

SIGMA NEWS



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OF SIGMA NU AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE - AUGUST 2009

GROUNDBREAKING!



Alumni Association President Chad Long, EH 1290 begins the groundbreaking ceremony.



An empty lot awaits the new Sigma Nu House.

Construction has begun on the new Sigma Nu House at the University of Tennessee.

Merit Construction will oversee the \$2.1 million project that is expected to last seven months. The new Sigma Nu House should open in January 2010.

More than 40 alumni and undergraduates attended the formal groundbreaking ceremony on June 26, 2009. Standing on a dirt lot at the site of the old Sigma Nu house under the sweltering sun, alumni and friends gathered together to celebrate this monumental occasion.

University of Tennessee officials on hand to mark the achievement included, Chapter Advisor and Associate Director of University Housing **Jerry Adams, KE 18** and Martha Masengill, Assistant Vice President for Development, who has helped coordinate fundraising issues between Sigma Nu, Omega Financial and the University of Tennessee.

With cranes in the background, Alumni Association President **Chad Long, EH 1290** spoke to the group focusing on the link of the past to the future on the site of the home of Sigma Nu.

Tommy Mariner, EH 864 gave the invocation.

Following the invocation House Corporation Treasurer **Doug Nichol, EH 870** and Chapter Advisor **Jerry Adams, KE 18** helped recognize some special alumni for their contributions to the chapter. One

of the honorees was **Jim Webster, EH 398**, whose work in the 1980s and 1990s kept the house functioning in some difficult times. Also recognized were **Jack Nelson, EH 471**, who was instrumental in the building of fraternity park over 40 years ago, and the late **Tom Hunt, EH 758**.

In addition to recognizing special guests and brothers, **Bruce Wiley, EH 953**, Campaign Co-Chairman, sounded a positive note discussing the status of the \$1 million capital campaign, and **Bill Blankenship, EH 787**, President of the House Corporation and architect for the new house, announced that the house should be complete by January 8, 2010.

Bill Gallaher, EH 774 concluded the ceremony with a call to the active chapter to continue their good efforts and remember the circumstances of Sigma Nu's founding at VMI 140 years ago as the Legion of Honor. Gallaher also mentioned that Sigma Nu placed third academically on campus with a 3.11 GPA for the Spring 2009 semester.

Following the official ceremony, alumni and guests enjoyed a barbecue lunch. Later that evening, many gathered together at the East Skybox at Neyland Stadium for a Post-Groundbreaking Dinner and Reception.

For more details about the new house and additional pictures from the groundbreaking ceremony, see pages two and three inside.



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New House Finances

as of 7/1/09

Costs:

Demolition of Old House	\$30,000
Surveys, Testing, etc.	\$30,000
Architects & Engineers	\$120,000
Construction	\$1,535,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$160,000
Fundraising, Alumni Relations & Administration	\$225,000
Temporary Financing Cost	\$50,000

Total Costs

\$2,150,000

To be Paid from the following funding sources:

State of Tennessee/ UT Bond Financing	\$1,100,000
Alumni Contributions Collected to Date	\$407,000
Alumni Contributions Pledged to be Collected in the Future	\$489,000

Total Funding Sources

\$1,996,000

Funding Deficit

\$156,000

This deficit will hopefully be reduced from additional alumni contributions. Any deficit will impact the furniture and equipment budget for the house.



Support the New Sigma Nu House

It's not too late to show your support for the new Sigma Nu House. Additional alumni contributions are needed to furnish the house and reduce the debt load. All donors will be publicly recognized in the new house. Naming opportunities exist for

gifts of \$10,000 and higher. Gifts may be paid over a five-year period using a variety of convenient payment plans and options. Return the enclosed pledge card or make a gift online by visiting www.sigmanuutk.com.

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Highlights from the Groundbreaking Ceremony



The new two-story, Sigma Nu House will sleep 18 men within 8,620 square feet full of ample living, learning, meeting and eating space including a chapter room, living room, TV room, chapter office, full service kitchen and elevator. Top of the line, the new house will meet and exceed all required safety codes with proper fire escapes, fire sprinklers, kitchen facilities, heating and air conditioning, and plumbing facilities. An ADA accessible first floor suite will be just one of the features in the new, ADA-compliant facility.

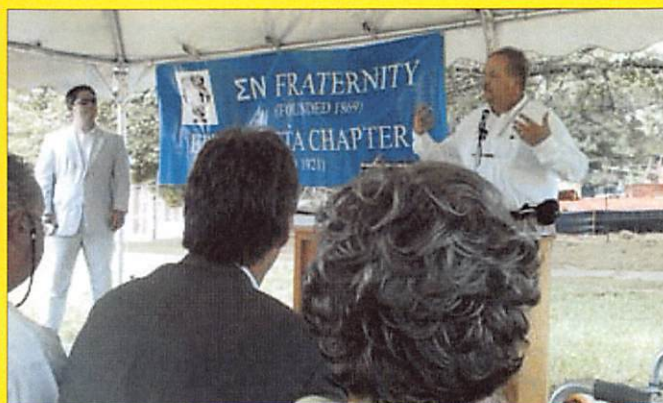


Local Knoxville NBC news affiliate, WVLT, interviews Chad Long, EH 1290 for an evening news story.



Above: Alumni enjoy dinner together at the East Sky Box in Neyland Stadium after the groundbreaking ceremony.

Right: Bruce Wiley, EH 953 discussed the progress of the \$1 million campaign to build the new Sigma Nu House





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Follow the construction progress and photographic journal of the demolition of the old and construction of the new Sigma Nu house at <http://newsigmanu.shutterfly.com>.



Above: Sigma Nu Begins Construction of the New Chapter House and holds groundbreaking ceremony. See the related articles, pictures and details inside

Left: Demolition of the Sigma Nu House occurred in January 2009.

