

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Mark Your Calendar!

Chapter-House Corporation  
Officers' Retreat

**January 14-15, 2005**

The house corporation officers will meet with the new undergraduate executive officers on the first weekend after the active brothers return from the holiday break.

We will review the chapter's progress over the past year and will review all aspects of chapter operations to help identify opportunities for improvement.

We will place special emphasis on recruitment, scholarship and leadership development.

**2004-2005 Mid-Year  
Leadership Challenge**

**February 4-5, 2005**

Theta Chi sponsors several regional mid-year leadership challenges (MYLCs) each year. Some of you may remember the annual south-eastern regional meeting as Rebel Reunion or Region XII Conference.

Chi Chapter will send several undergraduates to the MYLC to be held at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga.

**Chi Chapter Golf Tournament  
April 2005**

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

The First Chi Chapter Golf Tournament is in the planning stages.

Slip, Fizz, Hardy, Moody and others had better get the clubs out and lose some weight.

**John "Dog" Dodgen '76** will be expected to provide some courteous young ladies to help with the snacks and beverages. They will, of course, be popular with all the other girls and will be able to make their own clothes.

**Bob "Megaton" Mann '76** will provide jokes, at no charge, of course, even though he is now a highly paid motivational speaker. Watch the Web site at [www.chiletter.org](http://www.chiletter.org) and spring mailings for more details. ■



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## Alumni Profile with Paul Nelson '00

### Former Chapter President 2-for-2 in State Championships



*Paul Nelson '00 ...  
making a name in  
Georgia high school  
athletics*

When Paul Nelson '00 was an active brother at Chi Chapter, we all knew that he would be very successful in his career. He was affectionately called "Gym" by many of his friends in reference to the fact that he was a physical education major. Now, Paul is doing

what we all expected he would be — teaching physical education and successfully coaching several sports.

Everyone expected great things from Paul based on all of his successes while an active brother in Chi Chapter. Paul was the president of the chapter, a Spade, the SGA director of political affairs, a Plainsman, a Camp War Eagle counselor and a member of the IFC Court. Paul was also instrumental in organizing a Bible study at the fraternity house through Auburn Christian Fellowship with Perry Rubin, the campus minister, coming to the house each week to lead a Bible study.

While Paul was involved extensively on campus in many activities, he was always actively involved in the chapter in his time at Auburn. He was a positive influence on all of the brothers.

After graduating, Paul decided to take a position as a physical education teacher and coach of several sports at Weaver Middle School in Macon, Ga. Moving to a new city where no one knew him yet, Paul quickly made a name for himself as an assistant coach on Weaver's championship football team.

**While many coaches never win a championship, Coach Nelson won one in his first year.**

Paul's coaching resume is already impressive. He has been at Weaver Middle School for a little over two years now and has won two championships in football as an assistant coach and one in basketball as a head coach. Paul has also coached track both of his years at Weaver. In addition to his duties at Weaver Middle School, Paul has also coached at football powerhouse Westside-Macon High School. Paul has been an assistant at Westside for three years, and the team has been successful, making it all the way to the Final Four at the Georgia Dome in 2003 before falling to Valdosta.

Paul's success as the head coach at Weaver has not gone unnoticed. This year, Paul will be the head junior varsity basketball coach at Westside High School and assistant varsity basketball coach. If Paul's past success is any indication of future performance, Westside basketball will only continue to improve with the addition of Coach Nelson to the staff. ■



**Seasons Greetings**  
from Chi Chapter of Theta Chi!



# Chapter Report

## Fall's Successes Inspire Enthusiasm for Spring

By John Miller, Chapter President

As we welcome the holidays, another semester is coming to a close, Auburn football is preparing for a national championship, a new set of officers is being installed and we prepare ourselves for a new year. Chi Chapter has done wonderful things these past few months. We welcomed nine new initiates into our brotherhood.

We began the semester cooking out and hiking the trails on a Big Brother-Little Brother retreat in nearby Chewacla State Park. Brothers enjoyed road trips to the away games and visiting our surrounding chapters. Lending a helping hand, the chapter recently visited a local retirement home and provided entertainment for the evening. We always come back wiser after playing board games and listening to their war stories and advice. Slightly less than a month from now, we will be saying good-bye to brothers Robbie Rhye and Trae Cook. They will be graduating and joining our great alumni in the workforce. Good luck!

The future is always a bright one. Brothers are excited and are working hard for next spring's rush, which will be led by James Bakker and Ethan Flanagan. Events for next year include our spring formal in New Orleans. Caveman will be held at the end of April, and we will also be planning a cookout for A-Day. I look forward to serving this chapter to the best of my ability and taking us to new heights.

Season Greetings and War Eagle!



# Honor Roll

2003 – 2004 Contributors

## Your gift is important!

*"Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so."*

– Charles De Gaulle

In this issue of the *Chi Letter*, you will read about the many accomplishments of the chapter and its members — both alumni and undergraduate. But what about the rest of us? Those brothers listed below have demonstrated their devotion to Theta Chi and their commitment to the achievements of our Chi Chapter. They made a contribution to the 2003 – 2004 annual fund — the fund that drives our alumni communications plan from September 1 through August 31 each year. To those of you who are not listed, please consider making a contribution to our 2004 – 2005 annual fund. Together, we can make it happen! ■

### Founders Club (\$1000+)

Ira C. Waddey 1965

### Chi Letterman (\$500-\$999)

### Magnolia Council (\$250-\$499)

Robert L. Mann 1976  
Patrick T. O'Connor 1978  
James Z. Carraway 1995

### Red and White Club (\$100-\$249)

George P. Walthall 1934  
James H. Boykin 1939  
Herbert M. Vines 1940  
Earle C. Williams 1951  
Richard F. Fullerton 1955  
William J. Wilhelm 1958  
Karl G. West 1959  
James D. Selvey 1960  
W. R. Bean Jr. 1964  
Russell S. Frazer 1965  
Robert C. Hicks 1968  
James B. Cofield 1969  
Robert J. Kloeti 1970  
James W. LeClair 1970  
Robert M. Vickery Jr. 1970  
Hugh A. Becker Jr. 1971  
William A. Crew 1972  
Felix C. Brendle 1973  
John R. Hardy III 1975  
Timothy J. Lockhart 1977  
James F. Turner Jr. 1988  
Brian E. Rogers 1989  
Daniel E. Weisenberger 1989  
Andrew R. Duckett 1990  
Joseph Couch 1996

### Helping Hand Society (\$1-\$99)

Charles T. Higgins 1941  
Robert H. Svenson Jr. 1944  
Samuel H. Munson Jr. 1945  
Leon E. Ligon III 1948  
D. W. Garlock 1956  
Jim A. LeCroy 1958  
Phillip M. Chapman 1959  
James N. Hancock III 1959  
Joseph C. Borden 1961  
L. N. Moore 1961  
Arthur B. Webb 1963  
Michael L. Bodnar 1966  
Barney H. Leach 1966  
Joseph G. Sprague 1966  
William E. Hochholzer 1967  
William A. Royal 1967  
George A. Millis 1971  
David O. Parrish 1971  
Arthur C. Thompson 1972  
Charles R. West Jr. 1972  
Lawrence R. Baun 1979  
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Samuel R. McPherson 1990  
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Woodrow C. Crochet III 1993  
Patrick F. Reilly 1993  
Alexander M. Campbell 1995  
Robert H. Turner III 1995  
Joseph A. Pettus IV 1996  
James A. Wilson III 1996

*They come and soon they are gone ... or at least out of the house. Spending four or fewer years as actives, these undergraduate brothers are often part of an unknown brotherhood, but one that is and will continue to be the heart and soul of our Chi Chapter. Meet our Chi Chapter officers who are working to reach beyond the possibilities.*

**John Miller, President**

I am from Severna Park, Md. I came to Auburn to experience something new and meet different people. My grandfather is an alumnus of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter (Bradley University). My previous positions in the chapter include alumnus committee head, assistant marshal and marshal. I am a junior in electrical engineering, treasurer for IEEE and the SGA Webmaster. I had an internship this summer with Aeronautical Radio (ARINC) based in Annapolis, Md. I plan on graduating in four years and continuing on to get my masters in EE and an MBA.

**John Peterson, Vice President**

I was born in Manchester, N.H., however my current hometown is Ocala, Fla. I arrived on the plains of Auburn three years ago looking forward to making new friends and taking in all that Auburn has to offer. Chi Chapter has been an intricate part of the great experience I have had so far at this great institution. I am currently a junior majoring in business finance with a minor in business engineering technologies. My previous leadership positions held within the chapter and on campus include director of Greeks Advocating a Mature Management of Alcohol



*New chapter officers (L-R): Morgan Acton, John Peterson, John Miller, Kevin Newton and Matt Hearn*

(GAMMA) as part of the IFC cabinet and T-shirt chairman for our chapter this past year. Honors achieved at Auburn University include Dean's List, National Dean's List, IFC Scholar and active participant in Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. This past summer, I completed an internship with Middlesex Corporation, working in their estimating department located in Orlando, Fla. I look forward to leading our chapter into the bright future my fellow executive members see and will strive to obtain.

**Morgan Acton, Treasurer**

I am from Pensacola, Fla. I came to Auburn because I liked the campus and scenery. I enjoy target shooting and fishing in my spare time. I held the office of philanthropy chair this past term. A junior in political science with

a minor in history, I plan to attend the FSU law school after graduation.

**Matt Hearn, Marshal**

I am a junior in the College of Architecture, Construction and Design, and I am a building science major. I have served on the standards board for the past two years, and for the last two semesters I have been the assistant marshal under John Miller. I have now been elected to serve as marshal and have many goals to achieve throughout my term. I also intend on continuing our nonhazing tradition and initiating 100 percent of the new members that receive a bid from our chapter.

**Kevin Newton, Secretary**

My hometown is Trussville, Ala. I am majoring in forestry and wildlife sciences and hope to work at a national forest one day. I have held the office of groundskeeper and have been on the standards board as well as initiation committee. I am proud to be your secretary, and I will do my best to serve this chapter well. This chapter is getting better every semester, and I am glad to be a part of the executive committee. We will do our best to keep this chapter going in the right direction and take it further than it has ever been.



*Bill Wilhelm '58 in 1957 ... and in 2000*

**William J. Wilhelm '58**

(7014 E. 25th St. N., Wichita, KS 67226-1734; wilhelmwj@aol.com) I am the dean of engineering emeritus for Wichita State University.

**Charles E. Davis '59**

(9 Wildflower, Texas, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-5036; buddyd@cox.net) I have been selected to be in the Who's Who edition of the book that is kept in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. I am listed in the executive and professionals volume for the years 2004-2005.

**Alfred T. Jones '67**

(5109 W. 96th Terrace,

OverlandPark, KS 66207; curvepilot@swbell.net) I retired as part owner of a private investigative company in Kansas City, Mo. My wife, Jane Miller Jones (Delta Delta Delta 1967), retired a few years ago. I am doing some barbecue catering. I had not been to the Theta Chi house in about 10 years when we attended a homecoming. It was a real thrill to see the place and relive

the many memories. I appreciate the efforts that have gone into the Web site and really enjoy hearing from old brothers. I have kept up with **Joe Sprague '66, Billy Royal '67, Ted Ruffner '68 and Barney Leach '66.** I would love to hear from them again but also **Mike Bodnar '66, Vic Price '66, Ray Bean '64** and some of the old poker crowd. Are

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# Alumni UpDates ... continued

any reunions planned for our era? I hope to see and hear from some of you soon. My phone number is (913) 381-3482.

## John C. Floyd '78

(757 Jasmine Way, Birmingham, AL 35226; BNKER23740@aol.com) I am vice president and audit manager at Compass Bank in Birmingham and have been there for 18 years now. I get to Auburn about once or twice a year to football games. I am now married to a wonderful woman, Cindy, and have two kids,

Katie (14) and Chris (8). I talk to **Herbert Claybrook '77** three or four times a year. Not long ago, while drinking our 10th beer or so in Biloxi, he and I were laughing. Who would have thunk it? No sorrier students were ever at Auburn, but now we're a bank VP and a rocket scientist. If anyone is ever in Birmingham, give me a shout.

## Charles G. Stout '89

(6022 NW 56th Circle, Coral Springs, FL 33067; cstout@myacc.net) I have been married to Alyssa (a Seminole) for 10 years. We

have a son (Brandon, 5) and a daughter (Samantha, 3). I am the partner in charge of employee benefits and financial services for an insurance agency in Boca Raton. I'd love to hear more from the guys from the late '80s and early '90s.



## Robert H. Turner '95

(2297 Nesbitt Dr, Atlanta, GA 30319; rob@robturner.com) This is a picture of me with my daughter, Lily, and **Chris Compton '93** at The Citadel game this fall. War Eagle!

## James Z. Carraway '95

(451 Vera Cruz Blvd., Indiatlantic, FL 32903; jcarraway2@cfl.rr.com) Stephanie and I will celebrate eight years together this fall. Our son, James Pierce, is almost six months old. Stephanie is back to work (AU, veterinarian, 1995) part time. We just expanded our house (literally) and are enjoying the extra space since the baby's arrival. Business is going well.

## Joseph S. Couch '96

(709 Waveland Dr., Woodstock, GA 30189; couchjs@newsguy.com) I was married to Bekki Hughes (Delta Gamma, U. of Montevallo Class of '98) on May 29, 2004. I am the current president of the Chi Chapter House Corporation and have been actively involved with the chapter's alumni affairs since fall 2000. If you live in the Atlanta area or just happen to be passing through, come see me! ■

## Chapter Eternal

*Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of*

**Joel R. Kincaid Jr. '37**  
**Jackson A. Carr '38**  
**Carleton H. Averitt '47**  
**Jepp H. Sherman '47**  
**Wallace R. McKinney II '56**  
**J. Thomas Sandusky Jr. '56**  
**Harry E. Brown '57**  
**Dolph U. Kemp '59**  
**John S. Hughes '68**

*Theta Chi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.*



*Do you know your undergraduate brothers?*

*Read about them, Brother Paul Nelson '00, upcoming events and more in this issue of the Chi Letter. Happy Holidays!*

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