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Epsilon Eta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta

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On May 3rd, the Epsilon Eta House Corporation will be hosting the annual BS Open Golf Tournament at Buffalo Creek Golf Club. Prizes will include awards for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and many more. Tee time will start at 8:00AM, and registration will be \$110.00. Golf will be followed by a cookout at Rene Griffin's house which will begin around 1:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

If May 3rd does not fit in the schedule, there is stil an opportunity for you to attend an alumni event! This August, the House Corporation will be sponsoring an alumni reunion at Cowboy Stadium! Remember those Tom Landry days during the 60's, 70's, and 80's? How about the Emmitt Smith years during the early 90's? Relive those fond memories this summer with your fellow EH Delts! The event will take place at a preseason game to be announced at the BS Open. Tickets will be to a luxury suite with all you can drink beverages. Tickets are very limited, and are going fast!

If you are interested in attending the game with other fellow Epsilon Eta Delts, contact any of the members of the House Coporation (contact information on page 5) to get your spot today! Make



sure to get yours before they are gone.

#### Generous Alumni Support Leads to Beautiful Rennovation

This past summer, the Epsilon Eta House Corporation embarked on a campaign to raise funds to fully rennovate the shelter currently on Live Oak. The rennovation has since been completed, but the fundraising campaign is ongoing. The rennovations include a full make over of the inside of the shelter, the roof, and parts of the brick surrounding the outside of the house. If you would like to learn more about the fundraising efforts, see the progression during the construction, or would like to make a gift of your own, head over to:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/EHSummit2/



Photo of the Great Room

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## Continual Chapter Improvement A Point of Emphasis Epsilon Eta's push towards another Hugh Shields Award

The past year has been a huge growing year for Epsilon Eta. Our membership has increased from the mid-teens to 32 Actives. Our Delt shelter at 1803 Live Oak has been renovated entirely by our House Corporation. Without the help and guidance from these Alumni our undergraduate group would not have the success that they have been able to achieve.

Each year we attend the Delt Division Conference and this past February we sent 8 undergrads. During conference there are several educational sessions and team building exercises as well as a plethora of networking opportunities available. During this weekend there are several awards and recognitions given. All 123 chapters of Delta Tau Delta are measured and ranked each year. This year, Epsilon Eta is ranked 28th, only 8 positions away from a Court of Honor and 18 away from the Hugh Shields Award. To put this into perspective, in Febraury of 2013 EH was 84th in this same ranking. At this year's conference we were named The Most Improved Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, a huge honor and recognition for the efforts of not only our Undergrads but also our House Corp and Advisory Team through the past several years.

A new member of our Advisory Team deserves some special recognition, Kevin Belt, a Delt from Stephen F. Austin. Kevin joined our team a year ago after the 2013 Conference in Oklahoma and began work with our Pledge Education Program immediately. Through his efforts our Chapter has experienced 100% pledge retention and the pledge experience has dramatically improved. Already he has worked with the new executives in further optimizing the pledge education program yet again. Because of his effort and true dedication, Josh Schneider our Division President, has appointed Kevin Belt to be our new Assistant Chapter Advisor.

Our chapter continues to undergo changes and we are happy about that as we all understand that times change and change is inevitable. These young men who carry our Delt Flag, do it with Pride and Humility. They shoulder their responsibility and hold one another accountable to improve. These men are true

Delts. Please join me in appreciation of all Active Delts from the past several years as undergrads and those Alumni who have volunteered their time and financial support. Thank you for everything brothers.

Fraternally,
Alfred "T-Bone" Kuzov '02



With spring in full swing, join us at Buffalo Creek Golf Club on May 3rd for the annual BS Open Alumni Golf Tournament!

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## **Know a Potential Delt?**

As everyone knows, recruitment of new members is one of the obligations of being a Delt, and Epsilon Eta is no exception. We are always looking for new members to join our brotherhood, and we are looking to expand that with the use of alumni support. If you would like to see a potential new member become a brother, please send his name and any information about him to Chapter President Josh VanAlstine at (315) 559 - 8039 or joshvanalstine@yahoo.com

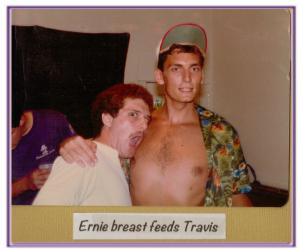
## Alumni Update Form

Want to reconnect with other brothers from your era? Let us help get your story out! Fill out the form below (<u>please include a picture of yourself</u>), and send it back to Chapter President Josh Vanalstine to get your update in the next alumni newsletter! Please feel free to use the back of this form to add more information if you would like. (This form can also be filled out, and emailed to joshvanalstine@yahoo.com)

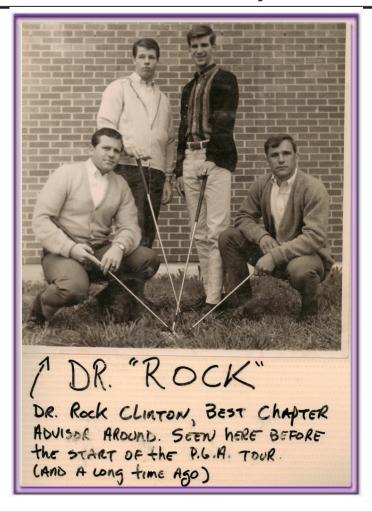
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Name:	Graduation Year:
Current Address:	
	Phone Number:
Degrees Earned:	
What all activities were you apart of who President, ect):	en you were an undergrad? (Sports, Dean's List, Class
	orporation included):
What is your current profession, what n	new projects or jobs are you currently working on:
Tell us about your family (any accompli	shments from wife, kids, grandchildren, ect):
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### A Look Back in Time.....







## Alumni Spotlight

If you, or a brother you know, is doing great things and you want to get the word out, send his story and a brief bio to Chapter President Josh VanAlstine at joshvanalstine@yahoo.com

### Distinguised Brother, Duane Allen '65, To Be Honored



theaters, symphony halls, auditoriums, festivals and arenas nationwide, if you name a venue Brother Allen has played it. As a graduate from Texas A&M University - Commerce (then East Texas State), Duane went on to be the lead singer of the country music group The Oak Ridge Boys, a job that he still has today. Not only a lead singer, Brother Allen also has worked as the groups executive producer, producing the The

Boys Are Back CD and the Back Home Again CD, and also has co-produced eight of the group's recent Spring Hill/Gaither Music albums and nine tracks on the 2011 It's Only Natural album for Cracker Barrel.

It is undeniable that Brother Allen has made tremendous contributions to not only The Oak Ridge Boys, but country music as a whole. For all the hard work he has put in at a ceremony this spring, the bridge over the Big Sandy Creek (on County Road 16590 in Taylortown, Texas) will be renamed in honor of Duane, who grew up nearby. "I'm humbled to the core, just blown away," Duane said in response to the announcement. "It's a small bridge, on a small road, in a small community, but it is where I grew up and it's a huge honor for me. It will be a fun day." The ceremony will be Tuesday April 15th at 3:00PM at The Big Sandy Creek Bridge over County Road 16590. Also to note, the Paris News has reported that

the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame will induct Duane on August 9 of this year.

Congratulations, Brother Allen!

## **Upcoming Events**

Rite of Iris and Initiation April 25th - 26th

Rite of Iris Location: The Alumni Center on campus Initiation Location: The Shelter

BS Open Golf Tournament May 3rd

Tee Time: 8:00AM After Party at Rene Griffin's house: 1:30PM

Karnea July 23rd - 27th Location: New Orleans, LA

Active - Alumni Workday August 16th

Formal Recruitment Fall 2014 September 15th - 19th More information to come

> Homecoming 2014 **November 1st**

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## **Alumni Update**

#### **Tom Coleman '58**

Charter Member of the original Cavalier Club, Tom was a retired principal and teacher in the Dallas year, Brother Tom moved on to Chapter Eternal in Clarksville, Tx.

#### **Bob Quin '64**

the Insurance Services Offices. He likes to keep busy doing volunteer work at the Medical Center of McKinney Pharmacy and leading various bible study groups. Bob can be reached at: bob.quin@live.com

#### **Terry Brimer '75**

Brother Brimer is currently the Director of Sales at Suncoast Post-Tension where he has worked for almost 25 years. Terry is married to his wife Lisa. He currently lives in Mesquite, TX. Terry can be reached at: TBrimer@suncoast-pt.com

#### Don Wilks '83

For the next two months, Brother Wilks will be traveling to Columbia, seeing the sites and meeting people from all over the world. Don can be reached at: donwilks@mac.com

#### **Gary Benedetto '86**

16 year old. Gary retired from the Air Force Independent School District. This past but stayed on as a civilian. Gary can be reached at: gary.benedetto@earthlink.net.

#### Ernie Brown Jr. '84

Brother Brown just completed his training in Currently, Brother Quin is retired from the 757 and 767 aircraft and works as a Captain in Houston for United Airlines. This coming May, Ernie and wife Linda will celebrate their 30th anniversary. Ernie can be reached at: gadget15e@comcast.net.

#### Nick Gillick '07

Brother Benedetto is still married to Angela in Brother Gillick's company ComfyEarrings.com is Shreveport, LA with a freshman at LSU and a alive and growing with a new product line. His company has got its first committed retailer who will start carrying his product within their stores. Nick's other business venture, prepcabin.com has hit over 60,000 visitors so far this year! Nick can be reached at: gillickn@gmail.com.

#### Stephen L. Beach '10

Currently living in the Dallas area, brother Beach just married Casey Beck (Kappa Delta) on March 22nd. Congratulations Brother! Stephen can be reached at: sbeach1985@gmail.com.

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