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Every day, men and woman sacrifice life and limb defending this great country of ours. As they return home, some of their experiences follow them home. By raising awareness and aid for these warriors, together, we are able provide help to those in need.

This year, Epsilon Eta will be hosting our annual Delt Draft Philanthropy week (April 27th - May 3rd) with all proceeds going towards the Wounded Warrior Project. This year, we have set a goal to donate \$2,000.00. In order to achieve this, we will be selling sponsorships to local businesses. These slots will be showcased on both our Delt Draft T-Shirt and Banner. We will also be hosting a silent auction on Sunday, May 3rd.

How You Can Help

For each day of the week, we will be hosting an event that corresponds to a specific branch of the military. At the end of the week, we will be having a luncheon and a silent auction. We are looking for people to donate auctionable items that we can auction off at the luncheon. These items can be anything from military paraphernalia to college dorm room essentials. Each and every item will be auctioned off with ALL proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

If you would like to help out with any one of the events listed, we would certainly appreciate that too! If you see an event listed that you would like to help out at please contact External Vice President Nico Lattanzio at (214) 354 - 0578.

Delt Draft Schedule

Monday - Marine Monday: All events for the day next to Gee Lake in Commerce

Tuesday - Air Force Day: All events for the day next to Gee Lake in Commerce

Wednesday - National Guard: All events for the day next to Gee Lake in Commerce

Thursday - Navy Day: All events at the Morris Recreation Center

Friday - Delt Draft Party at the Spot (local bar in Commerce)

Sunday - Luncheon/Silent Auction: Event will be held at in the Rayburn Student Center

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<http://tamucommerce.deltsconnect.org>

Keep up to date on all upcoming events, past newsletters, alumni updates, and much more!



New Faces Providing New Opportunities

Brothers,

I wanted to take a moment to formally introduce myself. My name is Kolton Emmons, and I am the current Chapter President of Epsilon Eta. This past semester, and year, has been an outstanding jump towards excellence! Continuously, we keep achieving our goals and reaching for new heights.

As it stands, we are currently number one in the Interfraternal Council (IFC) for GPA, which puts us far above the All-Men's Average on campus. We also hold a solid grasp on the number two seat for the coveted Intramural Cup.

Philanthropy and community service continue to be a top priority within our chapter as well. Currently, we have over 100 hours of service through our efforts with JDRF in the fight to cure Juvenile Diabetes. We also continue to aid the local food pantry in an effort to give back to our great East Texas community.

Externally, the chapter is in an excellent position, and the internal workings are no exception. These accomplishments could not have been done without the help of our newly initiated pledge class of 18 men! Once more, our chapter was able to nearly double in size. This pushes our chapter size to 40 men, making us the largest fraternity on campus!

This pledge class has certainly been a group of distinct men as well. Several of these men have taken on executive committee positions including External Vice President, Treasurer, and Director of Academic Affairs. Quite a few others have taken on committee chair positions including intramurals, social, community service, and many more. With men such as these coming through our doors, the future of our chapter looks even more promising for the generations of future EH Delts.

Going into this next year, we are very excited about the momentum that our chapter has built. Together with your help, we are truly starting to live up to our commitment towards being excellent. The future looks promising, and we hope that you can come join us and be a part of another triumphant year as we continue to push our chapter to the top ranks of Delta Tau Delta nationally.

Fraternally,
Kolton Emmons '16
Chapter President



What's New In Your Life?

This newsletter was created by alumni, for alumni. You are the life-line for this publication. Have an idea or way we can improve? Need help reconnecting with a brother? We want to hear from you!

Upcoming Alumni Events

Save The Date!

Saturday April 25th

Annual BS Open

at Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Rockwall, TX

Tee off: 11:00AM, BBQ at Rene's: 3:30PM

Saturday June 13th

Alumni Social

at the Hilton Hotel in Rockwall, TX

12:00 Noon Until 5:00PM (or later)

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A Step Back In Time...

A look at brotherhood through the 70's and 80's

Connect Online

Visit us online for the most up to date information about the chapter.

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<https://www.facebook.com/commerceDelts>

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<https://twitter.com/deltataudeltaEH>

Chapter Website:

<http://tamucommerce.deltsconnect.org>



To Alumni

We hope to continue writing a column connecting alumni to one another and telling your stories. We would love for you to send us your photos and stories from your time as an undergraduate, as well as any other recent photos or experiences. A handful of pictures will make it into the upcoming 55th Anniversary slideshow! Stories can be sent to:

Cash VanAlstine '14

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Opinions?

Would you like to see something added or removed from the next publication? Contact any member of House Corp with your suggestions to help improve our next alumni newsletter!

Want to receive this newsletter electronically? Send an email to any brother on House Corp, and make sure that you can get your next edition digitally!



ABOVE: Chapter Brothers from the late 60's and early 70's. Can you recognize anyone?

LEFT: Brothers from the 80's posing together during a formal event.



RIGHT: Brothers and a few ladies hanging out together. Is that brother Ernie Brown in the background?

A Blast From The Past

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Brotherhood throughout the 90's and 00's



A few brothers from the early 90's



Running of the hill - Early 2000's



Brothers in the great room in the late 90's



Brothers at the 45th Anniversary

Alumni Update

Troy Alcorn '52 is currently retired, and trying to stay active. Brother Alcorn stays busy by traveling, and going on cruises, or doing the everyday mundane things to occupy his time. Email: troyvon2@gmail.com

Mike Eubanks '61 After being in the US Navy for almost 5 years, brother Eubanks went on to work in the industrial chemical fields in the US and Mexico. Mike currently lives in Dayton, TX with his wife Suzanne who he loves to travel with in his mobile home. Email: treegrindingbymike@gmail.com

Gary McCollum '62 In an effort to minimize or destroy the breast tumors, Brother McCollum has been hired by NuVue Therapeutics, Inc, to work on a NASA-sponsored research project. Email: garymccollum@sbcglobal.net

Bob Quin '64 Recently retired, brother Quin, and his wife of 50 years Margaret, spend their time happily doing volunteer work at their church ministries and their local hospital. Email: bob.quin@live.com

Larry Barnes '64 After working many different careers, Brother Barnes is working at Greenberg Smoked Turkey who was one of his software clients throughout the 70's, 80's, and 90's. He is married to Linda Shepherd Barnes and they both live in Tyler, TX. Email: larry.b@gobblegobble.com

Cliff Wood '66 continues to serve as President of Rockland Community College and has a contract until June 2017. If he completes the contract, he will have spent 50 years as a community college administrator. Brother Wood currently lives in Vermont, which is where he will retire. Email: cwood@sunyrockland.edu

A Message From House Corp

Hey brothers—Here is an update on coming events for the year.

B.S. Open - Saturday, April 25. Tee off at 11:00 a.m. at Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Rockwall. Fee is \$110.

Beer and burgers at Rene's house after golf (starting around 3:30 p.m.) Most of the Chapter will be there, and everyone is invited, even if you don't play golf. There is water volleyball during the day and usually a poker game in the evening.

Please contact me if you are playing golf, and include the names of people in your party if you are bringing a foursome. I have a limited number of tee times booked.

Social event - Saturday, June 13 from 12:00-noon till 5:00 p.m. (or later). This will be at the Hilton Hotel on the lake in Rockwall. We will be hanging out at the main bar, or outside by the pool. There are tables and umbrellas for shade in case it is a little warm outside. Spouses/dates are welcome, and there is no cost. Drinks and food are on your own. After the social, we can walk to one of several restaurants in "The Harbor" if so desired. There are Italian, Mexican, and Cajun restaurants within 100 feet or so of the Hilton. If desired, we can even head to my house for poker, shooting pool, etc. later that evening. We do not have a block of rooms held in our group name, but reservations should be available. Ed Goodman has informed me that he will be inviting all the 60's Brothers to attend this event.

Alumni Work Day - August 15 at the House in Commerce. This is a fun day to help get the House in shape for the beginning of the semester. Minor repairs and clean-up are the order of the day.

Homecoming—The University has not set the date yet, but it will probably be October 31 or November 7, depending on the football schedule. The last couple of years, Homecoming has really taken off. Last year, there were over 2,000 people tailgating in a large area to the east of the stadium. The game sold out and people were actually turned away. The main stands were completely full, and the new, small stands on the east side of the field were packed also.

The Chapter put on a very well organized lunch and social before we all headed to the tailgate party.

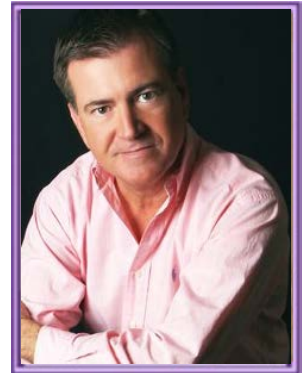
The Chapter is really rocking right now. We have over 40 members, the first time we have had that many in over 20 years. The Chapter and the House Corp finances are the strongest they have been in 20 years also. The remodel of the House has once again made it a desirable place to live, encouraging more brothers to move in and pay rent. Come check out what is going on at one or more of the above functions.

Please contact me with any questions you may. Hope to see you there!

Rene' Griffin '75

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BS Open Registration

With the annual BS Open Golf Classic right around the corner, make sure you reserve your spot today. The registration fee is \$110.00 per golfer, and will be held at Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Rockwall, Texas. Pay online or by sending a check to:

*Rene Griffin
1304 Moraine Place
Heath, Texas 75032*

*or sending payments though PayPal to:
eh.housecorp@gmail.com*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Total Number of Players: _____

Total Enclosed \$: _____

Upcoming Events

BS Open Golf Classic

Saturday April 25th
Rockwall, Texas

Rite of Iris & Initiation

April 19th
Commerce, Texas

Alumni Social

Saturday, June 13th
Rockwall, Texas

Active-Alumni Workday

August 15th
Commerce, Texas

Homecoming 2015

Pig Roast & Football Game
Late Oct./Early Nov. 2015

55th Anniversary

Lots of Information to Come
Late April 2016



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Alumni Update

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Tom Ker '67 is still married to his high school best friend, Linda Hays, with whom he has 6 children and 8 grandchildren. Brother Ker still lives in Waxahachie, TX
Email: tom.ker@gatewayloan.com

Jim Richardson '72 has been the Head of the Dallas Academy for the past 31 years. He is still married to Meg, who has been his wife for the past 35 years. Jim and his wife currently live in Dallas, TX.
Email: jrichardson@dallas-academy.com

John "Notso" Bright '74 has been working for the past 26 years for Vinson Process Controls in sales. Brother Bright is also 37 years married and has 4 sons and 3 grandchildren. Email:
john.bright@vinsonprocess.com

Derald Bulls '77 is the Director of Institutional Advancement/Alumni Affairs at Paris Junior College. He has been in this capacity for the past seven years. He is married to Delt Queen 1977, Lesa Brockinton Bulls, and they will celebrate 47 years of marriage in July. The Bulls' family lives in Reno, TX, just east of Paris. Email: dbulls@suddenlink.net

Donald Ed Wright '78 has been working for the Cottonbelt/Southern Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad, 7 years in train service, the last 29 years in Risk Management. Brother Wright and his wife currently live in Schertz, Tx. Email:
DEWRIGHT@up.com

Blake Zipoy '88 currently works as the Director of Corporate Communications for Hallmark Financial Services. Brother Zipoy is currently married to his wife Carol and has four kids.
Email: bzipoy@hotmail.com

Kirk Ferrell '88 currently works for Flat World Supply Chain in O'Fallon, MO where he is a managing partner. Email: Kirk@flatworldsc.com

Konrad Jett '01 wanted to let all his fellow delts know that he just returned back to Texas from a five day Caribbean Cruise visiting Progreso-Yucatan, Mexico & Cozumel, Mexico. Email: jett90@hotmail.com

Trent Hamilton '03 has been middle school principal in Trenton ISD for 2 years and was recently given a second campus to oversee. Brother Hamilton is also on the board of directors for the nonprofit Amazing Little Hearts, that assists families battling congenital heart defects, and the Family Advisory Board for Medical City Children's Hospital. Trent still lives in Tom Bean, TX with his wife Dena and their two sons.
Email: trentdhamilton@gmail.com

Stephen Beach '10 recently got a new job as a grant writer for San Antonio's PBS station KLRN. Email: sbeach1985@gmail.com

Andres Cervantes '13 finally graduated and moved on to help coach the offensive line at the Episcopal School of Dallas Eagles to their first SPC title in 10 years. Email:
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