

News from THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

SUMMER 2012

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE ALPHA UPSILON CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA ORDER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

A Year of Service Dedicated to Our Lost Brothers

Tragedy and death are a part of life; however, in these difficult situations, how one responds defines character. The men of Alpha Upsilon experienced a tragedy last Fall with the loss of three outstanding young men, **Samuel Clayton Kelly '12**, **Charles Walker Kelly '12** and **Bryant Mason Wilbanks '12**.

To honor and celebrate the lives of Kelly, Kelly and Wilbanks, Alpha Upsilon is dedicating every charitable act during 2012 to them. The chapter is able to keep their spirits alive and serve the University and community at the same time.



Samuel Clayton Kelly '12



Bryant "Mason" Wilbanks '12



Charles "Walker" Kelly '12

1st Annual Kappa Alpha Classic Golf Tournament a Success!

Alumni and actives joined together the weekend of April 28, 2012, for the 1st Annual Kappa Alpha Classic Golf Tournament benefiting the Kelly, Kelly and Wilbanks Scholarship Fund. The fund was established to honor the lives of **Sam Kelly '12**, **Mason Wilbanks '12** and **Walker Kelley '12** who died in a tragic accident last Fall.

The festivities began Friday night with a silent auction. Alumni and guests had the opportunity to bid on hot items such as a Super Bowl Champions shirt signed by Eli Manning, a guitar signed by Dierks Bentley and autographed Yankees baseballs.

The Saturday morning golf tournament was held at Mallard Point Golf Course. Alumni and actives enjoyed a day of brotherhood, bonding and friendship, while reminiscing about their time in the chapter.

"The event was a huge success," stated **Sid Johnson '10**. "The support from the Ole Miss community, the state of Mississippi and fellow KA brothers across the nation has been extraordinary. The love and compassion shown has had a positive effect on everyone, especially the families of our lost brothers."



Alpha Upsilon Chapter is pleased to welcome our new House Mother, Ms. Connie Bohlke. Ms. Bohlke is a retired kindergarten teacher from Bramlett Elementary in Oxford, Mississippi.

The chapter looks forward to her encouragement, guidance and service.

Alpha Upsilon Initiates 54 New Members!

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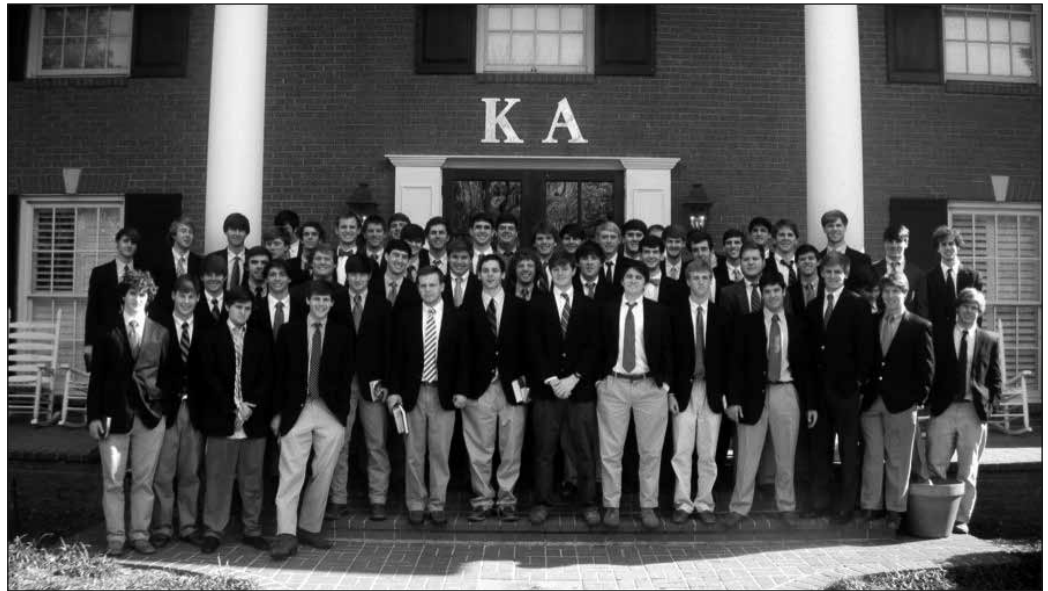
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January 2012 Initiates

Recruitment is the life source of a chapter. The ability to bring in new members to continue the traditions and history of KA at Ole Miss is what keeps the Order strong. Once again, the alumni and actives should be proud of another great recruitment year by the chapter's leadership.

After having the top pledge class in Fall 2011, Alpha Upsilon initiated 54 new members into its ranks on January 29, 2012. The induction ceremony, held at *The Inn at Ole Miss*, was led by **Dick Wilson '58**, who prepared the men during inspiration week. **Josh Hollingsworth '12**, pledge class president, received the Model Pledge Award.

Class of 2015

Joseph Acomb	Ian Iupe	Henry Varner
Paul Adams	Jake Johnson	Turner Virden
Bryan Barry	Kyle King	Nicholas Vonder Haar
Stephen Baumgarten	Craig Howard Kirkland	Adrian Wade
Jack Berry	Jean Larroux	Lawson Walker
Hank Bishop	Jay Luna	Hunter Wilkerson
Benjamin Blanton	Matthew McDowell	Joseph Wolf
Edward Blurton	Andrew Mclellan	
William Boyles	William Miller	
William Brand	Harris Mills	
Thomas Braswell	Eric Moseley	
James Bynum	Drew Parker	
Graydon Campbell	Matt Peaster	
James Clarke	Thomas Pickering	
Robert Dye	William Pillow	
William Earwood	Wesley Pinson	
John Franklin	Macauley Popson	
Rich Gilbert	Reece Robertson	
David Guillot	John Simon	
Shelby Hall	Brandon Sivley	
John Hannon	Patrick Srebnick	
Shelton Headley	Adam Tepe	
Joshua Hollingsworth	Joe Twomey	



Members of Alpha Upsilon present the Mayor of Smithville with a check for \$6,680. The money was raised through various campus events and will help the town rebuild after being devastated by tornadoes.



ORDER OF OMEGA

HONORING GREEK LEADERS SINCE 1959

Four Brothers Inducted into the *Order of Omega*

Congratulations to **Steven Anderson '11, Blake Johnson '10, Matthew Jones '10** and **Ian Mallett '10** for being inducted into the Order of Omega at the University of Mississippi.

The Order of Omega is one of the most prestigious national honor societies for Greeks in the country. It is dedicated to recognizing outstanding Greek

Leaders and promoting excellence in the Greek Community. Order of Omega membership is based on the following criteria - limited to the top 3% of the Greek community: Scholarship, Leadership Skills, Chapter and Greek Involvement, Campus Involvement and Community Service.

Alpha Upsilon Retains OmegaFi for Alumni Relations Program

In January 2012, Alpha Upsilon launched a new alumni relations program to increase communication and interaction among alumni and actives. The program is administered by OmegaFi and includes a new alumni website, database management, newsletters and postcards, event invitations and an Annual Fund campaign.

The new alumni website can be found at www.olemisska.org, and is a place where alumni can reconnect and share information. If you haven't visited the website, please do so today. You can update your contact information and leave a note updating brothers on your most recent accomplishments.

Do you have news you would like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.olemisska.org. Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today!

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Michael Ferris '01
Mark Levy '02
Braxton Tullos '02
John McCarthy (Gamma Lambda)
Sam Waters '03



Brothers tailgate in the grove last Fall. Top row (L to R): Austin Sims '10, Nathan Bell '10, Will Klinke '10, Thomas Monaghan '10, J.D. Holdenried '10 and Will Allen '10. Bottom row (L to R): Elton Darby '10 and Wesley Richards '10.



Trey Weghorst '11, Gregory Manley '11 and Hayden Horan '11 enjoy Formal 2011.

Alpha Upsilon Gives Back: *Blood, Sweat and Tears*



San Mateo residents build roads with supplies purchased by Ole Miss students.

Alpha Upsilon, along with the University of Mississippi, sponsored the *San Mateo Run for the Road 5K* on Saturday, October 29, 2011. Over 200 people participated in the event which raised more than \$20,000 for the *San Mateo Empowerment Project*.

The *San Mateo Empowerment Project*, a partnership between the residents of San Mateo and students and faculty from the University of Mississippi, exists to empower the people of San Mateo to find community solutions for community problems. Currently, the project is working to build roads throughout the impoverished community.

On February 7, 2012, Kappa Alpha Order hosted a blood drive in the Johnson Commons Ball Room. Hundreds of students gathered to donate blood in honor of **Samuel Clayton Kelly '12**, **Charles Walker Kelly '12** and **Bryant Mason Wilbanks '12**.

Visit the Kappa Alpha Order website

Visit www.olemisska.org, the official Alpha Upsilon alumni website, to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and email address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)

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