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BETA DELTA KEEPS GETTING BETTER

Beta Delta completed 2013 as one of the premier fraternities on The University of Alabama's campus. We remain the standard in all aspects of college fraternity life. Our philanthropic, academic, athletic, and social activities continue to expand and improve. This third year in the new chapter house will also be an excellent one.

Academics and Awards

The Beta Delta Chapter received its 12th True Merit Bowl in August and was awarded runner-up for the Top Chapter Award. Following that success, Beta Delta pledged 51 men. The pledges represent the fraternity in a positive manner and are some of the most outstanding men on Alabama's campus. They posted a 3.27 G.P.A., narrowly passing the active G.P.A. of 3.26. In addition to academics, the chapter maintained its stellar social reputation with multiple parties and swaps throughout the fall.

Campus Involvement

In regard to campus involvement, Beta Delta is second to none. From the Student Government Association to honor societies, the brothers of Beta Delta leave a positive



Brothers enjoy the White Tea Rose Formal in New Orleans.

impression in all that they do. We are proud to claim the vice president of Student Affairs, one of the student directors of the Blackburn Institute, and various leaders within Capstone Men and Women and each of the honor societies.

Social Events

On January 18, the chapter welcomed 47 new men into our brotherhood. Following initiation, Beta Delta hosted a reception for the new initiates and their families. This included

a brief address from Chapter Advisor **Amos Burns '49** and past ATΩ National President **Walter Hughes '60**. In February, the annual White Tea Rose Formal was held in New Orleans. Brothers and their dates enjoyed the weekend in the historic city, ending with a party on Saturday night aboard the Creole Queen on the Mississippi River.

Philanthropy

In February, we hosted a fundraising event for the Children's Miracle Network in conjunction with other fraternities and sororities and raised \$4,500. Also, the
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Marlan Golden '11 Is a Role Model to All Beta Deltas



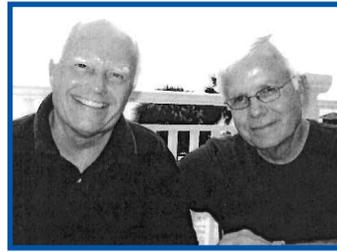
Marlan Golden '11
Major: History & Spanish
G.P.A.: 4.0
Career Path: Public Affairs

While Marlan served as Worthy Master of Beta Delta, the chapter was as successful as it has ever been. Under his leadership, Beta Delta received ATΩ National's True Merit Award and was first runner-up for ATΩ National's "Top Chapter" award. Marlan served both the chapter and its brothers tirelessly. Amazingly, Marlan was also heavily involved in The Blackburn Institute, Capstone Men and Women, and numerous honor societies on campus, all while maintaining his 4.0 G.P.A. Needless to say, Marlan has left massive shoes to fill, but his guidance will make for a smooth transition for the leaders to come. Marlan will leave Beta Delta confidently knowing that he left the chapter a better place than when he first arrived.

LINDLEY BROTHERS FACE HARDSHIP AND GROW CLOSER

Spotlight on Doug '65 and John Lindley '68

As members of Alpha Tau Omega, we all know brotherhood creates a strong bond, whether that bond is blood or through Alpha Tau Omega. **Doug Lindley '65** and **John Lindley '68** are blessed to be brothers in both senses. Best friends since they were young, Doug and John have strengthened their brotherhood over the years, most recently during some health-related hardships.



John '68 and Doug Lindley '65

Born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama, Doug and John grew up acting and looking like twins. The older of the two, Doug, learned the importance of humility and strength at a young age. Growing up, Doug was blessed with a strong love but not quite as strong of a talent for baseball. John, younger by two years, was blessed with a talent for pitching and hitting, a talent strengthened by Doug's willingness to act as batting practice pitcher and catcher for 4+ hours a day. At age 13, Doug was injured in a hunting accident that should have taken his life. After a morning of hunting on Lake Jordan one December, Doug's loaded shotgun went off after being thrown in the back seat of the car. The shot blew a hole in his left thigh artery and nerve—an injury he was lucky to survive. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School, Doug became the first Lee graduate to pledge Beta Delta as a result of **Jim Garrett '65** noticing how Doug acted like a Lanier guy and dated Lanier girls. Doug used his time at Alabama to perfect his gin rummy playing skills while creating bonds with his ATΩ brothers that would help him in the long run.

John enjoyed and excelled at playing baseball and both brothers spent summers at their grandparents' summer cottage in Gulf Shores, Alabama. John pledged Alpha Tau Omega his sophomore year at Alabama, joining his brother in the Beta Delta brotherhood. He graduated with an economics degree as a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon and went on to work at Union Planter's National Bank in Memphis, Tennessee, and then on to Compos-It Inc., owned by Brother **Gritts Morris '68**. John worked his way through Dixie Dairy Products Association with Brother **Amos Burns '49**, where he grew interested in purchasing commodity items. This interest grew into a job as a dairy commodity trader for Tedford-Tellico, Inc., a company

he and another employee would eventually buy. Under his leadership for the past 23 years, Tedford-Tellico has become the leading trading company in the U.S. in commodities used by the dairy and bakery industries. While having an extremely successful and profitable company, John practices daily that if you treat your employees fairly and with respect they will take care of you. His employees are of utmost importance to him. John has become a truly remarkable businessman while remaining a trusted companion and supporter of his brother Doug, and proud alumnus of Alpha Tau Omega.

After successful careers in the field of rehabilitation counseling for the state of Alabama, buying, owning, and growing a telephone answering service, and later buying and selling Blue Springs Hatchery in Leeds, Alabama, Doug ended back where he started by returning to Lighthouse Counseling Center in 2006. Unfortunately in 2008 Doug was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and has since left his position. Doug has not been alone in his battle against Parkinson's, as John has supported every fundraising event Doug has been a part of and the two of them have grown closer. The strong relationships Doug created with his Alpha Tau Omega brothers at Alabama, including John, have also grown stronger as they support Doug in his journey. His brothers, including **Barrie Harmon '66**, **Kenan Boswell '70**, **Johnny Sullivan '70**, **Eddie Welch '81**, **Phil Butler '67**, **Danny Dunlop '68**, and **Joel Dubina '66**, have been there for Doug every step.

Each April, John and Doug host Party for Parkinson's in Montgomery, Alabama, and are active in fundraising and raising awareness for Parkinson's.

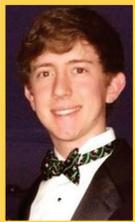
Doug and John learned to support and serve each other at a young age, just as ATΩ brothers learn to support and serve each other during their time in the chapter. They are grateful to have each other as brothers and are equally as grateful to have the rest of us as their Alpha Tau Omega brothers. Doug can be e-mailed at dougindley@yahoo.com and John can be e-mailed at jlindley@tedfordtellico.com.

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chapter prepared care packages for American servicemen through Operation Christmas Child. Brothers continue to perform community service hours in their own ways through organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Impact Alabama, and tutoring programs.

The brothers of Beta Delta acknowledge and appreciate the wonderful support we receive from you, our alumni. Without you, this fraternity's success would not be possible. Your leadership continues to fulfill Beta Delta's excellent tradition. If you are ever in Tuscaloosa, for business or pleasure, please do not hesitate to stop by and experience your legacy.



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Annual Viking Week festivities.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

We honor the memory of those who have gone before us.

Albert B. Davis '39 entered Chapter Eternal on October 21, 2013. He lived to the pleasant age of 93 and truly enjoyed receiving *The Link* and reading about his chapter. Albert was an avid Alabama fan and would roll down the halls of his assisted living community yelling "Roll Tide" after every Alabama game.

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Divot Masters: Celebrating Brotherhood for 24 Years and Counting

THE ORIGINS

In the spring of 1991, several members of the 1980 pledge class were involved in pre-wedding festivities for a pledge brother. This included a golf outing at a resort near Atlanta, and while enjoying the scenery from one of the tee boxes, it was remarked that “we should do more golf trips.” Another told of a group in his hometown that took short golf trips called Divot Makers. By June of that year, under the creative travel planning of **Jon Moore '80**, we had our first outing at Callaway Gardens with about 12 guys, most from within one or two years of the 1980 pledge class. In deference to our Georgia event location, the name Divot Masters was adopted. Brother Moore’s early efforts were assisted by **David Evans '80** and **Jeff Albright '80** as keepers of the pre-e-mail mailing list and coordinators of the golf.



Charles T.O. McDowell '78 and Jay Davis '78 at Divot Masters.



The Divot Masters

EVOLUTION

The early events basically involved a Friday afternoon, all day Saturday (two rounds), then Sunday morning sequence of golf, highlighted by a four-man scramble on Saturday afternoon with prizes for the winning teams. Evenings included the requisite story-telling, libations, and good times. Even a few card games and cigars, for good measure. We had maybe 24 guys participating.

After a few years, we began adding optional rounds of golf Thursday afternoon at a course near Pine Mountain, such as the Robert Trent Jones complex in Opelika or Stillwaters in Dadeville, plus a morning round on Friday at Callaway. Within the first 10 years, we had tried various dates in the summer months, from late June to several around July 4th, then settling on the last full weekend of August (not including Labor Day) as our targeted weekend each year. As we developed a more consistent format and time, our numbers grew into 30-40 guys each year, expanding into more pledge classes on either end of the original spectrum. Friday afternoons evolved into a Ryder Cup-type of team event with In-the-House versus Out-of-the-House for the now-coveted Bovard Cup, named after our housemother. Also, in the late 1990s, as e-mail took over snail mail, **Richard Hamm '80** took over the duties of coordinating the event.

Callaway was our first and only home for the event, for six reasons. First, the location was convenient to our many brothers in Huntsville, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Atlanta, plus those who fly into Atlanta. Second, the location does not include distractions that our spouses would not like. Third, the cabin setup allowed groups within pledge classes to room together and visit even more. Fourth, the Mountain View golf course was hosting a PGA tour event each fall, so we had top-quality golf for

those who wanted it. Fifth, the Gardens View course was more open and secluded—perfect for the scramble and related shenanigans. Sixth, our late-August date has little competition for the facilities, so the cost has remained very reasonable, plus Callaway was grooming the Mountain View course into PGA-shape.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE GOLF

Today’s event boasts an ever-expanding range of pledge classes, with some 40-45 guys participating each of the last four years. Our e-mail list has about 90 ATΩs on it. We have about a dozen brothers who have attended all or all but one of the events. If you haven’t attended, you don’t know what you are missing.

And while golf is the centerpiece of the event, it’s not about the golf. The Mountain View course is no longer a PGA stop, but it has been hosting a major “juniors” circuit event prior to Divot Master and has been in excellent shape. Sadly, the Gardens View course was closed at the peak of the real estate bubble to allow for reworking into a golf-course/housing development that never got off the ground. We’ve shifted the Saturday scramble to Lake View, and sometimes at Mountain View, with no noticeable disruption to the fun.

Again, it’s not about the golf, it’s about the brotherhood. Many of our guys are not regular golfers, some never even attempt to play at the event but are our most regular attendees. For a few years, we took some of the prize pot to support scholarships. One was the **Mike Moak '79** Memorial Scholarship administered by ATΩ headquarters, and another was the Amos Burns Scholarship and Leadership Award. Amos’ sons **Keith '79** and **Barry '82** are part of our core group. After the death of **Jay Davis '78** and due to the continuing economic problems that have affected some of our group, in Jay’s honor we now allocate some funds to help defray the Divot Masters attendance costs for one or more of our core group.

COME JOIN US

There are many hilarious stories to tell. Some stories are from Divot Masters in past years. (It’s probably a good thing that YouTube was not around in our early years.) Some involve events from our college days. We celebrate our families, our friends, and brotherhood in a truly unique way. Somehow, no matter where you are, no matter your circumstances, each August there will be about 45 Beta Delta ATΩs gathered at Callaway Gardens to celebrate life with you. Come join us.

If you would like to know more or to join, please e-mail **T.O. McDowell '78** at to@firstprotective.com.

BETA DELTA HONOR ROLL

The following members achieved a 4.0 G.P.A. or greater during the fall of 2013. Congratulations!

Jackson Bentley '11
Jack Blankenship '12
John W. Booth '13
Doss Cleveland '13
Jordan Crow '12
Nathan Crump '12

Alex Franz '14
Wilson Gaskins '12
Michael Goetsch '12
Marlan Golden '11
Chase Green '12
Hayden Gunter '11

Ben Hilley '12
Peter Inge '12
Payne Kitchens '12
Will Miller '14
Miller Norman '10
Dean Norsworthy '12

Will Pylant '11
Burke Smith '12
Ryan Seely '12
Austin Spangler '14
Ben Splawn '14
John Stoffer '14

Kevin Stoffer '12
David Walker '11
Wesley Walker '12
David Walston '10
John Wyatt '11
Luke Yordy '14

Recommend a Man for Recruitment

Do you know a young man who will be attending the University of Alabama?

There are many sons, nephews, and grandsons of ATΩ alumni who would make a great addition to the chapter. If you know of any young men considering the University of Alabama, please send us their contact information. Due to the large number of men who go through recruitment each year, the chapter highly encourages alumni to submit recommendations and legacies as early as possible. Thank you for your support!

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CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS!

Beta Delta Chapter would like to extend hearty congratulations to the 18 senior members graduating this May. If your firm is looking for sharp new graduates in a specific career field, why not contact one of your fellow ATΩs who might still be seeking a job opportunity? Simply e-mail, request their resume, and schedule an interview. Their fraternity leadership skills and valued education at UA will be immediate assets to your organization.

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