

# Sigma News

*After 3 years, the Epsilon Delta chapter of Sigma Nu proudly returns to the University of Wyoming!*



Welcome to the first Epsilon Delta

newsletter in years! My name is Randy Elledge and I recently took position as the Alumni Relations chairman. A sophomore here at UW, I currently hold positions as student senator for the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming and I was recently elected as the Vice President of the Inter-Fraternity Council. I am extremely excited to be of the first to join the Epsilon Delta restart. Even after having only limited contact with our alumni, I know that we have a lot to live up to. If there is one thing I have learned in the past few months however, it is that this candidate class is more than up to the challenge.

The restart of the Epsilon Delta chapter has benefited tremendously from the input of a number of Alumni and we want even more! As the Alumni Relations chairman I hope that we can continue to foster a strong relationship with our Alumni around the world. There are so many ways that

we could benefit from your involvement in LEAD sessions, recruitment, social/philanthropic events and much more. If you would like to get involved I encourage you to contact me, my information will be given on the last page.

Equally as important is our desperate need for updated information about our alumni. After three dormant years the chapter's records are in need of an update. If you could take a few moments to send updated information (address, email, phone number, employer etc.) to either me or our alumni database manager Marli Grider (mgrider@dadco.com) it would be greatly appreciated!

Finally, an upcoming event we hope all will attend this next semester is our "walk through the decades" themed open house that we will be hosting March 8<sup>th</sup> after the last college basketball game against Colorado State. This event could serve as a great way for past and current brothers to become acquainted and strengthen a long-term relationship that will ensure a lasting chapter.



FROM THE COMMANDER

*My* name is Tyler Craig and I

now serve as the proud Eminent Commander of the Epsilon Delta chapter.

Though this brotherhood itself is old, we are very new members, all deeply honored by the chance to join the fraternity and carry on the traditions of James Frank Hopkins. At the beginning of the semester, my brothers and I had no idea where this journey was going to take us. Each of us embarked alone, taking the first step of a thousand. We entered Homecoming week as a hodge-podge group, hardly knowing one another. But then something happened. We went on a brotherhood retreat. We all learned a great deal about one another and, perhaps just as important, ourselves. Over fantastic food, great company and under the guidance of our profoundly supportive national representative, Bill Morosco, we grew into friends. As friends, we entered the Circle of Unity and emerged together, as brothers.

In our first months of operation, we have already made strides toward building a better society in which all can live according to high ideals. We have made our presence known and our standards clear. Joining the Inter-Fraternity Council last month and putting a Sigma Nu in the Vice President chair has provided us even more opportunities to lead the Greeks on this campus to aim for the stars.

We are raising the bar by leaps and bounds with every opportunity, showing the world what real men can do. Gentlemen, the Epsilon Delta chapter of Sigma Nu will once again be at the forefront of all that is right in the world. This chapter will pass the test of time because we are strong. We will once again be the golden standard because this chapter was carved for the Life of Love in the Way of Honor and the Light of Truth.



HOMECOMING 2013!

By Carleton Rohlifing

*After* a long and hectic week

homecoming was a massive success for the newly founded colony, showing us what we could accomplish through hard work and the tremendous support that we received from alumni. Drawing on expertise from within the colony we exceeded even our own expectations about what we would be able to accomplish in such a short period of time. The final product was an award winning parade float rivaled by none!

While some dedicated members ensured, over exceptionally long hours, that the float would be completed, others involved themselves by socializing with, and supporting, our sorority partner, Tri-Delta. All this led to Saturday morning, when we could finally see the product of our hard work in the day light. Screaming our lungs out with the ladies from Tri-Delta along the parade route, our float was a difficult one to miss.

This was an incredible learning experience for everyone involved in the colony about what we could accomplish in a short amount of time. As a team we really rose to the challenge, and took home an award the first week we were an established colony—which says something about the character of the men that have been chosen. The bar has been set high, and we plan on continuing to achieve to the same benchmark that we have already set. With the commitment of the colony members as well as the ongoing support of our alumni network it should be no problem.

The long hours, stressful days, and sleepless nights were tough, but in the end worth it to make a statement about Sigma Nu on campus. We rose to the challenge as brothers, accomplished more than we thought possible, and plan on continuing to do so, well into the future.

FROM JOHN HURSH (ED 905): ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN

What a great fall this has been for the Sigma Nu re colonization project! To think that just one year ago we were just starting the planning process with the great volunteer AAB members and the National Officers in Lexington. Countless hours of telephone conferences, e-mails and meetings have resulted in the success we have seen. A lot of people here and in Lexington worked very hard to make this happen. My thanks to all of you.

We all are very proud of the young worthy men that have taken on the responsibilities to build a new chapter here. The term “proud founding fathers” fits very well. You all are well on the way to a great future. Nick and I and all of the members of the AAB are here for you 24/7. I am looking forward to working with the Chapter as we move into the spring semester with your re chartering and initiation goals. I sent along your “Vision Poster” to the folks at UW and they were highly

impressed. We were as well. The mission now is put that vision to work.

Happy Holidays to the men of Sigma Nu.



FROM NICHOLAS POPPLEWELL: CHAPTER ADVISOR

My name is Nick Popplewell and I will be serving as the Epsilon Delta Chapter Advisor moving forward. First off, I must introduce myself as I am not a Wyoming native. I grew up in southern Idaho, in a small town called Buhl. Throughout my childhood I heard about Wyoming and the Cowboys so I am not entirely new to the culture and passion.

I graduated from the University of Idaho in 2008, where I was also a member of the Delta Omicron chapter of Sigma Nu. During my collegiate career, I lived all fours in the chapter house and held several positions including House Bull (in-charge of cleaning) and Treasurer. My two brothers were also Sigma Nus, both serving as Eminent Commander. After my time at UI, I went to the University of

Washington to earn my Master’s degree.

Professionally, I spent 4 years at the University of Idaho, working in the athletics department as the Marketing Director. That is what eventually brought me to WYO in summer 2012. I am currently the Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing and Branding in the Wyoming Athletics Department. Go Pokes!

It has been a sincere pleasure working with our Alumni Advisory Board to reestablish the Epsilon Delta chapter. This collaboration has actually helped my transition to Laramie and Wyoming; allowing me to meet new friends and brothers of Sigma Nu. It is amazing to see that brotherhood is transferable, from chapter to chapter and across state lines.

I am extremely proud of our progress up until now. Sigma Nu Nationals needs to be commended on their excellent work in getting Sigma Nu back at the University of Wyoming. Specifically, the efforts of Bill Morosco who was the Nationals liaison, recruiter, and lobbyist, without him, we would not be in the excellent position we enjoy presently.

Please know that myself, the AAB and our over 30 new candidates are committed to the Epsilon Delta cause as well as the ideals of Love, Truth and Honor. The history of Sigma Nu at UW is astounding, something we can all admire. Our goal is to continue that great legacy, which I am confident we will. I ask you to join us as we march toward a bright and auspicious future.

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# FROM THE MEN OF SIGMA NU, HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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*Send your updated email to Randy Elledge and watch for our next newsletter in March!*