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The foyer of the ATΩ chapter house makes a great impression on all alumni, parents, and visitors.



The living room is a comfortable space where ATΩ can cheer on the Crimson Tide.



The TV room is one of many rooms where undergraduates can gather to play pool, study, or hang out.

BUILDING ON TRADITION FOR THE FUTURE OF BETA DELTA CAMPAIGN EXTENDED

Make a Contribution Today to Help Reach \$2 Million Goal

As the undergraduates enjoy the new Alpha Tau Omega chapter house, we proudly look back on the last few years. The efforts of those alumni who contributed to the campaign have made this building possible. However, we are still more than \$200,000 short of our \$2 million goal. We planned to end the campaign in 2011, but we are unable to do so because the amount we have left to raise is critical to the success of Beta Delta. In order to raise that amount, we have chosen to extend the campaign.

To reach our goal, this once-in-a-lifetime campaign calls for significant contributions in all giving levels. ATΩ has set the standard in Greek housing at the University of Alabama. We have built a premier facility that provides a place for undergraduates to meet, live, and build the bonds of brotherhood. The chapter house is a testament to the support and generosity of alumni.

If you haven't already visited the new chapter house, we encourage you to do so. It is immensely impressive in size and stature. Stop by the chapter house and see your dollars hard at work. The extension of the campaign is a true call for alumni from all decades to contribute. We want to ensure the future of Beta Delta.

To the many alumni who have contributed to the campaign, we thank you. However, the campaign is not complete. If you have not yet stepped forward and shown your support, we urge you to contribute and make a difference. Please take a moment and visit www.atoalbama.com, click on the capital campaign tab, print the pledge form, and follow the instructions. Alumni who contribute a minimum of \$1,000, payable over a five-year period, will have their names permanently displayed on a plaque in the foyer of the chapter house. The pledge form is yearly installments, but you are welcome to make quarterly or monthly payments, however it fits in with your budget.

Get involved in the final phase of the campaign and choose to give back to the fraternity that has meant so much to all of us.

Fraternally,
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of March 22, 2012

\$2 Million Goal

276 Contributors

1,129 Mailable Alumni

\$1,787,653 Total Contributions

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$1.7 MILLION

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$1,787,653 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

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(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Taylor H. Henry Jr. '54
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W. Davis Malone III '80

1885 Society

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

Anonymous
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T. Wayne Davis Jr. '65
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Barrett A. Burns '82

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

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C. Delaine Mountain '62
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Young W. Stevenson '63
Charles E. Ingalls '64
William M. Silsbee Jr. '65
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Dr. Winston M. Ashurst '71
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(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

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On behalf of
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Clark Reynolds '72
George R. Vogle '72
W. Dean Azar '75
Douglas S. Reynolds,
M.D. '75
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Joseph F. Curtis Jr. '80
Jeffrey P. Guyton '80
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Edward S. Pearson '82
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
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,
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In memory of
Tom King '42
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William A. Schoel Jr. '54
Milton C. Wilson '54
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John D. Yelverton Jr. '55
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John W. Petrey '56
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Steven M. Sandlin '66
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Rex V. Alexander '71
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James Mickle '71
J. Michael Monroe '71
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John N. Balabanos '73
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David R. King '78
Mark P. Williams '78
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Lane Wilson '87
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R. Kane Burnette '99
Lance H. Poole '00
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W. Zachary Riddle '02
Jack Alvey '03
Robert F. Boylan '03
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Justin D. Reynolds '06
Andrew M. Tucker '06

FORMER UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA PRESIDENT DR. RICHARD FOSTER 1911

A Lifetime of Dedication to Education and Helping Others

Dr. Richard Foster 1911 was born on July 12, 1895, in Demopolis, Alabama. He was elected by his peers as president of the freshman class at the University of Alabama in 1910 and was initiated into Alpha Tau Omega in 1911. Upon graduating in 1914 from UA with Phi Beta Kappa honors, he attended law school at Harvard and graduated with a law degree in 1917.



Dr. Foster served in WWI as an artillery captain. After the war, he returned to Tuscaloosa and practiced law with the firm Foster, Verner, and Rice. He later served two terms as president of the Southeastern Conference. In October 1936, he was unanimously elected by the UA Board of Trustees to succeed Dr. George Denny as president of the University.

Dr. Foster began his tenure as president on January 1, 1937. In his years as president he was beloved by the faculty and students. On Sunday, November 14, 1941, he developed a dull headache and by Monday morning there was numbness in his legs. He was taken to Druid City Hospital where he was diagnosed with Landry's disease, also known as creeping paralysis. On

November 19, 1941, Dr. Foster died at the age of 48. His death stunned the UA campus and the state of Alabama. Telegrams from around the state and nation poured into Tuscaloosa.

The UA Board of Trustees named Foster Auditorium as a tribute to this outstanding leader. For many years, it was home to the Alabama men's basketball team. Until the early 1970s thousands of students registered for classes each semester at Foster Auditorium. In 1963, Governor George Wallace made his infamous "stand in the school house door" speech from the auditorium. In 2009, the Alabama Board of Trustees approved the construction of a pedestrian plaza in front of Foster Auditorium to honor the courage of the civil rights pioneers who brought diversity to our university and to forever provide a beacon of light for openness, understanding, respect, and love. The plaza was dedicated in 2010.

Foster Auditorium now serves as the home for women's basketball and volleyball at Alabama. Alpha Tau Omega is proud of Dr. Richard Foster and his many accomplishments for our university, state, and region.

Alpha Tau Omega: Leaders on Campus and in the Community

The chapter is enjoying a successful semester. Our academics, campus involvement, and philanthropy highlight the success we have worked for and enjoyed as a chapter.

Chapter Obtains Academic Excellence

Beta Delta's fall overall chapter G.P.A. was 3.19. The newly initiated freshman class achieved a 3.34 G.P.A. We are extremely proud of all of our 150 members for maintaining great academic standards. The chapter continues to encourage academic achievement and our scholarship chairman is constantly looking for new ways to improve and aid members academically.

Beta Delta Welcomes 46 New Members

We initiated 46 new members into Alpha Tau Omega. Initiation was held on January 21 and was followed by a wonderful reception in the dining room. The new chapter house provided a spacious and welcoming space for the entire chapter. The keynote speaker was Alpha Tau Omega National President **Walter Hughes '60**. We are very pleased he was able to attend and share his thoughts. Alumni **Amos Burns '49** and **Walter Monroe '63** also attended initiation.

ATΩ Involved with the Hope Initiative

This spring, we will partner with the Hope Initiative in a bike drive that will benefit inner-city kids. We also hope



Last year, Davis Hill '11 participated in Alabama Action Abroad in Costa Rica through the UA Honors College. This summer, Davis is a student leader for the program in Ecuador.

RECOMMEND A MAN FOR RECRUITMENT

Do you know a young man who will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall? 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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Birmingham Alumni Christmas Social

Make Plans to Join Us This Year

The Birmingham Beta Delta alumni met at Rogue Tavern in downtown Birmingham for a Christmas gathering in December.

Montgomery Alpha Tau Omegas have been getting together before Christmas for several years and Birmingham wanted to expand that tradition to the Magic City.

We hope that the ATΩs in Huntsville, Mobile, Atlanta, and Memphis will join alumni in Montgomery and Birmingham to plan gatherings for December 2012.

Thank you to the following alumni who attended the Birmingham Christmas Party this year:

Fox deFuniak '59

Jim Shannon '68

John McCullough '69

Judge Tom King Jr. '68

Judge Alan King '71

Jim Owen '75

Mark Williams '78

Pat Thetford '79

Chris Landers '79

Bobby Lott '79

John McCune '80

Ryan Cox '81

John McGee '81

Patrick Hodges '82

Steven Graves '83

Denny Hughes '86

Trent Green '91

Jason Zarzaur '93

Tommy House '02



Birmingham alumni gathered at the Rogue Tavern for the annual Christmas party.



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Newsletter Editor Judge Alan King '71

There's Nothing Better than Fall Saturdays in Tuscaloosa

ALUMNI, JOIN US FOR
TAILGATING AND BROTHERHOOD

If you haven't made it back to campus for a football game in a while, join us this year.

Get to campus early with your family and stop by the house for an incredible pre-game meal. Visit with other alumni and swap some stories. Take the time to look around the new house and find your photo on a composite on one of the floors, play some pool, and chat with pledges and actives. On some game days, there is a band playing in the party room.

Then head over to the Quad where alumni from the 2000s have, for several years, been instrumental in setting up tents. There will also be food and refreshments available.

With the Million Dollar Band performing, fans from opposing schools and more than 100,000 Bama fans banter back and forth. Then everyone heads over to Bryant-Denny stadium to watch another beatdown by the Tide.

Fall Saturdays in Tuscaloosa. It doesn't get much better than that.

Leaders on Campus

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to host a cookout at the chapter house to raise funds for the Hope Initiative. The chapter values our relationship with the organization and looks forward to any volunteer opportunities that may arise in the future. Brothers also give of their time in other volunteer and student government organizations. All of this involvement results in a strong Beta Delta presence on campus.

Thank You, Generous Alumni

The chapter moved into the new chapter house last summer and we have now spent an entire semester in the most impressive house on campus. On behalf of the undergraduate chapter, I extend a thank-you to all Beta Delta alumni for your support. Without the alumni paving the way for our chapter, this house would not be possible. I invite everyone to stop by the chapter house when you are in Tuscaloosa. You and your family are always welcome.

Fraternally,

Mark Drew '10

Worthy Master

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