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Editor's Note: We, the Brothers of Beta Delta, are happy to strengthen our link with you, our alumni Brothers. We sincerely hope you will enjoy our paper and will let us hear from you soon.



Bert Nettles  
Vice-President of S.G.A.

## Bert S. Nettles

Bert S. Nettles '58, of Monroeville, Alabama; one of the leading figures on the University campus; has recently been elected Vice-president of the Student Government Association. Bert has also been tapped by Omicron Delta Kappa, senior men's honorary, and Jasons, senior men's honorary. He was a member of the Executive Cabinet of SGA; a member of the student legislature; Chairman of the Finance Committee of SGA; manager of the University Debate Team; president of the Army Cadet Officer's Club; Vice-president of Quadrangle; member of Druids, Scabbard and Blade, Rho Alpha Tau, Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Kappa Alpha, debating honorary; and Assistant Chairman of Homecoming for 1956.

In Beta Delta Bert has been Worthy Scribe, president of his pledge class in 1954-1955 and winner of the H. D. Warner Scholarship Award for 1955.

As one can readily see from the above enumerated honors, Bert is one of the most active men here at the Capstone.

## Beta Delta Initiates (Continued from Page One)

W. M. Emmett Cox acted as toastmaster at the Initiation Banquet. Dr. George Lang, Faculty Adviser, gave the invocation. The program then got under way with a round of speeches from each of the new initiates. Brief messages were given by Province Chief E. V. Bramlett, Dr. Lang, and Tuscaloosa alumnus DeVane Jones. Dr. Woodruff gave a brief message, having presented the badge to his son Roy at Formal Initiation. Brother Roy Woodruff is the third A.T.O. in the Woodruff family. Brother James L. Parker, Panola, Alabama, was named recipient of a Golden Circle Award. Recipients of Silver Circle Awards were Burkitt A. Reynolds and John C. Moore, both of Marion, Buckner B. Trawick, Tuscaloosa, and Frank White, Birmingham. Brother H. D. Warner of Tuscaloosa then presented the H. D. Warner Scholarship Award to the pledge who attained the highest scholastic average—Brother Frank Moody. Brother Greer Megginson was named this year's Outstanding Pledge and received the award from Brother Jimmy Spencer, last year's recipient. The George Lang Outstanding Active Award, named in honor of our faculty advisor, was presented by W. M. Cox to John Yelverton of Montgomery. This

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## Sweetheart of A.T.O.

"Mama," as Mrs. G. T. Wilkerson, our housemother, is known, came to our house in September, 1954 to be our housemother and has been with us ever since. We call her "Mama" Wilkerson because she is certainly a mother to all of us here at Beta Delta Chapter. She surely has a tough job which she performs in her usual outstanding manner for which we all admire her.

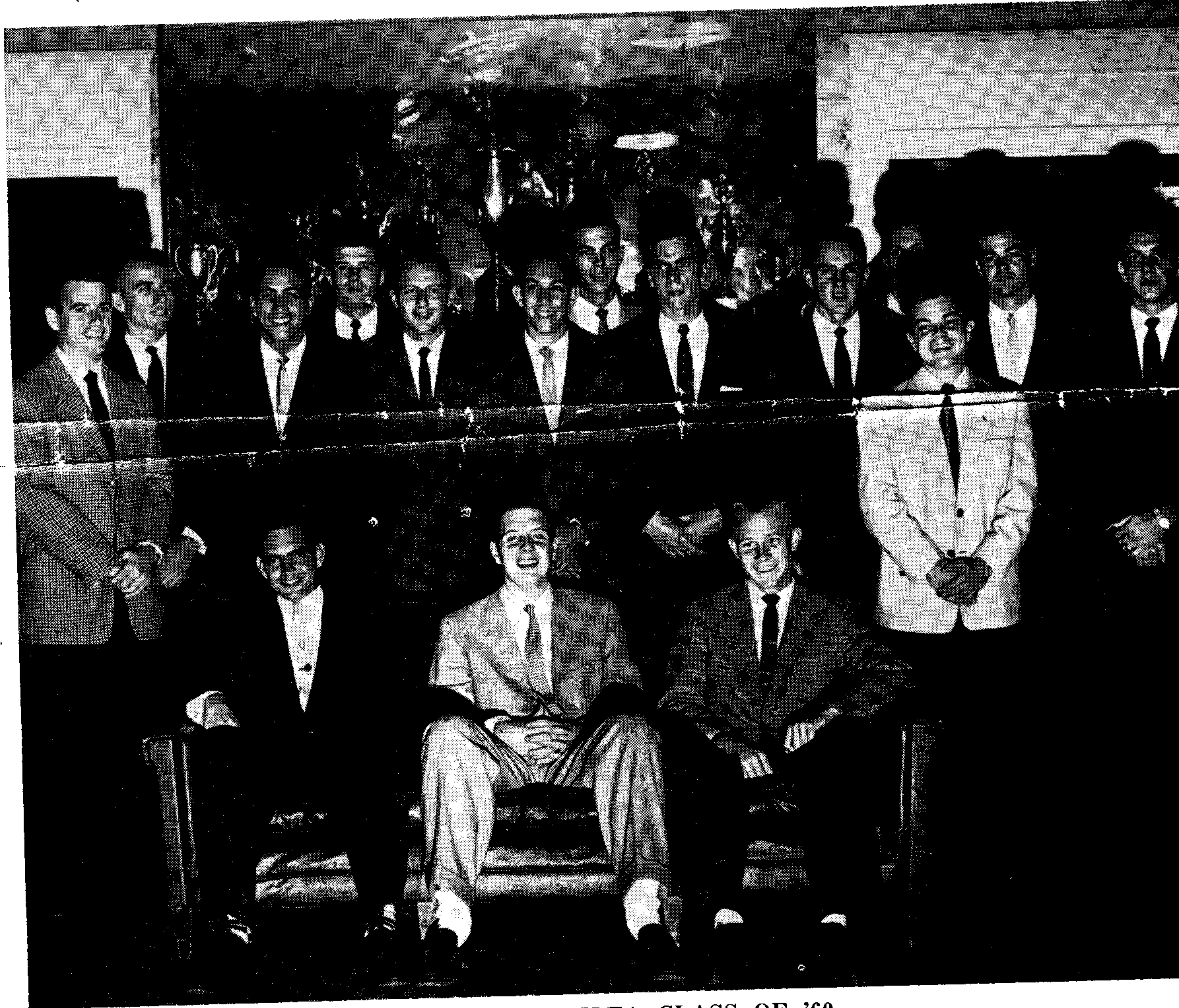
"Wilkie," her nickname, was housemother once before here at the University of Alabama. The ATO's make only her second fraternity to work for, however, she has truly outdone herself in performing in filling the capacity of housemother. For instance, she not only feeds us excellent meals and maintains a profit making commissary department, but she also makes sure that our front living room has extra little features such as copper vases for flowers (she also grows the flowers outside her window in a flower bed she made), and just such other details that she takes care of that makes our life here at Beta Delta chapter more pleasant. She has made such a name for herself as being the ideal housemother that when other fraternities hire new housemothers with little experience they all seem to come to our "Wilkie" for council and advice. This is certainly a credit to her performance.

## Beta Delta Delegates At Congress

Emmett Cox and Wiley L. Worthy Master and Worthy Keeper of the Exchequer respectively were our chapter delegates to Forty-Third Alpha Tau Omega Congress which met at Mackinac Island, Michigan, September 1956. En route to Mackinac Bro. Cox and Brother Long to several eastern states, visiting T.O. chapters on the way. While in Richmond, Va., they noted plaque at 114 East Clay Street commemorating the founding of the fraternity there in 1865.

At Congress Brother Cox served on the Ways and Means Committee and Brother Long attended Chapter Officers Conference. One A.T.O. chapter was not presented at Congress, and although gave very encouraging report. A couple of highlights were the address by Worthy Grand J. Milton Richardson and the address at the Congress Banquet by Worthy Grand Chaplain F. Braugh.

Mackinac Island is a choice sort spot and a perfect setting for an A.T.O. Congress. Fellowship with Alpha Taus from forty states and Canada was quite experience, and the entire congress was most enjoyable and formative.



BETA DELTA CLASS OF '60

Bottom left to right: Jack Patterson, Fred Ingram, Frank Moody, John Arant, Dick Ball, Greer Megginson, Gordon Martin, Lynn Reeves, Julian Graddick, Wilbur Huphman, Billy Hill; Edwin Harrell, Bob Roy Woodruff, Jack Thorington, Tommy Stallworth.