

# A PUBLICATION OF THE ALPHA PHI CHAPTER OF THETA CHI

**FALL 2010** 

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# THE CAMPAIGN FOR ALPHA PHI NEARS \$600,000 RAISED

- Your Support Needed to Increase Donor Participation
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s Theta Chi brothers, you are no doubt extremely proud of Alpha Phi for its outstanding accom-Iplishments and recognize our need to ensure the future of our great Chapter. We are grateful to those of you who have generously stepped forward to contribute \$581,900 to The Campaign for Alpha Phi. It is great to see so many wholeheartedly believe in and support this vital project.

Please take a few moments to look over the donor list on page 2 and acknowledge our brothers who have

> joined the effort to provide a secure future for Alpha Phi. We wish to thank these alumni for their generous donations. However, only 126 of 1,272 brothers have stepped up and shown their support of this vital campaign thus far. That translates to just 8.7% alumni participation.

I am confident we can do better. We all had a great experience at Alpha Phi and know it has made a difference in our lives. I am asking you to give back in honor of what Theta Chi means to you and the difference it made in your life.

To date, we are \$168,100 short of reaching the \$750,000 goal, and we need the support of all brothers to achieve success. We are making significant progress in our renovation goals, and we need YOU more than ever to help us accomplish the rest.

I am extending a challenge today: Join those of us who have stepped up by signing and returning the enclosed pledge card or by extending or increasing your existing pledge right now. You can also pick up the phone or send an e-mail to encourage your peers to meet this challenge.

Please don't put it off any longer! Send in your gift today and help us celebrate the legacy of Theta Chi at the University of Alabama with as many commitments as possible.

Fraternally, Peter S. Mackey '78 (251) 510-6905 | psmackey@gmail.com

## Campaign Status At-a-Glance

\$750,000 Goal 126 Contributors

# As of September 24, 2010

\$581,900 Total Contributions

# Justin Truelove '04 Gives Back to a Cause Close to His Heart

career in marketing has taught Justin Truelove '04 that success is all about relationships. Even as an undergraduate at the University of Alabama, it was friendships from high school that introduced him to the Greek world and Theta Chi.

"I wouldn't trade my time at Theta Chi for anything. Finding that connection plugged me in to the whole university. With the recommendations of my brothers, I got involved in student government and served as chairman in 2003."

Justin's involvement in the Chapter has extended beyond his time in college to a position as secretary for the Alpha Phi House Corporation. His belief that Theta Chi is a positive place for today's undergraduates to excel academically and socially motivated Justin to support the Chapter's capital campaign.

"Since I am in marketing (specifically in the financial services industry), I tend to look at most things as a brand. Our brand of Theta Chi must have an image of being on the cutting edge. We have to stay on pace with the cultural and technological changes throughout campus. Recruitment is about competition and the claims the Chapter makes must be backed up with good services and facilities.

"The fraternity afforded me so many opportunities. I learned from my time in Theta Chi that I have the ability to take charge of a difficult situation, and that I can fit in with anyone. It is important to give back to a program that gave me so much in terms of networking, mentorship, and friendship. And, really, what's better than being able to give to something so close to your heart? I hope that everyone is able to give at some level to the campaign to show their support of the Chapter and to represent their class.'

Justin resides in Homewood, Alabama, with his wife, Jordan, a U of A graduate and Delta Delta Delta alumna. He fills his free time with golf, hunting, and Alabama football. Justin can be reached at justintruelove@gmail.com.

# THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR COMMITTING \$581,900

The are deeply grateful to the following Theta Chi brothers for committing more than \$581,900 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.

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete phase one 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.

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

In memory of Randy Griffin: 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)

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

Bryant Family Gift
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In memory of
his father, Billy Sanders
Michael A. Pope '80
In honor of
Ron Garikes'80

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In memory of
William H. Thomas '63:
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Anthony "Di" DiPiazza '71
Pete Derzis '75
Dr. Charles W. Rush '75
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In memory of
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Tucker R. Groves '99 Justin R. Truelove '04

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Dale Taylor '69
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In honor of
Dr. Wanda Gilliam Kirkpatrick
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Trey Collins '11

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# SUCCESS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED

#### NEVER RESTING ON THE PAST

read something after our last football game that explains, at least in part, why Coach Saban is so successful. According to the article, he was phoning recruits on his way back to the hotel from the Rose Bowl. How many other coaches can you imagine going back to work an hour after they won the Big One? He understands that last year's national championship only goes so far. This is true in the fraternity world as well. Some recent visitors to our home offered good examples of this idea.

My wife, Carol, and I hosted two leadership education consultants from international headquarters early this fall. We discussed a lot of the chapters I visited more than 30 years ago and which they had visited in the last year. Very few of the chapters that were strong back then have maintained that position. In fact, two of the strongest chapters I visited have shut down. Some of the chapters that were barely keeping their heads above water are now thriving. Though such an ebb and flow is normal in the fraternity world, it has never been an acceptable norm for Alpha Phi.

Alpha Phi has remained strong over the years because we have done the same thing that Coach Saban does—we put each year, and its accomplishments, behind us and start out like we are in last place. There have been times that we have rested on our laurels and paid the price for a few years, but Alpha Phi's will to excel has always come through. As **Pete Derzis** '75 told me long ago, we have maintained our position over time by being, man for man, the most responsible group on campus.

#### RECOMMEND FUTURE ALPHA PHIS

On the enclosed biographical update, you will note that there is a section to recommend future Alpha Phis, be they legacies or other men you think would make good members. The House Corporation is working hard this year to identify these young men early on and include them in the Chapter's recruitment plans. Our goal is to increase the number of legacies and friends of the family who become Theta Chis. We are looking for those young men who understand that what they do during their time at the Capstone will be the springboard toward a successful career. Please take the time to let the undergraduates know of young men they should be recruiting.

#### FALL NEWS AND EVENTS

The Chapter had a successful recruitment, pledging 39 young men. **Gary Bryant '76** has been working hard on a slate of home-game events at the Chapter House. Look for his e-mails.

Though I will be remaining with the House Corporation, I will be stepping down as president at our fall meeting. It has been a wonderful experience reconnecting with my fellow House Corporation members and with alumni from all over—some of whom I had not seen in 30 years. Please come by the Chapter House one Saturday this fall; you will be glad you did. We look forward to seeing you.



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# Alpha Phi Remembers Bill Thomas '63

If you are reading this newsletter, the odds are very good that you knew, or at least knew of, William Holcombe Crawford Thomas '63, better known as Brother Bill. He was a dominant figure in the Alpha Phi Chapter for over 50 years, touching the lives of generations of brothers from the 1950s well into the 21st century until his death on January 18.

Bill was Chapter president when the house was built in 1961 and alumnus advisor when the now not-so-new wing was added in 1971. On a national level, he was one of the longest-serving and best-known volunteers, receiving almost every national fraternity award.

If you served the Chapter in a key leadership position, then chances are you knew a Brother Bill that fewer of us knew. Particularly at difficult times, you knew the wiser Brother Bill, whose compassion ran deep and whose advice was never forced upon you but could always be counted on to help you make mature, fair, and reasoned decisions.

He used his gifts as an educator at inner-city A.H. Parker High School in Birmingham, where he taught history before retiring to Montgomery. At the request of his family, Theta Chi brothers served as honorary pallbearers at his funeral. Brothers from the 1950s though the 2000s were represented, along with alumni from at least six other chapters and undergraduate brothers from Birmingham-Southern. I believe it safe to say that there will never be another Bill Thomas among us, and, undoubtedly, our fraternity is better for his generous presence and influence.

Written by Marvin McConaghy '72

# Recruitment Sees New Legacies Emerge

he start of the 2010 school year marks the beginning of another championship football season, as well as another outstanding cycle for Theta Chi Fraternity here at the Capstone.

#### Spring Victories for Alpha Phi

There were several notable events during the spring semester. We successfully held our first alumni weekend, which was a big hit for both the alumni and undergraduate members. We once again finished third among fraternities in overall G.P.A. with a 3.0. And Steven Mote '10, Trey Collins '11, and I were initiated into the 97th class of Jasons. These events, among others, marked a positive semester for the Chapter.

#### Legacy Boom and Summer Travels

Recruitment Chairmen Jake Rogers '12 and Davis Looney '12 led new member recruitment this year. They brought together an excellent class of future Theta Chis, featuring numerous legacies which included nine younger brothers. This summer, Jonathan Rummel '12, Ross Kerwin '11, and I traveled to Orlando, Florida, for our national conference where we were sad to see fellow Alpha Phi, Dale Taylor '69 retire from the Grand Chapter.

#### New Developments and Traditions Continued

The House Corporation has generously purchased new furniture for the Chapter, which will make it look better than ever. We will be providing pre-game lunches at the Chapter House for every home football game this fall, beginning at 11 a.m. So, bring the family and enjoy an Alabama football game day along with the brotherhood of Theta Chi. Please stop by the Chapter House next time you are in Tuscaloosa and say hello or grab a bite to eat.

Fraternally, Drew Dolan '11 Chapter President ardolan@crimson.ua.edu





Top: Brothers Matt Harris '11 and Tom Florence '12 prepare their sailboat at the Chapter's beach trip in Gulf Shores. Bottom: Drew Dolan '11, Christy Dawson, and Matt Harris '11 at the band party in Tuscaloosa following the Chapter's Cahaba River float trip.

Welcome, New Members

# UNDERGRADUATE **SUCCESS**

Will Steel '11, pictured above, is the newly elected treasurer of ambassadors for the Capstone College of Nursing.

Davis Looney '12 and Grant Morgan '12 were two of 50 Greek students to attended Greek Summit with Campus Crusade for Christ in the month of May. Attendees came from schools around the Southeast, including Ole Miss, USC, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. Davis began leading a Bible study this fall.



Fairhope, Ala.

**Chris Dorris** 

Birmingham, Ala.

Gadsden, Ala.

**Swinton Griffith** 

**Anthony Calao** Waco, Texas

**Ryan Coleman** Atlanta, Ga.

**Harris Barnard** 

**Cameron Bledsoe** 

Southlake, Texas

**Fulton Boggs** 

Memphis, Tenn.

James Borland

Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Dothan, Ala.

**Chris Cooper** Montgomery, Ala.

**Charles Davis** Niceville, Fla.

**Matt Demaline** Alpharetta, Ga.

Will Derzis Charlotte, N.C.

#### **Chad Dolan**

J. D. Gilbert

Atlanta, Ga.

Jake Gurkin Birmingham, Ala.

**Matt Hanford** West Palm, Fla.

**Colin Hunt** Fairhope, Ala.

Josh Lavey Celina, Texas

**Carter Looney** Nashville, Tenn.

**Daniel Martin** Dothan, Ala.

#### **Tatum McCurdy** Atlanta, Ga.

**Gaines McGill** Atlanta, Ga.

**Daniel Mims** Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Davis O'Brien Vestavia Hills, Ala.

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**Matt Pears** Birmingham, Ala.

Evan Pierce Birmingham, Ala.

Simon Propst Birmingham, Ala.

Hal Rhea Gadsden, Ala.

**Andrew Russell** Vestavia Hills, Ala.

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Jonathan Sheldon Fairhope, Ala.

**Jack Shelton** Atlanta, Ga.

**Jonathan Sickles** Birmingham, Ala.

**Jeff Sprague** Antioch, Ill.

**Andrew Thrash** Birmingham, Ala.

**Eliott West** Nashville, Tenn.

**Conner Wiegman** Oakland, Calif.

**Ben Wilkinson** Atlanta, Ga.

**Bernard Zieman** Mobile, Ala.

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# Witnessing History

# Taylor Bryant '10 Interns at the Winter Olympics

ver the years, I have been presented with great opportunities, including attending the University of Alabama and becoming a brother of Theta Chi. About a year ago, I was offered an internship with NBC Sports and its Olympic marketing and hospitality program. I accepted and in February set off to Vancouver to begin my month-long internship.

Over the course of the Olympics, a total of 1,600 NBC executives, talent, and special guests enjoyed prime time events, accommodations at the Four Seasons hotel, transportation, and just about anything else they could ask for. I worked alongside 25 interns to make sure our guests had a smooth and worry-free experience. I was assigned to a particular group and went wherever they wanted to go. This could include anything from heading up to Whistler Village to snowmobiling to attending an Olympic event.



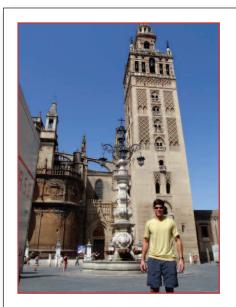
Taylor Bryant '10 experienced the winter Olympics firsthand as an intern for NBC Sports and its Olympic marketing and hospitality program.

Highlights of my experience were attending the opening and closing ceremonies, living in the Four Seasons for a month, and going to seven hockey games, including the USA semifinal game and the gold medal matchup against Canada. I also witnessed Shaun White win the gold in the men's halfpipe in record-setting fashion. Most of all, I enjoyed spending an evening with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his wife at, interestingly, men's ice skating. He is one of the most hilarious and nicest people I've ever met.

Since my internship was a month long in the middle of my last semester of college, I decided to put off graduation until this December. That way I get another football season! I am extremely grateful for the opportunity NBC Sports gave me.

Roll Tide!

Taylor Bryant '10



# Steven Mote '10 Teaches in Spain

fter graduating in May, Steven Mote '10 began preparations for an international adventure. In August, he left for Spain to teach for the Council on International Educational Exchange program. His first stop was in Sevilla for an immersion course, where the program teaches and improves new teachers' Spanish and cultural understanding. The immersion lasted for one month and then Steven moved to a small town called Cabra where he began his teaching assignment. The assignment will run from approximately October 1 through June 1, 2011.

Steven will be a language and culture assistant for a school with children ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old. He will give students an example of a native accent, along with providing first-hand examples and experiences of American culture. Steven's journey can be followed at: www.spain-nolimits.blogspot.com.

# The Theta Chi Fraternal Brotherhood: Beyond Friendship

he fall of 2003 was one of the most overwhelming experiences of my life. Moving away from home, trying to learn a new city, and starting classes at a huge, public institution were just some of the many challenges I faced. All the while, I was trying to become a member of Theta Chi and spending time with my 45 pledge brothers, including fellow Mobilians Cody Smith '07, Matt Donaghey '07, and Taylor McMullen '07.

While we are a few years removed from those days, we still manage to keep in touch as often as we can, whether it is vacation, weddings, or just a simple phone call. I am thankful for the brotherhood that created a lifetime of friendships among the class of 2003. It may have led to even more since Cody is dating Matt's sister. Here's to great, future Christmas gatherings!

Fraternally, S. Brad Daughdrill '07



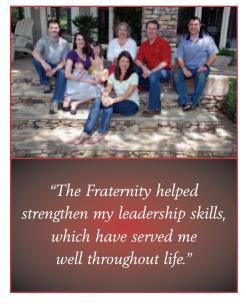
Matt Donaghey '07 and Cody Smith '07 (center), with Kyle and Suzanne Donaghey, carry on their Theta Chi friendship.

# Duane Lamb '76 Leads Life Centered on People

had several good friends in Theta Chi and saw the fun and camaraderie that the Chapter members had. I wanted to be a part of that type of brotherhood," said **Duane Lamb** '76. "Theta Chi meant a great deal to me as an undergraduate from an academic and social development standpoint." In Theta Chi, Duane enjoyed many activities, from football games to trips with his brothers. He served as vice president of his pledge class, assistant social chairman, and as an SGA senator. "The fraternity helped strengthen my leadership skills, which have served me well throughout life."

After receiving a B.S. in education and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force on the same day, Duane entered a vocation involving both service and leadership. For 30 years Duane served in the Air Force, at one point commanding more than 1,400 airmen while

deployed to Balad, Iraq. Prior to his 2007 retirement, Duane was presented with numerous prestigious military awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal for his service and combat action. Duane now holds a master's degree in public administration/organizational management. He works for the University of Alabama as the assistant vice president of both the facilities and grounds departments—areas that total more than 550 employees.



"Strong leadership is essential for the success of any major organization. Whether leading an athletic team or commanding troops in combat, leadership demonstrates confidence, expertise, and a sense of caring for others. It will engage fellowship that displays loyalty, respect, pride, dedication, and a desire from others to get on board and make even the toughest task successful."

In every sphere of life Duane works to understand the balance it takes to manage priorities and always keep people at the center, whether they are co-workers or family. Duane's family includes his wife of 34 years, Kimberly, their three children, and two grandchildren.

"Always strive to improve yourself and those that work for you. Treat everyone with dignity and respect. I believe in the motto Mission First, People Always. As a leader, you can demand

loyalty but you must earn respect, partly by working as hard or harder than you would like others to work. Most importantly, never place your job before your faith or your family. Take time to smell the roses, and do so with the ones you love."

Contact Duane at dlamb@fa.ua.edu.

# AN UNEXPECTED PATH FOR FRED LYBRAND '81

was an Alpha Phi Theta Chi who had been heavily involved in politics. Dad was a state senator. In my first year at the University of Alabama School of Law I made a monumental decision and drove home to Anniston to discuss it with my dad. I sat down with dad in his office. "Dad," I said. "Politics is just too controversial...I've decided to go into something everyone agrees on—religion!"

Dad didn't laugh, but I still think it's funny. I wound up being a pastor and an author. My path took me away from Alabama to Dallas Theological Seminary then to Midland, Texas. My wife, Jody, a U of A Delta Delta Delta from Montgomery, and I lived there for 19 years and had five children. Although we homeschooled all the kids up through college, during our time there I served

on the founding board of Midland Classical Academy.

Later we moved to San Antonio for our second church, Northeast Bible Church, where I served for five years and retired in January 2010 to pursue speaking and writing full time. I have been able to finish my doctorate in applied theology. I also spent a decade studying structural dynamics and systems thinking. In the mid-1990s I cofounded TrimTab Solutions, an organizational and business consulting firm, as well.

To date, I have written and published six books: Heavenly Citizenship: The Spiritual Alternative to Power Politics; The Absolute Quickest Way to Help Your Child Change; About Life and Uganda; Preaching on Your Feet; Back to Faith: Reclaiming Gospel Clarity in an Age of

Incongruence; and Glaen: A Novel Message on Romance, Love, and Relating.

As I look at all of these works, I can't help but think fondly of the role my experience in a brotherhood played. Theta Chi offered friendships, conflicts, and a rich diversity of men who were traveling different paths. These paths educated me about the value we offer one another in building life by building experiences. In many ways, that's all your life finally amounts to anyway (eternity notwithstanding). Please don't underestimate your impact during and after college, through helping build the relationships and experiences that will touch a lifetime. I can be reached through fredlybrand.org.

Bless you all.

Fred Lybrand '81

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# ALUMNI UPDATE

#### CHAPTER ETERNAL

Melford E. Espey '80 passed on to Chapter Eternal on March 2, 2010. As a student. Melford worked on the committee for the desegregation of the University of Alabama and ultimately followed an administrative career path with the University, retiring in 1996 as the director of student recreation and assistant to the vice president for student affairs. He was an active member of First Baptist Church Tuscaloosa and served for many years on the National Foundation Board of Omicron Delta Kappa, the board of Alabama Credit Union, and Child Abuse Prevention Services of Tuscaloosa. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and their sons, Melford III and Jonathan.

Ross J. Briley '90 entered Chapter Eternal on August 7, 2010. He was a successful general contractor in Birmingham for over 20 years and an avid soccer player and accomplished golfer. Ross' greatest love on this earth was for his three children. He considered his greatest journey in this life to be his spiritual journey. His relationship with God grew ever closer, his love for God ever deeper. Ross is survived by his parents, Dorothy J. Holloway and James R. Briley Jr.; his children: John, Keller and Jennings; his sister, Cynthia, and brother, Jay.

Jeffrey V. Haynes '06 entered Chapter Eternal on May 31, 2010. He received his degree in management information systems and was employed as an IT internal auditor at the corporate office of Coca-Cola Enterprises in Atlanta, Ga. Jeff loved sports, especially Alabama football. He was a very compassionate and loving son, brother, and friend. He lived life to the fullest and could always put a smile on anyone's face. He is survived by his parents, Gary Haynes of Jacksonville and Patsy Haynes of Anniston.

#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

**John R. Jordan '58** and his wife, Shirley, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in 2009. John still plays the saxaphone in



a city band, teaches at church, and sings in the choir. John and Shirley have three children and seven grandchildren. They live in Monroe, La. E-mail: jandsjordan@att.net

Brian G. Giattina '90 was elected to the District 3 Birmingham Board of Education seat. He serves as the chief financial officer for Giattina Aycock Architecture Studio and takes part in a number of community and professional organizations, including the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, Rotary International, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Partnership Assisting the Homeless (PATH). E-mail: bgi@gfainc.com

Tucker Groves '99 married Ashley Barron of Birmingham on March 27, 2010. Of his groomsmen, six were Alpha Phi brothers: Blayne St. James '99, Ben Woodson '99, Dru Horton '98, Robert Swann '95, Whitt Wilson '96, and Brad Martenson '96. The couple lives in Homewood, Ala.

**Travis A. Moore '07** was awarded a research grant from the Deep Water Horizon research fund. He is conducting research on the trophic (food web) ecology of the coastal pelagic/pelagic and the effects of the oil spill and dispersant contamination in the ecosystem of the straits of Florida. Travis' studies focus on highly

migratory species of pelagic fish, including wahoo, tuna, king mackerel, and others. E-mail: tm810@nova.edu



# CATCH UP WITH THE CLASS OF 2010:

**Kenny Crow '10** is at University of Alabama earning his MBA.

Scott Gray '10 has a position within the management training program for Enterprise Car Rental.

**David Hamlin '10** is working on his MBA in finance at UAB.

**Daniel Hightower '10** works for The Martin Companies, a venture capitalist company in Nashville, Tenn., specializing in healthcare investments.

Clay Looney '10 is in sales for DePuy Orthopedics in Nashville, Tenn.

**Robbie Reid '10** works in Memphis, Tenn., as a runner for Thomas Hendrix while he studies for the LSAT.

**Rob Rummell '10** is an assistant account manager at J & J Apparel and Game Day Tents in Tuscaloosa.

**David Russell '10** works for Altria in Montgomery, Ala., as a territory sales manager.

Andrew Sawyer '10 is in medical school at UAB.

Cory Vaughn '10 is in medical school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.



### **HOMECOMING**

October 16, 2010

Alabama vs. Mississippi Meet us at the Chapter House for a pre-game lunch beginning at 11 a.m.

# **CHAPTER OFFICERS**

PLEDGE CLASS

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**Charles Davis** 

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**Carter Looney** 

**Chad Dolan** 

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for Theta Chi 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 to update our records. Thank you.

# Alpha Phi Launches New Web Site



ver a year ago, the House Corporation decided it was time to create a stronger online presence for Alpha Phi. Thomas Howard '95 and his fine team at MemberClicks, along with Holt Lyda '97 of Lyda Interactive, built the new Web site, thetachialabama.com.

We are extremely proud of this product and are continuously working to enhance the site. Please visit often and offer any suggestions for improvement. There is an electronic form available on the site where alumni are able to update their personal information. We strongly encourage all alumni to submit this form so that we have the most up-to-date information in order to contact you regarding Chapter events.

I also encourage everyone to check out memberclicks.com if your business or organization needs membership management software, Web design, or online registration services. When you are done there, check out lydainteractive.com for Holt's work in online advertising, interactive marketing, and Web design. Enjoy the site and Roll Tide.

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