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President's Message

Fellow Alumni and Friends of the University:

This has been an active fall season for our club. The football viewings at the Pour House in DC were relatively well attended considering many of the games were on free TV or ESPN Gameplan. During the off-season we plan to improve our viewing environment whether it is improvements to The Pour House environment or another location.

Cary Haney and his brave band of flag footballers have improved upon their record of last year, we have participated in numerous college fairs, and several good souls represented us at the "Iron Bowl bowling" and the SEC kickoff. Thank ya'!!!!

Dr. Robert Witt, President of the University, will be speaking to our chapter on April 28, 2005. Mark your calendars now. We will be sending out more information in February giving exact time, location and price.

A lot is happening on campus. In the last newsletter I mentioned the new buildings that have opened. Construction continues as new residence buildings are going up and renovations to Bryant Hall and Coleman Coliseum continue. We have an aggressive growth campaign to have 28,000 students by 2013. Much of this growth will need to come from out of state students and there are international initiatives in India, China, Taiwan and Mexico. We will begin requiring all freshmen to live on campus by 2006. There is a marked improvement in graduation rate for those students living on campus. There is also a plan to put the core curriculum on-line to address the needs of non-traditional students. There is a need for our faculty to do more research and therefore there is an aggressive push to get more federal funding and grants.

One of our goals this year is to continuously improve communications with our local members so you can be more aware of opportunities to serve, have fun and connect with the institution we all love. E-mail blasts have been one of the ways we are doing that. If you have not been receiving e-mail updates and wish to do so, drop us a line with your e-mail address. Be assured we do not sell our list or anything silly like that. We also want to make a major upgrade in our website. Any of you that are "super geeks" and want to help please contact us!!

Here's hoping you and yours have a blessed 2005.

Roll Tide!!

John Covington
National Capital Chapter President

NEW OFFICER SLATE FOR 2005-2006

We are pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2005-2006 chapter year. New officer posts begin April 1, 2005 and end March 31, 2006. An official ballot has been provided in the newsletter for you to complete and return. **Please be sure to get your ballots in by March 25th.**

President

David Price -- David currently serves as Vice President/President-Elect and, per chapter by-laws, will automatically ascend to the office of President. David graduated from Alabama in 1989 with a B.S. in Business Administration. David is originally from Huntsville, AL and has lived in Arlington, VA for 4 years. He is a consultant and corporate trainer with Booz Allen Hamilton. He works for the Organization and Change Team (OCT). David has recently completed two marathons, and is currently training for a triathlon in late summer and the 30th Annual Marine Corps Marathon, which takes place in October.

VicePresident/President-Elect

Deborah Moore – Deborah currently serves as chapter Secretary. Deborah graduated from Alabama in 1995 with a B.A. in History and Minor in International Studies. Originally from New Hampshire, she has lived in the Northern Virginia area for 8 years. She currently works in administration and marketing in the Financial Advisory Services practice for the investment banking firm of Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin.

Treasurer

Chris Bayham - Chris graduated summa cum laude from Alabama in 1998 with a B.S. in Business Administration and a concentration in Management Information Systems. He received his MBA degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2003. Chris is currently a Manager with DiamondCluster International, a global management and technology consulting firm. He previously served as the President of the Seebeck Society, the alumni association for the Computer-Based Honors Program at the UA. Chris and his wife Valerie recently moved to Washington, DC from Chicago, IL.

Secretary

Bethany Kosinsky - Bethany graduated from Alabama in 1998 from the College of Communications with a focus in Public Relations. After a summer internship at Ketchum PR in Atlanta, Bethany took to the friendly skies as a flight attendant with American Airlines. Bethany was based out of Chicago until 2000 when she transferred to the DC area. After 2 years in DC, Bethany resigned from American Airlines and joined the booming mortgage business. She is in her third year as a loan officer with First Savings Mortgage, located in McLean, VA.

DR. WITT VISIT

We are pleased to announce that UA President Dr. Robert Witt will be speaking to chapter members and friends this spring. We've planned a nice cocktail reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and look forward to hearing all the exciting news from Tuscaloosa. Invitations will be mailed in a few weeks. If you'd like to RSVP early, we've provided a space on the newsletter reply form. RSVP before March 24th and take advantage of the special price!

Dr. Witt Event Details

Date: April 28, 2005

Price: NCC Members (before March 24th) - \$45.00

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

NCC Members (after March 24th) and Non-NCC (before March 24th) - \$50.00

Location: The City Club at Columbia Square

Non-NCC (after March 24th) - \$55.00

555 Thirteenth Street, NW

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Metro: Metro Center

Business Attire

80TH ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE VIRGINIA GOLD CUP – UNIVERSITY ROW

The Washington Post has dubbed University Row as "THE" place to be at Gold Cup and once again the NCC will participate. Ticket prices are to be determined, but will include: luxury bus transportation to and from Gold Cup (from Ballston Common Mall), open bar, full catered lunch and afternoon snacks, access to ALL University Row tents and on-site wagering!!! If you've ever been to this, you know it is a great time! The event is still in the planning stages. We'll keep you posted as more details become available. In the meantime, you can visit the official University Row website at www.universityrow.net.

ALABAMA FOOTBALL VIEWING PARTIES--2004 IN REVIEW

Well, Bama football fans, after about 15 years of football watching at Rampart's in Alexandria, as they say, all good things must come to an end, and after Rampart's changed their bar focus, we rolled on!! We moved our game watching parties to The Pour House in downtown DC, right behind the US Capitol Building. We started out with a great turnout of almost 100 faithful alums for the inaugural game there, and varied from lows of 30 or so to around 50 to 60 at many of our other games. We still had great times and camaraderie, as we always will - no matter where we go, and we still had some great raffles with nice Alabama prizes. If only our team would have pulled out some of those heartbreaking losses (like against Tennessee, LSU and Auburn) what a great season it would have been. But so what! Bama football is on the rise again, with a winning record this year and our team going to the Music City Bowl, things are looking up!!!

Next year we will get together at a spot yet to be determined, potentially the Pour House again, so we'll keep you posted before the season starts. But wherever it may be, come join us! It's almost as good as being at the actual game! **ROLL TIDE ROLL!!!**

ALUMNI FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

What's the best thing about playing for the Alabama alumni flag football team? We're unbeaten all-time against the Tennessee Volunteers, including a 32-0 rout this year! The alumni club recently completed its second season with the Capital Alumni Network's (www.dcalum.org) flag football league. The local Crimson Tide managed a 4-4 record and competed in the league's championship tournament in January. "Two of those losses were one-point heartbreakers, but we feel very good about our season going into the tournament," said head coach Cary Haney.

The Tide met its preseason goals of increased competitiveness and increased alumni participation. Much like the varsity down in Tuscaloosa, the local Crimson Tide is steadily making progress to become a championship quality squad. Club members logging minutes for the National Capital Chapter Crimson Tide this year were: Deborah Moore, Amy Landry, Melissa Rose, Brad Rasco, Brandon Powell, Bob Keith, Will Coughlan, Jim Johnson, Rob Seals, Sammy Seals, Erick Francis, and Cary Haney.

The Capital Alumni Network's flag football league is in its seventh season and has grown to 54 teams representing alumni chapters from coast to coast. The league plays every weekend from the end of September to mid-December on the Ellipse in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. And in case you were wondering, yes, we beat Auburn too!

UA/AU IRON BOWL HAPPY HOUR

The Alabama-Auburn Iron Bowl ROLLED into the Washington area in November bringing with it LANE changes, STRIKES, calls for SPARES, lots of GUTTER work, and SPLITS that would have made the cheerleaders proud. What was it?? BOWLING.

The Alabama and Auburn alumni chapters held the 2nd annual Iron BOWL Happy Hour and bowling match on November 18, 2004 at Strike Bethesda. Instead of tossing a football around, the Tide and Tigers bowled away for charity. More than 250 cans of food were collected and given to the local area Boy Scouts for their annual food drive where they distribute the food collected to the Community Holiday Coalition which provides food, coats and presents for the needy, and LINK, a coalition of 14 churches that provide food all year around on an emergency basis and during the holidays.

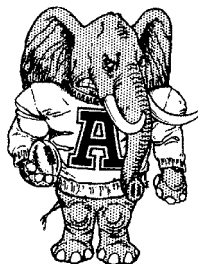
It was an exciting time on the lanes. The Tigers rolled to some impressive numbers but the Tide found spare pride and stayed in the game. It was a happy hour where no one ended the day in the gutter and when the happy hour ended, the two sides split to watch the real Iron Bowl on television. And, the winner here in the DC area was charity.

Many thanks to Shannon Shelton for organizing Alabama's participation in the event. As always, Shannon did a great job!

2005 UA Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Sep 03	Middle Tennessee	Tuscaloosa
Sep 10	Ole Miss*	Tuscaloosa
Sep 17	Western Carolina	Tuscaloosa
Sep 24	at Arkansas*	Fayetteville, AR
Oct 01	South Carolina*	Tuscaloosa
Oct 15	at Kentucky*	Lexington, KY
Oct 22	Southern Miss (HC)	Tuscaloosa
Oct 29	at Tennessee*	Knoxville, TN
Nov 05	Mississippi State*	Tuscaloosa
Nov 12	at LSU*	Baton Rouge, LA
Nov 19	Auburn*	Tuscaloosa

*SEC Game



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