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# University of Alabama \* Gamma Beta Chapter

Dear Parents and Alumni,

It's hard to believe it's already March; the first two months of 2004 have gone by in what feels like minutes. Last year, I had the privilege of working with Billy Coffman (President), Scott Jenkins (Treasurer), and Trey Finch (Secretary) on the Executive Council. The three of them did an astounding job with their respective positions and I want to personally thank them for their commitment to our chapter.

Although our construction plans have temporarily stalled in the loan acquisition phase, the chapter is doing very well keeping up with everything going on. About 95% of the chapter attended our annual New Orleans Formal the first weekend of February. During this weekend we were able to enhance our brotherhood in a venue outside of Tuscaloosa. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, we donated our day to serving the Tuscaloosa community by participating in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hurricane Creek Clean Up. The event was a success and the chapter will most likely contribute in the future. On Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> the chapter held brother retreat on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, Greg's parents. The chapter truly appreciates the generosity of the Carter family for their contribution to this semester's retreat. We have recently started the pledge process for five men, our 27<sup>th</sup> pledge class, the Alpha Deltas. Jonathan Boggan and Trey Finch have taken on the enormous duty of educating these men about the brotherhood of the chapter as well as the ideals of the fraternity. This semester will continue to be an eventful one for us and I hope to be able to meet you during our events throughout the semester. On behalf of the chapter, thank you for all the support we continually receive from all of you. Please feel free to contact me if there is anything we can do or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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 Chapter President  
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## Gamma Beta Chapter Initiates the Alpha Epsilon Pledge Class

The Gamma Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity added another exceptional group of men to the legacy in the Fall of 2004, the Alpha Epsilon Pledge Class. The newly initiated Brothers are: (1) Tyler Anderson-Charlotte, NC; (2) Ray Bartlett-Tuscaloosa, AL; (3) Jeff Boland-Charlotte, NC; (4) Kevin Cook-Hoover, AL; (5) Scott Heerssen-Hoover, AL; (6) Justen Jones-Northport, AL; (7) Matt Jones-Hoover, AL; (8) John McCann-Charlotte, NC; (9) Joseph Osborn-Birmingham, AL; (10) John Ray-Hoover, AL; (11) Luke Scott-Northport, AL; (12) Lee Stork-Hoover, AL.

The Alpha Epsilons had a very successful Pledge semester. These men worked hard under the guidance of Bryan Tharpe and Daniel Kinsaul and overcame many obstacles. They also showed their academic excellence by having a pledge class G.P.A. of 2.99.

Many of these men have already stepped up and taken leadership positions in the house serving as committee chairs of the following: Ray Bartlett-Social, Joseph Osborn-IFC, Justen Jones-House Manager, Kevin Cook-Alumni Relations, and Jeff Boland-Brotherhood.

The Gamma Beta Chapter would like to congratulate the Alpha Epsilon pledge class on their success and wish them the best for their future in the house.

## **Alpha Kappa Lambda Begins 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. If any parents or alumni have any ideas or names to add to the rush list, please contact Matt Cannova at (205) 601-0731.

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## **Alpha Kappa Lambda 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.

## **Website and E-mail Group Allow Chapter to Stay in Contact with Alumni**

As always, the Chapter website has been updated recently, and new features have been added that allow the Chapter and Chapter Alumni to stay in closer contact with each other. For those of you who have not yet visited the site, the URL is <http://www.aklgammabeta.com>. Simply check in every so often to find out the latest happenings in the Fraternity. A new message board feature has been added recently which allows all who are affiliated with the Fraternity to post messages and stay in touch. Also, an updated calendar of events, pictures, phone lists, etc. will be posted at all times, making communication between Active and Alumni Brothers all the easier.

Another feature that many are perhaps not aware of is the Alpha Kappa Lambda e-mail group. The e-mail group is used for communication between Brothers and Alumni outside of Chapter. If you are not currently on the e-mail group and are interested in being added, please contact Josh Harrison at (205) 222-2794 or [harri245@bama.ua.edu](mailto:harri245@bama.ua.edu).

## Gamma Beta Gives 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 you have any questions or ideas about philanthropy, please contact Jerrad at (901) 487-7975.

"No grades are given for life in the fraternity. Yet what one learns about living together in the chapter may be as important for his future as anything else gained in the four years of the college career."

- Dr. James E. Emerson

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### 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, Jody Herrin-Vice President, Josh Harrison-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.

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### Alpha Kappa Lambda Puts an Incentive on Scholarship

Alpha Kappa Lambda has offered the brothers a financial benefit for good grades. Beginning last Fall, a brother that gets a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher does not have to pay one-fourth of the dues; a brother with a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher does not have to pay half of the dues; the brother with the highest G.P.A. does not have to pay any for the semester. The Chapter has also made the requirements of study hall stricter. If a brother does not maintain the minimum G.P.A. requirements, they must attend increasing study hall hours. In the Fall, Andrew Morris had the highest G.P.A. with a 4.0.



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**Current Officers & Committee Chairmen**

President: Josh Meek  
Vice President: Jody Herrin  
Secretary: Josh Harrison  
Treasurer: Andrew Morris

Rush Chair: Matt Cannova  
Pledge Education: Jerrad Funderburk  
Scholarship: Cliff Dew  
Social/Bands: Ray Bartlett & Allen Sandlin  
Assistant Treasurer: Chris Tooley  
Philanthropy: Jerrad Funderburk  
IFC: Josh Lichter & Joseph Osborn

Fundraising: Jim Burroughs  
House Manager: Justen Jones  
Intramural Sports: Daniel Day  
Risk Management: Josh Meek  
T-Shirts: Jim Burroughs  
Zaps: Chris Tooley  
Historian: Scott Ray  
Food: Taylor Frey

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