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BETA DELTA PLANS TO GROW WITH BOOMING FRATERNITY LIFE AT UA

Board of Trustees Welcomes Two New Members

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University Experiences Fraternity Growth

Since 2002, the University of Alabama has experienced tremendous growth as evidenced by the 47 percent increase in student enrollment. The University is following a carefully developed and executed growth plan that encompasses faculty, facilities, and support functions—and one of the most important support functions is the Greek community. In recent years the University of Alabama has experienced a rebirth of fraternity life. If you've visited Tuscaloosa recently there's no doubt you have seen the new houses for Delta Kappa Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi, as well as renovations to the Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Lambda Chi Alpha houses. The University understands the impact fraternities have on today's students with their focus on scholarship, leadership, and character development, which is why it has been so supportive of these projects.



Beta Delta Born On the Bayou party.

upon eternal and immutable principles" is still found at the core of today's Beta Delta experience. Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Alabama continues to be the chapter by which others measure their successes. The House Corporation and Board of Trustees are working closely together to ensure ATΩ remains the preeminent fraternity in Tuscaloosa and look forward to sharing their strategic plan with all alumni in the coming months.

Welcome, New Board of Trustees Members Trent Green '91 and Josh Payne '02

We are pleased to announce that Trent Green and Josh Payne are the newest members of the Beta Delta Board of Trustees. Trent served as recruitment chairman and pledge trainer during his time in the chapter. He has worked in the banking industry in Birmingham for 14 years, first with Regions Bank and presently with Oakworth Capital Bank.

Make no mistake, the fraternity experience has changed throughout the years but the vision created by Otis Allen Glazebrook to "bind men together in a brotherhood based

After graduating from Alabama, Josh attended law school at Washington & Lee, where he served as president of the

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CHAPTER HONORED AT ALPHA TAU OMEGA NATIONAL AWARDS NIGHT

Fall Recruitment Results in 48 New Pledges

Beta Delta Chapter is on its way toward achieving success and improvement for the 2009-10 school year. As the year progresses, we are thankful for the alumni support in our efforts to maintain high standards.

CHAPTER RECEIVES TRUE MERIT FOR EIGHTH YEAR

The Beta Delta Chapter enjoyed success at the Alpha Tau Omega National awards banquet this August. The chapter was honored with numerous awards, including

Excellence in New Member Education, Excellence in Ritual, Excellence in Financial Management, Excellence in Campus Involvement/Leadership Development, Excellence in Summer Recruitment, and Erskine Mayo Ross Impact Award runner-up. And, most importantly, Beta Delta received True Merit for the seventh time in eight years. We are also proud to announce that our Board of Trustees was recognized with the Upper Alpha Award.

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student body. Josh is an attorney with Lightfoot, Franklin & White in Birmingham. To assist in maintaining the high standards and continuity of our pledge program, Josh has also become the liaison between the pledge class, the chapter, and the Board of Trustees.

Board of Trustees Creates Treasurer Position

We are also pleased to announce that **Jim Kennemer '69** is serving as treasurer on the Board of Trustees. Jim was Worthy Keeper of the Exchequer (WKE) during his time in the chapter and is the CEO of Vision Research. He serves on the UA Honors College Board of Visitors. Jim will work with the WKE and the accountants to ensure the chapter members and the trustees are placing sound financial management at the forefront of their decision-making.

Fraternally,
The Beta Delta Board of Trustees

CHAPTER HONORED AT AWARDS NIGHT

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THANK YOU, ALUMNI, FOR PARTICIPATING IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The brothers would like to extend sincere thanks to all alumni who supported us and participated in the RISE and Shine golf tournament. The tournament brought in more than \$7,000 for the RISE program. By the end of last year the brothers of Beta Delta completed 7,432 hours of community service and donated \$10,500 to several charities, including the Miracle League, the RISE program, and Crossing Points. Along with our philanthropic success, we once again achieved the highest G.P.A. among all fraternities on campus with a 3.3.

RECRUITMENT GARNERS 48 NEW PLEDGES

Perhaps our greatest accomplishment of the summer was recruiting a 48-member pledge class that includes 14 legacies. We encourage you to come by the house and meet the future members of our chapter. We serve lunch before every home football game and would like to thank those who attended the Homecoming alumni cocktail event.

ALUMNI DAUGHTER/GRANDDAUGHTER DINNER TO BE HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Second Annual Alumni Daughter/Granddaughter Dinner will be held at the ATΩ house on Monday, November 16. Last year five ATΩ's daughters and granddaughters attended, and we would like to increase attendance this year. Please e-mail me, or **Taylor Johnson '08** at dtjohnson@crimson.ua.edu, and provide your daughter or granddaughter's contact information so we can invite her to be our special guest.

As our chapter continues to achieve success we ask that you remain involved and invested in our activities and events. We would not be where we are today without your support.



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Beta Delta Records

LARGEST
CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
2009 – 142
1948 – 141
1949 – 134
2008 – 128

MOST MEN INITIATED
1946 – 41
1975 – 40
2009 – 40
2008 – 38

Brothers Reunite in Montgomery



*Mitch Alton '71, Andrew Tucker '06,
Chris Jordan '06, Riley Edwards '06, Greg Little '07,
and Greg Pappas '71 at the Montgomery reunion.*

Nearly 40 alumni, wives, and active members gathered at Sinclair's East Restaurant in Montgomery on October 11, 2008, for an afternoon of recalling chapter memories and socializing. Beta Delta alumni from the 1950s to 2000s were in attendance. Alumni attended from Anniston, Auburn, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Augusta, Georgia. The brothers had a fantastic time reminiscing and catching up on each other's lives.

BETA DELTA Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals. If you know of quality young men headed to the University of Alabama, please contact **Michael Connell '09** at mconnell@crimson.ua.edu or at (205) 567-9224 to submit a recruitment recommendation.



BETA DELTA HISTORY

Christmas Day 1944

Told by **Alan King '71**

The following was told to me in 2006 by **Drew Redden '41** and my father, **Tom King '42**. They interrupted each other with details and laughed as the story was told, as only longtime friends can do upon reliving a special memory.

Lieutenant Redden was part of the Pacific Theater in WWII and stationed in the Philippines. He called another company on the radio for logistical information, and identified himself. The voice on the other end responded, "This is Sergeant King."

Through the crackling of the transmission, Sgt. King thought he recognized a familiar voice. But what were the odds? He answered the lieutenant's questions then asked, "Is this Lieutenant Drew Redden?"

"It is," answered Redden in a rigid military response, though he was intrigued.

"Lieutenant L. Drew Redden from Tallassee, Alabama?"

After a moment's hesitation, Redden replied. "That's correct."

Tom almost yelled into the radio, "Drew, boy, this is TK!"

With the war raging in the Pacific, neither Drew nor Tom had known where the other was located, or whether, for that matter, each was still alive. It had

been over two years and halfway around the world since they had seen or spoken to each other, and now they were less than 30 miles apart.

The following day, on Christmas 1944, the two Beta Delta fraternity brothers met and had Christmas dinner in an army mess hall. After the war both men returned to the University of Alabama and to Alpha Tau Omega.



Drew and Tom in the Philippines.

Drew became the first editor of the Alabama Law Review, an attorney, president of the Alabama State Bar Association, and a major general in the U.S. Army Reserves. Tom became worthy master of ATΩ, president of SGA at the University of Alabama, an attorney, a nationally recognized and published labor management arbitrator, and an Alabama state senator. Drew and Tom, brought together by ATΩ, both passed away in 2007. They remained close friends for more than 65 years.



Alumnus Appointed as Chief Judge for U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

Spotlight on **Joel F. Dubina '66**

On June 1 **Judge Joel F. Dubina '66** became the chief judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Joel is only the second Alabamian to hold this important judicial position.

He says having great leaders serve in positions that matter is the bedrock of American democracy. "A great leader should be a motivator for those he leads to be the best that they can be no matter what the task or its difficulty."

Although Joel has accomplished great things, he still remembers his time spent at Beta Delta. He says it was great being with his Fraternity brothers on a daily basis. "On Wednesday nights several of us would get our dates and then go to the basement where we had a jukebox with all the great '50s and '60s hits," Joel

remembers. "Many of my fraternity brothers are my lifelong friends. The relationships I made at ATΩ will be with me the rest of my life."

Following graduation in 1970, Joel attended the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and graduated in 1973. He clerked for Judge Robert Varner upon graduation and practiced law in Montgomery. He was appointed as a magistrate judge in 1983, a United States district judge in 1986, and to the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in 1990. Congratulations, Joel, on your long and distinguished career.

Joel continues the Beta Delta tradition by becoming the fourth brother to serve our nation with distinction as a member of the federal judiciary. The previous three brothers are **Judge James Hancock '50**, **Judge Emmett R. Cox '54**, and **Judge William H. Allbritton III '56**.

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DON'T MISS BETA DELTA'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Registration materials were mailed in October for our anniversary weekend in Tuscaloosa, April 23-24, 2010. If you have not already done so, please plan to attend this momentous occasion and send in your registration. You don't want to miss the biggest weekend in Beta Delta history! Our campus has changed, grown, and become stronger, and Beta Delta has mirrored these improvements every step of the way. Peel away the years, renew old friendships, and meet the impressive men in the active chapter. If you have any questions, contact **Alan King '71** at aking1986@live.com.



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for Alpha Tau Omega alumni and parents. If your son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$13,930 with 92 total gifts, averaging \$151 per gift. Your support makes a difference to our chapter and its future. Our undergraduate brothers greatly appreciate your generosity.

Beta Delta at the University of Alabama is becoming even stronger with your loyalty. We hope more alumni will join their brothers and contribute to our ongoing annual campaign. Your interest and involve-

ment make a difference in the future of our fraternity and ensures the continuation of our alumni relations program.

Contributors are listed below in order of initiation year. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift, please contact **Alan King '71** at Beta Delta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, P.O. Box 660722, Birmingham, AL 35266. Thank you for your support!

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