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BETA DELTA CHAPTER, FOUNDED 1885

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\$1.75 MILLION CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED TO BUILD NEW CHAPTER HOUSE ON UNIVERSITY BLVD.

Over \$1 Million Raised in Early Commitments from Loyal Brothers



In 1885, a group of young men created an organization unlike any other at the University of Alabama. Today, 125 years later, Alpha Tau Omega represents the standard of excellence within the Greek community. Our success on campus and as alumni proves that ATΩ has made—and still makes—a major difference in the lives of all brothers.

Today we must focus our efforts to provide the same opportunities for future brothers. To remain competitive within the Greek community we must stay in the forefront. Since 2005, 10 fraternities on campus have completed major renovation projects to improve their facilities and several have built new houses. It's time for us to provide a modern facility that will accommodate growth and attract the best and brightest young men well into the 21st century.

When one of the last lots on University Boulevard became available, a number of fraternities submitted applications to acquire it. Our alumni and undergraduate leadership worked together to aggressively pursue the opportunity. The chapter's outstanding accomplishments in recent years were a major factor in awarding the building site to ATΩ.

As a result, Beta Delta is moving back to University, and we are calling on brothers from

every era to ensure the new house is one that alumni, actives, and future brothers are proud to call home.

Initial commitments from loyal alumni now total \$1,049,497. This early support is indicative of the lifelong importance of our experiences as ATΩs, and it adds to the reasons we're excited to announce the new campaign: *Building on Tradition for the Future of Beta Delta*. To reach our goal of \$1.75 million, generous and significant support of every living brother is needed.

Beta Delta 125th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for April 23-24 and come celebrate Beta Delta's 125th anniversary. Reconnect with your brothers and visit the University of Alabama campus. We can't wait to see you there! Contact **Alan King '71** with questions at aking1986@live.com.

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of February 26, 2010

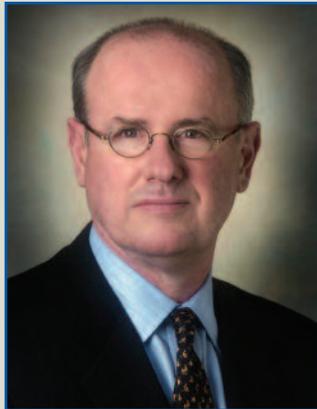
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1,105 Mailable Alumni
105 Contributors
\$1,049,497 Total Contributions

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Two Alumni Give Back Because of What ATΩ Meant to Them

Thomas J. Curtin '74 Donated to Honor Lifelong ATΩ Friendships

Thomas J. Curtin '74 donated to the capital campaign to ensure the friendships, commitment to brotherhood, and lessons ATΩ fostered and taught him will be there for future brothers. "I created lifelong friendships with brothers I still see and communicate with today," he says. "The partnership that **Amos Burns** and I developed is something I treasure. He is a man of character and a true mentor."



The biggest lesson Tom took away from Beta Delta is about commitment to brotherhood. "Stay connected to your brothers. It's easy to get busy with your career and family but it's important you stay connected. It's a benefit that will pay huge dividends throughout your life."

Before joining ATΩ, Tom was a member of the U.S. Air Force. He says unlike a troop in the military, a fraternity is a true brotherhood where everyone has a voice. Tom says that like the military "you develop and nurture your leadership skills in college experiences like ATΩ."

In 1982 Tom formed CRC Insurance. The company focuses on large commercial-risk transactions and reports in excess of \$2.5 billion in sales. He says the secret to a successful business is considering the input of others, hiring smart people, and trusting your instincts. "Nobody ever dies from hard work. If you establish a plan and work to achieve it . . . you're going to be a better man at the end of the journey."

Tom and his wife, Susan (a former ATΩ house mother), have three grown sons: Peter, Thomas Jr., and Will. They live in Birmingham, Alabama, and enjoy playing golf, spending time at Lake Martin, and traveling. Tom and Susan own a vineyard in Sonoma and enjoy making and collecting wine. To contact Tom, e-mail him at tcurtin@ercins.com.

Barrie Harmon '66 Deepened ATΩ Appreciation Through Campaign Involvement



Barrie Harmon '66 says the opportunity to participate in the campaign for Beta Delta has given him a real appreciation of what ATΩ means to brothers from the 1950s through the 1990s. "Alpha Tau Omega created a lifetime of friendships and memories," he says. "As alumni, it is up to us to set the foundation for the future of the chapter."

As Barrie looks back upon his time at the fraternity, he encourages undergraduates to take full advantage of the ATΩ and college experiences. "It's something you won't be aware of while you're there, but when you graduate and look back you'll have a fuller appreciation of what ATΩ means to you."

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Barrie hopes other ATΩ brothers reflect as he did and donate to the campaign. "Show you appreciate what the chapter has accomplished, both nationally and locally," he says. "The campaign is going to establish a state-of-the-art chapter house with a prominent location on University Boulevard, benefiting alumni and friends."

As an undergraduate, Barrie was pledge class president, pledge trainer, and vice president. These roles helped him develop skills that set the foundation for his leadership mentality, which has translated well in the business arena.

Barrie is president of Harmon Dennis Bradshaw Inc., an insurance brokerage and risk management company. He and his wife, Laura, live in Montgomery, Alabama. Contact Barrie at bharmon@hdbinsurance.com.

“We have an opportunity to secure the future of Beta Delta with a beautiful new house on University Boulevard—a home for all Beta Deltas past, present, and future. It’s up to us to answer the call.” -Jeff Lisenby '87

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$1 MILLION

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$1,049,497 to the *Building on Tradition for the Future of Beta Delta* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Alpha Tau Omega and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal of \$1.75 million to complete construction.

Glazebrook Society
(\$100,000 and above)
L. Jackson Powell '58
In memory of
Robin L. Ussery '59

Maltese Cross Society
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)
Barrie H. Harmon III '66
W. Stancil Starnes '66
Susan and Tom Curtin '74

1885 Society
(\$25,000 to \$49,999)
Anonymous
Yetta G. Samford '42
James B. Boone '55
In honor of
Amos Burns '49
Joseph P. Jolly Jr. '56
T. Wayne Davis Jr. '65
John A. Lindley '68
James Kennemer '69
Chris M. Lane '73
Charles T.O. McDowell '78
W. Davis Malone III '80
Burns Family Gift
Amos Burns '49
D. Keith Burns '79
Barrett A. Burns '82

Beta Delta Society
(\$10,000 to \$24,999)
Kenneth E. Little '48
Billy Kitchens '51

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Wiley P. Long Jr. '54
Archie Norton '56
William A. Williamson Jr. '56
James H. Alford Jr. '56
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George H. Wakefield III '79
Edward V. Welch Jr. '81
Brennan C. Ohme '86
Jeffrey Lisenby '87
Louie M. Holmes II '88

All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized in all campaign publications and on a plaque prominently displayed in the new chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to **Alan King '71**, P.O. Box 660722, Birmingham, AL 35266.

Amos Burns Society
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)
McCreary Family Gift
Robert J. McCreary III '51
Robert J. McCreary IV '86
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Amos Burns '49
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Simmons Family Gift
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Michael Simmons '85
Stephen Simmons '86
Joseph R. Henry '59
John L. Marty Jr. '59
Rusty Stewart '63
John A. Screws '63
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T. Whit Armstrong '66
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L.C. “Foots” Parnell III '70
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J. Trent Green '91
Peter J. Hughes '99
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(\$2,500 to \$4,999)
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Daniel M. Dunlop II '68
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Gilbert Steindorff III '68
James H. Farrow Jr. '69
C. Floyd Larkin '69
Douglas D. James '70
In honor of
Vance J. James 81
W. Dean Azar '75
Joseph P. Bedingfield Jr. '88
Jeffrey Muratori '91

Brotherhood Society
(\$1,000 to \$2,499)
John R. Coleman '52
Kenneth T. Woodsides '52
John D. Yelverton Jr. '55
R. Frank Ussery '56
Robert D. Watson '56
Henry P. Lisenby '62
Thomas T. Gallion III '64
Steven M. Sandlin '66
R. Kenan Boswell '70
Rex V. Alexander '71
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Carter O. Franklin '78
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Warner Johnson '86

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Birmingham, Ala.



Walter J. Hughes '60
Birmingham, Ala.



James C. Kennemer '69
Birmingham, Ala.



C. Dennis Hughes '86
Birmingham, Ala.

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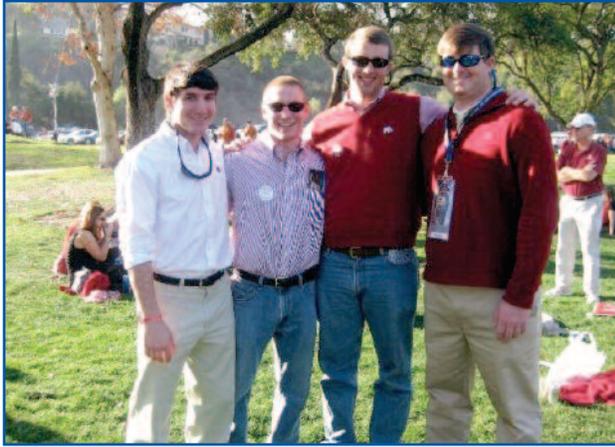
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Birmingham, Ala.



Zack Coppens '07, Taylor Johnson '07, Ross Mullins '07, and Dillon Sims '07 at the BCS game in Pasadena, Calif.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA NAMED TOP FRATERNITY ON CAMPUS

Chapter Wins President's Cup

Members Contribute 2,500 Hours of Community Service

The Beta Delta Chapter had another successful semester at the University of Alabama last fall. Even though our two major philanthropic events are this spring, we have already contributed more than 2,500 hours of community service.

Chapter Succeeds Academically

Our overall G.P.A. was 3.2, which is something to be proud of in a chapter of more than 130 members. Many brothers are involved in student government, honor societies, and other organizations, resulting in a strong Beta Delta presence on campus. We won the President's Cup, which is awarded to the top fraternity on campus.

Brothers Host Social Events with Alumni

We have enjoyed many great social events this school year, including an alumni cocktail party and a Christmas party. The football season could not have gone any better, and several of our members traveled to Pasadena and watched the Crimson Tide win the national championship.

Save the Date for Spring Events

We are excited about all of the great things going on at Beta Delta and are looking forward to achieving success this spring. The ATΩ Congress is in August and we hope to win many awards for the chapter. The brothers are excited about the 125th anniversary in April, and we hope to see many of you there.



Love and Respect,
Jameson Hughston '07
Worthy Master
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W. DAVIS MALONE III '80 SERVES ON UA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. Davis Malone III '80 was appointed in February 2009 to the University of Alabama Board of Trustees. Davis graduated from the University in 1983 and from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in 1986.



Davis practices law in Dothan, where he is involved in numerous community organizations. He has served on the Board of Visitors of the Culverhouse College of Commerce, and in the President's Cabinet at the University.

Three other ATΩ alumni have served on the UA Board of Trustees: Alabama Supreme Court Justice **Thomas C. McClellan 1890**, **Yetta Samford, Alpha Epsilon '42**, and **George Shirley '44**. Beta Delta thanks Davis for serving our great University in this important position.

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UNDERGRADUATES COMMIT MORE THAN \$300,000 TOWARD NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

One year ago, the Beta Delta Board of Trustees and House Corporation approached the Chapter's Executive Committee and asked for their help. In order to move quickly with the design of the new house, members of the chapter would need to provide the funding for the architectural fees, which were estimated to be about \$340,000.

The House Corporation had nearly \$100,000 in reserves, and the chapter agreed to incrementally increase their house bills to help cover the rest. Even more telling of the level of dedication by our younger brothers is the fact that they shaved nearly \$50,000 from their social budget to provide the necessary funding. **Jameson Hughston '07** commented, "Not every one was excited to cut our social budget but once we understood the importance we played in these efforts, everyone was on board."

Walter Monroe '63, who spent countless hours working with the architect and the University on the plans for the new house, said, "It is very significant that the student members of Beta Delta have stepped up and provided all the funds necessary to pay for the architectural expenses. In effect, they've donated more than \$340,000 to the project!" Beta Delta's new facility will be a place alumni and undergraduates can be proud to call home, which makes it even more fitting that both groups are working together to make this project a reality.

"Our alumni were instrumental in securing the lot on University Boulevard, and they are instrumental in raising the money to build our new house. We were more than willing to play our part." **Jameson Hughston '07**



ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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

- Murray C. White '32**
- Edward W. Wadsworth '38**
- David E. Owensby '44**
- Kyle Renfroe '44**
- Everett McCrary '45**
- A. Reid Smith '46**
- Stephen W. Rowe '47**
- Frank T. Mastin '48**
- William Perryman Collins '50**
- Robert C. Black '58**
- Harry Adams '67**

ALUMNI NEWS

Walter C. McCoy, M.D. '37 of Birmingham, Ala., is a retired physician. He and his wife, Adrienne, have four grown children: Clayton, William, Carol, and Melanie. E-mail: slm20001@comcast.net

Henry L. Thornburgh '45 and his wife, Betty, have been married for more than 50 years. They have three children: Mary, John, and Timothy; three grandsons; and three granddaughters. Since retiring in June 1987, Hank has been active with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as troop scoutmaster and course director of the Wood Badge program for adults. He is the recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award. Hank and Betty

have traveled both rims of the Grand Canyon and taken an Alaskan cruise. They have visited Rome, the Holy Land, and Niagara Falls. Hank has served on the Kennestone Hospital Regional Board for 15 years and teaches adult Bible classes.

Jerry G. Fuller '51 retired as a colonel with the United States Air Force in 1978 and served as assistant director of Alabama State Parks until 1993. He and his wife, Patty, have five children and live in Greenville, Ala.

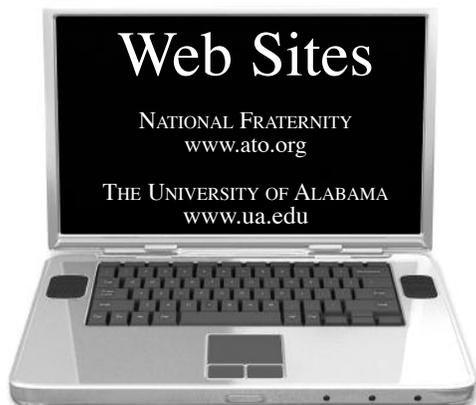
William J. Frazier '52 and his wife, Robbie, manage their family farm near Rossville, Tenn. They live in the same house William was born in. E-mail: alaxbabo@aol.com

Charles G. Allen '62 retired for the third and

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\$1.75 MILLION CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED

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In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the house project and the ways in which you can help. We all benefited from the legacy of alumni who came before us, and now it is our turn to extend that legacy. For all who enjoyed the brotherhood and camaraderie of Beta Delta, and for all of us whose family and social lives and careers have benefited from our time as actives, it is time to honor our past and secure the future of Alpha Tau Omega.

Love and Respect,

Barrie H. Harmon III '66

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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.

ALUMNI UPDATE

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final time in June 2008. He was principal at Eastside Elementary School in Dalton, Ga. Charles lives in a gated community in the mountains of Jasper, Ga., with his wife of 41 years, Carolyn. He tries to play a lot of golf but says he never gets better. He has two sons and one grandson. Charles would love to have some of the old group come over and play golf. E-mail: callenbt@tds.net

G. Wade Hamby '69 launched a customer retention service, AboutYourMortgage.com. He and his wife, Pamela, live in St. Petersburg, Fla. They have two grown sons; Walker is an ATΩ at Rollins College and Mack is an ΣAE at Washington and Lee University. E-mail: wadehamby@tampabay.rr.com

Jeffrey L. Luther '79 is founding partner of Luther, Oldenburg & Rachev, a 13-lawyer firm specializing in litigation in Mobile, Ala. Jeffrey was selected as a charter fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA) at its annual meeting in New York City. The LCA is

an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary composed of less than one percent of all American lawyers. E-mail: jlluther@lor-lawyers.com

Charles E. Martin Jr. '79 is an airline transport pilot for World Airways, flying U.S. military troops into Iraq and Afghanistan. World Airways has been the largest provider of U.S. military transport for over 50 years and operates in more than 65 countries. Chuck and his wife, Denise, have a home on Smith Lake near Cullman, Ala. They love boating, water-skiing, and following Alabama football. E-mail: aviatorartist@bellsouth.net

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