



# Alpha Phi TIDEings

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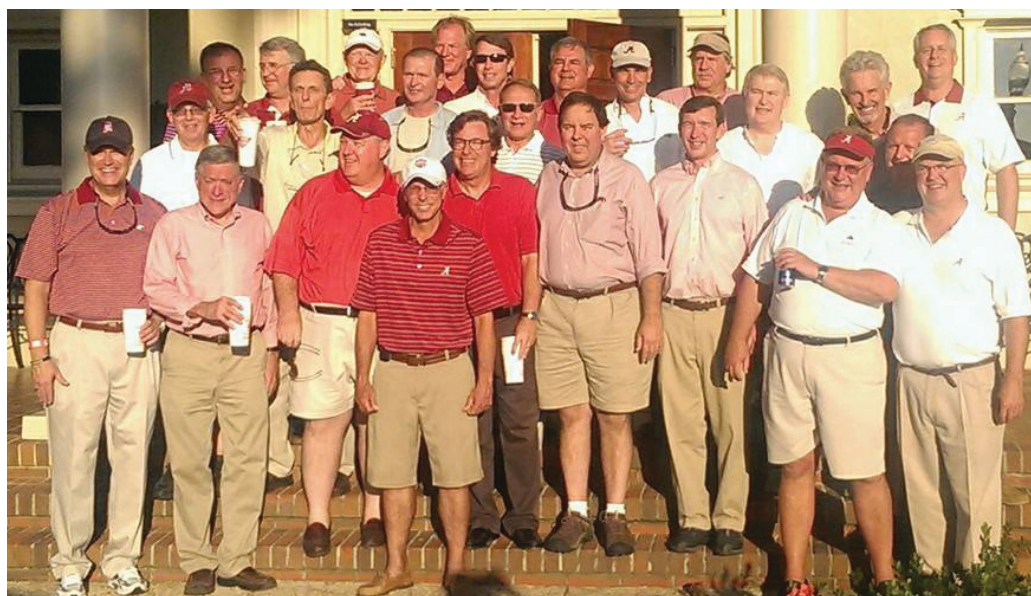
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Campaign Report

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## "Where We All Belong"



Alumni in front of the former house at Homecoming, October 5, 2013, the Last Homecoming on Jefferson Avenue.



Undergraduates and alumnus brothers in front of the new house at 110 University Boulevard, the new home of Alpha Phi Chapter.

## Grand Opening Weekend 110 University Boulevard

- 11:00 am: Kick-off (Crimson Tide vs. Florida International)
- 3:30 pm: Grand Opening (approximately one hour after the end of the game)
- 4:00 pm: Tours, alumni cocktail reception
- 4:30-6:00 pm: Buffet dinner
- 6:00-9:00 pm: Band Party for alumni, wives and girlfriends featuring Theta Chi alumni bands-Instant Karma and Pure & Simple.



## "They're back!"

**I**nstant Karma and Pure & Simple are returning to perform at Alpha Phi's Grand Opening, September 6th. Both bands feature alumnus brothers, who played in the popular rock & roll bands in the 1970s and 1980s. The band party will follow the Grand Opening Ceremonies and dinner at the new house.

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:**  
Greg Mullins ('85)



**Pictured:**  
Chuck Woodward ('81)



**Pictured:**  
Keatings John ('87)

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

## Grand Opening and Game Day Parking Behind the Fraternity House

If you would like to purchase parking prior to, or on game day, please go online to:

<http://www.uagameday.com/football/parking-info.php>

Season ticket holders may purchase parking for the season in the paved lot by the Soccer Stadium directly behind the new fraternity house. Soccer field "grass parking" and Softball Field "grass parking" are available for \$20 behind the new house.

## From Colley Award to Campaign Leader

Thomas Howard '93

Thomas Howard '93 is a former chapter president and the fifth brother from Alpha Phi to receive the Colley Award, the National Fraternity's award recognizing the Most Outstanding Theta Chi in the nation. Brother Howard made the one of the largest individual gifts to the Capital Campaign, *Honoring Our Past, Building our Future*.

The support from Thomas Howard and **Greg Mullins '85**, the top two contributions to the campaign, was critical in Alpha Phi's ability to build a new house, and enabled us to exceed the \$1 million mark in our campaign. Thomas agreed to talk with us about his decision to make a lead gift to the campaign:

"To this day, the fraternity has been one of the most impactful experiences of my life," Brother Howard stated. "The fraternity gave me an incredible family of friends, provided me with so much opportunity to get involved in campus activities, and taught countless lessons about relationships and leadership. All of these things worked together to help prepare me for my future. I just want to do my part to help make sure that it can continue to do the same things for the guys yet to follow.



"I was a legacy, so I spent some time at the House in the summer before high school graduation. (**Brother Ben Howard '86**). I decided to not take the bid in the summer and keep my options open. In the end, it was a no-brainer to go Theta Chi. Everyone seemed authentic, and there seemed to be a great mix of people in the house. It was clearly a house that knew how to have fun, but that also stayed very grounded in academics and campus involvement...and that's exactly what I was looking for. **Derek Simpson '92**, **Mark Borden '90** and **Mike Donlan '90** rushed me."

"I remember the normal parts of everyday life of living in the house the most...Brenda always having my French toast and eggs ready in the morning, Thursday night swaps, Friday afternoons in the fall, spring parties, and just hanging around on random nights during the week. I lived in the house for four years and it was easily one of the best decisions I ever made.

"The fraternity undoubtedly prepared me for my career more than anything else in college. Living in community with more than 100 guys taught me a ton of things... how to compromise and negotiate alongside friendships; how to make tough decisions that might alienate some, but is in the overall best interest of the house; how to disagree with someone and yet still have a productive relationship; how powerful the practice of building people up can be, and how every single person has a skill set that can contribute to the house...although I still haven't found a way to apply all that experience of stripping and waxing those floors!

"One of the values I learned in the fraternity was loyalty. Not everybody was the same, and not everyone was the best of friends, but we were a family and stuck up for each other. I had never lived in close community with such a diverse group of guys, and yet everyone knew we were part of something bigger than ourselves. At the end of the day, somebody in the house would have your back...and sometimes it'd be from the person you least expected.

**Thomas Howard** lives in the Buckhead neighborhood of Atlanta and is the founder of MemberClicks, a web-based company that provides website and membership data capability for organizations and institutions. His company manages the website for Alpha Phi's website, [thetachiua.com](http://thetachiua.com). Additionally, in 2013, he co-founded CrossFit 404, which is now one of the largest CrossFit gyms in Atlanta. Outside of work, Brother Howard loves to travel, especially to follow the Tide during football season.

## Gift Recognition and House Naming Opportunities

### **\$1,000**

All gifts of \$1,000 or more will receive recognition in the Grand Foyer Recognition Wall of the new house.

### **\$2,500**

All brothers who made gifts of \$2,500 or more will receive a commemorative brick in patio of the new house, and a certificate recognizing their gift, as well as recognition in the Grand Foyer Recognitions Wall of the new house.

### **\$5,000**

All brothers who made gifts of \$5,000 or more will receive a commemorative brick in patio of the new house, and a certificate recognizing their gift, as well as recognition in the Grand Foyer Recognitions Wall of the new house.

### **\$10,000**

All brothers who made gifts of \$10,000 or more will have the opportunity to name a bedroom in the house, receive a commemorative brick in patio of the new house, and a certificate recognizing their gift, as well as recognition in the Grand Foyer Recognitions Wall of the new house.

### **\$25,000**

All brothers who made gifts of \$25,000 or more will have the opportunity to name a common room in the house (listed above), receive a commemorative brick in patio of the new house, and a certificate recognizing their gift, as well as recognition in the Grand Foyer Recognitions Wall of the new house.

## On-line Giving Available

Alumni may make contributions to the University of Alabama—Theta Chi Fund by going on-line at <http://www.ua.edu/giving.html> or simply Google [UA.edu/givng](http://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.”

Then 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. An electronic stock can be transacted by your broker. 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 your 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.





## Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future-Capital Campaign Ended June 30, 2014

The Capital Campaign for the new house officially ended solicitation of contributions on June 30, 2014.

Many brothers are making multi-year pledges, and **if you are currently paying on a pledge, the University will continue to send you notices on your "Pledge Due" dates.** We appreciate your continued support.

The campaign received more than \$1.2 million in contributions and multi-year pledges from 253 alumni. Approximately \$180,000 in multi-year pledges are still active. New funds donated to the campaign remain completely tax-deductible according to the IRS Tax Code. Many brothers took advantage of giving via gifts of stock, on-line contributions and credit card gifts. You may go on-line at Giving UA for instructions and details.

### ***Where are your contributions going, and how will they be spent?***

All contributions to the Capital Campaign are paid to the University of Alabama-Theta Chi Building Fund, received and processed at the University's Business Affairs Office. 100% of all contributed funds will be used to pay down the mortgage on the new house.

The new house cost \$7.2 million. The former house has been sold to Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity for \$1.6 million, leaving a debt of \$5.6 million, less contributions received. We have already paid down the debt by nearly \$400,000 in contributions; and we will soon contribute another \$200,000; thereby reducing the debt to \$5 million. The University of Alabama is financing the debt at market rate.

### **Room Naming Selections:**

The top contributors to the campaign earned rights to name the following rooms as agreed upon by the Campaign Committee and the Alpha Phi House Corporation at the beginning of the campaign. These gifts ranged from \$25,000 to \$225,000.

**The Party Room-** In Memory of Dewey Lichty by Greg Mullins and Dr. Charles Lichty

**TBD-**Thomas Howard

**Brothers' Lounge-** In Memory of Ron Garikes by his Brother Bud Garikes, his widow Carla Garikes, Brothers Mike Pope, Greg Smith, and Wesley Wicker

**Library-** In Honor of Larry Kloess, Jr. by his sons Larry III, Price and David

**Informal Living Room-** In Memory of Randy Griffin by his mother Edith, Brother Tom and his wife, John Mark Glenn, Pete Mackey and Wesley Wicker

**The House Mother's Suite-** In memory of Mrs. Virginia Glover by Mark Borden, Trey Crabb, Mike Donlon, Jim FitzGibbons, Burk Lindsey, Kelly A. McGriff, Toby Roth, and Derek Simpson.

### ***Recognition and Room Naming Opportunities Still Available***

Room naming is determined by the size and rank of a single contribution, or a group of contributions made in someone's honor or memory. The minimum gift level for any common room naming will be no less than \$25,000, with the exception of individual bedrooms with recognition at \$10,000 each. The following room naming opportunities remain available in the new house.:

Front Foyer	East Hall (Upstairs)
Grand Staircase	West Hall (Upstairs)
Formal Living Room	Patio
Dining Room	Balcony
Kitchen	Individual Bedrooms (\$10,000)
Front Hall (Upstairs)	

## Giving By Class Year

Thanks to all the brothers have made contributions, or they are currently paying on multi-year pledges towards the new chapter house campaign. Gifts and pledges listed below include all those made through June 30, 2014.

William W. Gullett '44  
George P. Morris '46  
Scott R. Beal '50  
Jimmy M. Wall '51  
Brig. Gen. Roland E. Ballow '53  
L.J. Cook '53  
Earl J. Hadaway '53  
George W. Hall '53  
J. Carlton Parker, Jr. '53  
Charles A. Pichelmayer '53  
James H. Rives, Jr. '53  
Col. Lawrence H. Kloess, Jr. '54  
R. Wayne Chapman '55  
H. Oscar Yelverton '55  
Thomas E. Hamilton '56  
Harold Woodman, Jr. '57  
William L. Goodman, Jr. '58  
John R. Jordan '58  
James D. Ward '58  
Neal Thistle '59  
  
W. Don James '61  
Thomas Kimbrough Keller, Sr. '62  
Earl Whatley '62  
Dr. John D. Bonds '63  
The Late William H. Thomas '63  
Jerry M. White '63  
Marvin F. Crabtree '65  
Samuel P. Givhan '65  
Stanford Golden '65  
David M. Green '65  
Thomas L. Renick '65  
Bobby W. Vick '65  
John R. Wynn '65  
Richard Ward, Jr. '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  
James T. Justice '69  
Lt. Col. Terry Neil Lewis '69  
Michael J. Mazenko '69  
Col. Richard Harding Priest '69  
Ben Sims '69  
Dale Taylor '69  
Col. John L. Conway III '70  
Dr. David P. Duval '70  
Edith B. Griffin, mother of Tom & Randy  
J. Thomas Griffin '70  
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  
David G. Bordan '72  
Samuel A. Dipiazza, Jr. '72  
Fulton S. Hamilton '72  
Marvin L. McConaghy '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  
Ted M. Gryska '76  
Paul D. Jacobs '76  
Steven M. Johnson '76  
Col. Duane A. Lamb '76  
Frank Weber '76  
Craig Cornwell '77  
Dr. David B. Gibson '77  
Larry H. Kloess III '77  
Joseph G. Musick '77  
William H. Page, Jr. '77  
Edward B. Parker II '77  
Dr. John W. Ward '77  
Mike Washburn '77  
Greg Wren '77  
J. Kenny Crow, Jr. '78  
Jon Mark Glenn '78  
Peter S. Mackey '78  
Daniel L. Mosley '78  
Robert R. Baugh '79  
Michael E. Case '79  
Curtis Finch '79  
Ronald Franklin '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 S. Teel '80  
John Adams '81  
Frederick G. Collins '81  
Ron Gray '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  
Robert Cadden '84  
Dr. Gregory L. Champion '84  
John R. Page '84  
Charles E. Greier '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  
Randy T. Owens '86  
Michael D. Ross '86  
Joseph D. Tommie, Jr. '86  
Ben C. Ayers '87  
Tim Christopher '87  
Randy Owen '87  
Dennis R. Slepisky '87  
Dan Sparrow '88  
Stephen F. Vickery '87  
Kevin P. Boughner '88  
Howard H. Ross '88  
Lee D. Wagner '88  
Robert L. Cater '89  
Chris Glenos '89  
R. Andrew Gregorius '89  
David Reed '89  
  
Matthew D. Anderson '90  
Mark Borden '90  
Jeffrey W. Cooke '90  
Trey Crabb '90  
Christopher DiGiorgio '90  
Michael P. Donlon '90

Roger W. Dubble '90  
Jim FitzGibbons '90  
Thomas K. Keller, Jr. '90  
Clark Kontzen '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  
Thomas E. Bazemore III '92  
Grant Haines '92  
Mark Pyburn '93  
Joshua C. Cummings '93  
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Lynn Brooks Howle '93  
Robert P. Brady '94  
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Lane Hopper '96  
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T. Michael White '97  
Dru Horton '98  
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Kip A. Nesmith '00  
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Justin Truelove '04  
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Will Estis '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  
James C. Galloway '09  
Taylor Galloway '09  
John E. Fearon '10  
Kevin S. Gibson '10  
C. Scott Gray '10  
Teddy Williams '10  
Andy Bolton '11  
Matthew R. Harris '11  
Taylor L. Holland '11  
Michael J. Wright '11  
William M. Derzis '15

## *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future*



Frederick N. Freeman  
Alpha '56

In recognition of your support of the Capital Campaign for the new Chapter House for Alpha Phi of Theta Chi Fraternity at the University of Alabama. A brick with your name has been placed on the patio of the new fraternity house.

## Buy a Brick in the Patio, Receive a Certificate

All Brothers making contributions of \$2,500 or more will have a brick placed on the patio of the new house, and they will receive a matted and framed certificate with their name and class as depicted above.



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## Join us for the Grand Opening and Dedication of our new house on Saturday, September 6th!

**11:00 a.m.** Alabama vs. Florida International

Grand Opening and Dedication-1 hour after the end of the football game  
Tours, Alumni Cocktail Reception post-game dinner

Reunion Concert

**PURE & SIMPLE** and **INSTANT KARMA**

Please follow us on: [Thetachiua.com](http://Thetachiua.com), Alpha Phi of Theta Chi on Facebook,  
and LinkedIn.



## In Memorium

Since the last edition of Alpha Phi Tidings, we have learned of the passing of the following brothers:

Stephen Smith '58  
Richard Gresham '66  
W.C. Vall '69