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NEW CHAPTER HOUSE RENEWS PRIDE AMONG ACTIVES AND ALUMNI

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ATΩ Flashback

Over four years ago, the Beta Delta Board of Trustees had the vision to begin the process of constructing a new fraternity house; one that would meet our needs into the foreseeable future and beyond. Now, here we are in 2012 and our house stands tall on the most prestigious street on campus, University Boulevard.

Almost 300 alumni have contributed to our impressive house. While the capital campaign ended on September 30, the master plaque will not be installed until shortly after the first of the year. Each gift of \$1,000 or more will forever be recognized on a bronze plaque to be installed in the foyer of the house. There is still time to have your name included on the plaque. You can access our website at www.atoalabama.com and print out a contribution form or call Campaign Chairmen **Barrie Harmon '66** at (334) 834-7724 or **Tom Curtin '74** at (205) 870-1417 to make arrangements for a contribution.

In other news, more than 20 alumni have been inducted into the Beta Delta Hall of Honor. Permanent plaques honoring these special men will also be installed after the first of the year.

The Amos Burns Ball was held in April 2008 in Homewood, and around 140 alumni and wives or dates, and chapter members and dates were in attendance. In October 2008 we had an alumni party in Montgomery, and in April 2010 we had the Beta Delta 125th anniversary celebration in Tuscaloosa at the house and at the Paul Bryant Conference Center, with approximately 400 alumni, wives or dates,

chapter members and dates. In April 2011 alumni were invited to the "Grand Finale Weekend" at the Jefferson Avenue (New Fraternity Row) house. Montgomery alumni host a Christmas party each year, and Birmingham alumni gathered last Christmas for the first time in years. It is our intent to have more alumni events in the coming years. In the meantime, alumni and families are welcome any time you are in Tuscaloosa, whether it be football weekends, basketball games, baseball, gymnastics, softball, or any UA sporting event, or whenever you are in town on business or just passing through. There is nothing more wonderful than having children of all ages visit the house with their dad and mom. A little boy stood on the front sidewalk with his dad before the Western Kentucky football game in September and was heard to exclaim, "This looks like a mansion." Our house [mansion] belongs to us all, forever.

ATΩ extends beyond our four years in the chapter together. In the words of our founder, Otis Allan Glazebrook, we have a "bond as strong as right itself, and as lasting as humanity." We have a common history rooted in our youth and molded in our academics, brotherhood, social experiences, dreams, and promise for the future. We share the same fabric that made us who we are. We are Alabama ATΩs for life, and proud of it.

Fraternally,
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THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

We are deeply grateful to the following ATΩ brothers and friends for committing \$1,809,287 to the *Building on Tradition for the Future of Beta Delta* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Beta Delta and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Thank you for helping us have a successful campaign!

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
James C. Kennemer '69
W. Davis Malone III '80

1885 Society

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

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

Beta Delta Society

(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Anonymous
In memory of
Byron C. Mathews '75
Kenneth E. Little '48
Sam E. Christopher '49
Sam P. Faucett III '53
William A. Hughes '53
Archie Norton '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
Johnston Family Gift
J. Larry Johnston '56
James E. "Sam" Johnston '82
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
Billy Kitchens '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
William E. Noe '71
Bruce S. Reid Sr. '71
Ted W. Giles '75
Mark H. LeQuire '75
Joseph Madden III '75
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 '49

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
Jack Fields '59
J. Rich Henry '59
John L. Marty Jr. '59
P. Jack Anderson Jr., M.D. '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
Mrs. and Dr. 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

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
Lynn Reeves '57
A. Fox deFuniak III '59
Michael D. Knight '59
Ben McLauchlin Jr. '60
Al D. Kitchen '67
Daniel M. Dunlop II '68
James M. Shannon Jr. '68
Gilbert C. Steindorff III '68
James H. Farrior Jr. '69
Gary R. Kessler '69
C. Floyd Larkin '69
Douglas D. James '70
In honor of
Vance J. James '79
William T. Moore '70
John R. Nix '71
Judge Alan L. King '71
In memory of
Lt. Edwin King '36,
KIA WWII and
Tom King '42
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
Edward S. Pearson '82
David A. McDowell '82
Morris E. Capouya '83
J. Steven Graves '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
Brent Kelley '93
Thomas J. House Jr. '02
Mitch Relfe '04
Alex Teel '04

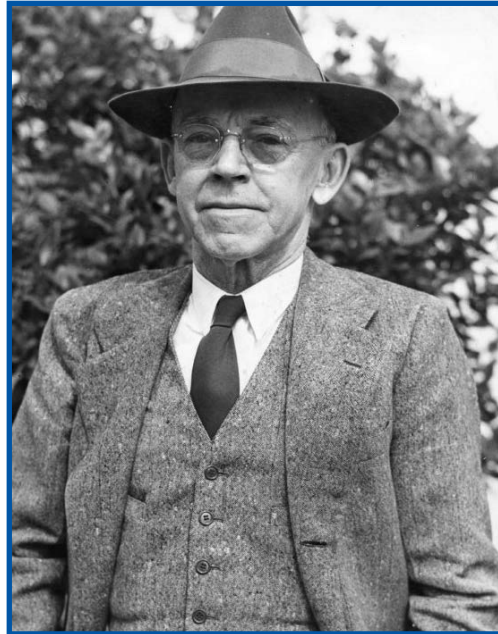
Brotherhood Society

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

Anonymous
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William H. Hagan '48
Edward M. Jones Sr. '48
Louis W. Perry Jr. '48
Charles E. Sharp '48
George Wells '48
Robert M. Blakely '51
John R. Coleman '52
Kenneth T. Woodsides '52
Ronald M. Childree '54
Emmett Ripley 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
Dick Allen '56
John W. Petrey '56
Dayton Sadler '56
Jim O. Spencer Jr. '56
Allen M. Tartt Jr. '56
R. Frank Ussery '56
Robert D. Watson '56
John M. Wise '56
Robert R. Jolly '57
George B. Dibble Jr. '58
Gary Nichols '58
Tom A. West III '58
Robert L. Spencer '60
William K. Whatley '61
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
Charles S. Reynolds III '68
Rusty Gregory '69
H.O. "Buddy" Humphrey Jr. '69
R. Kenan Boswell '70
Rex V. Alexander '71
R. Mitchell Alton III '71
William F. Davis '71
James Mickle '71



Former UA Treasurer and Professor of Engineering Shaler Houser 1895 Made Lifelong Commitment to ATΩ and University



Born in Lincolnton, North Carolina, in 1879, Shaler was reared in Anniston, Alabama. He was initiated into Alpha Tau Omega Beta Delta in 1895 and graduated from Alabama, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1898. He received his civil engineering degree from UA in 1899. Afterward, Shaler worked as a general contractor before traveling to Cuba to build railroads.

He joined the UA faculty in 1912 and served as treasurer of the University of Alabama and as a professor of engineering. In 1917, Brother Houser was instrumental in the construction of the ATΩ house on University Avenue (now Boulevard, site of the Beta Theta Pi house). Professor Houser received the Golden Circle Award from ATΩ National in 1935. He oversaw many University of Alabama construction projects and worked for the University until 1948, when he passed away.

In 1950, the Alabama Board of Trustees approved the construction of an engineering building and named it Houser Hall in his honor. His son, Shaler C. Houser Jr., was initiated into ATΩ Beta Delta in 1933.

FINAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

As of October 22, 2012

\$1,809,287
Total Contributions

285 Contributors

21% Participation

J. Michael Monroe '71
Dr. F. Hall Reynolds II '72
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Mark D. Wilkerson '76
John Martignoni '77
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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
Jon C. Moore '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
Joshua K. Payne '02
W. Zachary Riddle '02
Jack Alvey '03
Robert F. Boylan '03
Adam T. Komegay '03
Samuel Masters '03
William O. Scroggins '03
Mose W. Stuart V '03
Graham Hixon '04
Christopher Jordan '06
Samuel S. Lynd '06
Justin D. Reynolds '06
Andrew M. Tucker '06

ANDREW TUCKER '06 MAINTAINS LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE BEYOND ATΩ

Andrew Tucker '06 is from Florence, Alabama, and entered the University of Alabama in 2005, pledging ATΩ. He was initiated into Beta Delta in January 2006. Andrew is related to **Dr. Chuck Ellis '71**.

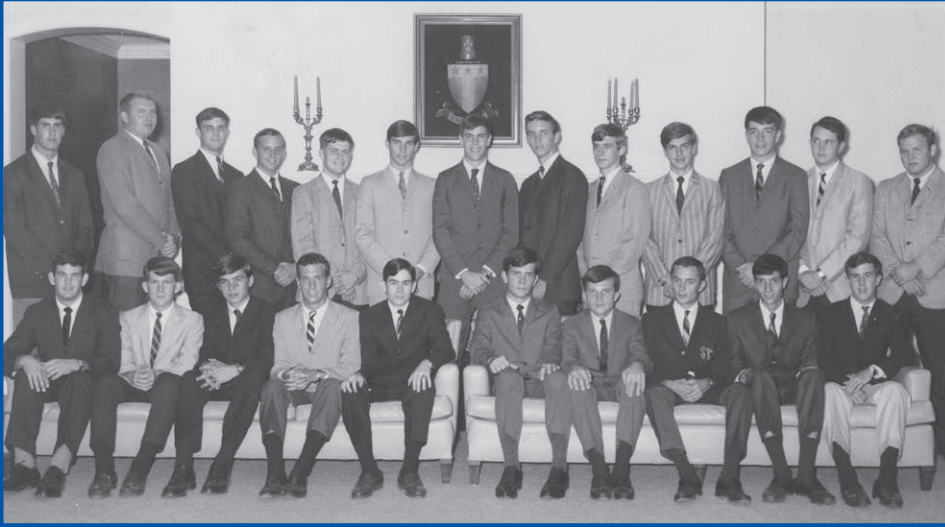
There is a saying that the more one puts into something, the more they get out of it. Andrew took that to heart and became involved with Beta Delta and in campus leadership positions. He was selected for the prestigious Capstone Men and Women, the official ambassadors for the University with visiting dignitaries, at sporting events, and with prospective students. Andrew served Beta Delta as recruitment chairman in 2007 and as Worthy Master in 2008.

After graduating in 2009, Andrew began working in the UA undergraduate admissions office. He then

worked as an admissions counselor, responsible for recruiting students in Mississippi and northern Louisiana. In March 2011, he became the UA Manager for Customer Relations and Campus Tours, where he is responsible for coordinating daily campus tours for prospective students and their families and for high school groups. He is also responsible for the front desk welcome center at Bryant Denny Stadium.

Andrew has served our chapter in an exemplary fashion in two of the most important chapter offices and serves our university in a tremendously important position. Contact Andrew at amtucker09@gmail.com.

ATΩ FLASHBACK



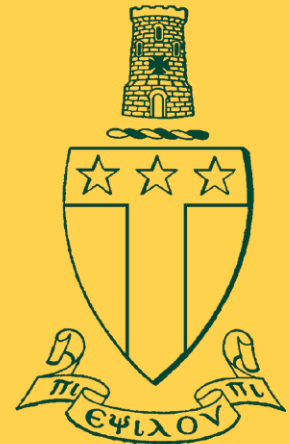
The 1967 pledge class.



ATΩs from the 1950s with their dates at a chapter function.



Entertainer Bob Hope (bottom left) and Actress/Singer Doris Day (top right) attend an event at the ATΩ house in 1949.



Brothers and their dates at the ATΩ Pumpkin Party in 1988.



Members of the 1970 pledge class at the 1974 Bluegrass Party.



2012 PROVES TO BE A GOOD YEAR FOR ATΩ AT ALABAMA

The Beta Delta Chapter enjoyed yet another successful semester at the University of Alabama last spring. The first semester in the new house was an adventure and we find ourselves enjoying it more as the year progresses. The chapter is extremely grateful for the outstanding alumni presence throughout the campaign for the new house.

Beta Delta Serves the Community

We partnered with the Hope Initiative this year for our signature event, introducing Hope Week for the first time. Along with a bike drive and fundraising cookout, we sponsored a block party that raised over \$14,000! We hope to expand on that number in the years to come. Our members also volunteered throughout the semester for a combined 6,200 hours of community service.

Plans for Fall Semester

Our goals for this semester are not far from where they have always been. They include a high G.P.A., many service hours, great intramural teams, and large involvement on campus. And hopefully a National Championship as well!

Members Involved in Scholarship and Leadership on Campus

Once again, our chapter had one of the highest G.P.A.'s among fraternities, with a 3.14, which is quite an accomplishment considering our chapter is over 150 members strong. Many of our members received awards and were inducted into numerous honor societies: Anderson Society, Jasons

Men's Honorary, Mortar Board, Blue Key, and Order of Omega. The Beta Delta Chapter continues to have a strong presence on campus, with many members being involved in the Student Government Association, the Blackburn Institute, Capstone Men and Women, and other organizations. One of our own, **Joe Hart '10**, is Chief Justice of the UA Student Judicial Board.

Chapter Earns High Praise at National Congress

At this year's National Congress in St. Louis, Missouri, Beta Delta Chapter walked away with many awards, earning excellence in communication, campus involvement and leadership development, financial management, membership education, and recruitment. We also won the Upper Alpha Award and the True Merit Award, and earned honorable mention for the 2012 Scholarship Award.

Recruitment Success

We are excited to bring in a pledge class of 48 impressive young men, and recruiting is already underway for 2013. We greatly appreciated alumni support during recruitment. We would all love for you to join us on home football Saturdays at the house. We look forward to seeing you!

Fraternally,

Mark Drew '10

Worthy Master

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Beta Delta Brothers Raise the Bar in Law School

In 1946 following World War II, ATΩ Beta Delta may have set a national record with 22 brothers in law school. Afterward, in the decades to follow, our chapter generally had three to five brothers in law school at any one time.

With the competition so fierce on being admitted to law school these days, it is especially impressive that so many recent Beta Delta graduates over the past few years have attended law school. **Mitch Relfe '08**, **Cline Thompson '07**, **Will Coffman '07**, **Jimbo Dawkins '07**, **Joseph Thetford '04**, and **Ryan Letson '06** have attended or are attending Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Ryan was Vice President of Beta

Delta and was elected President of the Student Bar Association during his senior year at Cumberland. **Thomas Gore '09**, **Riley Key '05**, **Michael Wynn '08**, and **Jameson Hughston '08** were admitted to the University of Alabama Law School. Jameson served as Worthy Master of Beta Delta and presently serves on the Beta Delta Board of Trustees. **John Michael Murray '08** attends Tulane University Law School, while **Mark Foley '09** is at Vanderbilt Law School. Mark served as Worthy Master during his senior year.

Congratulations to these men, and we wish them the best in their legal careers.

RECOMMEND A MAN FOR RECRUITMENT

Do you know a young man
who will be attending the
University of Alabama?

There are many sons, nephews, and
grandsons of ATΩ alumni who
would make a great addition to
the chapter. If you know of any young
men considering the University of
Alabama, please send us their
contact information.

Fraternally,

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Evan Abston
Huntsville High School
Huntsville, Ala.

Miller Allan
Homewood High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Parker Allison
Mountain Brook High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Christian Avolese
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Huntsville, Ala.

Zach Ayers
Berkeley Preparatory School
Tampa, Fla.

Jake Baxley
Tuscaloosa County High School
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Michael Baxter
Madison Ridgeland Academy
Jackson, Miss.

Cameron Bice
Oak Mountain High School
Birmingham, Ala.

David Bland
Pinewood Christian Academy
Jesup, Ga.

Brooks Burns
Northridge High School
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

John Canfield
The Indian Springs School
Birmingham, Ala.

Doss Cleveland
The Indian Springs School
Florence, Ala.

Jordan Cole
Huntsville High School
Huntsville, Ala.

Jordan Crow
Athens High School
Athens, Ala.

Zack DiSette
Blue Valley North High School
Kansas City, Kan.

Jacob Elders
Hazel Green High School
Hazel Green, Ala.

Carson Finnell
Huntsville High School
Huntsville, Ala.

Jack Goldsborough
Blue Valley North High School
Kansas City, Kan.

Harrison Gough
Huntsville High School
Huntsville, Ala.

Eric Hall
American Christian Academy
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Connor Herfurth
Mountain Brook High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Ben Hilley
Prattville High School
Prattville, Ala.

Hunter Hindsman
Southside High School
Gadsden, Ala.

Hunter Howe
Hough High School
Charlotte, N.C.

Bobby Hulsey
Pelham High School
Pelham, Ala.

Payne Kitchens
John Carroll Catholic School
Birmingham, Ala.

Hastings Knox
Austin High School
Decatur, Ala.

Colin Kruger
The First Academy
Orlando, Fla.

Nick Lamprinakos
Henderson Senior High School
West Chester, Pa.

Andrew Leeds
Mountain Brook High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Walker McCain
Mountain Brook High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Steven Nabers
Red Bay High School
Red Bay, Ala.

Dean Norsworthy
Collierville High School
Memphis, Tenn.

Daniel O'Quinn
American Christian Academy
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Ross Page
Homewood High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Schuck Richardson
The Westminster Schools
Atlanta, Ga.

Ben Riveiro
Plant High School
Tampa, Fla.

Destin Sandras
American Christian Academy
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Bird Sherrill
The Randolph School
Huntsville, Ala.

Parker Shields
Northridge High School
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

David "Boo" Simon
Baldwin County High School
Bay Minette, Ala.

Raney Sledge
Bob Jones High School
Madison, Ala.

William Stabler
Trinity Presbyterian School
Montgomery, Ala.

Daniel Tortorici
Mountain Brook High School
Birmingham, Ala.

Carter Tyra
Briarwood Christian School
Birmingham, Ala.

Ryan Widmar
St. Andrew's Episcopal School
Jackson, Miss.

PJ Woodward
Blue Valley North High School
Kansas City, Kan.