



# Sigma Alpha Alumni News

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## Greetings Sigma Alpha Alumni!

As I write this April is coming to a close and I'm wondering what type of weather May has in store for us.

Besides the weather, I'm also wondering what the upcoming months and years have in store for Sigma Alpha, both the active and alumni chapters.

Remember the late nights sitting up and talking or just having dinner with your sisters? We all have memories from the house. In the last newsletter, Jenell Jensen wrote about the new national by-laws regarding chapter houses and the need to form a housing corporation. The formation of a housing corporation is needed to continue operation of the Sigma Alpha house. Jenell has generously given her time to research and begin formation of the house corporation. However, she needs your help! In order to pass on the memories to future ladies of the Alpha chapter, we need alumni members to step up and serve on this corporation.

Also, the alumni association needs our sisters to be an active part of our organization. I know we all lead busy lives, have jobs, families, etc. However there are many ways for you to help out or serve the alumni association and your fellow sisters. You can help in locating missing sisters, participating in meetings (we only have three per year), attending social events (like the homecoming tailgate) or paying on lifetime dues.

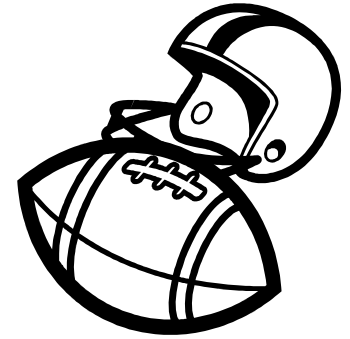
I hope that, while reading this edition of the newsletter, you reflect on your time in Sigma Alpha and the friendships that you've made. What contributions can you make to ensure that those friendships and memories are passed on to future generations of Sigma Alpha women?

I look forward to serving the alumni association over the next two years. If you have any questions or suggestions about the alumni association, please feel free to contact me at (740) 664-6635 or [ebrooks243@hotmail.com](mailto:ebrooks243@hotmail.com).

In Sisterhood,  
Erin Brooks  
Alumni President

## Annual Football Tailgate

Come and cheer our boys to victory over Michigan State!



**When:** Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
2 hours before kickoff  
(10am tentative)

**Where:** Vivian Hall Parking lot  
2121 Fyffe Road, across from Ag Admin

**Who:** Alumni, Actives and their families.

Please bring a side dish to share and your beverage of choice. We are permitted to drink at official SA Alumni function, but OSU alcohol rules will be in effect. (so *keep it hidden*) We will have a TV to watch the game. Kids are welcome. Since this is Homecoming, kick off is traditionally 12:05pm. If this is the case the tailgate will start at 10am. Check [ohiostatebuckeyes.com](http://ohiostatebuckeyes.com) for kickoff times.

For information about Homecoming week and events log onto <http://ohiounion.osu.edu/homecoming/default.asp>

**RSVP to Becky Reed by **OCTOBER 1**,  
phone (937)342-0629 or e-mail  
[grandview@glasscity.net](mailto:grandview@glasscity.net)**

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## Founder's Day 2005 Minutes

The February 27, 2005 Sigma Alpha Ohio State Alumni Chapter Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm by Jenell Jensen, Board President, in the Agricultural Administration building at The Ohio State University. Six members and one active chapter advisor were present either in person or via teleconference.

### Officer Reports:

#### President

We have done a good job of accomplishing our 2004-05 goals. The June 04, September 04 & February 05 newsletters were sent out to everyone. Retention memberships look good. The Board meetings have taken place as scheduled. The alumni chapter sponsored the homecoming tailgate. Erin took care of sponsoring one active chapter event and a rush activity for spring & fall 04. In addition we are ordering pizza for their Mary Kay party. She also sent a Valentine's Day package to the house. Jenell included her National Convention update in the Feb 05 newsletter.

#### Housing Issues

The alumni member based House Corporation will lease and be responsible for the operations of the chapter house. Sereana Dresbach is going to help Jenell, the head of the housing committee. The House Corporation will be a separate legal entity from the incorporate alumni chapter.

#### Secretary

The minutes of the April 2004 Annual Chapter Business meeting were read. The minutes were approved as written by Christina Howard, Board Secretary. Christina will work with Jenell to get the membership list updated.

#### Treasurer

As of February 26, 2005

Checking Account Balance	\$3,712.87
Operating fund within checking	\$1,280.64
Scholarship fund within checking	\$2,432.23
House Fund CD (1.24%)	\$5,596.08
Maturity Date 10-17-05	

Membership Count at present time (Alumni in good standing)

(All numbers based on payments as of 12-31-04)

Ohio Lifetime members paid in full	29 Alumni
Ohio Lifetime memberships being paid on	20 Alumni
Annual Ohio members	15 Alumni
Total Membership	64 Alumni

Graduating 2004 Senior Members  
confirmation) 6 (pending

Dues collected since last mtg Sept 04 \$0

National SA Alumni association Lifetime members	18 Alumni
Annual National SA Alumni association members	5 Alumni

2005-06 annual dues have been set for \$25.00

\$15.00 for chapter operating fund

\$10.00 for scholarship fund

No house fund dues at this time

Lifetime dues are \$300.00 in payments of at least \$50.00 per year for six years.

Dues are due to Christy by April 30, 2005. This will allow you to vote at the 2006 Founder's Day and to be included on the Ohio State Alumni membership list sent to the National Alumni Association in September 2005. If you are interested in paying Sigma Alpha National Alumni Association dues please contact them directly. National dues are due September 30, 2005.

### Members at Large/Committee Reports

Carmen- If anyone has any additions/updates for the web site please let her know.

Sarah Jane - None.

Becky - None.

Erin - She sent a Valentine's Day box and is keeping in touch with Anna, Active chapter President, to help meet their needs.

Scholarship - Christy updated the scholarship application and sent it to Pat Rigby for distribution, deadline for submissions is 4-4-05. The Board will review and select at next meeting, 4-17-05.



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## Founder's Day 2005 Minutes Continued

**Old Business** - None.

### **New Business:**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the required Officer positions of President, Vice President and Secretary were appointed by the Board, as well as two optional Director positions. Underlined officer positions are required.

- President: Erin Brooks - Term February 2005 - February 2007
- Vice President: Sarah Duffy - Term February 2005 - February 2006
- Secretary: Incumbent Christina Howard - Term February 2005 - February 2007
- Treasurer: Christy Montoya - Term February 2004 - February 2006
- Director: Incumbent Carmen Kenney - Term February 2005 - February 2007
- Director: Becky Reed - Term February 2004 - February 2006
- Director: Jenell Jensen - Term February 2005 - February 2006

- Sarah Jane moved and Erin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:28pm. Motion passed.

### **Purpose of Alumni Chapter:**

*To serve the active chapter and to maintain the bonds of friendship among the Alumni.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Howard  
Ohio State Alumni Secretary  
April 17, 2005

Would you like to receive the  
newsletter electronically?  
Send your email address to  
**sarahjduffy@hotmail.com**

## Congratulations!

The Alumni Chapter would like to recognize **Katelin McKnight** for her accomplishments. Congratulations Katelin, on winning the **2005 Pamela Blakeslee Scholarship!** Keep up the good work!

### **New active officers and their email addresses are:**

President	Amber Cox	cox.471@osu.edu
1st Vice Pres.	Kyle Anderson	Anderson.1179@osu.edu
2nd Vice Pres.	Anna Leis	leis.20@osu.edu
Treasurer	Katelin McKnight	mcknight.56@osu.edu
Secretary	Laura Stacklin	Stacklin.16@osu.edu
Rush Chair	Rachel Bowers	bowers.218@osu.edu
Social Chair	Becky Gibbs	gibbs.141@osu.edu

*We would also like to recognize the 2005 Active Chapter Graduates. Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors! Welcome to the ranks of Alumni. We hope you will continue to be active in the sorority.*

### Winter 2005

- ❖ Amy Schuhart

### Spring 2005

- ❖ Ashley Bushman
- ❖ Katie Grove
- ❖ Sarah Ruffing
- ❖ Lori Martin



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## Newsorthy Events and Achievements

- ◆ Linde Calhoun married David Sutherly on February 5th. She owns a livestock photography business. [linde@lindelivestockphotos.com](mailto:linde@lindelivestockphotos.com)
- ◆ Jaime Chalk has taken a job with L'Ecole No. 41 Winery, in Walla Walla, Washington. [jaimechalk@yahoo.com](mailto:jaimechalk@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Heather Clement Lesch and John had their third boy, Adam James, on January 18. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 19 1/4 inches. They are farming in Western NY and have recently acquired a family sweet corn stand they will be running this year. Heather stays home full time and take care of their three boys, Jacob, 6, Braden, 4, and Adam.
- ◆ Wendy Funderburg is engaged to Jake Osborn.
- ◆ Melissa Ernst was promoted to Meetings/Event Planner and Customer Visit Coordinator for Swift & Company, in Greeley, CO. She is also working on her MBA. [Melissa.Ernst@swiftbrands.com](mailto:Melissa.Ernst@swiftbrands.com)
- ◆ Congrats to Karissa Rhamey Ulmer. She was nominated for the Sigma Alpha Woman of the Year award, an award given by the Clemson Chapter.
- ◆ Candie Whittington-Glover relocated to Auburn, Alabama. Her husband, David, was accepted to the Ph.D. program at Auburn University. She is a nanny for two girls. [candieglover@yahoo.com](mailto:candieglover@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Jennie Winters is engaged to Philip Small. They bought a house in Howard, OH.

Find it at



[www.SigmaAlpha.org!](http://www.SigmaAlpha.org!)

- 📧 National Officer Application (National Board and National Alumni Board) are due e-mailed or postmarked by September 1, 2005.
- 📧 Returning to school? Sigma Alpha National Alumni Scholarship Applications.
- 📧 The National Alumni Association has been working with Valerie Russell Gourmet Coffees to market a coffee especially for Sigma Alpha. A \$1 is donated to the Scholarship Fund for ever bag purchased! To check out this delicious product, go to [www.valerierussell.com/sigma\\_alpha\\_fundraiser](http://www.valerierussell.com/sigma_alpha_fundraiser)
- 📧 On January 22, the National Alumni Association chartered three new chapters: Murray State University, University of Florida and Kansas State University.
- 📧 Build new bonds of sisterhood by participating in the Sigma Alpha Mentoring Program. This new program was introduced at Convention and gives alumni and active sisters the opportunity to share experiences, whether by e-mail, phone or in-person visits. It's a great way for actives to ask questions about careers, the workplace, life after school and so forth; while it's a nice way for alums to keep up with what's happening in Sigma Alpha and at the university level.

## 2005 Football Schedule

09/03	Miami of Ohio
09/10	Texas
09/17	San Diego State
09/24	Iowa
10/08	at Penn State
10/15	Michigan State - <i>Homecoming</i>
10/22	at Indiana
10/29	at Minnesota
11/05	Illinois
11/12	Northwestern
11/19	at Michigan

Check [ohiostatebuckeyes.com](http://ohiostatebuckeyes.com) for game times.



## Sister Connection

Want to get to know Sigma Alphas from across the country? Check out the Sigma Alpha message forum at [Greekchat.com](http://Greekchat.com) You will have to register (free and simple) to post messages. This is a great place to find others with similar career interests, share ideas about activities, locate old friends and make friends from other chapters.

Go to <http://forums.greekchat.com/> and search for Sigma Alpha.



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## 2005 Sigma Alpha National Convention

Denver, Colorado

October 13-15, 2005

### REGISTRATION FEE (EXCLUDES HOTEL COST)

Early Bird Special	\$145 Alumni
After 9/9/2005	\$165 Alumni
After 10/7/2005	\$180 Alumni
Banquet Only:	\$35

For more info visit [www.SigmaAlpha.org](http://www.SigmaAlpha.org)

### Sigma Alpha Quilt

Last year during National Convention, the National Alumni Association raffled a hand-made quilt constructed from t-shirts donated by Sigma Alpha chapters and alumni. The proceeds from the NAA fundraisers are set aside each year for the scholarship fund.



We want to do it again this year, but we need your help! We ask each collegiate and alumni chapter to donate a spare event t-shirt or a shirt with your university's logo. Each t-shirt will become a square on the quilt. Mail your donation to Susan Perkins at 13119 Yaupon Holly Lane, Houston, TX 77044.

## Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed for the House Committee. We will be holding a working session on Saturday July 23, 2005 10am-2pm at the House (1975 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, 614-294-4794).



The agenda items will include Articles of Incorporation & By-laws for the House Corporation as well as a marketing campaign to solicit both financial donations & furnishings for the house.

As most of you know, having a Chapter House is one of the biggest perks of being a member of Alpha. If you can help or would like more information, contact Jenell Jensen at **614-846-3330** or [jenelljensen@hotmail.com](mailto:jenelljensen@hotmail.com)

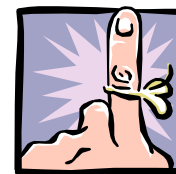
## Summer Cleaning!!

The active chapter is holding a cleaning session on Saturday July 16, 2005, 9am - 2pm, at the House (614-294-4794).



They could use any and all the help you can offer. It will give us old timers a chance to fill the shiny pins in on the history and tradition behind some of the artifacts in the house...Like the dancing Perry, what's up with THAT thing!?!

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## Don't Forget!

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## PAY YOUR DUES!!!

*\$25 for Annual & \$50 for Lifetime*

Mail them to:

Christy Black-Montoya  
15606 Chicken Bristle Rd.  
Farmersville, Ohio 45325  
937-696-2162

## Newsletters

We are beginning to compile submissions for the next edition of our newsletter. Please send your ideas, notes, little diddies or pictures to Sarah Jane Duffy by email to [sarahjduffy@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahjduffy@hotmail.com) or mail to 85 E. Weisheimer Rd., Columbus, OH 43214

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