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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
- Meets the interests and needs of Tennessee Alpha brothers

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

2017 FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th > 5:30 PM > THE MARRIOTT

Mark your Calendar! Tennessee Alpha has finalized plans for another first class Alumni Weekend and Founder's Day Celebration on April 7th and 8th. An emphasis will be placed on getting alumni from the decade of the 50's and 80's to attend. We will feature other decades over the next couple of years.

We will not have the golf tournament this year, as a decision was made at the planning retreat to re-vamp the tournament, and hold it at a different time in the year to encourage more participation. When trying to hold the event during alumni weekend, we were limited to either Friday or Sunday - both of which had unique challenges. A new annual alumni/active tournament will be planned to raise funds for the Tennessee Alpha Scholarship Foundation. More to come.

Saturday morning, we will have the Alumni Brunch. A new venue has been selected which will accommodate a larger crowd. We will hold the event at 5 Bar on Gay Street (formerly where the Arby's was located). This popular restaurant offers fantastic food, a Bloody Mary bar, and a terrific atmosphere with vintage chandeliers throughout.

We will return to a formal (coat and tie) sit-down dinner for the Saturday night event. We will be at the Marriott and a first class meal and program is in the works. A hospitality room and discounted room rates will be available

As the Spiel goes to press, plans are still being finalized for the program, but we promise a top-notch event! Registration packages will be going out soon, so watch the mail and call your peers, and make plans to attend! ■

IN MEMORIAM

MAURICE LUSK '48 – Passed on September 13, 2016. He was born in Knoxville and attended Knoxville High School. During World War II, he served in the United States Army chemical warfare unit in Europe. He worked at International Harvester Co. as a zone manager in Knoxville, TN. He and his family then moved to Dalton, GA in 1963, working at Brooker Motor Co. which later became Ron Epps International. He was co-founder of Olympic Truck Leasing, where he served as president. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, where he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, member of building committee, and pulpit committee. He enjoyed reading from the Book of Proverbs to his Sunday school class for newly married couples for many years.

He was a long time active member of the Dalton Kiwanis Club. He greatly enjoyed his vegetable garden, and woodworking shop on Saturday afternoons, listening to the metropolitan opera on the radio. After he retired, he used his skills to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity for many years. ■

LEO HOLLOWAY '50 – Of Knoxville, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2016. He was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Brother Holloway was a Major (Ret) in the United States Air Force serving both in WWII and The Korean War as a navigator. Leo would regale alumni and actives alike as he humbly shared his war stories at SigEp events. He was a member of the Tennessee Alpha Hall of Fame and was a regular attendee at

SigEp functions with his special friend Irene Ballard. Brother Holloway was an avid ballroom dancer, roller skater, and later in life he took up bowling. ■

JACK WEST '49 – Passed away on November 20, 2016. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Jack graduated from Knoxville High School in 1942 before serving in the United States Army during World War II. He later graduated from the University of Tennessee and was a loyal and dedicated supporter of his alma mater and his beloved Vols. Jack retired as the Vice President of Beatty Chevrolet where he worked for more than 50 years. He was a charter member of West Hills Baptist Church where he served in many capacities. ■

2017 ALUMNI BRUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH > 9:00 AM > 5 BAR

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SigEps and their spouses and guests will gather for good food and even better brotherhood Saturday morning. This event always sets the tone for an enjoyable Founder's Day Reception on Saturday night. If you've never been to Brunch before, do yourself a favor and attend this year's event. ■

FUN FEST 2018

AUGUST 23-25, 2018 > NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC

SigEp Fun Fest 2018 will be held in North Myrtle Beach, SC, from Thursday, August 23 through Saturday, August 25, 2018. The event features great outdoor pool and beach environments, golf outings, plenty of time to share memories and mingle at social events each night. If you think you are interested we need to know to approximate attendees to determine if we need to plan on a larger social event space. Brother **TERRY GOWER '70** and wife Carol will be hosting the event. Event details are still in the planning stage. If you are interested in finding out more details about the event, contact Brother Gower at 571-235-5218 via text or call, or ct_gower@verizon.net.



2017 Host Kelly and Ronni Williams with Colleen Reuter and Robby Billings

TENNESSEE ALPHA TO CELEBRATE 28TH HALL OF FAME DINNER

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH > 6:30 PM > THE CLUB LECONTE

KELLY AND RONNI WILLIAMS TO HOST

KELLY WILLIAMS '92 and his wife Ronni will honor the Tennessee Alpha Hall of Famers, their ladies and guests during the 2017 Founder's Day Weekend with a black tie (optional) dinner on Friday evening at Club LeConte in downtown Knoxville.

Brother Williams is continuing a tradition started by Brother Jim Clayton who first hosted during the 1989 weekend. Over the past 27 years, many brothers have continued the tradition and we appreciate their generosity.

The Hall of Fame dinner is an opportunity for those who have demonstrated their support of Tennessee Alpha to gather for an evening of fellowship while raising much needed funds for the fraternity. Individual invitations will be mailed to honorees. With recent changes (see article on page 5), contribution level for the Hall of Fame is \$5,000, however, there is a "Young Alumni" program available for younger brothers (article page 5). Anyone wishing to join the Hall of Fame should contact the alumni association. ■

MISSION STATEMENTS OF TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TENNESSEE ALPHA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The mission of Tennessee Alpha's Educational Foundation is to provide a financial fund whereby alums and friends can give tax deductible contributions with fund earnings used to help the development and fulfillment of the scholastic, leadership, citizenship, and personal potential of active chapter brothers of Tennessee Alpha.

TENNESSEE ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The purpose of Tennessee Alpha's Alumni Association is to plan and offer activities and programs providing continued Sigma Phi Epsilon brotherhood experiences to alums for life; to help the active chapter gain positive brotherhood experiences promoting their development of personal potential and maturity; to provide supervisory control over chapter finances; and to operate a chapter house management program assuring a quality chapter facility.

TENNESSEE ALPHA HOUSING CORPORATION

The mission of Tennessee Alpha's Housing Corporation is to provide Tennessee Alpha with an appropriate chapter house on The University of Tennessee campus through managing with the active chapter the facilities and financial affairs of the house to help secure and maintain a showplace facility.

TENNESSEE ALPHA "SPIEL"

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55TH GRAND CHAPTER CONCLAVE

AUGUST 2-6, 2017 > ORLANDO, FL > ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK RESORT

Every two years, Sigma Phi Epsilon hosts the largest national gathering of its members across the nation, the Grand Chapter Conclave. As undergraduates and alumni celebrate their brotherhood, delegates consider new legislation and changes to its bylaws that will determine how the Fraternity operates. Attendees participate in personal and professional development activities and honor those who have helped to make the Fraternity great by bestowing its most important undergraduate and alumni awards.

The 55th Grand Chapter Conclave will be held in Orlando, Florida August 2 - 6, 2017 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort. SigEp's Grand Chapter Conclave is the largest gathering of fraternity brothers in the world. Over 1,500 brothers and guests descend on one resort for five action-packed days every other summer. Nobody forgets their first Conclave, and there's a reason brothers keep coming back for more. We will have a large number of undergraduates in attendance, and we hope to have a large number of Tennessee Alpha alumni in attendance as well. Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend! To register, visit www.sigep.org/conclave. ■



TENNESSEE ALPHA ANNOUNCES MAJOR CHANGES TO HALL OF FAME

For many years, the Hall of Fame has been Tennessee Alpha's way of recognizing brothers who have given outstanding support to Sigma Phi Epsilon. When first established, the financial contribution level for selection into the Hall of Fame was \$2500. This was a large amount at the time, and for many years this amount never changed, although many people began increasing their financial support well beyond this level. In May of 1999, the Alumni Association announced a new level of \$10,000 for the Hall of Fame.

After careful consideration at this year's Alumni Planning Retreat, the decision was made to move the level of giving to \$5,000 for the Hall of Fame. This was done with the hopes that the lower level would attract more brothers to aspire to join the Hall of Fame - especially younger alumni. Additionally, revisions were made to the Young Alumni Program (see article). As a result of this change, the four members of the Volunteer Club will now become Hall of Fame members. Additionally, there are another dozen alumni who are within a reasonable amount to reach the \$5,000 plateau. Those brothers will be notified with a special mailing. Anyone interested in joining the Hall of Fame should contact Kelly Williams at (865) 548-4739 (e-mail utk92@aol.com) for more details. ■

TENNESSEE ALPHA ANNOUNCES NEW YOUNG ALUMNI PROGRAM FOR HALL OF FAME

At this year's Alumni Planning Retreat, significant changes were made to the Hall of Fame. As a result of this, a newly revised Young Alumni program for the Hall of Fame was established.

Any alumnus who has given a combined total of \$2,500 through VAD, Scholarship Fund, or Housing donations, within 15 years of their graduation will be inducted into the Tennessee Alpha Hall of Fame. A motion was also approved at the retreat that alumni who are within 20 years of graduation will be given a "one time" opportunity to take advantage of this program. Those brothers will be notified by a special mailing.

Brothers who wish to take advantage of this program can make multi-year pledges towards the program. Anyone interested in joining the Hall of Fame should contact Kelly Williams at (865) 548-4739 (e-mail utk92@aol.com) for more details. ■

O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU?

Please help us locate our lost brothers! If you have any information on any of these folks, please contact AVC Secretary, Rob Carroll, at robcarroll1218@gmail.com. Let's get this list down to zero! ■

'46 Walter Underwood	'61 Walt Barlow	'72 Steve Redwine	'83 Jeff Teeple	'90 Mark Fuller	'02 Clint Stewart	'10 Will Taylor
'54 Robert Dudley	'63 Troy Beasley, IV	'72 Steve Whisenhunt	'83 Robert Williams, Jr.	'90 Joe Martin	'03 Ben Sparks	'10 Griffin Weller
'54 Bert Thompson	'63 Jeff Smith	'73 Gary Mofield	'85 Lewis Evans, Jr.	'93 Matt Lerfald	'05 Bryan Biss	'12 Robert Todd
'55 Jim Dumas, Jr.	'64 Wayne Anderson	'74 Thomas King	'85 Steve Lawson	'94 John Hutchison	'05 Frank Jordan	'16 Josh Brumett
'55 Ralph Norman	'64 Gerry Crutcher	'74 Steve Wiles	'87 Lyle Baker	'94 Jason Westmoreland	'05 Jacob Rasnick	'16 Jack Starr
'58 Bill Craig	'65 Paul Hansen	'76 Fred Human, III	'87 Read Wyatt	'94 Tom Willoughby	'06 Keith Boring	'16 Ryan Weiss
'58 Jim Curtis	'65 Jim Hurley, Jr.	'76 Bill Morarity, III	'88 Dave Richmond	'94 Eric Yang	'09 Paul Goebel	
'58 Benny Fulkerson	'66 Jim Jennette	'77 Doug Kilpatrick	'88 Dean Spigner	'95 Charles Holland	'10 Josh Dickey	
'58 Ben Rogers	'66 Keith Nicholson	'78 Jeff Hardy	'88 James Stewart	01 Russ Carter	'10 Tyler Johnson	
'58 Larry Shipwash	'69 John Dell'Olmo	'81 Eric Bell	'89 Brian Carden	'01 Chris Jenkins	'10 Ryan Roark	
'59 Maurice Whitaker	'69 Doyle Prichard	'82 Mark Christian	'90 Bill Forrester	'01 Ben Weprin	'10 Matt San Roman	

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TN ALPHA MEMBERS HONORED AT CARLSON BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2017

Brother **EARL RAINWATER '58** was honored with Sigma Phi Epsilon's Exemplary Service Award at this year's Carlson Leadership Academy. Earl is one of only ten SigEps to receive this prestigious award. Earl was joined for the evening by several Tennessee Alpha brothers at a reception before the awards dinner hosted by Kelly and Ronni Williams. It was a very special night! Below is the awards script that Steve Shanklin presented that evening:

"There are some among us whose dedication to our fraternity spans not 4 years, not 10 years, not 15 years...but a lifetime. We're here tonight to honor one such brother, whose service to SigEp began before many of us in the room were born...the late 1950s."

"Earl Rainwater was a 1959 delegate to the Washington D.C. Conclave. There he cast his vote in favor of removing racial restrictions on membership in our Fraternity — a bold and important move for a brother from his background at the time. He served as historian and president of his chapter as an undergraduate."

"In fact, the only time in his adult life Earl hasn't been serving SigEp was between 1961 and 1965 when he was serving his country as a JAG officer in the United States Air Force. He married his wife Virginia, and they moved back to Tennessee. He got back involved with Tennessee Alpha, and worked with the AVC on a house building campaign. During a difficult time in the chapter's history, the mid 1960s, Earl took on the task of serving as chapter counselor. He was a district governor around this time, and he served as AVC president, and then he settled into the position that he has held since 1968 — AVC treasurer."

"Since 1968, Earl has served his beloved Tennessee Alpha. That's a lot of years. Together with his brother Burl, the Rainwater's have shaped generations of SigEps at the University of Tennessee. Their faithfulness...their dedication...their brotherly love is legendary within our Fraternity."

"With Earl as treasurer, Tennessee Alpha has awarded almost exactly \$1 million in scholarships to undergraduate brothers since 1978. Last year, they gave out \$40,000 to deserving brothers. And in 1978, Earl was already being recognized for his dedication. He was selected as one of the Fraternity's inaugural recipients of the Distinguished Alumnus Award."

"But Earl doesn't do it for the accolades. In fact, he was shocked he is receiving this award. Earl and his wife Virginia, and Burl, who we sadly lost a few years ago, and his wife Ilene, who is here with us tonight, have given so much. Earl said to me, "I couldn't have done much of what I did without Virginia." For the Rainwater's, it's a family affair. And countless brothers of Tennessee Alpha and our whole Fraternity have benefitted from their devotion."

"Brothers and friends, Earl Rainwater's dedication has not been simply noteworthy, not just faithful. It is exemplary. To a man who has served his brothers for so many years, doing it without expecting to be thanked or recognized, even serving when times are hard...we present this Exemplary Service Award, to a brother from our Tennessee Alpha Chapter at the University of Tennessee...Earl Rainwater." ■



Earl Rainwater accepts his award



David Morgan with Earl Rainwater

BRYCE GIESLER WINS AWARD

Congratulations to Brother **BRYCE GIESLER '78** who was named SigEp Volunteer of the Year at this year's Carlson Leadership Academy. Here is the award script:

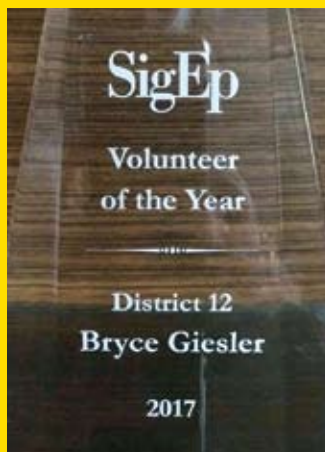
"Our Volunteer of the Year from District 12 got re-involved with his chapter recently, embracing a challenge in doing so. He was instrumental in managing a membership review, successful transition to the Balanced Man Program, and sanctions from the host university. He helped implement more structure to the AVC and improved the mentoring program. He stayed focused on gaining buy-in from the undergraduates while managing his other responsibilities on the AVC. He's set a vision for the chapter that will endure for years to come. This brother really did not shy away from stepping up for his chapter during a challenging time. Please join me in congratulating this Volunteer of the Year, from Tennessee Alpha at the University of Tennessee, Bryce Giesler!" ■



Ray Greer (left) and Mike Hickey congratulate Bryce on his award



Bryce Giesler proudly poses with his award



Mark Sparkman, Ray Greer, Kelly Williams, Bryce Giesler and Mike Hickey share this moment with Bryce



Kelly and Ronni Williams host a reception in Earl's Honor



Kelly Williams introduces National Foundation Director, Matt Parrish



Gordon Goodgame, David Morgan, Earl Rainwater, Jim Daniel, and Harry Tucker



Gordon & Dianne Goodgame, Earl & Virginia Rainwater, David & Sue Morgan, Harry & Sue Tucker



Matt Parrish speaks to the crowd



Headquarters staff members Matt Parrish and Nick Collins congratulate Earl Rainwater



SigEp Ladies: Ronni Williams, Virginia Rainwater, Paula Sparkman and Ilene Rainwater



Kelly Williams, Davis Orr, and Ronni Williams



Earl Rainwater, Mark Sparkman, Regional Director Ben Hutto



Family Reunion: Robby Billings, Ronni Williams, Davis Orr and Kelly Williams



Bryce Giesler and Steve Shanklin



Kelly Williams and SigEp CEO, Brian Warren



Mark & Paula Sparkman



The suite is ready for Earl's reception



Kelly and Ronni Williams put out a nice spread for the reception



Ilene Rainwater, Jim & Delores Daniel, and Virginia Rainwater

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION TREASURER'S REPORT

JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH YEAR TO DATE

HIGHLIGHTS OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

- \$1,166,309 = Total Assets as of Feb 2016
- \$8,840 = Donations since July 1st
- \$5,000 = Balanced Man Scholarships provided as scholarships to incoming Freshman
- \$35,700 = Chapter Scholarships

Chapter Scholarships Awarded for current Academic Year:

Rainwater	\$ 5,000
Pennington	\$ 4,000
King	\$ 4,000
Wilson	\$ 3,000
Panther	\$ 2,500
Barnes	\$ 2,000
Wade	\$ 2,000
Wilkerson	\$ 1,500
Frazier	\$ 1,500
Qualls	\$ 700
Alumni	2 x \$ 750
Alumni	16 x \$ 500
Total	<u>\$35,700</u>

The Scholarship Foundation is officially TENNALSPE, Inc. and is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation. Your contributions are tax deductible.

THANK YOU!

2016 SCHOLARSHIP FUND CONTRIBUTORS

'49 Don MacLeod *	'66 Jim Ritts	'78 Bryce Giesler
'51 Howard Prince, Jr.	'67 Don Tate	'80 Terry Condon
'55 Jim Daniel	'68 Rob Carroll	'84 Rob Dougherty, Jr.
'56 Jim Clayton	'71 Howard Kaplan	'85 Will Terrell
'57 Allen Elkins	'74 Rick Henderson	'92 Kelly Williams
'59 John Stephens	'75 ArtZucker	'99 Alan Hice
'60 BillHope, Jr.	'76 Ray Greer	'04 Bo Swindle
'60 David Morgan	'76 Mike Hickey	'06 Clark Schmidt

2016 BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTORS

'50 Leo Holloway, Jr. *	'61 Don Barber	'92 Mark Sparkman
'58 Earl Rainwater	'87 Aaron Snyder	'99 Aaron Hice

TOWNSEND PLANNING RETREAT

FEBRUARY 17-18, 2017 > THE TALLEY HO INN > TOWNSEND, TN

SigEps, spouses, and guests gathered for the annual planning retreat in Townsend at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. The weekend was a great mix of business and socializing. On Friday evening, those who arrived early enjoyed drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres in front of the fire at the cottage of the Talley Ho with the active chapter officers. It was a great evening of brotherhood thanks to the ladies who brought all the great food!

Business was the order of the day on Saturday morning as we reviewed and solicited input of alumni programming including alumni events and the Spiel. Significant changes were made to the Hall of Fame Program (see article on page 5). Chapter Counselor, Bryce Giesler, gave an update on the newly re-designed web site and some great ideas were received for additions. Recent upgrades to the chapter house were presented as well.

Active Chapter officers also attended the morning session and gave an update on the active chapter. Ideas for filling the house were discussed and the chapter are providing a final plan for the fall to the AVC. After a morning of work, everyone enjoyed a casual lunch at a local restaurant. After wrapping up a few details, the afternoon was free for rest and socializing in the cottage in front of the fire. Following happy hour, the group had a nice dinner, and then enjoyed an evening of brotherhood in front of the fire with plenty of entertaining stories from "the good ole days".

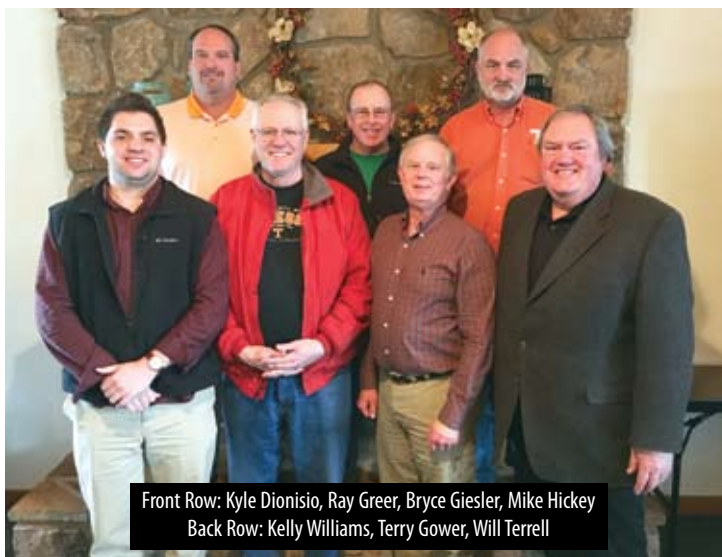
Thanks to all the SigEps and spouses who attended the annual planning retreat. What a great weekend of fun, business, and brotherhood. If you've never attended a planning retreat, we would like your input. Everyone please plan to join us next February for another great SigEp event. Watch the Spiel and website for more details. ■



Front Row: Richard Burris, Jim Daniel, Walt Anen, Don Barber
Back Row: David Morgan, Earl Rainwater, Harry Tucker



Left to right: Adam Floyd, Will Jarvis, Kiel Russell, Ryan Neal, Zach Cole, Joe Chirico



Front Row: Kyle Dionisio, Ray Greer, Bryce Giesler, Mike Hickey
Back Row: Kelly Williams, Terry Gower, Will Terrell



Kiel Russell, Don Barber, Ryan Neal and Adam Floyd



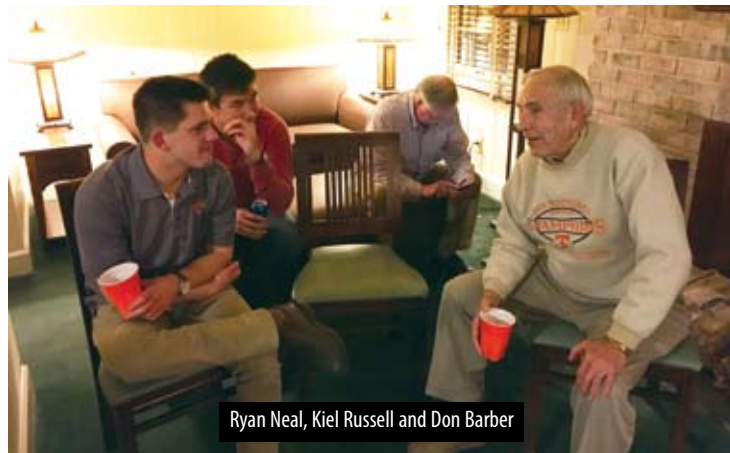
Mike Hickey, Jim Daniel and Earl Rainwater



Ronni and Kelly Williams



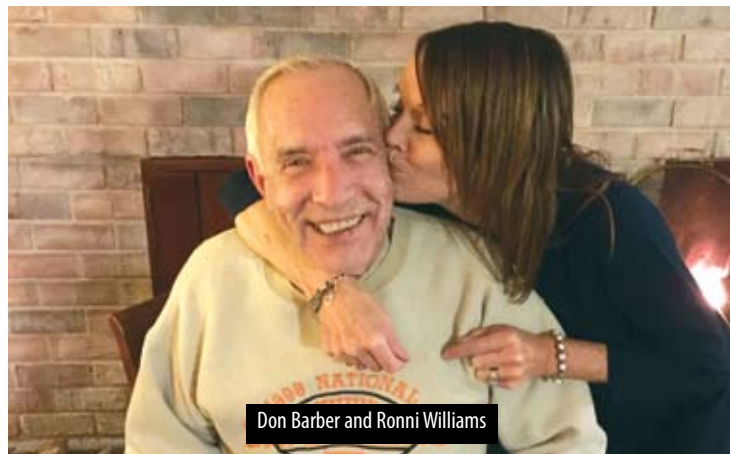
Ronni Williams and Zach Cole



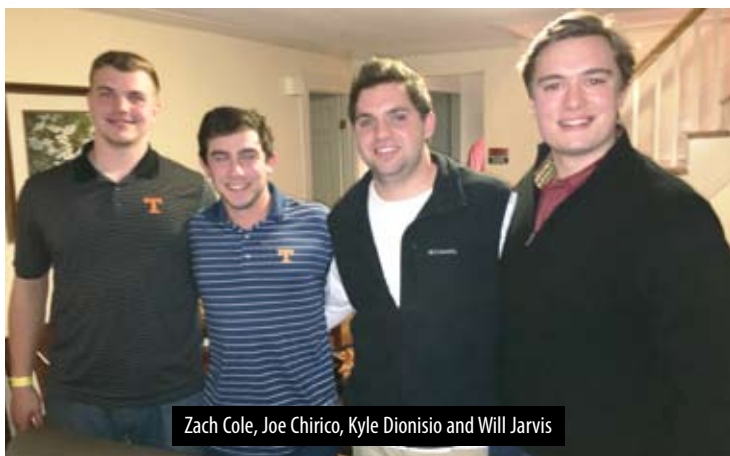
Ryan Neal, Kiel Russell and Don Barber



Joe Chirico and Ray Greer



Don Barber and Ronni Williams



Zach Cole, Joe Chirico, Kyle Dionisio and Will Jarvis



Bryce Giesler and Ray Greer

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 SigEp 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
- Alumni events
- Maintaining address files
- Alumni promotions
- Supplies and postage
- Chapter archives and photos



Over each of the past twenty years, more than 400 alums consistently responded to this request with the largest number (448) contributing in 2001. In 2016, a total of **300 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 Chairs for 2017 are **BRIAN SHUGART '94** and **AARON SNYDER '87**.

Tennessee Alpha's current mailing list includes over fourteen hundred alums. An estimated 50-100 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 keeping your information up-to-date and by locating "lost" brothers. Please submit address changes to the Alumni Association Secretary, **ROB CARROLL '68**.

Voluntary Alumni Dues Honor Roll recognizes annual support. Contributing alumni are recognized year-to-date in each SPIEL through the Honor Roll, which recognizes all contributions. Forty dollars (\$40) is the suggested amount. However, any contribution is appreciated. Checks may be payable to: SPE Alumni, or you may pay online.

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! «««

2017 VAD GOALS

- ① 400 PARTICIPATING ALUMNI
- ② \$20,000 IN DUES RECEIVED

Please help us achieve our goal by sending your VAD contribution today.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT
TN ALPHA FINANCIALLY!**

INCOME

Dues Received	\$ 17,255
Total Income	\$ 17,255

EXPENSES PAID

Postage/Mailing.....	\$ 70
Administrative	1,353
Supplies.....	1,488
Planning Retreat.....	1,452
Fall SPIEL.....	3,464
Summer SPIEL.....	4,937
Fall Gathering.....	1,280
To Reserve	3,211

TOTAL EXPENSES\$17,255

■ *Fraternalty, Alan Hice, Treasurer Knoxville, TN*

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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

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

2016 VAD HONOR ROLL

FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016

DID YOU KNOW?
 Over 325,000 men have joined Sigma Phi Epsilon since 1901.

Ginger Dougherty
 Maggie McCloud
 Todd McElhatton
 Ilene Rainwater
 Richard Burris

1940s

'47 Robert Shafer, Jr
 '49 Don MacLeod

1950s

'50 Leo Holloway, Jr.
 '50 Virg Huston
 '50 Odell Leinart
 '51 Howard Prince, Jr.
 '52 James Martin
 '52 Mark Venrick
 '52 Carl Walker
 '53 Noyal King, Jr.
 '53 Wayne Smith
 '54 Gene Koonce
 '54 Tom McCord
 '54 Jerry Palmer
 '54 Jack Thornton, Jr.
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 '55 Jim Daniel
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 '58 Sid Gilbreath, II

'58 Gil Gilliland
 '58 Bill Hart
 '58 Garrett Kivett, Jr.
 '58 Earl Rainwater
 '58 Rick Scoble
 '59 Jim Edwards, III
 '59 Jim Fox
 '59 Herb McCartney
 '59 Bill Reed
 '59 Ed Smith
 '59 John Stephens
 '59 Joe Waters

1960s

'60 Bill Hargrove
 '60 Bill Hope, Jr.
 '60 Roger Hurley
 '60 Earl Kennedy
 '60 Charlie Miller
 '60 David Morgan
 '60 Bob Qualls*
 '60 Barry Romoser
 '60 Harry Tucker
 '61 Don Dowden
 '61 Tom Jackson
 '61 Sam Qualls
 '61 Ron Sienknecht
 '62 Maury Horner
 '62 Bill Jennings, Jr.
 '62 Larry Palmer
 '62 Jim Reynolds, Jr.
 '62 J.C. Tucker
 '63 Jerre Wilson
 '64 Ken Ethridge
 '64 Ron Roberts
 '64 Bill Tyler, Jr.
 '65 Bill Allen
 '65 Joel Clifton
 '65 Gary Dowdy

'65 Harry Ford
 '65 Carl Liggett
 '65 Richard Lowe
 '65 Marvin Lubin, Jr.
 '65 Dan McGaughey
 '65 John Miller
 '65 John Roisum
 '65 Audy Sisk
 '65 Bill Sullivan
 '66 Lee Dodds
 '66 Dick Lillie
 '66 Bob Moon, II
 '66 Jim Ritts
 '67 Ed Craig, IV
 '67 Jim Harding
 '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.
 '68 Bob Rice, Jr.
 '68 Bill Rudder
 '69 James Baird
 '69 Tony Cooke
 '69 Richard Grant
 '69 Steve Herron
 '69 Mike Woody

1970s

'70 Terry Gower
 '70 Gary Roth
 '70 Frank Shepard
 '70 Bob Shnider

'70 Chris Turner
 '70 Jim Williford, Jr.
 '70 Art Wimer, III
 '71 Bob Boatright
 '71 Lew Epperson, Jr.
 '71 Don Gilliam
 '71 Howard Kaplan
 '71 Frank Kowalski
 '71 Roger Lang
 '71 Jim Mayfield
 '71 Tom O'Donnell
 '71 Steve Rogers, III
 '71 James Taylor
 '71 Joe Treanor
 '72 Gary Bryde
 '72 Paul Davis
 '72 Rick Davis, Jr.
 '72 Doug Gantt
 '72 Maurice Guinn
 '72 Mike Maxey
 '72 Mark Palmer
 '73 Rae Cronmiller
 '73 John Reed, III
 '73 Terry Roller
 '73 Leonard Sitar
 '73 Tom Tidwell
 '74 Frank Harman
 '74 Rick Henderson
 '74 Kent Roller
 '75 Craig Diller
 '75 Jim Elliott
 '75 Joe Scattergood, Jr
 '75 Art Zucker
 '76 Steve Alexander
 '76 Ray Greer
 '76 Mike Hickey
 '76 Ed Mitchell
 '77 Doug Thomson
 '78 Bryce Giesler

'78 Sammy Goldstein
 '78 Fred Hurt, Jr.
 '78 Pete Minkoff
 '79 Steve Tallman
 '79 Randy Woodcock

1980s

'80 Donny Brock
 '80 Terry Condon
 '80 Frank Shope
 '80 Alan Wilson
 '81 Mark Colquitt
 '81 Rocky Copp, III
 '81 Tom Forrester
 '81 Keene Murphy
 '81 Craig Wilks
 '82 Jeff Adams
 '82 Jeff Lewis
 '83 Ben Burns
 '83 Tom Carpenter
 '83 Mike Hays
 '83 Jeff Jones
 '83 Chuck Kilgore
 '84 Jon Bivens
 '84 John Coffman
 '84 Derrick Herndon
 '84 Jeff Smith
 '84 William Tice, Jr.
 '84 Mark Tribble
 '85 Kevin Carney
 '85 Will Terrell
 '86 Tom Chaloux
 '86 Burt Chandler
 '86 Mark Herndon
 '86 Mike Kennedy
 '87 Brent Beasley
 '87 Russ House
 '88 Mike Calleja
 '88 Jeff Coughlin

'88 Shane Hite
 '88 Neal Hyde
 '88 David Richards
 '89 Chuck Atchley, Jr.
 '89 Brad Bowles
 '89 Leonard Carroll
 '89 Robert Cathey
 '89 Wade Hutchens
 '89 Richard Preservati
 '89 Chris Schechter
 '89 Rob Weiss
 '89 Jay Wilson

1990s

'90 Jimmy Barker
 '90 Billy Campbell
 '90 John Chamberlain
 '90 Jeff Hickman
 '90 Andy Holmes
 '90 Bob Leonard
 '90 Jeff O'Keefe
 '90 Tony Ward
 '92 James Bell
 '92 Bill Harb
 '92 J.J. Hoynacki, II
 '92 Jon Nix
 '92 Bill Rosin
 '92 Mark Sparkman
 '92 Kelly Williams
 '93 Karl Berling
 '93 Jay Bonds, Jr.
 '93 Chris Slover
 '94 Johnny Hatfield
 '94 Connor Johnson
 '94 Brian Shugart
 '95 Simon Kasiewicz
 '96 Kyle Carsten
 '96 Keith Grant
 '96 Tom Mitchell

'96 Chris Reeves
 '96 J.C. Warnick
 '96 Jason White
 '96 Chris Wright
 '97 J.P. Bolick
 '97 David Corley
 '97 Todd Garten
 '97 Keith Hare
 '97 Derek Schoonover
 '98 Ryan Jewett
 '98 Whit Lee III
 '98 Steve Noland
 '98 Ben Rogers
 '99 Aaron Hice
 '99 Alan Hice
 '99 Kyle Hungate
 '99 Jonathan Schmitt
 '99 Leland Smith
 '99 Dusty Stephens

2000s

'01 Brad Adams
 '02 Aaron Barbe
 '03 Andrew Foust
 '03 Ty Lee
 '04 Eric Bibb
 '04 John Noblin
 '05 Whit Dulin
 '06 Clark Schmidt
 '06 Bob Wilson
 '06 Kevin York
 '07 Tom Whitworth
 '08 Jonathan Burlison
 '08 Patrick Hughes
 '09 Ryan Hollis

2010s

'12 John Chirico



The AVC recently installed new tile in the foyer, living room, and conference room. The Greek letters were incorporated into the tile work.



New furniture was purchased for the living room in time for formal recruitment in January

CHAPTER ATTENDS CARLSON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

A group of eight chapter officers and leaders of Tennessee Alpha attended the recent Carlson Leadership Academy (Carlson) in Atlanta. Carlson provides interactive officer training to over 2,600 undergraduates and volunteers annually. Attending an Academy ensures an officer will have the skills to manage a committee and follow through on their goals. The program also helps executive boards work together to ensure they all have goals consistent with a unified vision for the chapter.

The Academies are held in February, soon after most officer elections, and chapters are encouraged to bring all new officers, rising chapter leaders and engaged volunteers. Tennessee Alpha took full advantage, bringing all the new executive committee officers as well as some future leaders and committee chairman.



CHAPTER LEADERS AT CARLSON
Tennessee Alpha leaders pause for a photo between sessions

Carlson provides education for each specific officer position, as well as strategic planning and goal setting, and chapter leadership. The program emphasizes the use of each officer's individual strengths to build a complete team. Participants spend time on chapter analysis, large and small group sessions and informal interactions with other chapters. Participants will enhance their skill sets and leadership abilities to help them as chapter officers, in other leadership roles, in group projects and eventually in the work force for the rest of their lives. Carlson participants return to campus with a better understanding of their position, as well as a holistic strategy for moving their chapter forward.

More than 150 seasoned volunteers from across the country share their experiences as facilitators during the program. Included in that group of volunteers were **BRYCE GEISLER '78**, **KELLY WILLIAMS '92** and his wife Ronni hosted the volunteer reception in Atlanta. Eleven alums were in attendance along with eight active chapter leaders. ■



Bryce Giesler receives the Chapter Advisor of the Year Award from the University of Tennessee for a photo between sessions



Joe Chirico received the IFC Chapter President of the Year Award from the University of Tennessee



Tennessee Alpha Leaders Participated In A Goal Setting Session In Birmingham On January 13-14. Pictured From Left: Kelly Williams (Facilitator), Ben Hutto (Regional Director), Cameron Gilpin, Beach Galloway, Greg Prestinger (Facilitator), Cade Smith, Ryan Neal, Clay Cook, Will Jarvis, And Zach Cole.



SigEps prepare for Carnicus with the ladies of Delta Zeta.



Active chapter members participate in a recruitment workshop prior to formal spring recruitment

TENNESSEE ALPHA WELCOMES...

NEW MEMBERS:

NAME	HOMETOWN
Camden Willingham	Franklin, TN
Luke Annen	Crystal Lake, IL
Will Conroy	Falls Church, VA
J.C. McDearman	Lebanon, TN
Benjamin Shruptrine	Chattanooga, TN
Andrew Champion	Roswell, GA
Matthew Yarbrough	Clarksville, TN
Andrew Chase	Cleveland, TN
Luke Benton	Cleveland, TN
Austin Montgomery	Lebanon, TN
Bradley Tombul	Chattanooga, TN
Jacob Moses	Cleveland, TN
Thomas Jackson	Bristol, TN
Zachary Skaff	Nashville, TN
Eric Sirface	Franklin, TN
Stephen Nowell	Arlington, VA
Sebastian Posada	Lawrenceville, GA
Jacon Brown	Abington, VA
Vincent DeBlasio	Baltimore, MA
Carter Imbrecht	Franklin, TN



Tennessee Alpha SigEps visit the Georgia Delta Chapter (UGA)

»»» NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS «««

President.....	Zach Cole
VP Programming.....	Conner Clabough
VP Member Development.....	David Bean
VP Recruitment.....	Ryan Neal
VP Finance	Will Jarvis
VP Communications.....	Kiel Russell
Chaplin.....	Clay Cook

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LAST WORDS



TN Alpha Balanced Man Steward, Brad Clower with this wife Alex and sons Rory and Callaway



Trey and Sara Adams were married in Nashville on December 10th. In the wedding party were James High, Stuart Saylor, Russell Grimm, and Ross Smith.

SAVE
The Date!

FOUNDER'S DAY ALUMNI WEEKEND

» **Friday, April 7th** ■ Hall of Fame Dinner

» **Saturday, April 8th** ■ Alumni Brunch
■ Founder's Day Dinner



On a recent trip to California, Earl and Virginia had dinner with Mark Millis '63 in Arroyo Grande, CA

SPEAK UP!

We want to hear from you.

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