

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Homecoming Weekend

October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

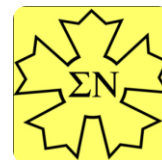
### Fall Pledge Class Initiation

Late November, please stay tuned.

# THE EPSILON SIGMA News

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Spring 2013



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## Greetings from the Active Chapter

Hello Brothers,

It is my pleasure to forward the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Nu's latest Newsletter for the Spring 2013 Semester. This semester has been a great one for the chapter as I hope you will see in the following pages. Our spring alumni-chapter dinner was well-attended and offered a nice time of fellowship and reminiscing for our alumni and for the active brothers. I encourage you to stay up to date with Rhodes as they send information about Homecoming. Additionally, we also continue to advertise our events through the summer. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any announcements for the chapter or to share some of your story with the brothers. My contact email is [taiad-15@rhodes.edu](mailto:taiad-15@rhodes.edu). We hope you enjoy the contents of this Newsletter and we look forward to hearing back from you soon!

Sincerely,

Andrew Tait, EΣ 1150

Alumni Relations Chairman

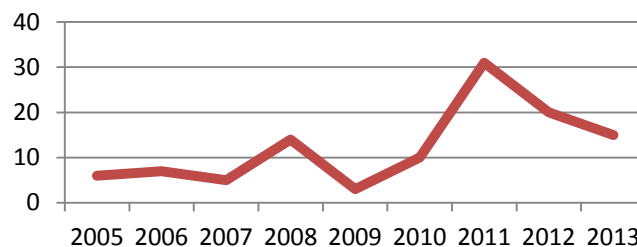
## Recruitment

The Epsilon Sigma Chapter continues to grow and carefully select potential brothers during recruitment. Please welcome our Spring pledge class.

### Spring 2013 Pledge Class

EΣ 1172	Jonathan Chu	Little Rock, AR
EΣ 1173	Josh Bill	Sikeston, MO
EΣ 1174	Jordan Meyer	Minneapolis, MN

### Pledge Class Size (Fall + Spring)



### Tailgating



### Battle of the Bands



The Brothers  
in Action

### Spring Formal



### Rites of Spring Concert



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## Sound Off

***"If you had to pick one, what has been the top highlight of your days at Sigma Nu so far?"***

"I've really enjoyed the more causal and unstructured hangouts with the rest of the brothers."  
-Ian Turner, EΣ 1151

"It was really nice as a chapter when we won Fraternity of the Year last year, and one of the big highlights for me was having really good relations with every sorority my freshman year."  
-David Moore, EΣ 1136

"I would have to say the luau when we had the huge slip and slide. Some of the best brotherhood and social all combined into one event."  
-David Bergen, EΣ 1117

"I really enjoy browling, honestly. It's just a neat chance to chill and I like the friendly competitiveness of it all while haning out with brothers away from school."

-Jess Wilder, EΣ 1159

"I love getting a chance to hang out with the brothers while both supporting Rhodes and my fellow Sigma Nus who represent the lynx athletically."  
-Andrew Tait, EΣ 1150



## 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.



## 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](#)!



## By the Numbers

**3**—brothers who travelled to the Dominican Republic for an alternative spring break of community service

**11**—alumni attendees at our Spring Alumni-Active Dinner

**59**—total number of active brothers as of April 2013

**3**—swaps with sororities this spring

**96**—percentage of brothers who met the recommended total hours of service during the spring semester

**13**—brothers who presented at the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium in May

**10**—formally structured “brotherhood events” like bowling and movies this semester

## Philanthropy

### Neighborhood Cleanup

Brothers cleaned up the site for a local neighborhood art festival

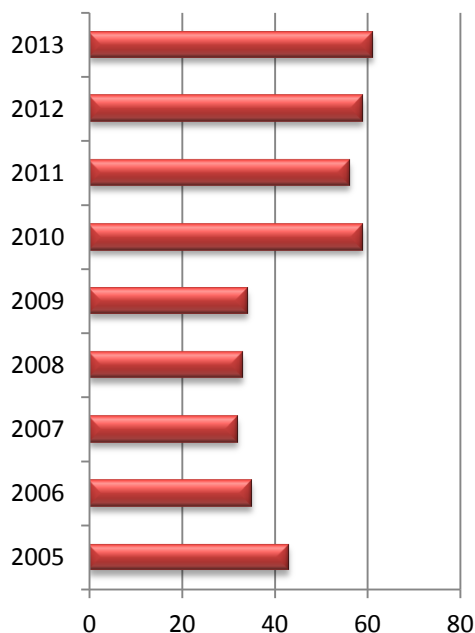
### KA Chili Cookoff

Sigma Nu won, for the third year, Best Chili at KA’s event

### Polar Bear Plunge

Multiple brothers took a dip in the Mississippi to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics in Memphis

## Chapter Size



## Chapter House Update

Over the course of the school year that just concluded, a great deal of work and research has been put toward the formal reinstitution of the Housing Corporation. Being that it has been inactive since the mid-1990's, this effort has been a high priority of the Alumni Chapter as currently there is no sustainable means to ensure the wellbeing of the house. With the help of local alumni brothers in the community and beyond, the Alumni Chapter has been able to recruit volunteers to serve as the first members of the board since it was dissolved. This is a huge step forward, not only as a means to further cultivate the bonds between the Chapter and the alumni community, but because it signals the beginning of a new stage in the life of the House and the Epsilon Sigma Chapter. Estimates for projects of immediate need have been identified and obtained from local contractors so that change can be made as soon as our fundraising goals have been met. I am very excited for this new development and am confident that the members of the Housing Corporation will be successful in partnering with the Active Chapter to preserve the integrity of the House for years to come.

As the initiative to form the Housing Corporation comes to a close, I will be leading the effort to begin a capital campaign to address the other priorities of the Alumni Chapter. I believe that this endeavor will serve to extend the reach of the Memphis Alumni Chapter and energize the alumni community, especially in light of the changes that will come forth on the heels of the Housing Corporation. As always, we are looking to connect with alumni who have been dormant for many years and want to get involved in some way, be it in a mentor capacity, an advisory role, or even to share their story as a Sigma Nu. Stay tuned for further updates in the near future!

Love, Truth, and Honor.  
Fraternally,  
Nate Mahoney  
Worthy Commander



## Brother Accolades

Senior L. Matthew Jehl was inducted into the prestigious Hall of Fame that adorns Palmer Hall.

Senior Rikeen Patel, 2013 Mr. Rhodes, was also named Greek Man of the Year.

Senior Kurt Hebert was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army

Junior Frankie Dakin was selected as a nationally recognized Truman Scholar for his commitment to service and leadership at Rhodes in the community.

Sophomore Andrew Tait was elected as a student representative to the Board of Trustees beginning next fall.

Junior Brian Tchang and Sophomore Jess Wilder both received a Buckman scholarship to study abroad during the 2013-2014 school year.

Sophomores Brenden Tyler, Bailey Kimmitt, and Andrew Tait were inducted into the esteemed Order of Omega honor society for Greek men and women.

Senior David Bergen helped produce a documentary film for Rhodes about current faculty and staff who remember what life was like at Rhodes the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. got assassinated in Memphis and was named a Face of Rhodes.

Senior Ian Preston was named a Face of Rhodes for his outstanding four years of work as a Bonner Scholar and his passionate commitment to the Environmental Studies Program.

Senior Joey Miller helped take the men's basketball team to its first conference championship in recent memory.

Senior Dan Sutherland was a high scoring member of the men's conference championship winning track team.



# Also stay tuned for a completely overhauled website

<http://www.epsilonsigmaSIGMANU.com>

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

As summer approaches it is my pleasure to report the activities and accolades of the chapter this past spring semester. This semester the Epsilon Sigma chapter has had a lot to proud of that I am very excited to share with you. Our chapter has continued to maintain a very healthy size and we are fortunate enough to be able to increase our selectivity in terms of membership. This spring semester we initiated three individuals who all embody the tenets of our chapter.

We continue to maintain a great relationship with the administration and other campus officials. We have several personal relationships with several deans and the heads of campus safety. Sigma Nu is one of the leaders in Greek life reform, and this past semester we worked with the administration to develop better ways to maintain academics through the candidate education process. Excellence in course work has been a point of pride in our chapter and continued excellence has been a major focal point for the chapter this semester.

This semester the active chapter focused on encouraging a higher level of involvement from chapter members. We developed a chapter specific mission statement, which was written to give a specific charge for the Epsilon Sigma chapter. Several brothers helped to write the statement, and the chapter passed it unanimously.

In terms of chapter operations, I am incredibly proud of the officers' efforts this past semester. They are the direct cause for the success we had this semester. We had socials with three of the four sororities on campus and continue to have a very active social presence. Additionally, we had a house project day and a community outreach project with the Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association to help them prepare for the Greenline Art Walk.

I would also like to recognize a few of our brothers' individual successes this semester. We have continued our tradition of having Buckman Scholars with Brother Jess Wilder being our most recent recipient. Jess will be studying abroad in Germany for the upcoming year. Additionally, sophomore Brother Andrew Tait was recently elected one of the Student Trustees.

Lastly, our in-house local government official, Brother Frankie Dakin was a Truman Scholar recipient. Former Eminent Commander, Rikeen Patel was named Greek Man of the Year and Senior Brother Matthew Jehle inducted into the Rhodes Hall of Fame, which is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed to a Rhodes student.

As Eminent Commander, I am incredibly proud of the work the Epsilon Sigma Chapter and alumni have put in this semester. We have made great strides in the organization of the House Corporation, and we hope to see it off the ground by the start of next semester. There has been a lot of success in this chapter over the recent years and we have been fortunate to have a dedicated brotherhood and alumni base. I am incredibly thankful for the effort that has gone into this chapter and am very excited for the success to come.

I hope everyone has wonderful summer!

Fraternally,  
Demitri Jerow  
Epsilon Sigma #1133



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