



Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future THE CAMPAIGN FOR ALPHA PHI

ALUMNI HELP RAISE MORE THAN \$540,000 FOR CAMPAIGN

Support Still Needed to Reach \$750,000 Goal

The Alpha Phi bond is strong because of our legacy and commitment to Theta Chi. This bond was on display at our inaugural Alumni Weekend on April 10 and 11. It was great to see old friends and laugh like my contemporaries did 30 years ago. It was a good chance for those who have not been back recently to see what needs to be done at the house, as well as the updates already completed. If you did not make it this year, you need to start planning for 2011. With our plan to address mandatory repairs, retire debt, and secure an endowment, we are ensuring the surroundings for our legacies and future pledges.

On behalf of *The Campaign for Alpha Phi*, I thank all of you who have already committed to our project. We would not be at this stage without your hard work, dedication, and generosity. It is gratifying to see so many Alpha Phi alumni step forward with very generous financial support. To date, we have received \$567,850 in pledges and gifts, but we still need \$182,150 to reach our \$750,000 goal.

Consider your own Theta Chi experience—the lifelong friendships, the leadership and social skills you gained, and the values upon which we were founded. Money can't buy the many great memories we acquired as Alpha Phi brothers, but our financial resources can make the difference in keeping our traditions alive for future undergradu-

Campaign Status

At-a-Glance

As of July 23, 2010

\$750,000 Goal

\$567,850 Total

Contributions

121 Contributors

ates. By investing in these outstanding young men, we are fostering the leaders of the 21st century. Your contributions will also help Theta Chi remain competitive on The University of Alabama campus. We need your pledge today! All pledges to the campaign are 100% tax deductible through the University of Alabama.

In appreciation, all donors who pledge \$2,500 or more to the campaign will be listed on a prominently displayed plaque in the Chapter House. Please fill out the enclosed pledge card to ensure you are included on the donor list. If you would like more information about the campaign, please contact me

at (251) 510-6905 or at psmackey@gmail.com. We are all part of a very special bond, and on behalf of all Alpha Phi men—past, present, and future, thank you for your interest in and support of Theta Chi!

Fraternally,
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Wesley Wicker '79 Repays Debt to Theta Chi

As the vice president of advancement at Kennesaw State University and executive director of the KSU Foundation, **Wesley Wicker '79** has seen the ins and outs of what makes an educational institution successful. With 22,500 students, KSU is the third-largest university in Georgia and has been sited as the fastest-growing university in the country over the last 10 years.

Steering a department of 60 people at the University, Wesley reflects on the role that Theta Chi played in his leadership development. "I never received better leadership training than as an officer in the Fraternity. I learned more in the Fraternity about interpersonal skills, team building, and simply getting along with people than I have in any job, work place, or professional association. For this I am deeply indebted to Theta Chi.

"We can never give back an equal amount to what the Fraternity did for us. It's simply a debt to which we can never fully repay. I challenge my fellow alumni to consider the success they have enjoyed in life and honestly say that the Fraternity had no role in the formulation of their values, ideals, and ethics. Theta Chi provided a firm foundation for us to become respectable citizens, successful professionals, and good family men."

For Wesley, repayment to Theta Chi has meant an investment in the capital campaign. "When I pledged

Alpha Phi Chapter in 1975, the house was only about 15 years old. It's now 50. Generations of brothers have come and gone, and there has been a great deal of wear and tear. A group of alumni gave us a new house in 1960. Those brothers who came before us built our house, and we are responsible for building for the next generation.

"Today's young men deserve our support. For the past five years, I have led the officers' retreat for the Chapter. It's been an insightful experience for me. The brothers are proud of our alumni and they

want the alumni to be proud of them, too. Unlike in my generation, however, the house is now at a competitive disadvantage in recruitment and social image. I support the campaign because I want future Theta Chis to enjoy the benefits of an outstanding house, a house in which we can all have pride.

"The Fraternity gave us all a sense of place—a place where we had pride in ourselves, where we had our personal successes, and shared accomplishments, a place where we all belonged. When I go back to our Chapter, I still feel that sense of place."

Wesley lives in Alpharetta, Georgia, with his wife, Kay. They have two daughters, Mara and Mary Elizabeth. Contact Wesley at wwicker@kennesaw.edu.



THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR COMMITTING \$567,850

We are deeply grateful to the following Theta Chi brothers for committing more than \$560,000 to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Alpha Phi Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience by making an investment in the future of Theta Chi at Alabama.

All pledges to the campaign are 100% tax deductible through the University of Alabama and will be reflected in the donor's lifetime giving to the University. With the support of Dr. Witt and the University administration, projects like ours continue to improve the Greek experience at Alabama.

Dale Taylor Honorary Circle (\$50,000 and above)

In memory of Randy Griffin '76:
J. C. Brock '76
Peter S. Mackey '78
Wesley K. Wicker '79
Thomas J. Howard '93

Snake and Sword Circle (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Gregory L. Mullins '85

Builder of Character Circle (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Bryant Family Gift
Gary W. Bryant '76
Taylor H. Bryant '10
Kloess Sons Gift
Larry H. Kloess III '77
Price M. Kloess '79
David H. Kloess '85
In honor of
Larry H. Kloess Jr. '54
Michael D. Sanders '78
In memory of
his father, Billy Sanders
Michael A. Pope '80
In honor of
Ron Garikes '80

Excellence Circle (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Don Bell '61
In memory of
William H. Thomas '63:
Col. Lawrence H. Kloess Jr. '54
John E. Hagefstration Jr. '83
Anthony "Di" DiPiazza '71
Pete Derzis '75
Dr. Charles W. Rush '75
Dr. Rhett B. Murray '82

Dru M. Horton Jr. '98
In memory of
Ellis Porch III '98
Tucker R. Groves '99
Justin R. Truelove '04

Red Carnation Circle (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Holland Family Gift
Dr. Gary E. Holland '85
Taylor L. Holland '11
Scott R. Beal '50
Dr. John W. Ward '77
Dr. David B. Gibson '77
In honor of
the Gibson Family
Bill Hendrich '79
James A. Bruno '83
Alan W. Higgins '82
Frank J. D'Amico '84
Jeffrey W. Culton '86
Robert L. Swann '95
Charles D. Bendall Jr. '10
Jonathan C. Looney '10
Justin Peterson '11
Blake Richardson '11
Michael J. Wright '13

Helping Hand Circle (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

White Family Gift
Jerry M. White '63
William C. White II '95
Brig. Gen. Roland E. Ballow '53
In memory of
Dr. Tony Swider '54
Dale Taylor '69
Dr. Michael B. Kirkpatrick '70
In honor of
Dr. Wanda Gilliam Kirkpatrick
Paul D. Jacobs '76
In honor of
Rice A. Jacobs '73

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete phase I of this major project. All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the Chapter House (and moved to our new home once it is built). Donors at or above \$1,000 will be listed in all 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 advise our campaign coordinator by calling (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction.

William H. Page Jr. '77
Gregory E. Smith '80
In memory of
Lin Hauser '81:
Rick Collins '81
J. Scott Hays '81
R. Andrew Gregorius '89
Robert P. Brady '94
Lucas T. Elgie '05
In memory of
Bill H. Thomas '63
Williams B. Banks '09
Alexander O. Brown '09
Louis J. Carruba '09
Alfred D. Eichold '09
J. Garrett Galloway '09
P. Taylor Galloway '09
Billy J. Strobel '09
Brody R. Summerall '09
Samuel H. Thompson '09
Neal C. Townsend '09
Gamble Cleveland '10
William Cole '10
Beau Dean '10
Matthew Eichenblatt '10
Michael Eves '10
John E. Fearon III '10
Kevin S. Gibson '10
Christopher S. Gray '10
David S. Hamlin '10
Patrick A. Harlan '10
William T. Henry '10
Daniel R. Hightower '10
Michael L. Hogue '10
Henry A. Holliday '10
Mitch Lee '10
Max K. McGill '10
Daniel G.P. Mulroy '10
Paul Pfluke '10
David Russell '10
Will Sanford '10
Andrew L. Sawyer '10
Ben Trammell '10

Cory A. Vaughn '10
Jason Vaughan '10
Teddy Williams '10
Alex Addington '11
Joseph Bolton '11
Blake Cummings '11
Jordan Elliot '11
Scott Ford '11
John Hicks '11
M. Ross Kerwin '11
Greg Komara '11
Andrew Lane '11
Michael Martin '11
Brian D. Matney '11
Joseph McFadden '11
Austin Monceret '11
John K. Morris '11
Michael Nix '11
Adam Presley '11
Jon D. Sanford '11
Christopher A. Skelton '11
James M. Little Jr. '12
Michael W. Russell '12
Travis Bridges '14

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

Jimmy M. Wall '51
James D. Ward '58
John R. Jordan '58
In memory of
Col. Carlton K. Butler
James W. Davis '69
David D. Onosko '80
In honor of
the Class of 1980
Todd D. Nunnelley '97
Jake T. Embry '00
Robert W. Reid '10
Robert D. Rummell III '10
Will Calloway '11
Trey Collins '11
Matthew Reebals '11

ALUMNI WEEKEND A SUCCESS

Theta Chi's Alumni Weekend, held April 9-11, proved to be a great event with more than 35 brothers returning to campus for the festivities. Holding the reunion weekend in the spring allowed for a concentrated time of reminiscing and catching up on one another's lives.

The weekend events brought together alumni and undergraduates, beginning with a cocktail party at the Chapter House on Friday evening and featuring the band of brother **Beau Dean '10**. On Saturday morning **Duane Lamb '76** hosted a tour of the athletic department facilities. Lunch was coastal style and gave us the opportunity to enjoy the Locust Fork Band one more time.

"Our thanks go out to Theta Chi for the invitation to come back to Tuscaloosa and play," said Locust Fork Band bassist Dwight Williams. "We don't get to play in Tuscaloosa as often as we'd like, so it was a real treat to go back and play for the Theta Chi guys again. A lot of good friends and a lot of good memories—I got to see a bunch of guys that I haven't seen for a long time. I hope we get the opportunity to do it again!"

The weekend wrapped up with lunch at the house on Sunday. Based on the positive alumni response, we hope to make this a yearly celebration of our memories and friendship in Theta Chi.



Brothers enjoyed reuniting at the Alumni Weekend in April.