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HOUSE CORPORATION APPROVES CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT

In February, the Sigma House Corporation reviewed the results of a fund raising pre-campaign study and approved proceeding with a major campaign to support renovation of the chapter house. An outside firm specializing in fraternity fund raising, Dorris & Associates of Zionsville, Indiana, was hired last fall to assess Sigma alumni gift potential. The study projected fund raising potential has been retained to direct the fund raising campaign.

The architectural firm of Merritt, McCallum & Cieslak recently completed a feasibility study of a chapter house renovation. In January, schematic drawings and construction cost estimates were reviewed and approved by the House Corporation.

Sparked by a generous donation from the estate of the late Michael French, at the 75th Anniversary Jubilee in March 1990, a House Corporation sub-committee was formed last summer to study the long term facility needs at 1601 Washtenaw. The fund raising and architectural feasibility studies were begun at that time.

The Sigma fund raising campaign will be announced formally and in more detail later in 1991. Commencement of chapter house construction will be set once the pattern of alumni gift collection is better established. Alumni and undergraduates involved in the renovation project are:

Committee

George Friess	Construction Co-Chairman
Jack Moorhead	Construction Co-Chairman
Larry Grace	Financial Advisor
Bob Gilbert	Legal Advisor
	High Alpha/Undergrad Rep
	House Manager/Undergrad Rep
Doug Van Dagens	Member-at-Large/Construction
Tim Cleary	Member-at-Large/Fund raising
Steve Scheidt	Member-at-Large/Fund raising
Jack Withrow	Member-at-Large/Fund raising

HOCKEY TEAM TAKES INTRAMURAL TITLES

Over the past few years Sigma has initiated a number of former standout high school hockey players. With these brothers, and also those who always wanted to play organized hockey, last year Sigma formed its first intramural hockey in a number of years. Last years season was a great time for all with the team showing some decent success. It was this years dual season which provided Sigma with the title of being "THE HOCKEY HOUSE ON CAMPUS". The hockey team finished the season with 11 wins and only one loss, taking both the fall and winter championships. This years season provided exciting victories over Sigma Chi and Psi Upsilon before crowds of approximately 150 people. Both Championship games were played against a tough independent squad from South and West Quad. In both of these games Sigma prevailed by a score of 4-2 in highly contested games.

The hockey games this year were all very exciting and were events which the whole house got behind. Next years team looks to be equally strong, if not better, only losing one senior from this years squad. The rallying cry for next year will most certainly be "Threepeat".

Pat Tummonds

HOMECOMING 1990

October the 20th marked the celebration of Homecoming here at Sigma. As a struggling Michigan football team prepared to battle Iowa, Alumni gathered

at 1601 Washtenaw to reminisce about football Saturdays of yesteryear and to get reacquainted with old friends. The house was decorated with Sigma history which not only helped jog the returning Alumni's memory but gave the undergraduates a

taste of the fraternity's past. A pregame brunch was served as the Alumni shared stories with each other and met many of us. There seemed to be much to talk about with the reconstruction plans of the house

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well on their way to being realized, our appreciation of the new office of Hi Pi filled by Ed Downs last year and with the many exciting developments occurring at the University. The essence of the day, however, is hard to describe in words. The joy felt in seeing a friend for the first time in years; meeting his wife and family; sharing experiences; discovering what is happening at the place you have such fond memories of; and getting a phone number or two are all parts of the day that cannot be given full credit in a newsletter. It is sometimes hard for young members to see that some day it will be them returning to the Chi house on such days as Homecoming and the 75th Jubilee to tap into their past and have such experiences. In this respect Homecoming

is a day of growth. The gathering however is not for the undergraduates, it is for the Alumni. It was nice to see that after most had left for the game many Alumni elected to stay at the house and catch up in the warm dorm while watching the game on

T.V. Although the football game was lost we here at Sigma feel the day was an overwhelming success. We enjoyed meeting you and hope to see you all at the next Alumni function.

Scott Miner

Alumni who returned

1957 George Friess
1960 Brian L. Hotchkiss
1961 John Hentfrey Smith
1977 Tim Cleary
1979 Craig Page
1980 Robert Kunz
Jeff Zheutlin
1981 Lewis Berton
1982 Dan Girdler
Glenn Watson
Ted Haddad
David Root
John Cunningham

1983 Gregg F. Averill
John Jerge
Dennis Madigan
Sean Mulrone
George Tanasijevich
1984 Jeff Teitmyer
Chris Cleary
1985 Dan Shea
1986 Kurt Zimmerman
1987 Ramin J. Azfar
1989 Doug Smith
Gregory Dalvito
Micheal A. Margolis
Ben Lummis
1990 Brian Kelliher

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA—TRIVIA QUIZ I

- 1). What was the name of the troublesome Polish Exchange Student who lived in the house in the late forties?
- 2). What did the "D" in Bubba's the bogs name stand for?
- 3). What was the proposed topic of band leader George Cavender's speech to the chapter house?
- 4). Full in the song lyric: I want to go back to Michigan to bear Ann Arbor town back to _____?
- 5). What was the significance of division street in the history of Ann Arbor?
- 6). What happened when Robb Fuller did a lawn job at the SAE house?
- 7). In the song Mrs. Klaserner's Coffeecake, what was burnt, even incinerated?
- 8). Who fell off the house in the early 70's?
- 9). Who was the dean of women in summer '48 and what did she do the Lambda Chi?
- 10). What was major's last name?

ANSWERS:

- 1). FELIX MIELZYNSRE 2). DEBALLIS 3). THE RHYTHM METHOD 4). JOES OF TEH ORIENT, BACK TO SOME OF THE MONEY I SPENT 5). EAST SIDE WAS "DRY", WEST SIDE WAS NOT 6). HIS GOLD CHEVY BLAZER HAN OUT OF FUEL 7). THE COFFEE CAKE 8). EIGHT BALL 9). PUT THE HOUSE ON SOCIAL PROBATION FOR MEMBERS DRINKING 10). SCHWARZWARD-NAFF

HOUSE STARTS RECYCLING PROGRAM

In an effort to help conserve the earth's natural resources, Sigma Chapter began a recycling program this past Fall. There is enough waste material produced by the in-house members to fill up the two trash dumpsters each week, so instead of contributing to the filling of our local landfills, all recyclable material such as pizza boxes and corrugated cardboard, newspapers, computer paper, and glass bottles, is set aside in special containers.

Hassan Azar introduced the recycling program to 1601, and makes sure that everything that is to be recycled is brought to RECYCLE ANN ARBOR, a service run by the City of Ann Arbor. Nearly every week, he brings a complete carload of cardboard, paper and glass from Sigma to be recycled. Since the program began, there has been great participation from all of the brothers, and everyone feels good about what they are doing to save the planet.



WINTERFEST PHILANTHROPY 1991

Each February, Sigma holds its annual philanthropic Winterfest Celebration, a Winter Greek Olympics that pits the sororities of the Panhellenic Association against one another. After intense competition in this year's snowball toss, sled relay race, dance contest, and mattress race, Alpha Epsilon Phi and their coaches once again emerged victorious. Yet the ladies' championship did not take away from the fun of the other contestants, and there was more than enough snow and good times for everyone involved. The competitive spirit each sorority displayed was exciting, but even more importantly, our charitable cause benefited in the end.

To commemorate the event, Winterfest sweatshirts were sold to all the sororities, and the proceeds were donated to the Washtenaw Association for Retarded Citizens, a non-profit organization located in Ann Arbor. The Executive Director, Dohn Hoyle expressed his gratitude and earmarked Sigma's donation of one thousand dollars for the newly incorporated Residential Services



Monitoring Program, an endeavor that "promotes quality in all aspects of daily life for persons living in Washtenaw County who have developmental disabilities." More specifically, the Residential Program attempts to provide needed services to the developmentally disabled who require aid in the work place as well as in the home. The Association's commitment to physically, mentally, or

emotionally impaired people within the immediate Ann Arbor community made it a worthy and gratifying choice for Sigma. Already the planning has begun for an expanded Winterfest sweatshirt sale next year that will generate an even larger donation for another Ann Arbor organization committed to improving the local community that we all share.

Farz Herbert

CHI OF THE MONTH: RICHARD E. VAN HOUSE



Occupation: In October of last year Mr. Van House returned to Ann Arbor, MI. from Templestowe, Australia where he worked for four and a half years as the Executive Vice President for the Ford Motor Company of Australia Limited. His company produced such cars as the Falcon, Fairmonte, Fairlane and LTD for the people of Australia. According to Mr. Van House, these large right hand drive cars are popular in Australia. As Executive Vice President, Mr. Van House was in charge of product development, engineering, manufacturing and purchasing. Even though he was extremely busy, he described the work atmosphere there as being relaxed and more slow paced than here in the good old U.S.A. Mr. Van House graduated in '67, received his MBA in '70 and has worked for Ford for 23 years (starting in '68). He is presently working hard as the Director of Luxury Cars for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit.

University Activities: During his time at Michigan, Mr. Van House was actively involved in the University. Not only was he the Rush Chairman for Sigma, he was president of the IFC (Intra-fraternal Council) and Michigama and was a member of the Student Government Council. He fondly recalls

the great strength of the Greek system while he was at Michigan. During his term of presidency of the IFC two new fraternities were added raising the number of houses on campus to 47. Mr. Van House also recalls the great effort put into Homecoming displays year in and year out and how the Chi house won the university competition one year.

Family: Mr. Van House is the father of 3 sons and is happily married. His oldest son, Scott (23), is a student at EMU. His youngest son, Rich (11), is anxiously awaiting his first middle school. Keith is in California studying at the Sequoia Automotive Institute.

Leisure time: Mr. Van House is extremely dedicated to his work but when he gets a little spare time he enjoys tennis, golf and being an all around sports fan. While in Australia, he and his family enjoyed going to football games played Australian style (similar to Rugby) and relaxing at the beach. Mr. Van House said he and his family are happy to be back in Ann Arbor and are looking forward to seeing familiar faces.

ALUMNI NEWS

1930's

Retired after 36 years of work for the Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., **Charles E. Wilcox '32** enjoys his involvement with the Y's mens club of Grand Rapids (1800 Rossman Ave., MI 49507)...**Keith T. Davis '35** enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and square dancing. he is also curious what his fellow brothers ('34, '35, '36) are up to, he resides at 401 Utica, Oriskany, New York...Former president of the Lambda Chi Alpha Foundation ('60-'62) **David D. Merriman '35** spends his time with sculpting and archaeology (5686 Co. Rd., 667 Maple City, MI 49664.

1940's

Glidden S. Doman '42 is hoping to retire this year from his job as an engineering designer for the Aeritalia company in Rome, Italy. When we last heard from him he was working on a wind turbine for Sardina and was looking forward to a lot of

private flying in retirement. (Via Sesto Miglio, Rome 00189, U.S. phone # 203-653-2613)...Living in Santa Barbara California as a conductor, **Christopher Story '46**, is moving more into music in his retirement and is preparing to take a musical slide show on the road ("Peter and the Wolf") to perform with symphonies throughout the U.S. (1812 La Cornilla Drive, 93109)...**Lawrence W. Hester '46** published his 2nd book of poetry in '90 ("Poetry of the Upper Cumberland") which consisted of 142 poems that appeared in the Cookville Dispatch over the past 20 years. Lawrence (Larry) is going to retire as a violinist in the Civic Symphony and was previously a retired Major in the civil affairs branch of the Active Army Reserve (626 N. Maple Avenue; Cookville, TN 38501).

1950's

Former High Alpha **Emmett I. Smith ("E.I.",**

'50) is retired after 35 years with Michigan Bell and AT&T and is now doing some human resource consulting. His current non-professional interests include traveling and moving out of New Jersey (731 Mountain Ave., Westfield, NJ 07009)...**Al Grybas '51**, faculty advisor of Lambda Chi in Sacramento, is a professor there and has an Ericson 32 Sloop that he keeps on San Francisco Bay which he enjoys cruising and racing (5346 Terrance Oak Circle, Fair Oaks, CA 95628)...**John Donald Box '52** lists his new address as 127 HWY 22E Madisonville LA 70447 and would enjoy hearing from some fellow Chi's...**Ronald L. O'Conner '53** is a proud holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross in addition to many other military awards from 300 combat missions flown during military service with the U.S. Air Force in Korea and Vietnam. He is a certified Financial Planner with his own firm and has fathered six, ages 25-36

(9 pine Drive, Hornosassa, Florida 32629)... Vice President of marketing and sales for the Medical Life Ins. Co., **Elliot E. Burd '56**, works with group life and disability sales and has many interests in sports, music, travel and keeping up with children and grandchildren (2119 Kimrick Place Timonium, MC 21093)... It was nice to hear **Gordon Merrit '56** and his wife, Charlene, enjoyed the 75th celebration so, we hope to see them again at other Alumni functions. Mr. Merrit is the president of Merrit McCallum Cieslak Architecture and enjoys traveling and fishing. He is currently building a retirement home in the Florida Keys (1510 South Milford Rd., Milford, MI 48024)... **Carl Walker '57** is an engineer and parking consultant for his company Carl Walker Engineer/Parking Consultant. His work takes him all over the country and world, he will be speaking at the "Interhate Conference on Urban habitat" in Hong Kong in November '90 on the effects of the private auto on the urban environment. He is lucky to have been recently reunited with fellow brother **Jim Perkins '59** who just became Assoc. City Manager of Kalamazoo (Carl Walker, 2429 Highpointe Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49007: James Perkins, please send current address).

1960's

An engineer for GM, **Keith J. McKenna '61** is interested in golf, travel, computers and his children and grandchildren (13463 Lakeshore Fenton, MI 48340)... Recently moved to California **Richard Johnson '61** retired as a lawyer and is now into big game fishing and mountain living (p.o. Box 90256 San Diego, CA 92109)... **David C. Breiholt '63** is a structural engineer and is president of his company. He is interested in forming a UofM club of the south bay and is also interested in the whereabouts of old brothers, give him a ring (6 Blackwater Canyon Rd., Rolling Hills, CA 90717, 213-377-6767)... **John S. Hardy '64** is a middle school teacher in Howell MI, is a basketball and track official, a part time flight instructor and spends

summer weekends with his daughter showing registered Arab horses (3915 N. Latson Rd., Howell, MI, 48042)... Aerospace Executive and General Manager of Vickers Inc., **Ronald A. Modreski '64** enjoys golf, swimming and collecting sports memorabilia (7595 Lime Hollow Drive, Grand Rapids, MI 49546)... We are happy to announce that **Richard E. Van House '67** Chi of the Month, has returned to live in Ann Arbor after working in Templestowe, Australia as the Executive Vice President of the Ford Motor Company of Australia Limited (710 Barclay Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48105)... Charter member of A.C.I.A. with Sigma's **Tom Heidtke '69** and **Louie McKay '69**, **John D. McPeak '68** is the President of the fisher Contracting Company where he works as an engineer (3434 N. Bent Oak Dr., Midland, MI 48640).

1970's

Rick Adamy '70 is the father of two (Nick 16, Janet 13) and works as a CPA for Adamy and Associates, he lists his address as 7381 Cascade Terrance, Grand Rapids, MI 48503... Also living in Grand Rapids is **Kurt F. Kimball '71**, City Manager and father of two (16, 11; 4233 Holyoke Dr., SE, 49508)... Former president of both Sigma ('71-'72) and the IFC ('72-'73) oral and maxillofacial surgeon **Gary S. Kreps '73** enjoys skiing and golfing in his spare time. He is a clinical assistant professor at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and the father of two, Jason (4) and Justin (1), (108 Poplar Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15212)... **Thomas M. Hilber '75** resides at 675 Harding, Plymouth, MI 48170 as a lawyer for his own firm... **David W. Tiernan '79** works in computer sales for Digital Equipment Corp. and has one daughter, Jessica (2)... **Jim Sansone '79** is a pediatrician and a member of the UofM Pediatric Alumni Association. He enjoys biking, swimming and skiing on his spare time (1512 Marian, Ann Arbor, MI 48103).

1980's

Peter Slutsker '80 is an actor who has had guest roles on "Murphy Brown", "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and "Cop Rock"

and just received a "Dramalogue Award" for best performance of the year (13903 Hesby St., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423)... Former High **Alpha Robert G. Hiss '81** works as a systems consultant for Andersen Consulting. He enjoys golf, but lists marriage as the activity he is most involved in. Also, he cordially invites any Chi's from the classes '79, '80, '81, '82, '83 to stay with him on their next trip to Boston (405 Marlborough St., #21, Boston, MA 02110)... Also is **John E. Cunningham '82**. He still enjoys attending UofM football games and doing such activities as waterskiing, snowskiing and playing tennis (2615 Robindale Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013)... **Jim Schreitmueller '83** is curious of the whereabouts of the guys in his class, he resides at 6106 Lakeview Circle, San Ramon, CA 94583... Former High Beta **David Juneau '85** (Pinto) still remains close friends with many Chi's from his era and enjoys running, tennis, golf, sailing and singing in chamber music groups. He is a money broker and lives at 33 Old Stamford Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840... **Richard Perry M.D. '87** (Lurch) finished his schooling at UofM (M.D.) and is starting his residency training at Washington University in St. Louis (Orthopedic surgery). His current address is 4496 Maryland Apt. #1F, St. Louis, MO 63108.

To all Alumni,

A warm hello from 1601 Washtenaw and thank you for sending information about yourselves. Hopefully these summaries will catch you up on what your good friends from college are doing or better yet inspire you to contact them. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you again soon.

Sincerely,

All the brothers of Sigma

BROTHERS!! BE SURE
TO LET US KNOW...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Name in full _____ Class _____

Occupation _____ Firm _____

Residence _____

Years in school _____ Degree(s) _____

Date of marriage _____ Wife's maiden name _____

Children _____

What civic or elective offices have you held? _____

Other interests: _____

Who will always know your address? _____

Remarks: _____

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