



Gamma Beta Bulletin

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In September, alumni gathered to break ground on the new AKA House.



Ground is Broken!

About 100 friends and alumni attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new 10,556 square foot, \$2.5 million Alpha Kappa Lambda house on Saturday, September 1, 2007.

During the special ceremony that began at 2:00 p.m., chapter president **Kevin Cook**, along with **Greer Butler '91**, **Tres Jernigan '96**, **Kelley Kingry '91**, **Garret Lane '91** and **Jason Shamblin '91** all addressed the crowd. More than 125 alumni and actives attended the historic occasion.

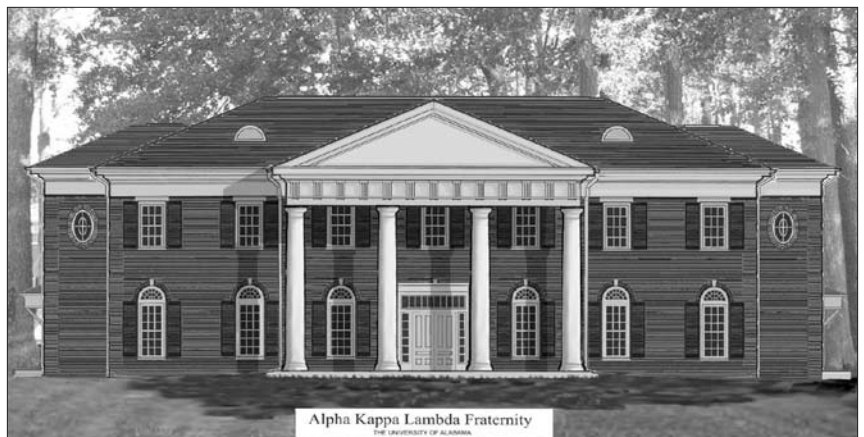
"We've worked hard to make it to this day," said Kevin Cook. "This groundbreaking ceremony is the realization of a dream so many brothers have had for a very long time."

Following the ceremony, alumni gathered at The Smithwood House for an alumni reception

The new house will include such amenities as an alumni hall, band

room, a chapter/parlor room, commercial kitchen, dining room and back patio. The house consists of twelve bedrooms and six bathrooms and will allow twenty-four men to sleep and live in first-class accommodations.

To learn how to help support the house, please see the article inside or visit www.aklgammabeta.com.



The new \$2.5 million AKA House will open in August 2008.

Executive Officers



President
Kevin Cook
Birmingham, AL



Vice President
Tyler Anderson
Charlotte, NC



Treasurer
Joey Aultman
Birmingham, AL



Secretary
Tyler Hendon
Birmingham, AL

Committee Heads

Rush Chairman
Brad Dooley

Scholarship Chairman
Michael Rowe

Social Chairman
Bret Bishop

Assistant Treasurer
Jeremiah Culwell

Public Relations Chairmen

Josh Cook
Andrew Pridgen

IFC Chairmen
Bill McCann
John McCann

House Manager
Matt Cannova

Fundraising Events Planner
Parker Griese

Alpha Kappa Lambda Chapter Achievements

- Currently ranked third in the nation in accreditation.
- Placed second in the 2006 Crimson Cup standings, awarded to the overall fraternity intramural champions.

Undergraduate Accomplishments

Tyler Anderson Betty Loomis Distinguished Student (UofA),
L.C. Hardy C&BA Health Care Management Scholarship

Joey Aultman SGA Financial Affairs Committee, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society

Ray Bartlett Alpha Kappa Lambda Self-Support Scholarship

Matt Cannova UA Law Tuition and Book Scholarship, DCH Internship

Kevin Cook Inroads Scholarship, Professional Advisory Accounting Scholarship(UofA)

John Dirienzo Chemical Engineering Internship

Tyler Hendon SGA Financial Affairs Committee, IFC Fundraising Committee, Alpha Kappa Lambda Alumni Service Scholarship, Outstanding Service Volunteer for the University of Alabama, Voted Brother of the Year, M.J Harris Internship

John McCann Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society

Andrew Morris Alpha Kappa Lambda Alumni Academics Scholarship

Andrew Pridgen SGA Executive Assistant

Jonathan Schroeder Hoar Construction Internship

Andy Starling SGA Voter Involvement Committee, Alpha Kappa Lambda Alumni Leadership Scholarship, Outstanding Journalism Student Award

Walter Wilson Alabama Power Internship

Alpha Kappa Lambda Serves the Community

At the conclusion of the 2006-07 school year, the University of Alabama recognized Alpha Kappa Lambda as the most outstanding Greek organization for community service. Last school year, the AKA brothers performed more than 1,300 hours of community service. They participated in a variety of activities and projects including Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, and they supported important causes like Hurricane Creek, Men Against Violence, Cystic Fibrosis and Ballard Collaborative Charities. Brothers also assisted with bingo competitions at the local Veteran's Administration hospital and played bridge with residents of Capstone Village. Their annual golf tournament generated more than \$8,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

AKL Continues to Recruit the Best

Alpha Kappa Lambda is pleased to announce their newest members. The fraternity initiated the Alpha Iota class last fall, and the Alpha Kappa pledge class last spring. The chapter is also proud to welcome the 33 new pledges that make up the Alpha Lambda class of Fall 2007.



Brother to Brother

Greer H. Butler '91 would like to thank everyone that made Alpha Kappa Lambda what it is today. He is working in Knoxville with his wife, Kelley, and his three girls (Hutton 6, Griffin 4, and Baby Greer, 15 months).

Matthew Dent '93 was recognized by the Birmingham Business Journal as one of the Top 40 business men under age 40. Dent is the executive vice president and chief business officer for Buffalo Rock Co.

Valentine Lopez '93 posted to the website saying that he had a great time at the groundbreaking ceremony and is working in Birmingham as an executive recruiter where he just made partner. He is building a new home in McCalla with his wife and two daughters (Brittany 12 and Caroline 3).

Matt Jordan '94 lives with wife, AnnMarie, in Birmingham and works with Buffalo Rock in the Sales Division. They have a son (Bradley), and daughter (Emma Claire). Matt wrote that he also enjoys looking at the pictures on the web site as they remind him of "back in the day."

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Alumni Rally to Support the New House

With construction underway on the new AKA House, the clock is ticking. The fraternity took responsibility for a \$2.5 million loan, and must generate alumni support to meet its financial obligations.

“We know that the rent and dues students pay will cover most of what we need, but not all of it,” explained alumni treasurer **Billy Coffman '01**. “To meet our mortgage obligations, we need to raise at least \$250,000 from alumni and friends.”

At the end of September, AKA is nearly half-way to achieving its goal. As of October 1, 2007, \$122,660 has been raised so far from 28 men. Giving from 28 men represents just 13.6% of our living alumni population. With a lead gift of \$15,000 from **Jason Shambin '91**, all brothers are encouraged to support the new house by completing and returning the pledge form below or making a pledge online at www.aklgammabeta.com.

A variety of giving levels and payment options are available to make it as convenient as possible for alumni to participate.

“For years we’ve all dreamed of having our very own house that can compete with the other fraternities on campus,” said **Jonathan Cook '99**. “Everything is finally falling into place. To stay on track, we need alumni support. To keep AKA affordable for working students, we need alumni support. I hope all brothers will make a gift of some amount and show their support for this long-awaited dream.”

Thanks to Our Supporters!*

**as of 10/1/07*

Logos Society: \$12,000 & Above

Jason Shamblin '91

Kai Society: \$6,000 - \$11,999

Richard R. Anders '95
Greer H. Butler '91
Matthew Campbell '99
Billy Coffman '01
Jonathan Cook '99
Blake Corder '98
Bradford J. Griffin '97
Valentin Lopez, IV '93
Matthew Miles Majerik '94
Adam Ryan '99

Alethia Society: \$3,000 - \$5,999

Ryan Adams '99
Matthew Dent '93
Paul W. Dudley '96
Alan Goolsby '97
William B. Jernigan, III '96
Matt Santilli '99
Bryan Tharpe '01
Tyler Vann '97

Gold Society: \$1,500 - \$2,999

Billy Cencula '97
Timothy A. Franklin '96
Casey King '97
John P. Lyons '93
Zachary C. Meeks '00
James T. Parsons '92

Purple Society: \$500 - \$1,499

George N. Chism, III '97
Jeff Simpson '98
Paul Wiggins '92

Alumni Officers and Advisors

Corporate Board President

Jonathan Cook '99

Corporate Board Vice President

Matthew Campbell '99

Corporate Board Treasurer

Billy Coffman '01

New House Project Manager

Tres Jernigan '96

Chapter Advisor

Matthew Cannova '03

Chapter Advisor

Josh Harrison '04

Chapter Advisor

Tyler Vann '97



Yes, I want to support the new Alpha Kappa Lambda house!

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I wish to pledge:

- \$12,000 (200/month) – Logos Society
- \$6,000 (100/month) – Kai Society
- \$3,000 (50/month) – Alethia Society
- \$1,500 (25/month) – Gold Society
- \$500 (8.33/month) - Purple Society
- Other: \$ _____

Name: _____

Select one: Home Work Other

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment Options

Please Bill Me:

- One-Time Twice a year
- Monthly Annually
- Quarterly

I wish to pay over (circle): 1 2 3 4 5 years

I wish to make my first payment:

- Now On _____

Payment Method:

- I will pay by check based on the schedule I indicated here.

Payable to: “The University of Alabama”
For: “Alpha Kappa Lambda building fund”

- I will pay by credit card. Please charge my credit card according to the schedule I indicated here.

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Return To:

Building Our Future – AKA Campaign | c/o Omega Financial, Inc. | P.O. Box 2187 | Columbus, GA 31902

You can also donate via the alumni links at www.aklgammabeta.com

Brother to Brother

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Paul W. Dudley '96 lives in Birmingham with his wife, Parisa.

Phillip Dudley '96 currently lives in Essen, Germany working for a logistics company. He has begun interviewing for a new position to get back to the United States, probably to Irving, California.

William B. Jernigan, III '96 currently lives in Birmingham and plans on attending all home football games.

Blake Corder '98 manages real estate in Tuscaloosa. He recently learned that he and his wife, Angel, are expecting a baby in March 2008.

Matthew Campbell '99 recently changed jobs and moved to Vestavia to work with South City Bank.

Matt Santilli '99 lives in Sandy Springs, South Carolina, and is finishing his graduate degree in architecture.

John Tyler Meeks '00 recently married Meghan Elizabeth Sharp and is working in Atlanta as a staff accountant.

Living in Alpharetta, Georgia, **Zachary C. Meeks '00** works as an estimator/repair advisor.

Brett Alan Shaw '03 works as a loan originator in Birmingham and recently bought a house in McCalla. He is still dating Lauren and hopes to make it to a couple of games this season.

T.J. Zito '03 is married to his wife, Wendy, with a son, Thomas James Zito, III (who goes by Jay). T.J and Wendy compete professionally in ballroom dancing and started a professional performance group in Birmingham called the Vulcan Performers. You can learn more about their performance group by visiting www.vulcanperformers.com.

Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Let us know what is happening in your life. Post your news and information online at <http://www.aklgammabeta.com>

2007 Alumni Reunion is a Success

More than 50 alumni, spouses and friends descended on the Sheraton Convention Center in Birmingham for the 2007 Alpha Kappa Lambda Reunion. Between introductions of new brothers and swapping old fraternity stories, those in attendance learned about the "Building for the Future" Campaign and plans for the new AKA House.

"There was a lot of excitement during this reunion," explained alumni vice president, Matt Campbell '99. "Everyone has waited a long time for our new house, and it is finally happening. Alumni were definitely excited to learn about the exciting plans for the fraternity."



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Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Edit your member profile online at <http://www.aklgammabeta.com>, or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to:

Alpha Kappa Lambda, Gamma Beta #689,
PO Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

Name _____

Initiation Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

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