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Alumni Brothers at Regional Conference, Huntsville, January 17, 2004: (L - R) Joe Pickett (Troy State), Mike Carroll (Auburn), Stan Williams, Chuck Carlin, Jim Merrell (all Alabama) and Ray Galbreth, Fraternity Exec. Dir. (Missouri)



2004 JEFFERSON J. COLEMAN ALUMNI DINNER

Mark your calendar to attend our 7th Annual Jefferson J. Coleman Alumni Awards Dinner to be held on Saturday, August 21, 2004, at The Club (in The Grille room) in Birmingham. The dinner will start with a Happy Hour at 6:30 PM (cash bar), followed by the dinner and presentations to the award winners.

The ABT is very pleased to announce that this year Dr. Jack Whetstone ('52), of Monroeville, Alabama, and Steve Kennamer ('76), of Scottsboro, Alabama, will each be honored with a Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Award. This prestigious award is given annually for outstanding professional and personal achievement. This year, Jack is being honored for his service in the medical field (in particular, his work with nursing homes) and Steve for his work in the legal field, as well as his service to the Chapter.

This year we are going to do a "guys-only" dinner. The cost is \$45 per person. You should make your check payable to "DX Century Club" and mail it to John Freeman, using the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

That same morning we will also play golf in our Annual Bill Mace Memorial Golf Outing. Just in past years, John will get you the details when the date grows near.

If you have any questions, call John at 205-969-0171 or email him at jfreeman@vistapharm.com. To help with planning, we ask that you RSVP early.

NEWSLETTER COSTS SAVING NOTICE

In an effort to reduce future newsletter costs, all issues of THE COUNSELOR (starting with this issue) will be posted on the Chapter Web site: www.deltachiua.org. Hereafter, printed copies will to be sent via US Mail to only those Brothers who have demonstrated a continuing interest in the Chapter by having either:

(a) financially contributed to the Chapter's renovation/operation since 1998 or to the original construction of the Chapter House in 1968-72, or

(b) attended at least one of the Alumni Honors Dinners held annually in Birmingham since 1998, or

(c) to the knowledge of at least one member of the ABT (Alumni Board of Trustees) or HCB (House Corporation Board of Directors), visited the Chapter House at least once since it reopened in 1998.

In addition, printed copies of future issues will be mailed to any Brother not eligible under any of the above criteria, if he contacts Chuck Carlin (205-870-8272, or carlinua57@aol.com) or via US Mail at the return address on the back page of this newsletter) and request that they continue to be sent to him. Also, please inform Chuck if you are eligible to receive mailed printed copies but do not want to get them in the future.

2003 ALUMNI DINNER HONORS RUDD AND JOHNSTON

On August 23, 2003, as more than 50 Brothers, spouses and other guests looked on, Dr. George E. Rudd ('50) and Dr. F. Carden Johnston ('57) were each presented a Jefferson J. Coleman Outstanding Alumnus Award at the 6th Annual Alabama Chapter Alumni Honors Dinner at The Club in Birmingham. The awards were made as part of the evening's festivities, adroitly handled by Brian Bugge ('97) as master of ceremony, after the dinner's invocation was given by Stan Williams ('60). The presentations were the highlight of an evening that can only be described as the latest resounding success in the series of dinners that the Chapter ABT originated in 1998 to each year recognize two Alumni Brothers who have not only materially contributed to our Chapter, but have also reflected well on it by having proven their value to society through their personal and professional accomplishments. Another equally important reason for having this annual dinner is to help make the members of the current Student Chapter aware of the many outstanding men who have gone before them and how proud they should be to be a part of the Alabama Chapter of Delta Chi. ((Cont'd on Pg 2)



Dr George Rudd. '50



Dr Carden Johnston, 57

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Dr. Rudd, a 1955 Graduate of the Medical College of Alabama, has held numerous positions in the medical programs of UAB. He is now a retired long-time practitioner in Family Practice with Occupational Health Service Component in Pinson, Alabama, and served as college physician for Jefferson State Junior College and team physician for Pinson Valley High School. Among his many honors, he served as president of both the Jefferson County Medical Society and the Alabama Academy of Family Practice, and is listed in "Who's Who in Alabama" and "Who's Who in the South." Through the years, Dr. Rudd has been a faithful and generous supporter of the Chapter.

After graduating from the Medical College of Alabama in 1961, Dr. Johnston served as a flight medical officer in the United States Air Force. He is presently a practitioner of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham. He also holds the title of Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics in the UAB School of Medicine. One accomplishment of which Dr. Johnston is particularly proud is having created over 500 Pediatric TV Segments ("KidCheck") that have been telecast in Birmingham and more than 40 other cities across the nation. To his credit, he has also served as a volunteer MD in the Dominican Republic, St. Lucia and India. His numerous honors include having been elected a Fellow in the Royal College of Physicians (London) and, in 2003, national president of the 57,000-member American Academy of Pediatrics.

These two worthy physicians are now members of the following roster of distinguished Brothers who have received Coleman Awards:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Awarded *</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Walt Granger, '50	1998	Bessemer, AL
Bill Mace, '56 (Deceased '98)	1999	Birmingham
Noah Langdale, PHD, '41	2000	Valdosta, GA
Rick Manley, '53	2000	Demopolis, AL
Jim Page, '53	2000	Tuscaloosa
Larry Northington, '71	2001	Birmingham
Bob Vance, '50 (Deceased '89)	2001	Talladega, AL
Bill Crawford, '71	2002	Memphis, TN
Jon Vice, '70	2002	Birmingham
George Rudd, MD, '50	2003	Bradford, AL
Carden Johnston, MD, '57	2003	Birmingham

* Limited to two honorees per year since 2000

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As is the custom, the Honors Dinner was preceded by a "Happy Hour" during which the Brothers exchanged numerous stories of their exploits as student members - some of them even true! The only flaw to the evening was the observation that the number of alumni present should number in the hundreds rather than the 50s, particularly when one considers that the event is held annually in the heart of central Alabama, where so many of us live. Some men come long distances to attend (Jon Vice, '70, for instance, has come from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with his wife, the last two years!), and it would be great if more from in-state and around the Southeast would also put in an occasional appearance. So why not get in touch with a couple - or more - of the Brothers from your school years and make an evening of it at the 2004 dinner in August. Or, failing that, come alone, or with the wife or girlfriend (definitely not both!). Whichever, you'll have a ball!

From the Alumni Board of Trustees

Greetings everyone from the ABT. We are very excited about the young men that make up the current student chapter. This group has worked hard to build a brotherhood amongst themselves, as well as stay involved on campus and provide a positive image of the Chapter at the University.

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the 1950s, 60s or 70s. To broaden our reach, we will be forming an ABT Contact Committee comprised ideally of alums from every three-to-four-year period of our history on the UA campus. The purpose of this committee, which we hope will consist of 15 to 20 alums, will be to create an enduring network capable of personally contacting the majority of our alumni members with news and information throughout the course of the year.

To help us put this committee together, and make it operate effectively, I am asking for volunteers from those of you who keep in touch with your Alabama Chapter contemporaries. Along with your commitment regarding membership on this committee, please feel free to send suggestions for the formation and management of the proposed network (obviously, the Chapter's Web site will be of great use). Referring to the ABT contact information on page 4, please call or e-mail me to join this committee.

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In the Bond,
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ABT President

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HOUSE CORPORATION POLICY FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF CHAPTER PROPERTY (Cont'd)

result of failure on the part of the SC to properly use or protect the Chapter's property, responsibility for paying for the needed repair/replacement will be the SC's. If the SC does not get the needed repair/replacement done within a reasonable period of time, as stipulated by the HCB, the HCB will get it done and bill the SC. If the SC fails to pay the bill in the time given by the HCB for payment, the HCB will take appropriate action.

 * "Chapter Property" refers to the Chapter House and its contents, including all items such as outside landscaping, fences, gates, patios, etc., on the Chapter's UA lot.

A Web Site is Not Just an On-line Brochure

There is now a Web site for our Fraternity Chapter: <http://www.deltachiua.org>. It is set up to inform students, parents and alumni about Delta Chi at the University of Alabama. Presently it gives an overview of the Chapter, its history, and ongoing activities. There is a calendar that lists upcoming events and there is a forum area where brothers can discuss, argue and agree to disagree about different topics. We have a place to post and exchange tickets to University events like football and basketball. And this is just the beginning of the possibilities.

A Web site that is only being used as an on-line brochure is not really effective. Web sites are capable of much more: E-commerce, registration, administration, data management, communication enhancement and information delivery are but a few things we could be doing more effectively with this technology. Indian Party t-shirts and photos could be ordered and sold here. Each active (student) member could be managing his on-line resume and future job marketing strategy on the DX site. We could set the site to accept donations to the many improvements that we are working towards. Private areas of the site can be set for what we would prefer to remain between Brothers. This site could also become a source through a link directory of resources to help our students in their research and studies. The ideas are only limited by the energy applied to making things happen.

The e-mail management capability that we have included with the technology that is being used allows us to assign e-mails to Brothers, officers and alumni (e.g., chuck@deltachiua.org). We have the ability to manage multiple mailing lists that can enhance communication between all those involved with Delta Chi at Bama (e.g., alumni@deltachiua.org).

Our Web site is currently getting over 20,000 hits and an average of 2400 individual visits each month. This is phenomenal traffic for a locally focused Web site. A lot can be done with what we have. Tradition can be strengthened and brotherhood renewed. If there are just a few good men out there who would like to join with those currently working on the site, we would welcome your input and contributions. The technology that runs the site allows for remote administration. It is set to allow for multiple administrators who do not need to be Internet Geeks. So let us know if you are interested in becoming a Web Site Master in the Bond, thereby helping us make our brotherhood even stronger. To do this, contact me at mgarber@buildingapplications.com or 256-650-5086 or (cell) 256-527-2991.

Mike Garber, '78, Alabama Chapter Web Site Master



Student Chapter 2003 Christmas Party

STUDENT CHAPTER REPORT

As this is written in late January 2004, with continued alumni support and involved student membership, the Alabama Chapter of The Delta Chi Fraternity is having a positive impact on all its members and on the campus.

Recently, a Relay for Life team to support the American Cancer Society with donations was formed by the student chapter. If anyone would like to make a donation to our Relay for Life, please contact Jeff Clemons at the Alabama Delta Chi Chapter House (205-348-6663).

Spring will soon be upon us at the Capstone and we are very excited about our first formal (Red and Buff Ball) since our 1998 return to campus. The Brothers will be leaving for New Orleans on February 6th, to return on the 8th. Special thanks go to student brother Preston Mann for organizing the event and for all of the alumni support making it possible.

Gary Barnes ("A") has been appointed chairman of the High School Leadership Conference Committee on campus for the second year in a row, while Michael Collins was recently elected an SGA senator. Sean McCarty has been inducted into the Order of Alpha and Marques Stacey has been appointed an Ambassador for the University. In addition, Michael Cumby has been inducted as a member of the Business Honors Society. Our congratulations go to each of them!

Congratulations are also in order for our fall pledge class. It had one of the top five GPAs among fraternities during its pledge semester.

For the upcoming fall, we have planned a very thorough rush schedule in hopes of having the largest pledge class in many years. Last year's 50th anniversary of the Indian Party was a huge success, and this year we hope to continue the tradition by showing a large number of rushees how much fun it is to be a Delta Chi. The scheduled dates of the party will allow a maximum number of rushees (and sorority members!) to attend.

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STUDENT CHAPTER REPORT (Cont'd from Pg 5)

In closing, we wish to acknowledge that it our alumni who help make much of our rush possible. Special thanks go to Hank Collins ('60) and Tyler Brown ('96) for hosting rush events last year, and we hope to do it again this year. If any of you would like to host a rush event, or in any other way get involved, contact the

house president, Gary Barnes (uagbarnes@yahoo.com or 205-348-6663). We will be happy to accept!

In the Bond,
Michael Collins,
"E"

away in Atlanta on January 24, 2004. For many years Joe was a faithful contributor to the Chapter and had been personally involved in the ongoing efforts to revitalize it right up until his final days. Our condolences go to his family.

Another Brother, John Carlson, DMD, ('63) passed away in Birmingham in December 2004. Our condolences also go to his family.

Both of these Brothers will be missed. We bid them a fond farewell at this parting,passed away in Atlanta on

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