



THE HUSKER SIG

Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Chi
at the University of Nebraska

CONSUL CHAPTER UPDATE

My Brothers, last spring you heard from Pro-Consul **Tyler Rademacher '20** about the feeling of excitement here at 1510 Vine Street. I'm writing to tell you that the feeling of excitement has not only continued but has been put in action here at Alpha Epsilon. Here are but a few highlights:

It starts with us sending a record nine brothers to the prestigious Krach Transformational Leadership Workshop at Bowling Green University; three of those brothers were able to go thanks to generous donations which allowed us to become a Bell Chapter. As you'll read elsewhere in the Husker Sig, over the summer our rush chairs were able to sign 31 new pledges. All 31 were initiated into the chapter, a feat that has not been accomplished in years. Also, thanks to our Philanthropy Chair and our enthusiastic brothers we've already raised over \$18,500 towards the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, which is well over twice the amount we raised last year in total, and we still have another semester to go!

As we enter 2020, I am excited about what Alpha Epsilon has ahead of itself. We have outlined a clear direction going forward — that of continuous improvement, especially with academics — and the whole chapter is behind it. The chapter has developed strong, new bylaws to better ourselves as men. One of these bylaws is a new academic bylaw in which rewards members for contributing towards the house's cumulative GPA requirements, and constructively pushes the ones that fall below that benchmark. Our current goal is to have a cumulative house GPA that is above a 3.2. We have a lot to look forward to in the spring including philanthropies, service events and another year of moving forward in the books for Alpha Epsilon. The house is striving to once again become a Peterson Award-winning chapter, and as this goes to press we are on the track to achieve that. We are on the right path and look forward to reaping the rewards.



Everyone jumps in celebration after a successful spring initiation.

We created the new position of Alumni Relations Chair which brother **Zane Dravitzki '21** was elected to. This is to foster a better relationship with the Alumni for which we have so much to thank for keeping this house around. Thanks to Brothers **Steve Davis '67** and **Woody Denker '77** for organizing a great Homecoming weekend last fall and getting the Sigs of the Sixties and other generations back together once again. The men at the house enjoyed listening to stories from the past that the attending alums shared.

The COVID-19 virus has drastically changed how we normally operate at Alpha Epsilon. First, we all have moved out of the house except for our House Dad **Chris Burma '16** as of March 20. Second, as we are following UNL's request to not have any more philanthropic events that include large gatherings, Derby Days has been canceled as well as group service activities. Third, with UNL's classes being moved online our active brothers have

gone back home to spend time with their families across the country. With this all being said, there is still a strong bond between the brothers that will last through this virus and continue to work towards and complete the goals we have set in place.

Lastly, Brothers, I want to make myself available to you. Should you want to give me your thoughts, concerns or ask me a question, I will gladly respond. I can be reached at colincrayne28@gmail.com or at 952-693-6394. I welcome the opportunity to speak with any Sigma Chi alumni, especially those of Alpha Epsilon who have walked these halls before us.

Together, we are better. Together, we are Sigs in the bond well beyond those four years we shared. Together, we are Alpha Epsilon.

In hoc,
Colin Crayne '20 (Legacy to Teddy Wright '93)
President of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity

GREATER NEBRASKA AREA ALUMNI CHAPTER UPDATE

Congratulations are in order as 2019 marked the ten-year anniversary of the Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter. Among other achievements, I'm proud of the fact that we have been able to create a stable financial position because of the consistent dues support of our alumni group. With continued support from our broad base of alumni, we will continue to sustain that strong financial position and be able to support the local undergraduate chapter...and to publish the Husker Sig.

The Alumni Chapter officers held their annual meeting on January 24, 2020. A good deal of discussion took place on the history of alumni support — monetarily and from the standpoint of involvement in the Chapter. We also spent time reviewing our activities in 2019 and planning for 2020.

We will continue to support the active chapter as needed and attend events when our brothers at 1510 Vine Street make the call for support. The newsletters have been and continue to be coordinated by **J. Steve Davis** since 2008. The Spring addition will keep our alumni brothers informed about the active chapter status. In 2018 and again in 2019, we decided to send a direct letter to our alumni brothers for annual dues. In 2018, we had the best year of dues collection in our ten-year history. The 2019 results were finalized on January 24, 2019 and we had another great year of dues support. That reported, the more support we are given, the more we are able to provide for the undergraduate chapter as it continues to grow and prosper. Thank you for the generous support from those of you who have been “faithful to the cause” over this past decade. If you haven't joined up in supporting our alumni chapter, we encourage you to do so...whether you live in Lincoln and get a chance to experience what we are doing here in person or whether the years have taken you far away. We have a number of faithful alumni supporters from out state in Nebraska and out of state from various different parts of the country. I always say that we have all benefitted from “standing on the shoulders” of the good brothers who passed the way of 1510 Vine before us. Now is the opportunity for us to be the strong shoulders!

Further to our memories of 2019, we had an excellent luncheon at The Resort at Firethorn on March 14, 2019. 25 brothers attended, broke

bread and watched some of the opening rounds of March Madness, a special memory now that March Madness was canceled for 2020!

On April 5, 2019, the Landis Scholarship and Donald T. Meier Scholarship were presented by Alumni Chapter President **Curt Denker** at the Sigma Chi Parents Dinner. Brother **Eli Sherman**, a Sophomore Political Science major from Omaha, Nebraska, was recognized at the recipient of the Landis scholarship while brother **Austin Barber**, a Sophomore Criminal Justice major from Hickman, Nebraska, won the Donald T. Meier scholarship. Both awards are based largely on academic achievement. Also presented was the more recent The Alpha Epsilon Generosity Award to **Griffin Overbeck**, a Junior Special Education major from Downers Grove, Illinois. This award is in memory of Mick Dragoo '64, the lead donor to the multi-million-dollar Capital Campaign renovation of 1510 Vine in 2015. The same three awards will be presented at future Parents Night's for years to come.

Our alumni Homecoming reception was held on Friday, October 4, 2019 at Windsor Stables with 37 alumni brothers and spouses attending. We were joined by ten or more outstanding young undergraduates. This is traditionally an event that takes place on game day, but given the unusual scheduling of the Saturday game against Northwestern, we opted for a Friday evening event, which we believe impacted our attendance.

Speaking of participation, as far as we're concerned, we seldom have enough attendance for our alumni chapter events. However, we have compared stories with other Sigma Chi Alumni Chapters and we are all experiencing similar results. Honestly, our alumni brother's attendance at luncheons and homecoming events seems to compare favorably with most other alumni chapters, even if they happen to be in much larger metro areas.

Our plans for 2020 have recently been challenged by the coronavirus pandemic. We had scheduled a March Madness luncheon on Thursday, March 19, 2020 but ended up canceling given the rapidly changing environment as well as the decision to shut down UNL at the end of the week on March 13. Shortly after the UNL decision, the Sigma

Chi Building Corporation decided to close 1510 Vine Street for the remainder of the semester. The majority of Greek houses have followed suit.

The Spring Husker Sig should be out before the end of April 2020. We will send out our 2020 dues letter by the first week in September 2020. The remaining events for 2020 will depend on challenges created by the coronavirus. A homecoming celebration is in preliminary planning by our officer group, largely waiting for the University to declare the Husker's homecoming opponent and date.

As your Alumni Chapter President, I am pleased to report that the chapter house facility and finances is in the excellent hands of brother **Trey Pittenger '00**. Trey continues to serve as President of the Sigma Chi Building Corporation, handling the financial affairs and working with the students to honor the house, keeping it in good condition and at full capacity. **Dr. Michael Cover**, is our Chapter Advisor and leads in a sterling “hands-on” way. He has connected with local leadership on campus and keeps our Alumni Chapter informed on the progress of the membership. **Chris Burma**, our live-in House Dad, continues to exceed the needs and expectations of our students and works extremely well with Trey and Dr. Cover.

Chapter elections took place recently and new Leadership at 1510 Vine Street is being put in place. Membership is almost at 100 and we have 45 members living in, which makes us cash flow positive while maintaining competitive housing features versus that offered by the University. Financially, we are in excellent shape and plan to release guarantors of our loan this year.

In closing, I am pleased to report that the current alumni officers put in place for the past ten years have committed again for 2020. Brothers, our local alumni chapter progress has been steady over the past ten years. We continue to have some challenges but I am confident that we are in a much better place with the current leadership guiding our Alpha Epsilon members at 1510 Vine Street and handling the financial affairs of the Sigma Chi Building Corporation.

In hoc,

**Curt “Woody” Denker, President
Greater Nebraska Area Alumni Chapter**



GIVING BACK: PHILANTHROPY THRIVES

Alpha Epsilon has set a new record for philanthropic giving this year! We're gratified that this strategic initiative has generated over \$18,500, which will be donated to our ongoing commitment to support the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute. While this sets a new standard for us, we are committed to reaching the \$20,000 mark to meet the Peterson Award benchmark for undergraduate chapters.

This fall semester, our significant results were built around three core philanthropies: Dunk a Sig, Caramel for a Cause, and Christmas with the Sigs.

Dunk a Sig is our newest and first philanthropy of the semester, held on September 4, 2019. We had a dunk tank outside of our house where people could throw balls and try to dunk our brothers in the dunk tank. Our brothers contributed to the cause by some exceptional marketing: designing and creating banners, making t-shirts, selling



Spencer Stewart '22 gets ready to be dunked during the Dunk a Sig philanthropy.



All smiles while raising money for cancer during the Dunk a Sig philanthropy.

tickets, and participating in the event itself. This new philanthropy was a hit and will be continued in the future fall semesters.

We partnered with Caramel for a Cause and the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority late this fall. Together we served caramel apples and hot chocolate to eager customers at the Alpha Xi house who welcomed the chance to warm up in our cold Lincoln weather. A great side benefit to this philanthropic endeavor was that the brothers made great connections with the Alpha Xi's.

Our most recent philanthropic event for the fall term, Christmas with the Sigs, took place on December 4, just prior to Christmas break. We hosted the event at the Sig house. One of our brothers, **Jimmy Whebbe '23**, dressed up as a great Santa look alike and had a number of pictures taken with our guests throughout the event. We also had Christmas cookie decorating as well as a photo booth — all of

which generated revenue for the cause. Several brothers even brought their dogs as our own answers for reindeer, which was a big hit.

This spring semester, we are already off to a fast start. We have raised \$1000 by having the highest attendance at one of our biggest home wrestling duals with Penn State at the Devaney Center, where we beat out every other Greek house on campus...a gratifying achievement which reflected nicely on the White Cross.

Our scheduled philanthropic events for the balance of the spring semester are now somewhat uncertain given the unanticipated early end of on campus activity because of the coronavirus. Derby Day, our big spring philanthropy on campus, was originally scheduled to take place on March 30. As this issue of the Husker Sig goes to press, we are considering our alternatives in rescheduling events and making a general appeal for donations. If alumni brothers reading this would like to contribute, they may do so by reaching out to undergraduate brother **Anders Freeland '23** at andersfreeland@gmail.com. Undaunted by the coronavirus, we are determined to reach the \$20,000 benchmark to qualify for the Peterson award.

After the success of the fall semester, we hope to keep momentum strong and raise even more to help Huntsman fight and find a cure for cancer.

In hoc,
Jack Moreland '21

NEW BYLAW TO AID ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Alpha Epsilon developed and adopted a new academic bylaw effective January 13, 2020. Its aim is to sharpen attitudes within the house regarding the essential importance of academic performance among all members of the house. This ambitious and focused bylaw provides specific provisions which hold all members accountable for the marks they receive. It has been adopted as a result of falling academic achievement on the part of the Chapter in the spring semester of 2019. Our chapter advisor, **Dr. Mike Cover**, has been highly involved in the creation of new academic goals and this new bylaw initiative, which formalizes the chapter's desire to improve academically.

The new bylaw contains a tiered probation system that is designed to get incrementally more intensive in the event that a brother's

grades begin to fall. On experiencing a Tier One probation a member must complete 8 weekly study hours and undergo weekly grade checks with the Scholarship chair. Social probation can be given if a member fails to complete either of these requirements each week for the following week. If a more serious Tier Two probation happens, a member is automatically placed on social probation for the first 8 weeks of the semester. In addition to the 12 weekly study hours and satisfactory grade checks that are included in Tier One probation, an active on Tier Two must also formulate a specific study plan which must be approved by the house academic committee — headed up by the Scholarship Chair. This study plan will be routinely tracked by an appointed academic mentor within the house. Technology for tracking these study hours has been implemented using the Greek Study app

which is assigned to each individual person in Tier One and Tier Two and we have identified certain approved locations as valid study places where a member can log study hours. Implementation and enforcement of this new bylaw promises to create a more transparent and organized system for tracking study hours and prioritizing class attendance over social events.

We have great hopes that this new bylaw will contribute to a rising GPA in the house in the near term while setting a path to adopt a healthier academic culture within the house for the longer term. We regard this program as unique within the history of Alpha Epsilon... may it be equally unique in its results.

In hoc,
Keller Barry '22

ALPHA EPSILON INITIATES NEW PLEDGE CLASS WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE



Our 31-member fall pledge class (who all showed up for this picture!).

On October 12, 2019, Alpha Epsilon initiated 31 new brothers who completed the P4B Pledge program and became active members. This new outstanding class has a bright future in our eyes and comes from far and near beyond the state of Nebraska... including Arkansas, California, Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey and Texas. The house is truly becoming more and more diverse, with almost 38% of these new initiates coming from out of state... further evidence that “there is no place like Nebraska” as the iconic old song goes!

Speaking of diversity, this class has 16 different majors...composed of 80% freshmen and 20% sophomores.

Many of these recently initiated brothers have already expressed interest in leadership positions within the fraternity and will make a great impact both in the house and on campus as they actively pursue their college degrees. We welcome our new brothers, lifeblood of Sigma Chi:

Jackson Anderson, Louisville, KY

Kaleb Brady, Lincoln, NE

Corey Carpenter, Lincoln, NE

Alex Cathcart, Los Angeles, CA

Ben Christiansen, Lincoln, NE

Jack Christiansen, Lincoln, NE

Matt Dutka, Lumberton, NJ

Tyler Fendrick, Omaha, NE

Gage Fintel, Overland Park, KS

Anders Freeland, Edina, MN

Chad Gratton, Omaha, NE

Chris Karmazin, Lincoln, NE

Mason Krause, Omaha, NE

Connor Lardenoit, Lincoln, NE

Barret Meeks, Lincoln, NE

Evan Miller, Lincoln, NE

Claude Mueller, Northbrook, IL

Alex Prentice, Eagan, MN

Ryan Sanchez, Omaha, NE

Eli Schmal, Lincoln, NE

Jay Silgen, Eagan, MN

Noah Tuebo, Dallas, TX

Sam Vernon, Lincoln, NE

Armon Watson, Little Rock, AR

Noah Wilger, Lincoln, NE

Jake Wilkinson, Lincoln, NE

Braydon Williams, Lincoln, NE

Jimmy Whebbe, Rosemount, MN

Andrew Woods, Eagan, MN

Brandon Zohlen, Omaha, NE

In addition to our 2019 fall pledge class, we were privileged to recruit a 3-man spring pledge class who were initiated on February 22nd this year. With their initiation it puts us at 95 members, which is the largest number of actives we have had in a number of years.

All in all, we are very eager for our February and our fall pledge classes to make an immediate impact in the house and continue that for years to come. We have high aspirations for these men to climb the ranks of Alpha Epsilon.

Congratulations to our Rush Chairs, **Dane O'Dell**, **Sean Gohman**, and **Bobby Martin** for an outstanding job!

In hoc,
Garrett Sanders '22



February Initiates: Grant Hollinger (Stromsburg), Nick Bisesi (Lincoln), and Trevor Clark (Benedict)



SIGS INVOLVED ACROSS CAMPUS

Sigma Chi's stated mission to develop leaders on campus whose focus is on excellence is well known. About 75% of the AE chapter is involved in at least one extracurricular campus activity. While space won't allow a full accounting of all the worthwhile activities in which our brothers are involved, what follows is a short report to give the reader a broad-stroke idea about our culture of involvement at UNL.

In the fall semester, we had over 50 brothers who were actively involved in extracurricular campus initiatives and organizations, bringing luster to the White Cross. Here are but a few of the brothers who went above and beyond as they

navigate through their collegiate journey and broaden their experiences:

Chase Blum '22 is currently in the process of founding a campus non-profit to raise funds to build wells for impoverished villages in Africa. **Alex Rooney '22** and **Chris Karmazin '23** are both enrolled in the ROTC program on campus. **Mitchell Krohn '20** continues to be the Secretary of the Big Red Investment Club on campus. Mitch and his colleagues in the Club traveled to New York in March to observe Wall Street up close. **Griffin Overbeck '20** serves as a New Student Enrollment leader and continues to mentor students grades 1–12 in the Nebraska Human Resource Institute's distinguished leadership mentoring program. ...and the list goes on! We are particularly keen on our new large pledge class broadening their experience and service by getting involved across campus and are encouraging them to do so.

The men of Alpha Epsilon bring many different temperaments, talents, and convictions to UNL. Having the opportunity to be involved on campus adds to the rich tradition of Alpha Epsilon. Involvement in these sort of extracurricular activities not only works for the better good;



Back row left to right: Ulysses Rooney '22 and Chris Karmazin '23 pose with their unit at last fall's Ranger Challenge

it will, in our experience, add to our members success in the future post graduation.

We are very proud of our brothers at the Alpha Epsilon chapter who strive to make UNL the remarkable university it is. In doing so, they are spreading the values of Sigma Chi to other individuals across the campus and the city. We salute these Sig volunteers who dedicate themselves beyond the classroom and push others to contribute across many worthwhile activities!

In hoc,
Mitchell Krohn '20



Chase Blum '22 accepts a \$1000 check to Thirst, a non-profit student organization that he co-founded

A SIGMA CHI FOR LEADERS

Since joining Sigma Chi in the fall of 2018, I have observed that the Alpha Epsilon chapter has had a strong focus on developing leadership excellence on campus and in all walks of life. Not surprisingly, over 75% of our chapter is involved in one or more extracurricular activities on campus beyond Sigma Chi.

In my time as an undergraduate in Alpha Epsilon, I have been honored to attend two leadership conferences hosted by our International Fraternity: the Huntsman Horizon Leadership Summit and the Krach Balfour Leadership Seminar (KBLS). Both of these conferences provided me an opportunity to network with brothers from across the globe and to access the tools and experiences to improve myself as a leader.

I attended Horizons this past summer, having been selected to attend with the extra slot Alpha Epsilon was allocated when it achieved Bell Chapter status. At Horizons, I spent a week in the mountains of Utah with other aspiring Sigma Chi undergraduates diving

into topics like becoming a values based leader, understanding my personality styles, and learning about strategic envisioning and planning. The underpinning objective of Horizons was to insure that attendees would have the knowledge and tools to better exemplify the Jordan Standard and to be a better values-based leader.

To this day, I continue to share valuable experiences with my small group of brothers and others who attended Horizons. We all talk about what works well in our chapters and help each other out with issues facing us. Horizons was not only a great experience in learning to become a stronger leader, but I made great connections from brothers across the world which I believe will be life long.

This past summer I was also invited to attend the KBLS at Bowling Green University, but was unable to attend. Brother **Jeremy Webb '22**, gladly took up my spot. Here are a few of his remarks about his experience at KBLS this past summer:

"The Krach Balfour Leadership Seminar was one of the greatest experiences of my life! Our chapter took nine brothers to this workshop last summer. It was great to bond with them and learn how we can better serve our chapter. I attended the Quaestor track, taking the place of Bobby Martin this summer, learning how to better manage the finances of the chapter and be a leader at the same time. KBLS was a great practical experience, allowing each of us in our own way to strategically plan for our chapter, while providing for some of the best ever bonding with the brothers."

All in all, the leadership opportunities that Sigma Chi provides its brothers are unrivaled. Sigma Chi is not just any fraternity — we are the leaders of men, not only on campus, but in all aspects of life.

In hoc,
Bobby Martin '22

CHAPTER ADVISOR: ACCENT ON ACCOUNTABILITY

This past summer, I was privileged to attend the first annual Krach Transformation Leadership Workshop (KTLW) for Sigma Chi. I had not been to Bowling Green for a Leadership Training Workshop since I was Consul 30 plus years ago at the University of Wyoming!

I participated as a teaching faculty member for the Consul's Division, a critical linchpin in the leadership of the undergraduate chapters. The theme among faculty members in all divisions was incredibly important and timely...*accountability!* I learned that the issues Alpha Epsilon (AE) faces are very similar to those faced by every chapter, beginning with engaging 20-year-old men on understanding the importance of accountability and to accept the challenge of being accountable. A significant part of the focus at KTLW was to give young men the tools to motivate, adopt a culture of accountability, and comply with newer and more stringent headquarters curriculum regarding pledge training practices, alcohol policy, and risk management.

Alpha Epsilon sent nine active brothers to KTLW; a major achievement! I feel the attendance of these young leaders of Alpha Epsilon and their specific adoption of an accountability mentality has been pivotal in creating the early successes we are experiencing this fall at 1510 Vine. Further dividends are yet to come, including a Peterson Award, but the AE plan for instilling personal accountability for all members is tangible and my expectations are high that our present membership will deliver in this critical area underpinning the health of the house.

In other sections of the Husker Sig you will hear about our incredible summer rush where 31 pledges chose AE over other top houses on the row. All 31 members are now active members, a rare 100% success rate for initiation. I'd also observe that our more stringent alcohol policy is working, and the house is full strength when it comes to a social presence on campus! Thanks to our current leadership at Alpha Epsilon: Consul Colin Crayne, Proconsul Caleb Cover, Magister Garrett Sanderson, Quaestor Bobby Martin, Head Rush Chairman Dane O'Dell, and all of the many hard-working officers

that have implemented what they learned at KTLW into action for the chapter.

As you can discern from my report, I am highly enthusiastic about the state of the chapter. However, there is substantial work to be done going forward. In this particular report, I'd like to specifically address *accountability in the context of academic performance*.

This semester I challenged the active chapter to do materially better with their grades. In the not too distant past we were within the top 10 fraternities at UNL, but last semester we slipped. Our academic achievement fell below a 3.0 GPA, which placed us at the lower end of fraternity ratings. The leadership has agreed that this level of performance is unacceptable. As a result, I have challenged the active chapter to completely overhaul their academic policies of how we handle members who "didn't make grades" and to develop a tangible goal-oriented plan that addressed time management, study habits, cell phone use and distraction. This sort of planning is grounded in the principle of personal accountability and specifically designed to help the brothers meet their potential rather than just simply removing members who are not academically competitive.

The active chapter responded to this challenge in part by writing a strong, new, bylaw which has 100% house support. Academic standards for brothers in good standing mean they have an overall cumulative GPA of a 2.90 or above. The bylaw separates brothers on academic probation into two categories: a tier one (previous semester GPA 2.89 to 2.50) and tier two violation (semester GPA less than 2.5). Brothers designated on tier two academic probation are further separated into above/below 2.0 GPA. The academic guidelines developed by the active chapter are designed to provide tangible academic assistance to move a brother out of academic trouble. In general, students on tier one violation must complete eight structured study hours each week and provide grade checks every two weeks showing academic progress to the scholarship chairman. If these basic rules are not met, the brother is on social probation the following week and may not attend any social events. Tier two students with below 2.50 GPA will be on social probation for the first eight weeks of

the semester. They may appeal this probation after four weeks if their grades support a discussion. They are required to complete 12 study hours a week and will have weekly grade checks as well. They must have and meet with an academic mentor every two weeks, create a study plan, and present it to the academic committee. If their current semester GPA is not above 2.90 they are not allowed to attend a social event. Successful tier two students go to tier one until such time as they meet the house required GPA.

The criteria set up by the active chapter is even more stringent for brothers who fall below a 2.00 GPA, including a vote of confidence to remove them from active status until they achieve a GPA of 2.90 or above. A phone app allows the scholarship chairman to know if members who find themselves in tier one or two are studying or on their smartphone. Needless to say, the brothers are truly trying to help one another, and at the same time hold each other accountable. Grades matter in order to achieve the Peterson Award.

The men at 1510 Vine Street are putting forth a great deal of effort to adopt a robust culture of accountability, as an early step, returning the Peterson Award to our chapter as emblematic of that accountability.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to become more involved with the Alpha Epsilon Chapter on its journey, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. Plenty of room remains for those interested in seeing the house thrive in this new era of accountability!

In hoc,
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A WORD ABOUT HOMECOMING AT 1510 VINE

Homecoming is always a special time at 1510 Vine Street. Our fall reception at the house last October was no exception. We welcomed AE alums and their significant others in the house as a prelude to the homecoming football game, in which the Huskers eked out an all-too-infrequent victory over Northwestern. Greeting the alums at the house was a display we developed along with four other houses on campus: Alpha Chi Omega; Alpha Gamma Sigma; Chi Omega; and Lambda Phi Epsilon. Upon this special anniversary for the University, we adopted their theme “150 Years of Grit and Glory” in building our display.

In our yard, we spent countless hours designing, building and decorating our float and it turned out to be one of our best yet. We designed a three-dimensional storyboard of the history of the university to show off to the community and it was extremely well received. Although we did not win first place, it was no doubt a fan favorite of many students on campus and drew favorable looks from everyone who passed by on their way to class.



Brothers Jackson Anderson '23 and Ben Christensen '23 pose with the trophy after winning the Homecoming Dance Off.

A highlight of homecoming week for us was the Homecoming Dance Off, where brothers **Jackson Anderson '23** and **Ben Christensen '23** lit up the dance floor, taking home the Gold Medal. Homecoming was a great experience for all involved and truly cemented our emphasis on how important this time honored tradition is for undergraduates and alums alike.

Watch for an announcement about 2020 Homecoming later from the Greater Nebraska Alumni Chapter and check in as fall approaches on our AE website (www.unsigmachis.com). Looking forward to seeing you in 2020 at 1510 Vine Street!

In hoc,
Peter Alfini '22

As the Husker Sig goes to press, Homecoming plans for 2020 are in development; however, because of the disruption caused by the shorter-than-anticipated Spring term because of the coronavirus and the fact that the University has yet to identify our Homecoming opponent, we do not yet have a firm date to announce to alums.



2019 Homecoming display at the Sig house

SNEAK PEEK: LOOK WHAT IS COMING BACK!

Brothers, I bring some exciting news! We are in the process of bringing back one of our biggest and most successful philanthropies: Sigma Chi Fight Night. We started a process of investigating the possibilities for doing so last fall, working with the university and the USA Boxing Association to bring this back to Lincoln. However, we ran into a good deal of red tape, funding and timing issues, so we felt

compelled to point our efforts towards a 2020 relaunch of this classic event. Hard to fathom, but it has been over a decade since our chapter at Lincoln has had fight night!

We are starting the process again to be able to bring it back for the fall in order to have enough time to be able to prepare. While we have been raising funds to support this cause, financial support is still needed. If

possible, any donated funds would be greatly appreciated to get our iconic Sigma Chi Fight Night off the ground again. Simply contact me at ryanoco22@gmail.com for further details if you are interested in helping us relaunch this promising philanthropy.

In hoc,
Ryan O'Connell, '22

VISIT AE ONLINE

We publish a hard copy of *The Husker Sig* twice a year with support from your annual dues to the Greater Nebraska Area Alumni Chapter. We hope you enjoy it. Remember to “fill in the blanks” between the printed editions of *The Husker Sig* by visiting our website, which is dedicated to undergraduate and alumni interests alike. We’re working on getting better and faster at posting news, and the more you use it, the better we’ll get! Visit Alpha Epsilon at www.unlsigmachi.com.



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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR SPRING SEMESTER TERM

It takes a lot of enthusiastic brothers to successfully run the day in and day out affairs of Alpha Epsilon. The Chapter held spirited elections over the last few weeks of class in 2019, filling no less than 25 key leadership positions. We’re pleased to announce that the following men are serving Alpha Epsilon in key roles. Their terms of office were originally set to run from January 13, 2020 to late April, which is when the elections for the Fall 2020 semester were scheduled to take place. Unfortunately, like the rest of the country we are still adjusting schedules and plans in light of the coronavirus epidemic, which resulted in a truncated school year — ending on-campus activities in early March — at UNL. As this goes to press, we are working on how exactly to continue to provide for excellence in leadership through an electoral process for the Fall of 2020.

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