



Fall Football Schedule

- 9/3 - MTSU
- 9/10 - Southern Miss. (Corp. Board @ new house - 11AM)
- 9/17 - South Carolina
- 9/24 - Arkansas
- 10/1 - Florida
- 10/8 - Off Week
- 10/15 - Ole Miss
- 10/22 - Tennessee
- 10/29 - Utah State (HC)
- 11/5 - Mississippi State
- 11/12 - LSU
- 11/19 - Auburn

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Fall 2005 Newsletter

*** Alpha Kappa Lambda * Gamma Beta Chapter ***

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Semester Summary - Letter From the President

Dear Parents and Alumni,

It is hard to believe that the fall semester of 2005 is already upon us. The summer has come and gone and it is time for another exciting year at the Capstone. This semester, I will continue to work with the Josh Harrison (Vice President), Andrew Morris (Treasurer), and Tyler Anderson (Secretary). We are all committed to working extremely hard to have a successful fall semester for the chapter.

In the spring the chapter took a large stride forward getting an on-campus fraternity house. **The new house will allow the chapter to excel in many areas such as on-campus activities, rush, and parent/alumni involvement. We will also be holding our Wednesday night chapter meeting and weekly study hall in our new facilities.** The new house is located very close to the quad which makes it perfect for game days. The house holds 16 brothers and has dining and living rooms. The move in day was August 15, 2005, at which time the fraternity composites that were hanging for years at the 10th Avenue house were moved into the new house. This historical moment for the chapter has everyone excited and pumped up for a great semester.

The chapter has also made **financial changes** by switching to the **Omega Financial Group**. Omega Financials is a respected and well-known financial organization specializing in Greek financing. Omega will send out bills and it allows parents brothers, and alumni to pay their bills on-line.

This spring and summer has brought upon the chapter many exciting changes. The executive council, brothers, and I are continuing to work hard to make the best of Alpha Kappa Lambda. On behalf of the chapter, I want thank everyone for their continued support and encouragement.

Josh Meek

Alpha Kappa Lambda President - meekers15@yahoo.com



On-Campus House on Devotie Ave, located directly behind the Biology building and Gordon Palmer Hall

Chapter Working Hard With Fall Rush

Rush is going well this year for the Fraternity. Matt Cannova has taken over the rush chair position and is being helped by Daniel Day. Matt and Daniel have worked with alumni and compiled a rush list of close to eighty names for the fall. Alumni have also given Matt many ideas to help with rush. Matt is trying various new methods to hopefully display the many positive sides to our fraternity. With two weeks remaining in fall rush the fraternity has 21 pledges from various high schools (John Carroll, Hoover, Vestavia, Mountain Brook, Grissom, Trussville, Oak Mountain, Spain Park) as well different states (Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, etc.). If any parents or alumni have any ideas for rush or would like to submit potential rushee names to our database, please contact one of the following brothers:

Matt Cannova - (205) 601-0731

Kevin Cook - (205) 999-9218

Daniel Day - (205) 837-3324



Omega Financial

This past summer the chapter and corporate board partnered with Omega Financial Services, a national accounting agency specializing in Greek billing and collections., to handle it's undergraduate and alumni dues program.

Omega Financials has an impressive resume, serving chapters on 380 different campuses and collecting a total of 350 million dollars since 1990. The chapter feels that the partnership will be a successful one. Here is a quick overview of what the chapter, parents, and alumni can expect from Omega:

- Undergraduates: 4 paper bills mailed out each semester, detailing current charges and balances
- Ability to pay by mail (check) or **pay online 24/7** (e-check, credit card)
- Detailed reports for effective financial management

Going forward, **the corporate board will continue to be responsible for chapter budgeting and expenditures.** If you have any questions, please contact the chapter treasurer, Andrew Morris or the corporate board treasurer, Billy Coffman (contact info on back page).

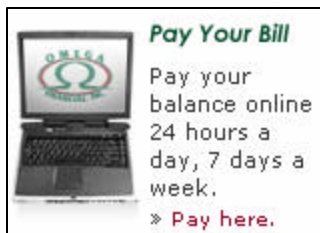
Omega Financial Inc

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Paying Dues Online

- Go to <http://www.omegafi.com>
- Click on the graphic "Pay Your Bill"
- Select your payment method (Credit Card or e-Check)
- Input the requested information



- Parents / Undergraduates - Your **account number** can be found on your statement OR can be obtained from **Andrew Morris**
- Alumni - Please use **"209329"** for the account number and the name of **"Alumni Donations Account"**

New Executive Council Members

The Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda has made the transition to a new Executive Council. The new members are Josh Meek-President, Josh Harrison-Vice President, Tyler Anderson-Secretary, and Andrew Morris-Treasurer. The following is their contact information; please feel free to contact them with any questions or comments about any part of the Fraternity.

President - Josh Meek (205) 706-4236 meekers15@yahoo.com	Secretary - Tyler Anderson (704) 968-5002 ander010@bama.ua.edu
Vice-President - Josh Harrison (205) 222-2794 harri245@bama.ua.edu	Treasurer - Andrew Morris (205) 370-6086 morri103@bama.ua.edu

Giving Back to the Community

Jerrad Funderburk has continued working hard to set up events for our Brothers to participate in. The Gamma Beta Chapter now requires each Brother to attend two Philanthropy events in the spring and one event in the fall. This spring, Alpha Kappa Lambda has done philanthropic work with **Habitat for Humanity, V.A. Hospital, the Boys and Girls Club, and Hurricane Creek Cleanup.**

Also, Gamma Beta is working with the **Women's Resources Center** to raise money for **"These Hands Don't Hurt"**, where our Brothers invite their fellow students to make a donation and dip their hand in paint and place it in on the "Promise Wall" and pledging that their hand will not be used for domestic violence.

Later in the spring semester, Alpha Kappa Lambda participated in the **Relay for Life.** This spring, the chapter collectively accumulated over 400 volunteer hours, which puts us around **700 total hours** for the whole school year. If any **parents or alumni have any ideas for future philanthropy projects** or questions about philanthropy, please contact Jerrad at (901) 487-7975.

Chapter Stays Socially Active

Alpha Kappa Lambda's first big social event of the spring was the annual **Formal in New Orleans.** Brothers were able to stay at the extravagant Alexa Hotel, located on the corner of Bourbon and Canal Streets. Formal was held at the Tropical Isle, mere blocks from the hotel.

The second social event was **Southern Traveler** on March 5, and Bryan Tharpe decorated the house very well. We had a great time with the atmosphere and listening to the band Southern Comfort.

The final social event for the semester was **Low Places.** This year, Low Places was held on April 22 and April 23. Tom Benners and John McCann were in charge of decorating the house this year, and both worked very hard to prepare the house. Entertainment was provided Friday night by Shadetree and Plato Jones on Saturday night, and neither disappointed.

The chapter's biggest annual rush function, **Lake Party**, was held the weekend of July 22 and 23. Brothers Josh Lichter and Cole Owens played a two-man acoustic set on Friday night, and after spending a day in the sun at Roger and Stephen Downs' house on Lake Tuscaloosa, brothers and rushees returned to the fraternity house for live music by a band composed of brothers Matt Jones and Scott Heerssen. Over twenty-five rushees came into town for the weekend and had a great time getting to know the brothers.



Corporate Board & Alumni Update

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I would like to update everyone on some things that we are working on with the chapter, along with some upcoming events, and what we as alumni can do to help our fraternity:

Alumni Association: For the first time in it's history, the chapter is at a point where it has a substantial alumni base. The corporate board is currently developing our alumni program and I'd like to solicit the suggestions and feedback from the alumni on ways to refine our program as we develop it. Below is a list of items that we are currently working on:

- Improved communicate and alumni database.
- Organizing tailgating activities for all home football games.
- Annual Dues Program - We have set our annual dues at \$120 or \$10 a month. While this is amount needed to stay an active member of the alumni association (receive communications, attend alumni socials, gameday tailgates, etc.) alumni are always welcome to donate more and specify what they would like that money to be used for. The money raised by the dues program is currently slated to go the following items:
 - Chapter scholarships - Sponsorship of five \$300 book scholarships for undergraduate members. More details on our initial scholarship program will be sent out this semester.
 - Alumni Socials - Paying for the venue of the bi-annual alumni social.
 - Long-Term Savings / Housing Purchases - Money that will be used for the future on-campus house as well buying items for our current on-campus house. For example, money donated by alumni at last year's golf tournament purchased a new 52 inch T.V. for the on-campus house.

The corporate board will send out additional details later in the semester. Again, to ensure the appropriate use of alumni donations the corporate board has assumed the responsibility of chapter budgeting and expenditures.

Rush: Here are a few things that the corporate board and chapter have done to help refine the Rush process:

- Creation of a rush committee
 - Consists of 10-12 brothers living in Tuscaloosa and Birmingham
 - Meets with Corporate Board approximately once or twice a week
- Coordinating Alumni Participation: Several alumni have participated in several different areas of rush. Here are a few ways that alumni can participate in the future:
 - Attend a rush dinner in your area; this is a great tool that other fraternities don't fully use
 - Submit names and contact information for guys who will be attending UA next fall
- Documenting Past Successes: To help build some consistency with our Rush process, we plan on establishing a Rush Chairman manual for the chapter that can be used on a yearly basis.

Pledge Education: Pledge Education is just as vital to our house as Rush is. To ensure that their journey comes full circle from rushee, to pledge, and to brother the alumni group will be working on the following initiatives:

- Frequent Alumni Presence throughout the weeks of pledgeship to talk to these new members about our history.
- "Old Man Night": During one night of pledgeship, a group of 20 alumni travel to Tuscaloosa on a weekend for a pledge meeting. In the past, pledges have said that Its the most memorable night of pledgeship. It is also a great chance for alumni to see and reconnect with each other. I'll be sending out further details in October.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other corporate board members with any questions that you may have.

Fraternally,
Matt Campbell

Corporate Board Vice President



Spring / Summer Alumni Happenings

Weddings/Engagements

Ryan Adams (Σ)
 Matt Santilli (Σ)
 Phillip Cole-Tyson (Ψ)
 Britt Campbell (Υ)
 Casey King (Ξ)
 Billy Cencula (Ξ)
 Ingram Worely (Ξ)
 Jameel Khan (Π)
 Ben Levio (Π)
 Scott Weygand (O)
 Jonathan Willson (X)

Expecting / Newborns

Garrett Lane
 Jason Hatmaker

Career Changes

Billy Cencula - Starting personal insurance office for AllState

Scott Weygand - Starting personal insurance office for AllState

Brad Griffin - Beginning Law School at Jones University in Montgomery

Tyler Vann - Recently graduated from law school in Jackson Mississippi and sat for the Alabama bar

Matt Santilli - Started his second year of the architecture program at Clemson University

T.J. Zito - Regional manager for Alabama and Mississippi for K&S Automation Services



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Off Campus House – Repairs For the Upcoming Semester

Now that we have made the move onto Campus, our 10^h Avenue house may almost seem historic to many of our Alumni. Although it has aged gracefully, it is definitely in need of some repairs. Below is a quick list of items that the chapter has completed or is currently working on:

Completed Work: Repairing the roof damage caused from the downed tree during hurricane Dennis

Current Projects: Replacing boards on the deck

Future Repairs: Purchasing new carpet for inside band room

Although our house on 10^h Avenue needs to be fixed up, it is still in good condition to be used everyday by our brothers. It is expected to have to make repairs to any building as it ages, especially one used as often as this one. Even though our Chapter has been given the additional duty of taking care of our new house on campus, they would never overlook or discard the place where we have achieved so much. Taking on the duty of implementing all of this upkeep is **our House Manager, Justin Jones**.



The oak tree at Harbrooke Downs caused approximately \$1500 in damages to the off-campus house this summer

Current Committee Chairmen			Alumni / Corporate Board Contact Info		
<u>Rush Chair</u> : Matt Cannova / Daniel Day / Kevin Cook	<u>Assistant Treasurer</u> : Chris Tooley	<u>House Manager</u> : Justen Jones	<u>President</u> Jonathan Cook 404.402.9233 Jcook@stockamp.com	<u>Vice President</u> Matthew Campbell 205.585.4485 Campbellua@aul.com	<u>Treasurer</u> Billy Coffman 205.887.4304 wdcoffman@gmail.com
<u>Pledge Education</u> : TBD	<u>Philanthropy</u> : Jerrad Funderburk	<u>Intramural Sports</u> : Daniel Day			
<u>Scholarship</u> : Cliff Dew	<u>IFC</u> : Josh Lichter & Joseph Osborn	<u>Risk Management</u> : Josh Meek			
<u>Social/Bands</u> : Ray Bartlett / Allen Sandlin	<u>Fundraising</u> : Jim Burroughs	<u>T-Shirts</u> : Jim Burroughs			
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