

Spring 2007

Semester Chapter Report

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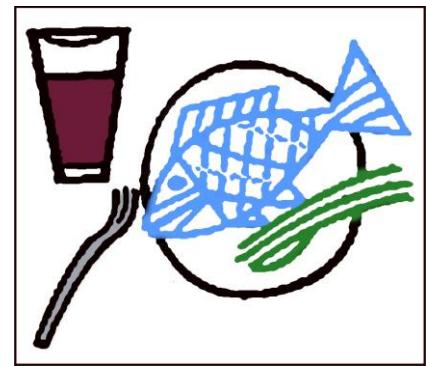
Dear Alumni Brother,

Greetings from the Collegiate Brothers of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Nu at Rhodes College! My name is Brendan Finley, and I am the newly elected Alumni Relations Chair of the Chapter. This letter was written jointly by me and John Gehrig, the previous Alumni Relations Chair.

The Chapter is actively seeking to reestablish a personal connection with you! As you read the updates contained in this Semester Chapter Report as well as the special supplementary letters by Bud Richey, Jamie Augustine and Chapter Advisor Tim Gibson, you will see that now is an exciting time not only to be an Epsilon Sigma but also to get involved with the Chapter. In addition to several upcoming opportunities to reconnect with other alumni and current members of the Chapter, one of which is mentioned below, there are now several easy ways you can share information about yourself with the Chapter and several ways you can get involved. We hope reading this letter brings back good memories of your collegiate experience with Sigma Nu, convinces you to take the time to update your personal information with the Chapter, and gets you thinking about how much the Chapter can benefit from your involvement—no matter how great or little.

Spring 2007 Brotherhood Fish Fry

We are proud to announce Epsilon Sigma will host a Brotherhood Fish Fry at the Chapter House on Sunday, April 22, 2007. The Fish Fry will be open to all alumni and their families. The cost of attendance will be \$15 per adult to help offset the cost of the food. This event is the perfect opportunity to catch up with your old friends, enjoy good food, and connect with the current members of the Chapter. This event will also feature a special Brothers-only portion where all alumni present will be invited into to the Chapter room to perform the meeting portion of the Ritual and hear special reports from the Commander, Alumni Relations Chair, Treasurer, and Marshall. If you plan to attend the event, please RSVP using the form included with this letter or submit your RSVP online via our website.

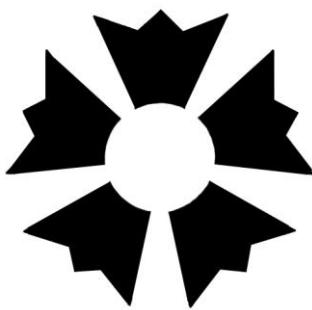


FISH FRY

Chapter to host
Brotherhood Fish
Fry Sunday, April
22, 2007.

THANK YOU!

Robert Pegram,
Bill Pendegrass,
Mac McWhirter,
Bud Richey,
Jamie Augustine,
and Tim Gibson for
your contributions to
the Chapter!



EPSILON SIGMA ALUMNI CHAPTER

The first Chapter Retreat in recent history was held at Brother Derek Pegram's House, located just outside of Memphis in Somerville, Tennessee. The Chapter would like to give a special thank you to Derek's father, Robert Pegram, for allowing us to use his house for the retreat. The Chapter would also like to thank Brothers Bill Pendegrass, Epsilon Sigma 474, and Mac McWhirter, Epsilon Sigma 549, for their recent contributions to House improvements. Finally, the Chapter would like to express its deep gratitude for the continued help, support, and guidance of three special Brothers: Bud Richey, Eta Zeta 169 and Alpha 260, Jamie Augustine, Epsilon Sigma 801, and Tim Gibson, Eta Sigma 358.

Website

In the Fall 2006 Semester Chapter Report we announced construction was underway for the Chapter website, modeled after the Theta Iota Chapter website. We are very excited to announce the Chapter website is now complete and can be accessed at the following address: www.rhodes.edu/studentorgs/sigmanu/. Updating your contact information and personal file has never been easier—clicking on the Alumni Chapter tab, then on the Alumni Update Form link will take you to a form that can be submitted electronically. Once you've had the chance to browse through our site, feel free to send us feedback using either the electronic form found by clicking on the Contact Us tab, or by e-mailing us directly at sigmanu.rhodes@gmail.com.

WEBSITE

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hope you will
take the time to
visit our site!





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HOUSE REPAIRS

Chapter restores the display case located in the foyer of the House.

Display Case Repair

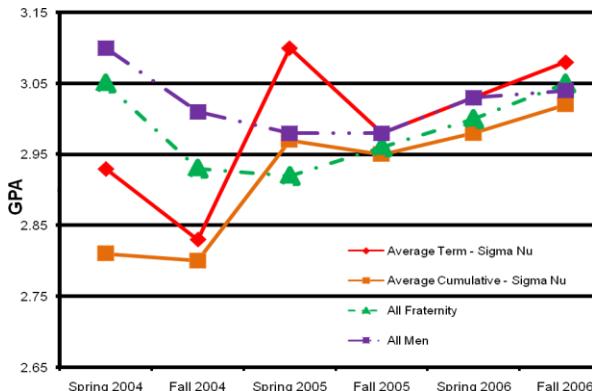
I am sure many of you have fond memories of our beloved Chapter House. The Chapter is currently working to restore the House—as well as everything in it—to its original form. Some of you may remember the display case located along a wall just inside the front entrance of the House as containing a picture of the Chapter Sweetheart, among other things. Because the display case had been damaged and neglected in the past, the Chapter recently undertook the project of restoring the exterior of this beautiful addition to the Chapter. The product of our work is shown to the right. See our website for pictures of our work during the restoration process.



ACADEMICS

Chapter Term and Cumulative GPAs continue to rise.

Academics



Scholarship continues to be one of the Chapter's top priorities; thus, it is no surprise the Chapter continues to excel academically. This past semester the Chapter continued its upward GPA trends, obtained an average semester GPA of 3.08 and an average cumulative GPA of 3.02. Congratulations to Junior Jake Covey for obtaining the highest semester GPA out to the Brothers of the Chapter. Shown to the left is a graph depicting the GPA data from Spring 2004 to Fall 2006. Significantly, the All Fraternity GPA exceeded the All Men's GPA for the first time in recent history. It seems as though the entire male Greek system at Rhodes may be getting stronger.

Interfraternity Council Elections

IFC

Brothers elected IFC President and Treasurer.

In the recent IFC elections, two Chapter Brothers were elected into executive positions. Brother Alex Liu, Epsilon Sigma 1063, was elected IFC President by a vote of 5 to 1, and Brother Matthew Carrington, Epsilon Sigma 1071, ran uncontested for the IFC Treasurer position. This is the second time in the past three years that a Sigma Nu has held the IFC President position, and the first time in recent history the Chapter has had two members on the executive committee of the IFC.

Newly Initiated Knights

Knights

Eight knights fully initiated by January 2007.

By early January 2007, eight new knights had been initiated into the Chapter. The new knights are as follows: Dale Baker, Epsilon Sigma 1070, Luke Branim, Epsilon Sigma 1076, Erik Davis, Epsilon Sigma 1077, Brendan Finley, Epsilon Sigma 1078, John Freeman, Epsilon Sigma 1079, Kevin McAlpine, Epsilon Sigma 1080, Alex McWhirter, Epsilon Sigma 1081, and Stephen Noble, Epsilon Sigma 1082. Congratulations for a job well done!

Thank you for taking the time to read about the recent success of the Chapter, and thank you for taking the time to update your contact information. If you have any specific questions, please call Brother John Gehrig at 318-572-0648 or e-mail them to sigmanu.rhodes@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

Brendan Finley
Epsilon Sigma 1078

John Gehrig
Epsilon Sigma 1062



Dear Brothers,

Most often when I write to you it is through the electronic newsletter going to all alumni. The circumstances of my writing this time are special.

I came to Rhodes College as the Alumni Director almost four years ago. My contact with Epsilon Sigma has not been extensive ... a couple of workshops and a discussion or two for new members on the Ritual. Lately, however, the contact is becoming more frequent.

The Chapter is clearly on the right track in moving forward and some of the groundwork laid by the members two and three years back is paying off in the Chapter now having greater success.

Epsilon Sigma is not yet where it needs to be. There remains work to be done. Impressive to me, however, is the fact that the students are committed to a strong direction that is aligned with the ideals of Sigma Nu and they are developing plans to accomplish goals consistent with those principles of Love, Truth, and Honor.

The Chapter is earnest in wanting to establish and maintain contact with alumni Brothers. I urge you to embrace their efforts and participate when you can. Should you do so, I think you will find reason to be proud of the progress our younger Brothers are making in raising the banner of Epsilon Sigma.

Fraternally,

Bud Richey
Eta Zeta 169, Alpha 260

Dear Brothers,

We each remember warmly our time as active members of Epsilon Sigma. As careers and families have flourished, we collectively have become less involved in the life of the Chapter.

You should be happy to know that the chapter is doing quite well: our membership is on the rise, as is the cumulative academic performance. Epsilon Sigma is greatly contributing to the life of the College.

One thing is needed—alumni support. Our active brothers are asking for our leadership and direction. Epsilon Sigma is seeking alumni involvement in all aspects of Chapter development.

In the coming days, an active will contact you to tell you a bit about Epsilon Sigma's development and solicit your involvement. They are asking for our time—and given the Chapter's current progress, I am convinced any time spent with the Chapter would be a worthy and worthwhile investment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fraternally,

Jamie Augustine
Epsilon Sigma 801



Dear Brothers,

As Chapter Advisor for the Epsilon Sigma chapter, I am pleased to report that your fraternity is in very good hands. The Chapter, your Chapter, has recommitted itself to improvements in scholarship, community service and campus involvement. The time and energy provided by past Chapter leaders has laid a very solid foundation. The new leadership is prepared to take Epsilon Sigma to the next level. A Chapter that was seen by some as going against the grain is now viewed as leading the pack. The Chapter is active in community service efforts, has members involved in various campus leadership positions and boasts a chapter grade point average that is above a 3.0.

The next phase in the growth of the Chapter involves reconnecting with Chapter alumni. Epsilon Sigma will celebrate its 75th anniversary in February of 2009. The active Chapter does not want alumni members to wait until the anniversary to get involved. As part of taking the Chapter to the next level, the Chapter hopes that all alumni will renew their commitment to Sigma Nu and to Epsilon Sigma. The Chapter is planning several upcoming events that will provide opportunities for alumni to meet the current membership as well as reconnect with other graduates.

I do hope that you will attend the first event in April. The Chapter has worked hard to ensure that Epsilon Sigma is a Chapter that you will be proud to be a part of. They look forward to working with you.

Fraternally,

Timothy Gibson
Eta Sigma 358