



# Southern California LSU Alumni Association

June 2003

“If you boil the bugs...They will come”

## Hello Tigers!

I am going to keep this little note short and sweet.

I would like to congratulate the **2003-2004 Board of Directors**, Mickey Harris, Vice President; Cathy Mueller, Secretary/Treasurer; Stephanie Hingle, At-Large Board Member; Karen Lear, At-Large Board Member and Steve Brown, Immediate Past President.

**Join the chapter.** If you are reading this newsletter, it means you are on our mailing/e-mail list. It doesn't mean you are a member. To join our chapter is a mere \$20 a year. (Half of which goes to the scholarship fund)

**Be active!** Pay dues, yes, but be active, too. If we have an active membership, we will have more activities and social events! Don't just show up for the crawfish boil. Meet us for a few football games this year! We have a great time!

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE CRAWFISH BOIL VOLUNTEERS!** We could not have done it without you. (And we always need more). A special thanks to my husband, John Thompson, for allowing me the time to do all that needed to be done and for tolerating the mess that later became the raffle/silent auction prizes.

A sad note. This year we lost a dear member of our chapter, Carl Keck. Carl was a loyal Tiger and a regular at all of our events. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

I will see you all during football season. Don't forget we are going to Tucson, AZ in September for the game. I look forward to serving as your chapter president this year and I welcome any thoughts and comments anyone may have to grow our membership.

-Heather Thompson

This year as we set out to plan our 15<sup>th</sup> annual “Boil by the Bay”, the board knew we wanted to increase the number of attendees. Over the last few years, we have seen about 200+ people come to Redondo Beach to enjoy the crawfish boil. For 2003, we wanted to shoot for 300.

A lot of planning went into the marketing and promotion of the boil. We offered our chapter members the chance to reserve tables of 10 or purchase individual tickets at a discounted rate.

A week before the RSVP deadline we were past the 200 mark and rapidly approaching 300+ people. Combined with the approximately 100+ people from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, **we suddenly were hosting a party for close to 500 people!!**

We had to order more of everything! The final order was **1750 pounds of live crawfish** flown in from Louisiana and **10 kegs of Abita Amber and TurboDog** beer donated by Abita Beer. 50 pounds of boudin and more ice than I wanted to carry.

As the crawfish were left in there pots to “prepare” for their final destiny, I enjoyed seeing the children play with them. Especially those that were new to crawfish. The idea that it “walked wrong” seemed to really tickle one little girl.

There is no way to describe the feeling of home I felt as the pots started to boil and the smell of crab boil filled the air. For a brief moment, I almost forgot where I was. I think the reason I stay involved with the chapter and work on the boil is the wonderful smell that can only be created by having several huge pots full of crab boil. And they tasted great too!

Of course there was more to do than enjoy the smells and taste of crawfish. Lisa Haley and the Zydecats were fabulous. You should have seen those Tigers dance. The raffle and Silent Auction were a tremendous success. We raised over \$2,500!! This is a huge amount of money to be raised at our crawfish boil and we thank all of you who participated.

Special guests, Dr. Charlie Roberts, the President of the LSU Alumni Assoc., and Amy Parrino, the Vice-President, joined us at the boil all the way from Baton Rouge. They brought LSU “stuff” and news from home...it is always great to see them.

As the day drew to a close and everyone began to depart, I realized that (1.) they didn't leave me any beer for the clean up crew and (2.) we had another successful “Boil by the Bay”. See you next year...May 22!

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

July 27, 2002 – SEC Picnic

Football Parties - We will show all available games!!

September 6 - v. University of Arizona in Tucson

May 22, 2004 – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual “Boil on the Bay”

Mardi Gras - Party and Parade in San Luis Obispo  
(Details of events to follow!!)

## THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Our SoCal LSU Alumni Association scholarship is why we do what we do. It gives a **purpose to our parties**. By participating in the raffle or silent auction at the crawfish boil, your money is going toward the scholarship fund. This past year, the raffles at the football viewings have become a fun way to entertain ourselves during half time and I will continue them as long as I have donated products!!

I want to update you on our status. It takes a huge (\$20,000) amount of capital to fund a scholarship. The actual award is from the interest we earn on this money. We currently have one award available for a deserving student. My goal is to keep us working toward a second award, which requires another \$20,000. For 2002-2003, we are going to contribute close to \$3,000. So you can see how long it takes to build the necessary capital and why your board works so hard to keep pushing raffle tickets!!

### Eligibility

- ✓ Resident of the SoCal Alumni chapter area (LA, Orange and Ventura Counties)
- ✓ 3.0 high school G.P.A.
- ✓ 25 ACT score

### Award

- ✓ \$4,000 cash award (\$500 per semester)
- ✓ On campus job as Chancellor's Aide earning up to \$6,200 (\$1,550 per year)
- ✓ Children of LSU Graduates are exempt from paying half the non-resident fee each year.

### Funding

- ✓ \$20,000 endowment

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Tigers, the following companies and individuals donated items for our silent auction and raffle at the Crawfish Boil. **Please support these sponsors so they will continue to make donations to our chapter.** You will find links to the donor's websites on our chapter site. Be sure to tell them you are with the SoCal LSU Alumni Assoc.

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### THE HELP!

**Our wonderful volunteers! A lot of work goes into planning and preparing for this crawfish boil. The following people helped make this year's event the BEST EVER. From the beginning preparation to the final clean up they were there! I hope to see them again next year and new faces too! My deepest apologies if I forgot anyone.**

Terre Allen

Steve Brown

Mickey Harris

Andre Milka

Matt Parrish

Alison Reeves

John Thompson

J.P. Barr

Michel Chauvin

Stephanie Hingle

Cathy Mueller

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