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JACK WEEKS - COLD WAR HERO - TO RECEIVE COLEMAN AWARD



2009 Award to be Presented to his Widow at August 15 Dinner in Birmingham

Once they learned of the heroic nature of his life and unfortunate 1968 death in the service of our country, it didn't take the Alabama ABT long to unanimously select **Brother Jack W. Weeks, '55** - a Cold War hero, finally openly recognized by the CIA in September 2007 - as the recipient of the Chapter's 2009 Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Award. The award will be presented to his widow, **Sharlene Fenn Weeks**, by **Brother Dan Saltsman, '56**, Jack's close college friend and best man at his wedding. To receive this honor to her late husband, Mrs. Weeks is coming from her home in Massachusetts, while Brother

Saltsman and his wife, Violet, will be coming from their long-time residence in Webster, Florida.

As extensively reported last year in *The Tuscaloosa News*, the *Delta Chi Quarterly*, and *THE COUNSELOR*, Brother Weeks' story - after being suppressed for many years because of national security concerns - was finally released by the CIA, belatedly giving Jack the recognition he so richly deserved from a grateful state and nation. He earned this gratitude while serving for nine years as an USAF jet fighter pilot in the thick of the standoff with the Soviet Union in Europe, and then from 1964 to 1968 as a CIA pilot flying challenging and dangerous high-altitude, supersonic A-12 "Blackbird" surveillance missions over countries such as China, North Vietnam and East Germany.

Jack's most notable mission occurred only a few weeks before his death when he flew over North Korea to take photos of the USS Pueblo shortly after it was captured. The pictures proved to President Johnson that the ship and its crew were safe for the moment, and allowed negotiations to begin that achieved their release eleven months later, thereby preventing a much more serious confrontation. Shortly thereafter, on June 1, 1968, Brother Weeks was tragically lost when he and his A-12 disappeared over the South China Sea. At the time his wife was unaware of his CIA status, and when it was revealed to her as she received the CIA's highest award, the Star of Valor medal, on Jack's behalf, she was instructed to keep the circumstances of Jack's CIA employment a secret, even from close family members. It was nearly forty years before his story was cleared for telling to the public, which was officially accomplished at the "Long Overdue Tribute to Jack W. Weeks" on June 4, 2008, by the USS Alabama Battleship Commission in Mobile. During the ceremony, a commendation to Brother Weeks was read from Governor Bob Riley, while, in his honor, the A-12 aircraft on display in Battleship Park was permanently named for him.

The presentation ceremony to Mrs. Weeks will be the highlight of the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi 2009 Coleman Award Dinner, Saturday, August 15, at The Club on Red Mountain overlooking Birmingham. It will be held in the Statesman Room (a different room than for our previous dinners at The Club). The evening will begin with a 6:00 p.m., cash bar "Happy Hour," followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. and then the award presentation. Cost of the dinner is \$50.00 per person. Dinner reservations can be made by

mailing your check - made out to "Alabama Delta Chi," for "2009 Coleman Dinner" - to **John Freeman, 3309 Hermitage Road, Birmingham, AL 35223**. Or you can e-mail John to make your reservations and pay when you arrive. All tickets will be available at the door. In any case, for planning purposes, John needs to be informed beforehand of how many ticket reservations you want. He can be reached on weekends and evenings at 205.969.0171 or by e-mail anytime at jfreeman@vistapharm.com.

So, please make your plans now to attend. A large turnout of alumni and student member Brothers and their "significant others" is expected to honor Brother Weeks, especially from among those 1950s era Brothers who knew Brothers Weeks and Saltsman so well.

In the Bond,
John Freeman, '87
ABT Secretary/Treasurer



Dr. James Parker (center) with Brothers Joey Ritchey and Karl Grindel at the doctor's April 6, 2009, initiation at the Chapter House.

STUDENT CHAPTER REPORTS CONTINUED GROWTH & PROGRESS

The 2008 - 09 school year has been immensely productive, and over the past several months the Student Chapter has experienced overwhelming growth in both numbers and spirit. Along with the initiation of 23 new student members during the year, the SC also brought an alumnus of the University, 81-year-old **Dr. James Parker, '51**, into the Bond in the spring semester. This initiation marked the culmination of Brother Parker's 60-year dream to be initiated into Alabama Delta Chi, following his forced drop out in 1947 to pursue academics. For all present, it was a truly memorable experience, witnessed by the full Student Chapter as well as a representative from International Fraternity Headquarters, **Brother Karl Grindel**, Assistant Executive Director, and **Brother Joey Ritchey, '77**, a member of the Chapter's Alumni Board of Trustees. Brother Ritchey probably put the occasion's impact best when he later sent out an e-mail to the ABT and HCB saying, "This

event and the respectful way the (Student) Brothers treated Dr. Parker is a reminder of the treasure that the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi is to all of us." The SC was extremely pleased to have a role in such a significant personal event, and I believe I speak for everyone when I say that the Alabama Chapter is very happy to now have Dr. Parker as a Brother. We hope to see him often in the future at the House.

With regard to new Brothers for the Alabama Chapter, all current student members are anticipating an extremely successful rush program throughout the summer and early fall. Under the direction of **Rush Chairman Clay Benson** and his excellent Rush Committee (composed of **Brothers Justin Carter, Eric Hudson, and Jeremy Dismukes**), a number of exciting rush events have been planned and are expected to be very rewarding, both for potential new members and current active Brothers. If you have any recruitment contacts, please e-mail me at your convenience at mrdodson@crimson.ua.edu, and I will see that the Rush Committee contacts the individual immediately following our notification. Also, if you have any suggestions that might improve rush, send them to me and I'll be sure they are implemented as effectively as possible.

The Chapter House continues to be a place to enjoy and be proud of, with a fully functioning kitchen that offers lunch five days a week and dinner four nights a week. Mrs. Renae Powell continues to serve as meals preparation manager and food inventory supervisor, as well as a very positive and much loved member of our "family." In the spring we welcomed a new addition to our kitchen staff, Mrs. Cassie Upton, who will continue to work in the fall, already having had a huge impact on the Brotherhood. No doubt, our current kitchen operations will continue to grow and prosper under the careful guidance of Mrs. Powell and the reliable assistance of Mrs. Upton.

With the assistance and oversight of the ABT and HCB, the SC also has plans to improve the Chapter House's physical plant. Together, we are currently investigating and, in some cases, undertaking the following projects: replacing the main house and dining room roofs, repainting the band room floor, and replacing the back fence and gate, as well as numerous other lesser jobs that have been put on the docket for immediate completion. Behind the leadership of **Projects Chairman Stuart Mitchell** and the much appreciated and needed guidance of the ABT and HCB, the Student Chapter

is optimistic that all projects will be successfully completed at an early date and will provide a further boost to the aesthetics of the Chapter House. (For more details about CH projects, see the "FUTURE CHAPTER HOUSE PROJECTS /NEEDS IDENTIFIED" article in this newsletter.)

To sum this up, one word characterizes the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi right now: *PROGRESS!* From the growth in our membership numbers to the improvement in our morale, our Student Chapter is a fulfilling, progressive place to be, and all of the Student Brothers are excited over the numerous opportunities we sense in a very bright future.

So you may also experience this exciting wave of continuing progress, the Student Chapter warmly invites all Alumni Brothers - and their families and friends - back to the Chapter House this fall. Once here, you will surely appreciate and share with us the very real possibilities of Delta Chi's present success and glowing future at The University of Alabama....

Roll Tide!

In the Bond,
Mike Dodson, "A"



Chapter Exec with Dr. James Parker at his April 6, 2009, initiation at the Chapter House.

LETTER THANKS STUDENT CHAPTER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dear Mike Dodson, Chapter President, and all the student members of the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi Fraternity:

This letter of thanks is long over-due for you and your fraternity brothers. All of you fine young men have done so much for **Catholic Social Services of West Alabama**, and your generous donation to our last spring Silent Auction was "the icing on the cake." Your basket, "The Gentleman's Tailgate Party," was the auction's most popular selling basket item. Everyone loved it! Even though school was out for the spring semester, you didn't hesitate to help when we asked if you could donate something for this, our spring fund raiser. Your creative response was a real hit and very instrumental in our auction's success.

We also want to thank you for all the "man power" you have provided over the past few years. Without your help, many tasks could not have been accomplished. Like when you helped move two elderly ladies who had no one else to help them. Then there was the time you rented a truck and helped the family of a deceased parishioner empty the contents of his apartment. Also the time you picked

up donated furniture from different homes and brought it to the center so we could sell it in our garage sale. We also called you when we needed donated furniture moved from the Holy Spirit pre-school. You not only moved all the tables and chairs, but you then washed them, dried them and set them up inside! Oh, and let's not forget all the excellent yard work.

We are very grateful for Alabama Delta Chi always being there when we call. And even though you don't always get to see it, you have touched the hearts and lives of many people in this community. This was never more evident than what you did last Christmas for the children.

When you called last December and asked that the Chapter be provided with the names of at least ten children to buy gifts for, we couldn't believe it. Because you not only bought gifts, you bought EVERYTHING on their list! We'll never forget how you, Mike, and Daniel Ryberg came in with bags and bags of toys for the children of the mothers in our "Supporting Single Moms" program. When the two of you got through unloading all the toys and setting them up according to the children's list, you said you'd be right back, because a dollhouse and a Spiderman computer were missing! To our growing joy and amazement, you and Daniel soon returned with them..

We wish all of you could have seen the moms' faces when they came later to pick up their toys. Everyone was moved to tears. It was probably the first time in their children's lives they didn't have to worry about Christmas.

Well, thank you again for all Alabama Delta Chi has done for Catholic Social Services of West Alabama and the needy people we serve. It has been great getting to know you, Mike, and the other fine young men of your admirable college social fraternity chapter. We look forward to continuing our relationship in the coming year and hope it continues in the future for many more years!

Gratefully and Sincerely,
Becky Latham
(For Sister Carol, Director of Catholic Family Services)
Catholic Social Services of West Alabama



Newly initiated, Dr. Jim Parker (back row, center) proudly poses with many of the Chapter's student members, April 6, 2009.

CHAPTER ALUMNI RELATIONS BETTER THAN EVER

By all accounts, most alumni members of the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi are extremely pleased with the significant progress the Student Chapter has made in recent years. This has been particularly true in the area of alumni relations. A telling example: At the fall 2008 Homecoming gathering in the Chapter House, **Brothers Gary Branch, Sr., '65**, and his son, **Gary, Jr., '90**, made a special return presentation of long-misplaced chapter membership records and chapter meeting minutes for every meeting from 1927 through 1997. And then, as part of this impressive show of renewed faith in the Student Chapter, **Brothers Branch, Sr.**, and **Ernie Kennamer, '80**, generously volunteered to jointly donate a fire/water-proof safe to the Chapter for safe-keeping of these and many other important Chapter records/documents. The substantial \$1100 safe, with a mounted plaque from the SC that recognizes Gary and Ernie as the donors, now stands securely in the Chapter House's Conference Room/Study Hall (formerly part of the house director's quarters). *A special vote of thanks from the entire Chapter to these two generous Brothers is certainly in order!*

In terms of rush, Chapter alumni this year have offered an unprecedented number of names to the SC for both spring and fall 2009 pledge classes. As of May, more than 40 potential members had been recommended, most notably by **Brothers Jack Whetstone, MD, '52**, and **Jeff Threlkeld, '79**, who have sent numerous contacts our way. As a result, the SC gained five new associate members in the spring, one of which is a legacy (the son of Brother Joey Ritchey, '77). All of these fine young men have since been initiated, joining the 18 others initiated last fall. What better proof is

there of the positive impact alumni referrals can have on Chapter membership? So please, Brothers, keep 'em coming!

In addition to the above activities, the SC is excited to be expanding alumni relations in several other ways. It is very pleased to have made contact with **Dr. James "Jim" Parker, '51**, of Virginia, and is proud to have conducted an alumnus initiation ceremony for him at the Chapter House on April 6th. The SC is also pleased to have welcomed **Brother Karl Grindel**, Central Missouri Chapter alumnus, and **Brother Alan McClendon, '95**, as new Tuscaloosa area residents and involved alumni. As is our Chapter's tradition, the SC will continue to enthusiastically welcome all Brothers into the Fraternity's Alabama Chapter family.

With the utmost pleasure, the Student Chapter wishes to recognize the Alabama Chapter's outstanding Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) and House Corporation Board (HCB), both of which have been absolutely essential to the ever growing success of the SC. For the student members, there simply have been - and continue to be - no better, reliable sources for advice/guidance than from these two hard working alumni organizations. As such, the SC recognizes how blessed it is to have two such admirable groups of Alabama Chapter alumni Brothers assisting in its operations, maintenance and growth.

Lastly, extra special recognition must be given to the faithful core of Chapter alumni Brothers whose substantial voluntary financial contributions over the last ten years have made the successful renewal of the Alabama Chapter possible. Words cannot adequately convey the Chapter's gratitude to these loyal men, but the names of those who contributed to our most recent fund drives for our remodeled kitchen and restrooms/shower are given elsewhere in this newsletter in an attempt to in some small way give them the recognition they so richly deserve.

In closing, the student members of the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi extend sincere, warmest regards to all Brothers, and wish them and their loved ones the best during coming years. If any of you are ever in T-town, please do not hesitate to stop by the Alabama Chapter House - *your Chapter House!* The SMs are always more than happy to show our special UA brand of Southern Hospitality.

Roll Tide!!

In the Bond,
Mike Dodson, "A"



ANNUAL ABT REPORT

The Chapter is anticipating nearly 40 student members to start fall 2009, with a fully occupied Chapter House. Rush's goal is an additional 20 to 30 associate members, with four major summer rush events planned to help make this year even better than last, which saw the largest pledge class since the Chapter reopened in 1998. For the first time since our return, rush is being entirely financed by the Student Chapter without Alumni Century Club assistance, a telling indication of how far the SC has come.

Our present group of Chapter student leaders, headed by Mike Dodson, "A," continues to show extraordinary ability, with complete self-reliance as far as day-to-day operations and maintenance of the Student Chapter and the house itself are concerned. With exceptional organizational skills and responsibility towards the Chapter's present and future goals, recent initiatives by the student members include study halls that have raised the overall GPA (now approaching 3.0) and implementation of a third-party house bill payment system. The conversion of the unused house director's quarters into a combination Conference Room/Study Hall and Chapter Office, has worked out extremely well, and an imposing fire- and water-proof safe located there now securely stores important Chapter records and documents. Furthermore, the kitchen/dining room operation has been expanded to include both lunch and dinner on weekdays.

Chapter "A," Mike Dodson, has shown a level of leadership that sets the example for the other student members. He has not only served the Chapter well, but is also an influential UA leader in student government, serving as SGA vice president for external affairs. He has been inducted into

Jasons, Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board. This year, the Order of Omega, the Greek Honor Society, choose Mike as the most outstanding junior at the University of Alabama. Following in Mike's footsteps is Clay Benson, who was elected SGA senator of Arts & Sciences. Clay is also our rush chairman and house manager for 2009, so great things are expected of him.

Some projects being considered for the future are expansion of the upstairs over the dining room and party wing to provide for a chapter meeting room and additional sleeping rooms, and a scholarship fund to assist SMs who might need financial help. The former would be a HCB-supervised project some years from now and the latter a more immediate ABT Alumni Century Club-sponsored effort with SC backing. Anyone wanting their name on a major endowment for the latter should contact John Freeman, ABT Secretary/Treasurer.

Involved and committed, the ABT's alumni members feel very privileged and honored as we continue to work for the Student Chapter. All that we ask is that each of the Chapter's other alumni members think about and act upon what part each can play in the continued improvement of the Chapter. Mike and the rest of the young men leading our Chapter deserve your support, so look to what you can do ... be it recommending rushees, endowing a fund, contributing to the Century Club or just showing up at the House every once in a while and telling the student members what a great job they are doing.

In the Bond,
Michael S. Garber, '78
ABT President



2009 ALUMNI CENTURY CLUB DUES DRIVE – NAMES OF 2008 DONORS

Since the Alumni Century Club was established by the ABT in the mid-'90s (primarily due to the inspiration and drive of **Brother John Freeman, '87**, who, as ABT secretary/treasurer, is still the club's guiding force), THE COUNSELOR has made it a policy to carefully report the many achievements for the Chapter that have resulted solely because of the CC and the alumni Brothers who have faithfully supported it through the years.

For example, there would be no annual alumni newsletter if it weren't for the CC covering the cost of printing and mailing almost a thousand copies each year. And the expenses

involved with giving the annual Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Awards are paid by the CC. They consist of certificates purchased from Delta Chi Headquarters and their preparation and framing for presentation. And on numerous occasions since 1998 the CC has been there to help the Student Chapter pay for unexpected but necessary expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of the Chapter House. Furthermore, for the first eight years after the Chapter's return to campus in '98, the CC paid the annual premium on the Chapter's obligatory fire and liability insurance. Needless to say, the Century Club has been - and continues to be - an indispensable part of the Chapter's successful return to prominence on the UA campus.

FYI, the following loyal alumni Brothers contributed to last year's CC Dues Drive:

Steve Ambrose, '85	Rain Blankenship, '85
Tyler Brown, '96	Jim Calhoun, '59
Chuck Carlin, '57	Brion Carlson, '94
Fred Connell, '65	Brian Corbett, '85
John Freeman, '87	Bob Hodgkins, '52
Chad Leopard, '89	Rick Manley, '53
Bill McCahan, '59	Bill McGough, '70
Jim Merrell, '58	Mike Mitchell, '88
Michael Norris, '92	Gary Osborn, '64
Bob Parker, '52	Skip Rummel, '83
Ken Scarborough, '66	Mickey Scarborough, '64
Cass Scripps, '88	Morris Seymour, '82
David Tate, '82	Max Taylor, '97
Steve Teal, '86	Daniel Vines, '83
Jack Whetstone, '52	Stan Williams, '60

These selfless men donated a total of \$6000 and have the sincerest thanks of the Chapter for doing it! (NOTE: Every effort has been made to accurately list the above donors. If someone has inadvertently been left off, misspelled or class-year given wrong, we apologize and ask that Chuck Carlin be notified at carlinua57@aol.com so the error can be rectified in next year's issue of the newsletter.)

The **2009 Alumni Century Club Dues Drive** is now underway. If you haven't already given, use the form below to send in your contribution, which customarily is \$200. But regardless of whether you send more or less, be assured your donation is appreciated and will go toward the continued support of the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi – *your Chapter!*

Please send your form and check (made out to "Alabama DX Alumni Century Club") to **John Freeman, 3309 Hermitage Road, Birmingham, AL 35223**. *And thanks, Brother!*

Alabama Delta Chi Alumni Century Club 2009 Dues Contribution

Name _____ Class Year _____ Amount \$ _____

Address _____

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Telephone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____



ANNUAL HCB REPORT

The 2008 - 09 school year was unique for the HCB in that for the first time since returning to campus in 1998, the Board had no "major" projects underway to supervise and/or pay for. This did not mean, however, that it was just a time for fun and games. Working in conjunction with the Student Chapter and the ABT, there were a number of significant problems that had to be addressed to maintain the Chapter House at the level expected of a first-line University of Alabama social fraternity chapter. And the HCB is happy to report that the SC and ABT stepped up with it to meet all challenges on every occasion.

Of particular interest to both the SC and the HCB during the year was the replacement of a number of interior and exterior doors. This was due to the cost of these items being shared by the two parties. The HCB paid \$3,700 for the installation of new interior fire-rated doors on the first floor in both stairwells, and for a new door, with new hardware, from

the kitchen to the outside. While, in a project now underway for an estimated cost of \$4,158, the SC will by this fall have replaced the hardware on two of the party wing's exterior double doors and installed a new exterior metal door on the first floor on the Kappa Sigma side of the house. This summer the HC is to pay for a similar door on the Theta Chi side. This doors maintenance will satisfy both UA and fire insurance inspection requirements.

Another fire insurance inspection requirement will result this summer in the HCB and SC having a professional electrician install ground fault interrupter circuits where needed in the kitchen and all bathrooms to protect against water and electricity accidentally coming together should a water leakage/overflow occur in the sink or washbasin areas. While on the premises, the electrician will also satisfied other insurance requirements, including replacing all missing outlet covers, providing open breaker slots protection in the main breaker box, protecting party wing north wall electrical wiring

from all water sources, and properly encasing HVAC electrical wiring in new conduits.

In mid-April, a strong wind and rain storm blew the last, large pine tree by the backyard patio onto the roof of the main house, above the exterior entrance to the Chapter Conference Room/Study Hall (former house director quarters). The hole was about 15'x 5' in size. Fortunately there was no damage to the exterior brick wall. There was, however, enough overall damage to the roof that the insurance company agreed to install a complete new roof on the main house, at no cost to the Chapter, other than the \$2500 deductible paid by the SC and \$5000 paid by the HC for the difference in the cost of a 25-year roof vs. a 50-year one. (The University requires the latter, while insurance covers only the former.) This summer the new 50-year warranty roof will be installed after the old one is removed, i.e., it will not be overlaid on the old one.

In addition, the storm damaged roof flashing on the end of the party wing, the summer repair of which will also be covered by insurance.

The SC also paid to have the fallen tree cut up and removed. (Insurance may reimburse this expense.) And it would appear that, as a result of this storm's damage, the University is ready to take proactive steps to prevent such occurrences, which could mean the free removal soon of other trees that potentially threaten the House.

While the roofer was on site this spring to inspect the storm damage, the SC also had all other party wing/dining room

flashing inspected for problems. There were none. Looking to the future, the HCB requested that the SC also have the roofer give us an estimate for completely replacing the dining room roof, resulting in a \$6,000 figure. In the opinion of the roofer, the new DR roof will be required within three years. As reflected in another article in this newsletter, this information is being used for immediate HCB fund raising purposes.

Also in April (a busy month!), the student members noticed termite damage in the TV room, on the wall by the door going into the first floor front hall near the ladies restroom. They immediately brought in a pest control firm to exterminate the pests and put the house under a termite bond that calls for an annual inspection. The SC then proceeded to have the damaged wall repaired. (Great work, fellows!)

Elsewhere in this newsletter the article, "FUTURE CHAPTER HOUSE PROJECTS/NEEDS IDENTIFIED," will surely be of interest to all Alabama Chapter members. You are urged to read it carefully, as it deals directly with the continuing welfare of the Alabama Chapter, a Chapter - loved by us all - now firmly on course toward many more future generations of proud Alabama Delta Chi Fraternity Brothers!

In the Bond,
Jim Merrell, '58
HCB President



**2005 - 08 HOUSE CORPORATION BUILDING
FUND DONORS RECOGNIZED**

The HCB wishes to thank all alumni Brothers listed below who contributed to these recent major improvements to the Chapter House: the installation of a new kitchen and the remodeling of all restrooms and the shower area.

The kitchen fund drive was launched in late 2005 and completed in early 2007. An additional fund raising effort was then immediately launched to completely refurbish all restrooms located on the first floor of the House and the restroom/shower area located upstairs. This fund raising effort and the remodeling continued through June 2008 and were both completed that month. A total of \$90,000 for these two major improvements was contributed by 110 Brothers (about 12% of our approximate 950 living members). Of these, 60 % gave to both the kitchen fund effort and the remodeling of the restrooms/shower. (Think of what could be accomplished for the Chapter if only a more significant percentage of our alumni members would regularly donated!)

Our Chapter House is now in the best shape it has been in many years. However, we are always challenged to keep it in good repair and greatly motivated to do so, knowing it is a \$2,500,000 asset. One of the greatest features of contributing to the House Corporation's Building Fund maintained by the University is that the gift is **tax deductible**. We would ask all Chapter alumni to continue to keep the Alabama Chapter as a priority when considering those organizations to which they periodically contribute.

The Alabama Chapter of Delta Ch is dedicated to continuing to provide the young men of today and tomorrow with the same opportunity its alumni Brothers had to enjoy the "Bond between Brothers"... *something that will last a life time!*

In the Bond,

Stan Williams, '60
HCB Vice Pres./Treasurer

Joe Face, '79
HCB Financial Advisor

THANKS TO ALL 2005 – 2008 Donors

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**FUTURE CHAPTER HOUSE PROJECTS /
NEEDS IDENTIFIED**

As a result of an inspection of the house by HCB members on A-Day game day in April, and with the later input of the ABT and SC, the following action items have been identified as future house projects/needs. Some, as “major projects,” are the responsibility of the HC, while others must, by necessity, fall to the ABT Century Club and/or the SC. Responsibility for each item - indicated by the heading - is subject to change based on financial and other considerations existing when it is activated. When this will occur depends on the priority assigned to each by mutual agreement of the HCB, ABT and SC.

SC/ABT

1. Repair/replace first floor wooden floor
2. Replace all damaged/missing ceiling tiles on first floor
3. Acquire new table for foyer (NOTE: Maybe someone has a nice used one that could be donated to the Chapter; if so, contact Mike

Dodson, “A,” at mrdodson@bama.ua.edu or 205-601-6528)

4. Repair or replace backyard patio (NOTE: Brothers, please send Chuck Carlin, at

carlinua57@aol.com or to this newsletter’s return address, any suggestions you may have for improving this area.)

SC

1. Completely rehabilitate second floor hall (paint walls and doors, clean or replace floor, refinish ceiling as needed)
2. Firmly secure all exterior front window shutters to house
3. Thoroughly clean side yard on Kappa Sigma side of house (remove old BBQ pit)
4. Repair back gate and fence
5. Repair/replace selected upholstered couches and chairs in TV room and Alumni Room (LR)
6. Replace entry door from front hall into Chapter Conference Room/Study Hall
7. Repair/replace any damaged entry doors from 2nd floor hall into sleeping rooms
8. Landscape house front per Mike Dodson’s plans
9. Have professional plumber repair 2nd floor restroom

CHAPTER NEWS BRIEFS

Student Chapter's Game Days Invitation

After the successful 12 - 0 regular season run by the CRIMSON TIDE last year, the student members expect record breaking home game turnouts for the coming '09 football season. Accordingly, the SC extends a hearty invitation to all alumni Brothers and their families and guests to come to the Chapter House on the following game days. Food and light beverages will be served at 11:30 a.m., except for any games with morning kickoffs, when breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. (Evening games will be the same as afternoon games.) After each game you are invited to return for the Chapter's customary post-game festivities.

Come join us as we help the TIDE make its best effort to win a 13th National Championship!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
September 12	Florida State
September 19	North Texas
September 26	Arkansas
October 17	South Carolina
October 24	Tennessee
November 7	LSU
November 21	Chattanooga

1984 Fall Pledge Class Plans 25th Year Reunion

Friday to Sunday, November 6 - 8, 2009, are the scheduled days for the **Silver Anniversary Reunion of the 1984 Fall Pledge Class** in Tuscaloosa. That weekend the CRIMSON TIDE takes on LS(WHO?) at Bryant-Denny Stadium. So, get your tickets and hotel reservations! Get a hold of your "significant other" (wife or otherwise) and your cooler and prepare to head for the Capstone. Plans include a Friday night reception, then Saturday, GAMEDAY! ... before and after the game, a "Big Tailgate on the Quad!" and, that evening, a Band Party in the House's Party Wing! Sunday will see a send-off luncheon to end all send-offs!!

All Brothers and their families and guests are invited (even you, "Pig!"), so you didn't have to be a "new-boy" in '84 to qualify. *More details will follow via the U.S. Mail and/or by e-mail as the dates grow nearer.* Now, if you haven't already, please contact **Brother Joel Boyd, '89**, at JOELBOYD@cbt-alabama.com with your contact information. All '80s era Brothers are especially counted on to be in T-town the first full weekend in November!!

Mike Garber Makes Special '09 Century Club Donation

To satisfy his 2009 donation to the ABT Century Club, **Brother Mike Garber, '78**, ABT President/Chapter Web Site Master, this spring generously paid the \$238 required to mat and frame two special items slated to be hung in the Chapter House this fall. One of the items consists of the Summer/Fall 2008 *Delta Chi Quarterly* issue's cover of Brother Jack Week, '55 - this year's Coleman Award recipient - and the two-page *Quarterly* article about him, while the second is made up of the Fall/Winter 2000 *Delta Chi Quarterly* issue's cover of new Shelby Hall (then under construction), the one-page *Quarterly* article about it and its namesake, Senator Richard Shelby, '57, and an autographed photo of Brother Shelby to the Alabama Chapter.

The idea behind the matting/framing of these two historically significant items originated with **Brother Ray Galbreth**, Fraternity Executive Director/*Quarterly* Editor, who suggested they would make attractive additions to the Chapter House. Both framed pieces will be on display at the August 15 Coleman Award Dinner at The Club in Birmingham.

Special "thanks" to Brother Garber for making possible these two handsome additions to the Chapter House.

Joe L. Langston, Sr., Inducted into Alabama Broadcasters Hall of Fame

Brother Joe Langston, '54, long-time news anchor at WBRC/Channel 6 in Birmingham is among this year's inductees into the Alabama Broadcasters Association's Hall of Fame. Joe, a Tuscaloosa County native, joined WBRC in 1963, and after an award-filled news career, retired from there in 1987. He later chaired the Department of Communications at Jacksonville State University. Joe and his wife, Margaret, live in Mountain Brook, outside Birmingham. Congratulations to Brother Langston for this, the latest achievement in a long, illustrious career. (*Source: The Birmingham News*)

From the Student Chapter's Winter 2009 Delta Chi Quarterly "Campus Scene" Report

"It was a busy fall semester for the Chapter. In November, we initiated 18 outstanding gentlemen. During Homecoming at the Capstone, the Chapter participated in the House Decoration Contest with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, landing a close second place finish. Many of our Brothers had the opportunity to join prestigious honor societies on campus, including Cardinal Key and Order of Alpha. Along with our campus involvement, which included having the Student Government Vice-President of External Affairs (Mike Dodson, "A"), our Chapter's intramural football and soccer teams fielded many wins on the way to the playoffs. The

Chapter also had an Alumni Cookout with outstanding alumni participation and camaraderie during the Alabama vs. Auburn weekend. With a perfect football season at home, The Chapter House was packed with alumni every home football weekend."

Annual Joint ABT/HCB Meeting Achieved Desired Results

On May 14, 2009, a satisfyingly productive annual joint meeting of the Chapter's ABT and HCB was held at John Freeman's company office in North Shelby County. Representing the ABT were Mike Garber, '78, President (down from Huntsville), John Freeman, '87, Secretary/Treasurer, Joey Richey, '77, and Mike Dodson, "A." Stan Williams, '60, Vice President/Treasurer (over from Atlanta), and Chuck Carlin, '57, Secretary, represented the HCB, while student member Clay Benson, Rush Chairman/House Manager, was there with the "A" on behalf of the SC. In addition, the meeting was fortunate to have Brother Karl Grindel, Assistant Executive Director, The Delta Chi International Fraternity, in attendance. Brother Grindel now lives in Tuscaloosa and has become involved with the SC in an advisory capacity. (His fiancé is a member of the University's staff, thus Karl has arranged to work for the Fraternity out of T-town instead of Iowa City.)

During the three-hour meeting a number of significant Chapter matters were discussed and problems resolved, many of which are reflected in several of the articles in this newsletter (in particular, in "FUTURE CHAPTER HOUSE PROJECTS/NEEDS IDENTIFIED"). At the conclusion of the meeting, it was the unanimous opinion of all present that, even though attending works some hardships on some, these annual meetings are, nevertheless, an indispensable part of the effort required for the continued success of the Alabama Chapter. They ensure that the three operational entities making up the Chapter – the SC, the ABT, and the HCB – are in harmony, all pulling in the same direction for the ultimate good of the Chapter and the alumni Brothers they represent.

Student Chapter Officers

- **President "A"** : Mike Dodson
- **Vice-President "B"** : Putnam Galt
- **Recording Secretary "C"** : Aaron Hupp
- **Treasurer "D"** : Cody Vanderford
- **Corresponding Secretary "E"** : Ben Adkison

- **Sergeant at Arms "F"** : Eric Hudson
- **Recruitment Chairmen** : Mike Dodson, Justin Carter, Clay Benson

Student Chapter Committee Chairmen

- **Rush Chairman**: Clay Benson
- **AMC** : Stuart Mitchel
- **Scholarship Chairman** : Pete Shearouse
- **Social Chairman** : Josh Husted
- **Swap Chair** : Josh Husted
- **Philanthropy Chair** : Daniel Ryberg
- **Intramural Chairman** : Brandon Pledger
- **House Manager** : Clay Benson
- **Project Manager** : Stuart Mitchel
- **T-Shirt Chairmen** : Charlie Knight, Greg Kubik
- **Zaps Chairman** : Thomas Dye

Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) Members

- **President**: Mike Garber, '78 (Huntsville)
- **Secretary/Treasurer**: John Freeman, '87 (Mt. Brook)
- Joey Ritchey, '77 (Pelham)
- Ernie Kennamer, '80 (Hoover)
- Max Taylor, '97 (Vestavia Hills)
- Jeremy Wood, '05, "BB" (Robertsdale)
- Mike Dodson, "A" (University of Alabama)
- Cody Vanderford, "D" (University of Alabama)

House Corporation Board (HCB) Members

- **President**: Jim Merrell, '58 (Huntsville)
- **Vice President/Treasurer**: Stan Williams, '60 (Atlanta, GA)
- **Secretary**: Chuck Carlin, '57 (Homewood)
- **Financial Advisor**: Joe Face, '79 (Richmond, VA)
- **Treasurer Emeritus**: John Freeman, '87 (Mt. Brook)
- **House Manager**: Clay Benson (University of Alabama)

Attention!

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FAREWELL AND PARTING

These men have lived among us for a time, and we have been honored to call them Brothers. Now they are gone and we bid them a fond farewell at this parting.

Billy C. Martin, '48, was reported in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue of the *Delta Chi Quarterly* to have died on April 15, 2008, in Birmingham.

James Denver Ragland, '51, passed away in Homewood, Alabama, on January 20, 2009.

- AN EDITORIAL -

By now, Brothers, you have probably noticed a most unusual occurrence in this issue of THE COUNSELOR: requests for donations by both the ABT's Alumni Century Club and the HCB for the Chapter's Building Fund. A check of our newsletter's archives - passed down over the years from editor to editor - revealed that since the first issue of THE COUNSELOR in 1976 through last year's issue, there have never been donation requests from both Boards in the same issue. And both Boards fervently wish it were not so this year.

The ABT must almost always routinely conduct its annual Century Club Dues Drive, but the HCB is optimistic that this year's major fund drive for at least \$22,000 from our alumni will be the last such drive for the foreseeable future. With the roofs being replaced this summer, the white exterior trim being repainted, etc., there are no major HC projects on the immediate horizon. The only possible exception is that the University may require all Greek houses to install full interior water-sprinkler, fire-suppression systems. But in truth, the rumor about such a requirement has been floating around the campus since the early part of this decade and it is everyone's hope and prayer that it will continue to go unannounced indefinitely.

Most important to the present and future economic welfare of the Chapter is the fact that each year since returning to campus has seen the Student Chapter grow, until this year it appears very likely it will again go over the magic number of 60 members, as it did in 2008 - 09. This, of course, means the SC has become more and more able to take on its historical share of the Chapter House's routine maintenance, as well as a significant portion of the costs for future major improvement projects. For those loyal alumni Brothers who have helped carry so much of the financial load for these type costs since 1998, this is great news! But that being said, there's still the necessity for this year's Building Fund Drive among our alumni.

However, be assured, Brothers, that the current economic climate is uppermost in the minds of your ABT and HCB, and that this year's requests for donations have not been made lightly. You can be confident that your contributions will be spent carefully for the maximum good of the Chapter, and that whatever you donate will be most appreciated and will help guarantee a Chapter that we can continue to be proud of.

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Two more!! (Delta Zeta-Delta Chi 2009 Rave Swap)



**Drink'um firewater! Catch'um beautiful squaw!!
(2009 Indian Party)**



2009 IP: If you build it, they will come...



**You can bet somewhere a couple of party braves
were looking for these two. Can you blame 'em?
(2009 IP)**



...and they did! (The whole partying "tribe"!!)



**Dr. Jim Parker with new "Brother" and fellow
US Marines veteran, SM Brandon Plegder, the
day of the doctor's initiation, April 6, 2009.**



**2009 Formal: Brothers ready for the "Big Easy"!
(The question is: Was the "Big E" ready for
them?)**



2009 Formal: "Executive Privilege" in New Orleans?



Whoever called this meeting did good!



"I just stepped in WHAT?!!" (2009 Formal)



2009 Formal: Who invited the "Biues Brother"? (Mike Dodson, incognito, with Hunter Barnett.)







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