

The Snake Skin

EPSILON ETA OF SIGMA NU AT TENNESSEE

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

EPSILON ETA ALUMNI CONTACT PROGRAM UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT'

Since 1972 you, our alumni, have been sending alumni dues to a special Post Office Box in Knoxville. This collection scheme was part of the services rendered to us by Fraternity Alumni Service of Atlanta, Georgia, to whom we have been under contract for the past few years. All of the money "collected" by this agency just happened to cover the cost of the quarterly newsletter which they printed for us. Because of this fact and also their unresponsiveness to our requests for more responsible and *prompt* service we terminated their contract in September.

"The Snake Skin" from now on will be printed by the National Office at a much reduced cost. Alumni Contact, Tyler K. Smith, is charged with the responsibility of gathering and editing material for the paper, and in order to make this new venture more meaning-

ful for Epsilon Eta alums, he is initiating some new alumni news concepts. Beginning in this issue an "Alumni Guest Editor" column will be printed featuring thoughts and reflections on alumni involvement from the other "side of the fence," so to speak.

Albert Lewis, Class of '69, kicks off this series with an important and hopefully "stirring" article. Each quarter a different alumnus will be asked to compose this column. Anyone who is interested in contributing to the growth of alumni involvement with the collegiate chapter in this way is encouraged to contact Tyler Smith at the house address.

Hopefully this column will generate some serious rebuttal so that a "Letters to the Editor" column can also be started. These new channels of communication along with all the other avenues for input offer you fellows a chance to start getting *really* involved in this chapter's affairs.

I sincerely hope that some of you will see fit to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in our present activities and *your future* as alumni by staying in touch with Epsilon Eta. Thank you.

Fraternally,

John S. Arendt

EMINENT COMMANDER

FOUR MEN INITIATED IN SEPTEMBER

New initiates for Fall Quarter, 1974 included four men. They are:

WAYNE MACKEY, Oak Ridge
MATT WELCH, Knoxville
MIKE MIERS, Nashville
BILL SHAVER, Chicago, Ill.

ALUMNI GUEST EDITOR COLUMN

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July 31, 1974

Dear Fellow Brothers,

In being asked to kick off the series of articles from alumni, I found myself with a perplexing responsibility -- what should I say? At first, I thought I would include a synopsis of what has happened to many of our Brothers who were at Epsilon Eta while I was there. But this would have been of interest to only those of you who were at U. T. in the years just after 1967. Second, I thought I might include what has happened to me. That would probably have sparked even more limited interest. Next, I thought I might tell you what is happening this year at Sigma Nu, but the Chapter is better qualified to tell you. Fourth, I thought I might prepare an article on what Fraternity means to me; however, this too seemed inappropriate. So, finally, I decided to deal with an area of primary importance to Epsilon Eta.

The area I have chosen to concentrate on is what I shall call "the Missing Component." You ask what could be missing in the formula for success at Sigma Nu. Well, it's simple -- STRONG ALUMNI SUPPORT. Obviously, a large responsibility to develop strong Alumni Relations rests with the Active Chapter. This fact has generally been recognized by the Active Chapter in recent years. However, there is another side to this. Here the responsibility rests with you and me, the Alumni Brothers of Sigma Nu. Too often we become too busy, too caught up in everyday life, to give much thought to Sigma Nu.

To insure a successful chapter, it is important that each of us shows a little interest in our Fraternity. It doesn't take much. For instance, whenever we get back to Knoxville, all that is required is just a few minutes to go by the House. Just walk in, find a collegiate Brother, and ask what's going on. He'll be glad to tell you about homecoming competition or intramural sports or any other chapter activity. You will be glad you took this time, and the Active Chapter will appreciate your interest.

In addition, there are more important things we as Alumni can do to help the Chapter. Obviously, we can contribute financial support, but I would rather direct attention to another area for purposes of this article. We are in a position of being able to contribute certain levels of advice that would be most helpful to the Chapter. This is a type of support and should not be restricted to the Chapter Advisor. We have the expertise and the experience to help with financial matters, planning for house improvements, rush, publicity, contracts, alumni contact, and relations with the University Administration. This can go beyond simple advice. For instance, we as University of Tennessee Alumni represent a potentially strong body in dealings with the Administration at the Knoxville Campus.

In closing, let me summarize by saying that the real responsibility for Alumni Contact success and for strong Alumni Relations is with us, the Alumni. So let's do our part!

Yours in the Legion of Honor,

Albert W. Lewis, EH 797

GRAND CHAPTER 1974

The 1974 Grand Chapter in Scottsdale, Arizona is more than just a legislative session. It's a great time to meet the Sigma Nus from the entire U. S. and Canada (Toronto) -- and that's exactly what Gary Copp, Rush Chairman, and Jim Hanvey, former Commander, did during their five-day stay in Del Webb's luxurious Mountain Shadows Resort. The mornings consisted of a Prayer Breakfast and the general legislative sessions which lasted until noon everyday. Recodification of The Law, an alternative Ritual, and suspension of the MIT Charter were the big issues. In the afternoons Jim and Gary lobbied to High Council members and Executive Secretary Bill Amriott about the pending initiation of Bill Ross, Chapter Financial Advisor.

When the work was done in the afternoon, it was off to the pool and 105° temperatures, so the pool and Coors sufficed. A 35-course Hawaiian Luau and a party at Big Surf, the desert wave-making machine, were highlights of the week.

At the conclusion of Grand Chapter it was announced that the 1976 Grand Chapter would be held in the nation's paradise, Tennessee's pride -- Nashville!

HOMECOMING SET FOR NOVEMBER 23

Sigma Nu Homecoming is one event alumni and collegians alike look forward to each year with anticipation and excitement. The deep tradition that is embodied in this week is exemplified by the intense competition between fraternities and, more often than not, highlighted by Epsilon Eta packing home the 1st place trophy.

Homecoming 1974 is no exception; a variety of activities will be featured, ranging from a soap box derby to the more familiar freshman footrace. The most important competition for Sigma Nu is the house display (float) which we have won (or should have won) for the last few years. This event draws the pledges, actives, little sisters, friends and, most importantly, alumni together for one solid week of fun and frolic, while constructing the display. This week of togetherness creates new friendships and helps unify the chapter. This winning combination will be a repeat of last year's with Pi Beta Phi Sorority joining Epsilon Eta in trying to capture this year's theme, "Homecoming on Parade."

A gourmet dinner and the Tennessee-Kentucky football game will highlight Homecoming 1974, on November 23rd here at Epsilon Eta. It should be an exciting game between two tough SEC competitors.

Before the excitement at Neyland Stadium, your headquarters for fun, food and relation is the Sigma Nu house. A delicious buffet dinner prepared by Aphelia Wilson will be served at 11:30 and an open bar will begin service right after the game (about 4:30). The dinner is RSVP so please let us know if you are coming by using the reply notice found on Page 6 of this issue of The Snake Skin. A band will commence playing at 9:00 and entertainment will continue throughout the evening.

Homecoming is a wonderful opportunity to meet the men of Epsilon Eta today and to renew friendships of years past. Epsilon Eta looks forward to seeing each of you November 23rd.

BE SURE TO ATTEND HOMECOMING ON NOVEMBER 23RD!!!

GREEKS ON THE UPSWING

Among the various influences abounding in the U. T. area is the growing cry for more Greek power in the campus community. While Tennessee students as a whole have grown more and more apathetic about everything, ranging from politics to concerts and even to the Big Orange recently, a strong sense of fraternity representation in the campus government is growing. Cornicus and All-Sing continue to be among the lost bastions of the old at U. T., but homecoming representation on the part of fraternities seems fiercer than in many years past,

NEW RECRUITS BOLSTER SIGMA NU ATHLETICS

For the Fall of 1974, Sigma Nu athletics looks indeed promising. The teams are ably manned by lengthy veterans and now freshmen. The goal this year and every year is the Overall University Championship in sports. Last year's 5th place finish was our best effort to date but 1974-75 promises to be a more fulfilling year.

In football (having been ranked 3rd in the University in 1973) we are bolstered by returning "veterans" Steve Arendt and John Richardson on offense and Jimmy Thomas and Bruce Wiley on defense. Our first game against Kappa Sigma was a cakewalk. The "Snake" defense held the opponent to two complete passes while intercepting three. The offense mixed up the plays well and showed superior execution as Sigma Nu won 16-0.

The next week's game was a mud bath, as rain had deluged the field the morning before. It was a case of who could ice skate on the mud the longest without falling down! And Sigma Nu slogged their way to another 16-0 victory over Alpha Gamma Rho. The offense scored countless times but they were nullified by penalties. The defense again was outstanding as they held the "farmers" to one first down the entire game.

Next week's game against Tau Delta Phi promises to be a collision of an irresistible force meeting an invulnerable object. They are ranked fifth in the University and we are ranked fourth. It is imperative that we win if we are to achieve the coveted goal of University Champion in Football.

In volleyball, the Snakes return three starters from their last year's All-University Championship team. They are Coach Jimmy Thomas and All-Star spikers Bill Ward and John Dews. We will be hard pressed to accomplish last year's goal due to inexperience at the other three positions. Freshman John Mahlman promises to be a stand-out for many years to come.

A great part of Sigma Nu athletics is the large support of the teams by the Brothers, little sisters, and friends. It is so much better for your team when it is cheered on to victory and everyone, not just the players, is involved in the win. This involvement and spirit has inspired many a team and the outlook for the future is just as bright.

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The Epsilon Eta Chapter would like to thank every alumnus who has helped the chapter in any way during the year.

A special thanks goes to the alumni listed above (on Page 4) who sent a check to the Sigma Nu House Improvement Fund. These checks have helped immensely.

Thanks also to these contributing alumni:

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I will be attending HOMECOMING 1974 at UT on Nov. 23rd.
With me will be _____ guests.

I will not be able to attend HOMECOMING 1974 at UT on
Nov. 23rd.

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to attend the buffet
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