



ALPHA CHI REVIEW



Brothers enjoying crawfish and company at the annual Crawfish Boil.



Left to right: Rich Aust '79, Dale Tate '78, Pat Brown '79, and Jeff Gough '79.

Exceeding Expectations Alpha Chi Finishes Capital Campaign Strong

Brothers — we did it! The *Embracing Your Alpha Chi Legacy* campaign has come to a close, and we could not be prouder of our brotherhood. Together, you have shown just what a Phi Kappa Tau is capable of.

As we ended 2021, our fundraising total for the capital campaign stood at \$1,534,455. With the close of the campaign, we have \$70,226 in pledges that are outstanding and to be collected over the next several years either through the Alpha Chi CEG account at the foundation or the house corporation account.

We are so grateful for the 121 alumni who donated to help meet our campaign goal. Following this newsletter, we will send alumni a final opportunity to give to the campaign and allow donors to confirm their gift listing and giving society levels.

While we have crossed the finish line on the capital campaign and have focused our attention on pledge collection, there are still ways to support the chapter. If you're

looking to help again or missed your chance to donate during the campaign, the Alpha Chi Scholarship Fund through Phi Kappa Tau Foundation is always a cause in need and worth supporting. You can learn more about ways to support the Scholarship Fund on page 4.

We also want to thank everyone for attending the 2022 Crawfish Boil. Our active brothers worked hard to prepare food for the alumni event, and it went off without a hitch. We love being able to reconnect the active chapter with alumni from various decades. If you missed it, check out these photos from the event.

Again, thank you for your support of Alpha Chi Chapter. We can't wait for more opportunities to reconnect with alumni this year.

Fraternally,
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WELCOME, NEW ASSOCIATES!

Jaxon Everett '22

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Ocean Springs, Miss.

DEVELOPING CHARACTER

Phi Kappa Tau's Influence on Henry Tucker '68

Henry Tucker '68 didn't join Phi Kappa Tau until his junior year at Mississippi State. When he met the men of the Alpha Chi, he saw what an amazing group of guys the chapter was made of and knew he would easily become friends with them. They shared his values, and Henry was eager to join their activities on campus.

"I learned how to become part of a team that shared friendships and work projects," Henry said. "My skill set fit into the needs of the fraternity, and I was able to contribute by repairing all sorts of things, such as plumbing, electrical, and doors, at the Jackson Street house."

Henry also used his skills for fun. He and **Bill Aycock '67**, an electrical engineer major, created a CB radio shack in the chapter house's attic. They were able to talk as far away as Oregon and New York.

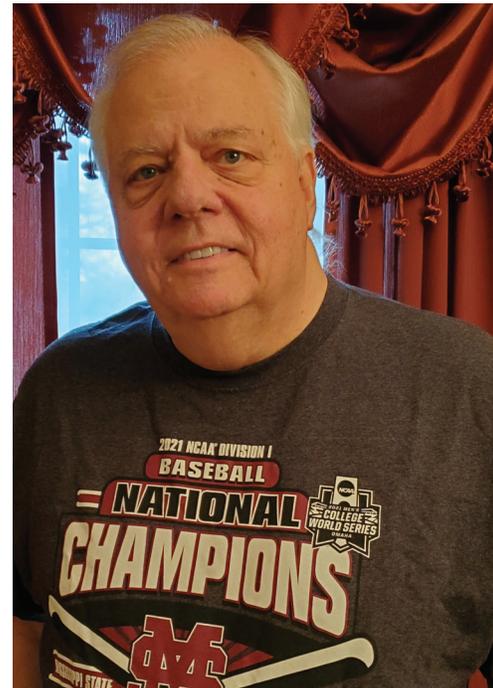
"We mounted two big antennae on the chimneys," Henry said. "We had radios in our cars as well as a base station in the attic. It was interesting and fun talking to other students that also had radios."

Throughout his undergraduate years, Henry was side by side with his brothers. He went through Advanced ROTC at MSU along with several of his fraternity brothers, including **Eddie Mays '66** and **Michael Albright '67**.

Two weeks after graduation, Henry married Lucy Marble. They have been married 52 years and have two sons and two granddaughters. Soon after, Henry went on active duty.

"I was sent to St. Louis as a computer programmer," Henry said. "I have been in IT ever since, mostly working in the oil and gas industry." After being discharged from the Army, Henry moved to Houston, Texas, with his family.

"Our oldest son, David, graduated from the University of Texas, and James graduated from Texas A&M University," Henry said. "So, there's a little bit of a family rivalry. Our granddaughters have also graduated from college—A&M and the University of Utah."



Although he lives in Texas, Henry has stayed connected with brothers who have kept him informed with the happenings at Alpha Chi.

"I've stayed in contact with several of my brothers ... Eddie, Bill, and the late **Jimmy Gipson '65**," Henry said. "But recently, I have responded through email to several other brothers."

Henry started his own consulting company specializing in networking, small business accounting, and cybersecurity. He then took an early retirement due to a merger of two companies.

"I am currently retired, but still somewhat active helping to refurbish computers to give to students and seniors that do not have one," Henry said. "My main hobby is fixing things. The Lord blessed me with the ability to figure out what broke and how to fix it. I love fixing toys for very young children and appliances for seniors."

You can connect with Henry at htucker65@gmail.com.

GROWING THE BROTHERHOOD

Alpha Chi Develops Men of Character This Semester



Tim Little '17, Jack Flower '20, Gunner James '20, and Frank Mueller '20 in Gatlinburg, Tenn., for spring break.



Ethan Rogers '21, Blake Ford '21, and Sumner Baas '21 attending the Northern Kentucky baseball series in the fraternity rig.



It's puppy love for Collier Rogers '20 as he volunteers at the West Point Animal Shelter.

For our spring 2022 semester at Alpha Chi, we decided that our theme is going to be "Getting in Touch with Our Roots." We have come a long way as a chapter and have done some pretty amazing things over the years, whether we were housed on campus or not, and that is what this semester has been all about. The current active chapter has reached an astronomical milestone—\$1.5 million raised for a permanent home! Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who supported the capital campaign. The executive council has decided to take this time to reflect on the past few years to see what we have done right, what we have done wrong, and what we can do better moving forward.

CONNECTING WITH ALUMNI

Another big point of emphasis for this year's executive council is alumni engagement. It

seems that all too often a young man comes to college, joins a fraternity, earns his degree, and then moves on with his life. We are working to change that.

Our current VP of alumni relations, **Garrett Harpole '19**, threw an excellent crawfish boil recently to which over 30 alumni attended. Our past VPAR, **Kipp Gehris '20**, has built a bond with alumnus **Eric Jonas '85** that has both helped reengage Eric with the chapter and helped his community, as the chapter has done multiple cleanup days.

HELPING OTHERS

Of course, the chapter is still doing philanthropy events and getting involved on campus. In fact, our current philanthropy chairmen have put together a dunk tank that we hope to grow into a full carnival in the coming years.

We are also proud of multiple brothers who have been elected to the Student Association as well as other positions in organizations across campus. Active members are also doing well academically, earning an overall GPA above 3.0 this past semester.

THANK YOU, ALUMNI

All that being said, this newsletter is for you—the alumni—and we want to take a minute to thank each one of you for doing what you have done so that we can be here today. Without you, this would not exist. Whether you have donated your money or your time, we appreciate it more than you will ever know.

Fraternally,
Ethan Harriel '20
President

BROTHERHOOD BULLETIN

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John R. Prince '48 – August 12, 2021
Joseph D. Gordon '56 – March 29, 2021
James "Jim" White '65 – January 24, 2022
Gary K. Davis '68 – January 17, 2021
Ronald W. Humphrey '68 – January 6, 2022
Harold Ingram '68 – February 17, 2021
Barry L. Greenlee '70 – July 16, 2021
James Doddridge '77 – March 22, 2021

ALUMNI NEWS

Willard W. Welborn II '62 is a cancer survivor and not yet retired. He hopes to resume his career as a consultant in the oilfield despite turning 80 this year. He resides in Meadows Place, Texas. Email: wwwelborn@aol.com

Phillip Lovitt '70 is retired; he now plays music in a party band and spends a lot of time in Starkville for sporting events. He resides in Hattiesburg, Miss. Email: philliplovitt@gmail.com

Paul D. Smith '81 retired on February 5, 2021, after a 37-year career. He is enjoying time with his wife and family and resides in Canton, Ga. Email: pdsmith51@gmail.com

Donald Pinkston '15 serves as a regional security officer in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Email: donaldpinkston@yahoo.com

What three things come to mind when you think about Alpha Chi?

"Fellowship, dedication to community, Bulldog spirit." –**Lee T. Wyatt III '67**

"Brotherhood, friends for life, fun parties."

–**Jimmy A. Armstrong '68**

"Brotherhood, leadership, personal growth."

–**Paul D. Smith '81**

What are your favorite memories from spending time with Phi Kappa Tau brothers at Mississippi State?

"**Jim Armstrong '68** and I rehabbed the back

house and spent good time there—joined later on by **Walt "Bunny" Costilow '68.**"

–**Paul G. Bernheim Jr. '68**

"Beer busts at Lu's, card games at the house, parties/formals, and relaxing with brothers."

–**Phillip Lovitt '70**

"My roommate, **George Morrison '81**, Thursday-night little sister parties, my leadership positions, and building friendships for life." –**Paul D. Smith '81**

What keeps you connected to Phi Kappa Tau as an alumnus?

"I believe in the great organization and find a way to keep up with former students."

–**William Irby '61**

"Friends I see that were here when I was; going to Starkville and campus." –**Phillip Lovitt '70**

"I want others to continue to have the same opportunities and connection to brotherhood."

–**Paul D. Smith '81**

"Memories and **Denny Daniels '90.**"

–**Donald Pinkston '15**



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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.

WILL YOU SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD? It's Not Too Late to Give Back

We are excited to announce a new AX Board of Governors fund that is set up with the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation for Alpha Chi scholarships. This program is in its infancy, and it is the BOG's plan to have it up and running this fall 2022 semester. The new plan will be updated and announced later this year.



While we continue to collect pledge payments to the capital campaign, we would like to ask that any contributions to the Scholarship Fund be made before year-end. The new AX Scholarship Fund will be deposited with the Phi Kappa Tau Foundation; thus, your contribution will be tax deductible. You will receive email verification for tax purposes.

Please consider a contribution to this fund so we can help the Alpha Chi Board of Governors begin to reorganize our AX Scholarship Fund.

You can donate at donate.phikappatau.org/give/287375/#!/donation/checkout or by using the QR code above.

To navigate the page:

1. Select "One Time" or "Monthly" contribution and set the amount you'd like to give at that frequency. *(It is defaulted for monthly.)*
2. Use the drop-down list and select "Scholarship Fund – Alpha Chi." *(It is defaulted for "Mississippi State CEG.")*
3. After entering your personal and payment information, leave the box checked if you would like to increase your contribution to help cover the fees associated from the company that handles the contributions. *(You can see the total charged to your debit, credit, or charge card at the bottom of the page.)*

