



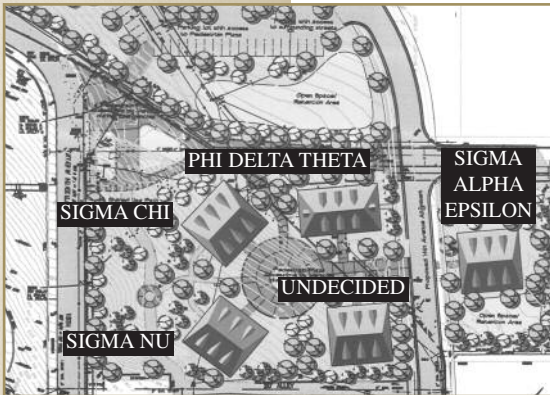
Eta Rho NEWS



A PUBLICATION OF THE ETA RHO CHAPTER OF SIGMA NU

SPRING 2005

Eta Rho Marches Closer to Goal \$60,885 SHORT OF BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION



Schematics for phase one of the new Greek Village. The street intersecting the new houses would be the realigned 14th Avenue. For a better look, please see www.etarho.org.

I want to express my appreciation for all who have made contributions and pledges to the *Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future* Campaign. Our drive continues to bustle with several new pledges made over the last few months. We're now at \$489,115 and moving closer to reaching our goal! If you haven't filled out your pledge card yet, please do so now. With your help,

we can reach our minimum goal of \$550,000 to begin construction. We are also in need of upfront donations so we can commission an architect to begin drafting plans for our new house.

The discussions we had in the early days of the chapter keep coming to my mind. When I was an undergraduate, the chapter was still too young to have the kind of alumni support required to do a campaign on the scale that we are now. Now we have numerous alumni contributing large and generous gifts. Even most of the undergraduate chapter members have made \$100/year pledges, beginning after their graduation. Their selfless dedication is inspiring, and it is my hope that more alumni will be moved to involve themselves in this important campaign. Your pledge, whatever the amount, would be a significant help toward our \$1 million goal. And by spreading it over five years, it won't be much of a burden on you.

I challenge all of you to contact your pledge class brothers and see what you can collectively raise as a group. I am pleased to report that my Beta Pledge Class has pledged more than \$36,000, and more is expected. See what you can do by making a few calls to your brothers. And don't forget to

consider memorial gifts—these are a great way to honor deceased brothers or loved ones.

One area for many to consider is the availability of tax help on large gifts. Some alumni have given stock as a way of avoiding tax. Please contact me if this can help with your personal situation and is an option you are interested in.

GREEK VILLAGE UPDATE

We were all shocked recently with the news that Sigma Alpha Epsilon's chapter house burned to the ground after a fire on April 10. Thankfully everyone made it out of the house without injury. It is a frightening reminder of the dire need for an up-to-date structure equipped with a water sprinkler system.

Western Kentucky University is moving along on the development of the Greek Village. First they are waiting for drawings to be finished and 14th Street to be realigned, and then site preparation will be ready for construction in fall '05. Four of the five lots have been apportioned to Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The fifth lot is unfilled as of now. If we can reach \$550,000 by this fall, we'll be able to start construction right away.

Joe Natcher '76, HP 293 is getting us ready for a great Homecoming this fall. We will keep the Web page, www.etarho.org, updated as more information is available. Please check it often. We're expecting a large turnout, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Wouldn't it be nice to see our new Chapter house taking shape at Homecoming?



Fraternally,
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ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD AND UNDERGRADUATES UNITE TO BETTER CHAPTER

GAMMA KAPPA SPRING PLEDGE CLASS

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Danville H.S.

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Aaron Patterson
Island, Ky.
McLean County H.S.

Jeff Thompson
Bardstown, Ky.
Bethlehem H.S.

Kyle Tucker
Georgetown, Ky.
Scott County H.S.

I am pleased to report that the Alumni Advisory Board has been actively engaged with the chapter during the spring 2005 semester. The purpose of the Alumni Advisory Board is to provide ongoing support and assistance to the active chapter. The board meets with the chapter officers once a month, and at least one member of the board attends the chapter meeting each week. A member of the board also attends the fraternity advisors meeting held by WKU each month. I feel certain that both the board and the chapter would agree that their interaction has been positive and beneficial.

The chapter has had some significant accomplishments during the past year. First, the Powder-puff Flag Football Tournament was held for the first time in several years. The tournament was a success and provided financial resources to support the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

Second, the chapter has more than doubled its size since the beginning of the fall 2004 semester. The board and the chapter are

planning for a successful fall 2005 recruitment. Our goal is to double the size of the chapter again during the 2005-06 school year.

Last, there are young leaders emerging within the chapter. They possess the drive, focus, and initiative that breeds success. These men will provide consistent leadership throughout the coming years.

I am very pleased with the progress made this year. The chapter is operating within the two-year financial plan established in the fall of 2004, and we hope to have all past due debts satisfied by the end of the spring 2006 semester. Our sights are set high for the 2005-06 school year. The chapter is ready for the challenge. We are excited to see what the future holds for Eta Rho.



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Adam Reed*
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John Boone '05, HP 792
Grayson County, Ky.

**Neophyte who will receive HP number next semester*





Undergraduates Provide Positive Presence in Community

The chapter has made great strides against great adversity over the last semester. At the start of this year, Sigma Nu had a total of only 11 members. I am now proud to report that number has increased to 28 with 17 actives. Our pledge classes were in the top third in size both semesters.

ACADEMICS

Sigma Nu is proud to acquire quality members who will be an active part of earning a high G.P.A. Vice President **Andy Vandiver '05, HP 795** earned a 4.0 in the fall semester, while I attained a 3.8 G.P.A. Several actives earned above a 3.0, and Sigma Nu is currently represented in the Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, and Order of the Omega honor societies.

DATING ETIQUETTE

Eta Rho Chapter recently completed a course in dating etiquette, with an emphasis on table manners. We plan to make this an annual event, realizing it is not only great preparation for when our members attend formals, but a unique experience that no one will forget.

POWDER-PUFF FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Sigma Nu resurrected the Powder-puff Football Tournament this past year. It was

a booming success. Most sororities and some fraternities were represented in this event, with proceeds going toward the Christopher Reeve Foundation. In our first year, we raised more than \$1,200, and we plan to double that amount next year.

INTRAMURALS

We are proud to be an active participant in nearly all intramural sports. Our proudest intramural moment came in basketball where Sigma Nu posted a 4-1 regular season record and went deep into the playoffs before losing to the eventual champions. We are now focused on soccer and softball.

Our chapter has received a lot of positive publicity with all of our involvement in the city, campus, and Greek communities. We believe we have a strong case for Most Improved Chapter Award, which will be awarded at Greek Week. We're off to a great start for 2005, and we look forward to accomplishing our yearly goals of having strong pledge classes for the fall and spring semesters, becoming more involved in the Greek and Western



Brothers spend an evening with Sarah Wakefield learning proper dating and dining etiquette.

communities, and attaining the M. Reed Morgan Award.

We greatly appreciate all the fundraising efforts from our alumni and wish to express our thanks for their loyalty. We hope to see you this fall at Homecoming on October 14-15. See page 6 for details.



Fraternally,
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HELP LOCATE LOST LITTLE SISTERS AND SWEETHEARTS

As a former Sweetheart and Little Sister of the Eta Rho Chapter, I am extending a challenge to all former Sweethearts and Little Sisters of the White Rose to help out in the *Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future* Campaign.

As Western Kentucky University alumni, we all have fond memories of our time on "the Hill." I also have wonderful memories of time spent with friends sitting on the front steps of the fraternity house at 1311 College Street. In order for Eta Rho to continue its strong lineage, a new fraternity house is imperative. Today's students deserve a chance to preserve the proud

heritage that Sigma Nu has at WKU. This campaign will help to ensure the future of the fraternity and allow for growth.

The fraternity has a much easier mechanism for tracking brothers through its near 40 years on campus. Former Sweethearts and Little Sisters are much more difficult to locate since many have married, names and addresses have changed, or they no longer have an association with the fraternity. Your help is needed in contacting them to see if they are willing to help with this worthy cause. If you can provide the names (married or maiden) and addresses of former Sweethearts and Little Sisters, it

would be helpful. We are hoping these ladies want to support the campaign.

This is a terrific opportunity to help Sigma Nu's future at Western. If anyone is interested in a joint contribution, we welcome that as well. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide. You may contact me via e-mail at cwhiteho@prodigy.net or (502) 895-7590 with information or questions.



Sincerely,
Cookie Whitehouse
Little Sister '67-'71
Sweetheart '71



Thank You Loyal Brothers and Friends for Committing \$489,115

We are deeply grateful to the following Sigma Nu brothers for committing \$489,115 to the *Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future* Campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Eta Rho and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this project.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000, over a five-year period, to the campaign will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the new chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Eta Rho Home Association, P.O. Box 1201, Bowling Green, KY 42102.

Legion of Honor Society

(\$100,000 and above)

Oma Kron Society

(\$50,000 - \$99,999)

Bob Bristol '61, HP 34/OK 69
James A. Scott '78, HP 323

1311 Brotherhood Society

(\$25,000 - \$49,999)

Thomas F. Hart '66, HP 57
Joe B. Natcher Jr. '76, HP 293
Jeff D. Stone '77, HP 311
Shane N. Van Meter '78, HP 321

The Rock Society

(\$15,000 - \$24,999)

Harold E. Brantley '59, HP 40/OK 44
Jeff Ralph '73, HP 220
Darell R. Pierce '77, HP 310
In Memory of Joseph M. Aull '77, HP 306
Audrey Aull
In Memory of Joseph M. Aull '77, HP 306

Eta Rho Society

(\$10,000 - \$14,999)

Gen. Earl L. Doyle Jr. '61, HP 1/OK 64
M. Reed Morgan '64, HP 15
Gerald L. Willis '66, HP 64
David N. Roberts '77, HP 296
Elbert R. Jones Jr. '78, HP 330
In Memory of Todd O. Travis '78, HP 332
Michael L. Simpson '82, HP 414
Kenneth O. Rush '83, HP 422
Jason C. Mallory '89, HP 534
R. Robert Horton '90, HP 538
In Memory of Mike Welch, HP 518
Bradley L. Williams '92, HP 592

White Rose Society

(\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Ronald W. Morehead '63, HP 10/OK 99
Charles F. Rice '64, HP 16/OK 109
James W. Denhardt '65, HP 45

ETA RHO

Campaign Status

At-a-Glance

As of April 19, 2005

711 Active Alumni

86 Contributors

\$489,115

Total Commitments

Kenneth Bowman '69, HP 140
Andrew R. Stahl '72, HP 204
In Memory of Craig Burns, HP 224
Paul B. Calico '73, HP 225
In Memory of Craig Burns, HP 224
Paul Nation '73, HP 234
Joseph E. Bunch '74, HP 241
James R. Hilliard '76, HP 285
T.L. Montgomery Jr. '77, HP 299
Michael V. Brodarick '77, HP 307
In Memory of Joseph M. Aull '77, HP 306
Kurt A. Crenshaw '81, HP 385
Anonymous

Black and Gold Society

(\$1,000 - \$4,999)

Randall Capps '62, HE 77
Charles C. Fuller '58, OK 35
Joe Clifton '60, HP 31/OK 58
Jay Horton '63, HP 35/OK 88
In Honor of Dr. William R. Hourigan
Paul T. Fuller '62, OK 75
In Memory of Hub Reese '65, HP 5/OK 78
In Memory of Jim Brown '60, OK 52

Earl E. Edmonds '65, HP 46
John C. Ludwig '66, HP 60
In Memory of Frederick M. Dyrsen Jr. '64, HP 12
John T. Hutton '68, HP 122
Thomas E. Simpson '68, HP 126
Joe F. Glasser '70, HP 159
Rick Vilines '70, HP 162
Alan H. Vilines '70, HP 169
Dr. Jack G. Glasser '71, HP 177
Richard V. Wood '74, HP 250
Greg Carter '74, HP 253
David N. Ratliff '75, HP 268
Hal W. Shunk '76, HP 290
James S. Gardner '81, HP 372
Gary Brodarick '84, HP 431
John P. Simms '85, HP 449
John Carter '87, HP 493
Bryan R. Cherry '89, HP 527
Robert Foster '89, HP 531
Dean S. Montgomery '90, HP 540
S. John Coombs Jr. '55, HP 749/OK 9
Kenneth A. Bragg '58, HP 754/OK 34
Richard M. Roberson '58, HP 758/OK 43
In Memory of Chester Corder '56, OK 17
Brian Schorr '02, HP 764*
Jeremy Caldwell '02, HP 765*
Andrew Whitten '02, HP 775*
Taylor A. LaGrange '02, HP 776*
Adam McCarty '02, HP 777*
Ben Miller '02, HP 780*
Joshua P. Richter '03, HP 782*
Chase E. Malone '04, HP 787*

Five Arm Society

(\$500 - \$999)

Walter D. Richards '70, HE 4
Glen E. Racine '66, HP 81
Thomas J. Nord '79, HP 342
Patrick Tierney '00, HP 732
In Memory of Danny Bratcher '00, HP 711
Addam Pence '02, HP 781*
Nick Hamilton '04, HP 789*
Max Bradley '03, HP 779*

*Undergraduate Members



Alumni News

1950s

John "JT" Drumm '55, OK 10 lives in Norfolk, Va., with his wife, Mary. He retired in 1997 from the police department and built a home on the outer banks of North Carolina. JT and Mary are traveling and enjoying their retirement together. He attended the last reunion in Bowling Green and says, "It was a big thrill seeing some of the 'Krons' again. I'm looking forward to the next one." Send JT an e-mail at jtdrumm@aol.com.

1960s

Gary "Butch" Rucker '60, OK 60/HP 33, along with his wife, Patsy, are both retired and plan to move down to The Villages, Fla. Butch asks, "Anyone wanting to move to Pittsburgh, Penn.? I have a house for sale!" He looks forward to seeing everyone at the 2005 Homecoming. Butch's e-mail address is shelleyslr@earthlink.net.

Earl E. Edmonds '65, HP 46 and his wife, Dianne, both retired from teaching in Cincinnati and now live in Mason, Ohio. Earl taught for 36 years, and Dianne taught for 30. They have two sons and three grandchildren. The couple keeps busy spending time with their grandchildren and are having a great retired life. They look forward to visiting Bowling Green soon. You can e-mail Earl at earldianne@aol.com.

John C. Ludwig '66, HP 60 is a licensed therapist who works in Mission Viejo, Calif.

He reports, "I'll be seeing Brothers **Joe Brennan '65, HP 44, Bill Pucket '67, HP 94, and Lon Jackson '67, HP 97**, this coming summer!" Catch up with John by sending him an e-mail at thndr64@aol.com.

David M. Paris '67, HP 92 resides in Newmanstown, Penn., with his wife, Betty Jo. He recently retired from Pfizer Animal Health. David says, "I now spend my time working for an animal health distributor, working with my reining horses, and hunting and fishing with my son, Chris, and grandson, Zane." David can be e-mailed at david.paris@pfizer.com.

1970s

Donald R. Mullins '73, HP 219 and his wife, Marietta, live in Louisville, Ky. He is a professor in the manufacturing/engineering technology department at Indiana University Southeast. Keep up with Donald by e-mailing him at tmulco@aol.com.

George T. Paynter '73, HP 237 lives in Clinton, Tenn., with his wife, Jenny. He is an investment representative for Edward Jones Investments. George jokes, "My daughter, Caroline, attended WKU. It was a disappointment to me to find out that no one was retelling stories about all the things we did. I thought we were legendary."

William R. Griffin '74, HP 261 reports that he and his wife, Mary Ann, now have

an empty nest but love living in their small community of Danville, Ky. Bill says he still remains close to Brothers **Joe Bunch '74, HP 241, Mark Thomas '75, HP 273, and Mike Brodarick '77, HP 307**. In his free time, he enjoys photography and fly-fishing. You can see Bill's personal Web site at www.billgriffin.com and e-mail him at bill@billgriffin.com.

1980s

Wade L. Whitfield '82, HP 416 lives in Madisonville, Ky., with his wife, Phyllis, and their son and daughter. Wade is the president and owner of Whitfield Appraising Inc. Send Wade an e-mail at wplm@charter.net.

Gregory E. King '88, HP 494 lives in Southbury, Conn., with his wife, Lisa, and their three sons. Gregory is the director of sales and marketing for DHL Danzas Air & Ocean in Norwalk, Conn. Send him an e-mail at greg.king@dhl.com.

1990s

Jason W. Bracy '94, HP 631 is the owner and operator of Bracy Farms LLC. He lives in Springfield, Tenn., with his wife, Shelley. You can contact Jason via e-mail at jbracy@earthlink.net.

Michael H. Forsee '95, HP 643 works in Nashville, Tenn., as a graphic designer. Keep up with him by e-mailing him at hayden@bardstown.com.

CONTINUE THE ETA RHO EXPERIENCE

There are numerous reasons why I pledged to the Sigma Nu capital campaign. Most importantly, I gained lifelong brothers who are much more than just friends. We have a deep connection that endures. I want this wonderful attribute of the fraternity to carry on and be available for future generations of men.

My experience at Western Kentucky University developed me into the man I am today—with many of you contributing to that development. It was a key period in my life where I gained lifelong invaluable skills. I have pledged to contribute to the fraternity to help others have the same experiences that will positively shape their lives.

The brochure we all received stated that approximately 83% of the Fortune 500 company CEOs and Supreme Court justices

were fraternity men. By continuing the Eta Rho legacy, we will be making a positive impact on society by imparting our fraternity's great ideals to our men and future leaders. As I recently told one of our fellow snakes, we shouldn't dwell on the recent condition of the fraternity, but instead, focus on our strengths and continually work to improve.

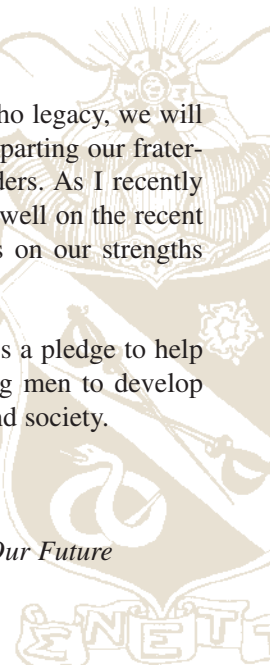
A pledge to donate to our beloved fraternity is a pledge to help foster a more positive environment for young men to develop into contributing members of our fraternity and society.



Fraternally,

Jeff Ralph '73, HP 220

*Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future
The Rock Society*



Sigma Nu Needs You!

Eta Rho needs your continued support through the payment of your dues. In order to fund future issues of *Eta Rho News*, alumni events, and other communications, we need the support of all our alumni. Please send in a check when your next statement arrives.
-Thank you

SPRING 2005 INITIATES

John Boone '05, HP 792*

Grayson County, Ky.
Business

Roger Blair '05, HP 793

Fort Knox, Ky.
Political Science and History

Justin Moss '05, HP 797

Owensboro, Ky.
Business Management

Andrew Rash '05, HP 794

Franklin, Ky.
Education

Andy Vandiver '05, HP 795

Island, Ky.
Political Science and Sociology

James White '05, HP 796

Louisville, Ky.
Marketing

*Originally initiated into
Eta Epsilon Chapter,
transferred to WKU

Calendar of Events

August 29

First Day of Classes

September 12-17

Fraternity Recruitment

September 16-18

Parents Weekend
for Sigma Nu

October 14-15

Sigma Nu 40th Anniversary
and Homecoming Weekend

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ETA RHO'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING CELEBRATION OCTOBER 14-16, 2005

Eta Rho Chapter's 40th Anniversary celebration is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars now for this special event. Those who have not visited the campus will be amazed at the significant changes that have taken place at Western. The appearance of the campus is quite different and even more beautiful. Construction has been prolific.

This should be one of the largest Homecoming gatherings ever at Western. It will be a great time to catch up with many old friends. And, of course, we have a national championship football team directed by Coach David Elson.

A block of rooms has been reserved for Sigma Nu alumni at the Holiday Inn University Plaza (please note the hotel name change). The

rooms are \$95 per night, not including taxes. Reservations can be made by calling (270) 745-0088 or 1-800-HOLIDAY. Please make these at your earliest convenience.

Our celebration is outlined below. As the event approaches, more information will be sent, including a registration form, weekend package pricing, and specific times. You may also visit www.etarho.org for information. We hope you can make time to return to your alma mater to celebrate this unique occasion. Please e-mail or call me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Fraternally,

Joe Natcher '76, HP 293

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Friday, October 14

11:30 a.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Golf at Crosswinds Course (Next to the Holiday Inn University Plaza)

6 p.m. - Reception

Evening - Alumni and Active Gathering

Saturday, October 15

Morning - Alumni breakfast and business meeting at Holiday Inn University Plaza

Afternoon - Tailgating at WKU on south lawn

WKU vs. Missouri State University (formerly Southwest Missouri State)

After game - Cocktail party, dinner, and dance at Holiday Inn University Plaza