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TENNESSEE ALPHA SPIEL

A publication for the alums, actives, and friends of Tennessee Alpha which:

- **Informs** alumni of interesting news of the Fraternity and their brothers;
- **Promotes** alumni events offering alums opportunities for continued Sigma Phi Epsilon experiences;
- **Secures** alumni support for worthy chapter projects; and
- **Meets** the interests and needs of Tennessee Alpha brothers.

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ALUMNI NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Self (Bucky) Barnes '64 – Age 73, of Louisville, TN, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2011. Walter was born in Knoxville, TN on December 20, 1937. He developed his interest in airplanes and flying from his grandfather, Walter I. Self, owner of the first airport in Knoxville, and took flying lessons as a teenager at Island Home Airport. As a boy, he won the Knoxville Journal Carriers' contest to meet Gen. Douglass MacArthur. He graduated from Young High in 1955 and from UT in 1964 as an Industrial Engineer. Walter served in the US Army at Ft. Bliss, TX. He worked for GE and retired from Owens Corning Fiberglass. He was awarded AIIE's 1976 Engineer of the Year. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Minga Bohlmann Barnes, three sons and other family.

Robert Lee Kouns, Jr. – Age 88, passed away Saturday, October 9, 2010, surrounded by

his loving wife and family. Mr. Kouns was born February 28, 1922 in Memphis, TN. He graduated from Catholic High School in Memphis and attended Memphis State University. Mr. Kouns voluntarily left Memphis State University to serve his country during World War II as a Naval Aviator in the Pacific Theater. For his service in the Pacific Theater, Mr. Kouns was awarded three Air Medals and a Presidential Unit Commendation Ribbon. Mr. Kouns retired from the US Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. After leaving military service, Mr. Kouns maintained his multi-engine Commercial Pilots License. He was an honorary initiate to Tennessee Alpha. Mr. Kouns is survived by his high school and college sweetheart and beloved wife of 63 years Barbara Gurley Kouns; daughter Diana Kuhlman; son Vincent and John; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

TN ALPHA BROTHER RETIRES FROM UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Brother **Lee Dodds '66** recently retired from UT after serving as the IBM Professor of Engineering and the Department Head of the Nuclear Engineering Department. During his long career he has been very active as a Consultant, in many Professional Organizations and has received many Honors and Awards. Lee graduated from UT in '66 BS, '69 MS and '70 Ph.D.



Lee Dodds and Melinda Shillings

FRESH FACE ON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION BOARD

Patrick Hughes '08 has been appointed as a trustee of the Tennessee Alpha Scholarship Foundation. As a past scholarship recipient and chapter officer, he has a great appreciation for the work of the Foundation. Patrick serves as Alumni Director and Basketball Coach at Blessed Trinity High School in Roswell, GA and brings a great deal of experience in development and alumni programming to the position.

He replaces **Bob McBride '57** who opted to retire from the board this year. Bob has served diligently and has not missed a single meeting since appointed to the board. Trustees serve three-year terms and may opt to remain on the board and serve additional terms.

Thank you Brothers Hughes and McBride for your service!



TENNESSEE ALPHA ENTERS OUR 100TH YEAR!

TENNESSEE ALPHA'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TO BE LARGEST FOUNDER'S DAY IN HISTORY

Plans being finalized for Tennessee Alpha's 100th Anniversary weekend to be held April 11-13, 2013. Activities include the annual Hall of Fame Dinner, Renaissance of Brotherhood (Honorary Initiation), Golf Tournament, Alumni Brunch, and the Centennial Celebration Dinner among other activities. As a part of the weekend a video of Tennessee Alpha's founding and history and recap of its first 100 years will be shown on Saturday night. In addition, each attendee will receive a special commemorative gift at the Saturday night dinner.

This will not be a typical Founder's Day weekend and you do not want to miss it. Over 400 people attended the 75th anniversary in 1988 and over 500 are expected next April as we celebrate 100 years of Tennessee Alpha.

DOUG CLARK AND THE HOT NUTS TO PLAY AT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Sig Eps from many eras starting in the 60's will remember dancing the night away with Doug Clark and the Hot Nuts. They have been playing fraternity parties for over six decades and next April, they will play yet again for the Sig Eps in Knoxville.

Following the Saturday night dinner, Sig Eps and their guests will adjourn to the reception area outside the ballroom and feel like they are back in college as the active chapter will treat alumni and guests to a trip down memory lane. You don't want to miss this rare opportunity to see one of the legends of the collegiate scene. Nuts...Hot Nuts... You get them from the peanut man!



NEED COMPOSITES!

We would like to hang one of the smaller composites (11 x 14) from each year in the new chapter room and already have a good number of the years covered going all the way back to 1947. However, we are missing several years and need help. If you have a composite from the following years, please consider donating it to hang in the chapter room – make sure your era is represented! If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Kelly Williams at utk92@aol.com or 865-681-3306.

NEW LOGO TO PROMOTE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TENNESSEE ALPHA

Sam Turner '92 has created a logo to commemorate Tennessee Alpha's 100th anniversary. The logo shown below will be used in all communications to promote the Centennial Celebration in 2013. Make plans now to attend next year's program...you don't want to miss it!



PHOTOS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO NEEDED

As part of our Centennial Celebration, a video highlighting our first 100 years will be developed and we need your help. While we have many photos in the archives, we need more to produce a first class video that represents all eras. In particular, we need photos from the 1960's and Cinderella Balls and Formals as well as intramural photos. All photos will be returned after being scanned. If you have some you would like to share, please contact Kelly Williams at utk92@aol.com or by phone at (865) 681-3306.



Years Needed:

1948	1961	1969	1975	1992
1952	1967	1970	1977	1993
1953	1968	1972	1981	

2012 HALL OF FAME DINNER

HOSTED BY JIM REYNOLDS '62 AND LARRY WINTERS '66

Sigma Phi Epsilon's Tennessee Alpha Hall of Fame members were hosted to a marvelous dinner at Club LeConte during the 2012 Alumni Weekend. Club LeConte has been a favorite venue for this event over the years.

Eligibility for selection into the Hall of Fame is based on contribution of time and finances (\$10,000 as of May 1, 1999) to Tennessee Alpha. The young alumni program recognizes members at the \$2,500 level as long as they pledge to reach the \$10,000 level in the next 15 years.

Over 50 Sig Ep alumni and actives attended the event with their wives and guests as Jim and Emily Reynolds along with Larry and Pat

Winters served as this year's hosts. The event began with a gala reception followed by a gourmet dinner.

Present at this year's dinner was Renaissance of Brotherhood initiate Doug Rainwater. Doug is the nephew of Burl and Earl Rainwater and was honored to become a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Doug is a graduate of the University of Central Florida.

Thanks to all our Hall of Famers for your generous support and a big thanks to our hosts for a wonderful evening!



Ilene and Earl Rainwater present Burl's brotherhood pin to Renaissance of Brotherhood initiate Doug Rainwater



Blake Hollis presents Kyle Hungate with a Volunteer Excellence Award for his work with the website



Alan Hice, Jim and Kay Clayton and Kyle Hungate



Mark and Paula Sparkman with Kelly Williams



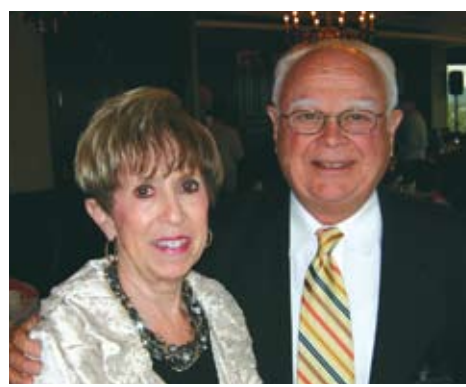
Blake Hollis, Jim Ritts, Matt Yatsula and Taylor Craig



Andy and Emily Stallings with hosts Jim and Emily Reynolds



Renaissance Brother Doug Rainwater and Kelly Williams



David and Sue Morgan



Bill and Tana Hope



Don and Helen Tate with Carol Silvey (right)



Tana Hope, Virginia Rainwater, Dolores Daniel and Ilene Rainwater



Andy and Emily Stallings with Jim Ritts



Kelly Williams, Alan Hice, Kyle Hungate and Mark Sparkman



Aria Mohaghegn, Logan Mays and Tyler Large

2012 FOUNDER'S DAY BRUNCH

Over 45 Sig Eps and guests gathered together on Saturday morning for the annual brunch held at the Bistro by the Bijou. Those in attendance were treated to a choice of three delicious meals. However, brotherhood was the order for the day as many renewed friendships and reminisced about old times. The annual brunch has become one of the more popular events of Alumni Weekend. Following the Brunch, the Housing Corporation held a short meeting at the chapter house.



Bill Hope, Will Terrell and David Purser



Bob and Sherri Boatright



Tana Hope with Ed and Betty Smith



Rob and Annette Carroll



Don and Helen Tate and Jim Ritts



David Purser, Kelly Williams and Alan Hice



Andy and Emily Stallings



Blake Hollis and Ted Lundy



Leo Holloway and Irene Ballard



Andy Stallings and Bill Rudder



Jim Reynolds, Doug Rainwater and Walt Anen



Bill and Tana Hope



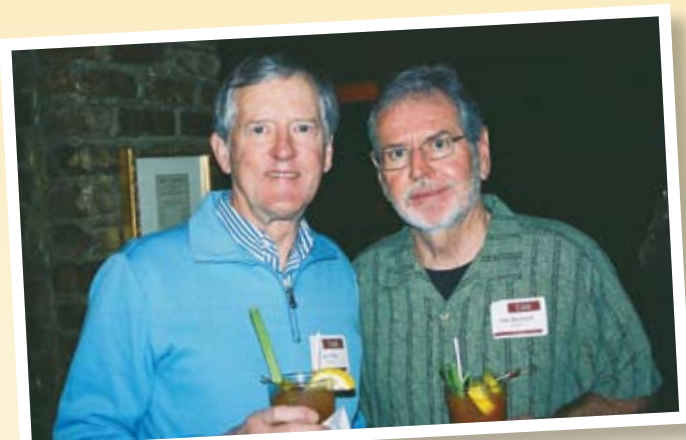
Walt and Jane Anen visit with Ginger Doughtry (center)



Bill and Sara Rudder



Doug, Virginia and Earl Rainwater



Jim Ritts and Bob Boatright



Bob and Phyllis Schnider



Jim and Emily Reynolds



Ted and Janet Lundy

2012 FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

TENNESSEE ALPHA CELEBRATES 99TH ANNIVERSARY

Over 100 Sig Eps and guests from around the country gathered in Knoxville this Spring as Tennessee Alpha celebrated another Founder's Day weekend. Saturday night featured a first class reception at Knoxville Convention Center, which featured heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The change allowed for alumni to see old friends, meet the undergraduates, and renew the bonds of brotherhood. This is the third year we have used this venue and responses have been very positive.

The busy weekend was topped off on Sunday as the annual Sig Ep golf tournament took place at Egwani Farms where teams from various eras competing for bragging rights. When all was said and done, it wasn't so much about the golf as it was about having a good time with your brothers.

What a great weekend of brotherhood. Thanks to all who attended and we hope to see you next year!



Jim and Kay Clayton



Blake Hollis and Taylor Craig



Rob and Annette Carroll



Matt Yatsula and Caroline Dobson



Aaron Hice and Lisa Warren



Mark and Paula Sparkman



Andy and Emily Stallings



Alan Hice, Wade Hutchens, Greg Windham and Doug Rainwater



Bill and Tana Hope with Earl and Virginia Rainwater



Rob and Annette Carroll



Bob and Phyllis Schnider



Wade Hutchens and Will Terrell



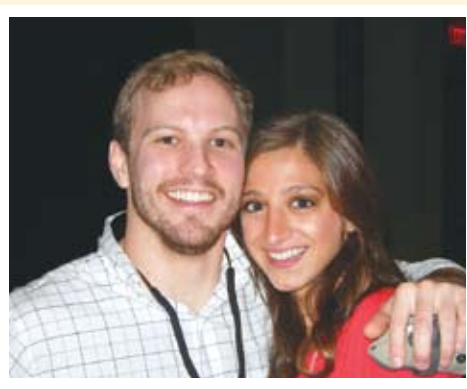
Alan Hice (left) with Kyle and Jessica Hungate



Leo Holloway and Irene Ballard



Earl Rainwater and Joe Harb



Taylor Buck and Suzanne Hanover



David and Sue Morgan

2012 VAD HONOR ROLL

(THROUGH MAY 2012)

Brian Boatright
Ginger Dougherty

1940s

'43 Joe Harton
'43 George Taylor
'45 Ralph Smathers
'46 Earl Pippin, Jr.
'46 Marty Robbins
'47 Robert Shafer
'49 Don MacLeod
'49 Jack West

1950s

'50 Tom Bell
'50 Leo Holloway, Jr.
'50 Virg Huston
'50 Lee Martin
'50 John Reneau
'50 Herbert Sullivan
'52 James Martin
'52 Mark Venrick
'53 Wayne Smith
'54 Gene Koonce
'54 Ted Lundy
'54 Ezra McConnell, Jr.
'54 Tom McCord
'54 Ed Thompson
'55 Dave Cottrell
'55 Jim Daniel
'55 Gordon Goodgame
'55 Glenn Horner Jr
'55 Jerry McDonald
'55 Jim Wilkerson*
'56 Ray Chumley, Jr.
'56 Jim Clayton
'56 Dave Evans
'56 Joe Harb
'56 Jim Marine
'57 Hugh Bell, III
'57 Joe Clayton
'57 Allen Elkins
'57 Bob McBride

'57 Myron Peck, IV
'58 Walt Anen
'58 Charlie Deck
'58 Sid Gilbreath, II
'58 Lockwood Marine
'58 Bill Medlin
'58 Earl Rainwater
'58 Rick Scoble
'59 John Bralliar
'59 Jim Edwards, III
'59 Jim Fox
'59 Wade Green, Jr.
'59 Herb McCartney
'59 Bill Reed
'59 Ed Smith
'59 John Stephens
'59 Joe Waters
'59 Ray Williams
'59 Jim Young

1960s

'60 Bill Hargrove
'60 Bill Hope, Jr.
'60 Roger Hurley
'60 Earl Kennedy
'60 Charlie Miller
'60 David Morgan
'60 Harry Tucker
'61 Don Barber
'61 Don Dowden
'61 Tom Jackson
'61 Sam Qualls
'61 Gene Stephens, Jr.
'62 Bill Althaus, Jr.
'62 Jim Blair, Jr.
'62 Maury Horner
'62 Bill Jennings, Jr.
'62 Joe Lindsay, III
'62 Larry Palmer
'62 Jim Reynolds, Jr.
'62 J.C. Tucker
'63 Jerre Wilson
'64 Gerry Crutcher

'64 Ken Ethridge
'64 Ray Myatt, Jr.
'64 Ron Roberts
'65 Bill Allen
'65 Joel Clifton
'65 Gary Dowdy
'65 Richard Lowe
'65 Bruce McBratney
'65 Dan McGaughey
'65 John Miller
'65 John Roisum
'65 Audy Sisk, Jr.
'65 Bill Sullivan
'66 Lee Dods
'66 Dick Lillie
'66 Bob Moon, II
'66 Jim Ritts
'66 Andy Stallings
'67 Bob Hash, III
'67 Joe Luna
'67 Lee Peterson, Jr.
'67 Don Tate
'67 Grover Wilson
'68 John Bushore
'68 Rob Carroll
'68 Ray Cline, Jr.
'68 Jim Cumby
'68 Bob Littleton
'68 Jim Moody
'68 Bill Moore, Jr.
'69 Steve Herron
'69 Ron Howell
'69 Mike Woody

1970s

'70 Terry Gower
'70 Gary Roth
'70 Frank Shepard
'71 Bob Boatright
'71 Gil Cothran, Jr.
'71 Bob Crouch, III
'71 Lew Epperson, Jr.
'71 Don Gilliam

'71 Howard Kaplan
'71 Claude Kelly
'71 Frank Kowalski
'71 Roger Lang
'71 Jim Mayfield
'71 Gray Sanford III
'71 James Taylor
'72 Gary Bryde
'72 Richard Crabtree
'72 Paul Davis
'72 Doug Gantt
'72 Maurice Guinn
'72 Mark Palmer
'73 Rae Cronmiller
'73 John Reed, III
'73 Terry Roller
'74 Rick Henderson
'74 Richard McDaniel
'74 Kent Roller
'75 Craig Diller
'75 Jim Elliott
'75 Jim Handler
'76 Steve Alexander
'76 Ray Greer
'76 Mike Hickey
'77 Doug Thomson
'78 Bryce Giesler
'78 Pete Minkoff
'79 Randy Woodcock

1980s

'80 William Brock
'81 Mark Colquitt
'81 Mark Darr
'81 Tom Forrester
'81 Keene Murphy
'82 Jeff Adams
'82 Jeff Lewis
'82 Alan Owen
'83 Jeff Jones
'84 John Coffman
'84 Derrick Herndon

'84 Mark Nix
'84 William Tice, Jr.
'84 Mark Tribble
'85 David Dewhirst
'85 Dan Ricketts
'85 Will Terrell
'86 Tom Chaloux
'86 Burt Chandler
'86 Mike Kennedy
'87 Jeff Brewer
'87 Aaron Snyder
'87 Rusty Woy, Jr.
'88 Jeff Coughlin
'88 Shane Hite
'88 Neal Hyde
'88 David Merritt
'89 Chuck Atchley, Jr.
'89 Leonard Carroll
'89 Robert Cathey
'89 Wade Hutchens
'89 Richard Preservati
'89 Chris Schechter
'89 Rob Weiss
'89 Jay Wilson

1990s

'90 Bill Asp
'90 Ben Brooks
'90 John Chamberlain
'90 Doug Derrick
'90 Jeff Hickman
'90 Andy Holmes
'90 Bob Leonard
'90 Jeff O'Keefe
'90 Mike Patterson
'90 Tony Ward
'91 Todd Gertschen
'91 Jason Regnier
'92 Mark Davis
'92 Thomas Heckman
'92 J.J. Hoynacki, II
'92 Jon Nix
'92 Bill Rosin

'92 Mark Sparkman
'92 Kelly Williams
'93 Chris Bollinger
'93 Jay Bonds, Jr.
'93 Van Huffine
'93 Steve Senkus
'94 Bruce Coakley
'94 Johnny Hatfield
'94 Connor Johnson
'94 Cameron Sexton
'94 Brian Shugart
'96 Kyle Carsten
'96 Alan McCulloch
'96 Chris Reeves
'96 Jason White
'96 Chris Wright
'97 David Corley
'97 Keith Hare
'98 Ben Rogers
'99 Andy Baggenstoss
'99 Aaron Hice
'99 Alan Hice
'99 Kyle Hungate
'99 Jonathan Schmitt
'99 Leland Smith

2000s

'02 Aaron Barbe
'02 John Lacey IV
'03 Andrew Foust
'03 Ty Lee
'03 David Purser
'04 John Noblin
'05 Whit Dulin
'05 Matt VanCleve
'06 Jeremy Shannon
'06 Kevin York
'07 Tom Whitworth
'10 Sean Folmar



SIG EPS GATHER FOR 22ND ANNUAL GET TOGETHER.

From left: Mack Miles, John Stephens, Wade Green, and Earl Rainwater



STONE WALL RESTAURANT IN BANNER ELK, NC.

From left: Earl and Virginia Rainwater, Mack and Peggy Miles, Jane and John Stephens, Ilene Rainwater, and Wade Green

VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES

Tennessee Alpha's alumni program and SPIEL publication are made possible through the generous support of alums and friends like you. Each year Sig Ep alums are requested to voluntarily contribute to the Tennessee Alpha Alumni Association through the Voluntary Alumni Dues (VAD) program.

Items financed by the VAD include:

- Publishing the SPIEL
- Planning alumni events
- Maintaining address files
- Alumni promotions
- Supplies and postage
- Chapter archives and photos



Over each of the past sixteen years, more than 400 alums consistently responded to this request with the largest number (448) contributing in 2001. In 2011, 342 alums responded. Although Tennessee Alpha alums consistently reach a forty percent and higher response to the voluntary dues request, the Alumni Association has long held a response goal of fifty percent. Serving as the VAD Chairman for 2012 is **Brian Shugart '94** of Knoxville. You may contact Brian at: bshugart@knology.net.

Tennessee Alpha's current mailing list includes over twelve hundred alums. An estimated 100-150 alumni addresses are believed to be parents' or business addresses, which may or may not mean their mail is actually received. You can help in our effort to keep our alumni database current by locating "lost" brothers and submitting address changes to the Alumni Association Secretary, **Rob Carroll '68**.

Voluntary Alumni Dues Honor Roll recognizes annual support. Each contributing alum is recognized year-to-date in each SPIEL through the Honor Roll. It recognizes all contributions. Forty dollars (\$40) is the suggested amount. However, any contribution is appreciated. Checks may be payable to: SPE Alumni.

A special thanks is extended to those alums who have made the SPIEL and other alumni activities possible and continue to prove that Sigma Phi Epsilon is a "lifetime experience."

ATTENTION BROTHERS!

You will no longer receive separate Alumni Dues mailings. You have two options of payment going forward:

- 1) **MAIL YOUR PAYMENT USING THIS ATTACHED ENVELOPE.**
- 2) **PAY ONLINE.**

These new options are for your convenience and will allow the Alumni Association to cut costs and use our operating budget more wisely.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

(THROUGH MAY 2012)

INCOME:

Dues Received	\$ 13,625.00
Additional Dues Needed	6,375.00
Total Income	\$ 20,000.00

EXPENSES PAID:

Postage/Mailing	\$ 1,548.83
Administrative	2,522.50
Supplies	4,678.23
Spring SPIEL	3,440.15
Total Paid	\$ 12,189.71

EXPENSES PAID:

Postage/Mailing	\$ 1,910.29
Summer SPIEL	3,100.00
Fall SPIEL	\$ 2,800.00

TOTAL EXPENSES\$20,000.00

— Fraternally, Alan Hice, Treasurer Knoxville, TN

PLEASE PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES ONLINE!

It's quick and easy with a secure payment through PayPal. You can pay whether you have an existing PayPal account or not. Just go to:

WWW.TNALPHA.COM/DONATE

Donate

Giving money to our chapter is the lifeline to future generations that will walk through the red doors at the University of Tennessee. From the SPIEL, scholarships, and the housing project we need your help to keep these endeavors going. All donations are 100% tax deductible and can be made quickly and easily online or by mail. Give today and keep our legacy alive for future generations of Tennessee Alpha brothers.

Alumni Association

The purpose of Tennessee Alpha's Alumni Association is to plan and offer activities and programs which provide continued brotherhood experiences for life and works with the active chapter to promote a positive brotherhood experience for all members. The Alumni Association plans quality events for alumni and undergraduates alike and publishes a nationally renown, award winning newsletter. The SPIEL keeps alumni abreast of current alumni news, alumni events, and undergraduate news and information.

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Click the **"DONATE"** link under "Alumni Association" and you will be connected to PayPal.

FUN FEST 2012

This year's FunFest hosts, Bob and Donna Littleton along with Bill and Linnie Neal, have announced the 2012 Sig Ep FunFest will be held Thursday, October 4 to Sunday, October 7, 2012 in the Isle of Palms near Charleston, SC. The Beach Club Villa Condominiums at the Wild Dunes Resort will serve as home to Sig Eps and spouses/guests for the fun-filled weekend. You can check out the resort at www.wilddunes.com

The weekend will kick off on Thursday evening with a cocktail reception and end Saturday night with the traditional dinner. More details on the schedule will be forthcoming in the registration package.

Activities include golf - either at the Wild Dunes resort or numerous courses in the area, tennis, and deep sea or inland waterway fishing. In addition, the condos are ocean front units with direct access to the beautiful Isle of Palms beaches. Others may choose to take in historic and beautiful Charleston which is located a short 15 miles from the resort with tours, shopping, and dining available.

For more information, visit www.charlestoncvb.com.

For those interested, a tour of Bulls Island can be arranged. The island is uninhabited except for abundant wildlife. A barrier island a couple of miles north of Isle of Palms, it has such scenic features at "Bone Yard Beach," which is a forested area which has become submerged in the ocean.

Whatever you choose to do, one thing is certain - there will be plenty of good Sig Ep fun. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Registration packages will be mailed out soon.



HONORARY INITIATION – Doug Rainwater, nephew of Burl and Earl Rainwater, was honorarily initiated during the Renaissance of Brotherhood Celebration during Founder's Day Weekend. A group of actives and alumni gather in front of the house after the ceremony.

40 SIG EPS RECOGNIZED BY 2012-2013 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS

Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni scholarships are one of the key elements to Tennessee Alpha's outstanding alumni program.

Alumni scholarships are one way alumni support can directly impact and help the undergraduate chapter. Scholarship grants are vivid proof of alumni support and provide the chapter a valuable recruiting tool. In addition, the scholarships encourage the undergraduate brothers to:

- Participate in chapter activities
- Achieve higher academic standards
- Develop leadership skills
- Live in the chapter house
- Engage in campus activities

Brothers needing financial assistance are also considered as a separate factor. The awards may help to ensure that dedicated young brothers can continue working toward the completion of their University of Tennessee diploma.

During the 2012 Parent's Day Brunch, Chapter Counselor Kelly Williams presented a proud display of forty young brothers as recipients of a 2011-2012 alumni scholarship.

The Selection Committee does not have an easy task. The number of deserving applicants continues to exceed the resources available for scholarship grants.

However, Tennessee Alpha's alumni scholarship program has come a long way. The establishment of alumni scholarships was first presented at the 1980 Founder's Day Dinner with the granting of one \$200 scholarship which provided one quarter's tuition. Last year (2011-2012) grants were awarded to thirty-three Sig Eps, including one \$5,000 and two \$4,000 grants.

Tennessee Alpha scholarships recognize and honor the contributions of several alumni brothers.

The Burl Rainwater Scholarship honors Tennessee Alpha's most dedicated alumnus. For more than 30 years, Brother Rainwater worked tirelessly to make Tennessee Alpha the best Sig Ep alumni association in the country. His hard work and dedication to Sigma Phi Epsilon is a shining example of diligence and the lifetime experience of brotherhood.

The John Pennington Scholarship honors the memory of the brother who is generally

credited with the motivational force behind the program.

The James O. King Scholarship honors the extensive support and long term participation of a past chapter Comptroller (V.P. of Finance) and campus leader.

The Dick Panther Scholarship was the first named Tennessee Alpha alumni scholarship. It honors the long-term contribution and patient support of the chapter's past District Governor.

The Haynes Barnes Scholarship memorializes one of the chapter's most dedicated alums, who served as Housing Corporation spokesman for almost forty years.

The Col. Fred Wade Scholarship honors the memory of an early member who provided leadership and financial support during many critical periods over nine decades.

The Marty Wilkerson Scholarship honors the memory of a brother whose brotherly commitment and influence are felt even today.

The Tom Frazier Scholarship honors the memory of a brother dedicated to rush and overall excellence.

The Bill Livesay Scholarship honors a brother's memory and the extensive intramural contributions he made with a scholarship to the outstanding intramural participant.

The E. Herbert Qualls Award honors the memory of a past chapter president and grand chapter officer who made exceptional contributions over many years. His award recognizes the pledge demonstrating the greatest commitment to the Fraternity during the pledgship period through balanced participation, and the scholarships recognize recently initiated brothers.

The 2012-2013 Sigma Phi Epsilon Tennessee Alpha alumni scholarship recipients are:

BURL RAINWATER AWARD \$5,000
Blake Hollis Waverly, TN

JOHN PENNINGTON AWARD \$4,000
Aria Mohaghegn Nashville, TN

JAMES O. KING AWARD \$3,000
Thomas Nickell Franklin, TN

DICK PANTHER AWARD \$2,000
Ben Leonard Waverly, TN

HAYNES BARNES AWARD \$1,500
John Rainey Franklin, TN

COL. FRED WADE AWARD \$1,500
Alex Glinski Fairfax, VA

MARTY WILKERSON AWARD \$1,500
Tyler Large Chattanooga, TN

TOM FRAZIER AWARD \$1,000
Josh Baxter Hoover, AL

BILL LIVESAY AWARD \$500
Ben Leonard Waverly, TN

QUALLS AWARD \$750
Robbie Billings Brentwood, TN

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Matt Yatsula (\$1000) Memphis, TN
Chad Lister (\$750) Franklin, TN
Chase Barlar (\$750) Franklin, TN
Erik Heider (\$750) Chattanooga, TN
Collin Fountain (\$500) Memphis, TN
Lane McCoy (\$500) McMinnville, TN
Matt Hudson (\$500) Jackson, TN

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS \$1,000
Tyler Orr Dyersburg, TN
Wes Quarles Greeneville, TN
Alex Bowman Memphis, TN
Andrew Lowe Nashville, TN
Brooks Thedford Chattanooga, TN
Chris Price Franklin, TN
Peter Simon Memphis, TN
Daniel Neu Franklin, TN

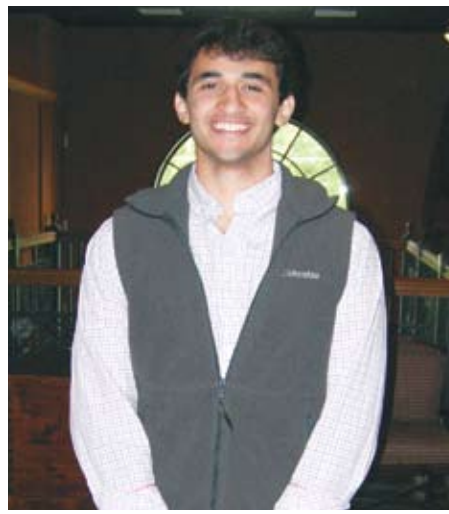
ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS \$500
Christian Rutan-Woods Tullahoma, TN
Christopher Argiro Whitehouse Station, NJ
Dylan Heath Chattanooga, TN
Eric Ponzurick Knoxville, TN
John Jordan Tullahoma, TN
Nick Currier Nashville, TN
Scott Podesta Memphis, TN

QUALLS SCHOLARSHIPS \$500
Morgan Vining Tullahoma, TN
Chris Sherry Franklin, TN
Constantin Scherelis Signal Mountain, TN
David Ford Franklin, TN
Brooks Barnes Brentwood, TN
Justin Williams Nashville, TN
Kyle Dionisio New Milford, NJ
Ashton Smith Brentwood, TN

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



BURL RAINWATER AWARD \$5,000
BLAKE HOLLIS



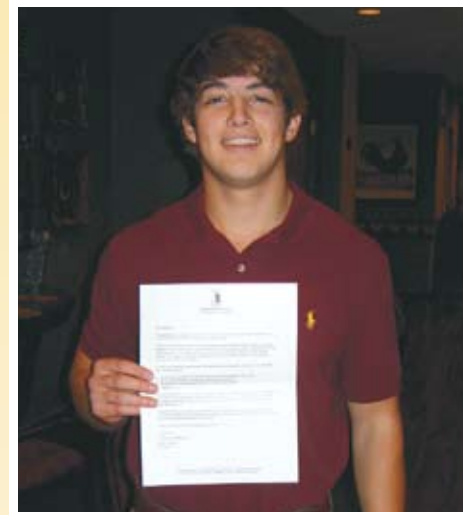
JOHN PENNINGTON AWARD \$4,000
ARIA MOHAGHEGN



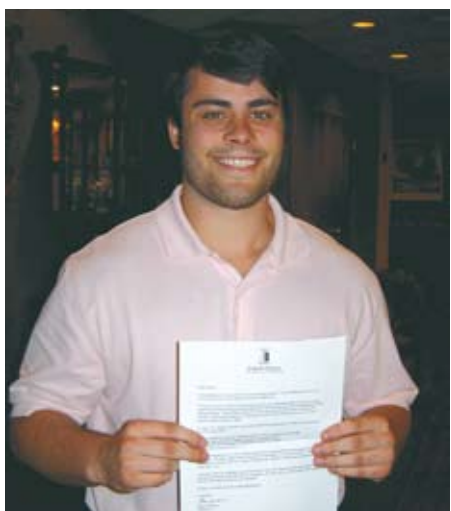
JAMES O. KING AWARD \$3,000
THOMAS NICKELL



DICK PANTHER AWARD \$2,000
BEN LEONARD



HAYNES BARNES AWARD \$1,500
JOHN RAINEY



COL. FRED WADE AWARD \$1,500
ALEX GLINSKI



MARTY WILKERSON AWARD \$1,500
TYLER LARGE



TOM FRAZIER AWARD \$1,000
JOSH BAXTER

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
ERIK HEIDER, CHAD LISTER, CHASE BARLAR AND MATT YATSULA



ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS \$1,000
TYLER ORR, BROOKS THEDFORD, ANDREW LOWE, WES QUARLES, ALEX BOWMAN,
PETER SIMON AND CHRIS PINE



ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS \$500
DYLAN HEATH, ERIC PONZURICK, CHRISTIAN RUTAN-WOODS,
NICK CURRIER, CHRIS ARGIRO AND JOHN JORDAN



QUALLS SCHOLARSHIPS \$500
KYLE DIONISIO, TEVIN MATICH, BROOKS BARNES,
CONSTANTIN SCHERELIS, MORGAN VINING AND CHRIS SHERRY



BILL LIVESAY AWARD \$500
BEN LEONARD



QUALLS AWARD \$750
ROBERT BILLINGS

ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS & AWARDS

SIG EP RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Level of Achievement Award is presented to the chapters who excel in the UT Greek Community. It measures achievement in all areas including leadership skills, organization, national and local awards, risk management, member development, programming, alumni involvement and other facets that make fraternities stand above other campus organizations. Only six other fraternities (out of 23) were recognized with this prestigious honor at the Greek Awards Banquet.



FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION – Josh Baxter, Taylor Buck, Suzanne Hanover and Christian Rutan-Woods



FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION
Peter Simon and Colleen Rice



SIG EP SWEETHEART – Chapter President Blake Hollis presents Sig Ep Sweetheart award to Selden Cochrane



FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION – Tyler Large and Katie Jones



FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION – Selden Cochrane and Brooks Thedford



FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION – Robyn Steffen, Brian Grant, Caroline Dobson, Matt Yatsula and Josh Baxter



FOUNDER'S DAY RECEPTION – Hannah Hambone and Spencer Cox



SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
BRIAN GRANT (RIGHT)



JUNIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
BLAKE HOLLIS (LEFT)



SOPHOMORE OF THE YEAR AWARD
WES QUARLES (LEFT)



FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
ROBERT BILINGS (LEFT)



BROTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
MATT YATSULA (RIGHT)



ADAM CARTER AWARD
ERIC PONZURICK (RIGHT)

THE HISTORY OF TENNESSEE ALPHA

THE FOUNDING AND HISTORY OF PHI ALPHA PHI

In the fall of 1910, a small group of men at the University of Tennessee decided the six existing national fraternities on campus didn't offer the seriousness of mind and spirit, nor the dedication towards excellence they desired. With the encouragement of Tennessee football and basketball coach Andrew A. Stone, they formed a local fraternity, Phi Alpha Phi, and were given official status by the University. Brother James W. Love was the founder of the fraternity and was elected as its first archon (president).

They immediately petitioned Phi Delta Theta for a charter since one of their university advisors was a member of that fraternity. As time passed, they increased their numbers and solidified their organization with a constitution and by-laws. They secured and furnished a chapter room in Humes Hall above the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter room.

In early November of 1911, they sent a committee of four men to the district convention of Phi Delta Theta in Nashville. The committee was received with friendly courtesy and given considerate attention while presenting their petition, but they returned home with no decision.

Phi Alpha Phi continued to prosper. In the spring of 1912, they secured a chapter house at 921 Temple Avenue (now the Claxton Education building on Volunteer Boulevard). Their membership numbered in the 30's which was quite large in those days.

Once again, in early November of 1912, a committee from Phi Alpha Phi attended another district convention of Phi Delta Theta in Atlanta and petitioned for a charter, but again returned home with no commitment.



PHI ALPHA PHI FOUNDERS

ENTER SIGMA PHI EPSILON

One member, James R. Meaders, had grown weary of waiting for action on their petition to Phi Delta Theta. He had heard excellent reports of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The founding principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon were closely attuned to the seriousness of mind and spirit of Phi Alpha Phi. Further evidence attesting to the quality of Sigma Phi Epsilon was its record of rapid expansion in such a short time.

In March of 1913, Brother Meaders contacted the national office of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Grand Secretary William L. Phillips immediately made a visit to Knoxville. Brother Phillips was entertained at dinner and was given a tour of Knoxville and the campus by a committee of James Meaders, Earl Copeland, and Joe Thomason. He then visited the chapter house and met all the members of Phi Alpha Phi.

Just one look was all it took for "Uncle Billy" Phillips to realize there was something special about Phi Alpha Phi. There was much debate in weighing the pros and cons, but in due time, a vote was called. Phi Alpha Phi voted to petition Sigma Phi Epsilon with only five dissenting votes. The petition was promptly accepted and a chartering date was set.

As fate would have it, just three weeks after being accepted into Sigma Phi Epsilon, official notice of approval was received by Phi Delta Theta. However, it was too late...Phi Alpha Phi would become the Tennessee Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Due to his efforts in contacting Sigma Phi Epsilon and subsequent efforts in negotiations of chartering, James Meaders was voted to be the first initiate of Tennessee Alpha.



JAMES MEADERS -
TN ALPHA'S FIRST INITIATE



PHOTO OF WILLIAM L. "UNCLE BILLY"
PHILLIPS TAKEN ON HIS FIRST VISIT
TO TENNESSEE



TENNESSEE ALPHA FOUNDERS

HISTORY OF TENNESSEE ALPHA

THE CHARTERING OF TENNESSEE ALPHA

On May 28, 1913, "Uncle Billy" Phillips arrived in Knoxville and was warmly received by the brotherhood. He was joined by Brothers Herbert Carr and Willis Milner from the Georgia Alpha Chapter at Georgia Tech to assist with the ritual ceremony.

The next day, on Thursday, May 29, 1913 Tennessee Alpha was chartered as the 45th chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Meaders was initiated first, and then assisted Brothers Phillips, Carr, and Milner with the initiation of the other members of Phi Alpha Phi into Sigma Phi Epsilon.

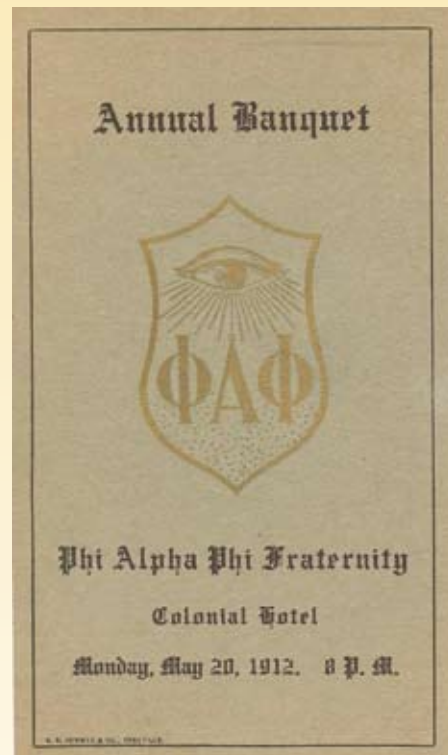
Those admitted to the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon were as follows:

James Robert Meaders..... Fulton, KY
Herbert Arthur Copeland.....Knoxville, TN
John Elmer Housley.....Knoxville, TN
John Crawford PrichardDyersburg, TN
John Franklin MorrellKnoxville, TN
William Thomas EvansHarriman, TN
Edwin Otto Haid.....Memphis, TN
Joseph Hiram Gilbreth.....Lawrence, TN

James Arthur Headrick..... Chattanooga, TN
Noah Porter Rhinehart..... Bon Air, TN
George Blake Thackston Elmwood, TN
Joseph Curtis ThomasonMcKenzie, TN
Paul Preston HiteGallatin, TN
John Richard TittsworthKnoxville, TN
Robert Byron Strong..... Atoka, TN
Benjamin Alleman BowersKnoxville, TN

Following the ritual ceremony the new members of Sigma Phi Epsilon read the many telegrams received from their new sister chapters. At nine o'clock that evening, an elaborate dinner was held in the banquet hall of the Imperial Hotel. An eight course menu was served as follows:

Chicken a la Reine	
Olives Salted Nuts Radishes	
Cheese Straws	Sigma Phi Epsilon Punch
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Broiled Spanish Mackerel	Tomato filled
Iced Cucumbers Potatoes, au Beurre	with Waldorf Salad
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Broiled Spring Chicken	Ice Cream and Strawberries
Sugar Snap Peas New Potatoes	Assorted Cakes
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Hot Tea Biscuits	Coffee
	Cigars Cigarettes



PROGRAM FROM THE PHI ALPHA PHI
ANNUAL BANQUET IN 1912

Brother Phillips served as toastmaster and introduced the program:

Tennessee J.A. Headrick
Ladies..... J.R. Meaders
Passing of Phi Alpha PhiJ.C. Thomason
Sigma Phi EpsilonA. Rockwell
Our Hopes..... E.O. Haid

After the program, "Uncle Billy" called upon Brother Carr from the Georgia Alpha Chapter to toast Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Following dinner, James W. Love, who was not available earlier, was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon as the 17th initiate of the chapter. The founders of Tennessee Alpha went to bed in the early hours of the morning with the feeling that a great future lay ahead.

Brother Meaders's efforts had been timely, Sigma Phi Epsilon reacted promptly, and a new national fraternity was chartered at The University of Tennessee.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please send your suggestions, comments or items of interest to Rob Carroll at:

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SAYLOR WEDDING

Congratulations to Stuart and Emily, who were married on May 19th in Nashville at Immanuel Baptist Church with the reception at Hillwood Country Club. The couple honeymooned on the Mayan Riviera in Mexico and are now living in Macon, GA. Stuart is in the Air Force and Emily is an architect. About 30 SPEs attended the wedding, and Russell Grimm, Chris Ross, Trey Adams and Will Barlar were groomsmen.



GRISWOLD WEDDING

Sig Eps gather for fun at Santa Rosa Beach, FL for Drew's wedding. Laying down: Chris "Rufus" Ross, James Roscoe High (buried), Russell Grimm. Sitting: Trey Adams, Patrick Hughes, Dane Anderson. Back row kneeling: Malcolm Lipscomb, Robert Horton, Rob Wilson, Drew Griswold



UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE 2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUG. 31
SEPT. 8
SEPT. 15
SEPT. 22
SEPT. 29
OCT. 13
OCT. 20
OCT. 27
NOV. 3
NOV. 10
NOV. 17
NOV. 24
Dec. 3

N.C. State (Atlanta)
GEORGIA STATE
FLORIDA
AKRON
At Georgia
At Mississippi State
ALABAMA
At South Carolina
TROY
MISSOURI
At Vanderbilt
KENTUCKY
SEC Championship

SAVE
THE
DATE!

OCTOBER
19TH

6TH ANNUAL TN ALPHA FALL GATHERING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Join your Sig Ep brothers for a casual reception during the evening before the Alabama game

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