

The Snake Skin

EPSILON ETA OF SIGMA NU AT TENNESSEE

Fall

1824 FRATERNITY DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37916

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FOOTBALL TICKET DILEMMA

Unfortunately, there are no tickets available at the UT Ticket Office for the Homecoming clash between UT and Memphis State! However, let us know if you'd like some tickets to any of the games, and we'll try our best to accommodate you. We can't guarantee anything, except that we'll try our best.

SIGMA NUS IN THE NEWS

We are attempting to start a new column in our *Snake-skin*, which will require some assistance from you as alumni. The new column is entitled "Sigma Nus in the News" and it's designed to let your Fraternity Brothers know what you are doing and vice versa.

The first column will be mainly recent graduates, which we have current information on, but we hope to expand in our next edition, when we can feature anyone who returns their cards (enclosed are information cards for you to complete and return). We hope to bring some of you closer to your Brothers, with whom you may have lost contact. Please help us make this article a success. Thanks again for your cooperation!

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank the following alumni for their generous contributions since April. These contributions have been put to good use in the form of house improvements. Thanks again, Brothers, for your support!

Jules C. Rieder	\$ 20.00
Robert Scott	10.00
Bruce Yates	10.00
William Blankenship	10.00
W. P. Partridge	15.00
Michael Price	10.00
Albert Lewis	10.00
George Caton	10.00
Tom Mariner	40.00
Steve Arendt	25.00
Ron Lawson	20.00
Ron Sherrill	20.00
Dr. R. D. Ikenberry (Reg. Comdr.)	20.00
William Waldrop	200.00

FOUNDER'S DAY: A SUCCESS AND A BEGINNING

It was a perfect May morning when the alumni, guests and parents started to arrive at the Chapter House to meet each other and to renew vows to the ideals of Sigma Nu. With about 150 people in attendance, the Open House was a time of seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Later that afternoon we all went to the Hyatt-Regency for a Cocktail Party around the swimming pool. At 6:00 P.M. we had a delicious dinner in the Cumberland Ballroom at the Hyatt. Then the real enjoyment began. Past Regent Virgil Duffie of Columbia, South Carolina, gave us a renewed inspiration in Sigma Nu while presenting the fantastic slide shows of the History of Sigma Nu and Sigma Nu in the Seventies.

Later that evening we were treated by the Bill Lawson Orchestra. Many of our younger Brothers got their first exposure to Glenn Miller's style of music. For those of you who were unable to attend, you really missed a treat! In our Winter *Snakeskin* you'll have a chance to find out about what's planned for next year; look for the article and remember the Founder's Day Celebration is for you, the alumni.

Dallas Flowers, EH 997
Alumni Contact Officer

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Another year has come and gone, and I am proud to report that Epsilon Eta has been making progress in almost all areas of fraternity-related matters. Having been elected Commander for a second year, I would like to comment on the Fraternity's progress and its failures.

Elections for officers were held in March, and judging from the performances of the officers thus far, I can honestly say that we have the most conscientious group of young men in office since I pledged four years ago. Everyone is able, as well as willing, to more than adequately perform his duties.

Our scholarship program is off-the-ground. Eric Anderson of Brentwood, Tenn., the Scholarship Chairman, has put together an excellent program and this hard work is beginning to pay off. Our Chapter Grade Point Average has increased in each of the last three quarters. Also, efforts to update our test file has been increased. But most importantly,

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Eric has instituted a speaker program, where the chapter invites faculty members, UT administrators, professional men, etc. to speak to the chapter about their respective fields of training. And it has been extremely successful. If any of you would like to offer your time and share your experiences with the active chapter, just let us know and we'll make the necessary arrangements.

Our alumni program is geared around two annual functions, whereby we try to bring all of our alumni together — to reminisce about the good ol' days. These events are Homecoming in the Fall and Founder's Day in the Spring. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of these occasions and we will do everything within our power to make these functions a success. (See the Alumni Contact's letter about homecoming plans this fall.)

At this point in time, Epsilon Eta's membership stands at 54, and we only lose about five to graduation, so with a strong rush this fall, we can solve our manpower weaknesses and hopefully our financial inadequacies, as well. We have initiated 22 men since fall quarter of last year, and we hope to pledge 30 sharp guys this fall. If we can do this, our membership would be about 80 strong — the largest in about seven years. With the aid of Bud Richey, the Fraternity Affairs Advisor at UT and a Sigma Nu from Louisiana Tech, we have developed what we feel is an excellent summer and fall rush program. It will work if, and only if, we work! You, as alumni, can help by recommending any young men you may know who will be entering UT this fall. The alumni recommendations have proven to be an excellent rush idea. So, help us with rush, if you can. Remember — rush is the lifeblood of the Fraternity.

Financially, the Fraternity is stable — yet we haven't made much progress the past year. Our lack of improvement in this area can be attributed to the recent house improvement loan of \$12,000, of which the active chapter paid \$2,500 cash to get the loan. The house is in excellent shape, except for some plumbing and roofing repairs which must be taken care of. Once again, rush is the solution to our financial woes. *More men means more money!* And we could operate very well with an 80-man chapter and continue to maintain the condition of the house.

One of the aspects of Epsilon Eta which I am extremely proud of is the working relationship with the National Fraternity. We work very closely with them on several matters, and they have greatly benefitted Epsilon Eta. Some of the services they provide to us are:

1) Scholastic Achievement Grants of \$100, twice a year to Brothers who prove their academic excellence or promote this excellence;

2) Emergency Grants of up to \$250 to brothers who have encountered financial problems and cannot meet their school expenses;

3) Extremely inexpensive printing and mailing charges for rush and alumni materials;

4) Provided us with a \$9,000 Emergency Fund Loan in 1976, when we did not qualify (financially) to receive a regular loan from the National Fraternity;

5) Provided a speaker, Past Regent Virgil Duffie, for our 1977 Founder's Day and paid his expenses;

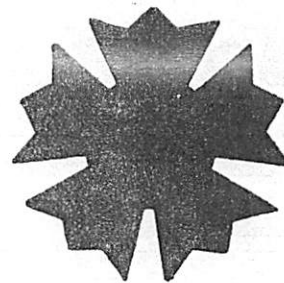
6) Provided the "Sigma Nu Spectacular" Slide Presentation for our 1977 Founder's Day, and paid the expenses of a National representative to come to Knoxville and present it;

7) Allows us an annual visit to the National Headquarters in Lexington, Virginia to better educate our pledges (and actives) into the history and meaning of Sigma Nu.

Epsilon Eta has made a lot of progress in the last few years. We've implemented several new programs which have proven extremely successful and hope to remain innovative. Everyone at Epsilon Eta is encouraged by our progress and vows to do his best to continue down this road of success. We are fully aware of our problems, and think that we have most of them under control. However, we are always open to suggestions from you and encourage you to be active and to come visit with us. We're looking forward to seeing all of you at Homecoming.

Yours in honor,

William Byron Lawson, EH 951
Commander



ALUMNI CONTACT'S REPORT

FALL QUARTER INTRAMURALS

I would like to personally thank those alumni who helped make Founder's Day '77 a success. I'm sure you found the program at the Hyatt-Regency Knoxville every bit as moving as I did. For those who were unable to attend, we did miss you and hope that you will be able to attend this next Spring.

Our next alumni function will be this Fall with Homecoming '77. At this time the alumni from all segments of campus will be merging upon Knoxville to see Johnny Major's Vols attack the Memphis State Tigers. This should be a memorable game. Unfortunately, the game is already a sell-out, but we will have our pre-game festivities. The card enclosed in the *Snake Skin* is for our benefit so we can plan how many will attend. Along with the game, the house will have a pre-game luncheon buffet and a cash bar. Julian Watson, EH 992, is serving the University as Chairman of All-Campus Events and it is his role to coordinate all the functions for UT at homecoming. Brother Watson has decided to bring back the Homecoming Parade in place of the yard display and we are confident of maintaining our six-year run as No. 1 in this area.

I have decided to start a new feature article in the *Snake Skin* in response to the many requests. This feature will try to bring together information about our alumni into one article. Brothers often lose contact with each other after graduation and sometimes they have no idea where to write or how to get in contact with that old Sigma Nu buddy. Along with the Homecoming card, you'll find an information section. We will try to print as many of these information cards as possible on a quarterly basis. However, *please write us any additional information that you would like to have printed for your Brothers in Sigma Nu.* This article will appear in each *Snake Skin*.

Finally, we are right upon rush and your recommendations are needed! Summer rush has been going very well with rush parties in Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis. We feel that we can obtain thirty sharp pledges this Fall. However, we do need your recommendations to help us. Please send them into us as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing all of our 900 alumni here on Homecoming.

Fraternally,

Dallas Flowers, EH 997
Alumni Contacts

In the Fall, Sigma Nu football games mean good competition, brotherhood, and some good ole fun. As always, the Fraternity will try to field a competitive team by blending aging veterans and unseasoned talent. While welcoming a fine competitive edge, we must continue to fit the mold of the gentleman athletes.

Some people with big play potential are Benny Turner (db), Chuck DeZearn (db), Bob McKibben (de), Barry Gaddes (off. line), Wink Neal (off. back), and Philip Arendt (off. back).

Along with football, the Fraternity will compete in volleyball and tug-of-war. Volleyball has always been a strong point of this Fraternity and this year should be no different, with returning veterans Benjy Davis, Jim Twyford and Benny Turner. As we found out last year, when we won the tug-of-war, seemingly minor sports are as important as the rest in intramural competition.

In closing, intramurals can provide brotherhood and good ole fun. The good ole fun will come from the brotherhood enjoyed by working and playing together as a team and partying together as a chapter following such intramural contests. If you're in town, drop by and enjoy a beer, brotherhood, and a beautiful southern sorority's presence.

RUSH RECOMMENDATIONS

Fall Rush is drawing near, and we're looking forward to a very successful rush. We have an excellent rush program planned and hope that our hard work pays off with at least thirty sharp guys. And you can help us by sending us any recommendations for rush. If you know of any young men who are planning on attending the University of Tennessee, please notify us so we may contact them this Fall. Send your recommendations to:

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