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Derrill "Del" Pratt 1907

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Beta Delta Chapter, it is my privilege to give you my perspective of the state of affairs of our chapter. As a member of Beta Delta for over 50 years, I have seen both good and bad times at our chapter. In my judgment, Beta Delta is better and stronger than it has ever been and is a model for what a college fraternity ought to be in the 21st century. Beta Delta, like the Crimson Tide, is in the midst of a dynasty!



ATΩ is thriving like never before in a new chapter house on University Boulevard, thanks to the hard work of Brothers **Alan King '71**, **Barrie Harmon '66**, **Tom Curtin '74**, **Stan Starnes '66**, and others who put together a fundraising effort that netted pledges of over \$1.8 million from the alumni base. Please visit the new house, as I know you will be proud of it.

I also cannot begin to tell you what an incredible job the members of the Board of Trustees do for our chapter. **Jim Kennemer '69**, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, together with **Marc Brakefield '77** and **Sam Faucett '53** of the House Corporation, has done excellent work managing our finances and keeping the cost of being an ATΩ affordable. The total house bill for living in the new house is lower than the least expensive new housing at UA (plus meals). Our finances are sound, we are in the black, and the House Corporation is accruing reserves for the future.

But much better than the new bricks and mortar and the positive state of our finances are the men that pass through the doors of the new house each day. The membership of Beta Delta represents the best of the best at the University. These are good guys who have their share of good times, all the while being members of a drug- and alcohol-free house.

Our chapter is the academic leader among fraternities at the University. We have 160 members and rank second in overall fraternity G.P.A., with over 12% of members earning a 4.0 last term and 38% on the Dean's List with a 3.5 or better. Additionally, our members are leaders

on campus. Many have been tapped into Jasons, Order of Omega, ODK, and Mortar Board over the past few years. Four current members are UA Fellows and two are in the Computer Honors College. Last year, Worthy Master **Mark Foley '09** was named the Order of Omega Outstanding Fraternity President and current Worthy Master **Marlan Golden '11** was named Order of Omega Sophomore of the Year.

We have been very fortunate to have men like **Jameson Hughston '08** and **Mark Drew '10** lead us as Worthy Masters, along with all who served with them on the executive committee. I have not even mentioned how many times Beta Delta has performed exceptionally on the athletic fields or the incredible philanthropic efforts that are a top priority for the chapter, including the RISE program and tornado relief.

Beta Delta is also a leader among ATΩ. Last year we were awarded True Merit by National and, according to a recent e-communication from National President Wynn Smiley, Beta Delta is in the "fast lane" to earn True Merit Chapter recognition again. It has been two years since Beta Delta won the top chapter in ATΩ, but this year may be the charm. No chapter in ATΩ is stronger than Beta Delta.

Lastly, let me thank **Amos Burns '49**, **Walter Hughes '60**, and the late **Hubert Kessler '60** for encouraging me to serve on the Board of Trustees. I would hope that every member of Beta Delta could have the same opportunity to serve. It has been an absolutely wonderful experience to get to know better the brotherhood that is ATΩ. And to all of my brothers past and present, I love and respect you all and hope to see our chapter grow even stronger and thrive for years to come!

Fraternally,
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Thank You, Brothers, for Your Generous Support

We are extremely grateful to the following 18 brothers and friends, who contributed \$3,325 to the new *Historical Preservation Annual Campaign* we started in the fall. The support you give makes a difference to our chapter and its future. Our undergraduate brothers greatly appreciate your generosity. We hope more alumni will join their brothers and contribute to our new campaign to assist in funding historical preservation and the newsletter.

Beta Delta Roll Tide Member (*\$1,000 and above*)

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This campaign is separate and apart
from the capital campaign.*



Brothers Andrew Foley '12 and Jim Larsen '12 enjoy a band party with their dates during the fall semester.



ATΩ COMPLETES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER CHAPTER MAKES IMPRESSIVE STRIDES IN RECRUITMENT, ACADEMICS, AND PHILANTHROPY

As Beta Delta enters the spring, we continue to set the bar at the University of Alabama in academics, athletics, scholarship, social, and service activities. The chapter boasted the largest membership total for all fraternities on campus during the fall and is thriving in our second year in the new chapter house on University Boulevard.

BETA DELTA POSTS 3.27 G.P.A.

The Beta Delta Chapter had a very successful fall semester. After receiving our 11th True Merit bowl in August, the chapter pledged 47 young men. These pledges represent some of the most outstanding freshmen on UA's campus. They have already become involved in many areas of campus life and earned a 3.25 pledge class G.P.A. Our active brothers collectively earned an impressive 3.28 G.P.A.

CHAPTER MAKES ITS MARK ON CAMPUS

We continue to build on the chapter's rich legacy of having a strong campus presence with two vice presidents of the Student Government Association, members of The Blackburn Institute, Capstone Men and Women, and have two brothers serving as presidents of their respective honor societies. The chapter enjoyed a full social schedule filled with parties and swaps.

40 MEMBERS INITIATED INTO THE BROTHERHOOD

Initiation was held on January 26 at the chapter house, followed by a reception for 40 new initiates and their parents. **Amos Burns '49** and immediate past ATΩ National President **Walter Hughes '60** addressed the new members and welcomed them into our brotherhood. The annual White Tea Rose formal was held in February aboard the Creole Queen riverboat in New Orleans. Brothers and their dates enjoyed the music of a Motown band as the Creole Queen made its way down the Mississippi River.

ATΩ GIVES BACK

In February, Beta Delta sent 23 brothers to volunteer at the Red Nose Ball in Birmingham to benefit Camp Smile-A-Mile. **Denny Hughes '86** served as board chairman for Camp SAM and helped connect the active brothers with this incredible service opportunity. ATΩ hosted a philanthropy cookout at the chapter house on February 28, which raised nearly \$6,000 to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI

We are fortunate to have such a strong alumni base of Beta Deltas. Your leadership and continuous support demonstrate to the active chapter what a lifetime commitment to Alpha Tau Omega truly means. The pledges and brothers enjoyed greeting alumni at the chapter house during football game weekends. We would love to have you stop by to visit Beta Delta's new home any time you are in Tuscaloosa.



Fraternally,
Marlan Golden '11, Worthy Master
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Brothers assist with a Habitat for Humanity build project in Alberta, where the community was devastated by tornado damage.



Brothers Daniel O'Quinn '13 and Zach Ayers '13 with their dates aboard the Creole Queen riverboat during spring formal in New Orleans.



Congratulations, Seniors!

Beta Delta Chapter would like to extend hearty congratulations to the 23 senior members graduating this May. If your firm is looking for sharp new graduates in a specific career field, why not contact one of your fellow ATOs who might still be seeking a job opportunity? Simply e-mail, request their résumé, and schedule an interview. Their fraternity leadership skills and valued education at UA will be immediate assets to your organization.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR HOMECOMING

The men of Beta Delta hope you have a great spring and summer and invite you to visit us in the fall for all home football games. And be sure to plan ahead for Homecoming on October 5, 2013. More details will be provided at a later date. We hope to see you there!



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Derrill "Del" Pratt 1907, Alabama's First Major League Baseball Player



With baseball season in full swing, we wanted to highlight the first Major League Baseball player from the University of Alabama, and one of our brothers, **Derrill "Del" Pratt 1907**.

Del, from Pell City, Alabama, was initiated into Alpha Tau Omega Beta Delta in 1907. He was a running back and drop-kicking star for the University of Alabama from 1907 to 1909. Del beat Clemson with a 49-yard field goal and Georgia with a 50-yard field goal in 1909. He played in the last Alabama-Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn) football game until the series was renewed in 1948.

Following graduation, Del led the Southern League in hitting in 1911 with a .316 batting average. He was the clean-up hitter in 1920 behind Babe Ruth in "Murderers' Row" with the New York Yankees, batting .314. Brother Pratt was an infielder with St. Louis, New York, Boston, and Detroit from 1912 to 1923. Del was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1972.

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 their contact information to the recruitment chairmen listed to the left.