

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Candidate Initiation

Approximately April 16

### Spring Alumni Weekend

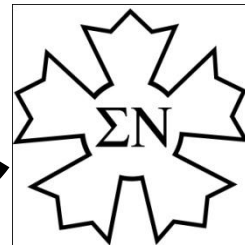
April, more information to come out in the coming months

The

EPSILON SIGMA

News

Fall 2012



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## Greetings from the Active Chapter

Hello Brothers,

It is my pleasure to open up the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Nu's latest Newsletter for the Fall 2012 Semester. This year we have had the fortune of initiating 12 new outstanding members into this fraternity. In addition, we have appreciated support from our alumni in our endeavors to protect the sanctity of our house as we have just recently managed to install a security system and continue to make improvements on the physical well being of the building. Financially, we have managed to uphold a stable level of spending and aim to build a significant amount of savings for the chapter's future use. We have enjoyed seeing many of you during our latest Homecoming events and hope to see you again this coming spring or some other time in the near future. As always, you are welcome to visit us at any time. I have had a great time serving you as Alumni Relations Chairman and I am sure that our newly elected officers, Andrew Tait and Nate Mahoney, respectively serving as Alumni Chairman and Worthy Commander, will continue to uphold strong communications and represent our values of Love, Truth, and Honor. We hope you enjoy the contents of this Newsletter and we look forward to hearing back from you soon!

Sincerely,

Jared

Alumni Relations Chairman

## Social Events

KΔ All Sing



Sorority Bid Day Fall 2012



Rikeen Patel '13 Selected Mr. Rhodes



## Recruitment

The Active Chapter is now strongly over 50 members in size. Please welcome our new pledges!



## Fall 2012 Pledges

ΕΣ 1160	Jay Clinton	Brownsville, TN
ΕΣ 1161	Connor Cutright	Hendersonville, TN
ΕΣ 1162	Koshy George	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1163	Christopher Giles	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1164	C. Austin Horne	Shreveport, LA
ΕΣ 1165	Connor Jerow	Racine, WI
ΕΣ 1166	Eric Jones	Memphis, TN
ΕΣ 1167	William Kalescky	Dallas, TX
ΕΣ 1168	Bryan Martin	Dobbs Ferry, NY
ΕΣ 1169	Colin Rye	Mobile, AL
ΕΣ 1170	John M. Thursby	Park Ridge, IL
ΕΣ 1171	J. Seth Tillman	Brownsville, TN

Halloween Party



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## Brotherhood

In the recent semesters, we have returned to brotherhood as the cornerstone to a successful fraternity. Several measures include monthly outings, a semester camping retreat, and improvements to the house. At least once a month we set aside time to bowl, watch a movie, catch a Grizzlies game, or play laser tag together. These events provide two great functions: gets us away from the daily academic stresses of campus and gives a platform for memories and fellowship as a united brotherhood. Additionally, nearly every active was able set aside an entire weekend of brotherhood. The pledges also joined us for a jovial weekend at brother Drew Kerby's farm. Despite lots of rain, the weekend was a success in team building activities, storytelling and growth as a chapter. Finally, with wireless internet and cleaned out spaces, the is becoming a haven for brotherhood throughout the week. We take our academics seriously and cooperative learning amongst brothers of all grade levels drives our accolades in highest GPA. The improvements have also allowed for better tailgates where multiple games can be streamed from brother's laptops and all the brothers expect to be welcomed at the house we cherish as ours every day of every week. It has been an honor to serve in such an influential role this past year and I am confident in the continuation of this brotherhood as facilitated by Chaplain-elect Jonathan Cavell.

Andrew Tait  
on behalf of Sam Bridger, Chaplain



## Sigma Nu Sweethearts

*Sigma Nu girl, you'll always be  
Sigma Nu girl, dearest to me.  
All of my worries and cares depart  
When you wear the White Star on your heart.  
Sigma Nu girl, someday you'll know  
Dreams will come true; I love you so.  
Our star will shine pledge of the time  
When you are mine in Sigma Nu.*

A number of sweethearts accompanied brothers to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The Chapter will recognize all our sweethearts in the Sigma Nu Revisited video.

If you have information on any of our Sweethearts or are still in touch with them, please email [epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com) or [Contact Us!](#)

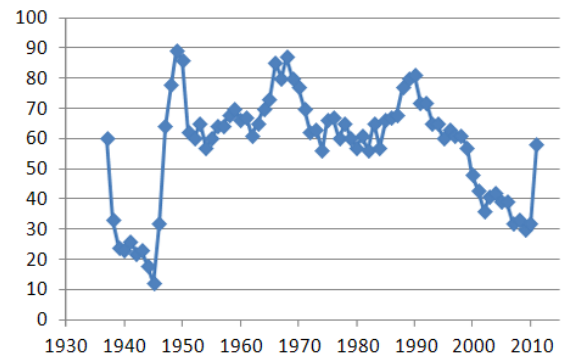


## Networking Opportunities

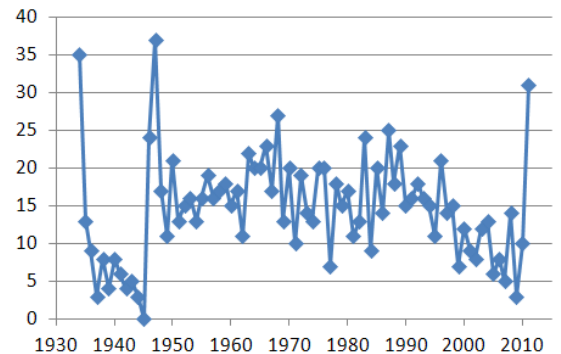
The Alumni Chapter is gathering information about networking opportunities, internships, and job offerings. If you would like to network with fellow alumni and/or know about internships or job offerings for recent grads and young alumni, please email [epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com) or [Contact Us!](#)

You can also connect with the Chapter on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#)!

## Epsilon Sigma Chapter Size



## Recruitment





## Message from Our Chapter Advisor

My dear brothers,

Has this ever happened to you? You finished a project at work, finished a good book, a meal, or some other event and thought “This is so good, how could it get any better?” That is how I feel every time I meet or visit the Epsilon Sigma chapter. However, I am constantly surprised because the chapter, the candidates, their grades, their finances, and many other aspects of the chapter continue to get better.

How does this happen and how will it continue? There are many reasons, but consistent alumni involvement is key. The chapter has strong leaders with clear path of where they want to go and they will do well even without help. However, the experience, “gray hair”, business skills, and finances each alumni offers, accelerate and reinforce what they do. This helps to build a strong chapter, enable a fraternal experience they will cherish forever, and, in turn, produce even more dedicated alumni.

There’s an old expression that goes something like – “many hands makes light work”. So, as in previous messages, I ask you to volunteer in whatever way you can to give back to the chapter and to the fraternity. You will enjoy your time with these young men, they will enjoy meeting you, and we will all benefit from our common bond called Sigma Nu.

With Love, Honor, and Truth,  
Rob McCleary

## Philanthropy

Administrators and accolades continue for Rhodes’ “Most Philanthropic Fraternity”.

### Family Safety Center

Brothers orchestrated a film screening and discussion about domestic violence

### AOII Arthritis Fundraiser

Sigma Nu was both the highest donor and had the largest number of participants at AOII’s annual “Strikeout Arthritis event



## Chapter House Improvements

Throughout this semester the Sigma Nu house has undergone several important changes. First off, the Archive Room has been completely cleaned and is now in use for the first time in almost 4 years. Recently, a security camera system has been installed thus ensuring the house becoming a safer place to keep important items. The house has finally received internet. Allowing brothers to access the web has thus increased the frequency in which the house is in use. And finally, there have been several windows that have been replaced. Upcoming projects include: acquiring cable, and fixing the basement windows, fixing the door frame and lock to the upstairs door. However the biggest news for the house is the potential revival of the Housing Corporation. Talks have begun on restarting the Housing Corporation which would aid in the many projects that will maintain the longevity of the Sigma Nu house. Voting for the renewal of the Housing Corporation is expected to take place this upcoming semester and hopefully the correct decision will be made regarding the future of the Sigma Nu house.

Joey Miller  
House Chair





## Sigma Nu Revisited

The Active and Alumni Chapters are working together to create a "Sigma Nu Revisited" video to celebrate the Chapter's 75 years of success. Now you will be able to remember your college days with friends and family anytime for many years to come!

The video will feature pictures, music, and alumni interviews that span the past 75 years.

[Watch the Sigma Nu Revisited Teaser on YouTube.](#)

If you have any pictures for the Sigma Nu Revisited video, please email [epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com) or [Contact Us!](#)

We have received submissions from:

Al Wunderlich '39	Charles Cobb, Sr. '44
Art Rollins '81	Bill Byrd '78
Buddy Whiteaker '58	Bill Short '71
Mark Houston '79	Rush Waller '83
Ben Waller '11	Andrew Bell '11
Dot Neale '77	Becky Hatcher '77

Anyone who submits material for the Sigma Nu Revisited video will receive a FREE copy of the video!

## Other News

This spring, brother Frankie Dakin will be taking office, not at Rhodes, but in his hometown of Millington. Frankie is the youngest alderman in city history and Sigma Nu is proud of his accomplishments. For a full story, please visit <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2012/nov/28/college-student-to-take-office-as-millington/>

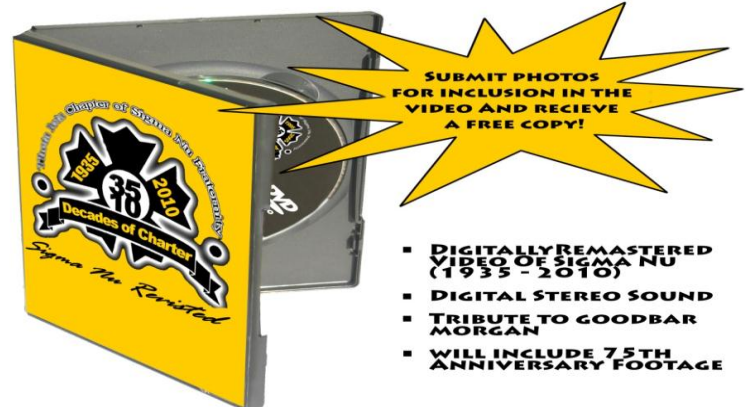
Eminent Commander and senior brother Rikeen Patel was selected as Mr. Rhodes, Sigma Nu's third consecutive honoree in the annual homecoming celebration.

Sigma Nu maintains, for the 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 straight semesters the *HIGHEST GPA* on campus.

A LinkedIn post from alumnus Andrew Bell: "Brothers- I'm attempting to become a certified mediator. If any of you are knowledgeable about either Florida mediation or mediation in general, then please contact me. I would appreciate any advice."

This February, brother Andrew Tait and others will be participating in the Polar Bear Plunge to benefit Special Olympics of Memphis. For more information, please visit <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/AndrewRhodes/2013-polar-bear-plunge-memphis>. Thank you for considering his cause.

## COMING SOON!



# Also stay tuned for a completely overhauled website

<http://www.epsilonsigmasigmanu.com>

### **A Closing Message from the Eminent Commander**

It is my pleasure to report the activities of the active chapter to you this during this holiday season. The Epsilon Sigma chapter has made important strides towards improving chapter operations. Our focus is towards promoting the longevity of the chapter by creating a system that helps to pass on the good habits of the active chapter. This past fall rush we re-implemented the unanimous vote called for by The Law of Sigma Nu. This change netted us 13 of the finest pledges, now actives, that we could have asked for. We have made sure to keep in close contact with important campus officials. We are on first name basis with 2 deans, the heads of campus safety, and several directors on campus. Sigma Nu is personally called upon when certain committees on campus wish to enact change and reform.

The Epsilon Sigma chapter has won many accolades as well; we won awards for highest participation in drunk driving prevention events, cure for arthritis fundraisers, and many of our brothers have been elected/appointed to important on campus positions. Our social life is thriving, as we are the only fraternity to host swaps with all four sororities. We have taken measures to secure Wireless Internet in our house. This is being put to good use, as brothers can now use the house as a study venue (I can assure you that this is definitely being taken advantage of). We have installed security cameras in key locations to prevent and protect ourselves from theft. All of these ventures were funded by active brothers within the chapter. We are debt free and financially ready to head into the next semester with steady footing.

I wish to convey to you the excellent work that each and every one of my officers completed. Their dedication and attention to detail allowed for far more growth than previously expected. Additionally, we have seen more alumni support than our chapter has known in recent years. This is promising and will help us reach our goal of sustained chapter longevity.

Perhaps most exciting of all is the formation of the Housing Corporation, a body of independent alumni and professionals to help manage funds and perform upkeep on the house. Several alumni have already pledged to donate to this organization, as there are several repairs that the house needs. As a show of good faith, the Active chapter is pledging to donate \$5,000, over half of its current surplus, and pledge to donate another \$5,000 in the next Spring, in order to match certain alumni contributions. By cutting much of our social budget, we hope to show the alumni that the Epsilon Sigma chapter is not a group of boys that only think of parties, but a committed organization of men who can prioritize the glory of Sigma Nu over personal gain.

As commander, I could not be more proud of my chapter or of those alumni who have stepped forward to aid the active chapter. As my term comes to a close, I would like to remind all of you that the active chapter is very receptive to alumni outreach. We are willing to speak with you all about any matters that may be of concern to you and we invite you to let us know when you may be visiting Memphis. We look forward to your continued outreach and hope to foster relationships with more of you. Finally, we are proudest of all to be able to call you, our dutiful and distinguished alumni, our brothers in Sigma Nu.

Fraternally, Mr. Rhodes and your faithful Eminent Commander,  
Rikeen Patel  
Epsilon Sigma #1137



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