

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER**

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Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Mr. Jeff Maples  
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Dear Jeff:

Last month I received a call from Kevin with Aramark explaining that they would no longer be able to serve our chapter at our monthly luncheons at The University of Tennessee Visitors Center. I appreciated your call last week to explain in more detail the reasoning behind the decision not to allow our chapter to meet at the UT Visitors Center in the future.

Obviously, I am disappointed and upset at the decision, which will end a long-standing and cooperative relationship between our alumni chapter and The University of Tennessee. Our chapter was formed in 1948 and has been meeting at the Visitors Center (formerly the UT Faculty Club) since the early 1970's. Col. Joe Shepherd, a former Alabama football player and later ROTC professor at UT, is the person who made the initial arrangements. His widow, Claire, is now 91 and still attends our chapter meetings on a regular basis.

On behalf of the East Tennessee Chapter of The University of Alabama Alumni Association, I would ask you to reconsider your decision and allow us to continue our monthly meetings at The University of Tennessee Visitors Center. I grew up in Oak Ridge but graduated from The University of Alabama. After retirement, my wife and I moved back to Oak Ridge because East Tennessee is a great place to live. As I like to tell people, I like UT "except one week a year."

Thank you again for your consideration of our request and I will look forward to your reply.

Best Regards,

Jack Bailey  
President, 2011-13  
East Tennessee Chapter of The University of Alabama Alumni Association