

Restoring the WHITE CROSS

THE NEXT CENTURY OF XI XI

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Let's Talk a Little Xi Xi Turkey

his is going to ask you for money: to participate in the Chapter's future, either by a first-time donation or an increased donation. **Now hear me out, please.** First, to those of you who have stood on the sidelines, you, as people tend to do, may have built reasons and created negatives to relieve you from considering a donation. Maybe I can tear some of them down.

Here's an example. We heard alumni recently say that Xi Xi is on secret probation. That's interesting since we just held a highly successful Fathers' Weekend Casino Night and a Homecoming tailgate party on the patio and front porch attended by hundreds. The Chapter fully participated in Homecoming. Probation? No, Xi Xi is fully accredited and supported by the University.

The Chapter is strong—strong in grades, strong in participation, and strong in membership, having the largest pledge class in our history this fall. We are the **only** fraternity on campus which has joined with Greek Life in building a leadership program for our members. Greek Life now sells Sigma Chi to freshmen and is proud to do so. We have committed to freshmen living in the dorms in the future with strong support from the University. We want more maturity, more leadership in the house. And we are out in front of other fraternities in this regard.

If you've told yourself the Chapter is a shaky investment, we ask you to look again.

If you told yourself, "They won't take care of the finished product," come look at the house. What you see in the pictures shown here is what you'll see in a house visit. The Chapter greatly appreciates the renovation, and we have an energetic and highly organized young housemother who runs the property with an efficiency we have not seen before. The house is beautiful and it stays that way.

Have you said it won't last?

The renovation has made the house

construction stronger. We've braced, supported, resurfaced and, if you wish to break your hand, try to put a dent in a hallway wall. We've also made the house safer. We have a 24/7 camera system, inside and out. The house is totally protected by a fire-sprinkler system. Our goal was to add 30 to 40 years to our structure's life. If you experience it, you'll see we did.

What we have built is long-term success—for you and the active members. We ask you to look honestly at the quality of the investment, based on what exists now rather than what you might remember from the past.

We Owe Boone County Bank \$1.8 Million

This includes loans initiated years ago. Direct loans for the renovation equal \$1.2 million. Monthly debt retirement payments are considerable. It puts great budgeting pressure on the House Corporation. We accumulated the debt with our eyes wide open, realizing that if we didn't borrow money we would extend renovating the house for years. We had to make it competitive now, not at some time in the future. In total we spent \$2.8 million. Should you question our cost, just remember the new Beta house next door is a \$15 million structure.

Will You Step Up?

The enclosed pictures give you an idea of the changes, but almost to a man every alumnus who has been in the house says it exceeds anything he could imagine. We have a wonderful product for the investment. We need to lower the amount borrowed, to give ourselves more breathing room. A pledge card is enclosed. Join the many other alumni who have stepped up for the Chapter's future. Add your name to the plaque listing those who have given to the renovation and Xi Xi's future success.

In hoc, **John Walker '60** Renovation Campaign Chairman (913) 262-0762 jode12@hotmail.com



New basement TV room constructed in an area of the old-wing furnace room.



Renovated first-floor ladies' room.



South view of the renovated living room looking into the opened entry to the first-floor study hall.



Renovated foyer featuring an inlaid cross in the flooring, new stairwell, and entry to the housemother's quarters.



North view of the renovated and enlarged dining room with window extensions.



Renovated library area on the first floor with a new wooden display case and fireplace.

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THANK YOU, LOYAL DONORS

Te are extremely grateful to the following Xi Xi Brothers for committing \$2,182,420 toward *Restoring the White Cross: The Next Century of Xi Xi* Campaign. Your ongoing commitment makes a difference to the future of Sigma Chi at the University of Missouri, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated Chapter House. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise **John Walker '60**, campaign chairman, at jode12@hotmail.com or (913) 669-8254, so that we can make a correction. Thank you!

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Renovation design used in the second- and third-floor bathrooms.



New conference room/study hall built in the old pit area in the basement.



Renovated first-floor study hall.



Landscaping accents the new brick patio outside the extended dining room.