

FALL 2012

Abharphie Alpha Phi Chapter of Theta Chi

Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Campaign Surpasses \$700,000

Halfway Point Nears as <u>Groundbreaking</u> Date Is Set

How Does Theta Chi Compare? Alabama Campaigns by the Numbers

> Theta Chi \$1.5 Million Goal \$702,875 Raised 11.3% Participation

Delta Kappa Epsilon \$4 Million Goal \$4.9 million Raised 56% Participation Campaign Complete

Phi Gamma Delta

\$2.2 Million Goal \$2 Million Raised 33% Participation Campaign Complete

Lambda Chi Alpha

\$1.5 Million Goal \$1.24 million Raised 24% Participation Campaign Complete

Alpha Tau Omega \$2 Million Goal \$1.78 Million Raised 24% Participation Campaign Extended

Phi Delta Theta \$1 Million Goal \$920,000 Raised 18% Participation Campaign in Progress

Who Is Number One?

At Alpha Phi, we've always prided ourselves on being the most outstanding fraternity at the University of Alabama. We've won countless allsports trophies, academic awards, and Homecoming trophies. We count among our undergraduate achievements SGA and Inter-fraternity Council presidents and members of Jasons and Phi Beta Kappa. We've consistently bested our Greek colleagues in recruitment, chapter size, and community service. However, we currently rank last in alumni support. See the list to the left for more information on how Theta Chi compares to other chapters on campus.

New House to Open in Fall 2013

Site prep began in July and construction will commence in September. Be sure to join us as we celebrate this special occasion at our our groundbreaking ceremony September 8. See page 6 for more details.

Project Timeline

July 2: Site prep began, prep work on foundation July 6: Architectural drawings due to University July 10: General contractor pre-qualifying meeting August 2: General contractor bids open September 13-14: Board of Trustees issues approval for stage four construction September 17: Notice to proceed with construction

As you can see, we are moving forward with the construction of the new Chapter House! The good news is that we have managed to move forward with plans, albeit by tweaking them, and keeping to a schedule to open the new house in the fall 2013 semester. Thanks to brothers **Pete Mackey '78** and **Dru Horton '98**, we've worked closely with university officials to move the project forward.

Your Participation Needed

The bad news is that we've had to value-engineer portions of the house due to a general lack of support from alumni. While many of us made pledges at the start of the campaign in 2008, raising \$626,675, only 26% of the pledges have been paid to date. Worse, only 11% of our alumni have made pledges or contributions at all. That's 164 of 1,262 living alumni. I sincerely believe that we can do better than that!

As a result, we may have to eliminate the basement containing the Chapter room and the brothers' lounge in the new house. This is very disappointing because it was one of the most prized items that we sought in a new house.

Regardless, the new house will sit on a prominent place on University Boulevard—literally, the most visible location as you approach the University from McFarland Boulevard. We will have 40 bedrooms, compared to 23 in the current house. The grand foyer, dining room, informal living room, and social hall will all be larger and better equipped than our current house.

We still need to raise \$800,000 to reach our \$1.5 million goal. Please consider making your pledge or gift today. A pledge card and envelope are enclosed for your consideration.

Fraternally, Wes Wicker '79 Campaign Chairman wwicker@sinclairetownes.com (404) 213-4446

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR COMMITTING \$703,875

e are deeply grateful to the following Theta Chi brothers for committing \$703,875 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 donors' 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. 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. 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. Thomas Griffin '70 and Family J.C. Brock '76 J. Mark Glenn '78 Peter S. Mackey '78 Wesley K. Wicker '79 Thomas J. Howard '93

Snake and Sword Circle (\$25,000 to \$49,999) Gregory L. Mullins '85

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

Bryant Family Gift Gary W. Bryant '76 Taylor H. Bryant '10 In memory of his father, **Billy Sanders** Michael D. Sanders '78* Kloess Sons Gift In honor of Larry H. Kloess Jr. '54 Larry H. Kloess III '77 Price M. Kloess '79 David H. Kloess '85 In honor of Ron Garikes '80 Michael A. Pope '80 In memory of Virginia Glover Mark Borden '90 Chris DiGiorgio '90 Mike Donlon '90

Jim FitzGibbons '90

Burk Lindsey '90 Kelly A. McGriff '90 Toby Roth '90 Derek Simpson '91

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

In memory of William H. Thomas '63 Col. Lawrence H. Kloess Jr. '54, and John E. Hagefstration Jr. '83 Don Bell '61 Michael J. Mazenko '69 Anthony "Di" DiPiazza '71 Pete Derzis '75 Dr. Charles W. Rush '75 Dr. Rhett B. Murray '82 In memory of Ellis Porch III '98 Dru M. Horton Jr. '98 Tucker R. Groves '99 Justin R. Truelove '04

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

Scott R. Beal '50 White Family Gift In memory of Sidney J. Wyatt '63 Jerry M. White '63 William C. White II '95 Michael D. Williams '75 In honor of The Gibson Family Dr. David B. Gibson '77 John W. Ward '77 Steven G. Woodward '78

In honor of Kenny Crow III J. Kenny Crow Jr. '78 Robert R. Baugh '79 Michael E. Case '79 In honor of Ron Garikes '80 Bud Garikes '79 Robert E. Gilpin '79 Bill Hendrich '79 Yelverton Family Gift H. Oscar Yelverton Jr. '55 Harrison O. Yelverton III '81 Robert J. Yelverton '85 Alan W. Higgins '82 James A. Bruno '83 Frank J. D'Amico '84 Holland Family Gift Dr. Gary E. Holland '85 Taylor L. Holland '11 Jeffrey W. Culton '86 In memory of Lanny D. Ross '87 Hilary H. and Michael D. Ross '86 Robert L. Swann '95 Charles D. Bendall Jr. '10 Jonathan C. Looney '10 Justin Peterson '11 Blake Richardson '11 Michael J. Wright '13

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

Jimmy M. Wall '51 In memory of Dr. Tony Swider '54 Brig. Gen. Roland E. Ballow '53 James D. Ward '58

Ronald D. Watts '67 William E. Gardner '68 Ben Sims '69 Dale Taylor '69 In honor of Dr. Wanda Gilliam Kirkpatrick Dr. Michael B. Kirkpatrick '70 Nick Parnell '70 Barry L. Mullins '74 Patrick P. Hughes '75 In honor of Rice A. Jacobs '73 Paul D. Jacobs '76 Col. Duane A. Lamb '76 William H. Page Jr. '77 In honor of The Parker Family Edward B. Parker II '77 Greg Wren '77 In memory of Lin Hauser '81 Gregory E. Smith '80 Rick Collins '81 J. Scott Hays '81 Zack M. Azar '86 Stephen F. Vickery '87 R. Andrew Gregorius '89 Robert P. Brady '94 Justin Sherer '99 Daniel B. Powers '00 In memory of Bill H. Thomas '63 Lucas T. Elgie '05 Williams B. Banks '09 Alexander O. Brown '09 Louis J. Carruba '09 Alfred D. Eichold '09 J. Garrett Galloway '09 Preston Galloway '09

Billy J. Strobel '09 Brody R. Summerall '09 Samuel H. Thompson '09 Neal C. Townsend '09 Gamble Cleveland '10 William Cole '10 Beau Dean '10 Matthew Eichenblatt '10 Michael Eves '10 John E. Fearon III '10 Kevin S. Gibson '10 Christopher S. Gray '10 David S. Hamlin '10 Patrick. A. Harlan '10 William T. Henry '10 Daniel R. Hightower '10 Michael L. Hogue '10 Henry A. Holliday '10 Mitch Lee '10 Max K. McGill '10 Daniel G.P. Mulroy '10 Paul Pfluke '10 David Russell '10 Will Sanford '10 Andrew L. Sawyer '10 Christopher A. Skelton '11 Ben Trammell '10 Jason Vaughan '10 Cory A. Vaughn '10 Teddy Williams '10 Alex Addington '11 Joseph Bolton '11 Blake Cummings '11 Jorda Elliot '11 Scott Ford '11 John Hicks '11 M. Ross Kerwin '11 Greg Komara '11 Andrew Lane '11 Michael Martin '11

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Campaign Status At-a-Glance As of July 20, 2012

\$1.5 Million Goal

\$703,875 Total Contributions

> 164 Contributors

Brian D. Matne '11 Joseph McFadden '11 Austin Monceret '11 John Keaton Morris '11 Michael Nix '11 Adam Presley '11 Jon D. Sanford '11 James M. Little Jr. '12 Michael W. Russell '12 Travis Bridges '14

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

In memory of Col. Carlton K. Butler '27 and L. J. Cook '53 John R. Jordan '58 H. Dixon Forrester '67 James W. Davis '69 Joseph G. Musick '77 Curtis Finch '79 In honor of the Class of 1980 David D. Onosko '80 Brian D. Mitchell '95 Todd D. Nunnelley '97 Jake T. Embry '00 Robert W. Reid '10 Robert D. Rummell III '10 Will Calloway '11 Trey Collins '11 Matthew Reebals '11

*Deceased

Alumnus Oversees University of Alabama Facilities and Grounds DUANE LAMB '76 ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CAMPAIGN FOR ALPHA PHI

s an alumnus of the University of Alabama, I have always taken great pride in my alma mater. My wife, Kimberly, and I both graduated from Tuscaloosa, and even after our children graduated from high school, while I was assigned in Nebraska and California, we sent all three of our children,



house and additional outfield "brickyard" seating for the softball stadium. I believe UA definitely now is the Taj Mahal of college football and softball stadiums. We've installed more than 130 flower beds, 50 hanging flower baskets, and 90 computer-controlled irrigation systems on campus, which have turned our campus into

Angela, Lindsey, and Hannah, back home to the great state of Alabama and UA for their college education. I would say, without a doubt, that we are a University of Alabama family through and through. I know that most of you, like me, probably remember our campus as being a beautiful place with a wonderful quad and great, old historic buildings. In fact, I would say that we all look back with fond memories and remember our campus as being quite special. However, if truth be known, it has always had its fair share of southern Alabama red clay and river rock in many areas on campus, and most of the incredibly beautiful old buildings were beginning to look a bit worn, weathered with dirt and grime and significant exterior envelope problems, including Denny Chimes, the Gorgas House, Foster Auditorium and all the Halls around the quad. This was the case, even 36 years ago, when I was an undergraduate.

However, under the recent leadership of our UA President Dr. Robert E. Witt, who is now chancellor of the UA system, all that has changed. I serve as the assistant vice president of facilities and grounds at the University of Alabama and, in the past five years, we have completely renovated Denny Chimes and the Gorgas House from top to bottom, rebuilt the cisterns at Marr's Spring, installed landscape and hardscape around Marr's Pond, relandscaped Wood's Quad, added multi-purpose sidewalks all over campus, and completed exterior envelope repairs on Lloyd, Doster, Moore, Little, Reese-Phifer, Graves, Russell and Carmichael Halls, just to name a few. We have completely renovated Foster Auditorium and added a clock tower and plaza to the front of that grand old facility; it is once again back in the fold of campus life. We added another 10,000 seats to our magnificent Bryant-Denny Stadium, completed a six-court indoor tennis facility and built an indoor batting facility, club

a beautiful, emerald green color; all of which have added a sense of pride for our students, faculty, staff and visitors. Has it made a difference? Without a doubt, I believe so. This year UA was rated number 3 in the nation by *Newsweek* as one of the most beautiful campuses in America.

In addition, construction of new academic halls (Shelby Hall, three science and engineering buildings, Capstone College of Nursing, Russell Hall Auditorium, etc.), new residential communities (Ridgecrest South, East & West, Lakeside East & West, Riverside North, East & West, and Presidential Village) and six new sororities/ fraternities on our campus has been nothing short of astounding. Currently, we have another six sororities/fraternities under construction, two completing major renovations/additions, and two in the design/programming phase, which includes our new house. We have also recently purchased 168 acres of the beautiful Bryce property, which will provide additional space for campus growth. UA has had more than \$1.4 billion in construction under Dr Witt's tenure; it's truly been a high water mark period in our UA history and a testimony to his outstanding leadership. In short, our University of Alabama is thriving in all areas, academics, research, sports, landscaping & facilities excellence, and community service. This includes Greek life.

Last year we became the largest Greek community in the nation with 7,221 Greeks on campus, surpassing the University of Illinois (7,019). We should all be proud of this accomplishment. It means the Greek life we enjoyed and the friendships we made that have lasted a lifetime are still an important and integral part of the University of Alabama that we all love. All this combined with the outstanding leadership on campus and the top-notch faculty and

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Family Leaves Legacy at Theta Chi

Spotlight on the Austin Family

he Austin family is no stranger to the University of Alabama and the Theta Chi house. Joe Austin '79 and his wife, Jan, met at UA where Joe was a Theta Chi member and Jan a Phi Mu.

Since Joe finished graduate school at the University in 1980, he has been back many times. According to Joe, he has "spent a remarkable amount of money in Tuscaloosa."

Joe and Jan have spent so much time in Tuscaloosa because all four of their children have attended or are attending the University of Alabama. Their oldest son, Matt, paved the way. **Ben '10** and **Logan '13** are both members of Theta Chi and Joe and Jan's daughter, Ashley, will graduate in 2015. She followed in her mother's footsteps, becoming a member of Phi Mu.

"It truly means a lot, knowing our family is part of a bigger brotherhood that spans multiple generations," Logan said. "The traditions of



Theta Chi, along with the Alpha Phi Chapter, are so deeply rooted that it gives us an even stronger bond knowing our family has a legacy within the fraternity."

Logan said his family never pressured him to join Theta Chi. "Prior to going to my first event at Alabama, my dad told me that whatever fraternity I chose was my decision. He told me to make sure I chose the one I knew I would enjoy the most and fit in best. I made that decision and, as it turned out, it was the fraternity that both my dad and brother had been members of."

Logan serves as the chapter president of Theta Chi. "I believe my Fraternity brothers represent the ideals of upstanding citizens and they truly extend the helping hand, which is our Fraternity's motto, to not only help the university's students as well as faculty and staff, but also to our entire community," he said.

Joe said he is extremely proud of Logan for taking on such a huge role within the Chapter. "I was pleased he was willing to step up and put himself out there as president," Joe said. "It's a tremendous responsibility."

Joe serves as the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Phoebe Putney Health Systems in Albany, Ga., where he is responsible for the operation of six local hospitals.

Alpha Phi Mourns the Loss of Barry Mullins '74 and John E. Miller '51

B arry Mullins '74, former Chapter president, died of kidney failure in June. Brother Mullins was a lifelong resident of Tuscaloosa, where he grew up, went to school and raised his family. Brother Mullins was a member of Jasons, Omicron Delta Kappa, and received the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award his senior year. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and their two children. Brother Mullins graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1977 and practiced in Tuscaloosa for 35 years. He was the longtime attorney for Tuscaloosa County.

Brother Miller lived in Tuscaloosa and served as treasurer of the Alpha Phi House Corporation for many years. As Brother Marvin McConaghy stated, "John E. Miller never received the recognition he deserved for his work with Alpha Phi. He was an accountant and, if it hadn't been for his financial acumen, we might not have made it as a Chapter. He was always there for the Chapter, and he kept a close eye on our finances back in the days when there weren't too many active alumni. He will be missed."

DUANE LAMB '76

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staff: it's no wonder we believe the University of Alabama has become the higher education institution of choice.

All this brings me to our new Theta Chi house construction project, which begins this summer. Our official groundbreaking ceremony is September 8, just before our first home football game. Our new house will be the next major construction project on campus, and it will be built in a prominent location on University Boulevard. It will be a grand house that all Theta Chi brothers will be proud of for many years to come.

We would like for you to come celebrate this milestone event in our Alpha Phi of Theta Chi history, enjoy a great day on campus, and watch the Crimson Tide take on Western Kentucky. I also challenge each and every brother to make a financial contribution/ pledge today to help ensure this project, our project, is not a financial burden on the Chapter or University. Even the smallest contribution will make a difference; we need everyone's help. I look forward to seeing you on September 8, and I hope you take the time to look around campus while visiting Tuscaloosa. I think you will be very impressed, especially if it's been a while since your last visit home. I bet after looking around our beautiful campus your sense of pride will be swelling, and it won't surprise me if you hear yourself say, "This is my University!" I hope that makes you come back more often in the future. Roll Tide!

Alpha Phi Named Most Improved Fraternity Chapter Focuses on Grades and Philanthropy

The spring semester came and went far quicker than our brothers would have liked. We were able to accomplish many of our goals: philanthropy events benefiting the West Alabama Food Bank and Tuscaloosa tornado recovery, remaining competitive in academics as well as intramural sports, maintaining a large active member base, and more than a third of our members were inducted to the most prestigious honor societies on campus and in the nation.

Our chapter won awards from the Order of Omega society this spring for Most Outstanding Community Service and Most Improved Fraternity Chapter. These represent the steps that we have taken as a Chapter to better ourselves, as well as our community, over the past few months. Being recognized for what we have done is wonderful; however, it is not the reason we chose to do those things. Remaining true to our motto of the helping hand, our brothers strive to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Other accomplishments we're proud of are our basketball team winning the intramural basketball championship, having 36 members on the President's and Dean's list, 20 members inducted into new honor societies, three members inducted into Jasons, members on SGA senate, IFC judicial and the Dean of Students advisory board, a member as the IFC recruitment chairman, two Capstone Men and Women members, and a University fellow.



As we move into the fall semester, we hope to raise the bar even higher.

Fraternally, Logan Austin '13 Chapter President lcaustin@crimson.ua.edu

Welcome, New Members

Taylor Aguirre '15 *West Palm Beach, Fla.*

John Anderson '15 Marietta, Ga.

Spencer Austin '15 *Mobile*, *Ala*.

Alexander Bauer '15 Suwanee, Ga.

Daniel Byrd '15 Mobile, Ala.

Clay Caldwell '14 Chattanooga, Tenn.

Charles Collins '15 West Palm Beach, Fla.

Connor Davidson '15 *West Palm Beach, Fla.*

Andrew DeGenova '14 New Orleans, La.

Matthew Dziadon '15 Pensacola, Fla. William Gibson '15* Mobile, Ala. (Brother Gaines Gibson '12)

David Harris '15 Mobile, Ala.

Michael Hyche '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Parker Jordan '15 Fort Worth, Texas

Connor Kadle '15 Homewood, Ala.

Kevin Keegan '15 Bethesda, Md.

John Koob '14 Peachtree City, Ga.

Dalton Langston '15* Birmingham, Ala. (Brother Hubert Langston '13) **Chase Lanke '15** *Madison, Miss.*

Michael Lawrence '14 Birmingham, Ala.

Braxton Lowe '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Blake Lundgren '15 Brentwood, Tenn.

Andrew Maddox '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Austin McDonald '15 Jacksonville, Fla.

William McCallum '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Daniel McCracken '15* Mobile, Ala. (Brother Tyler Mcculloch '14)

Matthew Moshier '15 Huntsville, Ala. Nicholas O'Rourke '14 Columbia, S.C.

Zachary Perkins '15 Birmingham, Ala.

James Pinson '15 Dothan, Ala.

Kyle Porter '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Daniel Preston '14 *Columbia, S.C.*

Benjamin Reynolds '15 Fairhope, Ala.

Hardin Ross '14 Chapel Hill, N.C.

Jonathan Schmitt '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Colby Scialla '15 Jupiter, Fla.

Conner Sedlak '15 Jupiter, Fla. Jared Shalek '15 Frisco, Texas

Brandon Slay '15 New Orleans, La.

John Smith '15 Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Andrew Spencer '14 Gadsden, Ala.

Grant Sutton '14 Laguna Beach, Calif.

Evan Trent '15* *Mobile, Ala.* (Brother **William Trent '11**)

William Vickery '15 Birmingham, Ala.

Johnston Watkins '15 Niceville, Fla.

*Legacy

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY Save the Date Saturday, September 8

Join us for:

- The first home football game of the defending National Champions as we take on Western Kentucky
- Brunch at the current Chapter House, 10-12 p.m.
- Ceremonial groundbreaking and cocktail reception with a Game Day tent and alumni bar at the site of the new house, 2:39 p.m., kickoff.

The exact time of the groundbreaking is dependent upon game time. If game time is early, the groundbreaking and cocktail reception will follow the game at approximately 4 p.m. If the game is scheduled for 3 p.m. or later, the groundbreaking will take place at 1 p.m. More details to come.

We hope to see you there!

CHAPTER ETERNAL

William H. Baldwin '42 entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 91 on October 28, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Andalusia; sons and daughter-in-law, William and Kathy, Charles, and Christopher; and three grandchildren: Patrick, Charles, and Ellie.

William V. Ledue III '50 entered Chapter Eternal September 2, 2011. Bill was a retired band director of Weirsdale, Cocoa, and Coral Gables High Schools and director of the Orange Bowl halftime pageant and parade. For 35 years, Bill led generations of students in the pursuit of musical excellence on the field and in the concert hall. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay, two daughters, six grandchildren, stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ALUMNI NEWS

Jimmy M. Wall '51 lives in Capstone Village, a university-owned retirement facility. Jimmy takes lifelong learning classes at the Bryant Conference Center and is happy there is no homework or final exams. He enjoys playing bridge and has a very active social life. E-mail: jimmymwall@bellsouth.net

Col. Lawrence H. Kloess Jr. '54 is the retired legal counsel for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He and his wife, Eugenia, have



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four children: Lawrence III, Price, Branch, and David. The couple lives in Montgomery, Ala. E-mail: kloess2@aol.com

Ronald D. Watts '67 and his wife, Gayle, have six grandchildren and one great-grandson. They still go to all the football games and SEC tournament, as well as home baseball games. The couple enjoys traveling in Europe and the Caribbean. They have been to many places, including South and Central America. E-mail: rdwatts1967@att.net

Rice A. Jacobs '73 is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments. He and his wife, Terri, have three children: Ali, Samantha, and Michael. The couple lives in Chesterfield, Mo. E-mail: Stlraj@att.net

Patrick P. Hughes '75 practices law in Anniston, Ala. He received the Calhoun County Coach of the Year award in March 2010 for the third time in his career. Pat has retired from coaching to focus on his law practice but plays as much golf as he can.

Dr. Charles W. Rush '75 has been practicing orthopedic surgery in Sarasota, Fla., for 25 years. He was voted Physician of the Year and appointed to the HCA Doctors Hospital Board of Trustees. E-mail: crush221@gmail.com Mark E. Jarvis '76 was appointed to chief probation officer in January 2011 for the Walker County Juvenile Court. He and his wife, Susan, live in Jasper, Ala.

Hon. Gregory D. Wren '77 was reelected to the Alabama House of Representatives on November 2, 2010, and is serving his fourth term. He has two grandchildren.

Chad D. Lanier '95 passed the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering Planning and Scheduling exam. At this time, he is one of three individuals in the state of Alabama to hold this credential. E-mail: chadlanier@rocketmail.com

Josh Parris '01 is an agency owner for Farmers Insurance. He and his wife, Lori, have four children: Jessica (16), Jackson (7), Ava (5), and Kade (1). The family lives in Childersburg, Ala. E-mail: jparris@farmersagent.com

Jason S. Berryman '05 relocated to Perth, Western Australia, to act as a negotiations and business advisor on exploration assets offshore and onshore. Jason and his wife, MJ, were married April 28, 2012, in Houston. Brothers Thomas Banks '05, Lucas Elgie '05, Willis Estis '05, William Jennette '05, and Michael Wilson '05 were groomsmen in the wedding. E-mail: jsberryman@gmail.com