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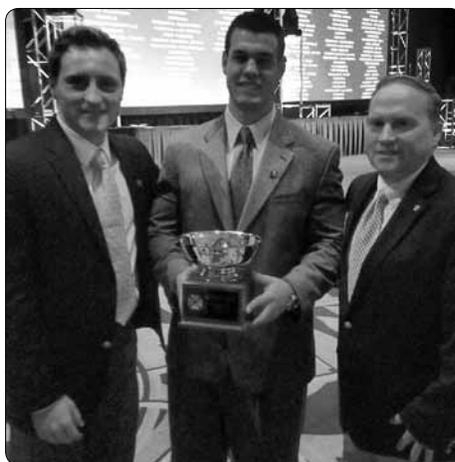
## The True Merit Bowl Returns to Florida State

*Awarded in 1991, 1992, 1993 and finally 2013*

After a 20-year hiatus, The National Fraternity has once again recognized Epsilon Sigma with the coveted True Merit Award. Worthy Master **Matt Berman '10** accepted the silver bowl at the National Awards Ceremony in Indianapolis, Indiana on Saturday, August 24, 2013, making an acceptance speech to the crowd of 300 and thousands watching the live video-stream on the internet.

Board of Trustees Chairman **Skip Smith '79** excitedly praised the chapter for all of their hard work.

"These young men are some of the finest examples of ATOs I've seen in thirty years working with the chapter," explained Smith. "They've worked hard and come so close to receiving this recognition over the last few years. I could not be happier for them. This current group of officers and the last two groups really deserve credit for this outstanding accomplishment."



*(L to R): Kyle Griffith '11, Matt Berman '10 and Skip Smith '79*

When the news broke on Facebook, alumni offered their congratulations. **Morgan Moss '10**, wrote, "Wow I am so proud to be a Tau. When we refounded the chapter, I never saw us going so far so fast."

The True Merit award is one of ATO's top undergraduate chapter awards recognizing chapters displaying significant leadership in national programs and campus organizations. The award also acknowledges chapters with solid financial practices, social service programs and risk management programming to enhance a positive ATO experience for all members and pledges.

In addition to being recognized as a True Merit Chapter, Epsilon Sigma also received the Recruiting Excellence Award. The alumni Board of Trustees received the Upper Alpha Award for excellent advising of the undergraduate chapter.

## A Renovated Alumni Lounge Awaits Alumni

As a part of the Fall '12 pledge class project, new members chose to renovate the Alumni Lounge on the first floor of the White house. "The Fall '12 class did a great job revamping a room which was mainly used for storage in recent times, into

a lounge, trophy room and respectable part of the house," said Worthy Keeper of the Annals **Keenan Kelly '11**. "Once again, it is one that alumni and active brothers alike can take pride in."

## Alumni Weekend Set for Miami Weekend, November 1 - 2

All alumni are invited to Alumni Weekend 2013, when FSU takes on the Miami Hurricanes, November 1 - 2, 2013. Details for the event include:

### Friday, November 1, 2013

4:30 p.m. Open Meeting of the FSU ATO House Corp (Alumni House Corporation) at the University Center Club to discuss the reorganization of the House Corporation, the development of a new strategic plan and the ongoing legal dispute with Heritage Grove. All alumni are invited to attend. Those interested in serving on the new Board of Directors or Advisory Board are especially encouraged to attend.

6:00 p.m. Alumni Open House at the University Center Club

### Saturday, November 2, 2013

TBA Tailgate at the TAU-Plex. All are welcome!

TBA FSU plays Miami at Doak Campbell Stadium

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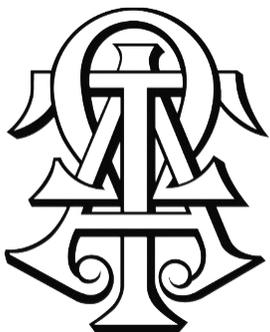
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## Restoring Composites... Preserving History

Five composites, originally thought to be lost, were restored this summer thanks to **Tom Cundy '77**. Cundy had digital copies on his computer and financed the restoration and framing of the composites for the years 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1982.

## New Deck Installed at TAU-Plex



Brothers come together to build a deck at the TAU-Plex for future gatherings.



Thanks to generous contributions from the chapter's budget, individual alumni and a lot of "sweat-equity" from individual brothers, an expansive 20' x 20' deck now provides additional gathering space for brothers, alumni and their guests at the TAU-Plex.

With the help of John Rushlow, father to **Nick Rushlow '11**, brothers constructed the deck to professional standards with pressure-treated wood, a railing and benches.

"This was truly a brotherhood-building event," explained **Kyle Griffith '11**. "The brothers organized themselves, made the proper preparations, engaged outside experts to help, and alumni donated to the cause. We could not have done it without the support of our alumni."

## Pease Turns Racing into a Cause

When Kyle Pease told his older brother **Brent Pease '01** that he wanted to race in a triathlon just like him, the pair took their first step on an inspiring journey. Kyle was born with cerebral palsy, but that hasn't stopped him from racing. In fact, the duo has been participating in triathlons and other races for several years. On September 8, 2013, the Pease brothers took on their first full length Ironman at the Ironman 140.6 Triathlon in Madison, Wisconsin. With Brent pushing, pulling and pedaling Kyle from start to finish, the two continue to take on races, as well as to run the Kyle Pease Foundation ([www.kylepeasefoundation.org](http://www.kylepeasefoundation.org)), which aims to "create awareness and raise funds to promote success for persons with disabilities by providing assistance to meet their individual needs through sports." Learn more about the entire Pease family, the Kyle Pease Foundation and become a member of the "Walking with KPeasey" team by visiting their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WalkingWithKPeasey>) or following them on Twitter @WalkingwithKP.



Brent Pease '01 with his younger brother, Kyle, and another team member of Walking with KPeasey after a race.



# House Corporation to Reorganize; Looking for New Directors & Advisors

## Introductory Meeting to take place on Friday, November 1, 2013

The alumni house corporation is in the process of developing a new strategic plan to address the chapter's long-term housing issues and the ongoing legal dispute over its investment at Heritage Grove, the original planned site of the future ATO house.

To begin this transformative process, the board intends to update its Bylaws and institute governance best practices used by other fraternal organizations. The board also intends to increase transparency by updating its website and developing and providing financial reports to alumni.

In addition to improving governance and financial operations, the Board of Directors is actively seeking new alumni to serve as official members of the Board of Directors and as advisors to a new entity being formed, the ATO Guardian and Advisory Board. Directors will serve as legal, voting caretakers for the corporate assets of the house corporation. Guardians will serve in an advisory capacity providing oversight and advice to both the chapter and house corporation.

An organizational meeting will take place on Friday, November 1, 2013, at the University Center Club, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Alumni interested in learning more about or serving as either an advisor or director should contact **Fred Maglione '93** (800.276.6342, [fredmaglione@yahoo.com](mailto:fredmaglione@yahoo.com)) or **Skip Smith '79** (850.510.4169, [ssmith@cdbg.com](mailto:ssmith@cdbg.com)).

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## 20-Year Reunion of Fall 1993 & Spring 1994



The Fall 1993 and Spring 1994 pledge classes will hold a 20-year reunion in conjunction with ATO Alumni Weekend 2013. For more information, contact **Joe Didier '93** at (727) 224-6653 or [didierj@infnacard.com](mailto:didierj@infnacard.com).

## 30-Year Reunion of Fall 1983 (and Friends)

**Matt Nasrallah '84** and **John Cumbey '84** are organizing the 30-year reunion of the Fall 1983 pledge class in conjunction with ATO Alumni Weekend 2013, November 1 - 2, 2013. For more information, contact Nasrallah at [nasrallah@rbnlaw.com](mailto:nasrallah@rbnlaw.com).

## Remembering Dave Noyes

**David S. Noyes '89**, an assistant coach with the Tampa Plant Panthers junior varsity team, passed away unexpectedly after he fell and broke his neck late Sunday evening, June 9, 2013. Noyes coached the defensive backs for the Plant junior varsity team and also helped with the varsity squad on Friday nights during football season. He was going on his third season with the Panthers program. Friends and family members flooded Noyes' Facebook page with condolences only seven days after wishing him a Happy Birthday.

*Dave Noyes '89*





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## Skip Smith '79 Elected to National Foundation

During its August 2013 meeting, long-time alumni treasurer **Skip Smith '79** was elected to the Board of Governors for the Alpha Tau Omega Foundation, the 501(c)(3) educational foundation that supports the National Fraternity. Smith will help govern and advance the Foundation while representing Epsilon Sigma's interests.



## Visit the Alpha Tau Omega website

Visit [www.atofsu.com](http://www.atofsu.com), the official Epsilon Sigma alumni website, to:

- Learn more about the chapter
- Search for alumni and help find lost brothers
- 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, and more)
- Pay your alumni dues and support the alumni programs of the fraternity

*(L to R): Brothers Blake Albino '11, Stefano Cavallaro '11 and Charles Castagna lobbying at the State Capitol in Tallahassee on behalf of Florida State University's student population.*