## ETA RECORD AND OTHER CHI PHI NEWS



**Check Out ETA Chapter Website on the Chapter Appearance on the SEC Nation GameDay in October 2021 and the Interview with Tommy Thompson, the Alpha of 1947, Who Describes Piano Burning and Other Old Chi Phi Stories and World War II Events**

Please go to the ETA Chapter website at www.chiphiuga.com to see the entire interview with Tommy Thompson, who was elected Alpha of ETA Chapter in 1947. He discusses the "piano burning" incident at length, which he witnessed, together with many other happenings at ETA Chapter in the 1940s, and even early 1950s, as well as some of his experiences in World War II.

The minutes of the Chapter meeting held on March 29, 1958, refer to the "Thursday night party causing much damage," and lists the damage. This part of the legend is true, in that the piano burning incident resulted from a party, and it was burned outside the Chapter house. A motion was made to fine the person or persons responsible for the piano burning $50 each. The initial vote failed 18-17, but the second vote passed 21-20. Apparently, there was a third vote, resulting in a 21-21 tie, but the Alpha broke the tie. His vote was for the motion. Note that the last phrase states that: "Alpha Thompson will control all parties in the House," referring to Tommy Thompson. It is very interesting to note that at the next Chapter meeting, on April 5, 1948, a motion was made to "abolish the beer machine" and a note indicates "passed by a large vote damn it."

Chapter meeting minutes further indicated during this time period that no less than Tommy Dorsey was hired for "Little Commencement," and must have been the name for the big Chi Phi party at the time. During this writer's time in the Chapter, we used the term "Chakett," while currently the big weekend is called "Lost Weekend." This writer has fond memories of the Chapter meeting in 1965 when Benji Mason brought up a tape recording of Dione Warwick before she became so nationally popular, advocating we hire her for Chakett weekend (for $600 as I recall). We did, but the Chapter was suspended about a week earlier because of the Masters' ticket scandal incident, a story for another day.

In the minutes of October 20, 1952, this writer was surprised to find that Sam Mrvos and Harry Babcock, the latter being an All-American wide receiver, were Chi Phi's but were put on inactive status because they were behind in dues. Mrvos was a legend himself at UGA as he was an assistant football coach for many years, as well as an P.E. instructor.

Regarding the website videos of this year's SEC GameDay tailgate at ETA Chapter, it should be noted that ETA Chapter tailgates have appeared on national television three times since 2013. All are depicted on the ETA Chapter website, the first being the LSU game in 2013, the second being the Notre Dame game in 2019, and the third being the Kentucky game in 2021. In fair disclosure, the tailgates were filmed on Friday afternoon and not at the actual tailgate on Saturday, which is the way television works these days.

## Plans for "Chi Phi for a Cause' Event to be Held in Atlanta on January 21, 2022

This year, ETA Chapter is establishing the "Chi Phi for a Cause" initiative through a partnership with the FACT Relief Foundation, a non-profit organization that specializes in raising funds to support patients and families affected by medical crises such as cancer, heart attack, stroke, accident, and injury (www.factrelief.org).

The goal is to honor both current members and alumni of Chi Phi who have suffered or who have had loved ones suffer from ALS. The primary points of interest for this initiative are Ben Jennings, Class of '84, & Tommy Hill, Class of '69, both ETA Chapter alumni who tragically passed away from ALS.

We will be hosting two parties in early 2022 in support of Chi Phi for a Cause and the FACT Relief Foundation. The first will take place on January 21, 2022 at Park Tavern in Atlanta (500 10th Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30309, 404-249-0001) from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Coat and tie are highly recommended, but no one will be denied entrance. There will be an open bar with hors d'oeuvres. To attend, you must purchase your ticket online at https://factrelief.salsalabs.org/ugachiphievent/index.html in advance. Everyone is welcome to bring a date and wives, but tickets must be purchased for

everyone attending. If all of the tickets are not sold in advance, you may also purchase your ticket at Park Tavern, but you will have to purchase it through the website at the door. There are individual tickets available and also three levels of sponsorship (see website). All proceeds of this event will go to the FACT Relief Foundation, which will benefit ALS research. This event will be comprised mostly of alumni, as well as members of the Atlanta community who wish to support the cause.

The second event will be on February 19th at the Chi Phi house in Athens. This event will be mostly compromised of students, with many bands playing for free to help support the cause. These two events provide a great opportunity to bring together current members, alumni, family, friends, and supporters, with the purpose of spreading awareness and raising money for a cause that will make a concrete and substantial difference in the lives of many.

If you have any interest in attending the event in Atlanta or the event in Athens, this link will allow you to RSVP or donate:
https://factrelief.salsalabs.org/ugachiphievent/index.html.

## MANY OLD ETA CHAPTER CHI PHI'S PLAYED FOR WALLY BUTTS

It is well known that in the 1930's, many of the Georgia football captains were Chi Phi's. I am thinking of Bill Hartman, Leo Costa, Red Leathers, and Haywood Allen. I believe there were others.

More recently, I had discussions with some ETA members of my vintage about Pat Dye, as many did not realize that Pat Dye was a member of ETA Chapter. I knew this because he was in the composite at 290 S. Lumpkin when I joined ETA Chapter, and I was always very proud that he had such a great career at UGA where he was All-American, as well as football captain, and his college coaching career was so stellare that the Auburn football stadium is known as "Pat Dye Field."

More recently, I find that there were many other prominent football players from ETA Chapter. I recently had the great pleasure to spend some time with Fred Brown, who I believe finished UGA around 1959. Fred led the SEC in rushing one or two years and was aptly nicknamed the "Road Runner." He confirmed to me personally that Pat Dye was a Chi Phi, and he told me that he was, too. He said several football players of his vintage were members of ETA Chapter, which made me quite proud. Fred's uncle was the famous Johnny Mack Brown, who was an All-American football player at Alabama and become probably the most popular "cowboy hero" of his era, much like Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. Fred is still living as of this writing.

I just recently saw the obituary of Dwight Horton, who was a member of ETA Chapter in 1957. His obituary says that he was in the first graduating class of Northside High School in Atlanta in 1955, and he graduated from UGA where he was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity and the football team. It goes on to say that for many years he attended a fellowship of fellow football team members, "Wally's Boys," which met twice a year in Athens. He went on to lead a ministry in Northeast Georgia and around Westminster, South Carolina.

## ETA ANNOUNCES THE 2021 WINNERS OF THE VIC PRYLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**(Left to Right: Maverick Cucina, Logan Eagle, Hans Hansen, Hyde Healy, Bryce Hartigan, Grayson Loudermilk. Not pictured are: Andrew Brown and Collin Greer.)**

Brother Calvin Allen (ETA, '71), in honor of his deceased fraternity brother and good friend Vic Pryles (ETA, "68), has continued his amazing generosity in providing the Vic Pryles Memorial Scholarship. ETA Chapter has $64,000.00 annual scholarships to give to eight deserving ETA Chapter brothers on the basis of need, merit, or a combination of the two. ETA Chapter is so special in that no other fraternity at UGA has anything like this. Here is the list of the eight winners for 2021.

***Andrew Brown*** (Dallas, Texas) is outgoing President of the Chapter. He is in the Order of Omega, an on-campus Greek Life honor society, and has a 3.57 GPA in accounting. ***Logan Eagle*** (Dallas, Texas) is outgoing Treasurer of the fraternity and was previously the Assistant Treasurer. He has a 3.9 GPA with a biology major. ***Collin Greer*** (Fairburn, Georgia) was on the Executive Board as the Assistant House Manager and moved up to House Manager in 2020. He has an internship with the UGA football organization, and also

works at the golf course and officiates GHSA wrestling, as well as being manager of a local restaurant and bar. ***Grayson Loudermilk*** (Washington, D.C.) is a two-time Vice President of the Chapter and was one of the five students at UGA elected to the Greek Horsemen, an honor society for outstanding Greek leaders. He is also Vice President of the Intrafraternity Council and a Student Government Senator. He has a 3.85 GPA. ***Maverick Krucina*** (Augusta, Georgia) is currently House Manager of the Chapter and has been fully independent financially as a student. He works two part-time jobs during the school year, as well as working two jobs in the summer. ***Bryce Hartigan*** (Chevy Chase, Maryland) has been a Rush Chairman and has two jobs while attending class. He has a 3.6 GPA. He is Vice President of the Young Republican Club. ***Hyde Healy*** (Covington, Louisiana) has been Philanthropy Chair for the Chapter and is a National Merit Scholar as well as a UGA Foundation Scholarship holder, with a 3.98 GPA. The UGA Foundation Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship offered by UGA. ***Hans Hansen*** (McLean, Virginia) has been Social Chairman of the Chapter as well as Vice President and served as one of the two Chapter delegates to Chi Phi Congress.

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