

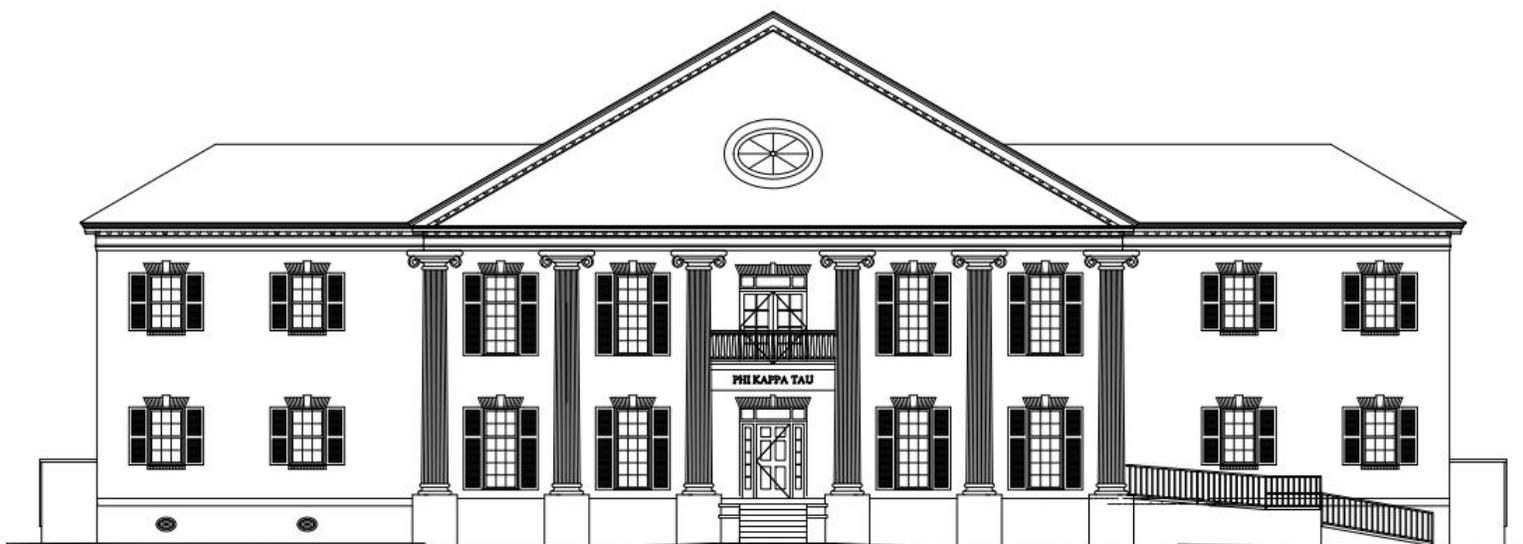


ALPHA CHI REVIEW



Ensuring Phi Kappa Tau's Lasting Legacy at Mississippi State

Thankful for Alpha Chi Brotherhood Bonds and Support



The new elevation rendering.

If we've learned anything in the last year, it's the importance of familial support, including that of our Phi Tau brothers. Without the support of our brothers, we wouldn't be who we are today.

We are truly grateful for everyone who participated in the second **Bill Jones '60** challenge. Together, we raised \$55,386. Although we did not meet the \$100,000 matching goal, Bill was impressed by the effort of our alumni and will still contribute the full \$100,000. Thank you, Bill! Your donation goes beyond its monetary value and will ensure Phi Tau's future at Mississippi State.

As we look to what's on the horizon for Alpha Chi Chapter, we cannot neglect to look at where it started to see how far we've come.

Alpha Chi Chapter was first chartered at Mississippi State in 1938; it was rechartered in 2015. Throughout the decades, Phi Tau has made a lasting impact on undergraduates, Mississippi State's campus, and the Starkville community. Take a look at our most notable events over the years on page 4.

Alumni support has enabled Phi Kappa Tau to succeed at Mississippi State throughout the years. The bonds of our brotherhood keep us all connected, through joy and sorrow. While the last year hasn't been easy for anyone and financial hardships have been all too common, we ask that you consider supporting the *Embracing Your Legacy* campaign if you haven't taken the leap yet. We still need \$420,033 to reach our \$1.5 million goal. Every dollar helps, and no gift is too small. Please fill out and return the

enclosed pledge form if you'd like to support Phi Tau at Mississippi State today.

We look forward to seeing what Alpha Chi Chapter achieves in the years to come, and we are so thankful for your loyalty and support of the Phi Tau brotherhood.

Love and Respect,

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

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

EMBRACING YOUR LEGACY

Alumni Support Key to Alpha Chi's Success There's Still Time to Join the Campaign—Embrace Your Legacy Today!

The *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* campaign has been generously supported by many loyal brothers. These men and their families understand the importance of ensuring Alpha Chi's future through time and treasure to ensure it remains a recognized leadership organization that binds men together and challenges them to improve their campuses and the world. We hope even more brothers will join us in creating a brighter future for Phi Kappa Tau at Mississippi State.

Thank you to the following alumni who have committed \$1,079,967 to this campaign. It's not too late to donate; donors who contribute \$2,500 or more will have their name included on a plaque permanently displayed in the updated chapter house. All contributions of \$1,000 and above are shown below. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has mistakenly been omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so we may make a correction.

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)

Don Lovelace '67
In memory of
Dieter P. Berge '63 and
Dr. Lelan L. "Roy"
Langston Jr. '65
Larry G. Kirk '68
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
Henry W. Tucker '68
Patrick Presley '70

Joseph T. Drake III '75
Percy Glenn 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
In honor of
Marie Nickles,
Little Sister
Jimmy A. Armstrong '68
In memory of
Randy Adams '68
Walter T. Costilow '68
William D. Lott '68
In honor of
Sally Lott
Ronald S. Poole '69
William R. Lister '70
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
Richy 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

Campaign Progress by the Numbers

As of March 25, 2021

\$1.5 Million Goal

**\$1,079,967
Written Commitments**

19.3% Total Participation

117 Donors

595 Active Alumni

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 '86 and
Gary Hataway '90
Stephen K. Felts '62
In memory of
Dr. Alvin L. Felts, Jr. '60
Philip Shockey '62
In memory of
Robert L. "Bob" McHaney, Jr. '59
George Edward Tucker Jr. '63

DON LOVELACE '67

"I was at MSU and active in AX 1966-72, and I think most of us who were lucky enough to be members of the chapter when the house was at 304 S. Jackson Street were really pleased to learn that the new house would be modeled after that one.

"In the 1966 rush, friends from Jackson, the very friendly members, and the beautiful house were the things that attracted me most to Phi Kappa Tau. As I pledged, met all the people, and grew to know what it's all about, I found it to be one of the most rewarding parts of my life. Of course, the brotherhood and friendships are at the heart of my memories, but the house was always a warm homelike backdrop that was a big part of those memories.

"Those memories and experiences made me want to contribute to the capital campaign to help make it possible to get this new version of the great old house at 304 S. Jackson built and help create great memories for those to come."

Robert A. White '63
 In memory of
 Pamela Jones, wife of
 Bill Jones '60
 Douglas Hogue '64
 Ralph Alewine III '65
 Jim Stubblefield '65
 James Williamson '67
 In memory of
 Mom Adams
 Francis "Andy" Hewes '68 and
 Frank "Scotty" Scott '68
 In memory of
 Leslie Douglas '66
 William J. Alexander '68
 In honor of
 Andy Hewes '68
 Paul G. Bernheim Jr. '68
 Gary K. Davis '68
 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

GORDON BURKE '78

"When I joined Phi Kappa Tau, it was not just for the years I was at State; it was for a lifetime. I feel it is our duty to the fraternity to stay involved and provide support to them. It is important to me to have an active chapter at State so future generations will have the same opportunity I had to join this great organization. If you are not supporting Phi Tau now, I ask you to do so. You don't have to write a \$10,000 check—you can do as I am and make monthly donations to the Foundation. If everyone gave \$100 per month, we would quickly reach our goal for a new house.

"Everyone always says the people they met through their fraternities are friends for a lifetime, and I am no different. Some of these men are like family to me. When I arrived at MSU, I knew [only] one person from my hometown who was even in a fraternity, so I wasn't sure if I wanted to join one or not. The first night of rush was terrible; at every house I visited, I didn't feel welcomed. The second night, I visited the Phi Tau house on Jackson Street and knew then I was in the right place and had found a home.

"Those years helped me get to where I am today. In my first job interview after graduation, I was asked why my grades were not better, and I replied that there were other things besides school going on. I got the job and was told my answer about my grades was the reason. Phi Tau was the other thing."

Lee T. Wyatt '67
 In honor of
 All Phi Kappa Tau Brothers
 Arville O. Slaughter '69
 Stephen Jones '72
 Donald Family Gift
 Charles Donald '75
 George Donald '78
 David Donald '81
 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

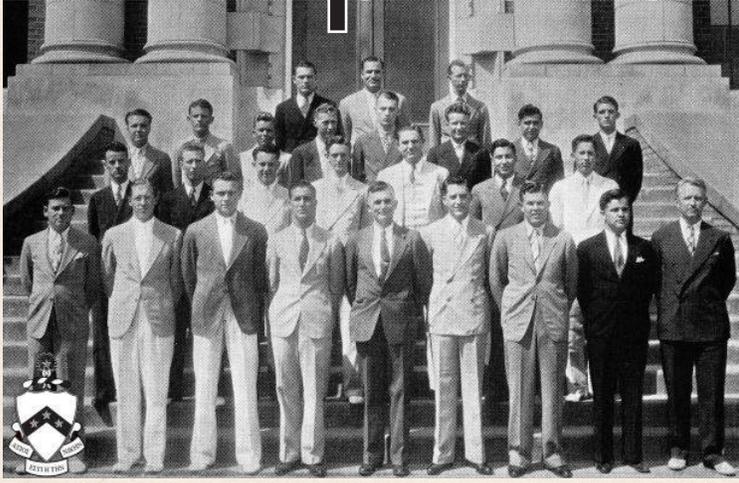
* Denotes gifts raised prior to October 2016.

LEE J. HUNTER '94

"I do not have many memories of my college experience without AX somehow being a part of it. As such, I was motivated to support the reestablishment of Φ KT from the outset. I live on the Gulf Coast and distance makes it difficult to help the chapter in a physical sense. Thus, I looked for ways to support AX and the housing campaign was an obvious means to do so. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience with Phi Tau and attribute a large part of that to the fact we had a chapter house and could live and meet as a collective. To give back that which was given to me, I was moved to support the capital campaign.

*"It was after looking into the finer details of the housing plan that I discovered the **Bill Jones '60** Challenge. Once I noticed that the donations would be matched by Bill, it was a bigger joy to contribute to the campaign. I was in awe of the generosity of a fellow Phi Tau and thought that was a prime example of what brotherhood meant. It was not an obligation, but I felt a duty to contribute to the organization that was so instrumental to my life, both professionally and in a family sense. I would tell any Phi Tau alumnus that there is probably no greater way to support their fraternity than in some manner contribute to an asset that will only serve to make our chapter grow."*

Alpha Chi Archives



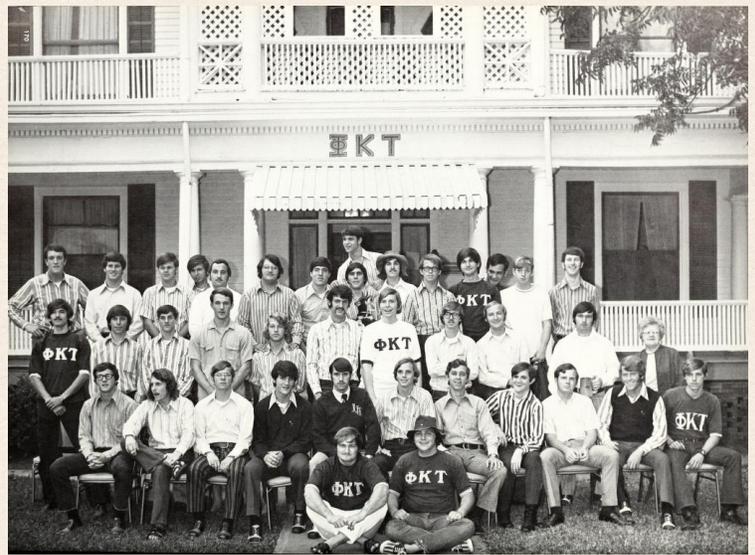
Members of Alpha Chi Chapter in 1938, its first year at Mississippi State.



Members of Phi Kappa Tau's intramural basketball team, which went undefeated in 1948.



Pledges vs. actives football game in 1968.



Alpha Chi Chapter members in 1972.



Phi Kappa Tau's rechartering at Mississippi State in 2015.

BROTHERHOOD BULLETIN

CHAPTER ETERNAL



Spring Formal in 1952.



Brothers and their Tri Delta dates at the 1982 Last Summer Jam.



Alpha Chi Chapter brothers at the 1989 Lost Weekend brotherhood event.



Alpha Chi Chapter brothers goof off in 1990.

William Wood '47 entered Chapter Eternal on January 10, 2021, a few days short of his 94th birthday. He grew up on the water and enjoyed sailing, fishing, and crabbing during his youth in several boats handcrafted by his master carpenter father and later fishing in his Seabird with family and friends. Bill was a veteran and dentist, practicing from 1955 to 1992. He is survived by his four children, four grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Keith G. Horne '52 entered Chapter Eternal on August 14, 2020, at the age of 87 after battling COVID-19. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carolyn; daughter, Dr. Alison Horne; grandson, Joshua; and granddaughter, Sydney. Keith had a 21-year career in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Keith was an avid reader and considered education very important as evidenced by his degrees from Mississippi State College (two degrees), University of Maine, Stanford University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. He taught at JJC for 18 years and was on the Jones County School board for 16 years. He was a resident of Ellisville, Miss., where he was a member of Ellisville Rotary and an officer of the Jones County Genealogical and Historical Organization.

Thomas Murphree Jr. '59 entered Chapter Eternal on February 2, 2020. Prior to his retirement, Tom lived in Memphis, Tenn.,

and worked many years for Kinder-Morgan as regional sales manager. Tom was known for his generosity and his fierce love for all things sports, especially his Mississippi State Bulldogs.

Zack Melvin Jenkins '60 entered Chapter Eternal on December 7, 2020, from complications of COVID-19. He was a resident at the Mississippi State Veterans Home in Collins, Mississippi. He earned a bachelor's in accounting from Mississippi State University in 1961. He was a past president of the Mississippi Tax Assessors' Association and a member of the First Baptist Church in Sumner where he taught Sunday school and served as a deacon for over 50 years. His passion was his wife, Edna, and his family. He and Edna were married for more than 56 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Jimmy Gipson '65 entered the Chapter Eternal in November 2020 after his battle with cancer.

Kevin Stewart '90 entered Chapter Eternal on March 3, 2021. He was a longtime coach and teacher for Caledonia High School and, most recently, Columbus High School. His love of coaching included football, baseball, softball, basketball, and golf. He is survived by his wife, Tabitha; children: Quincy, Drew, Bailey Ann, Lauren, and Brady; granddaughter: Awbree Teah; mother, Judy; sister, Kim (Brett); and nephew, Brett.

ALUMNI NEWS

Lee Wyatt '67 lives in Melbourne, Fla., with his wife, Patricia. Email: leewyattiii@cfl.rr.com

What comes to mind when you think about Phi Kappa Tau?
Fellowship with brothers, school spirit for MSU, service to community.

What are your favorite memories of living at 304 S. Jackson St.?
ΦKT charity drives in Starkville, football games across the street at the elementary school, after parties at Charlie Ann's pasture, card games in the living room, Christmas chorus concerts in Lee Hall.



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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Mississippi State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please mail us his new address to help update our records. Thank you.

Undergraduates Find Ways to Give Back and Stay Involved During Unusual Times

Despite limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Alpha Chi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau excelled in many areas.

Several members took on leadership positions with a non-profit organization called Camp Kesem: **Jacob Shaver '17**, **Jared Kimes '17**, **Michael Blanchard '18**, **Matthew Prater '19**, and **Ethan Harriel '20**. Our fall philanthropy was a raffle, and we raised \$3,018 for Serious Fun. **Corey Krumery '20** is coordinating a service event at the Clay County Animal Shelter in West Point, Mississippi, and plans on having at least one more service event before the semester ends.

Recruitment did not go as well as we hoped, but we still recruited three associate members for spring 2021. We have only held brotherhood events and have been unable to do anything else up until recently. We are planning a few date parties, as well as our philanthropy event for the spring.

Most recently, our ultimate frisbee team made it to the Greek intramural semi-finals but lost to BYX. **Blake Giles '17** is representing our chapter in intramural ping pong and has made it to the semi-finals.

Fraternally,
Michael Blanchard '18
 Chapter President
 mblanchardCOD@gmail.com

WELCOME, NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!

Glendon A. Austin
Beech Bluff, Tenn.

Travontae D. "Tommy" Townsend
Pattison, Miss.

George E. Willis
Gulfport, Miss.

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