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BETA DELTA ANNOUNCES AMOS D. BURNS '49 SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND



Beta Delta at the Order of Omega banquet in April 2015 where they won Most Outstanding Fraternity, shown with Amos D. Burns '49, chapter advisor.

It only takes one person to get a ball rolling, and that is exactly what our chapter's newest Thomas Arkle Clark Award winner did this past spring. **Peter Inge '12** had an idea to begin a tradition that each member of a senior class contribute a nominal sum to an endowment scholarship fund to assist worthy brothers and new members, who, without the aid of the scholarship, would be unable to remain a member or become a new member.

The scholarship funds will be awarded annually for the entire school year based upon need and merit as determined by an award committee consisting of the current and a past Worthy Master, the treasurer and scholarship chairman, and two members of the Board of Trustees. Hopefully, multiple scholarships will be available for award. All funds will be managed by the ATΩ Foundation. The fund will be known as the Beta Delta Amos D. Burns Scholarship Endowment Fund and the scholarship award as the Amos D. Burns Scholarship.

As with any endowment, the amount that can be awarded is based solely upon the earnings of the fund each year, so the larger the endowment, the more scholarship money that can be awarded. Under Peter Inge's leadership, this past year's senior class got off to a great start by contributing almost \$1,000 from 33 senior brothers. This year's Worthy Master, **Conner Herfurth '16**, and his executive committee thought so well of the idea that they proposed to all of the brothers that each member of the chapter contribute \$10 a semester to the Beta Delta Fund. The chapter overwhelmingly approved of the idea. The Board of Trustees joined in as well and contributed \$15,000 to kick start the initiative. Quite a start from one man's idea to get a ball rolling. That is leadership; that is brothers helping brothers!

Recently, **Art Brooke '55** advised the ATΩ Foundation that he had included a gift in his will for the Fund. Art's gift is very significant and will greatly improve the level of scholarship money available. Art's forward thinking of the chapter is greatly appreciated and offers an excellent example for how other alumni can support the chapter's current brothers. What is amazing is that the Delta Theta Chapter at Kansas State University awards more than \$100,000 a year from their endowment fund. The chapter does this through contributions and gifts from its alumni, who have the same love and respect for their chapter's brothers as Art does for Beta Delta.

If you have any interest in supporting the brothers of your chapter, please consider contributing to the Fund. You can make a cash contribution, make a gift through your will like Art, or donate stock or securities, a boat, car, Lake House, or anything that can be legally sold and converted to cash for the use of the Fund. Please consider making a donation to the ATΩ Foundation naming the Amos D. Burns Fund as the recipient. If you have any questions contact Chief Executive Officer of the ATΩ Foundation **Terry Turman** at (317) 472-0935, ex. 205, or e-mail him at tturman@atofoundation.org.

You may mail your checks to the Beta Delta Amos D. Burns Scholarship Endowment Fund, c/o ATO Foundation, 32 East Washington Street, Suite 1350, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or make your gift online at www.ato.org/ATOFoundation.

Welcome, New Board of Trustees Members

Beta Delta in Strong Financial Position

We are pleased to announce the addition of several new members of the board, including **Steven Graves '83**, **Barry Burns '82**, and **Riley Edwards '07**. Those rotating off the board are **Rusty Stewart '63**, **Greg Houston '75**, and **Tommy House '02**.

Steven lives in Birmingham with his wife, Lisa, and their two daughters. Steven is a partner in Crutchfield and Graves Insurance, where he specializes in business insurance. He was known as “Turbo” as a pledge and actually liked being a pledge, but those times have become just great memories and Steven is now making new memories as he enjoys times at the lake with friends and family and an occasional round of golf.

Barry lives in Tuscaloosa, where he is a partner in the accounting firm of Morrison and Smith. Barry is a CPA and works in the area of tax compliance and financial reporting. He and his wife, Mary, have two boys, Brooks and Blake, who are both members of Beta Delta, and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who would pledge if she could.

Riley is the athletic compliance coordinator for the University of Alabama and is responsible for overseeing the eligibility of all student athletes. He and his wife, Dorie, live in Tuscaloosa. Riley enjoys sports, live music, and the outdoors, but his best memories are of Viking week and the old “party deck” at the old “new” house! He is excited to be involved again with the Chapter.

The all-inclusive cost of the new chapter house—landscaped, furnished and ready for move-in—was about \$7.1 million. Proceeds from the sale of the old house and generous alumni, chapter, and Board of Trustees contributions combined to directly pay many of the costs and to establish a reserve for the inevitable big-ticket repairs, replacements, and upgrades. In August 2011, the House Corporation borrowed \$4.2 million to cover the rest of the cost. The loan is a 30-year note with fixed monthly payments, and the current balance is about \$3.9 million. Each year, the House Corporation leases the entire house to the chapter at a negotiated annual rate, paid in eight installments during the school year. The house includes 38 single rooms and two double rooms, which the chapter rents to the members who want to live in the house.

We have been fortunate to be averaging 10 to 15 members above the financial break-even point. This provides some cushion for occurrences such as the one we had at the end of the fall semester when an unusually high number of members either graduated or left for spring internships, study abroad, and other off-campus learning opportunities (activities the chapter strongly encourages). The membership level is also the reason the chapter has had a surplus for the past few years at the June 30 fiscal year-end. All surplus goes directly to the reserve accounts for the chapter and board, with a special contribution this year to help jump-start the newly established Beta Delta Amos D. Burns Scholarship Endowment.

Fraternally,
Jim Kennemer '69
 Treasurer, Board of Trustees

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Earl W. Beavers '47 entered Chapter Eternal on February 13 at the age of 91. He was the son of the late Earl Wilson Beavers and Annie Mae Stallings Beavers of Cuba, Ala. Earl was a graduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor's in accounting. During his career with Haverty's Furniture Company, Earl worked his way from a managerial position in the retail furniture business to achieving the level of vice president of operations and chief of corporate purchasing. During World War II, he served with honor and distinction in the U.S. Army Air Force in the Europe, North African, and China-Burma combat operations. His conduct and character were representative of and exemplified being a member of the “greatest generation.”

John Michael Gregory '59 entered Chapter Eternal on April 12. Mike grew up in Dothan, Ala., and was an Eagle Scout. At Dothan High School, he played football and basketball and was runner-up in the Future Masters Golf Tournament. Mike earned a bachelor's degree in three years from the University of Alabama. His junior year he was Worthy Master of Beta Delta. Mike attended Tulane Medical School, where he graduated in 1965 in the top 10 percent of his class. Mike entered the United States Army as a captain in the medical corps and served for two years before he completed a five-year residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, specializing in urology. Mike initially practiced medicine in Memphis, Tennessee, then moved to Athens, Georgia, where he retired after 30 years of practice. Mike and his wife, Helen, became life masters together in duplicate bridge while raising two daughters, Louise and Katherine, and a son, John Michael. Mike fought a brave fight with cancer, and never complained or lost his keen sense of humor.

W. Clinton Wallace '69 entered Chapter Eternal on January 2, 2014. First and foremost in Clint's life was his wife, Leslie G. Wallace, who was loved by all who knew her, and their two sons, Clinton and Chad. Clint was born on August 18, 1950, in Lakeland, Fla. He attended the

University of Alabama, graduating in 1972, and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, graduating with honors in 1975. He met Leslie during his freshman year. Clint and Leslie moved to Orlando, Florida, in 1975, where he began practicing civil litigation with the firm of Billings, Frederick, Wooten & Honeywell. In 1978, they moved to Lakeland and he became the general counsel of American Resorts, Inc., which built several resorts on Hilton Head Island. A few years later, he decided to return to his civil litigation practice and spent the vast majority of his professional career helping many clients as the sole shareholder of W. Clinton Wallace, P.A. An Eagle Scout himself, he shepherded his sons and several of their friends through Boy Scouts. A few years after Leslie passed away in 2001, he found a companion in Cheryl Hardy, whom he loved very much. Cheryl, Clint, and Chad were with him when he passed peacefully of respiratory failure.

J. Patterson Hardy Jr. '69 entered Chapter Eternal on March 11, 2014, at his home in Birmingham surrounded by his loving wife, Karla, family, and friends. Pat was born in Birmingham and was a member of the first graduating class of Mountain Brook High School. He was a great athlete: quarterback of his high school football team, captain of his high school basketball team, scratch golfer, and club champion. Pat went on to graduate from the University of Alabama (1972) and the University of Alabama School Of Law (1975). Pat enjoyed a long and successful career as a trial lawyer in Birmingham. He was a lifelong member of Independent Presbyterian Church. More than that, Pat was a loving and devoted husband to Karla, a great friend, and a generous and caring man.

Timothy Russell Lovelady '72 entered Chapter Eternal on August 10. Tim grew up in Birmingham, Ala., and attended Ensley High School and the University of Alabama. He was an avid golfer and loved weekends on the course with friends and especially his son, Tom. He was self-employed as a court reporter with Birmingham Court Reporting.

BETA DELTA WORTHY MASTER CAPTURES THOMAS ARKLE CLARK AWARD

Peter Inge '12 Honored with Highest Award



Peter Inge '12, Worthy Master of Beta Delta this past year, received this year's Thomas Arkle Clarke Award. This is Alpha Tau Omega's highest individual award, recognizing the most outstanding senior nationwide. Peter was presented with the award August 8, 2015, during the awards banquet at the ATΩ 150th anniversary celebration held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Peter succeeds **Marlan Golden '11**, the winner in 2014. Only two other chapters have had consecutive TAC honorees—MIT in 1965 and 1966 and Baylor in 2006 and 2007. This is similar to having two separate individuals from the same school win the Heisman Trophy in consecutive years.

Peter is most deserving of this award. Not only did he continue to lead Beta Delta to success in winning the Order of Omega trophy for the top fraternity at the University of Alabama, but he was also named the outstanding fraternity president by Order of Omega. Peter graduated summa cum laude in May 2015 with a 4.0 GPA and a major in finance, with a specialization in investment management, and a double minor in Spanish and economics. He was a member of the Honors College with a full tuition Presidential Scholarship, winning the Marcus Whitman Finance Award and a special achievement award in finance. He was also a member of Jasons, Mortar Board, and Blue Key, among other honorary societies. He also served as the vice chairman of the Blackburn Institute and was the inaugural president of the UA Investment Banking Academy. Peter is employed in the New York office of Barclays Investment Bank. You can contact Peter at pminge918@gmail.com.



Brothers enjoying a visit to the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.



Beta Delta Wins Most Outstanding Fraternity on Campus

This past spring, the fraternity was awarded for most outstanding in scholarship and campus relations, achieved a 3.4 fraternity-wide GPA, and won Most Outstanding Fraternity on Campus, presented by the Order of Omega.

We had our first annual philanthropy tennis tournament, known as the **Hubert Kessler '69** ATOpen. The event benefited the Make-A-Wish Foundation as well as Sawyerville Day Camp and we raised about \$1,000. This semester the undergraduates also completed more community service hours than ever before.

Seven other delegates and I attended the ATΩ 150th celebration in Indianapolis in early August. While Beta Delta did not achieve what we had hoped, we are using this as motivation to improve every day and to continue our success. We are extremely excited for the road ahead and we will continue being a fraternity that stands for what is right.

Fraternally,
Connor Herfurth '16
Worthy Master
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(Above) Brothers with their dates at formal in New Orleans.



(Left) Connor Herfurth '12 and Chase Green '12 and their dates at the Jasons Men's Honorary banquet.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER CLASS

Duane Auguston II • Huntsville, Ala.
Blake Baker • Wetumpka, Ala.
Jordan Bishop • Vestavia Hills, Ala.
Anderson Bruehl • Franklin, Tenn.
Andrew Burks • Hattiesburg, Miss.
Morgan Butler • Rogersville, Ala.
Benjamin Butler • Alpharetta, Ga.
John Carvalho III • Birmingham, Ala.
Eric Caselton • Chesterfield, Mo.
Clark Conway • Kirkwood, Mo.
James Crenshaw • Birmingham, Ala.
Garrett Daffron • Dothan, Ala.
Benjamin Davis • Tuscaloosa, Ala.
James Dinning • Demopolis, Ala.
Will Edwards • Birmingham, Ala.
Timothy Edwards • Johns Creek, Ga.
Carson Ford • Plano, Texas
Cole Gannaway • Vestavia Hills, Ala.
Tyler Green • Mount Olive, Ala.
Patrick Hishta • Alexandria, Va.
Michael Holmes • Brownsboro, Ala.
Austin James • Franklin, Ga.
Sergie Kampakis • Birmingham, Ala.
Grant Logsden • Vestavia Hills, Ala.
Carson McCullough • Rogers, Ark.
David McDowell II • Prattville, Ala.
David McLean • Vestavia Hills, Ala.
Michael Montgomery • Memphis, Tenn.
William Newman IV • Montgomery, Ala.
Paul Patterson III • Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Morgan Paugh • Vestavia Hills, Ala.
Parker Quigley • Orlando, Fla.
Raymond Rafool • Miami, Fla.
Tristan Rafool • Winter Haven, Fla.
William Reed • Northport, Ala.
Thomas Robinson • Dothan, Ala.
Wyatt Robinson • Hazel Green, Ala.
Paul Roth • Mountain Brook, Ala.
John Sandras • Northport, Ala.
Zachary Scott • Wilsonville, Ala.
Gilbert Self Jr. • Florence, Ala.
William Sherrer • Selma, Ala.
John Stevens • West Point, Miss.
Matthew Tedford • Knoxville, Tenn.
Henry Thurston III • Vestavia Hills, Ala.
William Varnell • The Woodlands, Texas
Jake Varra • Highlands Ranch, Colo.
John Vermilyea • Newnan, Ga.
Britton Webb • Prattville, Ala.
William Webb • Lexington, Ky.
John Webb • Gulfport, Miss.
William White • Madison, Ala.
Alec Whittington • Tampa, Fla.



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ALUMNI NEWS

George M. Stokes '46 reports that he suffered a stroke and is having trouble getting around. He is doing his best to manage the farm. George lives in Dermott, Ark.

Basil M. Burks Jr. '47 moved from Indiana to Gulf Breeze, Fla., in 2014. "Life is good in Gulf Breeze." E-mail: bmburks@aol.com

Dr. Kenneth T. Woodsides '52 shares that, in retirement, he spends most of his time at home and keeping track of his five children and their families. Ken and his wife, Dorothy, live in Atlanta, Ga.

Archie Norton '53 and his wife, Sandy, spend their summers in Highlands, N.C. They would love for any ATΩ alumni in the area to visit. E-mail: sandrasnorton@me.com

John C. Arant '57 and his wife, Marilyn, live in Cumming, Ga. "The spring 2015 issue of *The Link* was excellent. I'm proud to be an ATΩ." E-mail: jarant01@bellsouth.net

Dr. C. Roy Woodruff '57 and his wife, Kay, moved from North Virginia to Asheville, N.C., in June 2014. They are enjoying their new life in the mountains of Western North Carolina, and the close proximity to their grandchildren. Roy plans to do some writing as a part of enjoying retirement life with friends and

colleagues. "Congratulations to Beta Delta on maintaining standards of excellence year after year!" E-mail: drroywoodruff@att.net

Stephen L. Mills Sr. '60 and his wife, Sandra, are retired and live in Fairhope, Ala. They have three children and three grandchildren.

The Hon. J. Thomas King Jr. '68 retired as a circuit judge after almost 14 years of judicial service. An overflow crowd attended the retirement in the presiding judges' courtroom on January 15, 2015. A Vietnam veteran, Tom had earlier retired as a brigadier general in 2003, having completed more than 31 years of military service in the U. S. Army. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Rosemary Beach, Fla. E-mail: jtomkingjr@aol.com

Charles E. Martin Jr. '79 is an international pilot for American Airlines. He flies the B767 and B757 models to South America and Europe. Charles and his wife, Denise, live in Bremen, Ala. E-mail: aviatorartist@bellsouth.net

Tommy Middleton '03 and his wife, Mallory, welcomed their second child, Maisy, on March 27. Tommy took a new job in Jackson, Miss., at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as department business administrator for orthopedic surgery and rehabilitation. E-mail: middleton.tommy@gmail.com



Members enjoying a visit to New York City.