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## CHAPTER HOUSE UNDERGOES RENOVATION



*This rendering shows the chapter house with the required renovations*

In December 2008, the Tennessee State Fire Marshall inspected all fraternity houses at UT. Sig Ep along with other fraternities were required to take immediate corrective actions before the undergraduates were allowed to return for the spring semester. Each of these items was immediately addressed and our undergraduate brothers returned to the house for the spring semester. However, the Fire Marshall also identified additional upgrades required for us to continue to occupy the chapter house. Our options were to either vacate until a new house could be built or make the necessary improvements.

The Housing Corporation met with UT officials as well as the National Housing Corporation evaluating all options and determined that the most prudent course of action was to make the required upgrades. The Housing Corporation also decided it would be prudent to spend a little more money and address all cosmetic issues at the same time. By doing this, we will have a competitive house that can serve us for many years if necessary. The current facility has no debt and any revenue generated will go into an investment account for a new facility. Given the current economic conditions, this seemed to be the logical decision. Stay tuned for future updates.



## TENNESSEE ALPHA SPIEL

A publication for the alums, actives, and friends of Tennessee Alpha which:

- **Informs** alumni of interesting news of the Fraternity and their brothers;
- **Promotes** alumni events offering alums opportunities for continued Sigma Phi Epsilon experiences;
- **Secures** alumni support for worthy chapter projects; and
- **Meets** the interests and needs of Tennessee Alpha brothers.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## IN MEMORIAM



*Henry and Susan Bledsoe attend the 2009 planning retreat*

**Henry Lee Bledsoe**, age 76, of Nashville passed away July 21, 2009 from Cancer. He was the devoted husband of Susan Carpenter. Brother Bledsoe graduated from Issac Litton High School in 1952. He served in the Army in Germany as a radio operator for the 4th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Engineers. He attended the University of Tennessee where he played football, was President of his Freshman Class and joined Sigma Phi Epsilon. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Peabody College in 1960 and his Bachelor

of Architecture Degree from the University of Florida in 1966. He was an active member of the Tennessee Alpha Chapter Alumni of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at The University of Tennessee. Mr. Bledsoe was known to be one of the best architectural designers in the country. One of his finest works is the Thomas Nelson Bible Publishing Building in Nashville, TN. Brother Bledsoe had worked tirelessly on the redesign, and renovation, of the chapter house.

**Richard Purdy '68**, age 62, of Boca Raton passed away peacefully on July 27, 2009 at his home after a brief but brave battle with cancer. Brother Purdy is survived by his loving wife Debbie and two children. Originally from Lenoir City, TN, Richard moved to Boca Raton over 20 years ago. Richard deeply loved his adoring family, UT fraternity brothers, dear friends at BankUnited, tennis buddies, church family, and many other close friends, and was equally loved back by all.

**Jack Hickey '58**, Age 77, of McMinnville, TN passed away June 18, 2009.

**James Bailey Artman, '57**, passed away Tuesday, August 4th, 2009 at age 73 with his family by his side. While at UT, he was a member of R.O.T.C. Upon graduation, Jim was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and began pilot training. In

1960, he became among the first Air Force Pilots to fly Mach II. He was a participant in the Air Force Astronaut Training program prior to NASA. He ended his military career with a tour in Vietnam where he flew 137 combat missions (67 over North Vietnam and Northern Laos). He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and 8 air medals. Jim continued his aviation career as a captain with Braniff International. Following his 23 years at Braniff, he flew corporate jets and then became a flight instructor and created the FAA-approved Falcon 900 program at SimuFlite, where he was employed at the time of his death. In 2009, Jim received the Wright Brothers Award from the Federal Aviation Administration in recognition of 50 continuous years of accident free flying. Jim enjoyed a reasonably priced breakfast, good friends, a good story, a hearty laugh, and a cold beer filled to the rim!





*Alumni Volunteers at the 2009 planning retreat*



*Jim and Kay Clayton attend Founder's Day 2009*

## ALUMNI PLANNING RETREAT FEBRUARY 19-20, 2010

Out-of-towners and local Sig Eps, spouses, and guests can look forward to an enjoyable gathering for the annual planning retreat at the Tally Ho Inn in Townsend, TN. The weekend will be a great mix of business and socializing. Business will be the order of the day on Saturday morning as we review and solicit input regarding alumni events and communication. Chapter housing and the Scholarship Foundation will also be discussed. Active chapter officers will attend the morning session and give an update on chapter operations.

After a morning of work, everyone will break for lunch. Then, after wrapping up a few details, the afternoon will be free for rest and socializing in the cottage. Some may choose a tour of UT and the renovation efforts on Fraternity Park Drive while others may want to take in a UT basketball game (schedule not yet available). Following a 6:00 pm social hour, the group will enjoy a nice dinner for those who are interested – whether you spend the night or just attend the daytime meetings.



The Sig Eps and spouses who have attended planning retreats in the past will tell you that it is a great opportunity to rendezvous with friends while still providing a productive overview of alumni business. Reservations can be made at the Tally Ho Inn, by calling 800-448-2465

### THE SPIEL IN LIVING COLOR!

Notice a BIG change in this issue of the SPIEL? For the first-time ever, we've brought you all the news and photos you've come to expect in full color. We hope you like the new look! However, this is not a permanent change, since our current operating budget doesn't allow for the extra expense. But, we hope to print full color in one issue each year going forward. Enjoy!

## FOUNDER'S DAY APRIL 23 - 25, 2010

Mark your Calendar now! Tennessee Alpha is finalizing plans for another first-class Alumni Weekend and Founder's Day Celebration on April 23rd - 25th. The weekend will kick off Friday, April 23rd with the Scholarship Foundation Board Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th floor of the old Bank of Knoxville building at the corner of Church and Market. All alumni are welcome to attend. Saturday morning, the Alumni Brunch will return to the Bistro by the Bijou for an informal, relaxing opportunity to visit and renew old friendships. The Foundry at the Fair Site will host the Founder's Day Dinner on Saturday evening. The annual golf tournament will round out the weekend on Sunday morning at 9:00. Please call your peers and plan to join us for a great weekend. Watch the mail for your registration package. Please complete the forms and send them in as soon as possible as pre-registration is a big help in guaranteeing numbers for the various events.

9:30 am – Brunch – April 24th – Bistro by the Bijou  
5:30 pm – Reception – April 24th – The Foundry at the Fair Site  
6:30 pm – Dinner – April 24th – The Foundry at the Fair Site  
9:00 am – Golf Tournament – April 25th – Course TBD



*Come and Join the Fun!*

# CONCLAVE 2009

## TENNESSEE ALPHA ATTENDS GRAND CHAPTER CONCLAVE

More than 1400 Sig Eps gathered at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida for the 51st Grand Chapter Conclave for a week of business, fun, and brotherhood. Conclave is a bi-annual event where the legislative business of the fraternity is conducted and chapter and individual awards are given by the fraternity.

Among those in attendance were alumni and actives from Tennessee Alpha. Attendees were treated to a first class event which included receptions, awards ceremonies, educational sessions, lunches, dinners, and even a golf tournament.

The highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night Alumni Awards Dinner where Garry Kief (USC '70) was announced as our new Grand President. Garry had previously served as Chairman of the National Educational Foundation. Gary gave a stirring speech - highlights of which are printed on page 5.

Another outstanding event was the Brotherhood Luncheon on Friday. During this event, Kelly Williams '92 presented the Doud – Clayton Brothers Helping Brothers Award. Brother Jim Clayton established this award in recognition of the help he received from Sig Ep Brother Wally Doud during a difficult time with the Board of Directors of Clayton Homes. Wally's experience and leadership helped put Clayton back on track and the company went on to become the leading company in the industry and was acquired by Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway in 2003.

The award recognized brothers helping brothers in the same spirit Wally helped Jim. The recipient of the award is able to grant a scholarship to another deserving brother. This year's award hit close to home for many Tennessee Alpha alumni.

The recipient was brother Renato Villacorte (California Poly-Pomona '91) who read about Tennessee Alpha alum LTC Trane McCloud's tragic death while serving his country in the U.S. Marine Corps in Iraq. Renato, a Marine himself, said although he had never met Trane, he was twice his brother – a U.S. Marine and a Sig Ep. He decided to honor Trane's sacrifice by working with Tennessee Alpha alumni and Snowball Express to provide an all expense paid trip to Disney for Trane's wife Maggie and their three children. With the assistance of some TN Alpha alumni, he also raised \$5,000 to establish the Fallen Brother Fund where Sig Eps can make tax deductible gifts to the National Educational Foundation. These gifts provide an education for the children of Sig Eps killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Gifts can be made for the benefit of the children of specific brothers or to the general fund. What a true example of brotherhood! The awards script, presented by brother Williams, is listed on page 6.



*BEFORE THE AWARDS DINNER (from left) Matt Dakin, Jonathan Womack, Bryce Giesler, Mike Lister, Kelly Williams, Clay Wilhoite, and Allan Griswold*



*Bryce Giesler (left) and Kelly Williams at the Alumni Reception*



*Conclave winning golf team (from left) Grant Buttram (NC State), George Estok (Mike's brother-in-law), Mike Williams (Memphis - Past Grand President), and Kelly Williams*

## FUNFEST 2010

Chairman Bob Shnider '70 and his wife Phyllis.

Details to be announced. For questions or input, e-mail

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# CONCLAVE 2009

## GARRY KIEF (USC '70) GIVES SPEECH AS HE IS ANNOUNCED AS OUR NEW GRAND PRESIDENT

I am humbled by the task ahead of me. I am grateful for the trust you have bestowed upon me; and I am mindful of your work and the work of those who came before me...



*New Grand President, Garry Kief*

Now take a look around you – at the guy sitting next to you. Someday you will look at him and realize that you have been friends for life. He'll be the best man at your wedding. He'll be the Godfather to your kids. He'll have your back when you're shipped off to Iran or Afghanistan. He'll be the first to buy you a beer when you come home. That's when you'll really understand that your fraternity is about friends – finding them, making them, and holding on to them for the rest of your life...

Over the next two years, let's remember that this is about you and the brothers sitting next to you – not some faceless number on a list... Over the next two years let's remember that this is a fraternity, not a Fortune 500 company...

First, let's remember that just like it says in our By-Laws, our Regional Directors are here to help our chapters – not be the national dues police...

Let's remember that it's better to keep a chapter instead of close a chapter. Years ago we figured out that every time we close a chapter, it costs us \$60,000. So instead of casually losing that money, let's invest it in an RD Team that actually goes in and helps save a chapter...

Two years from now, let's look back and say that we opened our doors and our hearts to those whose only dream is to make Sig Ep stronger. Let's also open the doors of Richmond and welcome our alumni



*Awards Dinner (from left) Mike Lister, Kelly Williams, Clay Wilhoite, and Allan Griswold*

Brothers who want to volunteer. Rightly or wrongly there is a perception amongst many that the doors of Richmond are closed to all but a chosen few... Let's open the doors of Richmond and finally say welcome home.

Speaking of doors, we need more of them. We need more red doors that open up to state of the art Chapter Houses. So let's...create a financial program that will help our homeless chapters finally find a home... Two years from now, let's look back at dozens of new construction sites... and shiny new red doors finally saying welcome home...

There are already seven National Committees. I believe we need more and all of them with undergraduates on board. I can already hear the rumblings in the room – “I would love to be on a National Committee, but I'm not part of the crowd that is ever asked to serve.”

*“Two years from now, let's look back and say that we opened our doors and our hearts to those whose only dream is to make Sig Ep stronger.”*

Let's change that...Let's copy what some great companies started years ago. Over the next two years, let's conduct our business in transparency...Over the next two years, let's change the way we communicate so everyone feels part of the process instead of part of the problem... Let's communicate so much and so often that Richmond starts to get phone calls begging them to stop instead of begging for more...

Remember who we are. We are Sig Eps and we are different...

As Brothers, let's get back to work and focus again on what's right – not on what's wrong...

I imagine that some of you might be asking yourselves how we are going to do all these things:

- To pull back the curtain on Richmond
- To raise the bar on Academic Excellence
- To sell our programs and promise to others
- To encourage Sound Minds and Sound Bodies
- To build real homes for our chapters
- To welcome volunteers
- To make our programs consistent
- To make our communication effective
- And our hearts filled with kindness and compassion

I imagine that some of you think we might fail and that's okay. I imagine someone also thought our Founders would fail. Don't get me wrong, I'm not comparing myself to our Founders, I am comparing you. I believe you can achieve everything...

All of our greatness has come from setting the bar high. The middle, that's just the place we pass on the way to our destiny...Remember, you are here because you are different. You are a Sig Ep...I am honored to serve you.

# CONCLAVE 2009

## DOUD-CLAYTON AWARD PRESENTATION BY KELLY WILLIAMS '92

We all know family and friends that have been impacted by the loss of a loved one in current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Today's story is emblematic of that conviction to act upon one's values and is the truest expression of our cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love.

I had the privilege of being in the chapter with Joseph "Trane" McCloud at the University of Tennessee. Trane cared greatly about the fraternity; however, he cared more about the individual members in the fraternity than anyone I have ever met. None of us were surprised when Trane joined the Marine Corps. In fact, his homemade "Battleship" beer was so rough, only a Marine could drink it.

LTC Trane McCloud died in a helicopter crash in Iraq in December, 2006. He left behind his wife, Maggie, and three children, Hayden, Grace, and Meghan.



*Kelly Williams presents the Doud-Clayton Award  
at the Brotherhood Luncheon*



*The TN Alpha delegation with Doud-Clayton Award  
winner Renato Villacorte (4th from left)*

Brother McCloud's tragic death was reported in the Spring, 2007, issue of the Sig Ep Journal. One brother read the caption accompanying Brother McCloud's photograph and was inspired to take action. This brother, a Marine himself, would have been about the same age. This brother faced a similar decision as Trane had—continue serving his country as a Marine or retire from the Corps to focus upon school and his family. Trane chose to remain in the Corps, while this brother chose to start a new life back home. Every day, this brother thinks about how different his life may have been had he made the same choice as Trane.

This brother is a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who attend the funerals of fallen American servicemen and women to pay honor and respect to the tremendous sacrifice they have made for our freedom. Through this connection, this brother came in contact with an organization called Snowball Express.

Snowball Express is a charitable organization dedicated to the children of fallen American heroes of our armed services. Its mission is to provide hope and new memories to children who have lost a parent on active duty since September 11, 2001. This brother felt that Snowball Express would be the best way to make a difference in the lives of Trane's children.

He remarked, "We can't replace Trane, but his children should never be left wanting for the things Trane would provide for them had he still been here." He organized a fund-raising drive to send Maggie and her children on an all-expense paid vacation to Disneyland in December, 2008. Among the donors were Sig Ep vets and alumni from Trane's home chapter, Tennessee Alpha.

Our brother met Maggie and the children at the airport when they landed for the Snowball Express trip to Disneyland. He spent the entire week with the McCloud's showing them around Southern California.

Maggie McCloud and the children can't be here with us today, but she writes, "From the moment he met us at the airport to when he dropped us off again, no detail was overlooked, no need was not met, no opportunity was missed to give my children an experience they will never forget, all the while honoring Trane and his service and sacrifice for our country. He remains a friend of our family today. His efforts truly exemplify the spirit of "Brothers Helping Brothers" that Jim Clayton sought to recognize and encourage."

After the trip in December, he began to raise money, again with the support of the Sig Ep vets and alumni from Tennessee Alpha, to establish a new fund at the Sig Ep Foundation, the Fallen Brothers Fund, to provide scholarships for the children of Sig Eps killed in the service of the United States Armed Forces. Gifts to this fund may be made in memory of a specific brother and the scholarships those funds generate are held in trust for their children to attend college.

This brother presented the inaugural gifts totaling \$5,000 in memory of Trane McCloud at the Los Angeles Carlson Leadership Academy in February of this year.

This Sig Ep has reached out to help a fallen brother and his family. He has involved other alumni and friends of the Fraternity in this effort. It is for this courageous, selfless act that we recognize Brother Renato Villacorte, California Poly-Pomona 1991, with the Doud-Clayton Award.



# FALLEN BROTHERS FUND

## NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES THE FALLEN BROTHER'S FUND

In December 2006, Tennessee Alpha lost a brother who was the living embodiment of the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon: Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Trane McCloud '89 was a career Marine who employed those principles in everything he did. We may never know the precise details for certain, but knowing Trane, it is easy to believe that he most likely gave his life helping the other Marines involved in that CH-46 transport helicopter accident get loose and survive from the wreckage as it sunk into Lake Qadasiyah, Iraq. That was always the kind of person he was.

After the funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Wade Hutchens '89 and other Sig Eps believed one of the best ways Tennessee Alpha could honor Trane's memory for making the ultimate sacrifice would be to help provide a college education for Trane's children: Hayden, Grace, and Meghan. That is what their father would want for them.

After exploring several options, Scott Thompson (Southern Mississippi '99) from Sig Ep Headquarters helped establish a fund where Sig Eps could make a tax deductible donation for the children of Sig Eps killed in the service of the United States Armed Forces. Gifts to this fund may be made in memory of a specific brother and the scholarship funds generated are held in trust for their children to attend college. The Fallen Brothers Fund was announced at this year's Conclave in Orlando and many have expressed an interest in this worthwhile effort.

While it is on your mind, you are encouraged make a gift now and then consider a 5 or 10 year commitment. We have time on our side as well as strength in numbers. In addition, we have a very generous Brother (who prefers to remain anonymous) who pledged to match all contributions up to \$40,000. Let's get this scholarship underway now, with a drive that will set the course for Trane's wife and children to never have to worry about their education.

Please make checks payable to: "Fallen Brother Fund". **AND, BE SURE TO NOTE THEY ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE MCCLLOUD CHILDREN!** The form you should send in with your check to make sure it is properly credited can be obtained by contacting Wade Hutchens at [wade.hutchens@ferguson.com](mailto:wade.hutchens@ferguson.com) or calling him at (828) 606-3391. Also available is the documentation for tax deductions (working agreement) and instructions for gifts of stock transfers (Bessemer).

Mail checks and forms to:

**Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 1901**  
**Richmond, VA 23218-1901**

Thanks to Wade and Scott for your efforts!



*Trane McCloud 1966 - 2006*



*Maggie McCloud with Hayden, Grace, and Meghan*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
AND PLAN TO ATTEND!**

**3RD ANNUAL TN ALPHA  
FALL GATHERING  
OCTOBER 2, 2009**

Join your Sig Ep brothers for an informal reception during the evening before the big game:

**TENNESSEE VOLS VS. AUBURN TIGERS**  
We'll be renewing old friendships at Barley's in Knoxville's "Old City" beginning at 6 pm.

# ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS & AWARDS

## BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The chapter's Balanced Man Scholarship luncheon was held August 17, 2009 in the Hermitage Room of the University Center. Over thirty chapter brothers and guests attended the special event. This year's Balanced Man Scholarship Chairman was former BMS Scholarship recipient and UT Senior, Caleb Carter of Estill Springs, TN. Brother Tom Whitworth, a UT Law School student and former chapter officer, spoke to the incoming freshmen about the importance of having a balanced life, setting goals, and staying focused during their short college years.

Since 1991, the chapter has continuously recognized outstanding incoming freshmen with the Balanced Man Scholarship. This year's applicants not only excelled in the classroom, but were high school and community leaders. Each applicant submits their:

- High school transcript
- Two letter of recommendation
- List of honors, awards or other scholarships
- List of extracurricular activities and positions held
- List of work and community involvement

The 2009 Balanced Man Scholarship recipients are:

Name	Hometown	High School	GPA	ACT	Intended Major
John Patrick Carney	Memphis	Christian Bros.	3.0	25	Pre-Denistry
Ethan Carter	Tullahoma	Tullahoma	4.2	29	Mech. Engineering
Nathan Clark	Knoxville	Farragut	4.1	27	Business/Logistics
Blake Hollis	Waverly	Central	3.9	23	Mech. Engineering
Zan Kinney	Germantown	Houston	3.8	30	Logistics
Toby Koerten	Sevierville	Sevier County	4.0	33	Pre-Medicine/Chemistry
Cole Loveday	Maryville	Maryville	3.5	26	Engineering
Daniel Neu	Franklin	Franklin	4.0	29	Biochemistry
Charles Sterchi, IV	Knoxville	West	3.8	28	Undecided
Daniel Young	Germantown	Christian Bros.	3.3	26	Accounting

### 2009 UT FRESHMAN STATS

UT officials have said this fall's incoming freshman class of more than 3,700 students is the brightest class ever. Summary of the class:

- Average high school GPA of 3.79
- Average ACT score of 26.5
- 40% of class had high school GPAs of 4.0 or higher
- 99% of in-state freshmen qualified for the HOPE scholarship
- 40 National Merit scholarship winners



*Mark Sparkman announces the ten scholarship winners*



*Left to right: Mike Lister - Chapter President, Tom Whitworth '07 - UT Law School student, Caleb Carson-Balanced Man Scholarship Chairman and Will Bruce-VP of Recruitment*



*Left to right: Mark Sparkman, Ethan Carter, JP Carney, Daniel Young, Zan Kinney, Blake Hollis, Caleb Carter, Charlie Sterchi, Daniel Neu, Mike Lister*



*Tom Whitworth '07 explains to incoming freshmen that being accepted to The University of Tennessee is only the beginning of their college endeavors*



# ACTIVE CHAPTER NEWS & AWARDS



*TN Alpha participates in the Buddy's Race Against Cancer*



*TN Alpha receives the Newsletter Award named in honor of TN Alpha alumnus and Order of the Golden Heart recipient, Benjamin Hobson Frazier*



*From left: Jordan Knight, Kathleen Jones, Emily Tabor, and Gannon VanAllen on the beach at Spring Formal in Charleston, SC*

## TENNESSEE ALPHA WELCOMES...

### NEW MEMBERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Joshua Bledsoe	Notre Dame	Chattanooga
Stephen Bohlen	Centennial	Franklin
Thomas Boone	Notre Dame	Chattanooga
Nathan Bryan	Lincoln County	Fayetteville
Nicholas Currier	Hume Fogg	Nashville
Collin Dahlstrom	Centennial	Franklin
Joseph Dean	Geneva	Geneva, NY
Matthew Hagen	Tullahoma	Tullahoma
Dylan Heath	Notre Dame	Apison
Blake Hollis*	Central	Waverly
Blake Jeter	Christian Bros.	Memphis
Justin Knight	Farragut	Farragut
Tyler Large*	McCallie	Chattanooga
Benjamin Leonard*	Central	Waverly
Aria Mahagheh	M.L. King	Nashville
Logan Milliken	Lincoln	Fayetteville
James Moon	Christ	Moyock, NC
Daniel Neu*	Franklin	Franklin
John Pampuro*	Christian Bros.	Germantown
Macon Peak	Farragut	Farragut
Scott Podesta*	Christian Bros.	Memphis
Eric Ponzurick	Catholic	Farragut
James Roberts	Farragut	Farragut
Christian Rutan Woods	Tullahoma	Tullahoma
Zachary Smith	Farragut	Farragut
Nick Smith	Independence	Spring Hill
Ian Templeton	Farragut	Farragut
Books Thedford	David Brainerd	Chattanooga
Blake Triplett	M.L. King	Nashville
Luke Wedekind	Central	Knoxville
Benton Wooten	Covington	Covington

*New Member Averages: 3.4 GPA, 26 ACT Test*

### NEW INITIATES:

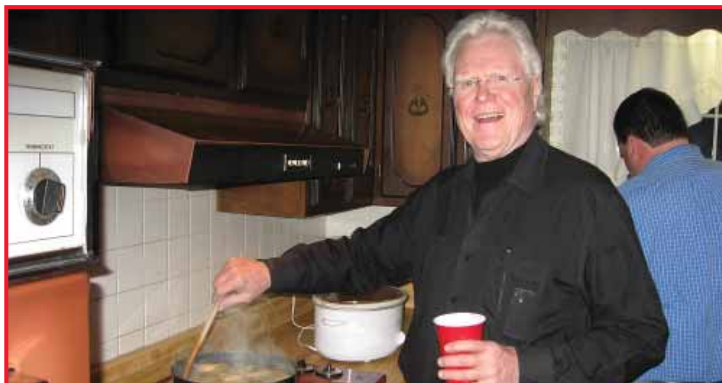
Jim Blue	Raleigh, NC
Sean Brooks	Nashville
Jeff Carlson	Brentwood
Brian Grant	Brentwood
Nick Kneuper	Fairfax County, VA
Matt Yatsula	Memphis

*\* Indicates new member is a legacy*

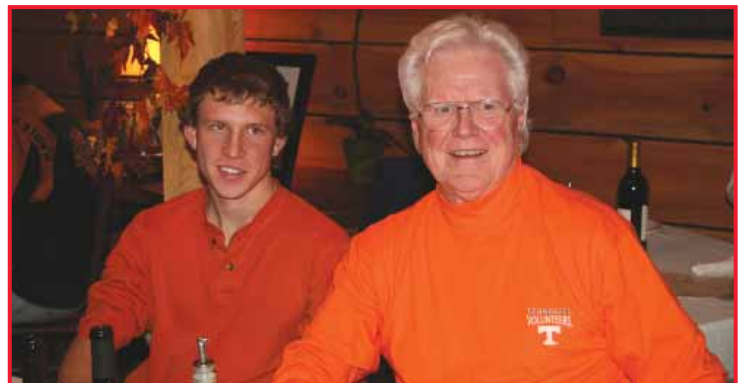
# 2009 VAD HONOR ROLL

(THROUGH AUGUST 2009)

Patrick Beatty	'54 Ted Lundy	'59 John Stephens	'65 Bruce McBratney	'71 Gray Sanford III	'83 Jeff Jones	'91 Jason Regnier
Brian Boatright	'54 Ezra McConnell, Jr.	'59 Joe Waters	'65 Dan McCaughey	'72 Gary Bryde	'83 John Moisson, Jr.	'92 J.J. Hoynacki, II
Ginger Dougherty	'54 Tom McCord	'59 Ray Williams	'65 John Miller	'72 Paul Davis	'83 Mark Weiler	'92 Jon Nix
Bob Kendall	'54 Jerry Palmer	'59 Jim Young	'65 Gerry Pilgrim	'72 Rick Davis, Jr.	'84 Jon Bivens	'92 Robbie Pardue
Mrs. Hugh Little, Jr	'54 Ed Thompson	<b>1960s</b>		'72 Doug Gantt	'84 John Coffman	'92 Bill Rosin
Genny McBride	'54 Jack Thornton, Jr.	'60 Al Grobmyer, III	'66 Lloyd Butt	'72 Mark Groseclose	'84 Mark Nix	'92 Mark Sparkman
Todd McElhatton	'55 Dave Cottrell	'60 Bill Hargrove	'66 Lee Dodds	'72 Maurice Guinn	'84 Tom Sanders	'92 Kelly Williams
Paula Pennington	'55 Jim Daniel	'60 Bill Hope, Jr.	'66 Dick Lillie	'72 Tony Kelly, Jr.	'84 William Tice, Jr.	'93 Chris Bollinger
Gary Wilhoit	'55 Gordon Goodgame	'60 Bill Hope, Jr.	'66 Andy Stallings	'72 Mike Maxey	'85 Jamie Blue, IV	'93 Jay Bonds, Jr.
<b>1930s</b>		'60 Roger Hurley	'67 Ed Craig, IV	'72 Mark Palmer	'85 Mike Carpenter	'93 Bill Martin Jr
'38 Joe Sammons	'55 Glenn Horner Jr	'60 Earl Kennedy	'67 Jim Harding	'72 Terry Rigsby	'85 David Dewhirst	'93 Jon Stewart
<b>1940s</b>		'55 Ernie Rochat	'67 Bob Hash, III	'73 Rae Cronmiller	'85 Dan Ricketts	'93 Mike Wyrosdick
'43 Joe Harton	'55 Jim Wilkerson	'55 Jim Wilkerson	'67 Joe Luna	'73 John Reed, III	'85 Marc Rowland	'94 Chad Doyle
'43 George Taylor	'56 Ray Chumley, Jr.	'56 Ray Chumley, Jr.	'67 Lee Peterson, Jr.	'73 Terry Roller	'85 Randy Snipes	'94 Johnny Hatfield
'45 Al Campbell, Jr.	'56 Jim Clayton	'56 Jim Clayton	'67 Don Tate	'73 Leonard Sitar	'85 Will Terrell	'94 Brian Shugart
'45 Ralph Smathers	'56 Joe Harb	'56 Joe Harb	'67 Grover Wilson	'73 Tom Tidwell, Jr.	'86 Tom Chaloux	'94 Brandon Walters
'46 Earl Pippin, Jr.	'56 Jim Marine	'56 Jim Marine	'68 John Bushore	'74 Lapsley Hamblen, III	'86 Mike Kennedy	'95 Chris Wright
'46 Marty Robbins	'57 Jim Artman	'57 Jim Artman	'68 Rob Carroll	'74 Frank Harman	'87 Jeff Brewer	'96 Keith Hare
'47 Bob Kouns	'57 Hugh Bell, III	'57 Hugh Bell, III	'68 Jim Cumby	'74 Rick Henderson	'87 Paul Hager	'96 Tom Mitchell
'47 Robert Shafer	'57 Henry Bledsoe, Jr.	'57 Henry Bledsoe, Jr.	'68 Tim Harris	'74 Richard McDaniel	'87 Aaron Snyder	'96 Chris Reeves
'49 Jim Bean	'57 Bob Chambers	'57 Bob Chambers	'68 Bob Littleton	'74 Kent Roller	'87 Rusty Woy, Jr.	'96 J.C. Warnick
'49 Jim Hornsby, Jr.	'57 Joe Clayton	'57 Joe Clayton	'68 Jim Moody	'75 Dan Crawford	'88 Jeff Coughlin	'96 Jason White
'49 Don MacLeod	'57 Allen Elkins	'57 Allen Elkins	'68 Bill Moore, Jr.	'75 Craig Diller	'88 Shane Hite	'97 David Corley
'49 Frank Smith, Jr.	'57 Harold Lane	'57 Harold Lane	'68 Bill Rudder	'75 Jim Elliott	'88 Neal Hyde	'97 Chad Smith
'49 Jack West	'57 Bob McBride	'57 Bob McBride	'69 James Baird	'75 Randy Goodman	'88 David Merritt	'98 Mike McDaniel
<b>1950s</b>		'57 Jim McCord, III	'69 Sam Bass	'75 Joe Scattergood, Jr	'88 Paul Pearce	'98 Ben Rogers
'50 Nate Bastian	'57 Jerry McCracken	'57 Jerry McCracken	'69 Steve Herron	'76 Steve Alexander	'88 David Richards	'99 Andy Baggenstoss
'50 Tom Bell	'57 Myron Peck, IV	'57 Myron Peck, IV	'69 Zeke Schmus	'76 Ray Greer	'89 Chuck Atchley, Jr.	'99 Aaron Hice
'50 Jim Dillon, Jr.	'58 Walt Anen	'58 Walt Anen	'69 Brack Smith	'76 Mike Hickey	'89 Brad Bowles	'99 Alan Hice
'50 Earl Dunn	'58 Sid Gilbreath, II	'58 Sid Gilbreath, II	'69 Mike Woody	'77 Doug Thomson	'89 Leonard Carroll	'99 Kyle Hungate
'50 Jim Felts	'58 Gil Gilliland	'58 Gil Gilliland	<b>1970s</b>		'89 Robert Cathey	'99 Jonathan Schmitt
'50 Leo Holloway, Jr.	'58 Bill Hart	'58 Bill Hart	'70 Terry Gower	'78 Bryce Giesler	'89 Wade Hutchens	<b>2000s</b>
'50 Virg Huston	'58 Bill Hart	'58 Bill Hart	'70 Gary Roth	'79 Russell Rowe	'89 Maggie McCloud	'01 Bradley Adams
'50 Odell Leinart	'58 Garrett Kivett, Jr.	'58 Garrett Kivett, Jr.	'70 Frank Shepard	'79 Steve Tallman	'89 Ritch Preservati	'03 Ben Parsley III
'50 Lee Martin	'58 Lockwood Marine	'58 Lockwood Marine	'70 Bob Shnider	'79 Mike Wilbourne	'89 Chris Schechter	'03 Brian Winbigler
'50 George Nader	'58 Bill Medlin	'58 Bill Medlin	'70 Jim Williford, Jr.	'79 Alan Wilson	<b>1980s</b>	
'50 Jim Street	'58 Burl Rainwater	'58 Burl Rainwater	'70 Art Wimer, III	<b>1980s</b>		'80 Donny Brock
'50 Herbert Sullivan	'58 Earl Rainwater	'58 Earl Rainwater	'71 Bob Boatright	<b>1980s</b>		'80 Terry Condon
'51 John Hadley	'58 Rick Scoble	'58 Rick Scoble	'71 Gill Cothran, Jr.	<b>1980s</b>		'80 Frank Shope
'51 Howard Prince, Jr.	'59 John Bralliar	'59 John Bralliar	'71 Bob Crouch, III	<b>1980s</b>		'81 Mark Colquitt
'52 James Martin	'59 Sonny Cheek, Jr.	'59 Sonny Cheek, Jr.	'71 Lew Epperson, Jr.	<b>1980s</b>		'81 Mark Darr
'52 Carl Walker	'59 Charlie Deck	'59 Charlie Deck	'71 Don Gilliam	<b>1980s</b>		'81 Keene Murphy
'53 Nobal King, Jr.	'59 Jim Edwards, III	'59 Jim Edwards, III	'71 Howard Kaplan	<b>1980s</b>		'81 Alan Owen
'53 James Russell, Jr.	'59 Jim Fox	'59 Jim Fox	'71 Frank Kowalski	<b>1980s</b>		'81 Craig Wilks
'53 Wayne Smith	'59 Wade Green, Jr.	'59 Wade Green, Jr.	'71 Roger Lang	<b>1980s</b>		'82 Jeff Adams
'54 Gene Koonce	'59 Jim Kesterson	'59 Jim Kesterson	'71 Jim Mayfield	<b>1980s</b>		'82 Jeff Lewis
	'59 Herb McCartney	'59 Herb McCartney	'71 Nelson Rice	<b>1980s</b>		'83 John Swygert, III
	'59 Sam O'Neil Sr.	'59 Sam O'Neil Sr.	'71 Steve Rogers, III	<b>1980s</b>		'83 Tom Carpenter
	'59 Bill Reed	'59 Bill Reed		<b>1990s</b>		'90 Bill Asp
	'59 Ed Smith	'59 Ed Smith		<b>1990s</b>		'90 John Chamberlain
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Doug Derrick
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Jeff Hickman
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Andy Holmes
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Bob Leonard
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Evan Pardue
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Mike Patterson
				<b>1990s</b>		'90 Tony Ward
				<b>1990s</b>		'91 Max Allen
				<b>1990s</b>		'91 Phil Gertschen
				<b>1990s</b>		'91 Kerry Knight



Henry Bledsoe helps out at the 2009 planning retreat



Henry Bledsoe attends the alumni planning retreat in 2007 with is grandson, Tanner



# VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES

Tennessee Alpha's alumni program and SPIEL publication are made possible through the generous support of alums and friends like you. Each year Sig Ep alums are requested to voluntarily contribute to the Tennessee Alpha Alumni Association through the Voluntary Alumni Dues (VAD) program.

Items financed by the VAD include:

- Publishing the SPIEL
- Planning alumni events
- Maintaining address files
- Alumni promotions
- Supplies and postage
- Chapter archives and photos



Over each of the past fourteen years, more than 400 alums consistently responded to this request with the largest number (448) contributing in 2001. In 2009, 324 alums responded. Although Tennessee Alpha alums consistently reach a forty percent and higher response to the voluntary dues request, the Alumni Association has long held a response goal of fifty percent. Serving as the VAD Chairman for 2009 is Brian Shugart '94 of Knoxville. You may contact Brian at: bshugart@knology.net.

Tennessee Alpha's current mailing list includes over twelve hundred alums. An estimated 100-150 alumni addresses are believed to be parents' or business addresses, which may or may not mean their mail is actually received. You can help in our effort to keep our alumni database current by locating "lost" brothers and submitting address changes to the Alumni Association Secretary, Rob Carroll '68.

Voluntary Alumni Dues Honor Roll recognizes annual support. Each contributing alum is recognized year-to-date in each SPIEL through the Honor Roll. It recognizes all contributions. Thirty dollars (\$30) is the suggested amount. However, any contribution is appreciated. Checks may be payable to: SPE Alumni.

A special thanks is extended to those alums who have made the SPIEL and other alumni activities possible and continue to prove that Sigma Phi Epsilon is a "lifetime experience."



*Brotherhood Luncheon (from left) Clay Wilhoite, Allan Griswold, Jonathan Womack, Kelly Williams, Bryce Giesler, Mike Lister, and Matt Dakin*

## 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

(Through August 2009)

### INCOME:

Dues Received	\$13,820.00
Add'l Dues Needed	2,180.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

### EXPENSES PAID:

Spring SPIEL	\$ 3,228.50
Postage/Mailing	\$ 2,774.00
Administrative	\$939.76
Supplies	\$ 1,671.19
<b>Total Paid</b>	<b>\$ 8,613.45</b>

### EXPENSES BUDGETED:

Summer SPIEL	\$ 3,100.00
Winter SPIEL	2,400.00
Postage/Mailing	1,300.00
Administrative	400.00
Supplies	186.55
<b>Total Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 7,386.55</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$16,000.00**

- Fraternally, Alan Hice, Treasurer Knoxville, TN

## TN ALPHA'S NEW ONLINE PRESENCE



Please visit our new website: [www.tnalpha.com](http://www.tnalpha.com) to find this and many older copies of the SPIELs on-line. Also check out our Facebook page with 127 members. Both are thanks to the efforts of Kyle Hungate '99. Great job Kyle!





*Leland Smith '00 with his wife, and former Sip Ep Sweetheart, Ginger and son, Nolan Paul Smith born July 20th. Leland and his family recently moved back to East TN after completing residency in Memphis. He just started working at Dermatology Associates of Oak Ridge. Leland hopes to make a few football games this fall and can be reached at lelands77@gmail.com.*



*Chris Reeves '96 with wife Kim and daughters Kaitlyn and Alyssa*



*Garrick Odom '01 with wife Christy and son Gaines*



## THE ROCK GETS A NEW HOME!

After more than 40 years at one corner of Volunteer Boulevard and Pat Head Summitt Street, the University of Tennessee's iconic Rock has been moved across the intersection this month to make way for a new student health center.

Construction of the 109,242-square-foot Student Health Center is to begin this fall and will take 18 months, and it won't leave enough room for the Rock, which is now about 275 feet diagonally across the intersection.

"For generations, the Rock has been an unofficial message board for our campus," Chancellor Jimmy G. Cheek said in a statement. "It's a UT Knoxville icon. Knowing that, we've worked hard to come up with a plan that allows us to preserve tradition as we expand our campus facilities."

The Rock was moved by bulldozer to its current location in 1966 after workers discovered it near where the old Calvary Baptist Church stood, the area now known as Fiji Island, according to Betsey Creekmore, associate vice chancellor for space and facilities. UT estimates students did not begin painting the Rock until the 1970s.



*Jay Moneyhun '06 with his wife, Ashley and their son, James Polk Moneyhun III born August 13th. He weighed a healthy 9lb 6oz and was 22.5 inches and was born at UT Hospital. Jay just started at Egerton, McAfee, Armistead and Davis law firm located in downtown Knoxville (in the BB&T Riverview Tower). Jay's e-mail is jmoneyhun@gmail.com.*