

# Epsilon Sigma Chapter Fall Newsletter

## From the Eminent and Lieutenant Commanders

Brothers,

Our chapter continues to make great strides in all areas. We have recruited eight new brothers, improved upon the house, and strengthened our ties with our outstanding alumni. Most importantly, the executive committee of Epsilon Sigma has been working on implementing a new committee system to make the chapter run in a more egalitarian and efficient manner. The basis of this system comes from the National Fraternity model on committees which our national consultant, Alex Combes, taught to the Executive committee when he visited earlier this semester. The focus of this shift is to make the operations of the chapter emanate from the membership itself through the different committees which every brother is a member of at least one. The committees create goals and plans which are then passed onto the Lieutenant Commander by the committee chairmen, and from these committee reports the agenda for Monday meeting is decided. This effort has been undertaken to provide a more active role for brothers as well as a way to deal with the increase in size of the chapter which necessitates a more even distribution of responsibilities amongst the brotherhood. This system is now in place and is beginning to be used in widespread application throughout the chapter and hopefully will allow for a more efficient and equal share of responsibilities.

Fraternally,

Alexander P. McWhirter & Erik Davis

## From the Recruitment Chair

Brothers,

The Rhodes Sigma Nu Chapter continues to grow thanks to another successful Fall Recruitment. Eight respectable young men pledged themselves to Sigma Nu, and we look forward to them joining the brotherhood. Recruitment was based once again on the Nationals Values Based Recruitment Plan, with Love, Honor, and Truth at the core. We are excited to have a new group of quality young men, and hope that Alumni can make their acquaintance soon.

Fraternally,

Benjamin Waller

## The Fall pledge class is as follows:

Stanton Bradley Cape Girardeau, MO

I major in Philosophy and like to being surrounded by nature.

Blake Copland Adam, TN

I am a former amateur boxer, a bio major, and I plan to enroll in Medical School.

Jared Edling Austin, TX

I am interested in majoring in English, Philosophy, or Spanish. I enjoy all outdoor activities, reading, and watching movies.

Jared Gab St. Louis, MO

While I attend Rhodes, I plan to pursue musical and theatrical

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endeavors. I enjoy spending time with my guitar almost as much as I do with my friends.

Thomas Horn      Athens, GA

I plan to major in a hard science. I am interested in soccer, math, and spending time with my friends.

Mathew Jehl      Memphis, TN

I am interested in studying History and Political Science, and I also participate in Mock Trial.

Salar Rafieetary      Memphis, TN

I'm a sophomore neuroscience major and I plan to attend Medical School. I am a Bonner Scholar, a Rhodes College Diplomat, a Peer Assistant, a Senator in the Rhodes Student Government, and a ministry team leader for Reformed University Fellowship.

Preston Reeder      Austin Texas

I plan to major in English. I enjoy playing football, reading, and ballroom dancing.

## From The Pledge Marshall

Over the course of the semester, LEAD Phase I has become an integral part of pledgship, demonstrating what it means to lead a life of principle. Outside facilitators such as Rob McCleary, a Sigma NU alumnus, and M.L. Gough, the Director of Greek Life at Rhodes College, have played an important role in fostering ethics, values and leadership in the current pledge class. I have worked diligently with the pledge

class to educate them about the origins of our traditions and our history. Once again, we boast a very diverse pledge class with three different classes - five freshmen, two sophomores and one junior. I have endeavored to direct their talents and skills into areas within the fraternity that are best suited for them. I speak for the entire chapter when I say we are all very excited to welcome them into our chapter and have complete faith they will help contribute to the immense progress Epsilon Sigma has made so far.

Fraternally,  
Nathaniel Mahoney

## From the Alumni Relations Chair

Brothers,

The chapter has been working extremely hard this semester to improve Alumni relations. As always, you as alumni are invited to every event. We will tailgate at every football game, even though we may not like the outcome of the games. We would really love to talk to all of you and see you around! If you have anything that you would like to share with the chapter, please let us know! We would love to hear about you and know how you're doing. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 205-2066 or [belap@rhodes.edu](mailto:belap@rhodes.edu).

Fraternally,  
Andrew P. Bell

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## From the LEAD Chairman

This fall we continued to have growth in our Phase I of LEAD with the pledge class and we have implemented LEAD Phase II, which is tailored to the sophomore class, with sessions lead by alumni brothers Britt Summers and Rob McCleary. Both helped the sophomore brothers gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader both in the fraternity and in life. We have many other sessions in the remainder of this semester. If you are interested in helping our LEAD program as a guest facilitator for LEAD Phase I or Phase II please send me an email at [weljw@rhodes.edu](mailto:weljw@rhodes.edu) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Fraternally,  
John Wells

## From the Philanthropy Committee Chair

The Philanthropy committee of the Epsilon Sigma chapter recently participated in the Up til Dawn fundraiser for St. Jude by sending out letters to all of our alumni requesting support for that hospital. Also, we will be operating an aid station in front of campus during the St. Jude marathon on December fifth. Looking ahead, we are planning to host a 5K run in partnership with the Memphis Runner's Association during this upcoming March or April, and also are in the early stages of coordinating a campus-wide tricycle race event for the upcoming spring semester. We would greatly appreciate any donations, even quite small ones, that we could put towards the purchase of tricycles for this event. In order to put the event on, we will need funds upfront so as to purchase supplies.

We plan to have this event become our signature, annual event. We hope that these events will strengthen our connection with St. Jude, one of our national philanthropy partners.

Please send any donations to Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Nu, 2000 North Parkway, Rhodes College, Memphis TN 38112. We appreciate your support.

Best,  
Matt McCulloch

## From the House Committee Chairman

This year we have made great strides in returning the house to it's former glory. Last semester we had an alumni work day in which active members of the chapter worked with the assistance of alumni installed new base boards in the basement. The chapter also completed a restoration of the kitchen cabinets as well as retiling of both bathrooms. We as a chapter also completed work on the "green room", a room for poker and other brotherhood events. The room features green astro turf and a poker donated by the Mahoney family. Though the work is ongoing there are a few projects that we are looking to complete during this academic year. These include tiling the rest of the basement as well as repair of windows throughout the house. We genuinely appreciate all of the alumni help that we have had in our past endeavors and look forward to future projects that can further alumni chapter relations.

Fraternally,  
Jack Huldin

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Brothers,

The Epsilon Sigma chapter will celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our chapter on April 16-17, 2010.

The celebration will include an open house/BBQ dinner, family brunch, campus tour, and a black-tie optional banquet.

We view this event as a chance to rekindle fraternal bonds with our alumni and celebrate the glorious founding of our chapter.

The tentative itinerary is as follows:

### Friday, April 16, 2010

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Open House/BBQ Dinner  
Sigma Nu House

### Saturday, April 17, 2010

10:00 am - 11:30 am  
Family Brunch  
Hyde Hall (Catherine Burrow  
Refectory)

11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Campus Tour

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Reception  
Crane Lobby (Bryan Campus Life  
Center)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
White Rose Banquet  
McCallum Ballroom (Bryan Campus  
Life Center)

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Invitations

You should receive your personal invitation to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration from the Alumni Chapter in the mail sometime this week.

The registration deadline is **Friday, April 2, 2010**.

All correspondence regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration weekend (including registration forms and payment) should be sent to:

**Epsilon Sigma Alumni Chapter  
c/o Brian Boone  
4057 Allison Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38122**

If you require special dietary options or have questions regarding the White Rose Banquet, please contact John Gehrig at: (312) 725-3104  
[epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:epsilonsigma.alumni@gmail.com)

For more information, visit:

<http://orgs.rhodes.edu/sigmanu/anniversary/index.html>.

Fraternally,

Andrew P. Bell  
Alumni Relations Chairman

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