

DELTA THETA'S LETTER

An Alumni Publication of Beta Theta Pi at The University of Alabama ~ Fall 2008

ANOTHER WINNING SEASON AT BAMA \$1,646,901 Raised for the Capital Campaign Additional \$353,099 Needed to Reach our Goal

- *Delta Theta Earns Knox and Sisson Awards at National Convention*
- *Chapter Maintains Strong Academic Standing*
- *Back Porch Construction and Flooring Updates Completed*

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Delta Theta Wins Prestigious Awards at Convention

We've started another winning season at The University of Alabama, which began at the National Convention in August. Delta Theta won its second consecutive John Riley Knox Chapter of Excellence Award and third consecutive Francis H. Sisson Award. To put this in perspective, Beta Theta Pi has 119 chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Only eight won Knox awards, putting us in the top 7% internationally. Only 40 chapters have won Sisson awards.

Chapter Ranks in Top Six for Academics

Last year, Delta Theta's academics were excellent. The undergraduates earned over a 3.0 G.P.A. during the spring semester. Their strong academic standing placed them in the top six out of 31 fraternities on campus.

Chapter House Receives New Back Porch and Refinished Flooring

To continue Delta Theta's winning tradition, the House Corporation has constructed a back porch and refinished the floors in the dining room, hallways, television room, stairwells, and common areas. These improvements were done

completely with donated funds. The final bills are still coming in, but we anticipate the cost of these improvements to be \$150,000. Thanks to the hard work of the construction committee, **Dan Copeland '75, ΔΘ 257, Bill Owen '71, ΔΘ 174, and Jim McGriff '67, ΔΘ 90**, we were able to reduce the cost of the back porch and use that savings to refinish the floors.



Due to the hard work of back porch construction committee members Dan Copeland '75, ΔΘ 257, Bill Owen '71, ΔΘ 174, and Jim McGriff '67, ΔΘ 90, funding was saved on the new back porch and used to refinish the floors in the dining room, hallways, television room, stairwells, and common areas.

Your Support Needed for the Capital Campaign

Help Delta Theta maintain our winning ways by supporting the capital campaign. To date, 181 brothers have contributed nearly \$1.65 million. While we are grateful for the support thus far, we are still shy of our \$2 million goal. For more information on how you can support the campaign, please speak with any of the hardworking brothers who serve on the board of directors or the capital campaign chairmen.



Yours in -kai-,

Mark S. Boardman '77, ΔΘ 261

House Corporation President
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The newly constructed back porch at the chapter house was completed in August.

Accomplishments Multiply for Delta Theta

- *Recruitment a Success with 47 New Members*

- *Improvements Made to Delta Theta Pledge Education Program*

Chapter Presented Awards at General Convention in Dallas

The Delta Theta Chapter had another year of accomplishments on The University of Alabama campus and within Beta Theta Pi. The brothers of Delta Theta ranked sixth out of 31 fraternities on campus last spring with a 3.0 G.P.A. This was one of the 19 qualifications that contributed to the chapter winning our third consecutive Sisson Award, which was presented at Beta Theta Pi's 169th General Convention in Dallas, Texas, in August. The chapter is also proud to announce we were awarded our second consecutive Knox award; a feat that has been accomplished only a handful of times since the award's induction in 1996.

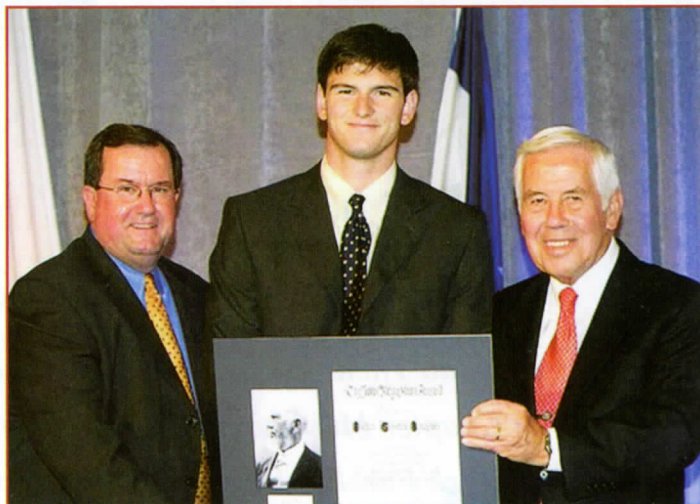
Thank-You Alumni and Friends for Help During Recruitment

The chapter concluded recruitment efforts this summer with 47 new members. The chapter would like to take this time to thank you, our alumni and friends of Beta, who contributed to our successful recruitment by donating time and providing referrals. Thank you all very much; your support is greatly appreciated.

Additions Made to Pledge Education Program with Leadership-Building Activities

The chapter has made several additions to the pledge education program with the help of District Chief and Board of Trustees Vice President **Joseph Troncale '63, ΔΘ 14**. These additions, which include many leadership-building activities, focus on instilling the principles of Beta Theta Pi in each new member in a constructive and positive manner. "The primary objective of the Delta Theta pledge education program is to take a group of high school graduates and mold them into college men and to accomplish this while being compliant with Beta's Positive Pledge Education Assessment," says Pledge Educator **Rob Fall '09, ΔΘ 736**.

This year the Delta Theta Chapter has accomplished so much; however, the chapter realizes this is not the time to quit. Beta Theta Pi has



Chapter President Matt Ficken '05, ΔΘ 738 accepts the John Riley Knox Chapter of Excellence Award during the National Convention from General Secretary Charlie Warner and Senator Richard Lugar. This is the second consecutive year the chapter received the award. Delta Theta also went home with our third consecutive Francis H. Sisson Award.

risen to the top of the Greek community at The University of Alabama and we intend on remaining a premier organization by pursuing excellence in all we do.



Yours in -kai-,
Matthew Ficken '05, ΔΘ 738
Chapter President
mmficken@bama.ua.edu



Alumni and friends gather at a Delta Theta tailgate. The active chapter invites you to join in on the socializing and refreshments and to cheer on the Crimson Tide.

SAVE THE DATE

Football Game Tailgates

Join us for tailgating during home football games at the house

Nov. 1 — Arkansas State (Homecoming)

Nov. 15 — Mississippi State

Nov. 29 — Auburn

Enjoy refreshments, reminiscing, and cheering on the Crimson Tide!

To order tickets, please visit www.rolltide.com.



Forty-four of the 47 new members welcomed into the chapter. This year's successful recruitment is attributed to the alumni and friends who donated their time and provided member referrals.

WELCOME, FALL 2008 NEW MEMBERS

Brad R. Bartlett <i>Duluth, Ga.</i>	Cameron L. Hood <i>Duluth, Ga.</i>	Tyler J. Nelson <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>
John R. Hamilton Bottcher <i>Vestavia Hills, Ala.</i>	Christopher G. Jackson <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>	John R. Orr III <i>Vestavia Hills, Ala.</i>
Justin R. Bunn <i>Helena, Ala.</i>	Michael J. Kelly <i>Ocala, Fla.</i>	Seton W. Parsons <i>Pell City, Ala.</i>
Drew L. Burke <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>	Andrew R. Klein <i>Houston, Texas</i>	Preston A. Patten <i>Austin, Texas</i>
Jesse A. Campbell <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>	Bart H. Knight <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>	Joseph R. Pinkston <i>Dallas, Texas</i>
Robert D. Cleveland <i>Dothan, Ala.</i>	Jack Knott <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>	Daniel B. Powell <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>
Ben B. Cravens Jr. <i>Houston, Texas</i>	Daniel T. Lantrip <i>Oak Mountain, Ala.</i>	Tyler J. Prichard <i>Columbus, Ga.</i>
Ross C. Durant <i>Mandeville, La.</i>	Clinton W. Lewis <i>Aliceville, Ala.</i>	William J. Reynolds <i>Trussville, Ala.</i>
Jarred R. Evans <i>Alpharetta, Ga.</i>	Bear A. Majester <i>Alpharetta, Ga.</i>	Andrew M. Swindle <i>Vestavia Hills, Ala.</i>
Ryland M. Everett <i>Dothan, Ala.</i>	Nate J. McCarter <i>Alpharetta, Ga.</i>	Lawton L. Terwilliger <i>Vestavia Hills, Ala.</i>
Fred G. Farthing <i>Columbia, SC</i>	Christopher A. McCormick <i>Dunwoody, Ga.</i>	Andrew D. Virciglio <i>Vestavia Hills, Ala.</i>
Sean M. Fitzhugh <i>Memphis, Tenn.</i>	John T. McGuire <i>Jasper, Ala.</i>	Brian A. Vukovich <i>Dothan, Ala.</i>
William J. Goozee <i>Oak Mountain, Ala.</i>	Robert B. McIntosh <i>Duluth, Ga.</i>	Richmond S. Walker <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>
Jonathan M. Graham <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>	Trevor L. McKee <i>Hoover, Ala.</i>	Andrew T. Whitaker <i>Birmingham, Ala.</i>
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Taylor D. Hendrix <i>Houston, Texas</i>		Luke S. Wood <i>Cullman, Ala.</i>

We Need Your Help to Complete the Fundraising

Make Sure Your Name Is Listed
at Preferred Giving Level on the
Permanent Donor Plaque

To date, our capital campaign has raised nearly \$1.65 million. Although this is an accomplishment to be proud of, we are still \$353,099 short of our \$2 million goal! We need you to help us close this gap.

- Over 25 percent of our living brothers have contributed to the campaign. If you have not made a pledge, please do so now. Time is running short and we know you want to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
- Many brothers have advanced their pledge payments, which has been helpful to maintain the cash flow needed during the construction of the new porch. If you are able, accelerating your pledge payments would be much appreciated.
- If you have pledged less than \$1,000, please help make up the difference with a supplementary pledge. Names of all donors who have committed \$1,000 or more will be displayed on a permanent plaque that will hang in the chapter house after the completion of the campaign.
- If you have pledged more than \$1,000, please consider pledging an additional amount to help us in the last lap. If you know of a brother who has not stepped forward to give, please give him an encouraging boost to make a pledge immediately.

Please review the way your name is listed on the donor list on page 4. If you would like it listed differently, contact Campaign Co-Chairman **Bryan Yokley '81, ΔΘ 334** at bryan.yokley@ey.com or (704) 844-1010.

Thank you for your loyal support of the *Our House. Our Future. The Campaign for Delta Theta.* Help us achieve our \$2 million campaign goal.

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DONOR TESTIMONIAL—BRANT SANDERS '65, ΔΘ 3

GIVING TO THE LEGACY

Alumnus Grateful for Delta Theta Experiences

Brant Sanders '65, ΔΘ 3 didn't think twice about giving to the capital campaign. "Giving is a personal decision each of us make. I gave to Beta because it means so much to me. The college and fraternity experience will be with me forever." Brant's experience with Delta Theta gave him lifelong memories and made him a better person; he was influenced in many ways. "This campaign is our legacy! Delta Theta did its part—now it is your turn to do your part. I hope to see a commitment, large or small, beside each brother's name; be a part of this campaign."

The fraternity had a tremendous impact on Brant's life. "Had it not been for my fraternity and college experience, I do not know if my life would have been as fulfilled," he said. Although his undergraduate years weren't

all fun and games, he explains his time at The University of Alabama was a highlight of his life.

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After graduation, Brant joined Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, where he worked for 30 years in sales and management. For the past 12 years, he has been in the investment business as vice president of Morgan Stanley in Birmingham, Alabama.

Brant lives in Birmingham with his wife, Karen, and has two sons, **H. Brantley Sanders III '89, ΔΘ 445** and **Jason H. Sanders '93, ΔΘ 532**, and one daughter, Sara. "Our family ties to The University of Alabama run deep," said Brant. His wife, children, daughters-in-law, and son-in-law are all graduates of UA. Contact Brother Sanders via e-mail at brant.sanders@morganstanley.com.

Alumni, We Thank You for Your Generosity

We sincerely appreciate the support you have given to Delta Theta. To date, alumni and friends of the chapter have contributed \$1,696,401 to *Our House. Our Future. The Campaign for Delta Theta*. Your loyal support not only helped build a new house for Delta Theta, but contributed to the newly constructed back porch and refinished flooring. Your generosity makes a difference every day in the lives of our members.

Below, listed by initiation year, are those who have supported the campaign. All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name as been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact Campaign Co-Chairman **Bryan Yokley '81, ΔΘ 334** to make corrections or to visit about named giving opportunities. He can be reached at bryan.yokley@ey.com or (704) 844-1010.

DRAGON SOCIETY
(\$250,000 and Up)

J. R. (Bob) Moody '65
Roy V. Swindal '70

OXFORD SOCIETY
(\$100,000 to 249,999)

Jerry L. Stewart '68
G. Kent Haney '71
Cathy and Mark Boardman '77
In memory of Ben Thomas

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

Donald J. Southard Jr. '65
Vann M. Herring '66
Ralph M. Hymer '81
Ellis S. Parker, Esq. '92
Ken E. Riley '93

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

Brant Sanders '65
John E. Hodges '66

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MEN OF PRINCIPLE SOCIETY
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In honor of
James D. Nabors Jr. '84
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DELTA THETA SOCIETY
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Joseph M. Troncale '63
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Aubrey V. Riley '65
Wayne L. Williams '65
Charles O. Newton '66
Tim L. Crowswhite '67
Ray M. Grigsby '67
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John E. Gamble '78
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Doug Nabors '84
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Brantley Sanders '89
Joseph M. Everly '91
Roger C. Wagerman '92
J. Ollie Newton '97
Stephen E. Bolt '98
Andrew C. Brock '98
In memory of
Wade Woodfin '95

ALUMNI UPDATE

Joseph M. Troncale '63 is the chief of District 20 for Beta Theta Pi and vice president for the board of trustees. He works in the financial operations department of Emory University. He and his wife, Judith, have two sons, David and John. E-mail: jtronca@emory.edu

Jackson L. Bostwick '65 is an actor, writer, and director. He lives in Mount Juliet, Tenn., with his wife, Elizabeth, and has one daughter, Erin. E-mail: capmarvel2@aol.com

Stephen J. Grenyo '65 is retired and lives in Las Vegas, Nev., where every day is a vacation and every meal is a buffet! He retired in 1994 from the U.S. government as a contracting officer. Steve rarely travels east of the Rockies but is always sure to wear his Bama crimson every Saturday in the fall. E-mail: stephengrenyo@lvcm.com

James C. Hill '67 lives in Denton, Texas, and is the pastoral care director for Denton Bible Church. He and his wife, Fairlylon, have two children, Heather and Ben. E-mail: jhill@dentonbible.org

John R. Ray '69 is the chairman and CEO of The Exchange Bank of Alabama in Gadsden. Ricky and his wife, Joan, have grown children. E-mail: rickyray@exba.com

James A. Byram Jr. '73 is a partner at Balch and Bingham in Montgomery, Ala. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, Elisabeth, and their son, Nicholas. E-mail: jbyram@balch.com

Phillip G. Hodges '74 holds a partnership at Hodges Ford Insurance Agency. He lives in Gadsden, Ala., with his wife, Myrna, and has children, Phillip Jr. and Lindsay. E-mail: phil@hodges-ford-insurance.com

Frederick L. Fohrell '75 has two daughters, Mary and Caroline. He and his wife, Kim, live in Owens Cross Roads, Ala. Fred is an attorney at the Wilmer and Lee firm in Huntsville. E-mail: ffohrell@wilmerlee.com

Martis E. Phillips '77 lives in Vestavia Hills, Ala. He and his wife, Pamela, have three children: Jennifer, Amanda, and Charles. Marty is the general sales manager at Edwards Chevrolet in Birmingham. E-mail: martisp@bellsouth.net

Steven C. Judge '78 is a physician assistant as the Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic in Florida. He and his wife, Tyressa, have two children, Michael and Jessica. E-mail: sjudgefish@aol.com

Dean Fritz '80 has two daughters, Rachel and Sarah. He and his wife, Jane, reside in

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LEADERSHIP SOCIETY (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Gary E. Blodgett '65
Kenneth L. Rainey Jr. '65
David M. Weems '66
James C. Hill '67
Anthony G. Cashio '68
Joseph W. Hudson '70
C. Scott Jackson '76
Ron H. Hughston '78
Dean Fritz '80
Jeff W. Hayes '81
Timothy P. Culpepper '83
Steven L. Cost '87
Joseph Schifano III '91
Aaron B. Thomas '91
John S. Carter '93
Jason H. Sanders '93
In honor of
Brant Sanders '65
James R. McAllister II '94
Vincent J. Graffeo '97
Russell McGriff '01
J. Brad Johnson '02
R. Blake Bailey '04
Jordan Hicks '05
Seth A. Carlisle '06
Michael Perez '06

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Dale B. Aston '66
James E. Riddle '66
Jim McGriff '67

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Benny A. Steward Jr. '69
In memory of
Michael "Yo Yo" Wyatt '68 and
Steve "Hondo" Hodges '67
Garry L. McClure '73
Col. Charles T. Clements '74
Ricky M. Stricklin '78
In honor of
Mark Boardman '77
Thomas A. Boardman '81
Butch Weed '81
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Greg W. Smith '89
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Jeffrey L. Schulte '91
John D. Troncale '94
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Matthew M. Ficken '05
Mayden A. Hogsed '05
Matthew T. Ladden '05
Scott M. Lucas '05

Michael D. Martin '05
J. Lyle Miller '05
Tucker B. Reeves '05
Brian D. Reynolds '05
Thomas G. Ritch '05
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S. Davis Wood '06

THREE STARS SOCIETY (Up to \$999)

Troy C. Hendrix '65
Robert L. Nabors '65

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of October 7, 2008

\$2 Million Campaign Goal

1,646,901

Total Commitments

637 Active Alumni

181 Contributors

Dr. Alfred C. Nichols '67
In memory of
Stephen Hodges '67,
Jody McNeff '67, and
Mike Wyatt '67
Thomas E. Gilbert '70
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David Wylie '71
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ALUMNI UPDATE

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Courtney E. Rogers '87 works for Davenport and Company as the senior vice president and on the board of directors. He lives in Richmond, Va., with his wife, Tonya, and their two children, Grayson and Carson. E-mail: crutils@comcast.net

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents. If your Beta Theta Pi son is still attending The University of Alabama, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Parent(s) _____

High school attended _____

Does prospect have a BΘΠ relative? _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Please submit prospect recommendations to:

Recruitment Chairman **Austin Overton '06, ΔΘ 769**

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