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SIGMA CHI THRIVES THANKS TO YOU

Brothers,

I hope you are as excited about Gamma Sigma as I am. As you will see in this newsletter, our chapter is doing very well: we're gaining members, maintaining high academic standards, and giving back to the community. Your alumni support has played a significant role in this success.

Many thanks to all of you for continuing to support the Robert A. Benz Gamma Sigma White Cross Society (WCS). Last year, we received over \$42,000 in contributions, and we are closing in on the \$100,000 mark for contributions since the inception of the WCS.

Right now, the Sigma Chi Foundation is evaluating applications for \$10,000 in scholarships for this year. We also plan to reinstate our scholarship dinner this year in April. We are excited to combine this with the inaugural

leadership speaking series, featuring two-time past President of Auburn University—and our own brother—**Jay Gogue '69** as the speaker.

Our foundation is healthy, and we thank you for your support and encouragement.

If you would like to contribute to the WCS, you can use PayPal or send a check to:

Fred McCallum
2110 Longleaf Trail
Vestavia, AL 35243

In Hoc,
Alan Shackelford '90
Sigma Chi Foundation President

HOUSE CORPORATION CORNER Landscaping, Safety, and Security Plans Are Underway

Our group is constantly working on something! We have added a sidewalk from the lower parking lot to the party barn, removed a number of trees in the backyard, and are getting ready to lay some sod to spice up the backyard. A new backyard patio will be added this spring to give more outdoor seating and a new place to congregate; it will be positioned between the dining room and the dorm. The chapter is excited for this addition!

We continue to paint and refresh the house each summer, hoping to keep it attractive for recruitment efforts. The undergraduate brothers are always a big help providing labor and ideas. This coming summer, we will finalize the replacement of room air conditioners and polish and clean all floors. We intend to look closely at the

landscaping to make sure that we remain well-lit and safe. Our other concern is upgrading the security system so that we can monitor and maximize safety.

The house is in decent shape. We continue to do minor maintenance and upgrades, but we sense that the need for a new structure is on the horizon. The house corporation has begun discussions and will give everyone a report after we conclude our findings.

Our annual meeting will be at the house in October. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. I hope to see everyone this coming fall for a football game!

In Hoc,
Reid Brown '81

REACHING NEW HORIZONS

Remembering Grand Consul Buddy Metcalf '69 and His Passion for Sigma Chi

As many of you have heard, Buddy entered Chapter Eternal on February 20, 2022. This article was completed prior to his passing, and we are publishing it as planned with minor revisions. A suite in the chapter house will be named after Buddy in his honor.

From Significant Sig to Grand Consul, **Arthur "Buddy" Metcalf II '69** wore many hats throughout his Sigma Chi years. That passion for leadership began with the role of treasurer in his undergraduate years.

Gamma Sigma had not kept a formal budget prior to his taking the reins, but Buddy learned the ropes from Sigma Chi's excellent leadership program. He took those lessons and collaborated with the recruitment chairman, and they determined that they would need 32 pledges to make the budget work that year—so that became their goal.

"That taught me that there was more to this fraternity than just a Saturday night party," Buddy shared.

Buddy was drawn to Gamma Sigma by the great people he met there; the upperclassmen and leadership in the brotherhood were especially inspiring. Between those brothers and programs from the international fraternity, he learned many important lessons—especially how to work with and respect people who have a variety of opinions and convictions.

As an alumni leader, Buddy was especially proud of Sigma Chi's Horizons leadership



program, which trains qualified undergraduate members who have at least a year of college left. Before his Sigma Chi presidency, he served on the committee that helped develop the program. It has since grown from a single training class at a time to six groups a year who each participate in a six-day leadership workshop. Several universities have observed the training's success and approached Sigma Chi to learn more, incorporating lessons into their own student programs.

Buddy worked with the Horizons program for several years before serving a decade on Sigma Chi's executive committee, including as treasurer (quaestor), grand pro consul, and grand consul. He stepped down from the committee in 2003 but remained engaged with Gamma Sigma Chapter in Auburn. "The advisory board there has done a wonderful job of working with the undergraduates," he shared.

Sigma Chi had a tremendous impact on Buddy's life, and he encouraged undergraduate brothers to "soak up" as much of the fraternity as they can—to learn about the ritual, pledge manual, and history as much as possible. "It all develops into values, character, and integrity." He also asked alumni to stay involved in whatever way they can, such as joining an international program or simply attending an alumni meeting. (Buddy was president of the Atlanta Alumni Association while living there and continued to attend their annual meeting in the years after.)

Buddy believed that strong leadership will help chapters stay in good standing with their universities and that Sigma Chi values will bring young men success in their careers and lives after college. "You will bring favor and distinction to your endeavors," Buddy said.

Buddy is survived by his loving wife, daughters, granddaughters, and two grand pugs. Gamma Sigma sends condolences to Buddy's family and loved ones and is grateful for his brotherhood—and everything he did for Sigma Chi as a whole.

"It all develops into values, character, and integrity."

Welcome, 2021-22 New Members

Gregory Adcock Dallas, Texas	Ethan Chapman Homewood, Ala.	Max Forman Savannah, Ga.	Jackson Kennedy Haleyville, Ala.	R.J. Meyer Prattville, Ala.	Colin Rigor Chelsea, Ala.
Brock Baker Dallas, Texas	Noah Clayton Calera, Ala.	Jack Ryan Fulford Prattville, Ala.	Miller Kleckley Hoover, Ala.	Paul Miller Birmingham, Ala.	Jake Rowell Homewood, Ala.
Cole Barnett Fairhope, Ala.	Ashton Cobb Hoover, Ala.	Will Garner Atlanta, Ga.	Taylor Lansden Hoover, Ala.	Davis Mims Dothan, Ala.	Jayk Sailer Tifton, Ga.
Xander Billersley Wilmington, Del.	Wilson Coger Marietta, Ga.	Kemp Guas Washington, D.C.	Trey Larson West Bend, Wis.	Landen Mittrucker Roswell, Ga.	Hampton Searcy Vestavia, Ala.
Brandon Brown Marietta, Ga.	Jake Dransfield Homewood, Ala.	Russell House Birmingham, Ala.	Matthew Lisle Prattville, Ala.	William Norris Augusta, Ga.	Trevor Shaffer Pensacola, Fla.
Will Burkhart Mountain Brook, Ala.	Jake Eggleston Vestavia, Ala.	Gage Hughes Hoover, Ala.	Jackson Major Hoover, Ala.	William Parker Atlanta, Ga.	William Sharp Atlanta, Ga.
Robby Butson Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Jake Faulkner* Birmingham, Ala.	Zach Hugues Alpharetta, Ga.	Parker Manis Granite Bay, Calif.	Zane Patel Marietta, Ga.	Wilson Smith Mobile, Ala.
Cooper Cantrelle* Mandeville, La.	Logan Ferris Vestavia, Ala.	Layken Hussey Elba, Ala.	Nico Martinez Huntsville, Ala.	Cole Pendle Fairhope, Ala.	Luke Smith Birmingham, Ala.
Hayden Carroll Huntsville, Ala.	Daily Fisher Homewood, Ala.	Vincent Indovina Birmingham, Ala.	Dylan McQueen Marietta, Ga.	James Posey Andalusia, Ala.	*Legacy

AMBITION AND INTEGRITY

Brothers Demonstrate Sigma Chi Values on Campus

Last fall, Gamma Sigma Chapter finished with a 3.1 GPA, placing us 10th in Auburn's fraternity grade rankings. Recruitment is on the rise as well: the chapter is 148 strong after initiating 43 new members this past fall, followed by eight new members this spring.

On-campus involvement has increased, too, with several brothers accepting new responsibilities at Auburn! **Colin Rigor** '24 and **Vincent Indovina** '24 were selected as Camp War Eagle counselors, and this summer, they will aid and instruct incoming freshman during orientations. Meanwhile, **Will Tarter** '24 and **Richmond Maddox** '22 will serve Auburn's Interfraternity Council as director of new member education and director of public relations, respectively.

In January, the chapter partnered with Auburn's Project Uplift to host a philanthropic basketball tournament. We raised over \$1,000 in support of Project Uplift and local children in need. We've had several events and parties throughout the spring, but our top focus, of course, was Derby Days.

This year's Derby Days, held from April 3-9, was special, as it was the first in-person Derby Days we will have hosted in over 10 years! We set a \$35,000 donation goal for the chapter in support

of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. We are beyond thankful for the support of students, local businesses, and you, our alumni, in making Derby Days so impactful this year!

Alumni involvement is important to the chapter, and we extend an open invitation to all alumni who would like to take part in our festivities. We hope to see you soon! As a chapter, we are thankful for the year we have had and cannot wait for what the next has in store.

In Hoc,
Max Smith '23
Consul
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Brothers participating in our philanthropy basketball tournament in support of Project Uplift.



Brothers and guests enjoying the nice weather during an Auburn basketball watch party.



Brothers Jack Engel '23, Michael Lynden '24, Dylan McQueen '25, Chris Rotta '24, Harrison Hawkins '24, and Cole Roberts '22 rolling Toomer's Corner after an Auburn basketball win.



Brothers and guests dancing along to a local DJ at our Sigadellic Party.

CHAPTER OFFICERS



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Consul Max Smith '23	Annotator Cooper Blevins '24
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Tell us what you're up to!

How have you lent a hand in your community lately? Do you have any career highlights or family updates you'd like to share with your Sigma Chi brothers? What were you up to in the height of the pandemic? Have you reached out to any brothers for support during times of uncertainty?

Share your story, and it may appear in a future issue of *The Auburn Sig*!

Submissions can be sent to our communications coordinator at dbettenhausen@penningtonco.com.

Now more than ever it's important to stay connected to our Gamma Sigma brothers.

We hope you have a safe, healthy, and happy 2022.

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CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS! 2022 Graduates Share Their Plans

Gamma Sigma wants to ensure our seniors have all the resources they need for post-college life. Are you in one of the fields they mention below? Have any advice or professional contacts to share? If so, check out the list and give one or more of the brothers a call!

Nic Alessi
(205) 601-6288
Attending graduate school at Auburn for a master's in building construction.

Zach Lundy
(404) 983-4839
Plans to work in Pennsylvania and continue competing in rodeo.

Chris Bawcum
(205) 914-9791
Stuart DiBoyan
(770) 354-6604
Plans to go to dental school.

Harry Meyer
(912) 433-5626
David Moody
(704) 771-8778
Wants to go into alcohol sales/distribution.

Andrew Garcia
(404) 409-5069
Plans to work in Atlanta.

Palmer Parrish
(850) 933-7612
Plans to work as a flight instructor at Auburn.

Sam Johnson
(305) 601-4119

Connor Rose
(817) 995-6722
Plans on working in D.C. as a lobbyist.

