thayer '69 John Wilmer '69 I. Vance Davidson '70 Glen Hamrick '70 Thomas T. Cash Jr. '71 James McGee '72 In memory of David Swindel '64 and James Daniel '73 Frank T. Mastin '74 In honor of Nick Saban H. Chris Gewin '75 Loring S. Jones III '75 William M. Nance '75 Joseph M. Cloud '76 Gary Cameron '82 Hugh Morrow Jr. '83 James C. Esco Jr. '84 Thomas C. DeWine '85 Matthew J. Pappas '85 Gary M. Lake III '86 David M. Jenkins '90 T. Lane Wooley '90 Brett Taylor '91 Steve Phillips '95 Geoffrey R. Mize '97 Ryan T. Eiland '98 Cody D. Robinson '98 William T. Rogers '99 Class of 2007 Michael P. Duggan '07 Chad Porter '07



The Edgar-Earl Garrison Memorial stained-glass window was professionally restored and leads the way to the second floor and chapter room.

CAMPAIGN TRAILBLAZER JIM SEAVER '69 ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK

James M. "The Toad" Seaver '69 is very grateful for his time at Sigma Chi. The camaraderie he initially had with members during rush is what convinced him to join, as well as what led him

to stay involved as an alumnus. "It was a privilege to wear the Norman Shield, and ultimately the White Cross of Sigma Chi, and I am proud to say I am involved with such a prestigious Greek organization."

Jim earned a bachelor of science in industrial management from the University of Alabama. After many years in management for several global corporations, Jim went on to become one of the four founders of AGCO, a global corporation that specializes in the manufacturing, distribution, marketing, and sale of a full range of

agricultural equipment. It is now the third-largest agricultural company in the world, with sales in excess of \$8.5 billion. Jim credits much of his success to his experience as a Sigma Chi. "Being a member of Iota Iota gave me the ability to work with many people toward a common goal. It also helped me communicate with others who had different ideals. I believe Greek life is very important to help young people broaden their horizons in college."

Contributing to Iota Iota is very important to Jim. During the beginning stages of the campaign, he helped the board with fundraising efforts by calling fellow alumni. He also made sure to show his support by giving back. "Sigma Chi did a lot for me, so when they asked if I would be willing to lend my support, I said I would. I've been very fortunate in my business and personal life, so I dug deep and made a donation along with several other brothers; I believe this helped launch the campaign quickly."

"I was initiated in the old house and spent about two years in the new house, so I was lucky enough to enjoy both residences. My hope is by contributing to the campaign, future Sigma Chis will

> have the same positive experiences I had and take away the same fond memories with their new house. It's very rewarding to continue the amazing friendships you make and to stay in touch after all these years."

> Though Jim was unable to attend the dedication ceremony in September, he was back at the Capstone in February for the annual Golden Era reunion. A group of Iota Iota members from the Golden Era gather for a weekend of UA basketball and socializing with the active chapter. "I am very proud of the new house we

have built." For those who have yet to contribute, Jim wants them to know that their support is needed. "Come back and make a contribution. It doesn't have to be a large amount, but even \$5,000 over five years isn't much and it would help the fraternity a lot."

Jim and his wife of 38 years, Susan, live in Duluth, Georgia (greater Atlanta). They have one son, one grandchild and another on the way, "I guess that makes one and a half grandchildren." Jim loves to play golf and travel. Every year his family visits warm destinations that have included Aruba, St. Thomas, Palm Desert, California, and Las Vegas. Jim is also a world traveler, having been to every state in the union and virtually all of Europe, as well as making several business and personal trips to Africa, Australia, Asia, and South America. You can contact Jim at jmseaver@bellsouth.net or on his cell at (404) 386-2708.

Welcome, Fall 2012 Initiates

Jordan Artrip Lexington, Ky.

Evan Ashy *Baton Rouge, La.*

Chris BallaWashington, D.C.

Sam Barnes Cullman, Ala.

Nick Bietighofer Birmingham, Ala.

Jake Bottcher *Birmingham, Ala.*

Jackson Brayman Amherst, N.H. **Geoffrey Brooks** *Daphne, Ala.*

Carter Brown
Birmingham, Ala.

Blake Bryant Scottsboro, Ala.

Hunter Budd *New Canaan, Conn.*

Scott Carpenter *Atlanta, Ga.*

Sam Cherof *Atlanta, Ga.*

Spencer Chisholm *Davidson, N.C.*

Taylor Clark Atlanta, Ga.

Austin Crider Cullman. Ala.

Hayden Cronan *Chattanooga, Tenn.*

Thomas Darby Florence, Ala.

Clayton Davis *Nashville, Tenn.*

Dustin Davis *Alpharetta, Ga.*

Luke Dunn Hoover, Ala.

Jordi Fernandez Miami, Fla.

Kyle Girsch Florence, Ala.

Nick Gravlee Birmingham, Ala.

Andrew Griffin Atlanta, Ga.

Bobby Hansen Concord, N.H. **Taylor Huckaba** *Florence, Ala.*

Sam Inman Atlanta, Ga.

Chris Jayne Hoover, Ala.

Ross Kennedy Mountain Brook, Ala.

Jim Kimbrough Clarksville, Tenn.

Jackson Knousse Birmingham, Ala.

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HONORED TRADITIONS INFLUENCE MEMBERS OF IOTA IOTA CHAPTER

Success in Academics, Philanthropy, and Recruitment Motivates Sigma Chi

It is an honor to serve as Consul during this important time in the history of the Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi. This year promises to bring many opportunities for our chapter to grow and continue to improve, and our brothers are working diligently to make sure we take full advantage of the coming year.

ACTIVES AIM TO IMPRESS AT SPRING PHILANTHROPY

After successfully hosting our 59th Derby Days last year, we immediately began planning this year's festivities under the leadership of Derby Days Chairman Jordan Plank '13. The 60th Derby Days will be held April 15-20, with proceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network. This year's Derby Days will be the first hosted at our new fraternity house on University Boulevard, Iota Iota is working tirelessly to ensure that it will be one of the most successful events to date. If you have any questions about this year's events or our philanthropic efforts, please contact Jordan at ilplank@crimson.ua.edu.

UNDERGRADUATES TAKE PRIDE IN NEW FACILITY

Last fall, we were excited to host hundreds of alumni and their families for the grand opening of the new chapter house, and we look forward to continue welcoming alumni and friends into our new home this year. We're deeply grateful to our alumni and the members of the housing corporation who made our move back to University Boulevard



The fall 2012 executive board with the fall 2012 pledge class.

possible. The house has been an enormous asset to our chapter, providing us with a much better facility to host events, serve meals, study, and hold chapter meetings. It is one of the most extraordinary chapter houses in all of Sigma Chi, and brothers living at the house enjoy the finest accommodations available at the University of Alabama.

From the decades we spent at the end of Jefferson Avenue, we know the character and strength of our chapter is not defined by the size and grandeur of our house. Therefore, it is our responsibility as brothers to uphold the high ideals of our fraternity and build on the rich traditions of the Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi.

FALL PLEDGE CLASS SETS A RECORD AT SIGMA CHI

In order to continue our success, we must continue to recruit outstanding young men to provide new life and energy for our chapter. Last semester, we initiated 51 new brothers—the largest pledge class in chapter history. Collectively, this pledge class' fall 2012 G.P.A. exceeded 3.0. We're proud of their accomplishment and excited about the contributions they will make to the fraternity over the next few years.

As we grow in size, we continue to look for and recruit associates capable of continuing the legacy we have inherited as members of lota lota. Recruitment Chairman Shawn Kestler '15 has already begun planning spring and summer recruitment events. If you have questions about recruitment events or know someone who would make a great addition to our chapter, please contact Shawn at spkestler@crimson.ua.edu.

As we go forward, we remain committed to the challenge given to us in our creed: "to make our college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and our own chapter more honored by all men and women, and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers." In rising to that challenge, we stand on the shoulders of the many great brothers who preceded us and are motivated on behalf of the many more who will surely come after we are gone.

In hoc, **Hudson Riedel '14** Chapter President (256) 762-0119 hpriedel@crimson.ua.edu

(New Initiates continued)

Brooks Kuester Atlanta, Ga.

Ford Lindsay *Atlanta, Ga.*

Hall Lundberg
Mountain Brook. Ala.

Matt Macia Atlanta, Ga.

Jake McLendon *Muscle Shoals, Ala.*

Quinn Meineke Birmingham, Ala.

Graham Miles *Hoover, Ala.*

Tyler Mitchell *Mountain Brook, Ala.*

Drew Moore Concord, N.H.

Drew Parker *Mountain Brook. Ala.*

Dylan Price Naples, Fla.

Evan Procter Hoover, Ala.

Corey Puckett Royal Palm Beach, Fla. **Robert Smith** *Birmingham, Ala.*

Ryan Smith Birmingham, Ala.

Rivers Starkey Florence, Ala.

Evan Thomas *Atlanta, Ga.*

Sam Williams Mountain Brook, Ala.

Brandon Williford *Collierville, Tenn.*

Recommend a Man for Recruitment

If you would like to recommend someone for the Iota Iota Chapter of Sigma Chi, please contact the following recruitment chairmen. We need your recommendations very soon as we're starting to plan for summer and fall recruitment.

> Recruitment Chairmen **Shawn Kestler '15** *Madison, Ala.* (256) 509-2985 iotatiotarush@gmail.com

Brett Pettigrew '14

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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.

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JOIN SIGMA CHI FOR A-DAY

APRIL 20 AT 11 A.M.

The brothers of Iota Iota invite you to take part in our annual A-Day alumni barbecue April 20 at 11 a.m. We will grill for two hours before heading to the stadium for a 2 p.m. kickoff. All alumni, family, and friends of Iota Iota are welcome to join in the fun. We hope to see you there!

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding Iota Iota Chapter, the new house, or the campaign, please contact **Quentin Brown '69** at qb@brownmediations.com, **Ralph Procter '81** at procter1@gmail.com, or **Steve Shockley '71** at steve.shockley71@gmail.com.