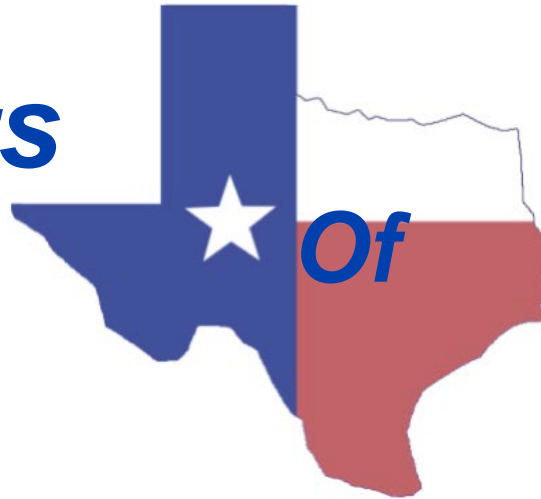




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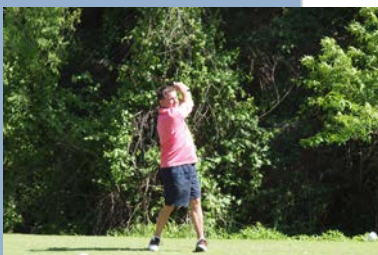


Annual BS Open Big Success

On April 22nd, the brothers, past and present, of Epsilon Eta gathered for the annual golf tournament at Buffalo Creek Golf Course in Rockwall, Texas. The brothers of Epsilon Eta enjoyed an entire days worth of golf, meeting or reconnecting with old and new brothers, and a rather delicious barbeque dinner at brother Rene Griffin's house afterwards. The undergraduate chapter, along with the Epsilon Eta housing corporation, would like to thank all the

alumni that participated in this event, and a special thank you to Mr. Griffin for putting on a wonderful barbeque and allowing for the use of his home. If you could not make it to this event, don't worry there will be more, and we would like to see you there!

As we move forward into the summer and fall, there will be several other alumni events that we cordially invite all alumni to attend. For more information, check out the upcoming events section on page 3, or you can contact Chapter President Josh VanAlstine at joshvanalstine@yahoo.com.



Brother Rene' Griffin mid-swing on a back-nine hole



Alumni enjoying a quick break before teeing off



Alumni stop for a quick meet and greet with some undergrads

Message from Epsilon Eta Educational Foundation

House Corps to sponsor alumni event

The Epsilon Eta Housing Corporation will be co-hosting a tailgate party and cookout at the Delt Shelter at 2:00pm Saturday, September 1st, 2012. After the afternoon's festivities, we will head to Lion Stadium to see our Texas A&M University - Commerce Lions, in their season opener, take on Southeastern Oklahoma. Kickoff for the game is at 6:00pm, and immediately following the game, there will be a post-game celebration at the Shelter. All alumni are formally invited and encouraged to attend, enjoy some good food and drinks, and meet the active chapter, their supporters, and potentials. We hope to see you there!

Also, on Sunday June 3rd, 2012, we will be holding the next House Corporation meeting. All alumni are encouraged to attend this event as well. We will be discussing the current condition of the shelter, as well as, coming up with a game plan for the future of the house. The meeting will begin at 12:30pm, and will be hosted at brother Rene' Griffin's house in Rockwall, Texas. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at jamesharvey987@hotmail.com.

Fraternally,

James Harvey Spring '05
House Corporation Treasurer



Delts Connect Goes Live!

Epsilon Eta chapter has taken on a whole new and bold persona moving forward into the future. This past month has provided a variety of excellent improvements that the chapter has been searching for, and ones that we have used to continue thriving.

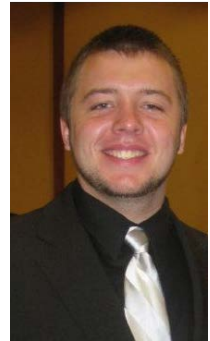
An excellent achievement for Epsilon Eta, during the Spring semester, was the addition of 7 new brothers. On April 21st, Epsilon Eta had the privilege of performing the Ritual, and inducting these men into our brotherhood. Three of these newly pinned brothers have stepped up to take over roles on the Executive Committee, as well as, brought in new ideas and strategies that will improve the organization as a whole.

The chapter has also greatly improved our communication, organization, and alumni outreach capabilities with the newly established program generated by Chapter Spot and the National Fraternity. Through this we are able to maintain an excellent website, as well as, better organize events, keep track of finances, and

communicate with parents, alumni, and ourselves. It is exactly what our chapter needs to continue its advancements, and will certainly help change the chapter for the better. If you would like to be a part of the excitement, please register for free at deltconnect.org to receive up to date information, and visit our chapter website at tamucommerce.deltconnect.org.

We GREATLY appreciate all the help that we receive from both the alumni and the House Corporation. [Your continued support and help benefits the active chapter beyond any expression that we can portray, and we hope to see you soon at upcoming events and visit around the shelter.](#)

Fraternally,
Josh VanAlstine
President
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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 Rush Chairman Zachary West at (682) 552 - 9297 or zwest210@gmail.com

The Second - Ever Texas Karnea Set For August 2012

With the summer approaching, Epsilon Eta will be one of the many chapters that will migrate to Austin, Texas for the next Karnea August 1-5, 2012.

Come on out and be a part of the celebration, and get a view of what the International Fraternity has become. You can register now at Delts.org/Karnea. The cost is \$409.00 for the entire event. The Ritual and Rite of Iris will be performed on Saturday August 4th from 8:30am - 10:30am, and the Karnea Banquet will be that night starting at 7:00pm for those of you who want to just attend that day.



Upcoming

Events

ATTENTION!

As Epsilon Eta continues to grow and prosper, the need for more participation is needed. We want to meet you, get to know you, and tighten the bonds of brotherhood that our chapter has. In order to accomplish this we need your help. Listed below are a series of upcoming events that we would like to formally invite you to. We predict them to be very successful, and helpful in bringing back our alumni support. Come out enjoy the fun. They will be events you do not want to miss!

House Corporation Meeting

Rene' Griffin's House, Rockwall, Texas
When: June 3rd
Time: 12:30 PM

We will be discussing the condition of the shelter, as well as, start to plan the future of the shelter.

2012 Karnea

Austin, Texas
When: August 1st - 5th
Karnea will be held at the Hilton Austin
Please register online at deltts.org/
Karnea if you would like to attend.



Alumni Cookout and Tailgate

Football game is against Southeastern Oklahoma
Time: Tailgate starts at 2:00 at the shelter and Kickoff starts at 6:00pm
When: September 1st
More details to come. Save the date!

Harvey Martin Football Classic

Football Game will be held against Midwestern State at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, Texas
When: September 14th at 4:00pm

Alumni Reunion Homecoming 2012

Football game will be against Abilene Christian.
When: October 27th
More details to come. Save the date!

Alumni Updates

Mike Eubanks Cavalier Graduate '61

Mr. Eubanks was a founding member of Epsilon Eta back in 1961. After serving in the navy for 4 years (2 in Vietnam), Mike obtained the rank of Lieutenant, and was an engineer officer of a destroyer. He currently lives in Dayton, Texas. He can be contacted at treegrindingbymike@gmail.com.

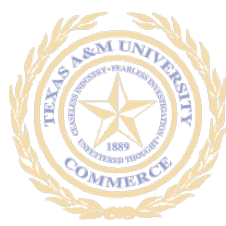
Thomas Huddelston '60

After serving as International Fraternity President for two years (1998 - 2000), and after receiving distinguished alumni status with the university, Brother Tom has moved to Birmingham, Alabama where he retired in 2009. He can be contacted at texashuddles@gmail.com

Ron Skrasek '65

Recently, Brother Ron was awarded (along with brother Randy McBroom) the Golden Blazer Award given away by the University to outstanding alumni. Currently Brother Ron is living in Oklahoma where he still works at his publishing business, Oklahoma Business Forms. Ron can be contacted at rskrasek@oklahomabusinessforms.com.

A look back



into history

Where would we be without the men who came before us in the chapter? Whether it was the men of the '60s who founded Epsilon Eta chapter of Delta Tau Delta, all the way up to the gentlemen that carry the flag today, the fact that remains is that we would not be here without their help. This page is dedicated to the men that came before us.



Found in April 1989 Newsletter



Purple Iris Ball in Dallas Fall 1988



Joint Rush Party with Pi Kappa Phi in the 1960's

Life without ΔΤΔ?

Have you ever wondered what college life would be like if you had not been a Delt? What about the acquaintances you've made within your own community because of ΔΤΔ? Has being a Greek benefited you?

I've often asked myself these questions and many others before and after graduation. Being a Delt was just what I wanted. During one of my earliest visits to the Shelter (old G-1) I was awed as I looked a composite after composite and saw "men" who had been my boyhood heroes in one way or another--Jay Guest, the Steely brothers, Jeff Jeffus, Tim White, Billy Hargis and the list goes on.

During my pledgship, which included five Paris "rookies" and at least that many actives, I thought they should rename the fraternity Delta Tau Paris. (I think they might have considered it but I couldn't come up with appropriate Greek letter!) I only regret that I had to pledge as a junior after transferring from a junior college.

But what did Delta Tau Delta do for me? Grades. Survival. Humility. Pride. Marriage to a Delt Queen.

I never liked studying, but my big brother Mark Ingraham insisted and threatened that I spend every available hour at the House studying. And that's exactly what I did. My grades as a pledge were just good enough to get me initiated. I eventually used that semester as a springboard for the next five to follow. I happily graduated East Texas on the Dean's List.

Despite the stacked odds against Epsilon Eta the members who stayed during the 1976 to 1977 period were simply trying to survive. We faced having to leave campus housing, the decline of our Greek system, a new advisor, less than 10 actives and only 4 pledges. I've never felt a bigger boost than when I shook hands with our national president at the 25th year anniversary just after he assured us that our charter would not be yanked. (and Father "Tex" McElyer was just as happy too)

I had pride in the university, in my goal of a quality education and in being a Delt. The first item on my wall

at my first job after graduation was my membership certificate of Delta Tau Delta. And in each subsequent job change the same held true. Being a Greek in itself has opened up new doors and acquaintances for me. The "slim" years instilled an even greater pride in the excellence the undergraduate chapter has held and continued. I still remember a particular Saturday at a well known Dallas hotel when a dozen undergrads wondered why a bunch of "has-beens" would be at a regional conference just for lunch. Pride was the reason we were there to see then President Patrick McGuffey accept Epsilon Eta's second Hugh Shields award.

On October 17, 1975 ACU was scheduled to play ETSU. As pledges we had to attend all the home games. I had been home all weekend and returned with my best friend to view the Christians vs. the Lions and to be seen by a couple of actives for brownie points. Little that I know that that the cute, long-haired brunette that began talking to my buddy would soon be paired off with me before the half concluded! Chemistry, not the kind taught by Dr. Williams or Dr. Wilson, was right and now gets credit for our 14-year friendship, and 10 1/2 years of marriage. Plus, I get credit for the 1977 Delt Queen.

You know maybe I can imagine what it would be like to be a college student without being a Delt, but why would I want to lull me and you to sleep?

Mr. Bulls currently serves on the following: Board of Directors, Lamar county Chamber of Commerce; Texas Society for Hospital Public Relations and Marketing President; Lamar County Child Welfare Board, Vice Chairman; Board of Directors, Doug Kershaw Celebrity Gold and Tennis Tournament; Leadership Lamar county, Chairman; McCuiston Chaplains Auxiliary, Secretary; Community Service Organizations, Chairman 1988.

By Derald Bulls
EH '77

Article was written by Derald Bulls for the April and May edition of the Alumni Newsletter back in 1989. Stay tuned for the next newsletter for another look back into history!

Have an interesting story? We want to hear about it! Send it to joshvanalstine@yahoo.com, and it could be shown in the next newsletter!

Suggestions?

Do you have any changes that you would like to see with the newsletter?

Then we want to hear from you! Contact any member of the active chapter, and your changes could be put in the next newsletter!

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Alumni Update

(Continued from page 3)

Danny Ellison '66

Danny is happily married to his wife Carol. He has three children and grandfather to three (hopefully) future Delts as well. Working for E&S Manufacturing in Longview, Texas, Danny is in the 41st year of his career and has held general manager and president of the company. He is currently searching for an Industrial Engineer for the company. If you are interested, or would like to just make contact with Danny, he can be reached at dannye@esvalve.com

Barron Neal '72

Brother Barron has been working as a lawyer since 1981, and currently works as a private practice lawyer in Marshall Texas. He is happily married to Robbie Clarkson (since 1974), who he has three children with. He can be contacted at barronneal@sbcglobal.net

Derald Bulls '75

Currently living in Reno, Texas, Brother Derald is working as the director of institutional advancement and alumni affairs at Paris Junior College. He is still married to his wife Lesa, whom he has two successful children with. Derald can be contacted at dbulls@suddenlink.net

Ernie Brown '80

Brother Ernie was working as a First Officer flying 767 airplanes, but recently this past November moved back to flying 737 airplanes. He also recently finished a Mega scrapbook which is on display at the shelter. Ernie can be contacted at gadget15e@comcast.net

Manny Hernando '91

After working for the Dallas Stars, Manny has now moved on to work with professional boxers and MMA fighters as a strength and conditioning coach in Dallas, TX. He is currently married to his wife Jane whom he shares his three dogs with. He can be contacted at Mannyhernando@gmail.com

Aaron Conner '96

Currently Aaron is living in McKinney where he is Vice President / CIO of L-3 Communications Integrated Systems. Aaron is also currently married with 3 wonderful children. He can be reached at Aaron.conner@tx.rr.com

Weston Gorman '97

Weston currently lives in Flint, Texas working for Brookshires Grocery Company as a marketing coordinator. He is currently married to his wife Lisa. Together, they have two children living the good ol' American Dream. He can be contacted at weston@txgorman.com

Randy Staten '03

Currently about to move to Rockwall, Texas, Randy just graduated with a Master's Degree from Texas A&M University - Commerce. He is also the current vice president of Epsilon Eta Housing Corporation. Congratulations Randy. He can be contacted at razzoo_187@yahoo.com

David Hitt Fall '07

David recently graduated in 2011 with a BSBA majoring in finance. He recently started working at Springleaf Financial in January 2012. He, also, was recently married to his wife Courtney Hitt who share together their son David Hitt IV. David can be contacted at davidhitt3@Verizon.net

If you have any updates about other alumni or yourselves, please send the alumni news to joshvналstine@yahoo.com