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CONGRATULATIONS,
2016 INITIATES

BETA DELTA SUCCESS
CONTINUES AT UA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Several months ago, a great friend of Beta Delta, **John Arant '57**, sent to the chapter a copy of *The Link* dated May 22, 1957. John had edited the newsletter with a lot of help, but noted 1957 was a great year for Beta Delta. Indeed, it was a great year! John spent many years with Dow Chemical Company and, following his retirement, continued to serve veteran and youth causes in the American Legion for many years. The full copy of the 1957 issue is posted on the Beta Delta website, atoalabama.com.

Here are some of the highlights of 1957. That year, Brother **Lawrence Long '34** was named the new Worthy Grand Chief of the National Fraternity; **Bert Nettles '58** of Monroeville was elected vice president of the student government association; **Harold Albritton '59** of Andalusia was named Outstanding Freshman Man of 1955-56; and **Jim Fulmer '55** from Coffee County led the Crimson Tide basketball team and was named its Most Valuable Player and a co-captain. In 1957, the chapter won the trophy for best Homecoming lawn decorations and won first place in the Step Singing competition. Also, Beta Delta initiated 17 new members into the brotherhood and boasted a total membership of more than 80 men! Quite a remarkable year for Beta Delta.

Times have changed since 1957 for sure, but the character and quality of the men of Beta Delta have remained a constant. In January 2016, Beta Delta initiated 42 young men and now has a total membership of more than 150 men. The numbers may be larger than in 1957, but the type of men produced by Beta Delta has remained unchanged. The past two Worthy Masters of the chapter have been awarded the Thomas Arkle Clark award as the most outstanding man in all of ATΩ. Numerous men hold membership in Jasons and other honorary organizations. The active semester GPA in fall 2015 was a 3.41, the pledge GPA was a 3.17, and the overall chapter average was 3.33, easily besting the all-men's university average of 2.9. While lawn decorations and Step Singing are a thing of the past, if the current men of Beta Delta tried, there is no doubt they would succeed in those events just as well as the chapter in 1957.

On a personal note, as chairman of the Board of Trustees, I have the privilege of interacting and being involved with our current membership more so than most other alumni. I know many of the current members very well and can also attest to their outstanding character and ability. I can assure you that if the men who made up the chapter in 1957 were being recruited by the chapter today,

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Scholarships Available through Beta Delta

Beta Delta offers the following scholarship opportunities set out below. **Logan Skinner '15** is the current recipient of the Carl W. Albright Memorial Scholarship and several brothers are in the running for award of the Michael Wray Moak Memorial Scholarship. The Amos D. Burns Memorial Scholarship was only established in September 2015, but already has almost \$50,000 in its endowment fund. It is hoped that the first Burns Scholar will be announced this spring. **Lee M. Albritton '63** is head of the scholarship committee of the Board of Trustees and is working tirelessly to pour over scholarship applications for recommendations of worthy recipients for each scholarship.

MICHAEL WRAY MOAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in honor and loving memory of **Michael Moak '79**. Michael's life was cut short in a tragic automobile accident. He is most remembered for his outstanding character, positive mental attitude, and respect for others, characteristics that epitomize the values sought and taught by Alpha Tau Omega. The Michael Moak Scholarship was established in 2001 and is primarily based on financial need, scholarship, and extracurricular campus and community service. The scholarship is a monetary award of \$750 per academic year.

CARL W. ALBRIGHT, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in honor and loving memory of **Carl Albright '63**. Carl was an outstanding member of Beta Delta elected to various chapter offices during his college years. Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was Carl's childhood and adult home. He was an attorney, bank president, and outstanding civic leader. The Carl Albright Scholarship was established in 1999 by the 1963 pledge class. The goal of the Albright Scholarship is to foster communications between the chapter and alumni through newsletters and other communications — who knew when the Albright Scholarship was

established that a website would be the most efficient and effective means of communication in 2016! The scholarship is awarded to a recipient based on communication with alumni. The scholarship is a monetary award of \$600 per academic year.

AMOS D. BURNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in honor and loving memory of **Amos Burns '49**, a Mississippi State University initiate. He became active with Beta Delta Chapter when he moved to Tuscaloosa as a young college graduate. Amos was a member of Alpha Tau Omega for 66 years; 53 of those were spent in dedicated leadership and service. The leadership and guidance of Amos led to the successful rechartering of the Beta Delta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega and the chapter's academic leadership in the Greek system at the University of Alabama. The scholarship is based on need as well as scholarship, and fraternal and community leadership. The money from these funds may be used to offset house bills and other expenses that would prevent the recipient from attending the University of Alabama and being a member of Alpha Tau Omega. The monetary award will be determined by the financial need of the recipient per academic year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) SCHOLARSHIP

The BOT Scholarships provide a total of \$5,000 awarded each academic year to active brothers who, without scholarship assistance, would have financial difficulty remaining in the chapter. Academics, campus involvement, community service and other factors of merit are also considered. Applications are submitted to the chapter for their review and selection of the recipients and amounts. The Trustees then approve and distribute the awards.

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The new Beta Delta website is up and running—check it out! All alumni and brothers will be able to easily access information regarding chapter events, news, and membership recruitment. Each chapter member will be able to use the website to post pertinent information through a secure section accessible only to the brothers by passcode.

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ATΩ CONTINUES TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Jim S. Corley, Jr. '70 entered Chapter Eternal on September 25, 2015. Jim graduated from Shades Valley High School in Birmingham in 1969 and received his bachelor's degree in business in 1974. Jim was a cheerleader while at Alabama. He was active in his family's industrial laundry business before relocating to Montrose in 1984, where he enjoyed the beauty and lifestyle of the Eastern Shore. Jim's family requested that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Robert R. Jolly '57 entered Chapter Eternal on October 17, 2015. Bobby grew up in Montgomery and graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in 1956. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1960 and went into a successful career in the furniture industry, winning numerous national sales achievement awards from Kimble International. Bobby loved tennis with his buddies, Alabama football, deer and bird hunting, and doing projects for close friends and family. He was exceedingly proud of his son and his grandchildren and their accomplishments. Bobby met and married Renate Liebhart Jolly more than 15 years ago in Orange Beach, Alabama, and they lived a complete life together, splitting time between homes in Orange Beach and Montgomery. Renate was German born and taught Bobby how to speak German and the couple made many trips to Europe to visit Renate's four children and their extended families. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Methodist Church of Montgomery or the Stegall Seminary Scholarship Foundation.

Chris T. Matsos '70 entered Chapter Eternal on September 16, 2015. Chris lived in Nashville, Tenn., at the time of his death, where he was an active member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, serving on the Parish Council and the Order of AHEPA. Chris earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Alabama. While at the university, Chris was very active in assisting and advising the chapter, and was instrumental in the chapter's return to campus in 1998. Chris left UA to serve as a professor at UT Martin and as center director at Keller Graduate School of Management in Atlanta. Most recently, Chris served as professor of ethics and philosophy at Phoenix University in Nashville.

Fall 2015 proved to be another great semester for the men of Beta Delta. We continued the legacy of those before us by excelling in philanthropy, academics, athletics, recruitment, and social life. We continue to assert our dominance as the best fraternity on the University of Alabama campus.

ACADEMICS AND AWARDS

In August, we brought back our 15th True Merit Bowl from the national ATΩ 150th Celebration. We also won every award we were eligible for besides Top Chapter, which we feel we have every opportunity to compete for again this year. We pledged 53 outstanding men who represent the best of the incoming freshmen on campus. For the fall 2015 semester, Beta Delta posted a 3.33 GPA. This is well above the university all-men's average of 2.99. The new pledge class posted a 3.17 GPA, and the brothers living in the chapter house posted a record high 3.41 GPA. Perhaps the most impressive number from the fall is that out of 163 total members posting grades, we had 81 men with a 3.5 GPA or above, placing them on the Dean's List. Nineteen of those men also made the President's List by earning a 4.0 GPA.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY

Beta Delta continues to stay involved in many campus groups and organizations. We have elected officials in Capstone Men and Women, The University Stewards, and various other honor societies. We also have several brothers involved in the SGA and SGA senate, including **Patrick Fitzgerald '15**, who will run for SGA president. We totaled 2,300 community service hours and held numerous events, including the ATΩpen tennis tournament. Through our efforts, we raised several thousand dollars benefiting a diverse group of charities.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The chapter held numerous swaps and date parties in the fall, maintaining our great social stature



Beta Deltas celebrate #16 with the Tide!

around campus. On January 22, we had our second annual Parent's Night at the Tuscaloosa River Market, filled with hors d'oeuvres and a great jazz band. It was wonderful to allow our parents to meet other brothers and their parents and show them how much Beta Delta means to us. The next day, we initiated 42 new brothers in our fraternity. A luncheon at the chapter house immediately followed with **Barry Harmon '66** serving as keynote speaker. In late February, we headed to New Orleans for our White Tea Rose formal. We had a record number of brothers and their dates attending, so we were especially excited to make it down to the Big Easy for a fun-filled weekend.

I look forward to Beta Delta building on our success so we can continue the great tradition that our alumni and supporters have made possible. We strive to be the best because that is what has become the expectation, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Fraternally,
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each would welcome the opportunity to pledge ATΩ and be associated with the brothers of Beta Delta. They would fit right in with today's chapter members and be right at home. They would not miss a beat at all because the brothers of Beta Delta today possess the same potential and capabilities for success of those men of 1957. Sometimes it astounds me to see the similarities between the men of 1957 and our

current brothers. Our chapter continues to be in good hands and will continue to build on the legacy of Beta Delta!

Fraternally,
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Carl W. Albright '63 Remembered for Significant Influence on Community

Carl W. Albright '63 lived a life of meaning, commitment, and service. Excellence marked all of his endeavors. From home life to the workplace, from the church to the courtroom, from the Chamber of Commerce to the Boy Scouts, from giving to encouraging—Carl Albright's impact and influence permeated his beloved community.



Born April 27, 1944, in Birmingham, Carl was reared in Tuscaloosa. He graduated from Tuscaloosa High

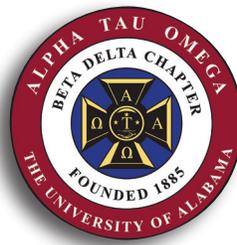
School, the University of Alabama with a degree in aerospace engineering, and from the University of Alabama Law School with his juris doctorate.

An effective attorney, Carl earned his business reputation and influence as an outstanding banker, serving in various capacities with First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, rising to the office of president of AmSouth Bank. His impact in banking was also seen across the state as a strong leader in the Alabama Banker's Association.

However, it was Carl's model of civic responsibility and leadership in the economic arena that earned Carl community-wide respect. He served in virtually all of the key civic and community leadership roles during his lifetime, including serving as chairman or president of: Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, DCH Foundation, Stillman College's Board of Trustees and the Stillman Foundation, United Way, the Tuscaloosa Port Authority, the University of Alabama Law School Alumni Association and President's Cabinet, Tuscaloosa Bar Association, and a host of other key roles.

His economic leadership was key to Tuscaloosa's development during the 1980s and 1990s, as Tuscaloosa became a global economic leader. Carl's strategic thinking, vision, and determination contributed directly to successes, such as JVC America, Tuscaloosa Steel (now Nucor), and, of course, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International. He also played an important role in the establishment of Tuscaloosa's sister city partnership with Narashino City, Japan.

A compassionate leader, Carl also left a legacy of service through many other community agencies and service organizations, such as family counseling services, Indian Rivers Mental Health Center, YMCA, Boy Scouts, and the American Heart Association. A dedicated and faithful leader of First Presbyterian Church, Carl was an elder



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and chairman of the board of deacons, and at the time of his death in 1997, he was providing essential leadership for the renovation of his beloved church.

A man of deep and abiding faith, Carl Albright promoted the public good in everything he did. He was a visionary who strived for a better

Tuscaloosa, a better Alabama, and a better world for all citizens. He viewed his civic leadership as a calling and a responsibility to serve.

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