



Vivian Malone & James Hood

1893: Due largely in part to successful lobbying of the UA board of trustees by Julia S. Tutwiler, president of the Livingston Normal College for girls, the first women students enrolled.

1956: UA's first African-American student, Autherine Lucy, was admitted. She was expelled 3 days later 'for her own safety' due to the mobs, violence, and threats she endured.

1963: James Hood and Vivian Malone became the first sustained African-American students at UA. They bravely endured adversity from individuals such as Gov. George Wallace, but were fortified by the National Guard and president Roosevelt.

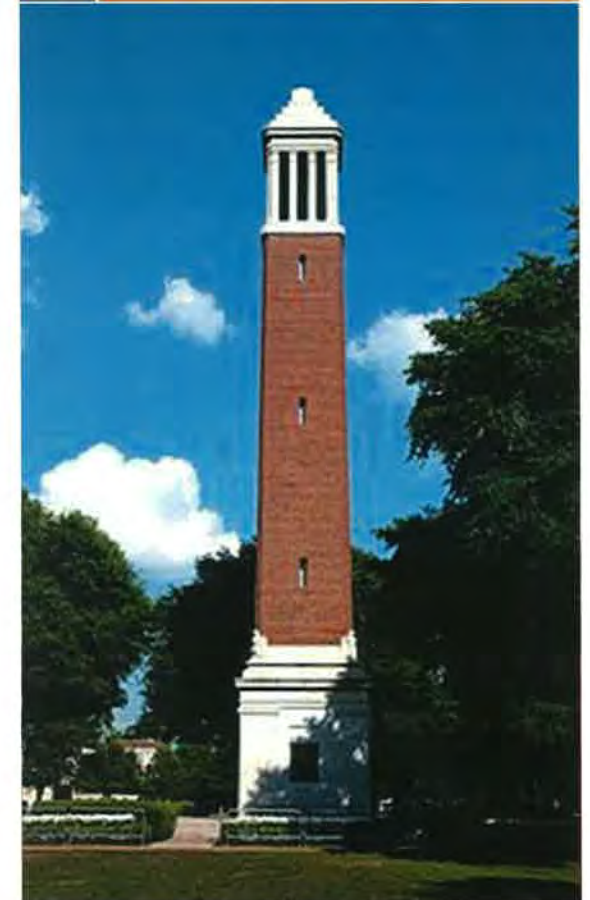
UA: a big university with small beginnings

1831: four years earlier, Tuscaloosa, then the state's capital, had been chosen as the future home of the University. On April 18, 1831, the official inauguration ceremonies opened the school to students. Just over a month later, the school had 52 students enrolled, all of whom were male. The campus was comprised of only 7 buildings including two dormitories and a hotel, which is now Gorgas House.

1865: Just decades after being established and raising enrollment to 154 students, Union troops marched through campus sparing only 7 buildings. The most memorable of these buildings is President's Mansion. Mrs. Louisa Frances Garland, wife of the then UA president, learned that campus was burning, abandoned her safe hiding place at Bryce, and rushed back to the mansion to defend her property.

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Welcome to UA, a school with an exciting history!



Roll Tide & Rammer Jammer

In a 1907 game against Auburn, sports writer Hugh Roberts described the Bama team, who was originally referred to as the thin red line, as a crimson tide washing over the Auburn team. Since then, "Roll Tide" has taken over Alabama and the UA campus. The Rammer Jammer Cheer was originally a pregame cheer in the early 2000's. After a brief ban, the cheer was brought back by a 2005 vote showing 98% of students favored the cheer. During the closing minutes of a football game, when victory is certain, the cheer is chanted at least twice with the opponents name inserted into the lyrics. "Hey Auburn! We just beat the hell out of you! Rammer Jammer, Yellowhammer, give 'em hell Alabama!"



"I ain't never been nothin but a winner."

-Coach Paul Bear Bryant

Although the most recent expansion of Bryant-Denny stadium was in 2010, this was one of many (7 to be exact) expansions in the history of the stadium. In 1929, the Denny Stadium was erected with 12,000 seats so the Crimson Tide could take on opponents under the coaching of Wallace Wade. The stadium's namesake, Dr. George Denny, acted as president for UA for nearly a quarter of a century. In the first game played at Denny Stadium, the Crimson Tide beat Mississippi College 55-0. Over the years, small size increases and additional bleachers were added, but it wasn't until the return of Coach Paul Bryant in 1958 that a plan was made to add 12,000 seats, a new press box, and an elevator to the stadium. After national title wins and an increasing demand for tickets, Bryant implemented further expansions to increase the stadium's capacity to 60,000. During the summer of 1975, Bert Bank, a state senator, used his influence to re-name the stadium to the

name we recognize today: Bryant-Denny. The first live televised game was air through ABC's Al Michaels on November 17, 1976. After Alabama beat Temple in the final game of Bama's 1986 season, construction began on yet another expansion, this time to include an upper deck, new press box, Ivory Club, President's club, and locker rooms. Ten years later, the east side expansion was finally completed upping the capacity to 83,818. Eventually a more 'symmetrical' appearance was achieved by adding two spiral walkways onto the stadium. The stadium's electronic capabilities were greatly increased in 1999 when a scoreboard with video replay was added to the south end of the stadium along with additional skyboxes. Today the stadium boasts 157 skyboxes, four video scoreboards, wrap-around display boards, capacity to hold receptions and events, and can hold a record breaking 101,821 screaming, cheering Alabama football fans.