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Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of March 22, 2012

\$1.5 Million
Goal

\$656,475
Total Contributions

153
Contributors

Theta Chi Announces a New Campaign for New Chapter House

- House Plans Boast 40 Single Bedrooms, Fully Functional Basement
- Grand Opening Set for September 2013
- More Than \$656,000 from Phase I Already Pledged

I'd like to invite you to join us in committing to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign. We need you to help finance the new Alpha Phi house on University Boulevard. The campaign will re-launch this spring as an 18-month sprint to the grand opening of the new house in September 2013. To date, 153 brothers have committed \$656,475 in pledges and gifts. The funds that were contributed and committed to the original campaign (phase one), which launched in 2007, will be directed to the new house. We need to raise approximately \$1.5 million to offset the cost of construction and

debt structure. Now is the time to make your commitment and join more than 150 alumni in supporting our fraternity at the University of Alabama. But we are less than halfway there!

Your Contributions Are Tax Deductible

All contributions and pledges are mailed to a P.O. box in Mobile, Alabama, owned by **Pete Mackey '78**, former president of the Alpha Phi House Corporation. Pete's assistant mails the checks and pledge cards to the University of Alabama where they are deposited into a restricted account. Technically, you are contributing to a restricted fund at the University. Therefore, your contributions are completely tax deductible according to the current IRS regulations regarding charitable gifts.

The Financial Picture

Based on construction and financing of four other fraternities that have recently built new houses, our new Chapter House will cost approximately \$6.8 million. Phi Sigma Kappa has agreed to purchase our house on Jefferson Avenue for \$1.6 million. So, we're facing a business plan with a debt balance of \$5.2 million. This will be financed in part by contributions from alumni, by rent payments from the 40 bedrooms planned in the new house, as well as parlor fees charged to brothers not living in the house. (We currently charge a parlor fee to out-of-house brothers, so this is not a new event.) Any funds raised will be credited against the debt and will be deducted from the total amount financed by the University. The University is leasing the land to us (the same as our lease on the current house lot), and they are financing the construction on the new house. This is an excellent deal for Theta Chi!

What If We Receive More Contributions Than Needed?

In all likelihood, that won't happen, but any funds received in excess of our debt structure will be placed in a restricted account for scholarships, and/or a house

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A view of the front of our new Theta Chi house.



The rendering of the back of the new Chapter House.

New Campaign for New Chapter House

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maintenance fund, a Chapter development fund for leadership education, or a similar account as specified by the Alpha Phi House Corporation.

What Happened with the Original Campaign?

We launched the campaign in 2007 with the original plan to completely gut and renovate the existing house. A number of brothers were contacted to contribute to the campaign, and then things began to change with the University's master plan. Pi Kappa Alpha successfully petitioned for a lot next to the existing KA house. The University of Alabama Board Of Trustees awarded the lot before any other fraternities had an opportunity to voice an interest. A succession of house corporation presidents, including **Pete Mackey '78**, **Dru Horton '98**, and the late **Mike Sanders '78**, all petitioned the University for a lot. The University then appropriated a second lot, on University Boulevard, between the existing Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon houses. This new lot included the entrance to Jefferson Avenue, effectively blocking the entrance to our street. We bid on that lot, but ATΩ won the bid and have since built a house there.

It is my opinion that all the houses on fraternity row were relegated to second-class status when the direct access to Jefferson Avenue was removed. So the question became: Did we want to own a renovated house on a second-tier street or build a new house on the first-tier street? It's a rhetorical question. The answer was obvious.

The University administration then opened bids on two additional lots. These two lots are next to the new Pike house, heading east toward Druid City Hospital. It was at this point in 2009 that we decided to suspend the campaign and apply for one of the two new lots—one of those lots was awarded to Phi Delta Theta because the University has taken their house for further University-based expansion next to Bryant Denny Stadium. The second lot was awarded to Sigma Chi. We appealed the decision directly to the president of the University, and in the spring of 2011 we were awarded a third lot next to Sigma Chi.

Design Plans

Nick Holmes, an architect from Mobile, was awarded the design bid on the new house last summer. Nick has designed several new fraternity houses at Alabama, most notably the DKE house. The architectural renderings for the front and back of the new house are on the front page. Note that the layout is much like our current house: U-shaped with a patio courtyard. We will also have a balcony and a grand foyer opening to an informal living room in a similar but grander scope than our current house. The informal living space will flow directly into the courtyard, with the dining room on the left and the party room on the right—all similar to our current house.

Upstairs, there will be 40 single bedrooms, compared to our current 26 rooms. There will also be a brothers' lounge/TV room at the top of the stairwell.

One of the most significant differences between our current house and the new one concerns the basement. Our current basement only serves as a storage and maintenance area for the Chapter. Furthermore, we have always had a water drainage/leakage problem, rendering the basement relatively useless.

The new basement will include a Chapter meeting room—something we have always desired. As well as a Chapter game room and lounge.

TIMELINE

Spring 2012: Architectural plans completed and approved by the University.

Summer 2012: Construction begins

Fall 2012: Groundbreaking ceremony tentatively planned for the first home football game.

Spring 2013: Brothers will continue to live in the house through the academic year.

Fall 2013: Campaign concludes with the grand opening of the new Chapter House.

What Happens to the Funds from the Original Campaign?

Maintenance and repairs to our current house will be paid from house corporation funds received for rent from the undergraduate brothers.

All contributions and pledges received will be directed to the new house campaign. However, only 25% of the funds committed have been received. **If you made a pledge to the campaign, it is imperative that we begin receiving those pledge payments between now and the grand opening in 2013.** You'll be credited with a gift to the new campaign and your name will still appear on the campaign donor list. I encourage you to catch up on your pledge. We can only apply funds-in-hand to the total debt financed.

If you didn't make a contribution or pledge then, please make one now. We need your support!

Fraternally,
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IMMORTALIZE YOUR GIFT

Have a Room Named in Your Honor

Room naming opportunities will be determined by the size of contributions. The largest individual contributor will receive first choice. Or the largest pool of gifts received in honor or in memory of a brother will receive top choice.

ROOM NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Formal living room
- Study
- Grand foyer
- Informal living room (largest square footage)
- Patio courtyard
- Party room
- Dining room
- Chapter room
- Brothers' lounge

A gift of \$10,000 will name an individual bedroom.



THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR COMMITTING \$656,475

We are deeply grateful to the following Theta Chi brothers for committing more than \$656,000 to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Alpha Phi Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience by making an investment in the future of Theta Chi at Alabama.

All pledges to the campaign are 100% tax deductible through the University of Alabama and will be reflected in the donor's lifetime giving to the University. With the support of Dr. Witt and the University administration, projects like ours continue to improve the Greek experience at Alabama.

Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal. All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the Chapter House. Donors at or above \$1,000 will be listed in all campaign publications. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator by calling (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction.

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for Theta Chi alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

PLEASE JOIN US

Join your brothers on April 14 for a house corporation meeting and the annual A-Day game.

All alumni are welcome at the Chapter House at 10 a.m. for the house corporation meeting, where we will discuss the construction of our new Chapter House.

Theta Chi will host an open house, brunch, and cocktail reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kick-off of the A-Day game is set for 2 p.m.

If any alumni would rather play golf than attend the game, please contact **Wesley Wicker '79** at wwicker@sinclairtownes.com or (404) 213-4446.

We look forward to seeing you!