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"Last Homecoming On Jefferson Avenue" — featuring Alumni Bands of Brothers



ctober 5th – Join us on Saturday afternoon, immediately following the Homecoming Football game versus Georgia State, for The Last Homecoming on Jefferson Avenue. It will be our last Homecoming at our current house.

The post-game party will feature two rock and roll bands playing music from

the 60s and 70s. Brothers Don and Duane Lamb will reunite with band mates of **PURE & SIMPLE.** The Lamb brothers were Tuscaloosa natives who pledged in the early 70s. Duane graduated in 1976 and Don in 1977.



Pictured: Brothers Don ('77) and Duane ('76) Lamb.

Why sit in traffic after game? Why sit in a tent on the quad, when you can come over to the fraternity house for refreshments, a meal and a great party with your fellow alumni.



INSTANT KARMA, a popular '80s era band on fraternity row is also reuniting for this special occasion. The band includes Alpha Phis Keatings John '87 (left) and Greg Mullins '85 (right) and band mates Bart Mastin and Phil Proctor. Also, performing with Instant Karma will be Woodward '81. Chuck and his older brother Steve "Shad" Woodward '78 are Huntsville natives.



Pictured: Greg Mullins ('85)



Pictured: Chuck Woodward ('81) Keatings John ('87)



Pictured:

The newly revived Alumni Association and Alpha Phi House Corporation will host the event with your favorite beverages, and our traditional "Fried Chicken Dinner" reminiscent of Maxie and Lucille's best meal under a "Big Top Tent" in the back yard.

We encourage you to bring your wife or significant other to the house after game. Come early, stay late, and have a great time. For fifty years of alumni, this Homecoming will be our last chance to have a party at our house. Let's show the undergraduates how we used to do it in the 60s, 70s and 80s.





Alumni Mourn the Loss of Ron Garikes



Ron Garikes '80 passed away on April 30, 2013, after a long struggle with ALS (aka-Lou Gerig's Disease). Ron will long be remembered for his winning smile and fun-loving personality. He was a stalwart football and baseball player in high school, and later anchored our line on Alpha Phi's championship intramural football teams in the late seventies.

(from Wesley Wicker): Ron, affectionately known as "Tojo", served as Rush

Chairman of the chapter in 1978. Ron's older brother, Bud, had served as chapter president the year before. As a pledge brother of Bud's, I preceded Ron as Rush Chairman and worked closely with Bud when he was president of the chapter. A year later, I succeeded Bud as president and appointed Tojo as Rush Chairman. I had an unique opportunity to get to know the entire Garikes family, and to see how much the fraternity meant to both of these outstanding brothers.

Bud summed it up in his eulogy of his younger brother: "My dad would like to ask the Theta Chis in the congregation to stand up, so we can publicly thank all of you who stood by Ron and helped our family over the last seven years. (More than twenty-five alumni stood). "Brothers like Greg Smith, who visited Ron every week for more than five years, Mike Pope and Scott Cardwell were with Ron through the good times and bad. As it has often been said, the men in your fraternity



will be there when you walk down the aisle to get married, and walk up the aisle with you when you pass away. So, it

will be true today with my brother Ron, who loved Theta Chi."

Ron was the former Chief Operating Officer of the Karlsberger Companies and a founding partner of Garikes, Wilson and Atkinson, an architectural firm. He was a former president of the Society of Marketing Professional Services and a Distinguished Lifetime member. Ron married his college sweetheart, Carla Gregg, soon after they were graduated. He is survived by his father Arthur, Brother Bud, sister Sandy, wife Carla and their two daughters: Katherine and Laura Garikes Riley.

In the last issue of Alpha Phi Tidings, we listed all of the contributions *In Honor of or In Memory of* brothers. I omitted a gift by **James D. Lewis '75** in Memory of the late **Victor Simonetti.**

Chapter Eternal

We have been notified of the deaths of the following alumni. Several of these notifications came from the Alumni Office at the University of Alabama. We do not have details on the dates of their passing, but their names have not been previously published by Alpha Phi Tidings:

Robert Mudd '05 Phil Cala '79 Thomas M. Sheets '49 Collins J. Roundtree '49 Ralph Slate '48 William Omer Fry '48 David A. McGarry '47 Glenn L. McDuffie '47 Everett L. Harper, Jr. '47 William P. Gore, Sr. '47 William R. Walker '46 Wilby W. Whitt '45 Louis J. DeSabla '44 Thomas G. Smith '43 Clare D. Sherwood '43 Laurence R. Hendrickson '43 Harry J. Pfieffer '42 George C. Axtell '42





Yelverton Family Supports the Campaign



scar Harrison '55 and his two sons, Harrison '81 and Robert '85 have made significant contributions to the Capital Campaign for our new chapter house, Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future.

"The [first] Theta Chi house was a clapboard structure on the quad in my day and had it not been for the support of generations of brothers, the house my sons enjoyed on Jefferson Avenue would not have been possible," Oscar stated.

"As in 1961, I'm pleased the fraternity is thriving and in need of a new larger home and believe every member of the Theta Chi Brotherhood should give to ensure the future and legacy of Theta Chi at the University."

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"Born of sturdy manhood, Nurtured by resolute men" is a Fredrick Norton Freeman (Founder of Theta Chi) quote I memorized as a pledge," Harrison '81 remembered. "Due to the good stewardship of the brotherhood, Theta Chi has been and continues to be a leading fraternity on Alabama's Campus. I am encouraging brothers from every class to be "resolute men" and give what you can to keep the traditions of Theta Chi moving forward for future generations."

Some alumni have questioned why we need a new chapter house.

"Change is inevitable," Robert '85 stated. "It's our memories that are indelible. While all my memories are tied to our current house on Jefferson Avenue; I'm excited about Theta Chi's progress and future. I see the same excitement in the pledges and actives today as in my years at the University and feel it is important to pay it forward so the future generations of Theta Chi's receive the same support from the brotherhood as my class enjoyed while at the University."

The Yelverton Family's contributions have earned a naming opportunity in the new house recognizing more than one hundred years of fraternity membership between the Oscar and his two sons.

On-line Giving Available

Alabama—Theta Chi Fund by going on-line at http://www.ua.edu/giving.html or simply Google UA.edu/givng.

On the left side of the page, click "Make a Gift" and the first box will ask: "Where would you like your gift directed?" Click the arrow and scroll down to "Greek Housing Funds."

The click the second box and scroll down to Theta Chi. Then, click the third box that states "Gift/Pledge Type."

You may make a gift via credit card, bank draft of your checking account or recurring billing. Many brothers have taken advantage of this method of giving, because you can give a little each month that adds up to a considerable commitment over a period of time.

All Gifts are Tax Deductible

All contributions to the campaign are tax deductible according to the current IRS regulations.

Gifts of Stock

Several brothers have given appreciated stock as campaign contributions. Making a gift of stock is relatively easy. Your broker may transact an electronic stock transfer. The University's SAL account number is 8334-8170. UofA's Tax ID#63-600138. The DTC #0750.

The University brokerage firm is Sterne, Agee & Leech Inc. 205-414-7258, and if you have any questions call Cynthia Johnson at the University of Alabama at 205-348-0759.

The Advantage of Gifting Stock

By giving appreciated stock, the contributor avoids paying capital gains tax that would be due if he cashed the stock and made a contribution. Additionally, you get to claim the entire amount of contributed (the fair market value of the stock on the day of the transfer) rather than you actual cost value.

Alumni may also consider giving "depreciated" stock by selling the stock, claiming the investment loss against your income on your tax return, and claiming the amount of cash contributed. This may be an attractive alternative if you have a stock that you want to shed, and you are attempting to lower your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax returns.









Giving By Class Year

The following brothers have made contributions, or they are currently paying on multi-year pledges towards the new chapter house campaign

William W. Gullett '44 George P. Morris '46 Scott R. Beal '50 Jimmy M. Wall '51 Brig. Gen. Roland E. Ballow '53 Earl J. Hadaway '53 George W. Hall '53 J. Carlton Parker, Jr. '53 Charles A. Pichelmayer '53 James H. Rives, Jr. '53 Col. Lawence H. Kloess, Jr. '54 H. Oscar Yelverton '55 Thomas E. Hamilton '56 Harold Woodman, Jr. 57 John R. Jordan '58 James D. Ward '58 Neal Thistle'59

Thomas Kimbrough Keller, Sr. '62 Dr. John D. Bonds '63 The Late William H. Thomas '63 Jerry M. White '63 Samuel P. Givhan '65 Stanford Golden '65 David M. Green '65 Thomas L. Renick '65 Bobby W. Vick '65 John R. Wynn '66 C. Benton Burroughs, Jr. '67 H. Dixon Forrester '67 Ronald D. Watts '67 Ralph Cassell '68 Brad Daughdrill '68 William E. Gardner '68 George P. Nelson '68 Carl Walker Segars '68 Jimmy W. Davis '69 Dean Allan Gambrell, Sr. '69 Lt. Col. Terry Neil Lewis '69 Michael J. Mazenko '69 Col. Richard Harding Priest '69 Ben Sims '69 Dale Taylor '69

J. Thomas Griffin '70 Edith B. Griffin Drs. Wanda and Michael B. Kirkpatrick '70 Nick Parnell '70 Anthony "Di" DiPiazza '71 Willis S. Estes '71 George W. Feigley, Jr. '71 Donald B. Henderson, Sr. '71 Samuel A. Dipiazza, Jr. '72 Fulton S. Hamilton '72 Herbert L. Forsythe, Jr. '73 Dr. Alan D. Stevens '73 Mason D. Wilkins, Jr. '73 Tom Barnett '74 The late Barry L. Mullins '74 John Crysel '75 Waymon Findlay '75 Patrick P. Hughes '75 James D. Lewis '75 Janet S. & Michael Mann '75 Kirby Montgomery '75 David F. Pylant '75 Dr. Charles W. Rush '75 Michael D. Williams '75 Robert J. Abernathy '76 Gary W. Bryant '76 Pete Derzis '76 Paul D. Jacobs '76 Col. Duane A. Lamb '76 Frank Weber '76 Dr. David B. Gibson '77 Larry H. Kloess III '77 Daniel L. Mosley '77 Joseph G. Musick '77 William H. Page, Jr. 77 Edward B. Parker II '77 Dr. John W. Ward '77 Greg Wren '77 J. Kenny Crow, Jr. '78 Jon Mark Glenn '78 Peter S. Mackey '78 Robert R. Baugh '79 Michael E. Case '79 Curtis Finch '79 George "Bud" Garikes '79 Robert E. "Bobo" Gilpen '79 Bill Hendrich '79 Price M. Kloess '79 Wesley K. Wicker '79

Carla and the late Ron Garikes '80 Dr. Michael Hilton '80 David Onosko '80 Michael A. Pope '80 Gregory E. Smith '80 Jeffrey Scott Teel '80 John Adams '81 Frederick G. Collins '81 J. Scott Hayes '81 Brain Henry '81 Dr. Thomas Lewis '81 James "Skip" Thompson '81 Harrison O. Yelverton '81

W. Alan Higgins '82 Steven E. Jones '82 Dr. Rhett B. Murray '82 Robert R. Orr, Jr. '82 James A. Bruno '83 John E. Hagefstration '83 Frank J. D'Amico '84 Dr. Gregory L. Champion '84 Charles E. Grelier '85 Dr. Gary E. Holland '85 David H. Kloess '85 Charles P. Lichty '85 Gregory L. Mullins '85 John R. Page '85 John A. Shelton '85 Thomas G. Solomon '85 John Yeager '85 Robert J. Yelverton '85 Zach Azar '86 Jeffrey W. Culton '86 Michael D. Ross '86 Joseph D. Tommie, Jr. '86 Ben C. Avers '87 Randy Owen '87 Dennis R. Slepsky '87 Dan Sparrow '88 Stephen F. Vickery '87 Howard H. Ross '88 Lee D. Wagner '88 Robert L. Cater '89 Chris Glenos '89 R. Andrew Gregorius '89

Matthew D. Anderson '90 Mark Borden '90 Trey Crabb '90 Christopher DiGiorgio '90 Michael P. Donlon '90 Roger W. Dubble '90 Jim FitzGibbon '90 Thomas K. Keller, Jr. '90 Burk Lindsey '90 Kelly A. McGriff '90 Toby Roth '90 William H. Bolen '91 Philip Corley '91 S. Christopher Still '91 Derek Simpson '91 Grant Haines '92 Joshua C. Cummings '93 Lynn Brooks Howle '93 Robert P. Brady '94 Ben W. McLeod IV '95 Brian D. Mitchell '95

Robert L. Swann '95 Todd D. Nunnelley '97 T. Michael White '97 Dru Horton '98 William C. White II '99 Tucker R. Groves '99 David C. Reed '99 Justin Sherer '99

Jake T. Embrey '00 Kip A. Nesmith '00 Daniel B. Powers '00 Matthew L. Peters '04 Justin Truelove '04 Lucas T. Elgie '05 Timothy H. Price '05 Thomas Rice '05 Christopher T. Richards '05 David S. Drummond '06 Nick Wright '06 Brad Daughdrill '07 Alfred D. Eichold '09 lames C. Galloway '09 Taylor Galloway '09 John E. Fearon '10 Kevin S. Gibson '10 C. Scott Gray '10 Teddy Williams '10 Beau Bolton '11 Matthew R. Harris '11 Taylor L. Holland '11 Michael J. Wright '11









Lost Alumni

The following alumni are "Lost." We have no contact information on them. If you know how to get in touch with any of the brothers listed, please send contact information to *Wesley Wicker at wwicker@sinclairtownes.com or call 404-213-4446*.

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Gary, Gordon, P., 1966

Powell, Leslie, D., 1966

McCullar, James, R., 1968 Smithson, Harris, D., 1968 Wilhelm, William, H., 1968 Flack, Eric, G., 1969 Jordan, James, L., 1969 Ray, Ben, R., 1969 Taylor, Dale, L., 1969 Gilmore, Randall, J., 1970 Scott, Cecil, B., 1970 Henderson, Donald, B., 1971 Voller, Steven, D., 1971 Busch, James, H., 1972 Fuhr, James, W., 1972 Keith, Frank, W., 1972 Roberts, Steven, M., 1972 Stehle, James, E., 1972 Bolton, John, O., 1973 Dinkins, William, R., 1973 Shamburger, Marcus, E., 1973 Simmons, James, S., 1973 Vickers, Richard, W., 1973 Young, William, B., 1973 Colley, James, R., 1974 Murray, Stephen, C., 1974 Sandlin, Paul, M., 1974 Webb, Tommy, S., 1974 Dawson, Steve, K., 1976 Love, Dennis, M., 1976 Morriss, Jesse, E., 1976 Shout, Robert, S., 1976 Syx, Randy, 1976 Voss, Alfred, R., 1976 Wise, James, D., 1976 Anderson, David, A., 1977 Caine, Stanley, M., 1977 Ellis, Robert, B., 1977 Gardiner, David, B., 1977 Jones, Dewey, R., 1977 Patton, Steven, A., 1977 Smith, Richard, B., 1977 Davis, G., Vic, 1978 Devaney, Alan, J., 1978 Vonier, Scott, D., 1978 Fiveash, William, B., 1979 Griffith, James, A., 1979 Hase, Thomas, A., 1979 Rogers, William, R., 1979 Campbell, Michael, R., 1980 Higgenbotham, John, 1980 Terranova, Barry, G., 1980 Church, Charles, B., 1981 Smyth, David, H., 1981 Teague, David, K., 1981

Pears, Robert, M., 1982

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Brown, Aaron, D., 2001 Oyler, Joseph, V., 2002 Sparks, Matthew, G., 2002 Williams, Taylor, B., 2002 Leopard, David, L., 2003 Calloway, Randall, B., 2005 Dominick, John, M., 2005 Reynolds, Andrew, 2005 Thomson, Colby, V., 2005 Wainscott, William, 2005 Henson, Blake, T., 2006 Hicks, J., Brannon, 2006 Hudson, Jarrett, V., 2006 Echols, Patrick, J., 2007 Lowery, J., Harrison, 2007 Moore, Travis, A., 2007 Spencer, James, B., 2007 Brown, Alexander, 2008 Price, Travis, E., 2008 Schmidt, Michael, T., 2008 Eichenblatt, Matthew, 2010 Hightower, Daniel, R., 2010 Mote, Steven, K., 2010 Pugh, Jason, R., 2010 Skelton, Christopher, A., 2010 Bingham, Charlie, 2011 Calloway, Will, 2011 Cole, Caleb, 2011 Collins, Frederick, 2011 Kerwin, M., Ross, 2011 Leach, Franklin, 2011 Robertson, William,, 2011 Seals, Austin,, 2011 Smith, Taylor,, 2011 Covington, M., Tyler, 2012 George, William,, 2012 Kennemer, T., Caleb, 2013 Moody, B., Garrett, 2013 Bridges, Travis, 2014







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Pictured:

House Corporation Officers present Dr. Robert Witt, Chancellor and former President, with a Citation of Honor from the National Fraternity at a lunch meeting held at the University Club last summer. L-to-R: James Bruno, Wesley Wicker, Dr. Witt, Logan Austin, Pete Mackey, Duane Lamb and Frank D'Amico.







