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BETA DELTA CHAPTER, FOUNDED 1885

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CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES AT BETA DELTA

Campaign Goal Raised to \$2 Million

Thanks to our loyal alumni, it has begun: the construction of our great new house in a prime location on University Boulevard. The new house will symbolize the character and aspirations of all ATΩs for many decades to come, as our current house has for the past four decades.

The hope is to have the house ready for the fall 2011 semester. Some of its features include:

- Almost 28,000 square-foot living/learning center
- Dining room with seating for all of our 150 actives and pledges
- Redesigned main floor with expanded social and study spaces
- Live-in capacity for 40 actives, with private rooms and a shared bath for each two rooms
- Iconic chapter room located on the top floor
- Comprehensive security, smoke detection and fire suppression systems

We have received more than \$1.62 million in pledge commitments to date, but we are not finished. Because of cost increases in the construction market, we need to raise \$250,000 more than our original \$1.75 million goal. **To reach \$2 million, we need your participation.**

When the original budgets were done, the construction committee was optimistic that we could take advantage of the historically low construction costs. Unfortunately we missed the bottom and the construction costs came back about 15% higher than they were just six months earlier. **That is why we are asking those of you who have not yet contributed to please do so now.** If you have already contributed and can dig a little deeper, please do so. Even at the new campaign goal, the chapter will have a substantial seven-figure mortgage to pay down. Those payments will directly determine the size of the house bills,

the recruiting base, and the financial strength of the chapter. Keeping the total debt at a serviceable level is critical to the chapter's finances.

If you can possibly help us lower the cost in other ways, such as providing light fixtures, floor covering, drywall, or furnishings, we need to hear from you.

Beta Delta is the leading fraternity on campus and the top ATΩ chapter nationally. The new house will position us for continued leadership for the next 40+ years. We're sure you have personal memories of ATΩ that warm your heart and still influence your life today. Your help is needed now to provide similar opportunities to the future generations of our ATΩ brothers.

Love and Respect,
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Amos Burns Challenge Has Been Met!

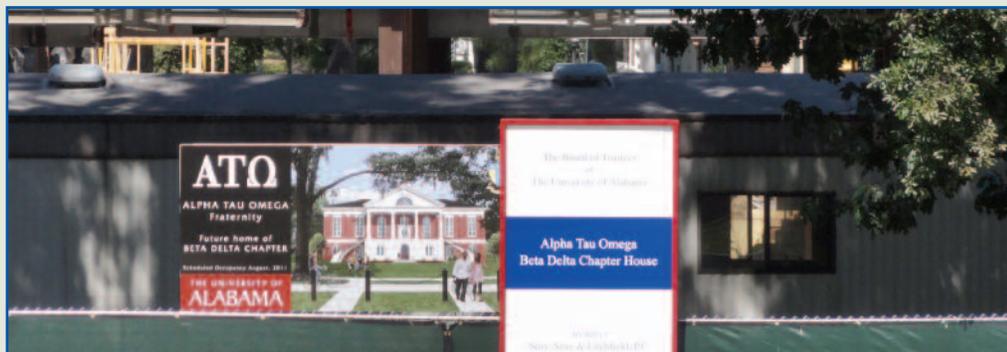
Thank you to all alumni who participated in our Amos Burns \$100,000 challenge. The challenge has been met and, as a result, we are closer to reaching our campaign goal!



The second floor of the new chapter house is in progress.



An up-close look of the detail on the side walls of the house.



The sign for the future site of the Beta Delta chapter house. We are deeply grateful for our supporters. Thank you, loyal alumni!

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$1.62 MILLION

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$1.62 million 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 to complete construction.

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)

Anonymous
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 O. 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
Billy Kitchens '51
William A. Hughes '53
Sam P. Faucett III '53
Archie Norton '53
James E. Harmon Sr. '54
Long Family Gift
Wiley P. Long Jr. '54
Wiley P. Long III '82
Arthur L. Brooke '55
I. Drayton Pruitt Jr. '56
William A. Williamson Jr. '56
James H. Alford Jr. '56
Richard A. Ball Jr. '57
J. Fredric Ingram '57
Don B. McGinty '58
Robert S. Clayton Jr. '59
H. Carlton Rushin '59
Hubert J. Kessler '60

Robert B. Harwood Jr. '60
Walter J. Hughes '60
Horace C. Hunt Jr. '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
Bruce S. Reid Sr. '71
Alan L. King '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
Jeffrey P. Lisenby '87
Daniel J. Justice '87
Louie M. Holmes II '88

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
Lee J. Styslinger Jr. '53
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
Joseph R. Henry '59
John L. Marty Jr. '59
Rusty Stewart '63
John A. Screws '63
J. Turner Hudson III '65
Douglas Lindley '65
T. 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
Roger W. Franklin '77
Preston L. Reynolds '77

Jeffrey L. Luther '79
C. Dennis Hughes '86
R. Scott Allen '88
Dr. G. Ashton Wells III '88
C. Alan Ogles '89
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)

Gray H. Hunter '51
G. Clay Nettles '52
John S. Megginson Jr. '56
William I. Hill II '57
John C. Arant '57
A. Greer Megginson '57
M. Lynn Reeves Jr. '57
A. Fox deFuniak III '59
Michael D. Knight '59
P. Jack Anderson Jr. '62
Daniel M. Dunlop II '68
James M. Shannon Jr. '68
Gilbert C. Steindorff III '68
James H. Farris Jr. '69
Gary R. Kessler '69
C. Floyd Larkin '69
Douglas D. James '70
In honor of
Vance J. James '79
George R. Vogle '72
W. Dean Azar '75
Douglas S. Reynolds, M.D. '75
Vaughn M. Stewart II '75
Joseph F. Curtis Jr. '80
David A. McDowell '82
Edward S. Pearson '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
G. Brent Kelley '93
Thomas J. House Jr. '02
Mitch Relfe '04
Alex Teel '04

Brotherhood Society

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

Anonymous
John R. Coleman '52
Kenneth T. Woodsides '52
Emmett R. Cox '54
William A. Schoel Jr. '54
Milton C. Wilson '54
In honor of
Amos Burns '49

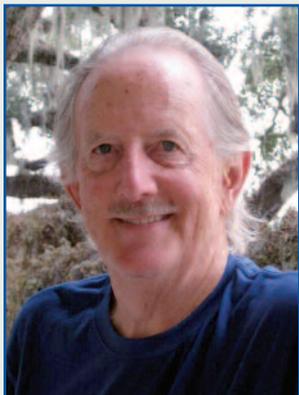
CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of October 19, 2010

\$2 Million Goal
1,196 Mailable Alumni
215 Contributors
\$1,620,827 Total
Contributions

John D. Yelverton Jr. '55
John W. Petrey '56
Allen M. Tartt Jr. '56
R. Frank Ussery '56
Robert D. Watson '56
Robert R. Jolly '57
George B. Dibble Jr. '58
Henry P. Lisenby '62
Robert R. Snellgrove '62
Jerry L. Carnes '64
Thomas T. Gallion III '64
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
Jeff Underwood '72
John N. Balabanos '73
Jeffery H. Long '74
H. Randy Reed '74
Gregory R. Houston '75
James E. Pewitt, D.M.D. '76
John Martignoni '77
Robert W. Davis Jr., Psy.D. '78
Carter O. Franklin '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
Lane Wilson '87
R. Kane Burnette '99
W. Zachary Riddle '02
Jack Alvey '03
Adam T. Komegay '03
Christopher Jordan '06
Andrew M. Tucker '06

Lee Jack Powell '58 Donates for ATΩ's Continued Success



Jack had the opportunity to meet a lot of the brothers and thought they were great guys all around.

Jack earned a bachelor of arts in history and mathematics from the University of Alabama. "I started out in economics but it wasn't the right route for me. I changed my major to history,

Lee Jack Powell '58 has accumulated a number of invaluable memories from living in the Beta Delta house, which he has cherished for years. Jack grew up in Montgomery, Alabama. He was impressed with the quality of men in Beta Delta from the beginning. During recruitment, he liked the upper-classmen who had pledged Alpha Tau Omega.

which I love, and decided I was going to enjoy my time on campus while getting an education. My goal was to build up a solid background and find a job that would allow me to gain experience to be successful in life. I feel as though I did this."

Supporting the *Building on Tradition for the Future of Beta Delta* campaign is essential to Jack because he sees alumni contributions as a necessity to ATΩ's continued success. "The new chapter house will be a great structure on the University and is essential to secure Beta Delta's future on the campus of Alabama."

Jack recently celebrated his 40th year with Morgan Keegan & Company, though he is somewhat retired as a managing director. During his free time, Jack enjoys playing golf and tennis and reading. Jack and his wife, Judy, have two children, who are both married, as well as three grandchildren. They spend most of the year in Sea Island, Georgia, but still get back to Memphis to see family and friends.

STAN STARNES '66 GIVES BACK FOR FUTURE BETA DELTA PROSPERITY

When **W. Stancil Starnes '66** joined Alpha Tau Omega, little did he know what a tremendous impact it would have on his life. "Every day revealed the fraternity as being a central part of my collegiate experience." Stan met a variety of individuals from different backgrounds in ATΩ but said they all had a common thread—commitment to the chapter, which let him know it was where he belonged.

Stan identifies his Beta Delta friendships as invaluable. "One thing that made the experience so rewarding was the joy that lay in the day-to-day routines of the fraternity experience. What I remember the most was how big of an impact ATΩ had on each and every day during my time at Alabama." He urges undergraduates to cherish every moment they have because it will go by all too fast.

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repay the benefits we gained from our time in Beta Delta. Rarely do these opportunities come along and, when they do, we need to take full advantage of them."

It is for this reason Stan donated to the *Building on Tradition* campaign. "The fraternity had such a positive experience on my life and while I can never fully repay that obligation; this is a small way to help. Secondly, it was an opportunity to help the fraternity sustain success for the future. The fraternity provides an environment for maturation that is not available in any other area in the collegiate experience. This must be preserved."

Stan earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is the CEO of ProAssurance. He and his wife, Joan, live in Birmingham and have two sons, J.T. and Will; a daughter, Amanda; and four grandchildren. In his free time, Stan likes to read, exercise, golf, and fish. To contact Stan, e-mail him at ssarnes@proassurance.com.



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BETA DELTA CHAPTER SUCCEEDS AT UA

MEMBERS SERVE COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS

The Beta Delta Chapter enjoyed yet another successful semester at the University of Alabama this spring. The 125th anniversary celebration held here in Tuscaloosa highlighted our semester. The chapter is extremely grateful for the outstanding alumni presence at our anniversary, and we all thoroughly enjoyed meeting and interacting with so many of you.

BETA DELTA SERVES THE COMMUNITY

We partnered with the Student Alumni Association in the Rise and Shine Golf Tournament, which was held at Bent Brook Golf Club in Bessemer. Together we raised over \$8,500 for the Rise School in Tuscaloosa. Our members also volunteered throughout the semester, for a combined 6,800 hours of community service.

MEMBERS INVOLVED IN SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP ON CAMPUS

Once again, our chapter had the highest G.P.A. among fraternities, with a 3.28, which is quite an accomplishment considering our chapter is over 130 members strong. Many of our members received awards and were inducted into numerous honor societies: Anderson Society, Jasons Mens Honorary, Mortar Board, Blue Key, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Order of Omega. The Beta Delta Chapter continues to have a strong presence on campus, with members being involved in the Student Government Association, the Blackburn Institute, Capstone Men and Women, and other organizations.

RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

We are excited to bring in a pledge class of 46 impressive young men, and recruiting is already underway for 2011. We greatly appreciated alumni support during recruitment. For future recruitment events and recommendations, **Bryan Whisenant '10**, our chairman, can be contacted at bswhisenant@crimson.ua.edu, and our assistant chairman, **Jimmy Shannon '10**, can be contacted at jimshannon91@gmail.com.

We would all love for you to join us at the ATΩ house for lunch on home football Saturdays. We look forward to seeing you!

Love and Respect,

Jameson Hughston '08, Worthy Master
(256) 366-6838 | jjhughston@gmail.com



Receiving awards at Congress, left to right: **Walter Hughes '60**, **Ben Gravlee '07**, Worthy Master **Jameson Hughston '08**, **Amos Burns '49**, **Joe Hart '09**, **Sam Walston '07**, and ATΩ CEO **Wynn Smiley**.

Charles "T.O." McDowell '78 Joins the Beta Delta Board of Trustees



Beta Delta is pleased to have **Charles "T. O." McDowell '78** join the Board of Trustees. T.O. is originally from Prattville and now resides in Birmingham with his wife, Wendy, a UA graduate. They have two sons, Will, who attends college in San Francisco, and **Clay '10**, who is a sophomore at Beta Delta. T.O. is the senior vice president at First Protective, an insurance and investment company. T.O. was the house

manager during his time in the chapter and was involved in recruitment. Now he is on the capital campaign committee for the new chapter house. T.O.'s younger brother, **David '83**, was Beta Delta Worthy Master. T.O. is active in community programs, including the Mountain Brook Sports Corporation. The Beta Delta Board of Trustees welcomes T.O. and knows that he will use his talents to serve our chapter well.

Beta Delta Named Top Chapter in Nation

It just keeps getting better and better for Beta Delta and for the University of Alabama. The 79th biennial ATΩ Congress was held in Orlando, Florida, on August 4-7, and Beta Delta was named the Top Chapter in the nation! What an incredible honor for the men in the chapter and for our alumni. From the well-rounded men who maintain the highest grades on campus, take part in a multitude of campus activities and yet have a social calendar second to none, to our outstanding alumni, this award is for everyone. Our chapter's success in reaching the mountaintop has been a true team effort. We can all be immensely proud.

Beta Delta received other awards as well, including the True Merit Award for the ninth time and for the fifth year in a row. Only about 20 chapters receive the True Merit Award each year. We also received the Excellence in Recruiting Award, Excellence in Scholarship Award, Excellence in Financial Management Award, Excellence in Leadership Award, and Upper Alpha Award for our incredible group of alumni on the Board of Trustees. This is excellent news for our chapter and is indicative of the strong support from our alumni and wonderful undergraduate brothers.



Beta Delta 125th Celebration Raises the Bar at UA



Left: Stan Starnes '66 was the keynote speaker at the 125th anniversary banquet. Middle: Hubert Kessler '60, Cindy Kessler, Fox deFuniak '59, and Sara Lynn deFuniak. Right: Tom King Jr. '68, Buddy Humphrey '69, Gary Kessler '69, and Jim Shannon '68 gather for a photo at the banquet held at the Paul W. Bryant Conference Center.

A capacity crowd of more than 425 chapter members, alumni, ATΩ National officers and directors, (including CEO Wynn Smiley), university administrators, wives, and dates celebrated the 125th anniversary of Beta Delta at the University of Alabama on April 24, 2010, at the Paul W. Bryant Conference Center.

The weekend began on Friday evening with a cocktail party at the Hotel Capstone. On Saturday, chapter members, alumni, and guests enjoyed breakfast at the ATΩ house, followed by tours of the Westervelt Warner Museum and the UA sports facilities and academic center. Everyone returned to the house for lunch. The historic groundbreaking ceremony for the new house took place in the early afternoon, and a cocktail party was held at the Bryant Museum prior to the evening banquet.

Stan Starnes '66 was the keynote speaker and inspired all in attendance with the importance of our fraternity to college life and the impact of ATΩ for a lifetime. **Judge Alan King '71** coordinated the weekend activities and served as master of ceremonies. A highlight of

the evening was a multimedia presentation of the 125-year history of Beta Delta and the University of Alabama. Beta Delta alumni attended from Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. Topping off the memorable weekend and evening at the Bryant Conference Center was the entertaining 1970s party band, Lava Lamp, fronted by our own multi-talented **Stewart Moore '85**.

Seventeen alumni who were initiated between 1885 and 1939 were inducted into the inaugural Beta Delta Hall of Honor. Two alumni from the modern era who have served Beta Delta in Tuscaloosa for over 50 years were also inducted: **Amos Burns '49** and **Sam Faucett '53**. A listing of the Hall of Honor inductees and their biographical information can be found at our Web site, www.atoalabama.com. The chapter plans to induct three to five alumni into the Hall of Honor during a ceremony to be held each spring.

As Beta Delta ATΩs, we can take enormous pride in our history and tradition, 125 years and counting.



Left: Vaughn Stewart '75 and date, Mrs. Wilkerson, and Mark Wilkerson '76. Middle: Stewart Moore '85, lead singer of Lava Lamp. Right: Susan and Tom Curtin '74 attended the Friday night cocktail party at the Hotel Capstone.

SAVE THE DATE "The Grand Finale" A-Day, April 2011

After the A-Day game in April 2011, Beta Delta will have "The Mother of All Parties," aka "The Grand Finale" at the ATΩ house on Jefferson Avenue.

If possible, there will be a second band set up at the new house on University Boulevard, and halfway through the evening we will move the party to our new house. All alumni are invited to this momentous occasion. Plan to stay in Tuscaloosa on Saturday night to celebrate the closing of one glorious door and the opening of another.

More details will follow in January. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Happy Holiday Season from Beta Delta

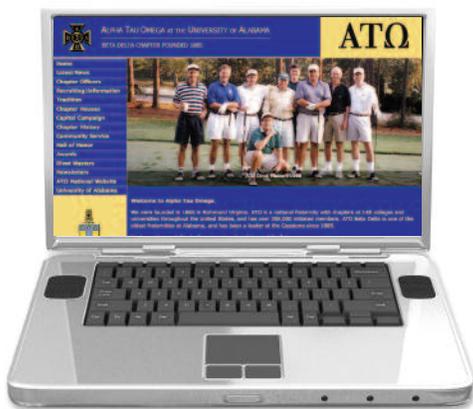
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Beta Delta has a New Web Site www.atoalabama.com

Visit our new Web site to see chapter updates, event information, campaign updates, and much more! We're excited to have this new feature, and we hope you enjoy it.



*"We all had an invaluable ATΩ experience that has created a lifetime of memories and friendships. This new house will establish the foundation of Beta Delta for future generations."
- Barrie Harmon '66*

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

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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

Thomas F. Champion '35
George W. Cumming '38
John R. Israel '39
Charles E. Fleming '47
Michael E. Richards '61
Jack Guyton (Honorary Initiate)

ALUMNI NEWS

Yetta G. Samford Jr. '42 says he enjoys planning day trips to Alabama Homecoming, his only game of the year. Yetta hopes he and his wife, Mary, can stop by the chapter house some time.

G. Clay Nettles '52 retired after 36 years with the Foreign Service of the Department of State, during which he served in 13 different countries. Now, Clay travels often and divides his time between Chevy Chase, Md., and Destin, Fla. E-mail: clayecon@aol.com

Kenneth T. Woodsides '52 is comfortably retired residing in Atlanta, Ga. He has been married to his childhood sweetheart, Dorothy, for 55 years. They met in the first grade and both went on to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. They have five children, all of whom are married, and nine grandchildren.

C. Lee Walls '53 retired as president, chief executive officer, and chairman of Walls Newspapers Consultants in 2008. He resides in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Yvonne. E-mail: leewst@bellsouth.net

William A. Schoel '54 is active in the Rotary Club of Shades Valley and enjoys river boat cruises on the Rhine River in Germany. He has traveled to the Netherlands and Switzerland. Bill enjoys gardening in his spare time.

Joshua K. Payne '02 graduated from Washington and Lee law school in May 2008 and was student body president during his time there. He is employed as an associate at the law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin & White in Birmingham, Ala. E-mail: joshuakpayne@gmail.com