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BETA DELTA BACK ON UNIVERSITY BLVD. AFTER 44 YEARS

- CAMPAIGN ENDING, LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR NAME ON THE DONOR LIST

Our dedication celebration was a wonderful event. Thanks to all who attended. The house was full of alumni for the Saturday North Texas game and for the Sunday dedication, with alumni touring the house, celebrating our accomplishments, meeting chapter members and pledges, and renewing friendships with brothers.

The weekend resulted in an unprecedented level of enthusiasm for ATΩ. We thank you for your generosity, trust, and commitment that have made it all possible. Without your support, none of this would have moved beyond a dream. We have set a new standard of excellence within the fraternity system at Alabama.

PROJECT NOT OVER YET

The capital campaign is set to end on December 31, 2011. With over \$1.7 million in commitments, we are very close to our \$2 million goal. It is within reach! We are extremely thankful for the response from our alumni and friends. We have commitments from 262 ATΩs, which is more than 20% of our alumni base. This means there is still 80% of you yet to make a gift. Therefore, we need all brothers to step up and make the ATΩ experience possible for deserving young men in the future. We'd like everyone to consider pledging at least \$42 a month for the next five years, a total commitment of \$2,500. It goes without saying that for those of you who can afford to contribute a great deal more, we certainly want and need your support to be successful.

It is critical that we keep our focus on the \$2 million goal. We ask our contributing alumni to stretch a little more, and that we reach those who have not yet participated. Even with the great results to date, and assuming all financial commitments are met over the next several years, we will be left with a sizable mortgage. Construction of the size and scope we undertook was, as we knew it would be, more expensive than the amount we could raise in a capital campaign. Simply put, the more we can reduce the mortgage, the better we can plan for the future and vitality of Beta Delta.

GOOD GUARANTORS OF YOUR DOLLARS

The Board of Trustees is very active in protecting and preserving our new chapter house, which is not only our mutual "investment" but the emotional focal point of our common bond. The men in Beta Delta are good stewards. They care about the house condition, and they work to protect the space around them.

We also operate in a manner that is very conducive for managing our assets. The House Corporation is in control of facility condition and all repair and maintenance during the school year and summer. Our goal is to manage the condition of the chapter house in the same way any property owner would manage a valuable rental property. The fact that the tenants are also our brothers actually helps a great deal, because they share a love for the building that is unique.

INVEST IN BETA DELTA TODAY

Please remember that this is your chapter house, your common meeting ground among your brothers. You are welcome in this house at anytime, and not just on football or basketball game days. Please help us make this house your home. Whenever you and your family are in town, please stop by for breakfast, lunch, dinner, for coffee or a soft drink, or just to visit.

Stretch a little more if you've already made a pledge. And if you're not a donor yet, please make a pledge today and secure your name on our donor list and in the halls of Beta Delta.

Fraternally,
Barrie H. Harmon III '66
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Campaign Co-Chairman
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<p align="center">CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE</p> <p align="center"><i>As of October 11, 2011</i></p> <p align="center">\$2 Million Goal</p> <p align="center">262 Contributors</p> <p align="center">1,133 Mailable Alumni</p> <p align="center">\$1,721,278 Total Contributions</p>
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THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$1.7 MILLION

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$1,721,278 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 \$2 million for the building of our new home.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized 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 **Jim Kennemer '69**, P.O. Box 660722, Birmingham, AL 35266.

Glazebrook Society (\$100,000 and up)

Lee Jack Powell '58
In memory of
Robin C. Ussery '59
Barrie H. Harmon III '66
Susan and Tom Curtin '74

Maltese Cross Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Taylor H. Henry Jr. '54
W. Stancil Starnes '66

1885 Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Yetta G. Samford '42
C. Lee Walls Sr. '53
James B. Boone '55
In honor of
Amos Burns '49
Joseph D. Jolly Jr. '56
T. Wayne Davis Jr. '65
John A. Lindley '68
James C. Kennemer '69
Ronald A. Cain '70
Chris M. Lane '73
Harry B. Brock III '74
Charles "T.O." McDowell '78
Scott F. Shew '79
W. Davis Malone III '80
Donald C. Curtin '81
Burns Family Gift
Amos D. Burns '49
D. Keith Burns '79
Barrett A. Burns '82
W. Daniel Hughes Jr. '83

Beta Delta Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Anonymous
In memory of
Byron C. Mathews '75
Kenneth E. Little '48
Sam E. Christopher '49
Billy Kitchens '51
Sam P. Faucett III '53
William A. Hughes '53
Lee J. Styslinger Jr. '53
James E. Harmon '54
In memory of
Knight H. Berman '54 and
Allen M. Tart Jr. '56
Long Family Gift
Wiley P. Long Jr. '54
Wiley P. Long III '82
Arthur L. Brooke '55

James H. Alford Jr. '56
Johnston Family Gift
J. Larry Johnston '56
James E. "Sam" Johnston '82
Archie Norton '56
I. Drayton Pruitt Jr. '56
Haas Strother '56
William A. Williamson Jr. '56
Richard A. Ball Jr. '57
J. Fredric Ingram '57
Don B. McGinty '58
Robert S. Clayton Jr. '59
H. Carlton Rushin '59
Robert B. Harwood Jr. '60
Walter J. Hughes '60
Horace C. Hunt Jr. '60
Hubert J. Kessler '60
William W. Crocker '61
C. Delaine Mountain '62
Walter H. Monroe III '63
Young W. Stevenson '63
Charles E. Ingalls '64
William M. Silsbee Jr. '65
Joel F. Dubina '66
Willis J. Meriwether III '66
Joseph B. Bolen '67
Michael G. Griffin '67
Dr. Winston M. Ashurst '71
Judge Alan L. King '71
Bruce S. Reid Sr. '71
Ted W. Giles '75
Mark H. LeQuire '75
Joseph Madden III
George H. Wakefield III '79
Edward V. Welch Jr. '81
Brennan C. Ohme '86
Daniel J. Justice '87
Jeffrey P. Lisenby '87
Louie M. Holmes II '88
John T. Summerford '09

Amos Burns Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Dr. William B. Crum '41
David K. Gunby III
McCreary Family Gift
Robert J. McCreary III '51
Robert J. McCreary IV '86
In honor of
Amos Burns '49
Patrick L. Mills Sr., M.D. '56
James P. Caldwell '58
Simmons Family Gift
Grayson Simmons '58
Michael G. Simmons '85
Stephen W. Simmons '86

J. Rich Henry '59
John L. Marty Jr. '59
P. Jack Anderson Jr. '62
John A. Screws '63
Rusty Stewart '63
J. Turner Hudson III '65
Douglas Lindley '65
Whit Armstrong '66
Philip H. Butler '67
E. Hoke Sullivan '67
Henry C. Barnett Jr. '68
Hamp Hogg '69
Gary W. Archer, M.D. '70
Dr. and Mrs. Larry G. Deep '70
Alex W. Jones Jr. '70
L.C. "Foots" Parnell III '70
Charles H. Ellis '71
Woodford W. Dinning Jr. '73
James K. Owens III '75
Preston L. Reynolds '77
Roger W. Franklin '77
Jeffrey L. Luther '79
Stewart B. Moore '85
C. Dennis Hughes '86
R. Scott Allen '88
Dr. G. Ashton Wells III '88
C. Alan Ogles '89
John M. Harbour Jr. '90
J. Trent Green '91
Jason P. Zarzaur '93
Peter J. Hughes '99
Joshua K. Payne '02

Azure and Gold Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Margaret P. Garner
In honor of
Amos Burns '49
On behalf of
Benjamin P. Garner '03 and
Thomas W. Garner '03
William B. Hairston '43
Gray H. Hunter '51
G. Clay Nettles '52
John S. Megginson Jr. '56
John C. Arant '57
James F. Beall '57
William I. Hill II '57
A. Greer Megginson '57
M. Lynn Reeves Jr. '57
A. Fox deFuniak III '59
Michael D. Knight '59
Al D. Kitchen '67
Daniel M. Dunlop II '68
James M. Shannon Jr. '68
Gilbert C. Steindorff III '68

James H. Farrow Jr. '69
Gary R. Kessler '69
C. Floyd Larkin '69
Douglas D. James '70
In honor of
Vance J. James '81
John R. Nix '71
Clark Reynolds '72
George R. Vogle '72
W. Dean Azar '75
Douglas S. Reynolds, M.D. '75
Vaughn M. Stewart II '75
Joseph F. Curtis Jr. '80
Jeffrey P. Guyton '80
David A. McDowell '82
Edward S. Pearson '82
Morris E. Capouya '83
Daniel Staley '84
Bryan K. Horsley '86
Tim Stuart '87
Ralph H. Yarbrough Jr. '87
Joseph P. Bedingfield Jr. '88
Jeffrey S. Muratori '91
Damian Cook '93
Gregory B. Kelley '93
Thomas J. House Jr. '02
Mitch Relfe '04
Alex Teel '04

Brotherhood Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

In memory of
Lt. Edwin King '36,
KIA WWII
In memory of
Tom King '42
Anonymous
Charles E. Sharp '48
George Wells '48
Robert M. Blakely '51
John R. Coleman '52
Kenneth T. Woodsides '52
Ronald M. Childree '54
Emmett R. Cox '54
William A. Schoel Jr. '54
Milton C. Wilson '54
In honor of
Amos Burns '49
John D. Yelverton Jr. '55
W. Harold Albritton '56
John W. Petrey '56
Dayton Sadler '56
Allen M. Tartt Jr. '56
R. Frank Ussery '56
Robert D. Watson '56
Robert R. Jolly '57

George B. Dibble Jr. '58
Gary Nichols '58
Henry P. Lisenby '62
Robert R. Snellgrove '62
Jerry L. Carnes '64
Thomas T. Gallion III '64
John F. Manning '65
Lee A. McDavid Sr. '65
Charles C. Partin '65
Steven M. Sandlin '66
Circuit Judge Tom King Jr. '68
Buford H. "Grits" Morris '68
Rusty Gregory '69
H.O. "Buddy" Humphrey Jr. '69
R. Kenan Boswell '70
Rex V. Alexander '71
William F. Davis '71
James Mickle '71
J. Michael Monroe '71
Dr. F. Hall Reynolds II '72
Jeff Underwood '72
John N. Balabanos '73
Jeffery H. Long '74
Howard R. Reed '74
A. Lee Hardegree III '75
Gregory R. Houston '75
Mark D. Wilkerson '76
James E. Pewitt, DMD '76
John Martignoni '77
Robert W. Davis Jr., Psy. D. '78
Carter O. Franklin '78
John K. Howard '78
David R. King '78
Mark P. Williams '78
Eric G. McGee Jr. '79
Richard A. Hamm '80
H. Miller Sproull III '80
J. Dale McIntyre '81
Patrick E. Hodges '82
Chris Oswalt '82
S. Warner Johnson '86
Jeff Stabler '87
Lane Wilson '87
Gregory G. Taylor '88
R. Kane Burnette '99
Lance H. Poole '00
W. Zachary Riddle '02
Jack Alvey '03
Adam T. Kornegay '03
William O. Scroggins '03
Graham Hixon '04
Christopher Jordan '06
Samuel S. Lynd '06
Andrew M. Tucker '06

Judge Alan King '71 Reflects on Beta Delta Chapter, Credits ATΩ for Leadership and Teamwork Skills

Alan King '71 was born into Alpha Tau Omega. Family members who preceded him at Beta Delta were uncles **Edwin King '36** and **Don E. King '39**, his father, **Tom King '42**, cousin, **Don E. King Jr. '66**, and brother, **Tom King Jr. '67**. After Alan's initiation, he was followed by his brother, **David R. King '77**, at Beta Delta, and cousin, **Chris King, Vanderbilt Beta Pi '98**. The following is a summary of his time at Beta Delta and how the fraternity continues to influence his life.



My brothers and I looked at other fraternities when we entered Alabama, but we had visited the ATΩ house on many occasions and heard wonderful stories about my dad's close friends in ATΩ. Plus, when I came along, with my older brother in the chapter, I knew many of his friends and was aware that ATΩ had always been one of the top fraternities on campus.

I treasure my time in the chapter from 1970-74. We had a lively pledge class and a good group of guys in Beta Delta during the early 1970s. One cannot place a value on the fraternity experience in terms of enhancing leadership skills, learning to work toward a common goal with like-minded men from different parts of the state and nation, and enhancing one's social experiences. ATΩ took a large campus and made it manageable and fun.

I was fortunate to be in the chapter during the front end of our new house on Jefferson Avenue, and to now witness the next phase in the life of Beta Delta is exciting. On behalf of our outstanding chapter members and incredible alumni, it was my privilege to propose to the Beta Delta Board of Trustees in January 2008 that we pursue a new house, to make the presentation in February 2008 to UA President Dr. Robert Witt for the Rotary lot on University Boulevard, make two additional presentations, write and submit the application and business plan, and work with the University administration over the next 12 months to secure the lot for our chapter. Thankfully, we prevailed in February 2009 over several longtime fraternities who also made presentations and submitted applications. It has been a busy three and a half years, and almost 300 alumni have been involved in the effort. We can all be extremely proud of our chapter and our alumni.

I feel that if we, as alumni, help the chapter in whatever way we can, we can all leave our individual mark on an important and enormously memorable experience for future Beta Delta brothers.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA INDUCTS ALUMNI INTO HALL OF HONOR RECEPTION HELD AFTER THE A-DAY GAME

Alpha Tau Omega held the annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony on April 16, 2011. The 2011 inductees were the late **L. Drew Redden '41**, the late **Tom King '42**, **Yetta Samford '42**, **William B. Hairston Jr. '43**, the late **George Shirley '44**, the late **Stancil R. Starnes '46**, and **Hubert Kessler '60**.

The ceremony each year honors ATΩ alumni who have distinguished themselves, their families, the ATΩ fraternity, and the University of Alabama.

The event was held at the ATΩ house following the A-Day game and was in conjunction with the Jefferson Avenue Grand Finale event, which consisted of an alumni cocktail party, dinner, induction ceremony, and party. Guitarist and singer **Dale McIntyre '81** and the '70s band Lava Lamp, with **Stewart Moore '85**, provided the entertainment. Chapter members, their dates, and family members attended, as well as alumni, wives, and guests. We had a great turnout and look forward to next year's ceremony.



Harris Stewart, Nanci Stewart, Peggy Starnes Beal, Stan Starnes '66, and Joan Starnes at the ceremony.

Alpha Tau Omega Experiences Successful Recruitment

Chapter Awarded Tenth True Merit Trophy

Greetings from Beta Delta Chapter! As the semester moves forward I am pleased to report Alpha Tau Omega's success and achievements around campus and in the community.

Beta Delta Volunteers with Tornado Relief Efforts

The chapter and the University of Alabama have undergone sweeping changes since late spring. After the devastating tornadoes of April 27, classes were cancelled and students were encouraged to return home. Despite these instructions, countless members of the Beta Delta Chapter remained in Tuscaloosa and aided with relief efforts. Brothers volunteered to clean debris, sort donations, and prepare meals for displaced Tuscaloosa citizens. Beta Delta also collaborated with other Greek organizations and contributed to the UA Greek Relief Fund, which donated over 52,000 meals to the tornado victims.



Marlan Golden '11 and Nate Henderson '11 and their dates enjoy the festivities at a spring 2011 party.

Fall Recruitment and Philanthropic Efforts a Success

Recruitment efforts went very well and we welcomed 54 outstanding new members into the brotherhood. These members excel in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities. In August, the chapter was awarded the True Merit trophy for the ninth time in the past 10 years! We are very proud of this accomplishment and hope to maintain this record in the future. The chapter also improved notably in the area of philanthropic donations by \$20,000.

This fall, 42 excited and grateful brothers moved into the new chapter house prominently located on University Boulevard. I want to personally thank every alumnus for their contributions, both financial and temporal, that led to the construction of the chapter house. If you are in town, please stop by and check out the chapter house. I look forward to meeting many of you this fall on gamedays.

Fraternally,

Mark Foley '09

Worthy Master

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BETA DELTA RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Alumni, we value your referrals for 2012. Our recruitment committee is actively seeking potential new members. If you know of quality young men headed to the University of Alabama, please contact Recruitment Chairmen **Woods Parker '11** at rwparker@crimson.ua.edu or (334) 456-2780 or **Nate Henderson '11** at nhhenderson@crimson.ua.edu or (205) 887-2399 or visit www.atolabama.com and click on the Rush tab.

BETA DELTA HOLIDAY GATHERINGS FEATURED IN NEWSLETTER

Submit Your Photos and Stories

We would like to feature holiday gatherings in the spring 2012 newsletter. Montgomery alumni get together each year, and this year there will be an alumni gathering for Birmingham area alumni at Vestavia Hills County Club. Details are forthcoming.

We urge the Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, Mobile, Atlanta, and Memphis ATΩ alumni groups to plan holiday gatherings.

All groups are welcome to submit photos and stories of your time together to **Alan King '71** at aking1986@live.com.



ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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

Dean W. E. Lear '38
William P. Scally '42
Louis M. Collins Jr. '44
Bill Hixon '45
Trenton Adams '48
William T. Kellett '49
Walter F. Moody '57
Horace Hunt '60
Jeff Crouch '79

ALUMNI NEWS

Yetta G. Samford '42 is retired from practicing law but he goes to the office everyday if he is in town. Yetta is on the executive committee of the Alabama Law Institute and Alabama Academy of Honor. E-mail: marysamford@charter.net

Gerald G. Woodruff '45 is enjoying retirement after 52 years of practicing pediatrics. Gerald and his wife have five children and they live in Anniston, Ala. E-mail: gwoodruff@cableone.net

Chuck G. Beatty '50 recently saw his photo on the Alpha Tau Omega website. It brought back fond memories of his time at the chapter. Chuck and his wife, Rosa, live in Ft. Worth, Texas. E-mail: ancientdog@sbcglobal.net

Ronald M. Childree '54 and his wife, Chris, are living a terrific life in Key Largo, Fla. Ron enjoys boating, playing tennis, fishing, and diving "while everyone else is shoveling snow." E-mail: rmchildree@yahoo.com

Dr. James H. Alford Jr. '56 retired from practicing medicine but is the assistant medical director for Alabama's physician health program. Jim enjoys golfing and traveling. He and his wife, Susan, have three grown children and five grandchildren. E-mail: ja1937@gmail.com

John C. Arant '57 feels very fortunate to have lived so long with a very blessed youth, family, and career. He and his wife, Marilyn, live in Cumming, Ga. E-mail: jarant01@bellsouth.net

James F. Beall '57 retired from the banking industry after 51 years and lives in Birmingham, Ala. He has three children and has served on a number of boards, including Farmers and Merchants Bank of Centre Alabama and National Bank of Commerce of Birmingham. E-mail: jbeall@tds.net

Dr. W. Gary Nichols '58 is the author of *American Leader in War and Peace: The Life and Times of World War I Soldier, Army Chief of Staff and Citadel President General Charles Perot Summerall*. He and his wife, Liese, have two children, Chris and Tony. They live in Charleston S.C. E-mail: garynichols1@bellsouth.net

Curtis L. Frisbie Jr. '64 is a trial lawyer with more than 30 years of trial experience. He was recognized as the Best Lawyers in America in 2006-11 for commercial litigation and antitrust law, the Best Lawyers in Dallas by *D Magazine* every year since its first publication in 2004. He was also the recipient of the Texas Outdoorsman of the Year in 2005. He is a board member for many community associations, including Dallas CASA Endowment Fund Inc. and Dallas Woods and Waters Club. E-mail: cfrisbee@gardere.com

Charles S. Reynolds III '68 is finally a grandfather. His granddaughter, Mary Virginia, was born last year. Charles and his wife, Billie, live in Demopolis, Ala. E-mail: chuckbillie@bellsouth.net

James H. Farrior Jr. '69 and his wife, Donna, live in Montgomery, Ala. They have two grandchildren and a German shorthair pointer named Sam. Jim is a member of Tide Pride and looks forward to his retirement. E-mail: dfarrior@knology.net

Dr. Preston L. Reynolds '77 and his wife, Lisa, live in Hoover, Ala. Their two daughters, Ashley and Leslie, are both University of Alabama graduates. Preston practices dentistry and was president of the Birmingham District Dental Society in 2009. E-mail: plrdmd@charter.net

Jeffrey L. Luther '79 is the president of Luther, Crowe, and Rainey law firm. He and his wife, Cara, have been married for 20 years. They have two daughters, Townsley and Cara Louise. They live in Mobile, Ala. During the spring and summer they like to spend time at the beach in Destin, Fla., and the fall is spent in Tuscaloosa for Alabama football and winter in the woods. E-mail: jlluther@lor-lawyers.com

Dr. Peter "P.J." Hughes '99 and his wife, Beth, welcomed their first child, Kevin. They reside in Vestavia, Ala. E-mail: retep279@hotmail.com

Brandon H. Salesberry '02 relocated in May 2011 to pursue a master's in public service management at DePaul University. E-mail: brandon.salesberry@gmail.com

Samuel S. Lynd '06 accepted a position to become the Frank S. Groner Administrative Fellow. This is an endowed fellowship with Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation based in Memphis, Tenn. In May, Sam graduated from UAB with an MBA and, upon completion of the fellowship, a master of science in health administration. E-mail: samuel.lynd@gmail.com





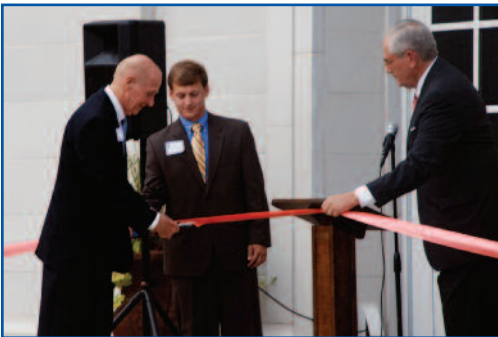
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We're excited to have this feature and we hope you enjoy it.



Amos Burns '49 was given the honor of cutting the ribbon with Worthy Master Mark Foley '09 and Walter Monroe '63.

CELEBRATING THE HOUSE DEDICATION

We thank all alumni, undergraduates, parents, spouses, and friends who attended our house dedication on September 18. It was a wonderful time, and the house looked amazing. Below and to the left are a few pictures from the event.



Brothers Tom King Jr. '68, Jim Alford '56, Ken Little '48, Barrie Harmon '66, and Walter Hughes '60 enjoyed their time at the event.



Beta Delta alumni in attendance.



A view of the fellowship hall in the new house.