

**University of Alabama
National Alumni Association
East Tennessee Chapter**

**Minutes for Friday, November 18, 2016 Luncheon Meeting
Cherokee Country Club**

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Members met at 11:30 AM and President Bob Bland called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM with 20 people attending. Bob gave the invocation.

Secretary and Membership Report: Bill Campbell

Bill began the meeting by mentioning that we've had 14 new members join ETUA in 2016. Bill mentioned that Martha Wilkerson broke her leg a few weeks ago; she is home recuperating with lots of help from neighbors, family and church. Bob circulated a Get Well card for Martha.

Treasurer's Report: Marianne Goodwin

- Marianne detailed the expenses and revenues for the Riverboat Cruise.

President's Report: Bob Bland

- Bob explained why we only had one cruise this year which was primarily due to some issues raised by the cheerleaders. Fortunately we were able to move the 50-60 people scheduled for the second cruise over to the first cruise. Having only one cruise reduced our profits by approximately half.
- Bob reminded everyone about the email he sent out in September in which he encouraged members to contribute to the East TN Endowment Scholarship. He emphasized that these contributions will not be directed towards the NAA, but rather towards our Endowment Scholarship. Jack reminded everyone that contributions can be made directly from a checking account on an automated recurring basis; he discussed why he felt like those choosing to do so on a monthly basis might contribute even more than those contributing on a yearly or quarterly basis.
- Lanny commented about a recent article in the New York Times which recognized the academic successes of the University as "the fastest growing flagship University in the country". The average GPA of entering freshmen is 3.66; a quarter of those freshmen scored 31 or higher on the ACT. Alabama led all universities with 43 National Merit recruits. Tuition revenues for 2016 were \$633M. The article also mentioned that sales of Alabama memorabilia in 2016 was \$173M.

Sports Committee Report: Jack Bailey

- Jack (who presided in place of David Chandler) summarized the status of the various sports programs. Of particular interest was the fact that the men's basketball program had the 3rd best recruiting class in the country for 2017. Alabama lead the SEC in the GSR (Graduation Success Rate) for 7 of the 18 sports comprising the conference with the men's basketball program having a 100% graduation rate. The football program finished 4th in GSR. Men's golf signed 3 of the top 10 recruits in the country.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM with a ROLL TIDE!!!!

The next meeting will be held on January 20th at 11:30 AM at the Cherokee Country Club.
