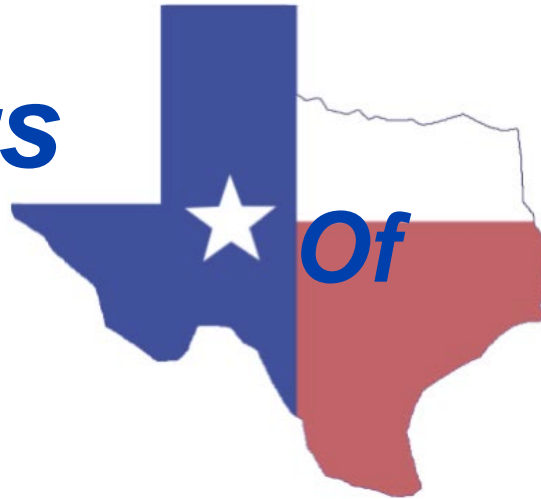




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Epsilon Eta Prepares for Fall Recruitment



With the upcoming fall semester quickly approaching, Epsilon Eta is quickly ramping up it's preparation. On the weekend of July 20, the new executive committee met to discuss, and plan out the fall semester's events. After spending the weekend at Cooper Lake, at John's Creek Lodge, the executive committee was able to put together a collection of events that will ensure a successful fall semester.

The key element on the agenda for the fall consisted of revamping the philanthropy program by creating a more elaborate Delt Draft, as well as, improving brotherhood through the implementation of brotherhood dinners, camping trips, and road trips to other Delt Chapters. Exec Retreat weekend was a well planned process that will surely carry over into the success of Epsilon Eta this fall. We are excited to begin the new semester, and welcome new brothers into the long and proud history of Epsilon Eta. We encourage all alumni to get involved, as this semester will surely be a great one.

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

SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

Message from Epsilon Eta Educational Foundation

Announcing the Summit II

The first Summit was in April, 1992, when we raised over \$70,000, which allowed us to purchase our current Shelter.

It's been over 20 years, and it's time for another Alumni get-together. Summit II will be Saturday, May 4, 2013 in either Rockwall or Dallas.

Topics that will be covered:
The condition of The University
The status of the Chapter
The goals of the House Corp
The repair needs of the Shelter

Please make plans now to attend and participate in this next step for Epsilon Eta. Also, the next B.S. Open will be either Saturday or Sunday, April 20th or 21st, 2013 so please save that date as well. If you would like to learn more, the next house corps meeting will be August 21st at my house in Rockwall at 7:00 pm.

Your Brother,
Rene' Griffin



With the Fall semester approaching, a lot of work has been put in to help improve the shape of the grounds surrounding the shelter. The trees in the backyard have been trimmed, the tree by the gate has been cut down, and the deck is being stained and sealed to prevent further water damage. With all this work going on, Epsilon Eta is certainly gearing up to have a very successful semester. The house is starting to come together, and we would like all alumni to come out, September 1st, to our Alumni Cookout. We want all the alumni to get to know the men who run the chapter today, and to enjoy a day of great brotherhood, and to enjoy the cookout.



With the preparations in full swing, the chapter decided to trim the limbs that were over-running the back of the house. Completed within one afternoon, the house now looks much better, and much more presentable. This picture was taken during the time that brothers James Shiver, Chris Bishop, and David Hitt took down the dead tree that was out by the back gate at the Shelter. A special thanks goes out to all three brothers for working hard to make the shelter grounds look much better.

With the summer winding down, it is that time again where Epsilon Eta must begin to really prepare for Fall recruitment. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all alumni to the annual Active - Alumni workday on August 25th. The work day will begin at 9:00am sharp.

We have many different projects planned out that will help better the shelter and shelter grounds. Some of these projects include remodeling the fence, putting new gravel in the back parking lot, building outdoor yard games for formal recruitment, fixing the attic door, and taking care of the downed brush from the limb removal. We certainly need all the help we can get, and definitely encourage any participation. If you have any questions regarding projects of the day, feel free to contact House Corps Treasurer James Harvey at jamesharvey987@hotmail.com

If you cannot make Active - Alumni workday, or even if you can, please send in your donations before August 15th so we can prepare ahead of time to start promptly at 9:00AM on August 25th. The Epsilon Eta Educational Foundation (or Housing Corporation) is looking for each alumni to do their part, by donating \$40.00 towards our goal of \$2,000.00. This money will be used to help fund the projects that we will be completing at

Please make out check or money order to Epsilon Eta Educational Foundation. They can be sent to

C/O James Harvey
1410 S Goliad St, Apt 2008
Rockwall, Texas 75087

Money can also be sent electronically via PayPal to eh_housecorp@yahoo.com

UPCOMING

EVENTS



Active - Alumni Work Day

This is where we will be working on various projects and preparing the house for the fall semester.
When: August 25th starting at 9:00 am at the shelter.

Harvey Martin Football Classic

Football Game will be held against Midwestern State at Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, Texas
When: September 13th at 7:00pm

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Come meet the new fall pledge class.
Celebration will be September 21st at the shelter.
Time: 9:00PM

Alumni Cookout and Tailgate

Our TAMU-Commerce Lion's host Southeastern Oklahoma in the season opener at 6:00PM at Lion Stadium on September 1st. Tailgate and BBQ to precede at Delt Shelter starting at 2:00PM

Running of the Hill

This year, the annual Fall running of the hill will take place at the East Circle with the after party at the shelter.
When: September 14th at 4:30pm

Alumni Reunion Homecoming 2012

Football game will be against Abilene Christian.
When: October 27th
There will be a reunion of all people that were in greek life at East Texas State during the 1970's and 1980's. More details to come!

Your First Letters



What is the single most important thing to any Delt besides the Ritual? The answer would be getting and accepting your bid, thus starting your evolution from a man to a Delt. The next step in that phase is getting your Delt shirt, and that is something that is unique to each and every Delt. Think back to the time when you first pledged our great organization. What experience did you go through when you first received your first Delt shirt?

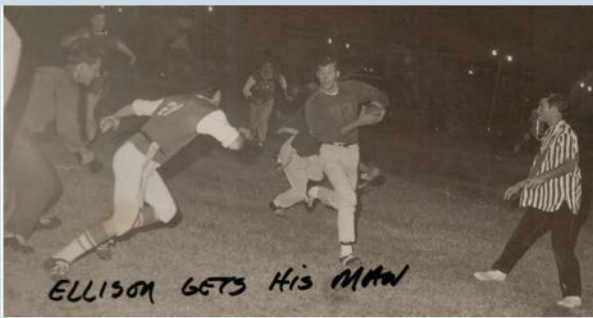
That same experience, that same enlightened feeling is something that we wish to spread on to the next generation of Delts that will embark on their journey from man to Delt this fall. We are asking all alumni to join in our cause by purchasing this year's Fall Rush shirt. Please visit our Chapter Website at www.tamuccommerce.deltsconnect.org to order your t-shirt today!

A LOOK BACK INTO HISTORY



Kappa Delta Sing Song 1966-1967

Brother Danny Ellison '66



Fall 1972 Pledge Class



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!

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 remains that we would not be here without their help. This page is dedicated to the men that came before us.

The Shelter

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Our Pledges...

THE DIRTY DOZEN!

TOP ROW: Paul Cornuau, Quinlan, TX; Darin Collins, Orlando FL; William Jones, Mt. Vernon, TX; Rich Sinz, Dallas, TX; Mike Taylor, Pittsburgh, PA; Kevin Jones, Dallas, TX; Bill Seward, Houston, TX; SECOND ROW: Rob Hall, Burlison, TX; John Teddlie, Dallas, TX; Chris Garcia, Garland, TX; Matt Keifer, Garland, TX; David Todora, Dallas, TX.

Pledge Education

Pledgeship began on September 18th with the pledge pinning ceremony. This fall will be a busy one for the pledges. With a wide range of activities. Some of these activities include a scavenger hunts, kidnaps and a fund raiser to support their house project. Belt Development week is scheduled for December 5-8 and as usual you are all invited to attend. I look forward to working with this goup of pledges and am confident they will become good Delts.

Ken Pearson
Pledge Trainer

This article was found in the Fall 1985 Newsletter displaying the Dirty Dozen Pledge Class.

UPDATE

**Bob Dowell Cavalier '56**

After graduating from ETSU in 1957, Mr. Dowell went on to receive his Doctorate at the University of Denver. He then went on to teach at ETSU and UTPA. He retired in 1999 and has since written a book titled *Understanding The Bible: Head and Heart* which is now on amazon. He can be contacted at dbob48@gmail.com.

Gary McCollum Cavaliers '59

Gary pledged with the Cavaliers in 1959. Between 1966 and 2004, Mr. McCollum worked with NASA doing various jobs including Apollo quarantine control officer during the moon missions, to manager of the Biological Research Program. He retired in 2004 and has since been busy with volunteer work, traveling, and trying to stay active. He can be contacted at garymccollum@sbcglobal.net

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 Huddleston '60

Brother Tom Huddleston was the first of two international presidents from Epsilon Eta chapter. He has also received distinguished alumni status from TAMU-Commerce. He has since moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where he retired in 2009. He can be contacted at texashuddles@gmail.com

Fred Turbeville '61

After helping to charter the chapter and graduating from then East Texas State, Fred became a Naval Aviator logging over 7,000 hours of pilot time. He retired from the service in 1985 in Pensacola, FL. He is still happily married to his wife, whom he will celebrate his 49th anniversary this year. Together, they have 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. He and his wife currently reside in Pensacola. He can be contact at fmtjr@cox.net

Skipper Steely '64

Brother Steely continues to reside in Paris, TX where he is still writing many books based on North Texas, Paris Texas, and many more subjects. You can view those books (and order them) at amazon.com by searching for Skipper Steely. He can be contacted at wrightpress@suddenlink.net

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 Buisness Forms. Ron can be contacted at rskrasek@oklahomabusinessforms.com

Danny Ellison '66

Danny is happily married to his wife Carol. He has three children and grandfather to three (hopefully) future Deltas 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. If you would like to make contact with Danny, he can be reached at dannye@esvalve.com

Richard R. Gill Spring '70

After graduating from college in 1971, brother Gill went on to become a commissioned officer in the United States Airforce until his retirement in 1992. He is the grandfather of five wonderful grandchildren, and enjoys numerous hobbies including tent camping and traveling. Ron currently resides in Fort Worth, Texas . He can be contacted at g2kpro@swbell.net

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), whom he has three children with. He can be contacted at barroneal@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

Don A. Wilks '79

Don founded a non-profit organization that invests in communities which partner in the construction of schools to enable children, without access to schools, to get an education. He is currently building another school this year, and is looking to expand funding. If you would like to help the cause, go to www.GlobalCommunityforEducation.org, or email Don at don@globalcommunityforeducation.org.

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



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

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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents. If other alumni are still going to school, or do not receive this newsletter, please send his permanent address and email to joshvanalstine@yahoo.com and to alumni.relations@tamuc.edu.

Alumni Update

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Mark Stuart '82

Currently living in Dallas with his wife, brother Stuart is working in the home fragrance industry. He recently has made mosquito deterrent that is finding some success, and hopes the trend continues. He has four children, two sons and two daughters. His oldest daughter is a Gamma Phi at TCU, who is followed by his sons (one junior, one freshman) who attend Bishop Lynch, and his youngest daughter Aidan who is a sixth grader at St. Patrick in east Dallas. Mark can be contacted at marks@scentshop.com

Phil Harris '82

Currently working as a financial advisor for the Downing-Harris Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Brother Phil is living happily in Wichita Falls, Tx. He is happy to announce that he will be attending Karnea with his son, Austin. His son was initiated at Sam Houston State University in 2010. He can be contacted at Phil.T.Harris@morganstanleysmithbarney.com

Ken Pearson '82

Currently living in Dallas, TX, Brother Pearson is starting a new project heading national loan sales practice at CBRE and managed a team that sold over 1.5 billion dollars in assets for the FDIC. This summer he, his wife, and four kids will be vacationing in Montana. He can be contacted at Ken_icm@sbcglobal.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

Trent Hamilton Fall '99

Currently living in Tom Bean, Texas, Trent and his wife, Dena are now the proud parents of their second child. Congratulations Trent! Trent has also begun working for a new nonprofit organization called the Whole Hearts Foundation that helps families who have kids with heart defects. He currently works as a principal in Tom Bean. He can be contacted at tdh1858@yahoo.com

Randy Staten '03

Currently living in Rockwall, Texas, Randy just graduated with a Master's Degree from Texas A&M University - Commerce in May. 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 '07

Brother David Hitt will be starting a new career in Ft. Worth, this month, working as a stock broker at First Command Financial. He, his son David Hitt IV, and his wife Courtney will soon be relocating to Ft. Worth within the next couple of months. David can be contacted at davidhitt3@verizon.net