



# KIMBALL'S CORNER

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL SMASHED!!!!

*\$569,950 pledged for new chapter house*

Every Fraternity always talks about their great alumni members who are actively involved and care about their chapter. Not only can Mississippi State Delta Chi brothers say that, they can back it up. They can back it up because alumni stepped up and helped surpass the \$500,000 goal for the *Campaign for Delta Chi: A Cornerstone for Brotherhood on Campus*, by pledging to donate \$569,950 to help pay for the newly purchased chapter house on the New Row.

"We thought \$500,000 was an ambitious goal," said Campaign Co-Chairman **Tom Stovall '67**. "We also knew that we had a dedicated alumni base that has rallied before and knew it could happen again. The fact that we surpassed the goal so quickly and raised nearly \$570,000 made me even prouder of my fraternity and my brothers."

Campaign Co-Chairman **John Hairston '87** stated, "The phrase 'many hands make light work' is very true when it comes to capital campaigns. Our team worked hard to get in touch with as many brothers as possible. The results speak for themselves. I can't thank the men enough who donated both time and treasure to this special project."

The campaign reached its goal by securing gifts from 121 alumni donors, representing 19.15% of the Delta Chi alumni base. Many of those gifts were secured by one of the twenty-nine campaign volunteers. Of the \$569,950 pledged, over \$159,000 has already been collected.

"The decision to make this move onto campus was for both the undergraduate chapter and the alumni base," stated Building Corporation President **Phil Carroll '00**. "We knew in order to stay competitive as a chapter, a house on the New Row would be extremely important. We also knew other Greek organizations would be coming onto campus in the future, and we needed to make our move now."

Alumni who have not yet contributed to the campaign can still do so. To make an online gift to the *Campaign for Delta Chi: A Cornerstone for Brotherhood on Campus*, visit [www.msudxalumni.com](http://www.msudxalumni.com) and click the "Support this Campaign" button.

"We've tried to make this as easy as possible," stated Carroll. "There are a number of giving options to consider and you can spread your gift out and pay over a five year period. You can pay by check, credit card or bank draft. It truly is simple, and I am confident that we have an option that would appeal to all of our alumni. What's important is that more people participate and give what they can."

If you have any questions about making a new pledge or fulfilling a current one, please contact **Robert Hubbard '88** - Treasurer, MSU Delta Chi Building Corporation at (901) 292-6989 or [rkhub3@yahoo.com](mailto:rkhub3@yahoo.com).

See a complete Donor List on page 3.



## YOU'RE INVITED: FOUNDING FATHER INITIATION & BBQ TAILGATE!

All alumni are invited to attend the **Re-Founding Initiation** on **November 2, 2012**. The ceremony will be performed by the University of North Alabama Chapter and will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Swalm Building. Alumni planning on attending initiation should meet in room 140 on the 1st floor of Swalm anytime after 2:00 p.m. The alumni role will be to observe the initiation but will not have a direct participation role. Initiation should be completed around 8:00 p.m.

A BBQ tailgate will be held Saturday, November 3. Game time is set for 11:00 a.m., so the BBQ will start

immediately after the game. The BBQ event will be on the grassy area in front of the bakery and Perry Cafeteria. Look for the large 20 x 20 white tent with the ΔX Alumni Banner on one side. **Brian Harris '07** will be cooking up sausage and pulled pork with baked beans, potato salad and dessert. Beverages will be provided. Please bring your entire family and anyone else who you normally tailgate with and plan on tailgating with Delta Chi Alumni Association for the Texas A&M game.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JAMES OWENS '63

**Current City/State:** Atlanta, GA

**Occupation:** CPA & Certified Financial Planner  
(Self-Employed)

**Spouse:** Connie

**Children:** Two sons: James and Jon

### SIX QUESTIONS WITH JAMES OWENS '63

- 1. Why did you join Delta Chi?** I was asked to join several fraternities but liked the idea of starting one. I am a founding father of Delta Chi at Mississippi State.
- 2. How do you feel the fraternity experience helped you?** It taught me how to get along with people. Everyone has different ideas and ways of doing things, and when we were starting the fraternity, we had to figure out how to get things done and get along with each other because we couldn't satisfy everyone.
- 3. Do you think Greek Life is still relevant for today's college student?** It is still a great way to meet people, especially girls. When I was on campus, there were not a lot of girls, only about 500. Being in a fraternity can teach you how to treat women properly and can help you meet them.
- 4. What are some of your favorite fraternity moments?** Winning the softball tournament, having a brother elected student body president and another elected student body treasurer.
- 5. Have you been involved with the fraternity since graduating or do you keep in touch with any brothers?** Unfortunately, not really, but I did participate in the capital campaign.
- 6. What have you done since graduation?** Right after graduation, I went to work for the IRS for three years. Then, I went to work for KPMG for six years, before starting my own CPA firm in 1973.

### PREPARING THE HOUSE FOR FALL 2013 OCCUPANCY

With ambitions set on having the new colony occupy the house for the Fall 2013 semester, the next nine months will require preparing the house for fraternity life. These preparations will require careful planning as the execution must be done in a relatively short time frame. The preparations include procuring and/or installing:

- Common-area furniture and decorations (couches, chairs, tables, television, game tables, etc)
- Kitchen appliances
- Kitchen supplies (plates, silverware, trays, pots, pans, glasses, etc)
- Mattresses
- Landscaping including new privacy fence
- Composite restoration

If you have either an interest in helping with these tasks or resources that could be of benefit, please contact **Phil Carroll '00**, MSU Delta Chi Building Corporation President, at [phillip\\_carroll@att.net](mailto:phillip_carroll@att.net) or (901) 361-8252.

## UPDATE:

### *Re-Founding the Chapter and Fall 2012 Recruitment*

**A message from Kevin Madden (Kennesaw State '11),  
Leadership Consultant**

On behalf of the International Headquarters staff, we are honored to be here at Mississippi State University working with such a great group of young men and alumni. Many of you were involved with the chapter when it was one of Delta Chi's highest-performing groups, and our goal this Fall is to return it to that prominence.

Staff from the International Headquarters arrived in Starkville in mid-August to begin preparing for Formal Recruitment. Before that process began we acquainted ourselves with the town, got to know the colony men and alumni and met with dozens of young men at MSU. We have been thoroughly impressed with the preparedness the colony men showed during this time. Formal Recruitment can be extremely intimidating to those who have never been through it before and the men performed like seasoned veterans. After Formal Recruitment we continued with a more 'grassroots' approach, adding men through interactions on campus and by tapping in to the colony guys' social networks.

Throughout the semester we are working with the men to teach them aspects of chapter operations and various life skills. At the end of our time in Starkville, we will have trained them on how to run a chapter or colony at the highest level. This includes how to run a chapter as a whole and individualized training for each officer and committee head position. In addition **John Hairston '87**, ABT Vice-President, has conducted a vision and goal setting activity with the men to help set the direction of the new chapter. He was kind enough to spend a Sunday afternoon with the colony, leading them in an activity he has used for years in his professional life. We believe all of these efforts will leave the men with skills they can use not just with Delta Chi, but in all aspects of their life.

The final piece of the re-founding process will take place on Friday, November 2, 2012. On this day, the founding fathers will be initiated into the Bond of Delta Chi. We hope to make this a very special evening, and would love to have as many of you involved as possible.

### HANDSHAKES & APPLAUSE

- \$569,950 has been pledged from 121 brothers for the *Campaign for Delta Chi: A Cornerstone for Brotherhood on Campus*.
- The colony has a new website, [www.msudeltachi.com](http://www.msudeltachi.com), thanks to the consultation of **Tom Stovall '67**.
- 24 men will be initiated on November 2, 2012, when the colony is re-founded (the largest class of all time).
- Delta Chi owns the third largest home on New Row (approximately 14,000 sq.ft.) and is making plans to move-in July 2013.
- The Alumni Board of Trustees is meeting with the colony on a regular basis to provide guidance and oversight with an emphasis on recruitment, financial management, and scholarship.
- The Delta Chi BBQ Brothers placed 3rd in the Whole Hog BBQ competition at Super Bulldog Weekend.
- **John Hairston '87** and **Tom Stovall '67** hosted two successful Rush events during the summer.



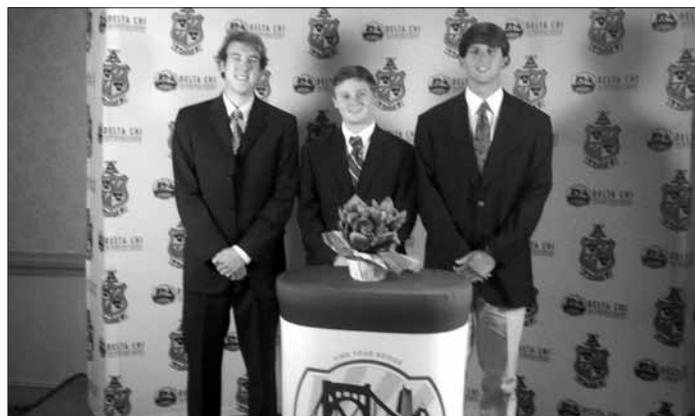
## MSU DELTA CHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SENDS COLONY MEMBERS TO DELTA CHI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Three Mississippi State Colony members attended the 58th Bi-Annual Delta Chi Convention in Pittsburgh thanks to over \$1,100 in financial support from the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association plus donations of frequent flyer miles from **Chris Strohm '85** and **Phil Parrish '89**. **Zach Anderson '16**, **Jackson Rice '16** and **Frank Chandler '16** joined over 500 other undergraduate and alumni brothers to learn about chapter management while developing their leadership skills.

“From the time we stepped off the plane until it was time to depart, we learned so much about the International Fraternity, chapter management and recruitment,” stated Frank Chandler. “In five short days, our perception of what it takes to operate a successful chapter was drastically altered.”

Convention attendees participated in daily workshops that focused on risk management, recruitment and philanthropy. Each workshop began with a presentation by a speaker experienced in the subject matter and ended with a discussion session. According to Zach Anderson, “The discussion sessions were priceless. Other chapters shared their experiences and what worked or didn't work for them.”

Jackson Rice agreed with Anderson saying, “Several chapters explained their use of social media for recruitment and campus recognition, and we implemented a few new strategies during Rush. Overall, it was a great experience.”



MSU Delta Chi was well represented at the Delta Chi International Convention. (L to R) Zach Anderson '16, Jackson Rice '16 and Frank Chandler '16

“One goal of the MSU Delta Chi Alumni Association is to facilitate leadership training for our undergraduate members and we achieve this by funding trips to the Bi-Annual International Convention and annual Regional Leadership Conference. I am very happy to know that the convention trip was a success,” said **Robert Hubbard '88**, Vice-President – Development for the ΔΧΑΑ. He further added, “Annual alumni dues and donations to the ΔΧΑΑ Leadership Training Fund will enable more members to attend such conferences.”

## CAMPAIGN FOR DELTA CHI: A CORNERSTONE FOR BROTHERHOOD ON CAMPUS

*\$569,950 pledged as of October 17, 2012*

### MARTLET SOCIETY

\$50,000 - \$74,999  
Stacey W. Goff '87  
John M. Hairston '87

### SIR EDWARD COKE SOCIETY

\$25,000 - \$49,999  
D.J. Baker, Jr. '01

### CORNERSTONE CLUB

\$10,000 - \$24,999  
Bo Asmar '73  
Robert Allen Butler '95  
David S. Carpenter '92  
Phillip J. Carroll '00  
Roger C. Clapp, Jr. '89  
Gerald D. Denton, II '86  
Andrew L. Dooley '98  
Charles J. Foretich, II '86  
John W. Hatmaker, Jr. '79  
William Lee Henley '92  
Jason M. Holmes '99  
Matthew D. Kreider '00  
Jamie Lloyd Mahne '96  
Skip Manuel '98  
Michael E. O'Brien, Jr. '02  
Timothy S. Robinson '86  
William Ray Snapp '98  
Thomas M. Stovall '67  
Ryan E. Van Buren '96  
Alexander P. Wheelock '00  
Paul P. Whitman '97

### WHITE CARNATION CLUB

\$6,000 - \$9,999  
Christopher L. Baxter '04  
Mark C. Gonzales '94  
Timothy J. Michalenko  
James Owens '63  
Philip D. Parrish '89  
Jose A. Rosado '91  
Matthew Brian Thomas '97  
Earl F. Westmoreland '73

### KIMBALL'S CLUB

\$3,000 - \$5,999  
Timothy Wayne Alford '89  
Kirk P. Arnett '68  
John O. Cooper, Jr. '90  
Charles Phillip Dobson '00  
Richard B. Dulaney '95  
Gary W. Fordham '76  
C. Todd Gandy '89  
Dan M. Gibson '87  
Kevin L. Harvey '89  
Jeremiah Holleman, Jr. '68  
Robert K. Hubbard, III '88  
Armour Lane Ingram '68  
Austin D. Johnson '06  
Patrick R. Launey '98  
Stephen L. Lawrence '68  
John H. Parker, II '97  
Trent W. Pinero '97  
Denis L. Roussel, Jr. '97

Gregory G. Shelton, CPA '83  
R. Sam Shepard, Jr. '73  
Aaron J. Smith '94  
David R. Smith '68  
Ray G. Smith '01  
William Christopher Smith '96  
William Chris Strohm '85  
Michael Brandon Thomas '95  
Thomas M. Vaughan '95

### RED AND BUFF CLUB

\$1,500 - \$2,999  
Daniel J. Adams '98  
John A. Aldridge '90  
Russell W. Allbritain '02  
Jonathan S. Anderson '01  
James Tony Barkley '90  
Tracy R. Barmore '98  
Malcom B. Beall '79  
Casey D. Bisek '02  
Brian F. Boundy '00  
Jason A. Brake '00  
Judson Burns Bringman '01  
Don Buffum (Washington) '79  
James M. Cox '70  
Stephen John Elmore '05  
Jerry Anthony Furini '69  
Michael Scott Gay '90  
Harry R. Greenbaum '06  
Jeffrey P. Handa '97  
Brian R. Harris '07

William W. Hubbard '89  
Anonymous  
Kristopher Edward Keller '04  
William K. McCarty '93  
Mark E.J. Modenbach '02  
J Casey Moore '98  
William R. Moore, Jr. '85  
Joseph F. Niolet '01  
Charles Gary Pearson, III '02  
Brandon Michael Peters '12  
Randall N. Pigott '06  
Jeffrey P. Rainwater '94  
Jacopo Re '03  
Daniel J. Recker, Jr. '81  
Thomas A. Rutledge '89  
Brian H. Sullivan '94  
Travis W. Swenson '94  
Zane Wofford '07

### SUPPORTER

\$1 - \$1,499  
Joshua C. Ard '05  
Benjamin Thomas Bachman '04  
Gordon C. Bohn '02

Jerry T. Clark, Sr. '81  
James M. Crell '71  
Scott B. Gee '98  
John Nate Hein '00  
James Thomas Inman '69  
Samuel Curtis Kennedy, III '74  
Donald Lawhorn  
Joseph C. Lawhorn '05  
Richard James Maguire '04  
Anonymous  
Christopher M. Nail '96  
R. Donald Ouzts '08  
Daniel Grady Rainey '68  
Andrew R. Salin '01  
Patrick F. Shepard '01  
Nicholas A. Sherman '06  
James E. Stevenson, III '70  
Jason L. Storm '96  
Kyle V. Tillman '04  
Robert W. Waldrop '68  
Peter J. Walley '67  
Samuel S. Wright '09

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

The chapter lost two brothers this year – **Butch Swain '68** and **Jim Key '75**. Both will be deeply missed.



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Capital campaign leadership announce campaign results at Super Bulldog Weekend. (L to R) Chris Strohm '85 – ΔΧΑΑ President, John Hairston '97 - Campaign Co-Chair, Tom Stovall '67 - Campaign Co-Chair and Robert Hubbard '88 - Campaign Finance Chair

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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- Search for alumni and help find lost Brothers
- Update your address, phone number and e-mail address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, and more)
- Support the *Campaign for Delta Chi: A Cornerstone for Brotherhood on Campus*

