



National Capital Chapter

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President's Message

As I look back on the 2006-2007 chapter year, I am filled with a great sense of accomplishment for the achievements that we have attained. All of the chapter officers and committee members have worked very hard to expand the types of activities that we offer to our members and to continue to build on and improve the activities that have become National Capital Chapter traditions. We have had one of the most active years that the chapter has seen in a long time. Please take a few minutes to browse through this newsletter and read about all that we have done as a chapter this year.

I went into this chapter year knowing that we had a lot of work to do in regards to public relations and publicity. We live in such a unique area where we are faced with the challenge of making people aware that we are here and maintaining a strong presence amid a constantly changing population. We have had such great success with our Bama Blast emails and our chapter website the past two years, but I strongly believe that word of mouth and community involvement is the best kind of publicity that we can achieve. It has been my personal mission over the past few years – and especially this year as chapter President - to get our chapter more involved with our community, to find new and creative ways to keep members (new and seasoned) active and interested and to find the best avenues for publicizing our chapter and all of the wonderful things that we do. Our greatest success has come through our participation in consortiums of various alumni groups (like the Capital Alumni Network and Alumni Events Alliance) and by forging strong relationships with other area alumni chapters as well as the Alabama State Society. We look to continue to build on those relationships in the years to come.

Thanks to the generosity of you, our fellow alumni, we have also had a very successful year with our fundraising efforts. We raised over \$4,000 through halftime raffle sales alone and anticipate the final number for all donations for the chapter year to be over \$8,000. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the generosity of the following wonderful alumni: John Covington and Chesapeake Consulting for co-sponsoring the 2006 Tide Tee Off Golf Tournament, Beth and Alan Kimber for the fabulous donation of the football weekend in Tuscaloosa halftime raffle prize, Emily White for her substantial halftime raffle donations and Dale Whitehead for the very kind donation of the framed Daniel Moore print halftime raffle prize.

I am extremely proud of all that the National Capital Chapter has achieved this year and equally proud of the hard work and dedication of the chapter officers and committee members. Please say a big **ROLL TIDE** for Amy Landry, Brandon Powell, Chris Bayham, Cary Haney, David Price, Brian Sims and Steve Cherry – the chapter officers and committee members who gave so much of their time and energy this year. I look forward to the 2007/08 chapter year under Amy Landry's leadership with much anticipation for the greater things yet to come. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your chapter President this past year.

Roll Tide!

Deborah Moore

2006-2007 National Capital Chapter President

NEW OFFICER SLATE FOR 2007-2008

We are pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2007-2008 chapter year. New officer posts begin April 1, 2007 and end March 31, 2008. An official ballot has been provided in the newsletter for you to complete and return. **Please be sure to submit your ballots by March 29th.**

President

Amy Landry - Amy most recently served as the chapter's Vice President and previously served as the chapter's Social Chair. Per NCC by-laws, Amy has already been elected President. She was born and raised in the Northern Virginia area and was the 1994 recipient of the National Capital Chapter's Louise Bryant Tate Scholarship. Amy attended Alabama from 1994 to 1998, and graduated with a double major in International Studies and Russian. She returned to Northern Virginia in 2003 and has been a very active member of the chapter. As Social Chair, Amy coordinated the UA/AU Tailgate Party event. She was also the chapter's committee member for the 2005 SEC Capital Kick-off Party and served as Co-Chairperson for the 2006 event. Currently, Amy is a Center Director for Sylvan Learning Center. She resides in Falls Church, VA.

Vice President/President-Elect

Brandon Powell – Brandon has spent the last year as the National Capital Chapter's Treasurer and was the Sports Chair the previous year. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the Capstone in 2001 with a B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies, and earned a Master of Public Administration from Alabama in 2003. While in school, he was an active member of the University Honors Program, Wesley Foundation, and College Republicans. Brandon moved to the D.C. area in 2003 and currently works for the U.S. Department of Energy as a Contract Specialist.

Secretary

Brian Sims – Brian graduated from the University of Alabama in 1998 with a B.A. in Political Science and a History minor. Since leaving the Capstone, he served as a Faculty Advisor at the Academy of Military Science, as a lobbyist for the National Guard Association of the United States, as an executive officer and director of protocol for the Commander, First Air Force. He moved to the national capitol region in 2005. Since arriving in this area, he served as a Chief, Major Command Complaints Resolution Directorate for the Secretary of the Air Force Inspector General. Recently, he completed the Air Force Logistics Readiness Officer Training Course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and serves in the Logistics Plans Branch at the Air National Guard Readiness Center. He has been active in NCC Alabama Alumni Association Sports, playing on our Flag Football Team and Softball Team. He resides in Arlington, VA.

Treasurer

Charles Trew - Charles graduated from the University of Alabama in 1986 with a degree in Russian and East European Studies. He has been a member of the National Capital Chapter since graduation. Charles previously has served as Treasurer for the chapter. He has worked in the Science/Business Division at the Library of Congress since 1991, and he is currently in the process of starting a lodging and tourism business in Belize.

2006 Chapter Recap

10th Annual Tide Tee Off Golf Tournament

We held our 10th Annual Tide Tee Off Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at South Riding Golf Club in South Riding, VA. We raised over \$2,000 during the tournament. We secured several fabulous sponsorships and prize donations for the event to help keep the cost for golfers down. A sample of prizes donated included Cleveland 7 woods for the first place team, a \$150 restaurant gift card for the closest to the pin winner and Nike approach wedges for the men's and women's longest drive winners. Round Trip Airfare for 2 on AirTran was donated (by AirTran) and raffled off during the post-tournament dinner. Plans for the 11th Annual Tide Tee Off Golf Tournament are underway.

Softball Team

Throughout the late spring and early summer months, the chapter participated in the Capital Alumni Network's Softball League. This was the first year that the chapter fielded a team. We finished the season with a disappointing record of 4 – 11, but the main goal was to give our alumni a new option for participating and gathering together. It also helped us reach several new alumni in the area. (And, for SEC pride, we did better than Georgia who finished 0 - 15.)

University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup

For the third consecutive year, we participated in University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup. Held on the first Saturday of each May, the Virginia Gold Cup is more than a world famous steeplechase race – it is a grand spring tradition and a fixture on the Washington social calendar. University Row is the largest gathering of tents in the 82-year history of the Virginia Gold Cup Races. We partnered with over 60 college and university alumni groups through the Alumni Events Alliance and organized transportation to and from the event, catering, and tent space. There was a small profit from the event for the chapter that was donated to our scholarship fund.

2nd Annual Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund Charity Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction

On May 20th, our chapter President, Deborah Moore, participated in the Capital Alumni Network's 2nd Annual Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund Charity Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction. Several chapter members attended the event to show support. The event raised over \$45,000 for the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund, a fund set up to help Washington, DC inner city youth pay for college education. It also pays for mentoring programs to help them achieve better study habits and helps them pay for college admissions testing. Deborah personally raised over \$2800 during pre-event fundraising and during the actual auction.

Alabama on the Hill

On June 27th the National Capital Chapter co-hosted a reception with the University Career Center for University of Alabama interns spending the summer in Washington, DC. The event was held on Capitol Hill at the offices of Van Scoyoc Associates. It was the inaugural event for a new program called Alabama on the Hill. Alabama on the Hill will be an ongoing program to bring interns and alumni together for shared interests. We are currently working with the Career Center on renaming the program (as several interns in the DC area are not Hill-based) as well as putting together an agenda for Summer 2007. The program will be expanded to include sessions with alumni who will give pointers on how to network and build a viable network of contacts for future use in post-graduate professions. There will also be a few social events for the interns as well as a Living and Working in DC informational session.

Bama Bound BBQ

On July 29th, the National Capital Chapter hosted the 21st annual Bama Bound BBQ for our incoming freshmen and their families for some real good, down-home, Southern BBQ (along with a whole lot of good, down-home Southern hospitality). Dixie Bones BBQ in Woodbridge catered the event and the food was DELICIOUS! Our featured speaker this year was Dr. Guy Caldwell, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences. He challenged the students in attendance—as well as their parents and other alumni—to seek fulfilling, challenging careers that contribute to the good of society. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Hon. Robert Barr, National Alumni Association President. We had 9 incoming freshmen and transfer students with their families and over 60 alumni in attendance. After the BBQ we had a post-event gathering at Stars and Stripes Restaurant in Arlington, where David Price, past NCC President, served as guest bartender. David's tips were donated to the chapter's scholarship endowments.

SEC Capital Kick-off

This year the NCC co-chaired the 25th annual SEC Capital Kick-off Party with Tennessee and South Carolina. The event is a chance for the twelve SEC schools to come together to toast the start of a new football season and raise money for their individual scholarship funds. We held it again at the City Tavern Club in Georgetown and, in keeping with the festive feel, it was held on Friday, August 25th. Once again the event sold out, as everyone inside partied the night away to a great band, Liquid A. Our chapter received \$1,445 for our scholarship fund for our participation.

Football Game Viewings

On Labor Day weekend, we kicked off our Bama Football Game Viewing parties for our second straight year at our new home, Stars and Stripes Restaurant in Crystal City. Once again, our average attendance this year was over 100 Bama Fans, with some games topping out near 150 people! We jazzed things up a bit this year with 4 "Special Raffles". Our first Special Raffle, held during the Vanderbilt game viewing, was a football game weekend in Tuscaloosa, complete with 2 game tickets in The Zone and a weekend stay in Alan and Beth Kimber's Game Day house for the Ole Miss game. We raised over \$1,000 in that week's raffle alone – 1/3 of the total raffle sales from the 2005 football season. The second Special Raffle was 2 Homecoming Game tickets in a Field Suite with a parking pass and was raffled during the Ole Miss Game on October 14. We raised \$275 in that raffle. The third Special Raffle, donated by Chapter President, Deborah Moore, was a Dreamland BBQ rib package for 2, complete with ribs, sauce, white bread, and bibs. It was raffled during the Tennessee game and raised over \$400. The last Special Raffle was a signed and framed Daniel Moore "The Tradition Continues" print, donated by Dale Whitehead, which was raffled during the Auburn game viewing. We raised over \$400 in that raffle.

During the Vanderbilt game viewing, the **National Capital Chapter celebrated its 59th Anniversary** with a large cake and the recognition of one of our members, Richard Cobb. Mr. Cobb graduated from UA in 1948 and served as NCC Vice President during 1948 and 1949.

Southern Pride Happy Hour

On November 9, our chapter teamed up with the LSU alumni chapter for the 1st Annual Southern Pride Happy Hour at Stars and Stripes Restaurant. We had both schools' fight songs playing throughout the evening, and both groups tried to out-cheer the other. The event was quite entertaining, as our very own President (Deborah Moore) and Vice President (Amy Landry) squared off in a bartending challenge with the President and Vice President of the LSU alumni chapter! All tips earned during the evening were split and donated to each chapter's scholarship funds. The event raised over \$200 for our scholarship endowments. It was such a huge hit with both schools that we decided to make it an annual tradition. (The 2007 event promises to be VERY interesting, given our new head coach!).

UA/AU Iron Bowl Tailgate Party

This is our combined charity event that we hold every year with the Auburn alumni club. We chose to continue the tailgate theme for the 2nd Annual Iron Bowl Tailgate on Saturday, Nov. 18th in the parking lot behind Stars and Stripes. Everyone was treated to tasty food and good drinks before the football game. We successfully collected canned food for a local DC food bank. Also, our chapter raised \$250, which we sent down to the West Alabama Food Bank to help out the university in its annual Beat Auburn, Beat Hungry campaign. A special thank you goes out to the Alabama State Society for co-hosting this event with us again! And many thanks to all who shared the sunny day with us!

Flag Football Team

The chapter competed for the fourth year in a row in the Capital Alumni Network's Flag Football league. Once again, Alabama improved on last year's performance, finishing for the first time with a winning season at 6-4 and advancing to the playoffs. We were in one of the toughest divisions and spent the better part of the season ranked in the Top 15. And these were no easy wins—our schedule included local schools Maryland, Virginia, and Georgetown. Wins included victories over Texas, Auburn, and Georgia. The DC Tide won their first playoff game against Delaware and very nearly pulled the upset of the tournament against defending champ Colorado, falling just short in a valiant effort. We recruited the bulk of our players from our game viewing parties. We also recruited several new chapter members through participation in the league. Let's give a special ROLL TIDE to Cary Haney, Brandon Powell and all of our team members.

Heart of Dixie Happy Hour

To continue our camaraderie with Auburn outside of the football season, we entered our second year of a relatively new tradition: the Heart of Dixie Happy Hour! This event provided a chance for everyone associated with the state of Alabama to come together and have fun. The 2nd Annual Heart of Dixie Happy Hour was held Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 18th Amendment in the District. Food, drinks, and laughter were shared by all! Many thanks to the Alabama State Society for joining us.

Student Recruitment

The National Capital Chapter is extremely lucky to have a Regional Recruiting Coordinator employed by the University of Alabama Admissions Office working in our area. Elizabeth Dugas coordinates all student recruitment for the State of Maryland, District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia and calls upon local alumni to help with larger college fairs. Our chapter officers and members assisted Elizabeth with several college fairs in Maryland and Northern Virginia throughout the spring and fall recruiting sessions.

Scholarship Endowments

One of the more important functions of our National Capital Chapter is to raise scholarship funds so we can send worthy high school graduates from our chapter area to the University of Alabama with chapter-provided financial assistance. In case you weren't aware, we are the **leading out-of state UA alumni chapter in the United States** in the category of number and amount of funds in scholarships endowed.

Listed below are our six currently endowed scholarships and the corpus amount in each, which perpetually will have 6 students at all times receiving assistance from our chapter, amounting to about \$1,000 each per year. As you can see, we are approaching the \$200K total mark, which is a very noteworthy achievement for us. This couldn't have been done without your generous contributions and participation in raffles, chapter events, and other fund-raising efforts for the chapter.

Scholarship	2005/2006 Contribution	Balance
Louise Bryant Tate Endowment	\$750.00	\$36,958.99
Donald J. Cronin Endowment	\$750.00	\$31,254.79
Dr. Frank A. Rose Endowment	\$750.00	\$31,897.88
Marshall H. Groom Endowment	\$750.00	\$33,493.75
Richard A. Mason Endowment	\$750.00	\$32,170.45
William Jennings Dyess Endowment	\$750.00	\$31,776.36
Grand Total	\$4,500.00	\$197,552.22

License Plate Update: Maryland, Virginia and DC!!!



We have expanded our license plate effort to include Maryland and DC!!!!

For Virginia Residents:

The Virginia DMV requires us to collect and then submit, all at once, at least 350 *paid* applications before they will start the process of stamping out the tags. How long will that take? That answer depends on you! The quicker we can get 350 paid applications, the sooner you can get your plates. Here is where we are in the process:

- We already have received signoff from the University on the design and have submitted it to the Virginia DMV for approval. Based on our initial discussions with DMV personnel, they believe that our design will be approved. (The proposed design can be viewed at <http://www.dcbamafans.com>)
- We are collecting applications. The price is \$25 per tag, plus an additional \$10 if you currently have or want personalized tags.
- Once we have collected 350 paid applications, we will submit one check to the DMV, along with our proposed tag design.
- After submission, we are at the mercy of the DMV process. Their documentation states that it could take up to 6 months from that point... although we hope that it won't take that long. Please be patient, and know that we will be in touch with DMV and will be prodding them along, as gently and effectively as we can. Status updates on the number of applications collected and our progress throughout the process can be found on the National Capital Chapter's web site at <http://www.dcbamafans.com>. Additionally, you can find links to all of the information on the Richmond website at <http://www.bamarichmond.com>.
- For frequently asked questions (FAQs), please visit <http://www.dcbamafans.com>

Please send your money AND the application form (*Form VSA10*) as soon as possible to the address provided below, as we want to get this process “rolling” in the same way that our football team will be in 2007! The form can be found <http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/vsa10.pdf>. Note that you can type your information directly into the online form on your screen, and then print it off. Please make your check out to “University of Alabama Virginia License Plate Fund” and mail it and your form to:

Courtney Rogers
3907 Exeter Road
Richmond, Virginia 23221

Please mail your form and check today. Also, include your email address for correspondence purposes.

For Maryland Residents:

The state of Maryland requires at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are Maryland registered drivers. The cost of the Maryland plates is \$25. Please note that personalized license plates are not available in Maryland. All you have to do is go to <http://www.dcbamafans.com> and register your name and current Maryland license plate number. Once we receive twenty-five (25) signatures of intent, the Chapter will submit the list to the Maryland DMV and work with them to get the plate design approved. We will be coordinating with the University of Alabama on plate design and approval during the registration period. The Maryland tags do not require any collection of funds on our part. Once the plate design is approved by Maryland, we will then send the Maryland DMV form to those who signed the petition. The Maryland residents will need to fill out the form and return to us with their check for \$25 made out to the State of Maryland DMV. Alternatively, you may go ahead and submit that information to us ahead of time and we can hold it until we get all required signatures. The plate design is notional and has not been approved by the State of Maryland or the University of Alabama.

For District of Columbia Residents:

The District of Columbia requires at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are DC registered drivers. The cost of the DC plates is \$25. Please note that personalized license plates are not available in DC. All you have to do is go to <http://www.dcbamafans.com> and register your name and current DC license plate number. Once we receive twenty-five (25) signatures of intent, we will work with both the University of Alabama and the District of Columbia for plate design and approval. The DC tags do not require any collection of funds on our part. The plate design is notional and has not been approved by the District of Columbia or the University of Alabama.

Show your ***TIDE PRIDE*** and order your license plates today!!!

Get Involved

We are looking for Committee Chairs and/or members for the following committees. If you're interested, please mark your choice on the reply form in this newsletter and send in with your membership renewal. Or you can send an email to officers@dcbamafans.com and let us know how you'd like to help.

- Membership (Deborah Moore – Chair)
- Website Design (Chris Bayham – Webmaster)
- License Plate Campaign (David Price – Chair)
- Sports (Cary Haney and Bob Keith – Chairs)
- Social
- Student Recruitment (Elizabeth Dugas - UA Regional Recruiter)
- Fundraising
- Public Relations (Deborah Moore – Chair)
- Newsletter

**ROLL
TIDE!**

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR
UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS**
(www.dcbamafans.com)

University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup

Celebrate the 82nd running
of the world famous
Virginia Gold Cup steeplechase race
at University Row
along the celebrated North Rail

Saturday, May 5, 2007
Great Meadow
The Plains, Virginia!
(www.universityrow.org)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!



It's that time of year again—time to renew your membership with the National Capital Chapter! Becoming a member allows you to receive discounts at all of our annual events, including the Bama Bound BBQ, Tide Tee-Off Golf Tournament, and other special events. More importantly, your membership dues help to support our six scholarship funds.

We're also trying to update our contact information for all of our 2,500+ members living in the area. Please visit <http://www.dcbamafans.com> and click the **Update My Record** button at the top of the page, so that we can confirm that we have the correct information for you on file!

National Capital Chapter Dues ? Scholarship Donation ? Contact Information Update

NEW! PAY YOUR DUES USING YOUR CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT <http://nccmembership2007.eventbrite.com>!

ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2007

PLEASE BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2007-08 CHAPTER YEAR

APRIL 1, 2007 THRU MARCH 31, 2008

NOTE: MEMBERSHIPS WILL NOW BE PROCESSED ON A "ROLLING" BASIS, SO YOU GET THE FULL 12 MONTHS OF BENEFIT!

New Member

Renewal

Name: _____ Graduation Year (if UA): _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse (if joining): _____ Graduation Year (if UA): _____ Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address-Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Second Email Address: _____

Check here if you would like to receive the newsletter and other chapter alerts via email!

Please make sure you have included your name and email address above

\$ _____ Annual National Capital Chapter **dues donation** for chapter year (April 1 to March 31).

_____ \$15 single membership _____ \$25 couple membership

\$ _____ **Scholarship Donation:** _____ General Fund _____ Cronin _____ Dyess _____ Groom

_____ Rose _____ Tate _____ Mason

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed - *Make checks payable to the National Capital Chapter***

(See Chapter mailing address below)

Please indicate your interest in assisting the Chapter with the following activities:

Student Recruitment

Fundraising

Planning Social Activities

Newsletter

Public Relations

Website Design & Updates

Please mark your vote for NCC 2007-2008 Officer Slate. Per NCC By-laws, Amy Landry has already been elected President. Ballots must be returned with dues payment by March 29, 2007.

Vice President/President-Elect:

Brandon Powell

Write-in _____

Secretary:

Brian Sims

Write-in _____

Treasurer:

Charles Trew

Write-in _____

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2007 Football Schedule

(as posted on rolltide.com as of 2/12/2007)



<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Apr 21	A-Day Game	Tuscaloosa
Sep 1	Western Carolina	Tuscaloosa
Sep 8	Vanderbilt*	Nashville, TN
Sep 15	Arkansas*	Tuscaloosa
Sep 22	Georgia*	Tuscaloosa
Sep 29	Florida State	Jacksonville, FL
Oct. 6	Houston	Tuscaloosa
Oct 13	Ole Miss*	Oxford, MS
Oct 20	Tennessee*	Tuscaloosa
Nov 3	LSU*	Tuscaloosa
Nov 10	Mississippi State*	Starkville, MS
Nov 17	Louisiana-Monroe	Tuscaloosa
Nov 24	Auburn*	Auburn, AL

* SEC Conference Games

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