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THE RENOVATION:

What's Done, What We Need to Do

Here's a snapshot of the renovation progress in terms of what has been finished during the past two summers and what we'll finish this summer.

PROJECTS COMPLETE

- Re-roof the total house
- Re-paint the old wing exterior trim and install new balustrades and railing on porch
- Construct covered entry on north side of house
- Install sprinkler system throughout the house
- Install HVAC system in new wing
- Renovate seven bathrooms and build a new one in the basement
- Expand, renovate, and refurnish the dining room
- Build new concrete and brick patio on south side of house
- Re-configure new sleeping/living rooms on upper floors of new wing
- Renovate hallways and stairs throughout the new wing
- Renovate the large basement room for multi usage
- Build a new laundry room



The dining room was expanded and refurnished during summer renovations.

to compete with the explosion in building of competitive facilities. We're structuring our work to put the house in shape for the next 30 to 40 years. Without this complete renovation, we could not remain competitive at Mizzou. Our past campaign, which many of you have generously contributed to, remains short of our original goal. But, our brotherhood is strong—our House is beautiful and in good order—we will come to all Xi Xi brothers in the fall for your financial support of our shortfall in the *Restoring the White Cross* campaign—**be open—be thinking.**

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PROJECTS TO DO

- Resurface and repair existing parking and driveway
- Build parking lot extension on north side of house
- Landscape parking lot and new patio area
- Extend HVAC system to old wing
- Renovate all sleeping/living rooms in old wing and create third-floor executive wing
- Renovate all halls, stairwells, and landings in old wing
- Refinish oak floor in living room and library
- Re-paint and add natural wood enhancements to cabinetry, porch doors, entry doors, and fireplaces in living room and library
- Renovate first-floor study hall, paint walls, install new wainscoting and natural wood finish, and new carpeting
- Refinish entry foyer, installing White Cross in the floor
- Rebuild the front stairwell and possibly change support structure
- Demolish the Pit area and furnace room in the old wing basement, installing a new conference room, study hall, and casual room
- Replace as much lead pipe as we can reach in old wing
- Install new furniture throughout first floor and basement rooms
- Carpet all rooms in the old wing basement

The to-dos for this summer are extensive. Once more, we will go at a hellish pace to get everything done before school starts. **We had to borrow some money to finish last summer's work. We're going to have to borrow a lot of money to complete the house this year.** We're designing the renovation

George Gale '53 Honored with Constantine Award

At the awards luncheon on April 13, more than 80 Sigma Chi moms and undergraduate Brothers witnessed the presentation of the Constantine Award to Brother **George Gale '53**. The award was presented by Constantine Sig **Larry McMullen '53**, who first met George when they pledged Sigma Chi in 1950. They have been close friends ever since.



Constantine Sig Larry McMullen '53 presents the Constantine Award to Brother George Gale '53, a lifelong loyal Sig and active volunteer.

The Constantine Award is presented to 14 Sigma Chis each year who have demonstrated outstanding service to the fraternity and who have "worn the White Cross in a manner the Founders would have admired."

George's service to the fraternity began in 1991 when he became Chapter advisor for 11 years. He was a key member in the committee to re-charter Xi Xi in 2007 and was a founding member of the Central Missouri Alumni Association that began the same year. He serves as a member of the Alumni Advisory Board and, for the past two years, has personally managed the \$3 million renovation of the Chapter House.

"No one has given more constructive energy and devotion to Sigma Chi than George Gale," Brother McMullen said. Join us in congratulating George on this prestigious honor.



Sigma Chi Host Reunions in Florida



Brothers at a mini-reunion this spring (front row, from left): Karl England and Lee Keefer '58; (back row) John Loomis '58, Roger Ornduff '57, Paul Carothers '58, Bob Cooper '59, and Wade LaDue '57.



Jon Thompson '60, John Loomis '58, Janet Loomis (Sig cheerleader), Bill Bollinger '59, John Wolff (a Webster Groves High School classmate), and Don Hicks '58 at a Sigma Chi reunion in Florida.

Brothers reunited during two mini-reunions this spring. The first was held in Estero, Florida, at the home of Rochelle and **Don Hicks '58** in late February. The second took place at Anna Maria Island on March 8. "It was great to spend time remembering many fun times at 500 College Avenue," **John Loomis '58** said.

MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS Xi Xi Partners with Greek Life to Build Member Program

In a new effort that will range from team building to resume writing and interviewing, Xi Xi is initiating an emphasis on life-skill enhancement that combines Sigma Chi personal development programs with the University and Greek community. The goal is to prepare students for a job after college and to perform successfully. While students are educated in school, they also need to be educated in the real world.

Members of our executive committee and House Corporation met with officers from Greek Life in early May to finalize initial approaches in melding fraternity and campus initiatives and to set the vision for the long-run content and direction of the program. Since Xi Xi is the first fraternity at the University to be asked to engage in this far-seeing program, both sides recognize that the current model may be modified and redirected as the program is tested.

"This effort has the most potential for affecting a balanced college experience for all Greek students while readying them in the next steps of their careers. We are delighted that Sigma Chi has stepped forward to be our partner," said Janna Basler, director of Greek Life.

Based on scholarship, deportment, and community and campus involvement, Xi Xi has met the new University standards for recognition as an organization of preferred status. This program, developed by Greek Life and the Fraternity Consortium, provides that chapters must meet these standards over a three-year period to maintain University recognition. Xi Xi is off to an excellent start.



Welcome, New Members

Nino Agruso '16
Kansas City, Mo.
Undeclared

Matt Cressionnie '15
Arlington, Texas
Journalism

Joe Culver '16
St. Louis, Mo.
Business

John Frampton '16
Peoria, Ill.
Business

Jason Huska '16
Kansas City, Mo.
Mechanical Engineering

Andrew Jung '16
St. Louis, Mo.
Accounting

Jake McCoy '16
Prairie Village, Kan.
Accounting

Evan Ritter '15
Cape Girardo, Mo.
Business

Sean Strehl '15
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Peter Windler '16
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Industrial Engineering

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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Xi Xi Chapter Continues to Excel on Campus, Representing Sigma Chi to the Fullest

Seizing the Opportunity

Because of its strong social and academic behavior over a two-year period, the Chapter was able to emerge at the beginning of last semester from nearly all the sanctions previously imposed on it and hit the ground running. Special recognition should be given to **Jackson Hobbs '14**, former Consul and current president of the IFC, for his aid in strengthening our relationship with Greek Life during the period of sanctions. As the following paragraphs relate, our new freedoms led us to do more than just participate in group projects and philanthropies. We excelled in them. We look at this past semester as a tremendous turning point which strengthened our morale and brotherhood. With a totally renovated and now competitive Chapter House welcoming us in the fall, when all sanctions will be gone, we can promise our momentum will continue.

Giving Back to the Community

At the beginning of the semester, the executive council required that all Brothers contribute at least 10 hours of community service. We held group service hours at D&D Farms, an at-risk animal shelter, as well as the Columbia Food Bank.

Honored as IFC Spotlight Chapter

In February we participated in Polar Plunge and raised nearly \$6,000 for the Special Olympics, the most of any organization, by jumping into the frigid waters of Stephens Lake with air temperature at 40 degrees. Our brave Sigs earned enough admiration from the community that we were awarded with IFC Spotlight Chapter, given to the fraternity that most positively impacts the community.



Sigma Chi raised more money for the Special Olympics than any other organization.



Sigma Chi received a shout-out from Chancellor Brady Deaton on February 25 for their work in helping stranded drivers during a snowstorm. Great job, Brothers!

Always proud to be a Sigma Chi,
Tim Pettet '15
Consul
tap437@mail.missouri.edu

Excelling in Academics

We hosted our annual scholarship banquet in April, where Brothers were rewarded for excellent academic achievement. There is no doubt that our academic success as a Chapter, placing in the top five for fraternity GPA in the past seven semesters, is a reflection of the effort and dedication that the House Corporation and the Mothers' Club display in planning the ceremony each year. Much credit is also due to \$33,000 in scholarship awards provided through the annual program that was started by Brothers **Bob Jackson '64** and **Barry Mansur '64** and continued by the Xi Xi Educational Foundation.

Chapter Hosts Derby Days

For the first time in two years, we hosted Derby Days for eight of the loveliest sororities at Mizzou to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Although the final tally is not yet complete, we hope to raise well over \$5,000. We capped off Derby Days with the Sweetheart Ball at the Tiger Hotel on May 4, where we crowned Morgan Fox of Delta Gamma as the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi for the 2013-14 school year.

Your Support Remains Vital

I speak for the Chapter in expressing our sincere thanks for what our alumni have given us in terms of the renovated House. There's a building boom in Columbia in both Greek and off-campus housing. We recognize the expectations which students have today in terms of the quality of their living quarters. Residential competition is fierce. We have always been the most beautiful house on campus from the exterior. Now, with your continuing support, our total environment will be virtually unmatched.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

John W. "Jack" Kern '42 entered Chapter Eternal on February 3, at the age of 93. He served in the Army during WWII and began his career with Allstate Insurance in 1953. He retired as vice president in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, six children, three step-children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Life Loyal Sig **Andrew McCanse, M.D. '49** entered Chapter Eternal on July 21, 2012. He was a fellow in the American College of Surgeons and engaged in general surgery for 22 years. He was a coroner for Jackson County. He was the first Chairman of Surgery at the newly founded UMKC Medical School. He was very active in the re-chartering of Xi Xi in 2007, was a dependable member of the House Corporation, and faithfully performed the duty of communicating news to all Xi Xi alumni. Seventy-five Sigma Chis stood together at his memorial service, honoring him with the White Rose Ceremony. He lived with his wife, Barbara, in Village of Loch Lloyd, Mo.

Joe Gilbert Jr. '50 entered Chapter Eternal on February 7, at the age of 85. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and later operated the Gilbert family businesses in Brunswick, Mo. Joe repeatedly answered calls to serve Xi Xi.

Hardin C. Cox '51 entered Chapter Eternal on March 8. He was a member of the honor societies Omicron Delta Kappa and Q.E.B.H. and played in

the 1946 Cotton Bowl and 1948 Gator Bowl. He served many years in the state legislature and remained a loyal Sig all of his life. Hardin and his late wife, Virginia, whom he married in January of 1952, were longtime members of the First Christian Church in Rock Port, where he occasionally gave sermons.

John D. Rieser '52 entered Chapter Eternal on March 24. He served in the U.S. Constabulary force in Germany and was an Army combat veteran of Korea and Vietnam. As an Army aviator, he flew more than 1,000 combat hours in fixed-and rotary-wing aircraft. He loved Sigma Chi and was a faithful member of the House Corporation for many years. He lived in Frontenac, Mo., with his wife of 58 years, Jere.

Larry Woods '53 entered Chapter Eternal on February 26. After receiving his law degree from University of Missouri, he joined the Air Force acting as government prosecutor or as defense counsel, obtaining the rank of Captain as a Judge Advocate General. He returned to Columbia and became Boone County prosecuting attorney and then was a very successful practitioner for almost 50 years until his retirement to Tucson. Larry and his late wife, Jo, on many occasions provided hospitality to Sigma Chi. He will be remembered by his Brothers for "The Creation of Sam McGee."



Family, friends, and Sigma Chi Brothers gathered at a ceremony honoring Constantine and Significant Sig Ike Skelton '53 on October 27.

Honoring a Great Sigma Chi

On October 27, Constantine and Significant Sig **Ike Skelton '53** was honored with a memorial bench dedicated in his name during a ceremony at the University of Missouri in front of friends, family, and Sigma Chi Brothers. Nine days prior, Ike was honored during a ceremony at West Point with the prestigious Thayer Award, given annually to only one great person. Nearly 4,000 brigade cadets paraded with flags to honor Ike during the event. The brigade chaplain shared the following about Ike: "In his life, he has taught us that leadership is a trust before it is an honor. It is a call to service and not to glory. It is not a measure of worthiness. It is first and foremost a measure of selfless giving. That is Ike Skelton from Missouri. And we at West Point have come to know him as a man of consummate devotion, a man of deep dedication, and a man profoundly in love with doing good."



Ike, who practices law at Husch Blackwell, served as congressman for Missouri's Fourth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1977 to 2011 and was appointed to the House Armed Services Committee in 1981, where he served as Chairman from 2007 to 2011. He can be reached at ike.skelton@huschblackwell.com.



Ike Skelton '53 with brigade cadets at West Point. Ike received the Thayer Award, which is given to only one person each year.



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Mark Your Calendar

Sigma Chi Xi Xi Golf Shootout and All Class Reunion
September 14, 2013 at the Chapter House and
A.L. Gustin Golf Course in Columbia

Join your brothers for a reunion at the House to see the glorious renovations. Golfers, non-golfers, Sweethearts and all are welcome. Proceeds will go toward the Sigma Chi scholarship fund. Contact **Mark Kaiser '05** at markwkaiser@earthlink.net or (636) 346-4788 for more information.



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