

THE HISTORY OF EPSILON ETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA NU FRATERNITY (1970's) UPDATES FROM THE DELTA (1970's)

August 1971

The chapter placed second in scholarship of twenty-five fraternities, collected canned goods for the Knoxville Poverty Program and took part in the annual collection for Muscular Dystrophy. By various projects the brothers raised money to pay for an air conditioning system for the downstairs area of the house. One member was in Phi Beta Kappa, one was president of Tau Beta Pi, one was committee chairman of Carnicus, and two members received the only two scholarships given in the history department.

April 1972

The chapter won homecoming, finished second the alpha league football, won an award for collecting the most money for the 1972 March of Dimes. Brothers have Coach Bill Battle, UT head football coach, the first annual Epsilon Eta Chapter, Sigma Nu Man-of-Year Award, money was also collected for the East Seal Fund.

August 1972

The chapter held a Spring Banquet to honor their Sigma Nu Man of the Year. They finished in the top quarter scholastically, above the all-fraternity average.

November 1972

The chapter reports 25 pledges, an increase over last year at this time. The chapter won Carnicus (campus carnival) competition last Spring and brought the pledges to headquarters for a visit in October.

January 1975

We are enjoying one of our greatest years. In sports, we are ranked high among all university intramural teams. Brother James V. Thomas shot a 69 that led us to the university championship in golf.

Rush has improved 100% thanks to a well-developed program led by rush chairman Gary L. Coop. We have pledged many out-of-state men, keeping up our image as a diversified chapter.

Brother Gary L. Rose headed up Homecoming '74 and again led us to first place in the year display and window competition. It was an event which took a great deal of hard work and all of the brothers and pledges contributed immensely.

Our alumni program, headed by Tyler K. Smith, is also on the upswing thanks to his many well thought out changes in the alumni contact program.

James A. Drake, Jr., Reporter

Summer 1976

Herbert L. Lewis, III has just been selected Epsilon Eta Man-of-the-Year for 1976. Brother Lewis has a number of successes to his credit; he was Chairman of All-Campus Events, member of the University of Tennessee Program Council, a member of Vol Corps and a judicial advisor to Carnicus '75. He was co-chairman of All-Sing '75 and was voted outstanding member of the University of Tennessee Program Council.

Thomas W. Brown has served his chapter and school actively during his years at Tennessee. He is a residence counselor and a magistrate for the IFC judicial board. He has worked consistently for the fraternity idea as IFC rush committeeman. At Epsilon Eta he has served as treasurer, and scholarship chairman. Tom is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society.

Fall 1976

Commander William B. Lawson reports that Epsilon Eta closed its 1975-76 term with a manpower status of 45 initiates and 2 spring pledges returning for fall rush. The major events of the year included as Easter Seal campaign and a "Little Greek Olympics" for underprivileged children. The manpower strength of Epsilon Eta is very promising this year with 45 initiates returning.

Winter 1978

On January 7, 1978 Epsilon Eta initiated 12 of its fall quarter pledge class of 19. The ceremonies were held at Sigma Nu's General Headquarters in Lexington, Virginia....The Sigma Nu tug-of-war team won the All University Championship, while the football team placed a respectable third in Beta League. The chapter was the runner-up in Beta League volleyball action...Chapter manpower totals 60 men. ...Several major repairs to the house were made during the year, including work on the roof and the plumbing and the purchase of a new water heater.

Fall 1978

The Sigma Nu Chapter at the University of Tennessee was recently commended by W. Glenn Bullock, chairman of the Lamar House-Bijou Preservation Committee for the volunteer efforts expended by members of the chapter in the cleanup and restoration campaign of the historic theatre in downtown Knoxville. "Although we rely heavily on volunteers from the community," stated Mr. Bullock, "we have been having some difficulty in recent months attracting volunteers. When someone suggested involving the University of Tennessee fraternities, I called Julian K. Watson of Sigma Nu and the response was an enthusiastic crew of 25 workers. Their involvement has 'broken the ice' with the rest of the fraternities on campus and has given us access to a much broader base of volunteer help. We applaud Sigma Nu's leadership and initiative."

Winter 1979

Epsilon Eta is off to one of its most successful starts ever. After much hard work by Rush Chairmen Scott Crabtree and Paul Enoch, 40 top quality men were pledged. This is the largest pledge Sigma Nu has had at the University of Tennessee since 1969. Summer rush proved to be the key, with many people ready to accept a bid as soon as they stepped on campus. This, combined with an excellent week of activities, aided the brothers in their attempt to get acquainted with the rushes and for the rushes to meet the brothers. Pamphlets from the General Fraternity and an emphasis on Honor and other tenets of Sigma Nu demonstrated to the rushes that Sigma Nu had much more to offer than just parties...Homecoming was November 18th with the football game against the University of Mississippi. The chapter went in with the Sigma Kappa sorority to build a "mini-float," a new category in the homecoming parade. The float specifications had to be ten feet wide by ten feet long by ten feet high...The chapter is assisting the American Cancer Society "Lick Cancer" campaign by selling lollipops all over Knoxville. Epsilon Eta had over 18,000 lollipops to sell.