



ALPHA CHI REVIEW



PREPARING FOR A BETTER FUTURE THERE'S STILL TIME TO LEND YOUR SUPPORT

2020 certainly looked different when we prepared our spring news-letter for you. Since March, we have faced widespread challenges and hardships that will impact our daily lives for the foreseeable future. We hope that all of you have found support in recent months from your friends, loved ones, and brothers.

Alpha Chi is moving forward with its goals as we adapt to a “new normal,” and we are still counting on alumni support. As you may have read in a recent mailing, in light of ongoing struggles, the **Bill Jones '60** challenge will now continue through December 31, 2020, giving brothers more time to maximize their giving potential. The challenge has raised nearly \$28,000 so far and will match each gift dollar-for-dollar up to \$100,000.

Once again, here are a few ways you can help us reach our \$1.5 million goal:

1. Extend your current gift or pledge into the future. Payments can be spread over several years.
2. Make a new pledge to *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* and join Bill's challenge.
3. Check in on your brothers and encourage those who are able to join you in this campaign.

This semester has been a unique one for campuses nationwide, but we are pleased to say that Alpha Chi had a successful move-in this August. Members adhered to a strict schedule to limit exposure between one another, and restrictions remain in place for the house—this includes prohibiting visitors and live-outs from entering the house as the chapter continues working virtually and through socially distant events. Specific safety and cleaning procedures are also in place in the event a brother tests positive for COVID-19. If you have any questions, please contact us.

We are merely \$447,469 from securing the future of Phi Kappa Tau at Mississippi State, and to cross that finish line we need support from all brothers who are able. Together, we will persevere.

Love and Respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Jones".

William Jones '60
Campaign Co-Chairman
(919) 417-1947

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Toney".

Barry Toney '85
Campaign Co-Chairman
(214) 926-3348

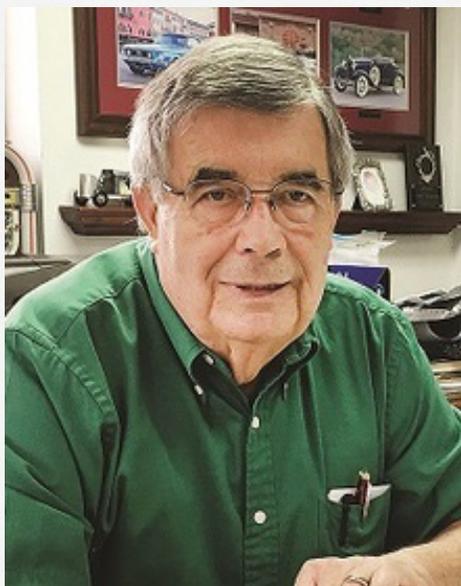
ALPHA CHI TO THE CORE *Remembering Gary Hawkins '61*

There's no doubt that there are challenges to staying connected with your brothers after graduating from Mississippi State, but thanks to the hard work and dedication of **Gary Hawkins '61**, Alpha Chi's alumni base is stronger than ever. We're sad to share that Gary suddenly entered Chapter Eternal on July 6, 2020, due to complications from COVID-19. While Gary is no longer with us, Alpha Chi is committed to carrying on his passion for Phi Kappa Tau to honor his memory. We caught up with **Charles Vail '63**, **Ed Graham '61**, **Mack Hataway '61**, and **Richard Gaston '61** to share Gary's impact on our brotherhood.

From Alpha Chi Big Brother to Brother-in-Law

When Charles arrived on the Starkville campus in the fall of 1962, he saw Gary frequently at the business school, Wesley meetings, and elsewhere on campus. Gary was an ideal role model for Charles and, shortly after Charles joined Phi Kappa Tau, Gary became his Alpha Chi Big Brother.

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EMBRACE YOUR LEGACY

Writing the Next Chapter of Alpha Chi Together JOIN THE GROWING LIST OF DONORS TODAY

The following brothers and friends have banded together to show their appreciation for Alpha Chi by supporting the *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* campaign. Together, they have helped us reach more than \$1 million toward our \$1.5 million campaign goal. Their efforts have already made a tremendous difference in the future of Phi Kappa Tau at Mississippi State. We extend a heartfelt thank-you for their generous donations and hope anyone who has yet to contribute will join the ranks of these leaders in our campaign today.

Gifts of any size are encouraged and appreciated as we work together to set Alpha Chi up for success well into the future. Your Alpha Chi legacy does not end when you leave the chapter house—it lives on through the brothers who follow in your footsteps.

Remember, each donor contributing \$2,500 or more will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in the new chapter house, and all donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be recognized in campaign publications unless otherwise requested. If you feel an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 with any corrections.

Campaign Progress by the Numbers

As of September 23, 2020

\$1.5 Million Goal

**\$1,052,531
Written Commitments**

19.5% Total Participation

114 Donors

584 Active Alumni

Paul H. Dunn Society *(\$250,000 and above)*

William Jones '60

Alpha Chi Society *(\$100,000 to \$249,999)*

Red Carnation Ball Society *(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*

Robert Forbes '71*

304 South Jackson Street Society *(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*

John Johnson '64
Malcolm N. Outlaw '67
Durward B. Dunn III '72
Cindy and David L. Rice '72
Oliver "Mike" Waggener '72
In memory of
Katherine H. Waggener
R. Alan Wright '75

Silver Goblet Society *(\$15,000 to \$24,999)*

Howard A. Wilson '77
Thomas E. Clayton Jr. '85
Barry S. Toney '85
Sonny Pryor '87

The Crest Society *(\$10,000 to \$14,999)*

Gary L. Hawkins '61
Roy C. Harris '62
Michael S. Albright '67
Don Lovelace '67
Larry G. Kirk '68
Patrick Presley '70
Joseph T. Drake III '75
Perry G. Marchant '75
Paul D. Smith '81
Eric M. Jonas '85
Brent E. Brockway '88

Lost Weekend Society *(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*

Bo Mayfield '60*
David L. Vaughan '66
Thomas Farris '67
James Nickles Jr. '67
Jimmy A. Armstrong '68
In memory of
Randy Adams '68
Walter T. Costilow '68
William D. Lott '68
In honor of
Sally Lott
Henry W. Tucker '68
Ronald S. Poole '69
Thomas H. Saterfiel '70
Kenneth R. Watkins '70
Bryant "Tony" Acosta '71
In memory of
Margaret Moore Acosta
Ross Hamilton '72
John W. Starr '77
Thomas Majors '78
William Dale Tate '78
Ulrich Bibb '79
William R. Fant III '81
Joseph C. Lambert '81
Steve Thomas '83
Roger S. Seabrook '84
Robin Forsythe '85
In memory of
Renee Slay Booth and
Sonia Grace Gully Gibson
David M. Hataway '86
In honor of
Mack Hataway '61
Dennis Daniels '90
Thomas L. Stennis III '91
In memory of
Thomas L. Stennis II '58

Crossroads Society *(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*

Oliver B. Anderson '58
In memory of
Anthony Marucci '58
John A. Loomis '59
In memory of
Pamela Jones, wife of
Bill Jones '60
Charles Gaston '61
In memory of
Pam Jones, wife of
Bill Jones '60,
Cp. Joseph H. Hodges '61,
and Gary Hawkins '61
Mack A. Hataway '61
In honor of
David Hataway '86 and
Gary Hataway '90
Stephen K. Felts '62
In memory of
Dr. Alvin L. Felts Jr. '60
Phillip Shockey '62
In memory of
Robert L. "Bob"
McHaney Jr. '59
George Edward Tucker Jr. '63
Robert A. White '63
In memory of
Pamela Jones, wife of
Bill Jones '60
Douglas Hogue '64
Ralph Alewine III '65
Jim Stubblefield '65
Francis "Andy" Hewes '68
and
Frank "Scotty" Scott '68
In memory of
Leslie Douglas '66
James Williamson '67
In memory of
Mom Adams

William J. Alexander '68
In honor of
Andy Hewes '68
Gary K. Davis '68
William R. Lister '70
Donald P. Hinman '71
Thomas M. Gladney '72
Charles E. Donald '75
Steve T. Waggener '77
Gordon Burke '78
Maur McKie '78
John "Pat" Brown '79
Todd Adcock '80
In memory of
Kevin Wilkins '82
Mike Powell '81*
David Gibson '82
William Patton '83
In memory of
Frank A. Carlton '84
Steve Porter '84
In memory of
Jamie Irwin
Jeffrey A. Booth '85
In memory of
Renee Slay Booth,
Little Sister
Harry Day '88
Stuart D. Lee '88

The Fallen Wing Society *(\$1,000 to \$2,499)*

Dr. William T. Wood '47
Bill Ware '60
Carl R. Barrett '61
Mack Hataway '61
In memory of
Pam Jones and
Gary L. Hawkins '61
B. Dean Williams,
D.D.S. '61
In memory of
Dr. Alvin L. Felts Jr. '60

William Bost '63
William E. Mays Jr. '66
In memory of
Tommy L. Coggin '66
Arville O. Slaughter '69
Donald Family Gift
Charles Donald '75
George Donald '78
David Donald '81
Stephen Jones '72
Denis Everett '75
William Hinman '75
Paul A. Rossie '76
Robert R. Simpson II '76
Monte W. Bishoff '77
Rich Aust '79
Eugene Dent '79
W. Scott Phillips '79*
Jay Milton '83*
William Irby IV '86
Russ Kern '86*
Keith Wilkins '86*
In memory of
Kevin Wilkins '82
Robert DeMetz '88
Calvin Morris '88*
Lee Hunter '94
In memory of
Alvin Lafayette Felts Jr. '60



Barry Toney '85 presents Gary Hawkins '61 with the inaugural Alpha Chi Brotherhood Award.



Gary Hawkins '61 at Alpha Chi's Hall of Fame and Alumni Awards banquet on November 2, 2018, at the chapter house.

Remembering Gary Hawkins '61

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Charles admired Gary's loyalty to Phi Kappa Tau, Mississippi State, his family's Ford dealership in Calhoun City, and, most importantly, his family. Just a few years after becoming Gary's fraternity brother, Charles became his brother-in-law when he married Gary's sister, Beth.

"Even though Gary loved his family and all they were involved in, every week I (and several other Phi Taus and friends) would get emails and newspaper articles from Gary about Mississippi State and the Bulldogs," Charles said. "Gary gave me the best treasure ever—my wife and his sister, Beth, who was an Alpha Chi Red Carnation Ball Little Sister in the spring of 1963 (the semester before I joined Phi Kappa Tau). Gary's Phi Kappa Tau class, his Phi Tau schoolmates, and Alpha Chi alumni will certainly miss him. I know I do."

The Best Storyteller in Starkville

Gary garnered respect from his brothers and so many of his peers in the Starkville community. His ability to tell stories was second to none, and his brothers were always glad to listen to them.

"One day, he went to a Mississippi State spirit committee meeting and I guess the topic focused in on the fact that Bully was getting old and decrepit and maybe they needed to be looking for a new bulldog. Gary suggested that if the dog was in that bad of shape, maybe the dog should be put down," Ed said. "That didn't go over very well, but I guess shortly after that, they did get another bulldog that someone had raised. I clearly remember Gary telling that story at the Phi Kappa Tau house."

The connections Gary had at Mississippi State had perks for his brothers as well. Ed enjoyed going on a tour of MSU's athletic facilities a few years ago that was possible because of Gary.

"You could always count on Gary. He was a very dependable guy with a huge amount of leadership. And he knew everybody," Ed said. "I think he should've run for congress because he knew enough people. He would have probably been elected."

One Fine Brother

Mack got to know the Starkville community very well growing up, as his dad was an ROTC instructor at State. However, after graduating high school in Denver, Colorado, he was looking for ways to feel at home when he arrived at Mississippi State. Gary played a big role in making that happen, as they got to know each other well as roommates and study partners. On weekends, Gary made sure that Mack never felt home sick and occasionally invited Mack to his own home. The friendship that materialized between Mack and Gary was one that could never be broken by distance or time.

"Even though we had been separated for several years, it was like we had never been apart. He was just one fine brother," Mack said. "Gary was the chapter representative for the Bulldog Club and served as chapter treasurer, too. Not every time we went to a ballgame, but occasionally we would meet at the alumni tent and eat lunch together. When the 1964 class had its 50th anniversary, even though he was a business major and I was in engineering, we still went to the meetings and we had a good time there, too. I'm going to miss him."

Gary's Greatest Gift

The 1940-1965 Alpha Chi alumni directory that Gary organized with the help of his wife, Evelyn, has been instrumental in strengthening the bonds of our brotherhood. Richard and his wife have been thankful that Gary has kept so many brothers and their spouses in touch through the directory and the reunions he organized. One day when Richard's wife was watching a TV show, *Real People*, about the nation's best ads, she got his attention to let him know that there was a familiar face on their screen. There was Gary telling customers that they'd be treated right at his Ford dealership.

"There's no doubt all of us remember Gary as a solid guy. After graduation, we scattered as most classes do and did not stay in close touch, as we had jobs and growing families. Then Gary pulled off a miracle: a reunion of our class and anyone else who wished to attend," Richard said. "It was without a doubt the greatest gift he could ever have given us. The years and miles apart were, as they say, gone in 60 seconds. There was no way we could ever repay Gary for the reunions he organized."



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Spring 2020 initiates celebrate their initiation on September 5.

Alpha Chi Chapter Focuses on Brotherhood while Navigating a New Normal

GPA Sees Big Increase as a Result of New Program

Despite the uncertainties that have plagued the world since March, Mississippi State University's Alpha Chi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau has never been stronger. Several chapters on our campus saw adversity, but America's Fraternity has used the isolation and quarantining rules to focus on the most essential and vital part of Phi Tau: brotherhood. One week before our formal recruitment commenced, we had nine standout early bids. We ended formal recruitment with 25 new associates. We are excited to welcome them into the brotherhood. As soon as formal recruitment concluded, our chapter immediately began preparations for spring recruitment to build and grow our fraternity.

After careful consideration from years past, Alpha Chi has focused firmly on our academics since January. I am proud to say we have improved our past semester GPA from a 2.67 to 3.55. This large success comes from the hard work and dedication of Vice President **Michael Blanchard '18** and Scholarship Chairman **Benjamin Murphy '19**, who have created a GPA improvement program. This program's main goal is to improve accountability in attending class while simultaneously improving GPA by creating mandatory study hours for those under the desired GPA of Alpha Chi's standards. We have met such standards of success and will continue to do so in the years to come.

As it stands, our philanthropy is still operating to the highest capacity allowed in regard to CDC guidelines. We are working together to implement an alternative to our annual Haunted Trail in case the university does not allow this event. With this being said, Alpha Chi is still planning accordingly for our largest and most notable philanthropy event, not just for charity, but for the community that has grown to love the Haunted Trail so much.

I am beyond proud of the direction that the Alpha Chi Chapter is heading in. Our chapter consists of

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WELCOME, NEW ASSOCIATES!

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| Nick Ambio | Gabe Gonzalez | Logan Koltz | Alton "Jace" Roach |
| John Baladi | Aidan Griffin | Corey Krumrey | Collier Rogers |
| Logan Buvid | Vincent Grillo | James Lawson | Griffin Rogers |
| Adrian "A.J." Eggleston | Patrick "Wade" Healy | Parker Lowery | Tyrus Smith |
| Brain Flaherty | Colin James | Christian McCance | Hayden Takerer |
| Jack Flower | Thomas "Gunner" James | Adam McDonal | Damon "D.J." Thomas |
| Benjamin French | | Wesley Porterfield | |

a unique and hard-working group of men held fast in accountability and dedicated to the brotherhood we work so hard to maintain. Together, the men of Alpha Chi will excel in self-improvement, academics, campus involvement, and community involvement. This fraternity pursues distinction in all of our brothers and alumni by reaching out and fostering brotherhood that we are so proud of here at Alpha Chi.

In Phi and Hail State,
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