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CHAPTER ENJOYS ACTIVE YEAR

Epsilon Eta brothers have been active in a variety of pursuits this year, but they all have one thing in common: excellence!

Winter Rush

Winter rush was held during the second week of January, and was very successful. Our brothers gave the house a thorough cleaning the previous weekend so it was in good shape to welcome potential pledges. Many rushees came by the house during the week; three were given bids and all three later accepted them. Our winter pledges include Greg Davis of Memphis, Tennessee; Greg Lester of Knoxville, Tennessee; and Scott Haley of Nashville, Tennessee.

These pledges were initiated into the fraternity of Sigma Nu at the end of the winter quarter, and are now enjoying the fellowship of our brotherhood. Another asset to the fraternity is spring quarter pledge Ron Bailey. He comes out of Hollywood High School in Nashville and looks forward to becoming a brother in the fall.

South Sea Daze

Our chapter's first South Sea Daze marked the week of May 13 through 17 this spring. The week was celebrated with several days of volleyball, softball, golf and a pool tournament, which was won by

Richie Hammond.

The nights included festive parties and dances with the women of Alpha Zeta Delta. We wound up our celebration with Founder's Day on May 18, which was followed by a

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band party that evening. This was our first South Sea Daze event, but by no means our last. We hope to make this fun event an annual occasion.

Winter Formal

Other fun this winter included the annual Winter Formal on February 23 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Brothers of Epsilon Eta and our dates arrived at the Gatlinburg Holiday Inn on Airport Road to dance the night away to the sound of an outstanding band. Tyrone Smith and the Telstars were the featured entertainment, and their range of tunes varied from beach music to the current top-forty hits.

Brothers and our guests also enjoyed a dinner that was catered by the Holiday Inn, during which Carrie Bayuzick was elected as the chapter's new White Rose for 1985-86.

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DANCING NIGHT AWAY: Epsilon Etas and their dates take a break from dancing to the music of Tyrone Smith and the Telstars. Left to right are James Grissom, Amy Leath, Tina Policicchio and Scott Phillips.



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Chapter Elects New Officers

The men of Epsilon Eta are proud to introduce our new officers for 1985-86. They were elected last spring to lead our chapter during the coming year. Our leaders are looking forward to a successful year, as is the rest of the chapter!

Commander	Allen Pollitt
Lt. Commander	Kelly Allen
Recorder	Jeff Landry
Treasurer	Scott Phillips
Chaplain	Evans Donnell
Alumni Contact	Dave Perdue
Sentinel	Mike Bervoets
Historian	Adam Black
Pledge Trainer	Chris Pike
Rush Chairman	Bill Selph
Social Chairman ..	George Brown
Scholarship	Jim Aungst
House Manager	Jeff Hardy
Kitchen Steward	
.....	Dave Kanwisher
Little Sister Advisor	
.....	Chris Turley
Athletic Director ..	Glenn Hamlin
IFC Representative ..	Bill Selph
Reporter	Harry Murley

Founder's Day

Chapter Shares Spirit

Founder's Day at Sigma Nu this year was truly a huge success!

More than 100 people, including actives, our parents and alumni, turned out to share the spirit of Epsilon Eta. The day began as golfers headed toward the links to play 18 holes, as the remaining guests enjoyed the beautiful weather by playing volleyball on the beach. An outstanding barbecue dinner was served that evening, and an awards ceremony was held.

Awards for the highest grade point averages went to Chris Pike, freshman; Scott Phillips, sophomore; Jimmy Pope, junior; and John Menefee, senior. Jimmy Pope also earned the Athlete of the Year award. Our Alumnus of the Year was recognized as being Buz Johnson, while Bill Selph was honored as the Sigma Nu Man of the Year.

Sigma Nu's little sisters had their own awards to give out as well. They honored George Brown for his fine job in coaching their softball team and Scott Haley for his skill in umpiring their games. Rob Linnabary and Chris Turley received gifts for their performance as advisors to our little sisters. Finally, the Little Sister Snake Man of the Year award went to James Grissom.

Founder's Day is a unique opportunity each year to share the fellowship that makes Sigma Nu unique on the University of Tennessee campus. Our actives enjoyed the opportunity to both renew acquaintances with alumni and make new friendships as well. We hope to see many of the same alumni next year, and perhaps some new faces too. But we invite you to visit before then; our house is always open to the alumni of Epsilon Eta!

Brothers Help Local Gallery

At Epsilon Eta, philanthropy is taken seriously.

One organization to benefit from our efforts this year was the Dulin Art Gallery on Kingston Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee. The gallery was preparing to begin its annual folk music concerts, which are held every Sunday afternoon throughout the summer, and our brothers were on hand to help them do it.

Twenty-five brothers showed up Sunday, May 26, to help the gallery's art director organize a new art exhibit at the concert site; we also helped to assemble the stage and move musical instruments to their appropriate locations. Harry Murley deserves our thanks for organizing and directing our efforts that day.

One criterion that our philanthropic activities must meet is that our efforts must benefit a wide range of people; at Epsilon Eta, we're proud that this spring we helped bring the enjoyment of music to the people of Knoxville. Service is part of the meaning of Sigma Nu brotherhood and we're working hard to continue our tradition of excellence in this area.

The Snakeskin

Thanks to Our Alumni!

The brothers of Epsilon Eta Chapter would like to thank the many alumni who have made voluntary contributions to our newsletter program in recent months. Your support makes a difference! In addition to helping us produce *The Snakeskin*, your contributions are making a number of improvements to our alumni relations program possible. We have already updated many addresses on our mailing list, and are working on even more; and we have received many letters with positive comments, suggestions and personal notes to help us keep you better informed and involved.

Our sincere thanks go to the following brothers:

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Send Us Your Personal News

Because *The Snakeskin* is an alumni oriented newsletter, the active chapter is anxious to hear from all of you concerning your recent accomplishments and happenings. Your participation is the key to the success of the newsletter program; join us as we continue the fine tradition of Sigma Nu at the University of Tennessee. Send a note to the Newsletter Program Headquarters address listed on page two that describes your life, work and family. We want to feature you in a future issue of *The Snakeskin*. We are looking forward to hearing from you in the near future!

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Spring Sports

Spring proved to be an outstanding season for sports at Sigma Nu. Our tennis team earned the Gamma League championship; team members included Dave Kanwisher, Bill Brasswell and Scott Haley, and they deserve hearty congratulations! Our softball team, which was coached by Richie Hammond, posted an undefeated season on its way to a championship as well. Way to go, guys!

Our members are already looking forward to next year, when we expect to be an awesome contender in Beta League sports. Wish us luck or, better yet, plan on drop-

ing by the house next fall to cheer us on!

Leadership Conference

Fifteen of our brothers traveled to Marietta, Georgia, in February to take part in a Sigma Nu leadership conference and workshop. The conference was attended by many Sigma Nus from various colleges and universities from all over the Southeast.

The event emphasized developing good leadership skills among the various offices in our fraternity, and our Epsilon Etas felt the trip was both meaningful and worthwhile. The brothers who attended left with a better understanding of our fraternity, and our officers

gained new insights and ideas on how to better fulfill their responsibilities.

It was also an excellent opportunity to meet other Sigma Nus and share the fellowship that exists within the brotherhood. While we were at it, we also developed a better insight into what other chapters of Sigma Nu are doing.

All in all, the past year has proven to be a successful one for Sigma Nu. More of our news appears on the remaining pages of this issue of *The Snakeskin*, but we invite alumni to learn first hand what we've been up to by dropping by the chapter house whenever you're in the area. You're part of the heritage of Epsilon Eta!

Epsilon Eta Alumni Eye

Clair E. Cox III '83

Clair sends greetings to Epsilon Eta brothers.

"My years in college were some of the best years of my life and Sigma Nu contributed greatly," he notes. "A couple of months (after I graduated) I moved to Chicago, Illinois, to work at the Chicago Board of Trade for REFCO Commodities. Presently I work as a broker's assistant and a floor clerk. I hope to be trading as a commodity broker within a year.

"Good luck to all the brothers and I'll see you at some football games this fall," he adds.

One final note from Clair: *"Ask Barry Smith to tell you about a girl named Rhoda (a past little sister),"* he says.

Get the straight scoop from Clair by writing to him at 6011 Sweetbriar Cove, Memphis, TN 38138.

Edward D. Gilmer '53

"Doug" writes with information that may surprise former classmates.

"Have a master's degree in church music from Indiana University," he reports. *"Currently am director of music and the organist at Beckley Presbyterian Church. Recently became certified by examination as a colleague in the American Guild of Organists and operate a private music studio.*

"Would you believe my bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee was in agriculture economics," he asks.

It sure surprised us. Doug's wife is also active in the field

of music; she's a music teacher in the public school system where they live. They have three children.

Drop a note to the Gilmer family at 111 Ellison Avenue, Beckley, WV 25801.

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Keep up the good work!

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--Bill Shaver '74
726 Bruce
Flossmoor, IL 60422

Don C. Fancher '64

Don is currently financial manager at Proctor & Gamble's food and detergents plant in Dallas, Texas. He has worked for Proctor and Gamble for 17 years in a variety of positions in locations including Ohio, Tennessee and Texas.

He and his wife, Sandra, who works in the pharmaceutical area for Revco Drug Stores, have one child; Jimmy, age 6.

Get back in touch with Don at 1312 Mackie Drive, Richardson, TX 75081.

Royce L. Payne '66

Royce is sales manager of the South Central District of Precision Monolithics, Incorporated, a semiconductor manufacturer.

"My wife, Cathy, and I have two daughters, 6 and 4 years old," he says. *"If anyone is passing through the area, look us up. We are in Arlington, Texas (a suburb between Dallas and Ft. Worth)."*

Find him at 7009 Lake Louise Drive, Arlington, TX 76016.

Roger E. Ingle '79

Roger has a message that will interest Sigma Nu alumni.

"Even as an alumnus, I find that Sigma Nu is everywhere," he says. *"I am presently a graduate resident advisor for the Beta Eta Chapter of Sigma Nu at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. I will be finishing a master's program here in government finance in 1985. I hope to find employment in Washington, DC with the federal government.*

"At last glance, no wife, no kids," he adds.

Get back in touch with Roger at his home address of 128 Broad Street, Dyer, TN 38330.

Mark R. Loft '78

Mark has lots of good news to report to Epsilon Etas. First, he's enjoying marital bliss as a newlywed of one year. He and the former Sarah Brunette, a Sigma Kappa sister from Jackson, Tennessee, were married in May of 1984.

"Just bought my dream car," he continues. *"It's a mint-condition 1967 Mercedes 230SL coupe convertible. Also enjoying our new English Springer Spaniel puppy, named "Cookie," named for Greg Cook (EH 1009?) who introduced my wife and I to each other."*

Mark's professional activities revolve around his position as a process engineer at Ralston-Purina's protein division in Memphis, Tennessee. You can find out more by writing to Mark and Sarah at 6355 Misty Crest Cove, Memphis, TN 38115.