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# Commander's Update

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*The past few semesters have been a time of excitement and growth for the Epsilon Eta chapter at UT. Not only have we seen the size of our chapter continue to grow, but also the dedication of our men to both their own and the chapter's success has appeared unwavering. There hasn't been a challenge too hard or a goal too big that our men have shied away from. The energy shared throughout our house as everyone returns at the beginning of the semester for recruitment or during a big game-day tailgate is un-replicable. Since joining this chapter the first semester of my freshman year, Sigma Nu has been the largest positive influence on my collegiate journey. We continue to work to be one of the best chapters here on campus and are constantly asking ourselves "what can we do make our chapter and the men that are apart of it better?" I take great pride in getting to be a part of the chapter's leadership and can't wait to look back and continue to see Sigma Nu produce men of Love, Honor, and Truth as it has been doing for nearly 100 years. We thank each and every one of our alumni for their continued support and for blazing the trail that our chapter has been traveling on for nearly a century. If you are ever in the Knoxville area, be sure to reach out, stop by, and say hello.*

**Luke McConnell, Commander**  
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*Fall 2017 Candidate Class »*

The chapter had a very successful year recruiting new candidates during fall and spring recruitment. Fall semester saw 58 new candidates sign with the chapter and spring semester 13 new candidates signed bids after the recruitment process. Fall semester 50 new brothers were initiated in early November and spring semester saw 13 new members initiated in early April. The current candidate process last 10 weeks. Fall semester saw the recruitment process end with the annual Riverboat event for over 200 men and their dates.



# Recruitment

*Bid Day, August 2017 »*



*Spring 2018 Candidate Class »*



# Big ORANGE GIVE

## *Greek Challenge*

In early November, the UT Foundation conducted Big Orange Give. It was an opportunity for UT to raise one million dollars in one day. As part of the Big Orange Give campaign, the University conducted the Greek Challenge. The Greek Challenge was sponsored by Ron and Don Frieson (Kappa Alpha Psi). Greek organizations from IFC, NPC, NPHC, and MGC competed against each other in two categories: Orange (more than 100 members) and White (100 members or less). The organization with the most donors (not the most money raised) won \$5,000. The minimum donation amount was \$5. As a part of the Greek Challenge, UT created the Sigma Nu Enrichment Fund. The chapter will have the fund in the future for fundraising efforts.

Sigma Nu finished second with 329 donors behind Pi Beta Phi. Sigma Nu would like to thank the many alumni and chapter family members who helped us finish in a strong second place in the Greek Challenge.

# Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Left to Right: Andrew, Luke, Alex & Myles »

For the past two years John Shoemaker (EH #706) and Don Fancher (EH #708) have worked to organize a scholarship fund to honor two brothers who passed away. The Dan Tindall (EH#1525)/Steve Curtis (EH#727) Alumni Scholarship was created. Last year, they awarded two \$3,000 scholarships. This year, on Saturday afternoon before the LSU game, four brothers received \$3,000 scholarships. This year's award winners are listed below. All four are in the Top 10 cumulative GPAs in the chapter and a combined average GPA of 3.88.



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***Myles Crichton***, a junior accounting major from Burlington, Canada. Myles served as the chapter treasurer during 2016 and the chapter alumni contact during 2017. Myles is a member of the Student Alumni Associates and the Dean of Students Office Rocky Top Roundtable. Myles is currently working an internship with TVA.

***Luke McConnell***, a junior majoring in business analytics from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Luke was the Lt. Commander and currently serves as the chapter Commander for 2018. Luke is Vice President of Membership of the Student Alumni Associates and a member of the Dean of Students Office Rocky Top Roundtable. He is currently working an internship at Regal Entertainment Group headquarters in Knoxville.

***Alex Sarno***, a junior Kinesiology/Pre-Med major from Branford, Connecticut. Alex served as the chapter Social Chair. Alex works as a research assistant in the BCMB department working on how Plasmodesmata develops in plant cells. Last year, Alex was member of the UT Ice Hockey Club team.

***Andrew Testerman***, a senior majoring in supply chain management from Rogersville, Tennessee. Andrew served as the LEAD Chair and Recorder in the past two years. Last summer, Andrew had an internship with Mondelez International in Fort Worth, Texas and summer 2018 is interning with Exxon/Mobile in Houston, Texas. Andrew is a member of the Supply Chain Management Scholars of Distinction and on the Student Disciplinary Board.





# ANNUAL Family Weekend Dinner

The chapter sponsored their 7th annual Family Weekend Dinner on Friday, September 22nd at The Foundry on the World's Fair site. The chapter welcomed 290 brothers and family members to The Foundry. Each brother had the opportunity to introduce their family to the chapter. The program consists of updates on the chapter from the Commander and Lt. Commander. Immediately after the event, the chapter held an Open House at 1824 Fraternity Park Drive to give tours of the house to family members.



## *Epsilon Eta Continues Academic Success...*

The 2017 - 2018 year saw the chapter continue to improve on the academic success of the past couple of years. Each semester the chapter had 25 brothers make the Dean's List. Students are recognized on the Dean's List who have a semester GPA of above a 3.50. The fall candidate class tied for the highest GPA on campus among large chapters.

	Semester	Candidates	Cumulative
Fall 2017	3.03	2.98	3.07
Spring 2018	2.96	2.61	3.11



## Chapter Wins Carnicus for Second Year in a Row, participates in All Sing and Homecoming

In February 2018, Alpha Omicron Pi and Sigma Nu joined to win Carnicus 2018. This was the second year in a row that Sigma Nu has won Carnicus.

The two chapters spent weeks writing a skit, practicing the performance and pulling together just the right costumes for the performance. The hours of preparation paid off when it was announced that AOII and Sigma Nu had placed first in the overall competition.

Last fall, the chapter participated in Homecoming with Delta Zeta. They entered the large float competition, large banner competition, tower of cans, anything goes, chalk drawing and the Smokey's Howl competition. The two groups spent hours pumping, painting and practicing for Smokey's Howl.

In April, the chapter participated in All Sing for the first time in ten years. The brothers joined the sisters of Delta Gamma in skit based on a Disney Channel theme. The chapter enjoyed the experience and competing with ten teams in All Sing. All Sing has been a campus event since 1932.

## Greek Community Continues to Grow on Campus

The Greek Community grew to more than 22% of the undergraduate student population this year. There are 46 Greek organizations on campus making up the four Greek Councils --- Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, Panhellenic Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council.

### Average Chapter Size

IFC	78
MGC	11
NPHC	16
PC	208

### Total Greeks on Campus

Communities	4,452
Fraternities	1,633
Sororities	2,819



## Brothers Take New Orleans for Spring 2018 Formal

The chapter spent the weekend of April 13th and 14th in New Orleans for the chapter's annual spring formal. The brothers took charter buses for the nine hour ride to New Orleans. Once in New Orleans the chapter stayed at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans and rented a New Orleans hot spot for the Saturday night event. It was the first time that many of the brothers had enjoyed the sights and sounds of New Orleans.



### SAVE THE DATE! Alumni Tailgate, Fall 2018

The chapter will be hosting an Alumni Tailgate during the Alabama game October 20<sup>th</sup>, Fall 2018. We will be providing food at the house for alumni who notify us ahead of time that they will be attending.

*Alumni Contact, Jason McNeight, [jmcneight@vols.utk.edu](mailto:jmcneight@vols.utk.edu) will email out more information in the fall. Please make sure the chapter has your correct email address. Email addresses should be sent to the chapter website at [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu).*

# 2021

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Epsilon Eta

The chapter is three years away from the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Epsilon Eta chapter. We have had preliminary discussions with a few alumni about what events will be included for the 100th anniversary of the chapter. If you have thoughts on this event, please get in touch with the chapter advisor, Jerry R. Adams. As the chapters prepares for the preparation for the 100th Anniversary year Celebration, please let the chapter know if your address changes.

**If the chapter does not have your correct email address, please send it to [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu).**

# Sigma Nu By the Numbers

**113** Number of brothers in chapter for Spring 2018.

**25** Brothers on the Dean's List (3.50 or above GPA) Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.

**329** Number of individual donors that donated to Sigma Nu during the One Million, One Day campaign during fall semester. The University created the Sigma Nu Enrichment Fund and any money donated to the Fund is available for the chapter to use with the approval of the University.

The number of brothers who graduated Spring 2018.

**25**

**290** Brothers and family members who attended the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Family Weekend at Fall 2017.

**50** The number of fall candidates initiated in the chapter. This represented the largest candidate class among IFC fraternities on campus. This group of young men tied for the highest candidate class GPA on campus among large fraternities.

**1202** Miles traveled for spring formal. Over 80 couples traveled by charter bus to New Orleans for the annual spring formal weekend.

**3** years until the chapter will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Epsilon Eta chapter.

**6** brothers who are members of SAA (Student Alumni Associates).

**16** the number of states represented by brothers in the chapter.



The chapter has a Linked In group for the Epsilon Eta chapter. Over 85 brothers have joined the group. If you would like to be a member of the Linked In group, please send a note to the chapter email address at [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu).



## Address Corrections Needed

As the chapters prepares for the preparation for the 100th Anniversary year Celebration, please let the chapter know if your mailing address changes. If the chapter does not have your correct email address, please send it to [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu).

## Lost Alumni

The chapter will be creating a list of lost alumni on the chapter web site. If we do not have a mailing address or mail is returned we will list brothers as lost on the chapter web site. Chapter website is <http://web.utk.edu/~sigmanu/>

The chapter has a Facebook Page with over 300 members. If you are not a member of the Facebook group, please email the chapter at [sigmanu@utk.edu](mailto:sigmanu@utk.edu) and they will make sure you are added to the page.

