



# The Sigma Chi Legacy

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## Upcoming Events

- I-week begins January 4th for the Delta Zeta pledge class.
- Ceremonies to begin on January 9th
- Monday January 11th Spring Semester starts
- Spring Rush Week begins January 25th
- Saturday February 6th at 5pm Gathering at the House prior to MSU vs. Austin Peay basketball game.
- Saturday February 20th – Brother's Day



## Legacy Defined

In 1855, seven young men faced with overwhelming adversity, made a decision to create a fraternity that celebrates a man's drive for the betterment of himself and his fellow man. They dreamed of an organization that would promote the finer feelings of the heart, of true congenial feelings and absolute love of brotherhood and character. History tells us that this experience, as young men knocking on the door of their youth, took it upon themselves to create an organization that requires its members to expect more of themselves than the world would expect of other men. They defined a legacy that has existed, grown, and expanded for 155 years and touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of young men. That legacy is the legacy of Sigma Chi.

Our founders faced adversity in their defining moment and prevailed with the great experiment they called Sigma Chi. Fifty years ago this year, 84 men made a similar choice and Sigma Chi was born at Murray State University. Just as our fraternity and our chapter's founders looked at the obstacles before them and made a choice, the Epsilon Tau Chapter now finds itself at the cross roads of its history, and now you have the opportunity to define your legacy.



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## Consul's Corner

This has been a busy semester for the active brothers here at Epsilon Tau. The semester started with a successful recruitment week, which has given us nine newly initiated brothers into our chapter. During the summer, three of our active brothers coached a little league baseball team sponsored by the chapter called the "Little Hooters." Although they didn't have the successful season we would have liked in the win-loss column, the brothers enjoyed putting their time and effort into this endeavor, and most importantly, the kids and parents were extremely pleased. Also prior to the beginning of the semester, we were able to earn another Peterson Significant Chapter Award.

Philanthropically we have also been extremely active this semester on campus and the community. The Delta Zeta pledge class hosted the Third Annual Sigma Chi Date Auction, in which they raised just over \$1,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. For Halloween we decided to bring back the Sigma Chi Haunted House after a year hiatus. The city of Murray jumped on board and offered us a facility to use for the haunted house.

In honor of Tom Rushing we created Mayor Tom Rushing Memorial Scholarship 5K Run. We had just over 50 participants and the proceeds will go into a scholarship fund in his name and will be granted to a local, incoming freshman interested in Greek-life. We were also fortunate to have a fantastic Homecoming. Thanks to all alumni who keep this chapter running. Overall, we are excited about the positive direction in which our chapter is heading as we continually strive to make Epsilon Tau even better.



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# Legacy Defined

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This year Murray State University implemented several regulations that will have a great financial impact on our chapter's ability to sustain our hallowed place at 103 North 14th Street. Beginning in the fall semester of 2010, freshman and sophomores will no longer be allowed to live in Greek housing facilities. This will create a great burden on our chapter, as underclassman make up a great part of our housing tenants.

This letter is intended to help promote what I hope will be the final fundraising letter that we will ever have to send. It is unique in that as I ask for your support, I offer one thing that we have never had, and end date to our financial solicitations. I am asking for 300 of our alumni to pledge \$20 a month for the next 5 years. If I can recruit 300 alumni brothers, then on January 1st, 2015, we can celebrate in having a house that is truly all our own.

Donations can be set up by going to our alumni website at [www.murraysigalumni.com](http://www.murraysigalumni.com) and clicking on the donor tab. You can set up recurring payments through your checking account, credit card, or through pay pal. With a simple donation of \$20 a month, we can provide a revenue stream that will give us the financial freedom to use the chapter dues for upkeep and repairs of the chapter house. The chapter has done a wonderful job of sharing in their obligations, averaging a 97% collection rate on their dues over the past 3 years. It is time for us to do our part, so that we can pass the torch to the next generation of Sigma Chi's.

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to define your Legacy"*

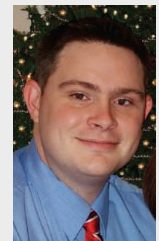
This year we celebrated 50 years of excellence on Murray State's campus. We have touched over 1400 young men's lives during that time period, and Sigma Chi's lasting legacy has always been one of strength and character. Will you join me in creating a new legacy for our chapter? Will you help me make sure that our chapter will lead more young men to the values of our White Cross? Will you help to give our future leaders a place where they can develop their character as they share this journey we call Sigma Chi? Will you help us keep our status as the best fraternity on this campus and in this country for the next 50 years? Will you add your name to the list of brothers who stepped up when we needed them most, at the most historically significant time since April 21st, 1959 when 84 men signed their names to a petition asking to become a Sigma Chi?

We need your help, will you answer the call?

In Hoc Signo Vinces

Mike Maxwell (GG pledge class, Fall 1996)

Epsilon Tau Chapter Advisor



"Nothing so much tends to promote friendship, as the free mutual interchanging of our thoughts, hopes, and fears with on in whom we can confide." — Franklin Howard Scobey ( Letter to Gamma Chapter December 11, 1856)

## Magister

As the fall semester came to a close the chapter elected a new magister, brother Kyle McClary to teach and guide our new pledges. Here are a few words from our new magister. "I am very excited to get this semester started and welcome any suggestions from alumni. As a chapter, our expectations are very high regarding the upcoming spring pledge class, Delta Eta. I am currently working out the details for some of the functions, projects, and goals for the quickly approaching semester. The pledge program will adhere to all of the general procedures of the



past with a few slight changes here and there. Our major emphasis this semester will be grades. As such, these minor adjustments will include reducing the time requirements of some of the lesser critical obligations in order to provide more time for academic endeavors. The Chapter's excitement and participation with the recent pledge programs has been exceptional. We are looking forward to selecting and preparing the new group of men for a successful career in Sigma Chi and beyond."

# Epsilon Tau Starts News Publication

“The Sigma Chi Legacy” was born from the minds of a few alumni brothers who’s idea was to create an avenue of communication that could reach all of Epsilon Tau’s Alumni. We wanted to be able update and inform every brother of chapter, alumni, and General Fraternity News, as wells as give an opportunity for brothers to respond to and suggest topics to be published. Before this newsletter Epsilon Tau had created several ways to get reconnected to the chapter. Brother Ryan Wagner (Visual Rush) has helped the by creating three distinct websites for the chapter, [www.msusigs.com](http://www.msusigs.com), [www.murraysigalumni.com](http://www.murraysigalumni.com), and most recently [www.msusigs.ning.com](http://www.msusigs.ning.com) for networking. Along with these websites, Epsilon Tau has both an undergraduate chapter and alumni group on Facebook to help reconnect. The General Fraternity has also started a social networking site [www.sigmachi.com](http://www.sigmachi.com). Epsilon Tau has also maintained its emailing group [msusigs@yahoogroups.com](mailto:msusigs@yahoogroups.com) and over the past few years has made great strides in locating alumni all over the world to get their most current contact information to help reconnect with the chapter and other alumni.

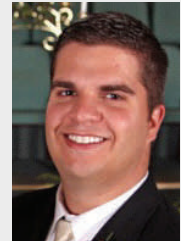
During the past year the chapter has seen its highs though celebrating its 50th anniversary and the winning of the Peterson Significant Chapter Award, to its lows as we saw many of our brothers including Brother Tom “Dog” Rushing( member of the founding pledge-class and Mayor of Murray) and Brother Todd Riley ( Kentucky Grand Praetor) pass into Chapter Eternal. But as we look forward to the beginning of a new year and the start of a new decade we have renewed hope for the future that sees Epsilon Tau growing stronger than ever before. We hope that this first edition of “The

Sigma Chi Legacy” will find each of you well and we look forward to hearing from each of you.

In Hoc

Charles Westerfield (Gamma Xi Pledge Class Spring ‘02)

Editor



## 5 Significant Facts

- Epsilon Tau has been awarded the Peterson Significant Award twice out of the last four years.
- The first meeting place Epsilon Tau was in Wilson Hall.
- Epsilon Tau has called 103 N 14th Street home for 40 years this month, purchased from AD Butterworth.
- Epsilon Tau has seen over 1450 brothers initiated since April 25, 1959.
- There have been two Sigma Chi presidents of Murray State, Constantine Curris and Tim Miller

## Tribune

Brothers,

The upcoming spring semester for the Sigma Chi Fraternity is building up to be one of the most exciting and progressive eras in our rich 50 year history. Through the efforts of Chapter Advisor Mike Maxwell '00 and current Consul Grant Masterson '10, we at Epsilon Tau have made large strides to better our college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and our own Chapter. In order to continue this progressive Spirit, the Undergraduate Chapter at Epsilon Tau is striving to develop a stronger and more connected Alumni base through improved communication and interaction between the Undergraduate Chapter and Alumni. Therefore the Chapter would like

to encourage the fellowship of Brotherhood not only on Homecoming and Brother’s Day but throughout the year so starting in 2010, the Brothers of Sigma Chi will be hosting various events and programs to involve more of the growing base of 1400 proud and noble Alumni spanning the country North, South, East and West.

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