



From the High Alpha's Desk – Alpha-Phi 1339

Greetings from the Alpha-Phi Zeta!

My name is Forrest Lawson Bailey, and I am currently serving as our High Alpha for the spring and fall semesters of 2006. I am currently a Junior with a double major in Biology and Chemistry, and I am proud to be one of the many brothers from Gadsden, Alabama. Last year I served as the High Tau, and I had held the position of High Gamma the previous year.

We are looking forward to another great summer of recruitment. Over the last two years we have recruited over 50 of the best men here at The University. After these successful years, we are poised to start next fall with close to a 90 man house. It has been more than a decade since we have seen such numbers, and we are so excited to see our house reach this mark. We do know that we could not be in this position without our alumni, and I encourage each of you to please send us all recommendations you have for any incoming freshmen that you think could make good Lambda Chi's.

Our increased alumni involvement has been the most impressive aspect of our growth by far. We were blessed to welcome quite a remarkable gathering of alumni at Homecoming this past fall. We are all thankful for each of our alumni who have given so much to us undergrads. I am confident that we could not have seen such accelerated growth without this strong backbone of support. Our house corporation has taken a much more active role in several aspects of our chapter operations, ensuring consistent success every year.

This spring we will be celebrating one year with Judy "Mimi" Strickland, our new housemother. She has done so much with us, and I believe that we now have the best kitchen on fraternity row. Her influence is quite stunning.

Let me encourage all of you to contact me. I can be reached on my home line in Room 5 of the Chapter House by calling 205.348.4284 or my cell at 256.504.3723. Please forward any email comments to my address, baile009@bama.ua.edu. We are looking forward to another successful year.

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Forrest L. Bailey
Alpha-Phi 1339

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- Alpha-Phi Zeta
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2006 High Zeta

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- High Phi: James E. Hedgspeth III of Gadsden, Alabama
- High Pi: Roy T. Gregg of Tuscaloosa, Alabama

A Homecoming Celebration for the Ages

Dear Brothers:

Saturday, October 29, 2005, was a remarkable day. Clear blue skies and abundant sunshine greeted perhaps the largest gathering in history of Alpha Phi Zeta alumni and active brothers. By some estimates, nearly 1 out of every 6 living initiates of our chapter were in attendance. Hundreds more wives, parents, children, and girlfriends filled the chapter house, spilling across the front lawn and backyard. A full buffet, prepared under the supervision of our Housemother, Judy "Mimi" Strickland, satisfied the heartiest of appetites, while the modern sounds of an acoustic duo provided entertainment. Even Big Al stopped by! Despite the age and current condition of the chapter house, our active chapter went beyond the call of duty to have the house looking as good as ever - perhaps with a little extra help from Mimi.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of the inaugural Jerry Dean Hillman Award. As most of you know, Jerry (Alpha Phi 1115), a former High Alpha, died in a tragic car accident in April 2004. His widow, Kimberly, a Tuscaloosa physician, attended the Homecoming event along with her parents. Dr. Richard Krause, a long-time High Pi for our chapter, was recognized as the first recipient of what will become an annual award recognizing a LXA alum who exemplifies the highest ideals of the fraternity. In addition, Forrest Bailey (Alpha Phi 1339), our current High Alpha, was presented with the Charles P. Zuma Scholarship as a result of his outstanding academic and leadership accomplishments.

A special note of gratitude must be extended to Charles McPherson (Alpha Phi 610) for chartering a private bus to deliver a full load of alums (safely, I might add) from Birmingham directly to the chapter house. Given all the years our chapter chartered buses to take us from Tuscaloosa to Legion Field, it was somewhat ironic to see the trip made in reverse!

For all who came by the house on Homecoming- thanks for making the effort. For those of you unable to attend, start making plans to be there this fall. It is becoming an annual event not to be missed. In addition, as the Quad is becoming more and more of a central location for pre-game tailgating (much like "The Grove" at Ole Miss), plans are in the works to establish Lambda Chi Alpha "tailgating central" across from the entrance to Bidgood Hall for all the non-Homecoming home games in 2006- there will be more on this later.

In the meantime, the House Corporation continues to work diligently to improve overall chapter operations. Our numbers are growing, our financial footing is solid, and plans are in the making for great things to come. I look forward to seeing everyone of you on campus sometime soon.

Yours in Z.A.X.,

Michael D. Ermert
Alpha Phi 1004
Vice President, Housing





The Tradition

Epsilon Omicron Six-OH-Two Retires



In recognition of his life-long commitment to the ideals of our fraternity, the inaugural Jerry Dean Hillman Award was presented to Dr. Richard Krause during Homecoming festivities last fall. Despite being initiated at the University of Tennessee, Dr. Krause became one of Alpha Phi Zeta's most ardent supporters. Serving as our chapter advisor for over a decade, Dr. Krause directly influenced the lives of a large number of brothers.

At the end of the 2004/2005 academic year, Dr. Richard Krause retired after three decades of service to the College of Arts & Sciences. With his retirement from the University, the Department of Anthropology lost one of its most respected and longest tenured instructors. He left quite an impression on those who benefited from his acquaintance.

"When faced with potential academic suspension, I approached Dr. Krause and he gave me an opportunity to earn additional credit from a course I'd just finished. When I thanked him profusely he just looked at me and said,

'Brother Tate, every man deserves a second chance.' It's probably the most memorable quote of my college career," said Jonathan Tate. "If Dr. Krause hadn't given me that opportunity, I probably wouldn't have graduated from Alabama and consequently might not have married my wife or have our three children."

"Everything Dr. Krause said seemed like he had been mulling it over for three days, but the best thing about Dr. Krause's advice was that it was always there for the taking- and he wasn't offended if you didn't take it," remembered Woodrow Cannon.

"It was great to have a member of the faculty see things as we did," recalled John Godbold, "but Dr. Krause was much more than just a member of the faculty. He was a brother, and just as active as anyone else in the house. I can remember countless nights just sitting in the foyer talking for hours on end, or at least until the brothers had bummed all his smokes."

Any brother who came through during the Krause years will remember the loudest moment of any chapter meeting. During the roll call, the entire house would chant "Epsilon Omicron Six-OH-Two" after Dr. Krause's name was announced.

"As an associate member, I was quite gullible and Colby Allsbrook convinced me that in his younger days Dr. Krause married a Bantu tribeswoman just to experience the tribal wedding ceremony. Dr. Krause became the only professor that I really knew and talked to outside of class as an undergrad. I truly believe I am pursuing my current course of life, at least partly, because of the influence Dr. Krause had on me all those years ago," said James Davis, who is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Louisiana State University.

For nearly half his time at the University, Dr. Krause served the Alpha Phi Zeta as our chapter advisor, also known as our High Pi. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Greek system was under tremendous scrutiny from the University. In an era remembered for its overt attempts at political correctness, the University was trying to change the image of the Greek system. This came to a head when the University attempted to force a so-called "accreditation" program on all campus Greek organizations. In response, our then High Alpha, Chris Colvin, penned the words that would become legendary at Alpha Phi Zeta- "We respectfully decline to participate."

"Dr. Krause guided us toward doing things the right way - especially when it was not the easiest way," Mike Ermert recalled. "A man of the utmost integrity, fully dedicated to our fraternity and its highest ideals- we all knew he was there for us whenever we needed him and that his advice would be on target."

Originally recruited to head the Anthropology Department in 1974, Dr. Krause served in that capacity for years, guiding it from five faculty members to a steadily growing four-field curriculum with a rigorous graduate program. Dr. Krause attended the University of Tennessee and received his doctorate from Yale University in 1967. He later taught at The University of Nebraska, The Ohio State University, and The University of Missouri before coming to the Capstone.

The Department of Anthropology has established the Richard A. Krause Award to be bestowed upon a graduate student who exemplifies Dr. Krause's commitment to scholarship. Checks can be mailed directly to the Department of Anthropology, payable to 'College of Arts & Sciences, with the notation 'Richard A. Krause Award' to the following address: Department of Anthropology, The University of Alabama, 19 Ten Hoor, Tuscaloosa, FL 35487-0210. For any additional information on the award or contributions, contact Michael Murphy, Department Chair, or Jim Knight, chair of the Development Committee, at (205) 348-5947.

2006 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sept. 2	Hawaii	Tuscaloosa
Sept. 9	Vanderbilt	Tuscaloosa
Sept. 16	Louisiana-Monroe	Tuscaloosa
Sept. 23	Arkansas	Fayetteville, AR
Sept. 30	Florida	Gainesville, FL
Oct. 7	Duke	Tuscaloosa
Oct. 14	Ole Miss	Tuscaloosa
Oct. 21	Tennessee	Knoxville, TN
Oct. 28	Florida International (HC)	Tuscaloosa
Nov. 4	Mississippi State	Tuscaloosa
Nov. 11	LSU	Baton Rouge, LA
Nov. 18	Auburn	Tuscaloosa





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Alumni News & Notes

Lloyd Jones AΦ456 and wife Anne live in Demopolis, AL. Lloyd's grandson Preston will be graduating from Sweetwater HS and attending The Capstone in the fall of 2006 so hopefully we can help the Legacy continue.

Robert Marion Willis, Sr AΦ528 and wife Catherine Jane Colafrancesco Willis have 3 children, Patricia Jane Champion (42), Robert Marion Willis, Jr. (40), Susan Catherine Hall (38) along with 7 grandchildren. Robert is a Retired Educator and is living in Pelham, AL.

Kenneth Edwin Smith AΦ652 and wife Jane Harland Smith live in Hoover, AL. Ken is the owner of Ken's Hardware, Morgan Village. They have two children Kenneth Edwin Smith, Jr. (37) and Melissa Jane Drew (23).

Ray Morgan AΦ721 and his wife Virginia are living in Williamsburg, VA. A year ago Ray retired from the U.S. Postal Service after a 34-year career as a manager in the Engineering and Information Technology organizations. Ray and Virginia moved to Williamsburg VA this past summer and were drawn by the colonial ambiance and the proximity to their daughter and her husband who live in nearby Norfolk. Ray passes along his best wishes to all the Brothers at Alpha Phi for a fulfilling future!

Vader (Al) Pennington AΦ750 and his wife Andrea have 2 children Kate (26) and Anna (22). Al is still practicing Criminal Defense in Mobile and was given the Merit Award in 2005 by the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association for Death Penalty work. Both daughters graduated from Alabama. Kate was a Kappa Alpha Theta and Anna was a Zeta Tau Alpha. Anna was also in ODK, Motar Board and Phi Beta Kappa. Al also joined Terry Falkner, Sid Lyles, Bubber Youngblood, Don Banks, and others in Birmingham for the 3rd Annual Jerry Griffin Memorial Tournament.

Jimmy Carnes AΦ765 writes that he is living in Albertville, Alabama and after serving in the Army for 2 years he has practiced Law for thirty years and is enjoying life. Jimmy is married to his wife Sharon.

Steve White AΦ895 is living in Bakersfield, CA with his wife Sheri. They have two children Stephanie (23) and Shannon (20). Steve is an Underwriting Section Manager for State Farm.

Michael Smith AΦ969 and wife Sandra are living in Hiedelberg, Germany and they have 5 children Sean (17), Christopher (15), Justin (13), Chelsea (12) and Patrick (5). Michael is an Army Instructor Pilot/Detachment Commander.

Rob Stamper AΦ977 and his wife Alisa have 3 children Sarah (18), Colin (13) and Austin (11). They live in Denver, NC. Rob is a Financial Manager.

Joseph Murdock AΦ1026 and his wife Melisa are living in Roswell, GA with their two children Drew (15) and Kathleen (12). Joseph is a Compensation Manager at Bell South.

Chuck Marion AΦ1054 and his wife Teresa and two children Mackenzie (10) and Charlie (2) are living in Clay, AL. Chuck works in Property Development.

Robert Fort Barker, III AΦ1113 and his wife Tracey have one child, Madeline "Maddie" Barker (1) and live in Birmingham. Robert is an Advertising Consultant and owns his own business. He is entering his 9th year as sole proprietor of Barker Advertising. Primary accounts include some 180 McDonalds stores from Arkansas to Panama City (and some in Auburn unfortunately), 12 Furniture stores in Texas, as well as partnering on accounts such as Jim Burke Automotive, Dale's Seasoning and area Real Estate Developers. Robert provides his customers with Creative Marketing and Advertising Solutions.

John Graves AΦ1134 and his wife Irene should have just welcomed their first child about the time this is being read. Anna Sophia Graves is due to join us on April 14th, 2006. John is also an Attorney in Birmingham.

Darrin Bicknell AΦ1138 is married to his wife Jennifer and they have 3 children Brenton (7), Kayleigh Ann (3) and Anna Katherine (1). Darrin is a Cost Analyst and they live in Huntsville, AL.

Cary Arthur White AΦ1149 and his wife Amy have 3 children Connor (12), Erin (10) and Zane (7). Cary and family just relocated to Austin, TX from San Diego to be closer to family. Cary is still VP – MIS for Reliant General Insurance Services in San Diego but is working from home in Austin. Cary is still very much into music and is pursuing the recording/production of his own music in his home studio. You can visit his personal website at www.carywhite.com for family photos and various political rants.

Jason Guthrie AΦ1168 and his wife Jamie have three children Jackson (4), Parker (4) and Carson (2) and are living in Nashville, TN. Jason owns two businesses, Nashville Mortgage and Nashville Title Insurance. Jason says to call him if you need a mortgage in Nashville.

Thomas "Fun Guy" Maddux AΦ1175 and wife Suzanne are expecting child number 3 to join Mackenzie (5) and Parker (3). Thomas and family live in Alpharetta, GA where Thomas is a Sales Manager for Gold Kist. Thomas and Suzy make it to most all of the football games and everyone is encouraged to enjoy some of Tom's grilling sensations at the weekly tailgate!!!

Jason Robinson AΦ1182 is living with his wife Lianne in Winfield, AL. They have two children Emma (5) and Luke (2). Jason is a V.P. of Information Systems for

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Compass Bank in Birmingham. Yes, that's right, he commutes from Winfield to Birmingham. Jason was able to attend the Homecoming Event at the house this past year.

Robert Pierce AΦ1187 is currently living in Cambridge, MA where he is a Bartender/Actor/Grad Student. Robert is studying Jewish Education and is currently bartending at Hard Rock. Robert writes that he got together with Clint Hill and Jack Careenza along with Kimberly Hillman and others for the NYC Marathon

Marvin Seales, Jr. AΦ1189 and his wife Sarah have 2 kids Ridgley Andrew (4) and Patricia Catherine who was born in August 2005. Marvin owns an Insurance Agency in Anniston, AL.

Woodrow W. Cannon II. AΦ1202 and wife Tyson are living in Atlanta where Woodrow is a Network Manager.

Doug Eastman AΦ1223 was married to Hillary Sechter from California on March 18th in London, England where they will reside. Brothers Clint Hill, Jason "Nervy" Bell, Keith "RED" Henderson, Woodrow "Tippy" Cannon, and Jeff Lowery made the trip over the pond for the wedding. Congratulations to Doug and Hillary!

Pat Boyd AΦ1224 is living in Franklin, TN since leaving the active duty Army in 1998. Pat has been married to his wife Paige for 10 years and they have two kids, Jackson (6) and Audrey (3). Pat is teaching AP History at Ravenwood High School in Brentwood and is also coaching varsity football for the 5A State Champions in 2005. Ask Pat to see the ring the next time he's in Tuscaloosa. Pat also requests any brothers in/around/passing through Nashville to give him a call.

Daniel Willson AΦ1225 is living in Crestwood and is an Information Systems Specialist at UAB. Dan is still driving the old 1969 Green Mustang everyday!! Dan is thinking of moving back to Virginia after his 10 years are up at UAB unless someone needs a UNIX system administrator. Dan wants anyone in Birmingham to look him up to hang out... he says to look him up at UAB as there just aren't too many Willson's that are spelled with 2 "Ls".

Jeff Lowery AΦ1226 and his wife Janna just moved back to Birmingham from Memphis in December. Jeff and Janna have two children Brandtley (7) and Braxton who was born in January. Brandtley attends Mt. Laurel Elementary in Chelsea, AL. Janna is a nurse Practitioner with Princeton Hospital in the NICU Department. Jeff is a Sales Manager with The Trex Company, a manufacturer of composite decking and railing products.

Robert Tudor Hill 4 AΦ1227 married his wife Sherri Renee in November of 2004 and honeymooned in Costa Rica. They are living in Tamarac and Rob is a Software Sales Executive.

Rick Dorn AΦ1234 and his wife Lorie welcomed their first child named Alden this past fall. Rick is in Media Software Sales and Lorie is in Pharmaceutical Sales. Rick and Lorie also moved to Highland Lakes in Birmingham last year so it has been a busy one for the Dorn's.

Keith "Philly" Morris AΦ1238 is married to Amy and is living in Decatur, GA. Keith and Amy have 2 children, Charlie and Tommy who was born in August 2005. Philly is working as a Commercial Real Estate Loan Originator.

Joe "Big Daddy" Campbell AΦ1243 and his wife Jillian have one child Kaitlyn (1) and are living in Albertville. Joe owns a Pawn Broker Business.

Matt Hartwell AΦ1245 got married last year to Melissa and they are expecting the first child around the end of September this year. Matt is a Sales Manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and is living in San Mateo, CA. Hartwell has made the journey back from California for the last few years to catch a BAMA road game with several other brothers.

Scott Massey AΦ1246 is living in Lakeview, AL and is married to Tracy and has two kids Alex (4) and Taylor (2). Scott is the Army National Guard Officer Strength Manager.

Hugh Lee AΦ1273 and his wife Jaime have 1 year old twins (Aidyn and Hollyn) and are living in Birmingham. Hugh is working with GE Healthcare.

Jerry Ryan DeRieux AΦ1283 and his wife Lindsey are living in Birmingham where he is an Attorney.

John Allan Gamble AΦ1294 just moved to Birmingham from Philadelphia, PA after receiving a Promotion to Assistant General Manager with the Homewood Suites by Hilton Hotel. He just recently bought a house in the Narrows and is learning how to Fly.

James Darnell AΦ1316 is living in Birmingham and working as an Investment Banker.

Harrison Camp AΦ1319 writes that all the fall 2001 associates graduated after 4 and a half years. Ryan Carl Ezell AΦ1320 is living in Huntsville and owns his own business and recently got engaged. Brad Burton AΦ1321 graduated with a degree in Marketing and is living in Atlanta. Bryan Lee Bryd AΦ1322 graduated with a degree in Finance and Banking and is living in Nashville. Mike Askew AΦ1288 got engaged at a football game this past fall. Comer AΦ1295 passed the Bar and Jim Hand AΦ1292 is getting married in Augusta on April 22nd.

David Wilson AΦ1323 and his wife Olivia Lauren Woodall are living in Birmingham. Per David himself "I'm still Fly".

Chad Bellette AΦ1341 has recently been engaged and they plan to get married in August in Australia.

Legacy! My Father...My Brother...My Friend

The uniqueness did not occur to me at the time, in fact, I was only vaguely aware of it. It proved to be responsible for a great deal of what would soon shape my future and determine my role in it! At the time I pledged Lambda Chi Alpha in 1977, I was not merely an eighteen year old University of Alabama incoming college freshman, I was a Legacy.

The fact that my father Fred Thomas Lackey had also been a Lambda Chi at The University of Alabama, Alpha-Phi 471, seemed to be only a nice coincidence. I had always enjoyed a great relationship with my father throughout my childhood. When it came time for college, he mentioned joining a fraternity. While he did not pressure me to join Lambda Chi Alpha, it seemed to please him when I did. Since my father was an Alabama Lambda Chi Alpha alumnus, this information regarding my father was of some interest and importance to the active brothers. They made sure all my associate member brothers knew about my father and his unique relationship to me.

At this time my concept of brotherhood was undefined, except maybe as teamwork through sports. Since I have no actual brothers by blood, my team mates were my only brothers. Little did I know how that was going to change, so very quickly, in such a powerful and positive way. As my associate member brothers and I went through our final time leading up to initiation, known then as "work week", my sense of this brotherhood concept began to change forever.

During my initiation, my father appeared and told me everything was going to be fine. But I could not understand why he was there; nothing made sense at the time! My parents lived 3 hours from the University and I knew he had to be at work early the next day. Later that night after everything was finished and he prepared to leave, he hugged me, told me how much he loved me and how proud he was that I was a Lambda Chi. In my family we leave nothing unsaid, good or bad, but always in our hearts we know the love we have for each other. I knew then that Lambda Chi Alpha was much the same way. As I look back now, I know he would not have missed my initiation for the world no matter what was happening the next day. Brotherhood, a new relationship, was formed.

During my remaining college years many opportunities arose that solidified and reinforced the lessons of brotherhood. Lambda Chi had many good times such as the "Luau" party which was held every spring, even back to my father's time at Alabama. Fall homecoming weekend, "Formal" dances, chapter meetings, intramural sports, on campus charity fundraisers, sorority swaps, and just everyday informal events served to strengthen our brotherhood. When my father talked about his memories of good times spent with his Lambda Chi brothers while in college at Alabama, they were my brothers also. My Lambda Chi Alpha pin is my fathers' pin. When I wore it to a recent initiation at The University of Alabama, the undergraduates had never seen a fifty year old pin. The Brotherhood of Lambda Chi Alpha transcends the years.

There were also some times that tested the strength of our brotherhood, but ultimately served to strengthen it. Two brothers died during those years on campus from auto accidents and will live in my memory forever. Reece Ennis and Larry Elrod were two opposite personalities in some ways, but both were my brother. Several others have passed away since college, including one who roomed with me while we were associate members. Gerald Alton Peake, Jr. was his full name, but he was Jerry to his friends. Jerry was remarkable in his good humor and friendship. He never met a stranger and my brotherhood with him ran deep. I think of him often and can hear his laughter even now, he is with me always. Brotherhood links us together and lives on.

After my college years, I came to realize the relationships formed professionally at work or socially through church, golf, civic clubs, or other aspects of private life were all based on my sense of brotherhood learned from my father and Lambda Chi Alpha. When I have a decision to make, whether it is family or work related, I often try to imagine what my father would do. Many times I will call to discuss it with him and get his perspective, and he is always willing. During our everyday life we have so many moments of opportunity to impact each other, and it is our choice how we approach them. It is in fact, all we really can control. I am by no means perfect, none of us are. However, I know when I stray from the correct path and ask for forgiveness, it will be given. The life lessons of my father and the brotherhood of Lambda Chi Alpha formed my perspective and attitude, teaching me to live my life to the fullest in a caring compassionate way. I learned the core values of faith, hope, love, mercy, compassion, leadership, friendship, teamwork, volunteerism, cooperation, and so many other personality traits which went into forming who I am. These same values had formed my father and had guided him through his life. The spiritual strengths of Lambda Chi Alpha were burned into our souls ... never to fade.

My father entered the University of Alabama in 1951 and pledged Lambda Chi Alpha. He graduated as an Industrial Engineer, and served his country with the 25th Infantry in the Korean War. He met my mother while at Alabama, and had kept in touch often while in the Army. My mother was a Delta Zeta at Alabama, as are my two sisters, my wife and my daughter, but that's a different Legacy story for different publication. He retired from the Army Corps of Engineers in 1986, and still works as an engineer consultant with the National Missile Defense program. My parents currently live in Huntsville, Alabama and recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in June 2005.

I write this to honor him and let others know the power of a Legacy relationship. My father was there at my beginning, has stood by my side throughout my life and will be there when my ending comes. Everything I am, or have striven to be, is a testimony to God, my father and the Faith, Hope and Love of the Brotherhood of Lambda Chi Alpha. So you see, I am very proud to be a Legacy . . . Alpha-Phi 957 . . . and as my seventeen year old son moves towards his future I promise to always be there for him.



Fred Lackey
Luau 1953

Who is Fred Thomas Lackey?
Well, by now I think you know.
He is my father by birth...
He is my brother by fraternity...
but most of all...
He is my best friend by choice!
To my father in Z.A.X., I love you...

By: Thomas Ogden Lackey
Alphi-Phi 957



Tom Lackey
Luau 1978

A Political Career is Born

In this edition of The Tradition we are spotlighting brother Mason Dyess. Mason is a new initiate from Mobile who serves as our Risk Management Officer and Higher Education Day Coordinator. He also represents our house in Order of Alpha, the Greek honor society for freshmen. Outside of the house, Mason is involved in the Freshman Forum, which is an honor and service society for select freshmen. In this post, he organized the Youth Summit, where high school seniors met to discuss issues that are pertinent to the State's welfare.



We are quite proud of Mason, since he was just elected to serve in the SGA Senate, representing the College of Arts and Sciences. Brother Dyess hopes that this is just the beginning of a bright political career.

1981 Luau - Find Yourself on a Day to Remember!





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Are you old enough to remember the fraternity house next to Denny Stadium?



Did you cut through the hedges to get to class?
 Do you remember the "Polynesian decor" in the basement?
 Does the "grubbing room" mean anything to you?

If so, let us hear from you. We want to gather any stories and old photos we can find from the old days at the Lambda Chi house that used to be at the northwest corner of Denny Stadium. If you have anything to share, send it to alphaphizeta@gmail.com or visit www.alphaphizeta.org.

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What's New Around AlphaPhiZeta.org

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Have you visited our web site, alphaphizeta.org, lately? There has been a lot of construction underway, but we didn't need hammers and saws. We have released a new version of our web site that serves at the central hub of communications for all of our members and alumni.

Our forum provides a way for all of the brothers to communicate and share messages about Alpha Phi Zeta and about life after college.

Our new Newsletter page lets you download our most recent issue of *The Tradition*. You can also submit your story ideas and alumni news for consideration in the next issue.

Our online Address Book provides the most up-to-date listing of our alumni. You can check your own data by logging into the Address Book with the username "alphaphi" and the password "deltapi". If we need to make any corrections, use our online Update Form to send us your latest information.

Our new History section is a delight to read. Thanks to the hard work of Tyler Kemp, we have captured many interesting tidbits about the early days of Alpha Phi Zeta.

Finally, we have a Rush Recommendation form where you can recommend any qualified young man who would make a great member of Lambda Chi Alpha. This is a great way you can help ensure the continued vitality of your fraternity.

We plan to add an area where members can share photos, both old and new, with the brothers of Alpha Phi Zeta.



Help Us Stay Connected

Please send us an updated address or tell us about your latest activities.

There's no better time than now to become reconnected with your brothers.

Send your news & notes to alphaphizeta@gmail.com or visit us at alphaphizeta.org