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FOUNDER OF UA FOOTBALL WAS AN ATΩ How One Brother Began a Century-Long Tradition of Excellence

The excitement of Alabama football is back! Because of our players, Coach Nick Saban and his staff, the UA administration, tradition, and fans, we are on the front end of returning to the glory days of past decades.

But before the 12 National Championships, 21 SEC Championships, 55 NCAA post-season bowl games and before coaches Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas, Paul Bryant and Gene Stallings, there was **William G. Little**, initiated into Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Alabama in 1889.

Big Bill, as he was called, was from Livingston, Alabama, and entered UA in the fall of 1888. He later transferred to Phillips Exeter Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, where he was introduced to the sport of football. After spending a year in the northeast, he reentered UA in the fall of 1892 and organized Alabama's first



Bill Little, center holding football, in 1892

football team. Big Bill was the team captain and is regarded as the founder of football at the University of Alabama.

According to ATΩ history, everyone wanted to be in the same fraternity as Big Bill. We became known as the fraternity for athletes. Other notable ATΩ football players in the early years were **Thomas Frazer, 1890**; **Samuel Henderson, 1892**; **W. E. Drennen Jr., 1898**, captain in 1900 and 1901; **B. A. Burks, 1902**, captain in 1905 and first running back hero reported

to "carry a whole team on his back"; **Emile "Chick" Hannon, 1906**, quarterback and captain in 1907 and later professional baseball player; **Henry Burks, 1906**, captain in 1908; and **Derrill Pratt, 1908**, captain in 1909 and later played 11 years of major league baseball with the St. Louis Browns, Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, and Detroit Tigers.

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BETA DELTA AIMS FOR TOP CHAPTER AWARD IN NATION Brothers Excel on University Campus

Chapter Strives for National Top Chapter Award

Although we started the year off strong, we do not intend to rest on our laurels. The chapter strives to receive the Top Chapter Award at the Alpha Tau Omega awards banquet this summer. The brothers have been especially focused on service, academics, and campus involvement to reach our goal.

Beta Delta Has Highest Grades on Campus

The brothers of the Beta Delta Chapter started 2009 on a high note, striving for excellence within the University, as well as maintaining a high standard of academics. At the Order of Omega banquet in spring 2008 we received the Top Chapter Award for the second year in a row. This year we are striving to be just as strong of a chapter. We boasted the highest grades on campus for the fifth consecutive semester with an overall G.P.A. of 3.18, compared to an all-men's average of 2.80.

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Drew Herring '08, Tyler Rudman '08, Zack Coppens '08, and their dates at the 2009 formal in New Orleans.



Make Plans to Attend the 125th Anniversary Celebration

We will celebrate our chapter's 125th anniversary at the University of Alabama on Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24, 2010.

The weekend will begin with a social function on Friday evening. Plans are not yet finalized, but on Saturday we will have breakfast at the chapter house followed by a golf tournament and, for non-golfers, a historical bus tour of the campus and downtown Tuscaloosa. We hope to have a tent for a social hour on Saturday afternoon. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening at the Bryant Conference Center followed by a band party. And the actives have already challenged the alumni to a dance contest!

The leadership of ATΩ National and University administrators will be our special guests and a block of rooms will be reserved at several hotels on or close to campus. Updated information will be provided in the fall 2009 newsletter.

In the words of ATΩ from the Corolla in the 1950s and 1960s, "If you can't go first-class, don't go at all." Our 125th anniversary will be first class! Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this momentous event. We are planning to have over 500 people in attendance. For more information, contact **Alan King '71** at aking1986@bellsouth.net.

TOP CHAPTER AWARD

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Chapter to Host Two New Charity Events

In an effort to give back to the Tuscaloosa community, we are proud to sponsor two new signature charity competitions that will become annual events. We will host ATOpen, a tennis tournament to raise funds for the Miracle League, a non-profit organization that hopes to create a baseball league for disabled adolescents. We will also sponsor, along with the Student Alumni Association, the RISE and Shine golf tournament. The proceeds will go to the RISE program, which provides an enriched learning environment for disabled preschoolers.

2009 Formal Held in New Orleans

ATΩs and their dates converged en masse in New Orleans when the chapter held our formal in the Big Easy March 6-8. The Saturday night formal was held at Bourbon View Bar on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter and brothers danced the night away to music provided by the Ted Scallan Band. Without a doubt, the brothers in Beta Delta know how to do it right.

Brothers Accepted to Prestigious Organizations

The brothers of Beta Delta continue to impact the University of Alabama campus. Several brothers have been accepted to prestigious University organizations, including the Blackburn Institute and Capstone Men & Women. We also enjoyed a successful faculty dinner, hosting guests such as the dean of students, the director of the honors college, and the assistant athletic director. Many of the distinguished guests commented on the respect they have for our fraternity.

With the potential of Top Chapter within our reach, the men of ATΩ are accepting nothing short of perfection from ourselves and feel motivated to do our very best. We would again like to thank all of the alumni for your support and encouragement.

Fraternally,
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FOUNDER OF UA FOOTBALL

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The 2009 football season will be here before we know it. The Quad will be adorned with hundreds of tents and pre-game electricity will wash over the throngs of Tide fans. Young and old will have a spring in their step and crimson will be everywhere. The Million Dollar Band will be playing "Yea Alabama" and Bryant-Denny will be deafening. Julio will catch the 16-yard down and out, Mark Ingram will slice off tackle for a first down, and the Tide faithful will jump up and roar when Javy returns a punt for a touchdown, again. There will be high fives and shouts of "Roll Tide" around the stadium, the nation, and the world. And, an ATΩ started it all.

Fraternally,
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Beta Delta Hosts First Alumni- Daughter Dinner

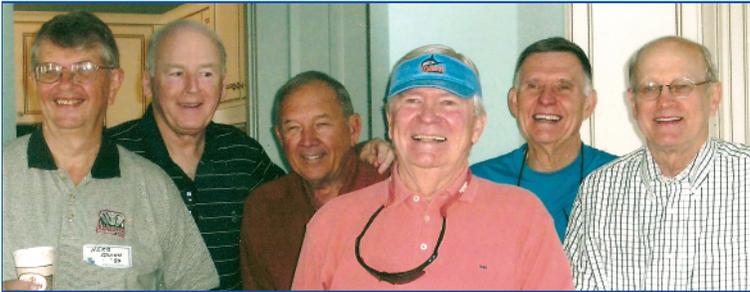
The chapter held its first alumni-daughter dinner at the house on October 12 to honor ATΩ daughters who are attending the University of Alabama.

Present at the dinner were Lindsay Kennemer, daughter of **Jim Kennemer '69**; Kendall King, daughter of **Alan King '71**; Lesley Reynolds, daughter of **Preston Reynolds '77**; Katie McElroy, daughter of **Andrew McElroy, Beta Beta '79**; and Allyson Golden, daughter of **Rick Golden '80**.

This will be an annual dinner held each October. Please inform **Taylor Johnson '08**, dtjohnson@bama.ua.edu in September of your daughter's contact information.

BETA DELTA Recruitment Recommendations

Alumni, we value your referrals. If you know of quality young men headed to the University of Alabama, please contact **Jameson Hughston '08** at jjhughston@gmail.com or at (256) 366-6838 to submit a recruitment recommendation.



Herb Quinn '56, Fox DeFuniak '59, Jim Caldwell '58, Joe Gunter '58, Don McGinty '58, and John Rodenbough '58 at the pledge class reunion.

1958 PLEDGE CLASS HAS 50TH REUNION

An incredible event took place on West Boulevard in Gulf Shores over the October 31-November 2, 2008, weekend. More than 60 ATΩs, wives, and girlfriends gathered at beautiful Halekai III (www.halekai.net) to celebrate the friendships that began 50 years ago at Alpha Tau Omega on the campus of the University of Alabama. ATΩ brothers were in attendance from the 1950s and 1960s.

The ATΩs at Halekai III pledged our fraternity in their youth. They have married, had families, been successful in a myriad of careers, and become grandfathers. Through it all, for the men who came before, for the men in the 1950s and 1960s, and for those who came later, there is a pattern – often our most lasting and cherished friendships are those made in ATΩ. Congratulations to the 1958 pledge class and to the men in the chapter at that time. Well done.

18TH ANNUAL DIVOT MASTERS GOLF WEEKEND, AUGUST 20-22

Brothers from Every Decade Welcome

For the 18th consecutive year, 40 ATΩ alumni came together for a two-day golf outing at Callaway Gardens, Georgia, in August. This event draws 35 to 45 alumni each year, mostly brothers from the late 1970s and 1980s.



Jim Boren '79, Miller Sproull '80, and Barry Crabb '81 at the 18th annual Divot Masters Golf weekend.

Richard Hamm '80 is the Worthy Divot Master and has extended an invitation

to expand the group to include ATΩs from every decade. The event is August 20-22, 2009, at Callaway Gardens. For more information, contact Richard at (256) 536-0357 or advantagecons@bellsouth.net. We hope to see you there!

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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

2005

William E. Woods '55

2007

McDonald Gallion '31
Daniel B. Thompson '38
L. Drew Redden '41
Tom King '42

2008

Carl Adams '35
William F. Stutts '44
Charles S. Hogue '47
Martin Gaines '69

Please contact **Alan King '71** at aking1986@bellsouth.net if you are aware of other brothers who have passed away.

ALUMNI NEWS

David Wetterau '41 is 85 and in good health except for poor eyesight. He resides in Gambrills, Md., and has three children with his wife, Joan. They now live in a nursing home.

M. Clark Dyer '49 has traveled to England, Scotland, and Germany several times. After retirement he formed a travel agency, The Travel Arrangers, where he sent friends all over the world. Clark retired from the travel agency in 2004. His wife, Carolyn, is active with her woven artwork and Clark says it is beautiful. They reside in Burton, Wash., and have three children: Philip, Paul, and Andrew. E-mail: clarkdyer@comast.net

Charles G. Beatty '50 retired in 1990 and is taking it easy. He says he is a taxi for his two grandchildren, ages 15 and 10. Charles' hobbies are investments: stocks, bonds, commodities, and coin collecting. Last September he and his wife, Rosa Lynn, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. E-mail: ancientdog@sbcglobal.net

Sam P. Faucett III '53 retired in 2000 from Regions Financial Corporation and lives in Northport, Ala., with his wife, Leslie. They have two children, Margaret and Marsha. Their e-mail: spftrgbk@aol.com

C. Roy Woodruff '57 retired as executive director of AAPC after 15 years in the position. He keeps busy with consulting, writing, teaching, serving as an interim pastor and a

visiting professor at the Korea Professional Psychotherapy Institute in Seoul, Korea. He and his wife, Kay, live in Burke, Va. They enjoy traveling, volunteering at church, spending time at their cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and spending time with their sons, Charles and Earl, and their families. E-mail: roywoodruff@verizon.net

Joseph B. Bolen III '67 retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama on October 31, 2008, after 35 years of service. He and his wife, Lynell, have two grown children, Joseph IV and Lyndsey, and live in Birmingham, Ala. E-mail: joebolen@bellsouth.net

John S. Martignoni '77 runs a worldwide Catholic apologetics/evangelization organization and travels the United States and Canada speaking at churches and conferences. The organization owns a radio station in Birmingham, Ala., and is in the process of acquiring two additional stations. John has a live radio program that is heard on approximately 120 stations. He and his wife, Janel, live in Pleasant Grove, Ala., and have four children: Brennan, McKenna, Ethan, and Noah. E-mail: john@biblechristiansociety.com

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ALUMNI UPDATE

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Donald C. Curtin '81 lives in Suwanee, Ga., and is a vice president at General Reinsurance Corporation. His son, Tyler, was accepted to the University of Alabama and will begin classes this fall. E-mail: dcts0810@comcast.net

Wiley P. Long III '82 is president and owner of an online health insurance agency, HAS for America. He is also business director of Paleo Diet Enterprises, educating people on the world's healthiest diet. His Web site is www.thepaleodiet.com. Wiley lives in Ft. Collins, Colo. E-mail: wiley@thepaleodiet.com

Kenneth R. Raines '84, of Fairhope, Ala., has two children, 16-year-old Justin and 13-year-old Emily. He worked for the district attorney's office from 1991 to 1994, then joined Wilkins, Bankster, Biles & Wynne. He was made partner in 1999. Ken and his wife, Michelle, will celebrate 20 years of marriage this June. E-mail: kraines@wbbwlaw.com

W. Zachary Riddle '02 and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Camilla Joy, on November 9, 2008. They reside in Birmingham, Ala. Zac is a CPA at KPMG. E-mail: zacriddle@hotmail.com

THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

Thank you to our loyal alumni who have contributed \$6,075 with 36 total gifts, averaging \$169 per gift. The support you give 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 involvement make a difference in the future of our fraternity.

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

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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.

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