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# RENOVATION PLAN IN PLACE FOR XI XI CHAPTER Sigma Chi Needs Your Help

Here's a quick review of where we are and where we're going in 2011, the first year of our three-year construction plan. Projections indicate that our multi-year construction may allow us to accrue the cash required to cover costs with little or no need of borrowing money, but this will ultimately depend upon alumni support. Also, by keeping the Chapter in the house, the house corporation will have rent monies to cover its fixed expenses of \$100,000 a year. We don't want to have to borrow money to pay these expenses.

As has been reported, we'll renovate all bathrooms in the house and build a new unisex unit in the basement. This will be done in the old laundry room space with a new, larger laundry room to be built—by May—in the southeast corner of the basement to accommodate additional washers and dryers which the Chapter badly needs. The basement improvements will be finished by the end of the school year.

We also will finish the refinement of the décor on the front of the house this spring and we are looking at a new north entryway, possibly a covered area, allowing better protection from the weather. We also are looking at general improvement of the area on the north side, which is certainly the least attractive part of the house exterior. We are getting architect bids on this work and the design of the room extension off the dining room which will be done the summer of 2012. We have begun estimating the projects of higher costs, such as the HVAC system and sprinkler system.

We will also tile the floors to the dining room and the handicap bathroom and replace the wall covering in the north hallway. We also intend to reroof the new wing. Both will be done this summer.

We are using Sigma Chi alumni help wherever we can in terms of materials. Our thanks go to **Mike Wilson '84**, who is aiding us in a large measure financially in acquiring floor and wall tile for the bathrooms and sink counters and shower and toilet partitions.

Our renovation plan is designed to achieve a modern house, competitive with University dorms and other fraternities. We will accomplish this professionally but without undue architects' and major contractors' fees. The work is being closely supervised by **George Gale '54**, **Dave Bear '65**, and **Mike Wilson '84**. If you approve of this common sense approach and have not yet shown your support, please complete the enclosed pledge card. **Andy McCanse '49**, who is in charge of alumni relations, will e-mail you a copy of the plan and/or bathroom drawings if you are interested. His e-mail address is amccanse@kc.rr.com.

In Hoc, John Walker '60 Campaign Chairman jode12@hotmail.com

# Xi Xi Represents White Cross Proudly at MU

Academic Prowess MaintainedPhilanthropy Involvement at All-Time High



Polar Bear Plunge participants from the Xi Xi Chapter.

The fall semester was one of excellence in the fields of leadership, academics, service and athletics. The Chapter raised the most money in Greek life for the Polar Plunge, excelled in Division I athletics, and finished second in grades. We look forward to our success this spring as well.

Chapter grades were exceptional again last semester. The chapter G.P.A. was a 3.1, second on campus. In addition to success in academics, the Lambda pledge class finished with a 3.23 G.P.A., fourth on campus, and second among large fraternities. While second on campus is excellent, Sigma Chi hopes to be number one again this semester.

Sigma Chi has participated in an extensive amount of community, including involvement with the United Way, Christmas Tree Farms, the Polar Bear Plunge, donations to the Rainbow House and the Columbia Food Bank, and Derby Days. Derby Days this year consisted of a crawfish boil and live bands. The Xi Xi Chapter has truly been able to give back to the community and promote Sigma Chi on campus.

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# Restoring the WHITE CROSS

## Mansur/Jackson Scholarship Awards

On November 17, 2010, an annual fall award dinner was held. In attendance were alumni **Bob Jackson '64**, **John Parker '66**, **Steve Richardson '87**, **Dave Bear '65** and **George Gale '54**. Brother Jackson presented the Mansur/Jackson Scholarship award to the following students:

Mike Bond '11 Mitch Briggs '13 Jordan Carlisle '12 Andrew Clark '13 Dom DeFeo '11 Kyle Disney '13 Pat Gorgen '13 Kyle Harberberger '12 Lance Holloway '12 Tim Hosie '11 **Tommy Hunkins '11 Travis Hunt '11** Art Johnson '13 **Danny Kennedy '13** Mike Loesing '15 Mike Looney '13 Zach Mason '13 John McCarthy '13 Pat McClain '12 Mike McDonald '13 Ryan Peska '13 Jack Price '13 **Andy Samples '12 Chase Schaefer '13** Greg Scmidtlein '13 Justin Schlitzer '13 Jordan Sheets '13 **Kyle Sitomer '13** Austin Stehl '13 Andrew Suntrup '13 Alex Szabo '12 Kyle Toth '13 Sean Wirtz '12 **Tony Wirkus '11** Jack Yarbrough '12 Steve Zaegel '13

Dom DeFeo '11 and Greg Schmidtlein '13 tied for the 4.0 GPA. John McCarthy '13 and Mike Mc-Donald '13 tied for the 3.940 GPA.

# BILL BEIL '83 RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING SIGMA CHI

For Bill Beil '83, donating to Sigma Chi at the University of Missouri was a fairly easy decision to make. When visiting the Chapter one weekend, it didn't take long for him to notice that the Chapter House hasn't changed much in the last 30 years since he's been an undergraduate. Now that his son, Andrew '15, was initiated this year, Bill has become dually interested in making sure all of the undergraduates, including his son, have a secure and comfortable home to live in. Bill knows that maintaining the Chapter House is one key way to maintain the strength of Sigma Chi, and that strength is something Bill wants to make sure sticks around.

Sigma Chi's national prowess was one reason Bill was drawn to the Xi Xi Chapter to begin with. Sigma Chi was, and still is, one of the most renowned fraternities in the country. That great reputation was evident at the Xi Xi Chapter. Bill and several of his friends were immediately impressed with the magnitude of the members and wanted to join right away. Bill and his friends were rewarded with membership to Sigma Chi shortly after.

Bill enjoyed four full years of good friends and memories at Xi Xi Chapter. He and his pledge class even caused a little mischief for the active members. Early one morning, after spending all night cleaning, the freshman pledge class set up a huge stereo and speakers belonging to **Bart Maffry '83**. The group started playing Van Halen and turned up the volume as loud as it would go. All of the actives were woken up by screaming music and hysterical freshmen. The actives were angry at first, but everyone had a good laugh.

Another favorite memory of Bill's is the Sweetheart Ball in the spring of 1982. It was held on the front lawn of Sigma Chi, and Scott Whiteman '83 painted a huge banner that hung on the front lawn. Bill's date was girlfriend Deseree, who is now his wife of 27 years.

After graduation Bill and Deseree moved to Kansas City and Bill attended law school at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. They were married and started a family after Bill graduated. Now he is a commercial and business litigation lawyer and works for Rouse, Hendricks, German and May PC in Kansas City.

Bill and Deseree have four children: Rachel, Hannah, Andrew and Lillian. Bill was able to attend Andrew's initiation and all kinds of good memories were sparked by witnessing the ceremony.

## MU Fraternity Alumni Consortium Seeks to Improve Greek Life at Mizzou **RESPONSIBILITY NUMBER ONE PRIORITY**

**"Fat, drunk, and stupid is no way to go through life, son,"** said Dean Wormer in the classic movie *Animal House. Animal House* ranks as one of the all-time hit movies because it portrays all the excesses that made college life so much fun. Unfortunately, that is also the way many people view the Greek life experience at the University of Missouri.

A new organization at MU hopes to change that perspective. Organized in 2009, the MU Fraternity Alumni Consortium consists of the presidents of the house corporations of 28 fraternities at the University of Missouri. The Greek system at Mizzou provides over \$100 million worth of housing to university students. As the landlords of their fraternity houses, the consortium seeks to align the Greek system with the goals of the university and stresses recruiting membership based on academic achievement, leadership development, and community service. Most people get little, if any, leadership experience in high school. At most high schools, the four people elected to the student council are the same four people on the student council at graduation. For many people, college provides little improvement. Moving into the dormitory, they get to know 5-10 people on their floor, and outside of organizing a few dormitory parties, gain get little in the way of leadership experience.

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# THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI, FOR COMMITTING MORE THAN \$2.3 MILLION

We are extremely grateful to the following Xi Xi Brothers for committing \$2,239,446 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.

Bill Chase '51

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500, over a five-year period, 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, loyal alumni!

### Jordan Standard Society

(\$250,000 and up) Larry L. McMullen '53 In memory of Paul Yeoman '55 Duncan L. Matteson '56

#### Norman Shield Society

(\$100,000 to \$249,999) Robert G. Neel '48 William Reno '48 Kelly O'Neill '55 John Walker '60

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## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE As of April 1, 2011 \$2.5 Million Goal \$2,239,446 Total Commitments 185 Contributors

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# Congratulations, Significant Sigs and Order of Constantine Initiates

## **Significant Sigs**

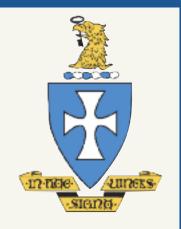
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\*Life Loyal Sig

The Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi is proud to present the following prestigious alumni initiated into the Significant Sigs and Order of Constantine for their dedication and service to the Fraternity.



# CONGRATULATIONS, NEW INITIATES

Ghazi Albana '14 St. Louis, Mo.

Andy Alder '14 Lexington, Mo. Farming

Brendan Barry '14 Clayton, Mo. Business

Andrew Beil '14\* Kansas City, Mo. Business (Father Bill Beil '83)

Cody Cutter '14 Overland Park, Kan. Broadcast Journalism and Business

Kyle Dimon '13 Overland Park, Kan. Business Management

Jack Dudenhoeffer '13 Kansas City, Mo. Fisheries and Wildlife Biology **Connor Flannigan '14** *Kansas City, Mo.* Pharmacy

Jay Galmiche '14 St. Louis, Mo. Business

Alex Hanson '14 Leawood, Kan. Finance

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Nick Henning '14\* Kansas City, Mo. Business (Father John Henning, Kansas State '86)

Luke Hill '14 Washington, Mo. Radiology (Brother Brett Hill '12) Jackson Hobbs '14 Blue Springs, Mo. History and Philosophy

Zach Horn '14\* Lenexa, Kan. Business Marketing (Cousin Danny Horn '12)

Ben Hosch '14 Ballwin, Mo. Business

**Timothy Johnson '14** St. Louis, Mo. Accounting

Mark Lee '14 St. Louis, Mo. Business

Aaron Maassen '14 Kansas City, Mo. Broadcast Journalism Conlan McDounaugh '14 St. Louis, Mo. Biological Sciences & Business

Patrick Mulvihill '14\* St. Louis, Mo. Journalism (Father Tom Mulvihill, *St. Louis University '85*, Brother Brecht Mulvihill '12)

Matt Ornduff '14\* Overland Park, Kan. Journalism (Father Dave Ornduff '84)

Kevin Riganti '14 St. Louis, Mo. Graphic Design

Bennet Sexton '14 San Diego, California Chinese Nathan Stobie '14 St. Louis, Mo. Marketing

Alan Swailes '14 Overland Park, Kan. Radiology

Kim Thornton '14 St. Louis, Mo. Hotel/Restaurant Management

**Tyler Thorp '14** *Lee's Summit, Mo.* Sports Therapy

John Vega '14 St. Louis, Mo. Accounting

Charlie Wheeler '14 Quad Cities, Iowa Business

\*Legacy (relationship in parentheses)

## Xi Xi Represents White Cross

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Sigma Chi initiated the 30-man Lambda pledge class and hopes to welcome the spring Mu pledge class of 12 men into the fraternity for next fall. We look forward to next fall's pledge class as well, as the recruitment process is being passed down to a new recruitment chairman, **Kyle Toth '13**. We have confidence in Kyle, and are excited that we have been able to grow into one of the largest chapters on campus.

Sigma Chi continued its campus involvement with Homecoming, which was again another success for Sigma Chi as we paired up with the ladies of Gamma Phi Beta to compete throughout the week. With the transition of officers and leadership in the chapter, Sigma Chi also sent 12 members to Province in Kansas City to participate in leadership workshops with other Sigma Chis in the midwest.

The Xi Xi Chapter is proudly representing on the athletic field as well, participating and excelling in Division I intramurals, the highest competitive playing field at Missouri. The football team went deep into the playoffs in the fall, and the soccer team made it all the way to the finals. We have high hopes for our spring athletics and hope to continue the string of success we began in the fall.

Xi Xi is a leader on campus and in the community, dedicating over 500 hours to service. We look forward to the renovations that have already begun, thanks to the efforts of **Dave Bear '65**. We are deeply thankful to all the alumni who have supported the chapter in this time of transition and encourage alumni to stop by the house to visit any day of the week. Thank you for your support.

In Hoc, Harry Pettey '12 Consul (314) 825-0076 hp5m@mail.mizzou.edu

## Welcome,

# NEW MEMBERS

Kyle Baxter '14	Kayvan Carroll '14	<b>Dom Hewitt '14</b>
St. Louis, Mo.	Chicago, Ill.	St. Louis, Mo.
<b>Daniel Blunk-Piper '14</b>	Sully Fox '14	<b>John Hofheins '14</b>
St. Louis, Mo.	Chicago, Ill.	<i>Rolla, Mo</i> .
<b>Tom Bobak '14</b>	<b>Brian Garland '14</b>	Ben Kratz '14
St. Louis, Mo.	<i>Peoria, Ill.</i>	St. Louis, Mo.
Greg Boyer '14	<b>Matt Hasselroth '14</b>	<b>Tim Tumminia '14</b>
St. Louis, Mo.	Dallas, Texas	<i>St. Louis, Mo.</i>

## Consortium Seeks to Improve Greek Life

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On the other hand, fraternity life provides instant friendships within a large group of people dedicated to each other's academic and social success. Fraternities at Mizzou run large chapter budgets, typically from \$250,000 to \$750,000. Members work together to run their chapter activities. They learn leadership skills by being members of a team or chairing a committee. Every member is expected to contribute. From chairing a committee to becoming president of the fraternity, there are many leadership opportunities. Greek life at Mizzou turns out graduates that are well rounded in their ability to work with people of different temperaments, talents and convictions. In short, the primary reason for Greek organizations to exist is that they provide a social network of close friendships that often last a lifetime and leadership development skills that cannot be learned anywhere else on campus.

The benefits of Greek life at Mizzou do not mean the fraternity system is immune from the problems that plague campus life elsewhere. All universities have behavorial problems like drugs and alcohol, but often the university's options for dealing with these problems are limited. As the landlords of the fraternity system, Consortium members have a tool the university does not have-the power of the lease. Through its ownership of the house, the Consortium can evict members who violate the rules of alcohol and drug use. The Consortium has begun a voluntary behavioral audit program that conducts random inspections of the second and third floor of Consortium member chapters as a means of controlling unauthorized events. These events often include alcohol consumption and occur spontaneously on Thursday through Saturday nights. The Consortium notifies the chapter house corporation of the violations, and the house corporation turns it over to the chapter officers to address the issue. The house corporation has at their disposal a menu of penalties to impose on the chapter if the issue is not dealt with in an expeditious manner; penalties range from suspension of social privileges to reduced participation in Greek Week, Homecoming and other Greek events.



Andrew Clarke 'YR, Matt Moedritzer 'YR, and Kyle Sitomer 'YR at the Chapter House.



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Missouri, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address. Thank you.

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# SAVE the DATE

Please Join Us for the Second Annual Sigma Chi Memorial Golf Tournament to Honor Brothers of Chapter Eternal and Benefit the Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi at A.L. Gustin Golf Course on the Campus of the University of Missouri

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - NOON Cost Is \$100 Per Person to Play Dinner at the House to Follow; Dinner Cost \$50 Register at www.golfdigestplanner.com/18252-sigmachigolf/