

# The Snake Skin

EPSILON ETA OF SIGMA NU AT TENNESSEE

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Brother Alumni,

HOMECOMING 1976

Fall Quarter is once again upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to report on the chapter's progress in the past year and its goals for the coming year.

Epsilon Eta returned this quarter with approximately 50 full-paying brothers, so one can visualize how important rush was to us this fall. As of now, we have twenty-three pledges, and several others are still undecided. We hope to pledge 25 new guys this year and to initiate each pledge winter quarter. We were extremely selective during rush and feel that we have an excellent pledge class. With the addition of our pledge class, our membership is approaching 75, a level where we could operate very efficiently.

One of the biggest assets during rush was the appearance of the house. As reported in the last issue of the *Snake Skin*, we applied for a loan from Sigma Nu National and were granted \$9,000 to make some necessary improvements to the house. The house is in excellent condition and several local alumni have stated that it looks better now than at any time in the past. We all feel that it's the nicest fraternity house on campus and hope that you get a chance to see it soon. I'm sure you'd be proud of it.

I would personally like to thank everyone who contributed to the House Corporation to help with its house renovation project. Your contributions were greatly appreciated and were instrumental in making our house renovation project a success.

Financially, we are in good shape and are attempting to put about \$3,000 per year into savings, to serve as a cushion should any emergencies arise. We also hope to establish a Sigma Nu-Epsilon Eta Educational Trust Fund and to increase our involvement with our alumni. If you are at any time in the Knoxville area, please stop by the house to see us. We always enjoy seeing our alumni and you're always welcome.

I am extremely proud of the brothers in this chapter for the patience and sacrifices which have been made in the past few years when the chapter was involved in a financial pinch. These sacrifices have enabled us to get back on our feet and once again headed in the right direction.

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Fall quarter is a special time for the alumni chapter. The reason is simple -- HOMECOMING. This year I have started a new program for the alumni. Epsilon Eta has purchased football tickets specifically for you, the alumni. Our Homecoming game this year is on November 13th against the University of Mississippi. I urge you to come back to Knoxville for the big weekend.

Dinner will be served at the house before the game and the bar will be open to alumni before and after the game. If you need tickets for the game, simply fill out the enclosed card and return it to me, or call me at (615) 522-3808.

Other activities for the week include Sigma Nu's defending of the Homecoming crown we won last year and a band party Saturday night. We are looking forward to the opportunity to host our alumni.

Due primarily to Homecoming, I have decided not to have a Founder's Day fall quarter. We will have a Founder's Day sometime during spring quarter. My next newsletter, which will come out winter quarter, will contain definite plans concerning Founder's Day.

I had very little response from the alumni concerning address changes. I urge you again to let me know the whereabouts of any alumni who are not receiving our newsletter. My records are not up-to-date.

Finally, I would like to thank those Brothers who contributed to the Fraternity. Your donations are greatly appreciated, and they have added a tremendous boost to our House Corporation's Fund. I am ending this letter with a list of those alumni who have helped us in the last year. Thank you again, and I look forward to seeing you for Homecoming.

Fraternally,

Bobby Bailey, EH 994  
ALUMNI CONTACT OFFICER

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All in all, I'm extremely optimistic about this chapter and its future. With the continued support of the alumni and the dedication of the active chapter, Epsilon Eta can accomplish any goals it sets. So, let's all work together to once again make Epsilon Eta the strongest fraternity on the U. T. Campus!

Fraternally,

Byron Lawson, EH 951  
COMMANDER

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ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS

- Init.
- 10 Wayne Parkey
- 15 Lewis B. Moulton
- 21 Roy Davis
- 22 John Kroehenbuehl
- 59 Ferrell Boyd
- 68 John Nance
- 154 J. D. McElroy
- 166 W. C. Jacobs, Jr.
- 190 R. Bruce Yates
- 208 J. B. Ellis
- 213 Charles Welch
- 219 Charles Edmundson
- 265 Lawson F. Waldrop, Jr.
- 334 Guy Wood
- 406 John J. Guth, Jr.
- 493 William H. Cate
- 517 William Hay
- 716 Kendall Crutchfield
- 734 Larry Smith
- 797 Albert Lewis
- 852 Budd Terwilliger
- 864 Thomas Mariner
- 891 Ron Lawson
- 901 James L. Hanvey
- E. A. Hanvey
- Dennis Ford

HOUSE CORPORATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

I'm pleased to announce a new House Corporation for Epsilon Eta. Dr. Absher, EH 41, who has served as our House Corporation President for the past few years, has asked to be replaced since he is nearing retirement. Due to the inactivity of many of our past members, it was recommended that a new House Corporation Board of Directors be organized. Our new officers are:

- Raymond A. Lawson III . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
- James L. Hanvey . . . . . Anderson, S.C.
- John S. Arendt . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
- Patrick L. Martin . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
- Gary L. Ross . . . . . Tennnga, Ga.
- William H. Ross . . . . . Tennnga, Ga.
- Michael L. Allen . . . . . Cleveland, Tenn.

Hopefully, with guidance from our new Board of Directors, we can alleviate all of our problems and start some programs which should greatly benefit the chapter in the future years.

Yours in brotherhood,

Byron Lawson, EH 951  
COMMANDER

OPHELIA'S RETIREMENT

Last spring Ophelia Wilson decided to retire from her job as cook. Any Brother that lived in the Fraternity house knew that Ophelia was much more than a cook! She took care of every Sigma Nu as though we were her own children during the last twelve years.

We decided to make her retirement something special by giving her a rocking chair for her front porch. At the last Wednesday night dinner of spring quarter we showed our appreciation in two ways. First of all, the entire chapter wished her the best of luck in the future, and we presented her a rocking chair with an engraved plaque that read:

"Ophelia,

"For your dedicated work and outstanding loyalty to our Chapter.

The Brothers of Epsilon Eta  
Chapter of Sigma Nu  
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Immediately, everyone saw Ophelia's happiness. A stream of tears ran down each side of her face; and one felt the love for this lady from the atmosphere of the occasion.

Ophelia's address is:

436 Hembree  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37914  
Phone: (615) 522-5677

Fraternally,

John E. Holladay, Jr., EH 961

#### FALL RUSH FOR 1976

During the time from September 18 to 25, Epsilon Eta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity was busy rushing for new members. This year's rush was set up by Mark Field and me. The entire chapter did an excellent job in rush, and it can be seen in our pledges.

First of all, rush week consisted of formal rush at the Fraternity house from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. After formal rush, we had parties at different places, such as the Clubhouse at Sutters Mill Apt. and the Hyatt Regency. The party at the Hyatt Regency was the nicest party that we had during rush week.

On Saturday, September 25th, we ended formal rush by having a band party at the Fraternity house. The Brothers and rushees were having such a good time that whizz -- the band played almost one extra hour!

We were able to pledge twenty-three new members because every Brother and Little Sister worked hard during rush week and seemed to enjoy it. Our pledges are going to be an asset to Sigma Nu because they are dedicated to working for their degree and are enthusiastic about becoming a Brother in Epsilon Eta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Fraternally,

John E. Holladay, Jr., EH 961  
IN-STATE RUSH CHAIRMAN

#### REPORT ON 47TH GRAND CHAPTER

The weekend of August 19-22 was an exciting time for Brother Ben Davis and me, as we served as delegates to the 47th Grand Chapter held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. Exactly 94 years before, Sigma Nu held its first Grand Chapter at the Maxwell House in Nashville, celebrating not only 200 years of our great nation but also 200 years of the Greek system.

The 47th Grand Chapter was called to order by Regent Duffie and by Friday was declared the largest Grand Chapter in history. There were 474 registered delegates from 134 of the 171 active chapters and eight colonies.

During the four days of meetings Brother Davis and I were fortunate enough to be part of the legislative body as we voted on business and heard reports from the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Historian, the Chairman of the Rules Committee, the Grand Chaplain, and the Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

Included in the program were Mini-University courses and Brother Davis and I were able to attend two of these sessions. Courses were offered in the fields of Leadership, Pledge Education, and Rush Programming.

As Regent Duffie said in his address to the Fraternity, "The State of the Fraternity is good," and Brother Davis and I can say, after meeting with our Brothers from all over the country, that *the state of our fraternity is good!*

Fraternally,

Jim Graham, EH 969

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psilon Eta:

I will need \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Homecoming Game on Saturday,  
November 13th.

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s) for Dinner at 11:00 on November 13th.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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