



CHI LETTER

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Homecoming 2002

Greetings to Chi Chapter alumni, actives, parents, and friends! Homecoming is just around the corner and I would like to invite you to tailgate at the Theta Chi house this football season. As always, you are welcome to bring your family and friends along. There will be plenty of room for tents, grills, and other tailgating supplies.

Earlier this year, Auburn University revised its tailgating policy (<http://www.auburn.edu/univrel/gameday>), so parking lots that have been open in the past may not necessarily be open this season. Why not tailgate at the Theta Chi house?

I want to make you aware of the upcoming 70s decade reunion. This reunion will be hosted by the Auburn Alumni Association Nov. 8-9, 2002 and will honor alumni from the 1970s decade (1970-1979), including Theta Chi alumnus and current Auburn Alumni Association President Bob Kloeti and Theta Chi Dream Girl and current Auburn Alumni Association Vice-President Betty DeMent. For information, e-mail Liz Peel at peel@alumni.auburn.edu, call (334) 844-1146, or write Liz Peel, Alumni Affairs, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849-5149.

I also want to invite you to a special Homecoming function on Saturday, November 9 at the chapter house. There will be a chapter meeting at 10:30 a.m., during which we will discuss the state of Chi Chapter, the state of Theta Chi Fraternity as a whole, and the feasibility of replacing the existing chapter house.

HOMECOMING 2002 SCHEDULE

November 8-9	70s Decade Reunion
November 9	Chi Homecoming
10:30 a.m.	Chapter meeting
1:00 p.m.	Kickoff vs. La. Monroe

I hope you will consider tailgating at the Theta Chi house this Homecoming! As Homecoming draws nearer, please check www.chiletter.org for updates.

I look forward to seeing you this fall!

Joseph Couch '96, House Corporation President

Featured Alumnus: Robert J. Kloeti '70



Bob Kloeti

When asked how Auburn has changed since his days as an undergraduate, Bob Kloeti responded, "Nothing. Auburn is heaven on earth and the friendliness and spirit still exist."

Bob became President of the Auburn Alumni Association on March 3, 2001. Prior to becoming President, he served on the Auburn Alumni Association Board of Directors for two years and also served as Vice-President.

Bob enjoys meeting alumni as well as presenting scholarships and professorships. While reminiscing at the 2001 Golden Eagles Reunion for 50-year graduates, Bob said, "After the event, about five Theta Chi brothers from the Class of '51 came up to me and introduced themselves."

Another example of Bob's leadership is that he founded the Richmond Auburn Club about 15 years ago. The club now has about 50 dues-paying members.

On a more personal note, Bob's family is definitely an Auburn family. His parents, wife, and two of his children are Auburn alumni, as are some of his uncles and an aunt. Bob and his wife, Cindy (Radford) have three children – Lana, Paige, and Rob.

Bob is director/partner at Florance Gordon & Brown, PC and specializes in Civil Litigation and Personal Injury. He graduated from Auburn in 1970 with a degree in Aviation Management. In 1975, he earned his Juris Doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

Like so many of us, Bob's favorite Theta Chi memories are based upon the building of friendships that still exist today. Three Theta Chi brothers were in his wedding party. Bob also served as chapter secretary.

Another fond memory is Formal Weekend, during which brothers vacated the dorm section of the chapter house and let their dates take it over. Yet another memory is the annual Toilet Bowl, which took place when Coach Jordan let Theta Chi and Sigma Nu play football in Cliff Hare Stadium.

Brothers can reminisce with Bob and Cindy by contacting them at 3133 Williamswood Rd., Richmond, VA 23235.

Active Chapter Update

The active brothers of Theta Chi are enjoying a great 2002-2003 school year. Last year we went a long way towards improving our chapter and we hope to continue those strides again this year.

Our primary goal is to recruit quality new members. This fall we brought in 21 new members. As always, another chapter goal is to excel in academics. Our new member class GPA placed in the top five of all fraternities and our brotherhood GPA placed above the halfway mark as we placed 7th out of 28 fraternities. Our brotherhood GPA continues to be above the all men's average. Our involvement on campus has increased greatly. Several brothers have recently held positions in campus organizations, such as Tiger Host (4), Camp War Eagle Counselor (3), SGA (2) with a College of Business Senator, and IFC (Interfraternity Council) (4 directors, 1 committee member, and I am on IFC Court). Our Intramural sports team also won the small fraternity softball championship in the fall. We also received the small fraternity All-Sports trophy.

Our overall goal for this year is to strengthen the ties that bind. The brotherhood is making a strong effort to work with three major groups: Theta Chi International Headquarters (IHQ), the Auburn Interfraternity Council, and our alumni.

We have continued our good relationship with the IFC by actively participating in all of its events and meetings. We have placed emphasis on attending both mandatory and voluntary events sponsored by IHQ.

We recently sent 4 men to the Deranian Presidents' Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana and sent 14 men to the Mid-Year Leadership Conference in Kennesaw, Georgia. Most recently, we sent 4 men to the 31st School of Fraternity Practices and 146th Anniversary Convention in St. Louis, MO. We hope to continue to improve communication and involvement with IHQ. We will continue to increase our involvement with Chi alumni this year. In February we had an executive officers retreat with alumni to set goals and to discuss what we can do to make our chapter stronger. We will continue to host our alumni on game days and keep them informed of all events and the state of the chapter. Thank you for reading and please contact me with any questions or comments.

Fraternally yours,



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ALUMNUS BROTHERS JACK WADDEY, PAT O'CONNOR AND WOODY CROCHET DISCUSS CHAPTER FINANCES WITH ACTIVE CHAPTER OFFICERS AT CALLAWAY GARDENS

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 Mr. Eugene L. Feagin, Jr. ('44)
 Mr. Peter A. Farmer ('49)
 Mr. James E. Hinson ('50)
 Mr. William N. Morris, Jr. ('50)
 Mr. Edward D. Adams ('62)
 Mr. Drury W. Ellard ('63)
 Mr. A. Biddle Sprague ('63)
 Mr. Charles B. Earnest ('85)
 Mr. Stephen J. Cantrell ('94)
 Mr. James David Smith ('05)

PLEASE MAKE CORRECTIONS ON THE FORM BELOW OR SUBMIT CORRECTIONS ONLINE AT www.chiletter.org.

ALUMNUS RESPONSES CONTINUED ON PAGE 5 

Alumnus Information Update

Please complete and detach this form and send to **Chi Chapter Alumni Corp, 712 W Magnolia Ave., Auburn, AL 36830** or update your information online at www.chiletter.org.

Name:	Comments, personal info, rush recommendations:
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House Corporation Update

Dear Alumni, Actives, Parents, and Friends,

I am pleased to present you with this edition of *Chi Letter*. The past two years have brought many changes to Chi Chapter, with the most notable change being a dramatic increase in alumni participation. This allowed the formation of the Chi Chapter Alumni Corporation, a corporation that will work in tandem with the already existing House Corporation. The Alumni Corporation was formed to address future needs of Chi Chapter, with the planning of future housing being the obvious top priority. The existing chapter house has become very expensive to maintain, and we must aggressively explore replacement options.

For the past two years, both organizations have joined in an effort to ensure the continuity of Chi Chapter. We are focusing on items such as officer transition, awareness of the heightened liabilities that are part of today's Greek system, and as previously mentioned, future capital projects.

The active brothers have been quite responsive to this arrangement. They are committed to making Chi Chapter bigger and stronger. Chi presently has about 35 active members and 21 new members. The membership has been in the 40-50-man range for the past several years. That number must increase for Chi chapter to step up to the next level.

On another note, I was elected to House Corporation just about one year ago, and during this time I have gained a new respect for my predecessors. I feel obligated to recognize Max Ellis and Dan Weisenberger, both of whom served in numerous roles on the House Corp.

Max has served as House Corp President and Treasurer. He is taking a break from serving in an official position, but we hope to seek his advice and wisdom for a long time to come.

Dan has served as House Corporation President and Treasurer. Unofficially, he has also served as head landscaper and handyman. He has dedicated a great deal of his personal time to drive to Auburn and take care of chapter issues even when he didn't have time to do so. Dan has shifted gears and is now the vice-president of the Chi Chapter Alumni Corporation. We are fortunate to have him on board.

In closing, I would like to comment on the future of the *Chi Letter*. The chapter newsletter is now the responsibility of active brothers and alumni of Chi Chapter, NOT the third-party company that published the last several newsletters. The *Chi Letter* will always contain news about the active chapter, but its primary purpose is to foster communication among alumni and friends of Chi Chapter. I encourage you to submit your latest biographical information as well as any pictures or news about other Chi alumni. This letter contains a response form, as does our web site, www.chiletter.org. If you would like to become involved in any of our alumni organizations or participate in discussions regarding the replacement of the existing chapter house, please contact me at joseph@chiletter.org. Thanks for reading!

Fraternally,



Joseph Couch '96, House Corporation President

2002 Football Schedule

Sept 2	at Southern Cal	Los Angeles - ABC	7 pm
Sept 7	W. CAROLINA	AUBURN	4 pm
Sept 14	VANDERBILT	AUBURN - JP	11:30 am
Sept 19	at Miss. State	Starkville - ESPN	6:45 pm
Sept 28	SYRACUSE	AUBURN	1 pm
Oct 12	ARKANSAS	AUBURN	1 pm
Oct 19	at Florida	Gainesville	TBA
Oct 26	LSU	AUBURN	1 pm
Nov 2	at Ole Miss	Oxford	1 pm
Nov 9	LOUISIANA-MONROE (Homecoming)	AUBURN	1 pm
Nov 16	GEORGIA	AUBURN	1 pm
Nov 23	at Alabama	Tuscaloosa	TBA

Don't forget to check out www.chiletter.org, the website of the Chi Chapter Alumni Corporation!

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