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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

An Independent Alpha Chi Goes Back to The Future

by Jim Lundy '82

The Stuckeman Chapter house reopened in August 2021 after a year of renovations, Brothers got to experience renovated bedrooms, a renovated great hall and basement and a new staff for them to work with – so they can experience Greek life to the fullest. For now Alpha Chi is known as Sigma Chi of State College PA, as we are still suspended by Penn State and now operate under the guidance of the Advisors and Sigma Chi Headquarters.

Successful Fall Semester

The Chapter has had a very successful fall semester in part due to a shift in how we operate the chapter house. It started with hiring a House Mother, Elizabeth Berryman, a Cook Angela Anderson and a Janitor – Dana Tressler. We have our team of three at the house every weekday and this model has worked. The house is clean, damage is minimal and the brothers had a successful fall semester.

Renovations – Alumni Made this Possible

Many alumni helped out over the last 1.5 years. The numerous alumni weekends for painting and renovations and the team that constructed the new fence in the side yard (see article). **Andy Gildersleeve** led the way with a massive Boiler replacement project, which is now complete.

Alumni Return for Homecoming and Auburn Game

Alpha Chi had two alumni functions this past fall- both informal. First, many came



*The Fence Crew: Front: Jake Williams
Rear: Bill Fricker, Dan Schlegel, Art Weber,
Jon Bartley, Michael Kaiser, Nick Kearney,
Donovan Wood, Byron Woodrum.*

back for the alumni game – and we had a brunch for those that did. Alumni were very happy with the reception they got. Board member **Dan Schlegel '87** commented “To a man, the brothers were very outgoing and nice to talk with. It was great spending time with them.”

Paving the Way Campaign – Phase II

We have had a great start to the Paving the Way Campaign, but we do need a much higher level of contribution to achieve our goals. I would like to personally thank **Brother Bill Wells** for his lead gift of \$10,000. Era Captains are being selected to help us have success for Phase II of our campaign. Remember, most buildings in the US are less than 50 years old. The Stuckeman House is 94 and even the Slate roof needs some work. Please leave your mark at Alpha Chi and buy a paver.

The Future Of Alpha Chi Is About All Of Us

Thanks to a lot of work by the Advisors, the Alumni Board and the Undergraduate Chapter, the future looks bright for Alpha Chi. We still need more involvement – as donors, as alumni volunteers and alumni mentors. With more legacies coming to State College, we are all happy the chapter survived and is now prepared to continue on – as we have in State College since 1891.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Blue-White Weekend April 23rd and the 32nd annual alumni weekend June 10th-12th.

32ND SIGMA CHI ALUMNI WEEKEND AND GOLF CLASSIC



The 2021 Tacky Jacket winners: John Russo, Dave Knapp, and Mike Nanz. Who will win the Jackets in 2022? Background: Scott Fozard, Joe Conaty and Art Weber.

By Scott Fozard '89, Tournament Director

It is hard to believe that this year is the 32nd anniversary of our esteemed Alumni Weekend – more universally known worldwide as the PSU Sigma Chi Golf Classic.

This year's dates are June 10-12. Registration Online registration should be open by mid-March.

For lodging, please note that the Days Inn is now closed. For downtown hotels, we recommend the Hyatt Place (Beaver Ave) or the Graduate (formerly the Atherton and now a Hilton Hotel). We are in the process of securing room blocks so more to come on that.

We have some special surprises for this year's event. With the last two years of COVID, we've obviously seen a drop off in numbers but had a great response last year. Please try to come this year and bring another brother with you. Let's try to get back into the 125 or more range and show off the depth of our Sigma Chi connections.

Lastly, the annual alumni meeting will be held on Sunday the 12th with details to follow.

Let's make it happen. See you all in June!



RENOVATIONS MEAN BETTER LIVING AT THE STUCKEMAN HOUSE

By Andy Gildersleeve '67, Alumni House Manager

The Stuckeman Chapter House has had significant work done to it over the last year. I'm pleased to share all the progress that has been made.

Boiler Kept the house warm during a Cold State College Winter

After using two different installers, our new Tandem Boiler is ready for the fall semester. This system is a highly efficient unit and it features two boilers that operate in tandem. A water pump failed along the way, but our vendor McClure had us ready to go for the fall.

Terrazzo Floor reconditioning

Over the winter break, we reconditioned our terrazzo floors in the first and second floor hallways. Jim Lundy did an amazing job cleaning, sealing and applying five coats of finish to the floors which now look nearly as good as they did 93 years ago.

Basement renovations

We also spent some money to renovate the basement. The Long Room is now white with new drywall. The entire basement now has a white epoxy floor with black speckles. It looks incredible. There is also new LED lighting being installed in the Long Room.

Roof Repairs

We found a reputable contractor who really knows slate roofs, and engaged him to perform some timely repairs to the roof of the Great Hall.

There was also a lot of other regular maintenance and repairs that were done. While I have enjoyed all my time as Alumni House Manager, we will be announcing a replacement soon. I will continue to serve Alpha Chi and also continue my work as the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter President.

ADVISOR CORNER – FOCUSING ON LEADERSHIP AND OUR FUTURE

By Art Weber '82 and Jay Holler '18

Brothers, we have had a successful Fall Semester thanks to the hard work of Consul, **Michael Kaiser** and Pro Consul **Dom Mancuso**. Dom and Michael have now overseen the addition of three pledge classes to Alpha Chi and their dedication to Alpha Chi is impressive.

It was a busy fall and besides their regular social calendar, the brothers hosted alumni for Auburn and also at Homecoming. They also had a very successful Parents Weekend.

It is a significant milestone that alumni are now returning to the chapter house. Our Homecoming event was the first in nearly six years. Nearly every alumnus that has visited has commented on how warm of a welcome they have gotten and how clean the house was.

We do have a busy spring planned with the Chapter which has rekindled its relationship with alumni, many of which are visiting the house on a regular basis.

The Alpha Chi Team: Our Janitor Dana Tressler, House Mother Elizabeth Berryman, Consul Michael Kaiser, Pro Consul Dom Mancuso, and our Cook Angela Anderson



A Big Spring and Return to Traditions

By Michael Kaiser '23, Consul

Greetings alumni brothers. My name is **Michael Kaiser** and I have been Consul at Alpha Chi since April, 2021. I was a pledge when the house got closed down, and we had a great fall semester living at the Stuckeman House. The brothers love the food that has been provided by our **Cook Angela**.

We would like to thank all of the alumni for all the work that they have put in in order to return the house back to its glory. We will respect and continue to take good care of it. Both myself and Pro Consul **Dom Mancuso** have been working hard with all of our officers and brothers to keep Sigma Chi of State College PA as one of the top fraternities at Penn State, but also one of the top chapters in Sigma Chi.

Pledge Update – 3 Classes Over Three Semesters

We had a fall pledge class of 18 and just took a new Spring Pledge class of 22. We plan to have a large

initiation at a date to be announced soon. We are also working on a return to Sigma Chi Derby Days, one of the oldest philanthropies at Penn State.



Newly elected Alpha Chi Sweetheart Sarah Stachowski with Sigma Chi brother Owen Raab

New Fence is Amazing

We also can't say enough about how great of an experience it was for active brothers to work with alumni in order to build a fence in just two days, along with planting over 40 trees. The final result looks amazing, and it will be a great place to hang out without the University watching us.

Our New Sweetheart

We also wanted to let alumni know that we did elect a new **Sweetheart Sarah Stachowski** and she was announced at our Formal in December.

We look forward to seeing alumni for spring events including initiation and our reception at the Blue-White Weekend, April 23rd.

2022 CALENDAR



April

23

Sat

Blue-White Weekend

Brunch 9-12

Game 2 PM Kickoff

June

10-12

Fri-Sun

Alumni Weekend

June 10, Golf at the White Course

June 11, Golf at the Blue Course

June 11, 5 PM Steak Bake

June 12, 9 AM Annual Alumni Meeting

October

22

Sat

Homecoming

Join us for homecoming activities - we will share the plan later this spring. Beat Minnesota (game time is TBD).

Remembering George “The Miz” Mislanovich

By Bruce Karper '75 and Mark Sixour '75

It was a sad day for **George “Miz” Mislanovich’s** Sigma Chi Family and friends to learn of his passing in July of 2021. Miz graduated in 1977 and lived in the house throughout college. He was a great guy and a lot of fun to hang with. He always had a big smile on his face. At least once a day “The Miz” would say “did you take your ugly pill yet?” or “I see you took your ugly pill!”

George retired in Johnstown, Pa and moved into his parents’ home. He was surprisingly a good athlete in his heyday and picked golf as his new challenge later in life. George attended the past several Sigma Chi Golf Alumni weekend golf outings, partnering with **Paul Herbert (75)**, **Rob Ball (75)** and **Bruce Karper (75)**. He will truly be missed! All honor to His Name!



George “Miz” Mislanovich

Farewell to Sandy Kline

By Dave Kline '66

It has been said that behind every man is an equally good woman. In the early hours of April 17, 2021 I lost that person to cancer. I am sad to report that **Sandy Kline** did fight the good fight for two and a half years, but in the end cancer won.

She passed quietly away to be with the Lord. She was my pillar and always supported and encouraged my efforts as the Alpha Chi Chapter advisor for over 16 years. Together we planned pledge dinners in our home, attended many formals, acted as the AX house mother when any undergrad needed a woman’s perspective; opened our home to pledges and brothers alike when they needed someone to talk with, and she encouraged me to attend the leadership seminars sponsored by the fraternity; never did she complain about all the Sunday chapter and executive meetings I attended nor the many trips to Province Workshop or other fraternity functions.

She will be sadly missed not only by me but many others whose hearts she touched. Our marriage of 55 years started soon after we graduated from Penn State in 1964. We had many adventures together, three children and six grandchildren, 22 years of Army life, and two successful businesses. Sandy’s dream of becoming a Christian counselor was achieved and she assisted and helped many people overcome life’s many problems.

I want to thank every Alpha Chi brother who sent flowers (White Roses were everywhere) and cards. The Alpha Chi Chapter of Sigma Chi fraternity brotherhood and the spirit of the White Cross was evident everywhere during her funeral. She would have been proud, and humbled, at the outpouring of love that she received in her death. Here is a link to her obituary: <https://kochfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2410/Sandra-Kline/obituary.html>.



Sandy Kline