



Alpha Phi TIDEings

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- House Corporation professionally cleaned and updated the Chapter House over the summer
- Alumni are invited to tailgate with Theta Chi brothers at Quad at all home football games
- Alpha Phi alumni attend a birthday party for **Ron Garikes '80** and an ALS fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who sent a personal response after having read the first edition of our renewed newsletter. Some were from brothers I have not spoken with since the late 1970s, and some were from brothers I have never met. The message in all of them was pretty consistent—reading the newsletter brought back fond memories of Alpha Phi and Tuscaloosa.

Over the summer the House Corporation cleaned and updated the Chapter House. The collegians are enjoying the updates, and all alumni are welcome to visit and enjoy them, as well.

In July, I flew to Indianapolis for the Theta Chi National Convention. Not having attended a convention since 1980 in New Orleans, it was quite an experience. I went there for a specific purpose. Howard Alter turns 90 this year and all former Field Staff were invited back to honor this great Theta Chi. Those of us lucky enough to have worked for or with him know what a great person he is and know all that he has done for our Fraternity.

In August, my wife, Carol, and I were in Birmingham for **Ron Garikes '80** 50th birthday party. Ron and his wife, Carla, had the party in conjunction with a fundraiser for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). There was a good crowd of folks. **Bud Garikes '79** flew in from Washington, D.C., **Mike Campbell '80** drove down from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and **Mike Pope '80** came from Huntsville. **Steve Autrey '80** and **Bobo Gilpin '80** drove up from Montgomery. Locals included **Greg Smith '80**, **Mike Washburn '77**, **Robert Baugh '79**, and **Scott Cardwell '80**.

Football season has kicked off, and the Crimson Tide are off to a great start with the overwhelming defeat of the Clemson Tigers. This is going to be an interesting season with all of the freshmen who will be playing, and we hope to see lots of Theta Chi alumni returning

to campus for the games. Look for e-mails from **Gary Bryant '76** giving a rundown on game day activities at the house this fall. As an aside—sports analyst Danny Sheridan spoke at the Mobile Bar luncheon and said that Alabama should be competing for a BCS bowl next year or the year after.

Finally, if someone told you they heard about the newsletter but did not get one, please send us their name and contact information so they do not miss the next issue. Make sure to stop by the house this fall!

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Jeff St. Clair '78 and Anthony Montalto '78 tailgate at the Alabama vs. Clemson football game. Theta Chi will be hosting tailgates at the Quad before all home football games.

ALPHA PHI WINS HOWARD R. ALTER AWARD FOR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Collegians Continue Tradition of Excellence at Alabama

Story Highlights

- Alpha Phi honored at Theta Chi National Convention with Howard R. Alter Award
- Alumni recommendations and undergraduate dedication result in 44 new members
- Theta Chi will have lunch and tent at the Quad for alumni and families at every home football game

I hope everyone had a great summer and is excited about the football season. The Alpha Phi Chapter was busy this summer recruiting new members to join our brotherhood. The hard work that was done by our excellent recruitment chairmen, **Kenny Crow '10** and **Clay Looney '10**, paid off and we have a new member class of 44 sharp young men from all over Alabama and the Southeast. Thank you to all of the alumni who sent in suggestions and recommendations.



Members of the 2005 pledge class took a break from school and enjoyed Theta Chi brotherhood in Key West, Florida, last spring.

The Alpha Phi Chapter won the Howard R. Alter Award for the fifth year in a row. Every undergraduate and alumnus member should be proud of the precedent for excellence our

Chapter has set for Theta Chi chapters across the nation.

Garrett Galloway '09 and I had the opportunity to meet **Jason Berryman '06** while working in Houston, Texas, this summer. In a city like Houston, the third largest in the United States, seeing a familiar Theta Chi face was a welcomed relief. Jason moved to Houston after accepting a position with Hess Corporation and completing the MBA program at Alabama. Even though we did not know each other very well, the three of us had many great conversations and shared stories and undergraduate memories of Theta Chi. Meeting Jason gave me a different perspective of Theta Chi membership and made me realize what undergraduate members take for granted, such as eating dinner together, hanging out at the house, and our brotherhood.

The Chapter invites all alumni and family to the house if they are in town. This year the Chapter will offer lunch and have a tent on the Quad for every home football game. Homecoming is always an exciting time at the University, and we will have a celebration the weekend of November 1 for all family and alumni at the house. I am looking

forward to this semester with anticipation that our Chapter will once again accomplish great things.



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Michael Russell '09, Taylor Galloway '09, Neal Townsend '09, and Garrett Galloway '09 cheer on the Crimson Tide at Bryant-Denny Stadium. Theta Chi will be hosting lunch at the Chapter House and tailgating at a tent on the Quad for alumni and families during all home football games this fall.

Welcome, New Members

Jay Blankenship
Birmingham, Ala.

Drew Dennis
Birmingham, Ala.

Tom Florence
Houston, Texas

Jake Cole
Birmingham, Ala.

Drew Dolan
Fairhope, Ala.

Greg Foster
Atlanta, Ga.

Patrick Coyle
Atlanta, Ga.

Tres Eichold
Mobile, Ala.

Will George
Huntsville, Ala.

Gonzo Davila
Mobile, Ala.

Jake Efinger
Nashville, Tenn.

Gaines Gibson
Mobile, Ala.

Trip Demoss
Nashville, Tenn.

Zach Fisher
Nashville, Tenn.

Matt Harris
Nashville, Tenn.

Mitch Florence
Atlanta, Ga.

Philip Hill
Atlanta, Ga.

Jesse Martin
Huntsville, Ala.

Alex Odom
Birmingham, Ala.

Austin Seals
Hoover, Ala.

Austin Hilyer
Mobile, Ala.

Mason McCullough
Hoover, Ala.

Jack Pendergast
Atlanta, Ga.

Britt Smallwood
Cullman, Ala.

Will Hollingsworth
Birmingham, Ala.

Dylan McDonald
Mobile, Ala.

Wesley Pope
Huntsville, Ala.

Taylor Smith
Montgomery, Ala.

Chaz Johnson
Atlanta, Ga.

Matt McGarvey
Jacksonville, Fla.

Corey Roberts
Mobile, Ala.

Taylor Trent
Mobile, Ala.

Austin Jones
Birmingham, Ala.

Joe Montgomery
Atlanta, Ga.

David Robinson
Montgomery, Ala.

Joe Wharton
Nashville, Tenn.

Palmer Loggins
Gainesville, Ga.

Grant Morgan
Birmingham, Ala.

Jake Rogers
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Kurt Wilson
Hoover, Ala.

Davis Looney
Nashville, Tenn.

Brad O'Brien
Birmingham, Ala.

Jonathan Rummel
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Spencer Wonderon
Jacksonville, Fla.

Alpha Phi Is a Family Tradition

Spotlight on the Kloess Family: Larry Jr. '54, Larry III '77, Price '79, and David '85

When **Larry Kloess Jr. '54** joined Theta Chi in 1952, he wanted to be with friends he already knew in the Fraternity, meet new ones, and find a home away from home. Not only did Larry Jr. find friends in Alpha Phi, but he started a family legacy.

Larry Jr. has fond memories of Theta Chi. "One favorite memory is meeting my wife on a blind date at a sorority house." Larry Jr. also remembers traditions such as Alabama football and Homecoming. "We built an alligator float for the Homecoming game against the University of Florida." Although Larry Jr. remembers all the football games, parties, and Fraternity events, his most valuable Theta Chi experience was the camaraderie, long-lasting Alpha Phi friendships, and valuable life lessons such as leadership and loyalty.

Three of Larry Jr.'s sons, **Larry III '77**, **Price '79**, and **David '85**, carried on the Kloess legacy by joining Alpha Phi. "It was in our blood," said David. Going to the Fraternity house and to football games was a part of growing up in the Kloess family, and they all came to appreciate what Alpha Phi had to offer. "I loved the camaraderie. There were a lot of great guys at the house, and they made you feel right at home," remembered Larry III.

While at The University of Alabama, Larry Jr. received a bachelor's degree in arts and sciences and a law degree. He went on to become a colonel for the Air Force Judge Advocate General department and was chief legal counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Alabama. Larry Jr.'s leadership skills were important in his career. "You assist others and mold them to succeed you in leadership positions. You can never lose sight of the best interests and the well-being of all members of your organization. This will contribute to everyone's success."

Although Larry Jr. has been an effective leader in his career, his leadership has even more of

an impact on his family. "I have always tried to go beyond what is necessary in providing records of achievement and improving on prior successes. Dad always provided leadership and a role model," said Price. "Everything begins and ends with leadership," said David. "Accountability is the most critical thing that an organization can have."



The Kloess family: Branch, Larry III '77, Price '79, David '85, Jean, and Larry Jr. '54

Because of the example their father gave them and their experiences at Alabama and in Alpha Phi, all of the Kloess sons have gone on to successful careers. Larry III earned a degree in healthcare management and a graduate degree in hospital administration and now serves as a division president for Hospital Corporation of America in Nashville. Price earned a bachelor's degree and medical doctorate degree and is now an ophthalmologist. He is the founder and medical director of Alabama Vision Center in Birmingham. David earned a degree in commerce and is a partner at Windham Brannon, a public accounting firm in Atlanta.

"My experience in Theta Chi has been all the more special by having a father and two brothers that are Fraternity brothers.

Theta Chi truly is a second family."

LARRY KLOESS III '77

Today the Kloesses still return to the Alabama campus and Alpha Phi Chapter House for football games. "Our history is there, and it's hard to ignore," said David. "Keeping up with the brothers is important; I realize how important those relationships are," said Price. Larry III said, "I'm close friends with these guys even after 30 years. When we see each other, it's like time has stood still. I can't imagine going to Alabama

and not being a part of a fraternity like Theta Chi. My experience in Theta Chi has been all the more special by having a father and two brothers that are Fraternity brothers. Theta Chi truly is a second family."

In addition to keeping up with Alabama football and Theta Chi, Larry Jr. enjoys spending time with his wife, Jean, his sons, Larry III, Price, Branch (a lawyer in Montgomery, Alabama), and David, and his 11 grandchildren.

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How to Be a Bama Fan

According to Gary Bryant '76

1. Bama fans know and sing the fight song whenever it is played.
2. Bama fans arrive at the game no later than 30 minutes prior to kickoff and promptly prepare for the "Roll Tide Roll" insertion into the chorus of "Sweet Home Alabama."
3. Kickoffs require that everyone in the stadium stand. Bama fans yell "roollll" until the kicker kicks the ball, "tide" at the time of the kick, followed by a quick "roll." At that time it is okay to sit down for the moment.
4. Bama fans proudly support the standing and cheering of the team during heated action. Never ask a fan to sit down during play—you should stand up, as well.



Enjoying themselves during the Alabama vs. Clemson game are Trey Collins '11, Jeff St. Clair '78, Zac St. Clair '11, Bill Hendrich '79 and Michael Nix '11.

5. Bama fans understand a great deal of thought goes into the hiring of head coaches. The University would never terminate a coach during the season. Therefore, we support our staff to the fullest during the season and never suggest one's removal at any level.
6. Bama fans never sell a ticket to an opposing team's fan—not under any circumstances.
7. Bama fans always attend games. If you can't make the game, make sure another Bama fan has the opportunity.

8a. Bama fans, aware the visiting team is in total awe of the Quad and surrounding tailgating experience, always offer a cordial greeting, something to eat and drink, and make them feel at home in preparation for the whipping they are about to get!

8b. Bama fans have great respect for all opponents and applaud visiting teams, injured players, visiting fans, and visiting coaches. One exception, see 8c.

8c. While Bama fans show class before, during, and after the games, booing should be restricted to flagrant fouls by opposing players or moronic calls by officials. Our team and coaches should never be booed under any circumstances. However, it is acceptable to boo University of Tennessee and Auburn players as they run onto the field. It is a flagrant foul for them to even step foot on Bryant-Denny Stadium (BDS) turf.

9. Bama fans know every Bama chant and cheer, and therefore there is no need for "the wave" while at BDS or on the road. Should an effort to start the wave occur, the fans should immediately break into "Yea Alabama."
10. Bama fans know and respect the school colors. Only crimson and white team-wear is acceptable. By the same token, orange in any form or fashion is unacceptable!
11. It is the responsibility of fans to pass down Bama's rich history to future generations. Annual visits by fans, children, and grandchildren to the Theta Chi house, BDS, the Bryant Museum, and Denny Chimes are the very least that is required to educate those to follow.
12. Early development of a Bama child includes training to instantly recognize Big Al and yell "Go Bama" and "Roll Tide."
13. Bama fans never leave a game until it is over. We must be there for Rammer Jammer out of respect for the University and its teams!

In Coach Saban We Trust!



Bill Hendrich '79 and his wife, Helen, enjoy the Alabama vs. Clemson football game. Alumni are encouraged to bring their families for Theta Chi tailgating at the Quad for all home football games this fall.

2008 Crimson Tide Football

October 4 Kentucky

October 18 Ole Miss

October 25 at Tennessee

November 1 Arkansas State

November 8 at LSU

November 15 Mississippi State

November 29 Auburn

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ALPHA PHI ALUMNUS IS A MUSIC LEGEND

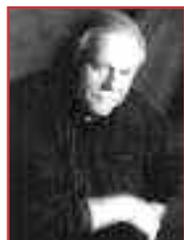
Spotlight on Barry Beckett '65

BY MIKE SANDERS '78

Story Highlights

- Barry Beckett joined Theta Chi because it was a good fit for him and the members were down to earth
- Barry was a member of the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section and worked with famous artists such as Paul Simon, Bob Seger, and Rod Stewart
- Barry was awarded Producer of the Year at the CMA Awards for producing Hank Williams Jr.'s "Born to Boogie"

In the summer of 1976 I was lucky enough to meet one of the greatest legends in music business, our very own Alpha Phi **Barry Beckett '65**. Growing up in Sheffield, Alabama, I was always aware of the recording industry in the Muscle Shoals area. The summer after my sophomore year at Alabama I found out that Barry was an Alpha Phi alumnus, and I gave him a call. Barry told me that when he was at The University of Alabama, he felt that Theta Chi was a good fit for him because the members were down to earth.



When I met Barry he was very gracious, and I was awed by him. He allowed me to visit Muscle Shoals Sound Studio at night and watch as tracks were being recorded. I met and had conversations with Wilson Pickett and Kim Carnes. Barry was also producing a song that summer by Mary McGregor. I hated the song and thought it would never be a hit. Later that year, "Torn Between Two Lovers" hit number one on the pop charts—so much for my music career.

Barry is best known as a keyboardist, who has worked as a session musician with an amazing array of notable artists on their studio albums, and

as a record producer. He is also a member of one of the finest studio rhythm sections in the world, the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section. Composed of Jimmy Johnson on guitar, Roger Hawkins on drums, David Hood on bass, and Barry on keyboards, the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section was formed in 1967 and played sessions in New York, Nashville, and Muscle Shoals.

In 1969 the group set up their own recording studio, Muscle Shoals Sound Studios. They were the first rhythm section in the U.S. to have the unique concept of owning a recording studio, as well as publishing and production companies.

Barry's first production with Roger Hawkins created the Mel and Tim classic "Starting All Over Again." Barry and the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section became world renowned as musicians and producers, working on classics such as "Respect" by Aretha Franklin, "Mustang Sally" by Wilson Pickett, "Kodachrome" by Paul Simon, "I'll Take You There" by The Staple Singers, "Old Time Rock and Roll" by Bob Seger, and "Tonight's the Night" by Rod Stewart. They have played on

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ALUMNI UPDATE

John R. Jordan '58 reports that from 2002 to 2003 he was a classical music announcer on KEDM 90.3 public radio in Louisiana. He still plays his 1926 King alto saxophone in a band. He also played a short time in a dance orchestra. He resides in Monroe, La., with his wife, Shirley. They have three children: Fred, Keith, and Rose. E-mail: saxonenow@jam.rr.com

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Michael A. Pope '80 of Huntsville, Ala., is married to his college sweetheart, Andrea. They have two sons, Brandon and Wesley, both Bama students. Mike is the operations manager for Phase IV Systems Inc., and Andrea works for Huntsville Middle School.

Greg E. Smith '80 has been married to his wife, Lane, since 1980. Their son, Evans, is a senior this fall at Alabama, and their daughter, Mary Grace, is a sophomore Alpha Delta Pi, like Lane at Auburn. Greg is a vice president at Regions Bank and manages transportation and mail services. E-mail: grege.smith@regions.com

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A BAMA WEEKEND IS EVERY WEEKEND IN THE FALL

Tailgate with Your
Theta Chi Brothers

Tickets for the game, \$120

Travel to Tuscaloosa and the Fraternity house, \$200

Football weekends at the Capstone, Priceless!

Theta Chi welcomes all alumni and their families to lunch at the Chapter House and parties on the Quad for every home football game. Visit with brothers you have not seen for years! A new feature if you have not heard is the Greek colony on the Quad, where Theta Chi will have about 500 square feet of tent for shade, ample food for all, refreshments, and big screen TVs. Plan to make as many trips to Tuscaloosa as you can, and don't miss Homecoming on November 1!

Spotlight on Barry Beckett '65

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more than 500 LPs, garnering more than 75 gold and platinum LPs and continue to turn out hit recordings each year. Barry says that, looking back, Paul Simon was the artist he was most excited to work with.

In the fall of 1972, Barry became a member of the historic band Traffic. Their hit "Shootout at the Fantasy Factory," released in January 1973, reached the American Top Ten and went gold.

In 1985, Barry left Muscle Shoals for an A&R position with the Nashville, Tennessee, branch of Warner Bros. He began by co-producing Hank Williams Jr.'s "Mind Your Own Business" and "Born to Boogie" and won a CMA award for Williams' number seven country hit "There's a Tear in My Beer."

Barry says his proudest moment was winning Producer of the Year at the CMA awards for "Born to Boogie." In addition to Hank Williams Jr., Barry has produced and played for Vince Gill, Dolly Parton, Wynonna Judd, George Jones, Phish, Kenny Chesney, and Alabama while in Nashville. Barry was inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in 1995 and is destined to be inducted as a member of the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame.

Barry resides in Hendersonville, Tennessee, and would love to hear from brothers of Alpha Phi. You can write to him at 104 Stonebrook Lane, Hendersonville, TN 37075.



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If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME From Newsletter Editor Mike Sanders '78

I want to take some time and thank all of you who are working hard to make *Alpha Phi TIDEings* a success. I told **Gary Bryant '76** that the job of newsletter editor is great because all the contributors make me look good. If you have any suggestions about articles, please let me know. We have an incredible number of alumni who are leading very interesting and successful lives, and we want to share their stories. Alumni updates may be sent to me at capstone56@comcast.net.

TIDEings will also introduce in the next issue a regular column written by **Bill Hendrich '79**. Bill has agreed to be our Dr. Phil and will be answering your questions about parenting, careers, financial planning, politics and weight control. If you have any questions for Bill, please send them to me and I will forward them to Bill for his expert analysis. Remember, no question is too trivial.

Again, thanks to all for your help and support. I hope to see you this fall in Tuscaloosa, and I'm looking forward to the next issue of *TIDEings*.



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