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The newsletter for alumni and friends of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Florida State University – Fall 2011

Alumni Receive Red Carpet Treatment at Alumni Weekend 2011



Chris Diaz '85 and Mark Easterling '85



Former Rush Chairman Nate Mozeleski '10 talks about our recruitment success with Robin Szabo '74.



The three-house, TAU-Plex, on Pensacola Street is the current home to ATO.

Seminole fans returned to Tallahassee in record numbers for the FSU vs. Oklahoma game weekend, and Alpha Tau Omega alumni received red carpet treatment from the actives during a series of alumni events at the TAU-Plex on Pensacola Street.

Following an alumni house corporation meeting at the chapter house on Friday afternoon, alumni reminisced and reconnected at the chapter house.

Grady Doss '67, Robin Szabo '74, Ash Williams '75, Skip Smith '79, Jim Topping '82, Matt Nasrallah '84, Tim Padgett '84, Chris Diaz '85, Mark Easterling '85, Jeff Fusile '86, Chuck Minter '88, Joe Didier '93, Fred Maglione '93, Garrick Wright '97 and Jon Colman '00 were among

the many alumni who stopped by Friday night for an Open House to view the new TAU-Plex (ATO's three-house complex). Brothers and alumni mixed inside the new Alumni Lounge where they received full attention from the actives and officers who did their best to make the night noteworthy. Brother **Nate Mozeleski '10** entertained alumni talking about the new pledge class and the chapter's success recruiting the best men at FSU.

"I've been to a lot of chapter events over the years," commented **Tim Padgett '84**, "but I've never seen the chapter go out of their way to make us feel welcome and show genuine interest as much as they did that night."

Many alumni made similar remarks

throughout the weekend.

Dozens more alumni returned in record numbers throughout the afternoon on Saturday to tailgate with the chapter behind the three-house TAU-Plex including **Peter Corrigan '79, Hank Didier '90, Kevin Reeves '92** and **Bryan Seaquist '93**. With a live band outside, catering by Po' Boys Creole Café and plenty of entertainment, alumni saw first-hand the success the chapter is experiencing.

"We really made a point to treat alumni to a great time," explained chapter president **Bret Tensfeldt '10**. "We're successful today because so many brothers established our foundation. I hope we demonstrated our commitment to alumni that weekend."

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Epsilon Sigma is Largest ATO Chapter in the Nation

Since re-chartering in January 2010, the Epsilon Sigma Chapter has grown to become the largest ATO chapter in the nation. Sitting at 115 actives, Epsilon Sigma leads the rest of the country in sheer numbers.

“We may be the largest ATO chapter in the nation, but we’re not the largest at FSU,” said chapter president **Bret Tensfeldt '10**. “We think our size is just right to maintain the brotherhood and selectivity that makes us so unique.”

Handshakes & Applause for the Chapter

Congratulations to ATO at FSU for winning the following recent awards:

- True Merit Honorable Mention (August 2011)
- Brotherhood of Excellence Award (April 2011)
- Philanthropy of Excellence Award (April 2011)
- Undefeated regular seasons in intramural basketball, softball and dodge ball
- Largest Spring Pledge Class at FSU (Spring 2011)



Chad Colley '10

Meet Chad Colley '10

Chad Colley '10 joined the FSU Football team as a walk-on in the spring of 2008, and is one of the most distinguished student-athletes on the squad. Colley is a double-major in civil engineering and pre-med biology and intends to enroll in medical school. He is a dean's list member since his arrival in the fall of 2007, twice a member of the All-ACC Academic Honor Roll and the recipient of a Golden Torch award.



Brothers at the chapter house



The ATO Intramural Football Team

Watch the ATO Rush Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN8AWSG6IQA>

Brothers Support the *2011-12 Inner Circle* to Restore ATO Artifacts

The new TAU-Plex, ATO's three-house complex on Pensacola Street, provides a wonderful and long-awaited opportunity to bring all members of the chapter together and display some of the fraternity's most precious artifacts.

"We lost a lot of historical material in the fires of 1982 and 1999," said long-time alumni treasurer **Skip Smith '79**, "but still have some key pieces that we need to preserve and protect."

Preserving many of these pieces is a central focus of the *2011-12 Inner Circle* campaign. Alumni are asked to support the campaign and help protect and preserve ATO memorabilia by making a gift of \$120 or more (just \$10 a month if you choose the monthly payment plan).

Revenue generated by this very important campaign connects alumni to the chapter through the website at www.atofsu.com, the alumni newsletter program and alumni events. Gifts to this campaign will also restore more of our history to the new TAU-Plex houses. The new chapter houses lack many of the trophies and regalia alumni remember from their time in the chapter house. Those composites not lost in the 1982 or 1999 fires are damaged. The reclaimed ATO Badge from the 1982 fire is still around, but needs protection behind a glass case from the mischievous hands of rival fraternities who like to "borrow" equipment from their competitors.

By supporting the *Inner Circle* this year, alumni contributions fund our alumni communication and outreach efforts and preserve old composites, the ATO Badge and other memorabilia.

"Giving is easy," explained House Corporation President **Fred Maglione '93**. "Alumni who want to see these efforts move forward can make a pledge and contribution online at www.atofsu.com."

The Impact of Alumni Support

Thanks to the recent generosity and financial support of alumni . . .

- Our chapter now resides in the 3-building "TAU-Plex" on Pensacola Street that is the envy of every other FSU fraternity. Complete with 36 private bedrooms and bathrooms, it is just a short walk from Doak Campbell Stadium.
- We've placed the oval Fraternity of the Year and IM Championship wood markers from the old house on 810 West Tennessee Street in the new TAU-Plex
- We've placed the old Maltese Cross recovered from the 1982 fire in the new TAU-Plex. However, we need to encase it in glass to protect it further.
- We can mail this newsletter to all alumni.

Do you have news you'd like to share with your brothers? Post interesting information about yourself online at www.atofsu.com. Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Retire? Let us know. Post your news today.

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Visit the Alpha Tau Omega website

Visit www.atofsu.com, the official Epsilon Sigma alumni website, to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni
- Update your address, phone number and email address
- Find out about upcoming events
- Post noteworthy accomplishments (a new baby, a recent marriage, a recent promotion, etc.)
- Preserve ATO artifacts by contributing to the *ATO – Inner Circle 2011-12* campaign

Brother to Brother

Florida Governor Rick Scott recognized former Florida attorney General, Secretary of State and FSU Board of Trustees Chairman **Jim Smith '59** during the 2011 Florida Heritage Awards Ceremony honoring Floridians who have made contributions to the state in historic preservation, literature, folk heritage, public service, the arts and entertainment.

Ron Phillips '82 is president and CEO of Republic Consultants, LLC, which specializes in working with defense, national security, health care, transportation, technology, aerospace and aviation organizations and corporations in order to help advance their federal policy objectives in Washington.

Jeff Fusile '86 joined WellPoint in July 2011 as senior vice president and chief financial officer, Strategic Business Units and Centers of Enterprise Excellence. He will lead all financial analysis and planning activities for WellPoint with responsibility for budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting, and annual and long-range planning.

In addition to practicing law, **Hank Didier '90** recently founded a new company, Vantage Capital Consultants, to help people make the decision about whether or not to sell their structured settlements or annuities.

Bert Kreischer '92 continues to star in the Travel Channel television series, *Bert the Conqueror*. You can see him in person on the road performing his comedy stand-up routine. For a list of shows, visit www.bertbertbert.com.



Brothers returned in record numbers for Alumni Weekend 2011 to see the new TAU-Plex on Pensacola Street and watch FSU take on Oklahoma. See the related article and more pictures inside.

With his wife, Mitzi, **Brad Jones '93** welcomed his second son into the world, Slade, in April. Slade joins big brother, Ledger.

Reese Dunbar '93 is proud to announce the birth of his son, Gavin, born in October 2010.

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