



# Alpha Phi TIDEings

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## Pay It Forward Philosophy Leads Alpha Phi Campaign

He might be better known in the annals of Alpha Phi as the guitarist for the popular 80s-era band, Instant Karma. But Greg Mullins '85 stepped up his support of Theta Chi to boost our campaign for the new house over the \$1 million goal. Greg's gift insured the budget approval by the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, and enabled us to begin the construction project. For generations of Theta Chis to come, Greg Mullins is a hero. But Brother Mullins doesn't view himself in that light.

Chapter President John Anderson and I visited Greg at his mountain home in North Carolina over the Holidays, and this is what Greg said about his support of the chapter campaign:

*"I've been fortunate to have some success in business. I always remember Marvin McConaghy '72 quoting William Johnsen in one of his speeches, 'If it is to be, It is up to me.' I quote this to our team members constantly and they understand the concept with zeal. So, with the success, I've always promoted a Pay it Forward approach to life with the hopes that my actions would infect others. I wanted to pay back and also encourage others to step up for Alpha Phi."*

*"I have many great memories of my undergraduate days: Camelot, the early morning marathons of RISK during finals week, Senior Roast, Blind Dates, initiation rituals..."*

*"When my fan club President, became the fraternity's social chairman, I*

*knew that our band, Instant Karma, would work a lot that fall at the house.*

*"Well, I did NOT join Alpha Phi to meet girls. And I'm proud to say that during my entire four years, along these lines, I was successful."*

*"When I first arrived on campus, I was looking for another roommate for my off-campus apartment. Carl Dan '84 answered the advertisement. Soon after moving in, Carl invited me to the house for a party. At the house, I knew many of the brothers who were from Huntsville, and I immediately felt comfortable."*

*"Anyway, I reluctantly pledged Theta Chi. I say reluctantly, because my only frame of reference for fraternities was the movie Animal House. It turned out to be a wonderful decision: Not only the education and experiences, but most importantly, the fellowship with friends that would last to this day. I immediately found the brothers I had always wanted."*

Brother Mullins' contribution earned him the opportunity to name a room of his choice in the new house. He chose to name the Party Room, but not for himself. Instead, Greg and Dr. Peter Lichty chose to honor the late Dewey Lichty '87.

*"Dewey and his family have remained very close with me over the years. Dewey's older brother Peter Lichty '85 and I desired that each time we visit the new house, all of us who knew Dewey, would be reminded of him. He is greatly missed."*

*"I cannot wait to see the new house. The plans look beautiful. It will be one of the signature accolades of Alpha Phi on campus."*

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## Announcing The Last Weekend on Jefferson Avenue

### A-Day, Saturday, April 19th

Join your fellow alumni for the last weekend in our current home at 501 Jefferson Avenue. The schedule includes:

Friday, April 18th:

3 p.m.:

House Corporation meeting, The Law Offices of Sirote & Permutt, 2311 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, AL (**All Alumni are welcome; Happy Hour in Birmingham to follow meeting**)

Saturday, April 19th:

10:00 a.m.:

Tour of the new house

11:00 a.m.-1 p.m.:

Brunch and Alumni Tailgate at the current house

1:00 p.m.:

A-Day Game



## Giving By Class Year

Thanks to all of the brothers who have made contributions and those who are paying via multi-year pledges. The brothers listed below have made contributions and commitments as of March 7, 2014.

William W. Gullett '44	Drs. Wanda and Michael B. Kirkpatrick '70	David Onosko '80	Michael P. Donlon '90
George P. Morris '46	Nick Parnell '70	Michael A. Pope '80	Roger W. Dubble '90
Scott R. Beal '50	Anthony "Di" DiPiazza '71	Gregory E. Smith '80	Jim FitzGibbon '90
Jimmy M. Wall '51	Willis S. Estes '71	Jeffrey Scott Teel '80	Thomas K. Keller, Jr. '90
Brig. Gen. Roland E. Ballow '53	George W. Feigley, Jr. '71	John Adams '81	Clark Kontzen '90
L.J. Cook '53	Donald B. Henderson, Sr. '71	Frederick G. Collins '81	Burk Lindsey '90
Earl J. Hadaway '53	Samuel A. Dipiazza, Jr. '72	Ron Gray '81	Kelly A. McGriff '90
George W. Hall '53	Fulton S. Hamilton '72	J. Scott Hayes '81	Toby Roth '90
J. Carlton Parker, Jr. '53	Marvin L. McConaghy '72	Brain Henry '81	William H. Bolen '91
Charles A. Pichelmayer '53	Herbert L. Forsythe, Jr. '73	Dr. Thomas Lewis '81	Philip Corley '91
James H. Rives, Jr. '53	Dr. Alan D. Stevens '73	James "Skip" Thompson '81	S. Christopher Still '91
Col. Lawrence H. Kloess, Jr. '54	Mason D. Wilkins, Jr. '73	Harrison O. Yelverton '81	Derek Simpson '91
H. Oscar Yelverton '55	Tom Barnett '74	W. Alan Higgins '82	Thomas E. Bazemore III '92
Thomas E. Hamilton '56	The late Barry L. Mullins '74	Steven E. Jones '82	Grant Haines '92
Harold Woodman, Jr. '57	John Crysel '75	Dr. Rhett B. Murray '82	Joshua C. Cummings '93
William L. Goodman, Jr. '58	Waymon Findlay '75	Robert R. Orr, Jr. '82	Lynn Brooks Howle '93
John R. Jordan '58	Patrick P. Hughes '75	James A. Bruno '83	Robert P. Brady '94
James D. Ward '58	James D. Lewis '75	John E. Hagestration '83	Chad Lanier '95
Neal Thistle '59	Janet S. & Michael Mann '75	Frank J. D'Amico '84	Ben W. McLeod IV '95
Thomas Kimbrough Keller, Sr. '62	Kirby Montgomery '75	Robert Cadden '84	Brian D. Mitchell '95
Earl Whatley '62	David F. Pylant '75	Dr. Gregory L. Champion '84	Robert L. Swann '95
Dr. John D. Bonds '63	Dr. Charles W. Rush '75	Charles E. Greier '85	William C. White II '95
The Late William H. Thomas '63	Michael D. Williams '75	Dr. Gary E. Holland '85	Todd D. Nunneley '97
Jerry M. White '63	Robert J. Abernathy '76	David H. Kloess '85	T. Michael White '97
Marvin Crabtree '65	Gary W. Bryant '76	Charles P. Lichty '85	Dru Horton '98
Samuel P. Givhan '65	Pete Derzis '76	Gregory L. Mullins '85	Tucker R. Groves '99
Stanford Golden '65	Paul D. Jacobs '76	John R. Page '85	David C. Reed '99
David M. Green '65	Col. Duane A. Lamb '76	John A. Shelton '85	Justin Sherer '99
Thomas L. Renick '65	Frank Weber '76	Thomas G. Solomon '85	Jake T. Embrey '00
Bobby W. Vick '65	Craig Cornwell '77	John Yeager '85	Kip A. Nesmith '00
John R. Wynn '65	Dr. David B. Gibson '77	Robert J. Yelverton '85	Daniel B. Powers '00
Richard Ward, Jr. '66	Larry H. Kloess III '77	Zach Azar '86	Matthew L. Peters '04
C. Benton Burroughs, Jr. '67	Daniel L. Mosley '77	Jeffrey W. Culton '86	Justin Truelove '04
H. Dixon Forrester '67	Joseph G. Musick '77	Michael D. Ross '86	Lucas T. Elgie '05
Ronald D. Watts '67	William H. Page, Jr. '77	Joseph D. Tommie, Jr. '86	Timothy H. Price '05
Ralph Cassell '68	Edward B. Parker II '77	Ben C. Ayers '87	Thomas Rice '05
Brad Daughdrill '68	Dr. John W. Ward '77	Randy Owen '87	Christopher T. Richards '05
William E. Gardner '68	Greg Wren '77	Dennis R. Slesky '87	David S. Drummond '06
George P. Nelson '68	J. Kenny Crow, Jr. '78	Dan Sparrow '88	Nick Wright '06
Carl Walker Segars '68	Jon Mark Glenn '78	Stephen F. Vickery '87	Brad Daughdrill '07
Jimmy W. Davis '69	Peter S. Mackey '78	Kevin P. Boughner '88	Alfred D. Eichold '09
Dean Allan Gambrell, Sr. '69	Robert R. Baugh '79	Howard H. Ross '88	James C. Galloway '09
James T. Justice '69	Michael E. Case '79	Lee D. Wagner '88	Taylor Galloway '09
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Ben Sims '69	Bill Hendrich '79	David Reed '89	Teddy Williams '10
Dale Taylor '69	Price M. Kloess '79	Matthew D. Anderson '90	Andy Bolton '11
J. Thomas Griffin '70	Wesley K. Wicker '79	Mark Borden '90	Matthew R. Harris '11
Edith B. Griffin, mother of Tom & Randy	Carla and the late Ron Garikes '80	Trey Crabb '90	Taylor L. Holland '11
	Dr. Michael Hilton '80	Christopher DiGiorgio '90	Michael J. Wright '11

## Chapter Eternal

Since the last publication of Alpha Phi Tidings, we've learned of the passing of the following alumni.

Orrin S. Graden, Jr. '38	William E. Scott '40
Bruce D. Graham '38	James L. Smith, Jr. '40
Robert N. Hart '39	Stanley A. Cook '41
Howard S. Fleck '40	Niel B. Dunlap '41
Charles Kayuha '40	Charles C. Gaal, Jr. '41

Earl Hadaway '53
Richard Gresham '66
Dr. John Bolton '73

## Steve Casey '75 Elected President of the Birmingham Bar Association



*What's better than one Alpha Phi's election to a professional leadership position?*

*Two in a row!*

Brother Steve Casey '75 has been elected President-elect of the Birmingham Bar Association, following Robert Baugh '79, who served as the group's President in 2013 (see article below). Casey, a partner with Jones Walker LLP, practices in the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

Brother Casey will assume the office of President in 2015. The Birmingham Bar Association is the largest local bar association in Alabama, with membership of approximately 4,000 lawyers and judges. Brother Casey has been married to his high school sweetheart, Beth, for 38 years. They have three children (Mary Beth, Wiley and Emmy) and two grandchildren.

## Robert Baugh '79 Named Lawyer of the Year

*--By the Birmingham Legal Professionals Association*

Robert Baugh '79, a shareholder of the law firm of Sirote and Permutt, P.C. and this year's president of the Birmingham Bar Association, was presented the award "Birmingham Lawyer of the Year" at the 2013 Legal Professionals Reception that was held last fall.

Baugh represents clients in insurance, business, and product liability litigation. He counsels businesses and business owners on intellectual property matters, as well as labor and employment law.

His appellate practice includes cases before the Supreme Court of Alabama and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

While Baugh has extensive professional accomplishments, the "Lawyer of the Year Award" also attests to his committed relationship to his staff and family. Robert and his wife Pam have been married for thirty years. They have two grown children, Richard and Boo. Robert has served his community in a wide variety of volunteer capacities. He was Vice President of Alpha Phi in 1978.



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

The Capital Campaign for the new house will officially end 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 million in contributions and multi-year pledges from 237 alumni. 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 spent to pay down the mortgage on the new house. The

new house cost \$6.8 million. The current house has been sold to Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity for \$1.6 million, leaving a debt of \$5.2 million, less contributions received. The University of Alabama is financing the debt below-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. Peter Lichty

**TBD-** Thomas Howard

**Brothers' Lounge-** In Memory of Ron Garikes by his Brother Bud, 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 FitzGibbon, 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)	

**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.**



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### *"Pay It Forward Philosophy Leads..." Cont'd from cover story*

*Everyone will know Theta Chi, and they will be drawn to this inviting home, and the fellowship inside its walls. It gives our younger brothers a step ahead of the other fraternities in the competition for new A+ members."*

Looking forward to this fall, Greg's band, Instant Karma, has agreed to play at the Grand Opening of the new house on Saturday, September 6th. Band mate and fraternity brother Keating Johns '87 fronts the four-piece band.

*"We're looking forward to band performance at the house, I just hope Keating and I can remember the song lyrics."*

*Greg Mullins is President & CEO of Genesis Technologies. Brother Mullins and with his fiancé' Stacy, live on Foilareal Bay, outside of Clonakilty, Cork, Ireland. He enjoys horses, dairy cows, pulling crab and lobster pots, fishing, blacksmithing, cheese making and wine. He has no children of which he is aware.*



**Join Us** for the Grand Opening & Dedication of our new house on Saturday, September 6th!

**10-10:45 a.m.** – Grand Opening and Dedication

**11 a.m.-1 p.m.** – Tours, pre-game brunch

Alabama vs. Florida International-TBD

Reunion Concert, Part Deux\*

Pure & Simple and Instant Karma

*\*Since we won't know the concert time until game time is determined late this summer, please follow us on: Thetachiu.com, Alpha Phi of Theta Chi on Facebook, and Linked In.*

## Lost Alumni

If you have contact information for any of these brothers, please forward contact information to **Wesley K. Wicker at wwicker@sinclairtownes.com or call at 404-213-4446.**

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