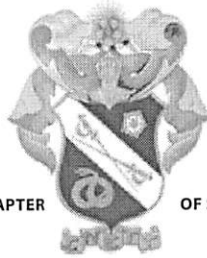


# SIGMA NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE EPSILON ETA CHAPTER

OF SIGMA NU AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE - OCTOBER 2008



## The Sigma Nu House Closes . . . New Construction to Begin in January

After many months of planning, students vacated the Sigma Nu House at the end of the summer semester. Construction on the new house is scheduled to begin in January 2009.

"It's hard to believe, but after 41 years, no one will be living in the Sigma Nu House this Fall," said house corporation president **Bill Blankenship, EH 787**.

The last few summer residents moved out in August, after using the house for Fall Rush. When Rush concludes, the house corporation will secure the house and remove the composites, plaques, trophies and other items that will move to the new house.

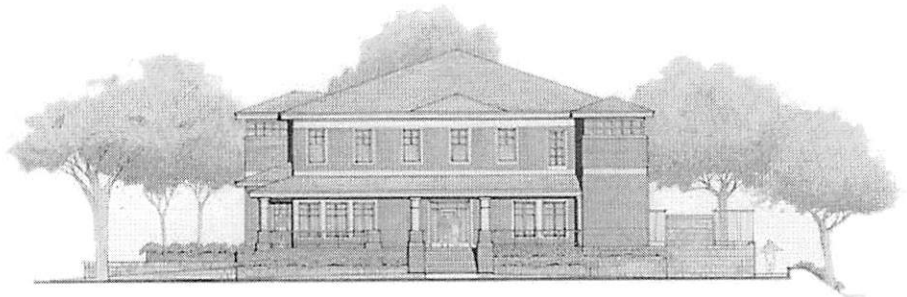
Soon thereafter, construction crews and bulldozers will visit the house on Fraternity Park Drive to raze the structure. The cost of demolition is estimated to be \$17,500.

The chapter has made alternate arrangements for meeting space for the 2008-09 school year.

Thanks to a tremendous outpouring of alumni support, construction of the new house is scheduled to begin in January 2009.

The new brick Sigma Nu house will be 8,620 square feet with 18 student dorm rooms with sleeping and expanded storage facilities. The new house will contain a chapter room, living room, TV room, chapter office, full service kitchen and elevator.

Top of the line, the new house will meet and exceed all required safety



codes with proper fire escapes, fire sprinklers, kitchen facilities, heating and air conditioning, and plumbing facilities. An ADA accessible first floor suite will be just one of the features in the new, ADA-compliant facility.

"We would not be in a position today to begin construction on our new house if we did not have so many generous alumni," said national capital campaign co-chairman **Bruce Wiley, EH 953**. "Every Epsilon Eta brother owes a debt of gratitude to the many men who have worked so hard and contributed so generously to make this project a reality."

To follow the latest construction progress and news about the new house, visit [www.sigmanuutk.com](http://www.sigmanuutk.com).

### All Alumni Invited to the Fall Alumni Reunion - October 24-25, 2008

All alumni are invited to return to Knoxville and Sigma Nu for an alumni reunion on Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2008.

The weekend will begin with dinner for alumni and their spouses on Friday, October 24, 2008, at Calhoun's on the River. Cocktails will start at 6:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will cost \$25 per person.

The following day, Saturday, October 25, 2008, alumni and friends are invited to participate in a golf tournament (location and cost TBA) and other activities still being developed. UT will play Alabama sometime that day (as of press time, game time has not yet been announced).

Alumni are encouraged to continue to check the website at [www.sigmanuutk.com](http://www.sigmanuutk.com) as additional details are announced.



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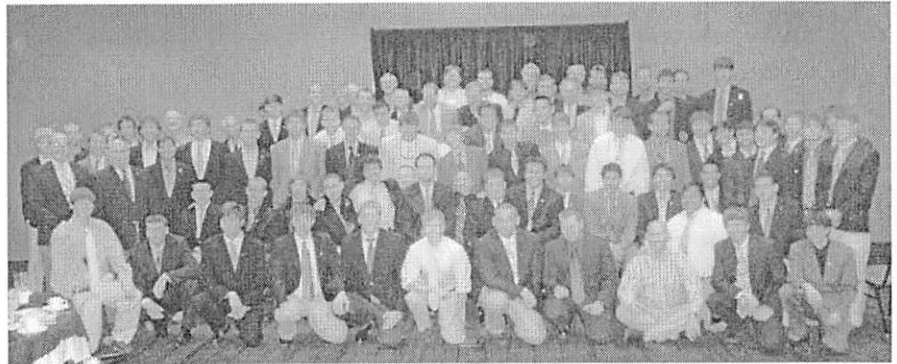
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## Record Alumni Turnout at 87th Founders Day



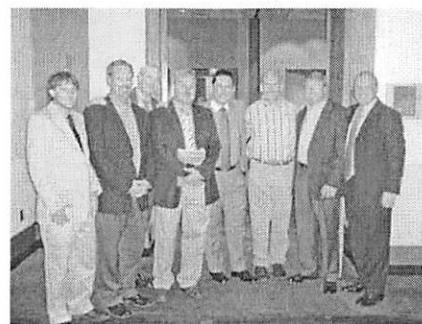
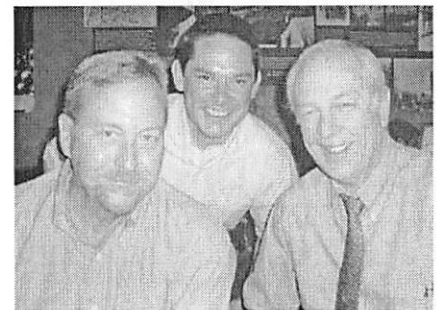
More than 100 alumni and active members attended our 87th annual Founders Day celebration

Billed as the last opportunity to visit the current Sigma Nu House, alumni turned out in record numbers for Sigma Nu's 87th annual Founders Day Celebration on April 18-19, 2008.

The weekend began with an alumni golf tournament at Three Ridges Golf Course in Knoxville on Friday afternoon. On Friday evening, brothers of all ages enjoyed one of the final parties at the chapter house.

As alumni and brothers awoke Saturday morning, they had a full day ahead of them starting with lunch at the chapter house followed by the annual Orange & White spring football game.

More than 100 alumni, actives, spouses and guests attended the Founders Day Banquet Saturday evening at the Knoxville Convention Center. During the closing banquet, National Capital Campaign Co-Chairman **Bruce Wiley, EH 953**, provided the keynote address.



## Brother to Brother

**Garry Benton Eavenson, EH 1208** posted the following message: "Great job on the website guys! My years in school at UT were some of the best of my life, and I have Sigma Nu to thank for it. The guys I went through with (pledge class fall '89) were/are like brothers to me. **Brent Dyer, EH 1189** was our Pledge Marshall, and **Brent Moore, EH 1195** - whose nickname I am told can only be spoken now under penalty of death - was big brother to me and **Stephen Whitt, EH 1207**. I still have the orange '69 Cadillac that we used to terrorize the strip in, and park in front of the house for game days and during South Sea Daze. It is at my parents' house, and every time I go home and see it, I have to laugh. I am married with two children, living in Rock Hill, SC. I work in the business development department of the York County, SC Natural Gas Authority. I am the lone Volunteer in a workplace full of Clemson and S.C. fans. I would love to hear from you guys, so drop me a line! I have a lot of pictures from those days, and I also made a DVD of the 1991 Formal at Bent Creek, so some of you

guys can cancel your plans to run for public office! Just kidding. My parents always commented on how respectful and mature my fraternity brothers were. I wish you guys who knew him remember my cousin, **Ricky Eavenson, EH 1192**. He was a year older than me and brought me over to the "snake house" when I was still in high school and introduced me to everyone. He passed away in Feb. 2001. He was one of a kind, as those of you who knew him can attest. If Ricky were here, he would probably want me to thank **Jack Crawford, EH 1153** who called him up out of the blue his first day on campus. Jack saw on the freshman directory that Ricky was a fellow North Carolinian - and helped him get settled in his N. Carrick dorm room, and then brought him down to the house to meet everyone that evening. That's a true Sigma Nu fraternity brother for you. P.S. I can't remember my own phone number, but I can still recite the Greek alphabet. Thanks Sigma Nu!"

After graduating from UT, **Robert H. Sharp, Jr, EH 1241** moved to Connecticut to attend graduate school. His original plan was to

move south when he finished. He ultimately stayed for job reasons and later found his wife there. He now has a baby girl, and is working as a Business Analyst at Pratt & Whitney.

**Chase R. Sinquefield, EH 1267** sent the following note: "What is up Snake homies!!! Great job on the website. I have had a great time being involved and emptying my life savings into the capital campaign. It will be nice to see someone finally realize all our dreams of a new house. My wife, Brooke, and seven month old daughter, Lila Belle, all live in Murfreesboro, TN. I am a partner in an independent insurance agency

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## Capital Campaign Approaches 90% of Goal

As of September 25, 2008, 153 alumni, undergraduates and friends have collectively pledged \$883,490 to help build a new Sigma Nu House at UT. These 153 donors represent 14.5% of Epsilon Eta's living alumni population.

"We're extremely grateful and amazed at the tremendous generosity expressed by 153 loyal brothers," said national campaign co-chairman **Tad Zelski, EH 731**.

"I am also a little shocked so many others have not yet decided to participate. To me, brotherhood and participation are very important. I want this house to represent every Sigma Nu brother, and I hope every Sigma Nu brother will do his part to make it a reality."

With a goal of raising at least \$1 million, the fraternity is looking for new donors to help raise the difference.

Interested alumni, parents and friends can make their pledge and show their support by making a gift online at [www.sigmanuutk.com](http://www.sigmanuutk.com). The campaign accepts one-time gifts and pledges payable over a five-year period. Donors to the Sigma Nu campaign will qualify for and receive any benefits offered by any applicable University of Tennessee programs or gift recognition clubs.

More information about the campaign and a list of all donors is available online at [www.sigmanuutk.com](http://www.sigmanuutk.com) by clicking on the "Capital Campaign" tab.

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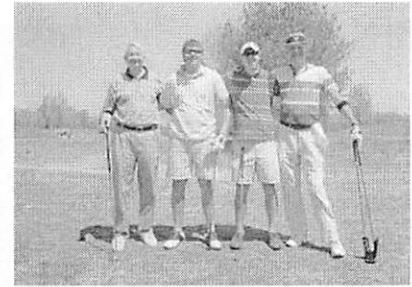
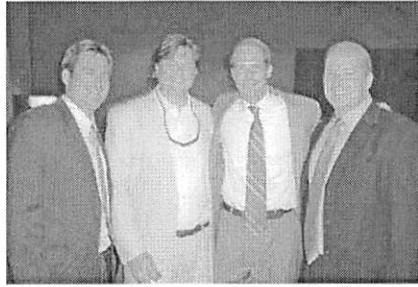
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here, and it is great. I also have been dabbling in a lot of real estate deals as well. I miss all of ya. Hopefully Founders Day can be a good enough reason for all of us to get together each year. My motto is 'Bring it, Don't Sing It!' C ya soon. Chase "

**Nathan Lee Green, EH 1295**, posted the following message on the website: "Hello All, Great job on Founders Day! I was very happy to see everyone and to see the dedication of many of the young brothers. Things are on the change for EH 1295. I got married in September, wifey is pregnant with our first son due in September.... yeee haw! We just purchased a new home in Hendersonville, and we will be moving back to Nashville. Both my wife and I are going to be able to keep our jobs and work from home. I am fired up to be back in Tennessee,

**Highlights from the 87th Annual Founder's Day**

*See the related article inside.*



and I look forward to helping the younglings with Rush in Nashville. Stay in touch!

For the past three years **Scott Phillip Chamberland, EH 1298** has been attending the New England College of Optometry in Boston, MA where he was able to see the 86 year curse for Red Sox disappear a few years ago. He recently got engaged this past May before starting his final

year of rotations. His fiancée, Mandy, and he plan to head back south to the Nashville area after graduation.

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*Do you have news you want to share with other alumni? Did you recently get married? Have a baby? Change jobs? Let us know. Submit your news online at <http://www.sigmanuutk.com> by clicking on the "Brother to Brother – Tell Us About You" link.*



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