

these events, all Delta Chi alumni are welcome to attend, whether or not they are currently NAAC members.

As you can see, the welcome mat is now officially out for all Delta Chi Brothers living in the North Alabama area to become part of this new alumni chapter. And while, admittedly, the track record of alumni chapters in the state has been a bit spotty, this group, with its realistic, low-key approach, would appear to be on the right track

to make it work. So, if you're interested - and you should be if you live in North Alabama (or, for that matter, Southeast Tennessee) - contact Joe Pickett (pickett2@bellsouth.net) for membership information. For information in general, see NAAC's website at <http://www.northaldx.org> (provided by Webmaster Mike Garber, '78, at no cost to the chapter).

Chuck Carlin, '57

CURRENT ABT AND HCB

Just as it has for many years, supportive alumni involvement with the Student Chapter (SC) continues to be maintained primarily through our Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) and House Corporation Board of Directors (HCB).

The HC's role is distinctly different from that of the ABT. The latter's focus is more on working with the SC on a routine, regular basis for financial oversight, house insurance and minor maintenance, and in an advisory capacity. It is financed primarily by annual, non-tax-deductible, Century Club dues paid by you, our alumni, augmented when possible by the SC.

Conversely, the HC, as the legal custodian and landlord of all Chapter property, holds periodic major fund-raising campaigns only when needed for major house projects, using tax-deductible donations from our alumni to pay for these needs. In addition, the SC pays the HC monthly rent, based on the number of student members, for the use of the Chapter House. This rent rate is reviewed annually and adjusted as necessary by the HCB. Historically, the rent has always been used by the HC to make mortgage payments and major house renovations. But since the Chapter returned to campus in 1998, the HC has received no rent money from the SC. Rather, in 2003, when the SC started again to pay rent of \$250 per month, the HCB agreed that the ABT should use these funds to help meet its needs (insurance, minor maintenance, newsletter costs, etc.), with the understanding that at some undetermined future date, the monthly rent would again go to the HC for traditional uses. With continued growth expected in the SC's membership, this anticipated changeover date should not be too far in the future.

Brothers presently serving on the ABT are:

Brian Bugge, '97, President (Birmingham)
John Freeman, '87, Treasurer (Mt. Brook)
Ernie Kennamer, '80, (Hoover)
Chris Cartledge, '02, "BB" (Tuscaloosa)

Jimmy Moore, "A" (University of Alabama)
Tyler Pritchett, "D" (University of Alabama)

Per Chapter Bylaws, alumni membership to the ABT is granted by a majority vote of the SC, with these elections held in the fall of every even numbered year. As prescribed by Fraternity Bylaws, the "A," "D" and "BB" are automatically members of the Board.

The ABT normally meets monthly during the school year (August through May), at the Chapter House in Tuscaloosa.

Brothers presently serving on the HCB are:

Jim Merrell, '87, President (Huntsville)
Stan Williams, '59, Vice President (Atlanta)
John Freeman, '87, Treasurer (Mt. Brook)
Chuck Carlin, '57, Secretary (Homewood)
Lance Case, House Manager (University of Alabama)

Per the HC Articles of Incorporation, any new members to the HCB must be elected by a majority vote of the then current HCB. Per a formal Board resolution, the SC house manager is automatically a member of the Board.

The HCB normally meets once annually, with the ABT, and usually at the end of the school year (May or June) in the Birmingham area.

The Internet has greatly facilitated and aided the functioning of these two Boards, making it possible for them to support the SC without imposing too great a burden on any individual alumni member. Any alumnus brother who would like to become a member of either Board should contact Brian Bugge, ABT President (bbuggelaw@aol.com) or Jim Merrell, HCB President (jmerrell@knology.net). Be assured that you would find membership on either of these Boards most interesting and rewarding.

*In the Bond,
Chuck Carlin, '57, Secretary
House Corporation Board*

And he attended Bama games on campus up to the year before his death.

In 1998 Walt was honored as the first recipient of the Chapter's Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Award, when he was officially designated "Mr. Alabama Delta Chi" for his 50-plus years of continuous meritorious service to the Chapter, either as chapter alumnus advisor ("BB") or as a member of the ABT. When he died he had entered his fifty-eighth year of service, having been initiated in 1946.

Like most of the young men of his generation, Walt served his country honorably as a World War II combat veteran (US Navy, South Pacific Theater). After graduating from the University, he became an outstanding mining engineer with US Steel in Fairfield, Alabama, and after retiring from there, a recognized high school instructor in Bessemer. During his later years he was renowned throughout central Alabama for playing the role of Santa Claus at churches, schools and area businesses, an act he had perfected over the years at the Alabama Chapter House.



"GOODBYE, WALT"

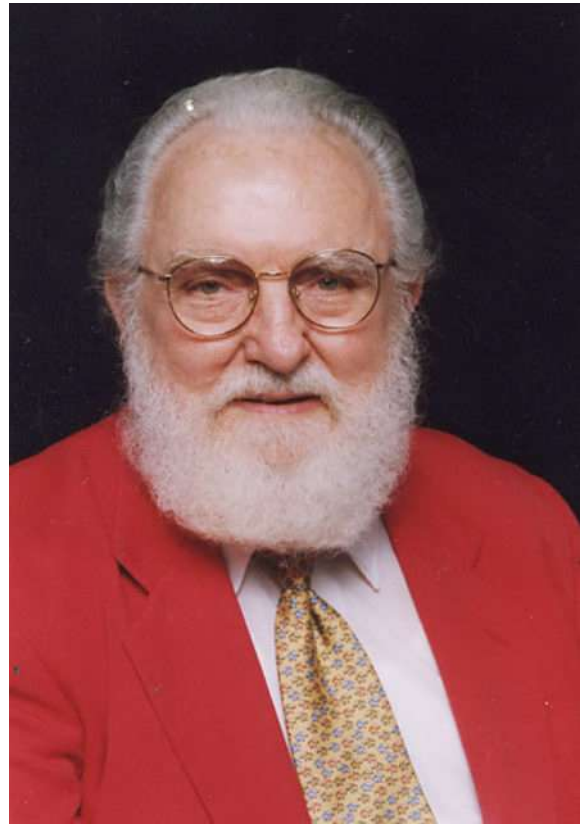
The Alabama Chapter lost arguably its best friend and most loyal member when Walter C. Granger, Sr., '50, passed away at the age of 80 on August 9, 2004. For a number of years Walt had battled the effects of diabetes, which confined him to a wheelchair much of the time. But he didn't let this keep him from two of his greatest "loves," the Alabama Chapter and Crimson Tide football. Almost to the very end, he was an active member of the Alumni Board of Trustees, seldom missing the monthly meetings at the Chapter House, to which he drove himself from his home near Bessemer.

Walt leaves behind his loving wife of many years, Betty, as well as two sons, a daughter and two grandsons, not to mention literally



hundreds of admiring and grateful "Brothers-in-the-Bond" acquired during the many years he devoted to the Chapter. Beyond words, his smiling face, always-reliable counsel and unfailing good nature will be sorely missed. His truly was the model of a selfless and loyal Fraternity Brother.

Chuck Carlin, '57



Walter C. Granger, Sr., '50
1924 - 2004

FAREWELL AND PARTING

Brother James D. Page ('53), of Tuscaloosa, passed away suddenly on November 17, 2004, at the age of 73. For younger Brothers who may not have known him, Jim served the Chapter faithfully as "BB" and president of the ABT for many of the years between 1972 and the early 1990s. He personally headed the effort for financing and construction of the Chapter House's Party Wing in the mid-80s, finally making it possible by completing the necessary funding with a loan from his personal IRA, which he allowed the Chapter to repay over a period of almost 15 years.

Brother Page served his country honorably in Korea as a US Marine

Corps combat pilot and was twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam. Often referred to as "a Marine's Marine," he retired from the Corp with the rank of colonel.

In 2000 the Chapter recognized Jim with a Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Award for his outstanding military career, his successful business career as a Tuscaloosa insurance executive, and his many years of loyal service to and financial support of the Chapter.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Millie, two sons, a granddaughter and a grandson, as well as the lasting gratitude of the Alabama Chapter for his distinguished service. He will be missed.

Chuck Carlin, '57

2005 COLEMAN AWARDS

This year the Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Awards will be presented at Homecoming, 11:00 a.m. (immediately before lunch), in the Chapter House. It is hoped this will give more Brothers an opportunity to attend the presentations. Homecoming is currently scheduled for October 29, with Utah State as the opponent. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend both the game and the Awards Ceremony.

This year's scheduling of the ceremony is part of the Chapter's ongoing effort to bring more of our alumni back to the House on a regular basis, while at the same time continuing the tradition started by the ABT in 1998 of recognizing worthy alumni Brothers whose

distinguished lives have reflected well on the Chapter. The criteria for selecting a recipient are that the alumnus has helped others through his professional career, civic activities and/or chapter service. Each man receiving the award is also honored by having his picture hung for all to see on the "Wall of Honor" in the House's alumni parlor (formerly the TV room). Another important purpose of the WOH is to serve as conclusive proof there have been more than just a few outstanding men in our chapter.

Early on it was decided a fitting name for the award would be the Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Award. As most everyone knows, Jeff was the first pledge of Theta Sigma, which was the local basis for starting the Delta Chi Chapter at the University of Alabama on February 12, 1927. He went on to serve the University for almost 50 years in many capacities, from business