



THE STEEL JACKET

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GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY * SPRING 2019

Sigma Chi's Fight for Brotherhood

Sororities, Fraternities, Students File Suits That Challenge Harvard's Ban on Single-Sex Organizations

The Gamma Upsilon House Corporation is excited to bring you the spring 2019 edition of our alumni newsletter, *The Steel Jacket Sig*, to update you on recent events and chapter news. As usual, there is a lot to report, and I think you will enjoy reading about all of the great things happening with your chapter.

Standing Up to Harvard

As of late, it seems that there is a lot of negative coverage of the Greek system in the national news media. Some critics have even called for all fraternities and sororities to be banned. Harvard recently implemented a rule whereby students who join single-gender clubs are barred from leading campus groups or becoming captains of sports teams and will not be endorsed for prestigious fellowships. This is a direct attack on the Greek system and a step closer to eliminating fraternities and sororities on the Harvard campus.

In response, Sigma Chi International Fraternity, along with other Interfraternal entities and plaintiffs, filed parallel lawsuits against Harvard University in federal and state court. "This is an untenable example of overreaching institutional policy, and Sigma Chi has chosen to Stand Up To Harvard to fight for the rights of our men, as well as students everywhere, who find great value in the experience provided by a single-sex organization," said 70th Grand Consul **Thomas Geddings Jr., University of South Carolina '85**.

Our Chapter's Efforts

Despite the negativity surrounding Greek organizations, our men continue to uphold our Sigma Chi values in all of their endeavors. From academics and to philanthropy, Gamma Upsilon looks to be the best in all facets of fraternity life. The House Corporation would also like to welcome our 24 newest alumni to the prestigious class of Gamma Upsilon alumni and wish them all the best in all of their ventures.

Honoring Our Late Brothers Through Scholarship

In November, we set out to raise \$75,000 to establish the Cobb memorial fund to honor the late **Justin Cobb '97** and **Brent Cobb '98**. Donations to the fund will be allocated to name a prominent space at the chapter house as well as present an annual leadership scholarship to a deserving Gamma Upsilon undergraduate. As of now, 30 generous alumni and Gamma Upsilon friends have given \$58,000, and the first Cobb Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **John Gibson '20**. John and the rest of the chapter had the privilege of learning about Justin's and Brent's character from their father, **Leonard Cobb '70**, as he spoke to the chapter and recognized John. We are not finished and need your help to achieve this undertaking. Please contact **Allen Fielder '96** at afelder74@gmail.com for more information on how you can get involved in our efforts.

Leaders Among Leaders

As you know, Sigma Chis don't follow, we lead. During the past two years, our fraternity has implemented numerous initiatives intended to make the undergraduate experience safer and more meaningful, and I hope you will continue to support the efforts of our fraternity and remember the values it instilled in you as a young man that helped make you who you are today.

*A man of good character...
A student of fair ability...
With ambitious purposes...
A congenial disposition...
Possessed of good morals...
Having a high sense of honor and
A deep sense of personal responsibility.*

In Hoc,
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Supporting Gamma Upsilon's Promising Future

We would like to thank our generous Gamma Upsilon alumni who continue to support our chapter through their kind contributions. Your support makes a difference in the lives of our undergraduate brothers as they grow as young men and as a brotherhood. We are in the business of creating leaders, leaders who will go on to be productive, influential members of society.

If you would like to offer your support with securing the chapter's continued success now and into the future, please consider making a donation to the chapter today. Please make checks payable to the Gamma Upsilon House Corporation and send to Sigma Chi, Mississippi State, P.O. Box 80001, Starkville, MS 39759. You can also make your online donation to Gamma Upsilon by using the following link: <https://bit.ly/2H8EBjp>.

Gifts are not tax deductible, and a receipt will be provided. Every gift is significant and makes an impact on the lives of our brothers.

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Join Us at the Annual Jackson Metro Area Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 10
HALIFAX GOLF COURSE

Dinner to follow at the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association in Jackson.



ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

James “Jimmy” Crook ’52 entered Chapter Eternal on August 1, 2018, at age 88. Jimmy later served as vice president of marketing for First Mississippi in Jackson until his retirement in 1985. He is preceded in death by his parents and his son, William, but is survived by his wife; son, Jim; step-children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and brother, Wallace.

Jack Burke Jr. ’56 entered Chapter Eternal on August 22, 2018, at age 84. Jack was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and served another 10 years on active reserve, rising to the rank of major. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janet; two children, Jack III and Allen; and two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Alexander.

Mills Carter Jr. ’56 entered Chapter Eternal on October 5, 2018, at age 83. Mills served on the Senatobia City School Board for more than 40 years and served as an Elder at Senatobia Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Patsy; daughter, Becky; sons, Mills III and Todd; sister, Elizabeth; grandchildren, Claire, Riley, Will, and Avery; and great grandchildren, Carter, Caiden, and Kyzer.

Ernest Schroeder ’60 entered Chapter Eternal on January 21, 2018, at age 79. After completing two

years at Perkinson Junior College, he elected to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer. He practiced law until his retirement in 2004. Ernest is survived by his wife, Frances; daughter, Sharon; step-sons, Michael and James; grandchildren, Ellis, Emilia, Tyler, Christopher, and Melody; and sister, Anna.

Edward Knight ’62 entered Chapter Eternal on November 29, 2018, at age 80. He served his country as a first lieutenant, airborne ranger until 1964. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty; sons, Edward and Preston; and grandchildren, Emma and Olivia.

Matthew Rhoden ’96 entered Chapter Eternal on December 19, 2018. Survivors include his son, Austin; daughter, Madeleine; father, James; mother; three brothers, Christopher, Samuel II, and Patrick; and sister, Courtney.

ALUMNI NEWS

Henry “Tony” Byrne Jr. ’58 served as the mayor of Natchez, Miss., from 1968-88, where he still lives with his wife, Annette. Email: annetteb@cableone.net

Lewis Poindexter ’60 has written three books: *Laughing at Us*, *Growing Up in the Yazoo*, and *Don't Ever Stop Laughing*. He lives in Inverness, Miss., with his wife, Mary. Email: pandpi@telepak.net

James Carpenter ’67 reported that his second grandson, Wesley Rush, was born on December 1, 2018. James lives in Baton Rouge, La., with his wife, Susan. Email: jwsr Carpenter@hotmail.com

Ed Hill ’70 is a former chapter advisor for the Eta Psi Chapter at Clemson University. He is partially retired and is enjoying life with his wife of 49 years, Pat, in Waxhaw, N.C. Email: ehill@carolina.rr.com

David Hemphill ’74 is happily retired in Danville, Cali., with his wife of 36 years, Debby. He plays lots of golf and is active in the Sigma Chi East Bay Alumni Chapter. David is also planning a two-week European vacation this year. Email: coloneldfh@gmail.com

Alan Sheffield ’86 enjoys traveling all over the North Mississippi area, looking at different houses. He especially enjoys traveling to Starkville to see his daughter, Kirksey, who is a junior at MSU. Email: aj_sheffield@yahoo.com

James “Jack” Strahan ’14 graduated in 2018 from medical school at the University of Mississippi and is a resident physician in radiology in Savannah, Ga. He is glad that the chapter is continuing alumni outreach, and enjoys keeping up with the chapter on social media and following what is going on in Starkville. Email: jstra202@gmail.com

CELEBRATING OUR EXEMPLARY BROTHER

Richard Rula ’70 Presented with 2018 Significant Sig Award



Left: Alumni with 2018 Significant Sig Richard Rula ’70 during a luncheon at the River Hills Club in Jackson on September 5.

Right: MSU President Mark Keenum ’83 after presenting Richard Rula ’70 with the Significant Sig Award at the River Hills Club in Jackson this fall.



IN THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Chapter Cultivates a Lifetime of Altruism Through Campus and Community Involvement



Brothers with members of Delta Gamma after packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child in November.



Chaplain Connor Martin '21 singing at the chapter's combined philanthropic event, Cheese Fries for the Children, with Phi Mu and Kappa Alpha Psi in January.

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi has made great strides for the betterment of our future as a chapter. We continue to strive for excellence in and out of the classroom and are proud to report that we have remained one of the top fraternities academically at MSU with a GPA above the all-men's and all-fraternity averages. We also had the honor of cheering on **Barret Schock '19**, who was elected as the Mississippi State Homecoming King, in the fall semester.

Helping Those in Need

Gamma Upsilon is also striving to be a leader on Mississippi State's campus through community service on campus and in the community. We believe that we must have great relations with not only other IFC fraternities, but also with NPHC, MGC, and NPC chapters. Our new community service chairman, **Josh McManus '20**, has been a huge help with expanding our community service. In December, we partnered with Delta Gamma for the second year for Operation Christmas Child to pack shoeboxes with toys to send to children all over the world for Christmas.

Breaking Barriers Through Philanthropy

In January, we partnered with Phi Mu and Kappa Alpha Psi to host a philanthropic event for the Children's Miracle Network Hospital. With cheese fries and live music, students could stop by the Sigma Chi chapter house and pay a \$5 entry fee to participate in the festivities. This event was a huge success as this partnership was one of the first of its kind at MSU.

Forging Onward

It certainly is a great time to be part of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter, and we look forward to another incredible year as leaders on campus and in Greek life at Mississippi State. We wish to convey our sincere gratitude to our unbelievable alumni for your support. We will proudly continue to build upon what you have forged.

In Hoc,

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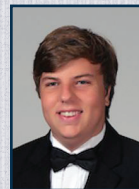
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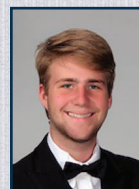
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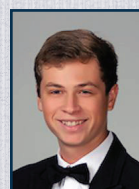
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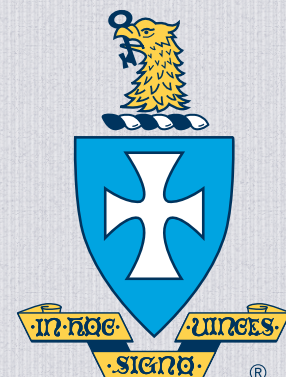
Quaestor
Beau Goss '20



Recruitment
Chairman
Dalton Ford '21



Social Chairman
Ryan Pitalo '20



Missing Brothers' Addresses

Help us find the following Gamma Upsilon brothers by providing an email or mailing address to msstatesigmachidatabase@gmail.com. We also ask that you please send your email and mailing address to the email above if either have changed in recent years. Thank you for helping keep our database up to date!

Cresco Frazier '70	Scott Gentry '94
Donny Black III '71	James Hampton '95
Billy Combs '72	Matthew Sergeant '96
Steve Akins '73	Charles Ivey '99
David Wimberly '74	Jason Cooke '00
Thomas Faucette '75	Mark Hazard '02
Joe Shelton '77	Paul Berryhill '03
Charles Massey '78	Beau Pace '04
W. Victor Crain '79	George Mayo '05
Kent Atkins '80	Todd Rea '06
Michael Eaces '81	James Madden '07
William Beard III '82	Brian Green '08
Edward Hinnant '83	Robert Sawyer '09
Richard Gilbrech '84	Stuart Wells '10
William Stutts '85	Alan Pryor '11
Gregory Miller '88	Eric Estes '12
John Schroepel '89	Daniel Haas '13
John Howarth Jr. '90	Mark Slawson '14
Walter Carpenter '92	Austin Churchill '16
Steven Hawkins '93	



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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 send us his permanent address. Thank you.

YOU SHALL CONQUER

24 Gamma Upsilon Members to Graduate

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Business Administration

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Civil Engineering

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David Cuevas '19

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Woody Goss '19

Economics and Political Science

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Business Administration

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Microbiology

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Biomedical Engineering

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