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FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA CHAPTER – SUMMER 2004

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NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI & VOLUNTEER CORPORATION PRESIDENT ▼

The Latest from Columbia

Dear Brothers,
Much has happened with South Carolina Alpha since we sent our last newsletter from this past fall...

Corporation Board Status

We've had many brothers respond to our request for volunteers! I'm pleased to say that all officer positions on the corporation board are now filled. (See listing on page 2)

Of course, all brothers are welcome to attend any of the monthly corporation board meetings that currently are held the second Thursday of each month. Please contact me if you can attend, if even by conference call.

New Chapter Housing?

One lot remains vacant in the new South Carolina Greek Village. Longtime corporation board member and local Columbia attorney **Ansel Gantt '69** is leading the charge to complete an application that will hopefully net us one of the lots to build a new chapter house. There is no deadline or timeline for the application submission or the process of assigning the lots, but the sooner our application is complete and submitted, the better our chances.

As housing director, **Bob Eakins '70** has been spearheading the new housing effort. We will have another update on the housing front in the fall issue of the newsletter.

100 Year Anniversary

Most likely by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the founding of South Carolina Alpha! Though many could not make it to the festivities in May, we will be observing this important milestone throughout the upcoming year. The two events we have planned for this fall are the Homecoming Event, October 9 in conjunction with the USC vs. Mississippi game; and a golf outing, Sunday, October 10.

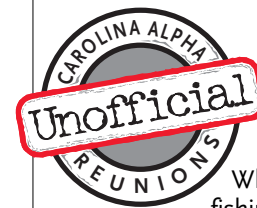
Many Thanks

A debt of gratitude is owed to our departing Chapter Counselor, **John Berch, Huntingdon College '97**. John has served as Chapter Counselor for most of the past six years while earning his doctorate in chemistry at South Carolina. He has accepted a teaching position at Tennessee Wesleyan College as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. In his final report to the board, John said that he is very pleased with the current status of the chapter. In recognition of his dedication and support the Chapter instituted the "John Berch Award," which was presented to the first recipient and former Chapter President **Mike Lettre '04** at the Centennial Banquet on May 1, 2004. We wish him the best of luck.

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SC ALPHA ALUMNI, FROM LEFT: (STANDING) MAC JOHNSTON '75, ROBERT EAKINS '70, PETE PANTSARI '70, MIKE SANDERS '70, BILL SANDOW '71, GEORGE KINEMOND '70, JIM TACKETT '71, AND (FRONT) FRANK CLEVELAND '74.



Let us know when
SigEps get together!

Whether its five guys who go fishing once a year, eight men who attend a Brother's wedding, or ten sports fans who sit together at every USC home game. Send details (and photos!) to P.O. Box 652, Columbia, SC 29202 or email webmaster@uscsigep.com.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS,
BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS**

**Saturday, October 9 – Homecoming
USC vs. MISSISSIPPI**

**Sunday, October 10 – Golf Outing
SAVE THE DATE; DETAILS TO COME.**

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“President’s Pin” Presented to Chapter

At the SC Alpha Centennial Banquet on May 1, Chapter President James Wolf '05 accepted the “President’s Pin” from Alumni Board President Pete Pantsari '70 and Jean Ayre, widow of former Chapter President and Treasurer, Calvert William “Bill” Ayre '62. As President of the SC Alpha Chapter, Bill Ayre is credited with keeping the Chapter together during some lean years and leading the Chapter into one of its most successful eras in the late '60s and early '70s. His success is marked by the number of alumni from that era that are active today and were present at the banquet. Bill died in 1984 at the age of 43.

The pin, which is engraved on the reverse with the initials “CWA” and A-213, will be worn by the current Chapter President and passed on to all succeeding SC Alpha Chapter Presidents.

SC Alpha Alumni Association Reestablished

With a unanimous vote of the Alumni Board on June 10th, the SC Alpha Alumni Association has been revived from its 25-year inactive status. Alumni Relations Director, Jim Tackett '71 of Rockville, MD will serve as the Association’s Director. The Association will support the activities of the undergraduate chapter and the Alumni Board, and will plan and conduct varied social functions for the continued brotherhood of all our alumni. The Association will provide the means and the manpower to maintain contact with all 1100+ brothers and alumni of SC Alpha. The Board set the membership year to begin on July 1, and set the annual dues at \$30. To join the Association simply send your dues check to the SC Alpha Alumni Association, P.O. Box 652, Columbia, SC 29202. Visit the Alumni Association’s page on the SC Alpha web site at www.uscsigep.com for updates and information.

As always, please continue to send us your news and updates! It has been terrific to hear from so many of our brothers and what they have accomplished since graduation. In fact, we plan to add a new feature in our next issue, “Brother Spotlight.” If you have a suggestion for an alumnus to profile, or any other suggestions for the newsletter, please contact us.

Look forward to seeing you in Columbia again shortly.
Fraternally,

PETE PANTSARI '70, Alumni & Volunteer Corporation President
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SOUTH CAROLINA SIGEPS CELEBRATE 100TH YEAR.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

TOMMY ALBETTA '94 is an annuity wholesaler in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is the husband of Danielle and together they have two children.

JERRY ARGENZIO-WEST '74 entered the Navy after USC and flew F-14's for seven years. He left active duty in 1981 and took a job with the FAA as an air traffic controller in Jacksonville, Florida. He then moved to Seattle, Washington, where he still works for the FAA as an operations supervisor. Write to Jerry at jargenziowest@msn.com.

CHIP AUGER '96 has been married to Nicole for five years. They moved to Charlotte roughly three years ago from Greenwich, Connecticut, to help start a branch of Dunhill Professional, an executive recruiting company. Reach Chip at cauger@carolina.rr.com.

After a very successful undergraduate career, **BRENT COLLINS '01** now works for Pepsi Bottling Group in Charleston. Drop him a line at brent.collins@pepsi.com.

JOHNNIE COOPER '91 works for Northrop Grumman Corporations in the Space Systems Division in Boulder, Colorado. Write to him at 3335 W. 115th Ave., Westminster, CO 80031

DANIEL DILWORTH '75 lives in Columbia and is the Risk Control Manager for the South Carolina Home Builders Self Insurers Fund. Contact Brother Dilworth at ddilworth@sc.rr.com.

BRIAN FRICK '95 is a graphic designer working for Apple Computer. He lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland and can be reached at frick@apple.com.

TOM GALLOP '87 recently welcomed **JOHNNY HOLMES '86** and **JIM MCHALE '88** to his home in Boulder, Colorado. Reach Brother Gallop at tgallop@sswhiteburs.com.

ALAN “DEWEY” GARDNER '72 is a dermatologist and has been practicing in Marietta, Georgia, since 1985. Write to Brother Gardner at g_alan@bellsouth.net.

ANDREW GREEN '96 is in law school at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Drop him a note at abgreen856@yahoo.com.

JOHN GRIGGS JR. '78 has worked in the insurance industry for seventeen years and recently purchased an Allstate office here in Irmo, South Carolina. His wife is Phyllis Harrelson (also a USC grad) and they have three children and one grandchild, Will. Find Brother Griggs at johngriggs@allstate.com.

Living in Savannah, Georgia, is **JEFFERY B. JONES '91**. He is married to his college sweetheart, Anne-Marie, and they have two children, Campbell and Caroline. Brother

CORPORATION BOARD as of June 1, 2004

President

Pete Pantsari '70

Executive V.P. and General Counsel

Ansel Gantt '69

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Co-Chapter Counselor

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Resident Scholar

Michael Selby, Eastern Michigan '03

At Large

Frank Cleveland '74

At Large

Jack Sunday '71

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Jones is the Director of International Student Services. Contact info: jonesey1@hotmail.com.

KARL MEYERS '74 retired last year after thirty-one years of government service. He has been catching up on fishing, hunting, and assorted hobbies. Write to him at PO Box 334, Blithewood, SC 29016.

CHARLES NELSON '79 is in the wireless data business for Cingular Wireless. Brother Nelson and his wife Dru (Columbia College '80) live outside of Atlanta with their three children, Pearce, Carter, and Blair. Find Charles at charles.nelson@cingular.com.

TIM O'ROURKE '78 returned to South Carolina in 1992 to attend law school. For the last three years he has been Associate General Counsel of Electrolux North America, a major appliance manufacturer. Julie and Tim have been married for 14 years and have a 3 1/2 year-old son named Riley. Contact Tim at timothy.j.orourke@electrolux.com.

PETE PANTSARI '70 is the General Manager of NETA, the association for all of the public television stations in the United States. He has been married to Pat, a teacher, for thirty-three years with two sons, Tony and Andy. E-mail Pete if you plan on attending any football games this upcoming fall at pete@pantsari.org.

RUSSELL PANTSARI '71 retired from the Air Force and is now a consultant with the FAA in Washington, D.C. Catch up with Brother Pantsari at russell.pantsari@auatac.com.

PAUL POVEY '82 is the Marketing Communications Manager for Companion HealthCare. Paul and his wife Terry celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary recently. Their son, Bobby, is close to obtaining his Eagle Scout rank while their daughter, Sarah, is a competitive swimmer. Paul can be reached at paul.povey@companiongroup.com.

PAUL ROBINS '90 and his wife, Kim, live in Columbia with their three children, Matthew, Hannah, and Meagean. He is a CPA working for a local accounting firm. E-mail address: paul@sc-cpa.com.

STEPHEN SCHIAVONE '78 has been in California since 1986 and married Suzy in 1987. He has been with Cingular Wireless for five years and is currently the Attendance Manager for a large call center in Atwater, California. Reach Stephen at stephen.schiavone@sbcglobal.net.

CHARLES "BENNETT" SHEALY '70 is a partner with C.R. Shealy & Son, a contract home builder, in Irmo, South Carolina. E-mail address: cbshealy@aol.com.

JIM SINGLETON '66 spent almost four years in the Air Force before embarking on a career as a stuntman working for Universal Studios

in California. Brother Singleton now does consulting work in North Carolina and has published three novels. He has been married to Judy Savitz since 1966 with three children and two grandchildren. (Judy and Jim were actually married by Brother George Meetze '30.) Email at Jim at pradcom@hotmail.com.

GENE SIRES '72 is a principal in Summerville, and recently won the Milliken Prize, a national educational award. Congratulate Brother Sires at gsires@aol.com.

After a 23-year law practice, **J.J. SMITH '68** became the Chief Judge of the Spartanburg Municipal Court in 2000. He has been married to Septima Hearon since 1978 and they have two children, Justin and Marion. For many years the Smiths lived across the street from the granddaughter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Founder **WILLIAM ANDREW WALLACE**, who was a well-known physician in Spartanburg. Write to J.J. at studiolo1@yahoo.com.

HAROLD STURM JR. '60 is a Captain in the United States Armed Forces and lives in Martinez, Georgia. Write to him at 2034 Pheasant Creek Dr., Martinez, GA 30907-922.

VINCE TINNIRELLO '93 recently was married to Jamee. They live in Littleton, Colorado. Vince started his own technology consulting group last year to support small and medium sized businesses that do not have their own technology staff. Find Vince at vince@vtfamily.com.

JAMES TURNER '01 is a Sales Representative for Ferguson Enterprises and specializes in HVAC sales. Reach James at uscjto1@aol.com.

LESLIE WATSON '74 has been married to Lynn Felton since 1974 and they have one daughter, Christian. He spent a few years with the FDIC as a Bank Examiner in Tampa, but then returned to Columbia in 1999. He enjoys playing golf with Brothers Terry Dimmery '75 and John Hubich '75 when possible. Ask to complete the foursome next time at watsonway@sc.rr.com.

MARK WEAVER '99 is currently living in New York and working in sales with Takeda Pharmaceuticals. He is engaged to his fiance, Tyler. Write to him at markweaveroo@yahoo.com.

WAYNE WILSON '92 lives in Huntersville, North Carolina, and is married to Crystal. His e-mail address is wayne.wilson@lafarge-na.com.

MICHAEL WINDUS JR. '58 makes his home in Nashville, Tennessee, with his wife Barbara. They have three children and six grandchildren. Brother Windus retired as a Captain for American Airlines in 1995. Reach him at windusm@aol.com.



Continuing to Lead

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE

South Carolina Alpha is building a tradition of excellence.

This spring semester, our successful recruitment efforts added another seventeen men to our chapter. It was a great way to follow the recruiting success in the fall which earned the chapter an Excelsior Cup in recruitment! This award was presented to us during the Fraternity's Carlson Leadership Academy held in Atlanta this past February. The men of quality joining our ranks will help the chapter to grow stronger, ensuring a rewarding second century in Columbia. The chapter is now seventy-two men strong.

Vice President of Recruitment **BRIAN MATURE '05** coordinated the effort, saying "it was crucial to continue to attract quality men to our chapter." South Carolina Alpha's efforts placed it again at the top of the men's Greek community on campus; the chapter also led in recruitment during the previous semester.

And what do the new members have to say? "I'm definitely excited," said **JOSEPH TIRPAK '07**, a freshman. He continues, "SigEp offered the best opportunity, in my opinion, and I have a great deal to offer in return."

Our brothers have also developed a strategy to improve our academic performance. So often we get caught up in excelling on the sports fields, we lose sight of the importance of maintaining high standards in the classroom. South Carolina Alpha is aiming to change this. We have implemented academic study hours, group grade point average competitions, and even a reward system where brothers who perform well

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academically can win raffled prizes at chapter meetings. The effort has already resulted in the chapter claiming the third-highest grade point average (2.95) on campus.

Athletically, the SigEps at the University of South Carolina continue to dominate the competition. We are on course to claim our fifth consecutive Greek intramural championship. Additionally, in a recent charity volleyball event, our brothers captured the crown while raising both money and awareness for victims of domestic violence.

Our brothers are dedicated to living "The Balanced Man." With the renewed and energetic support from our alumni and volunteer network, we can make South Carolina Alpha the model fraternity chapter not only on USC's campus, but throughout the entire nation.

Fraternally,

JAMES WOLF '05
Chapter President

O BROTHER WHERE ART THOU?

Reconnect with SigEp by filling out the update, below. Don't be shy.

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? _____

SEEN ANY OTHER BROTHERS RECENTLY? _____

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