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CHAPTER HOUSE EXCEEDS ALUMNI EXPECTATIONS Campaign Ends on December 31—Help Us Finish Strong

The objectives of the renovation were to give the Chapter House a new life that would last for at least another 30 years, and to make it even more durable and safe. We are now more competitive with any facility on campus. All of this was done without altering the classic beauty of the original architecture. Even though not completed at the time, the promise of future renovations resulted in Xi Xi's largest pledge class. We have built the foundation for continuing success. Alumni said the Chapter House renovations were well beyond their expectations.

Completed House Renovations

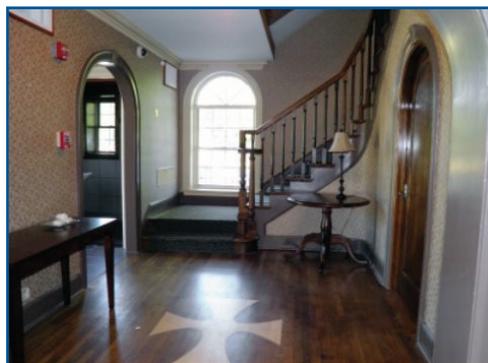
- Handsome conference room where Pit rooms use to be
- Casual room where the old-wing furnace sat
- Remodeled bathrooms
- Wood-grained hallways with sconce lighting and brick accents
- Tiled sleeping rooms with natural wood windows
- Brick patio with new furniture
- Open dining room with recessed ceilings
- First floor of the old wing recreated in masculine natural wood tones and accented with the lines of classic, durable furniture
- White Cross inlaid in wood at the foot of the new front stairwell

Help Us Complete Our Goals

Your chance to make an impact through the capital campaign ends on December 31, 2013. We ask each of you who has not made a pledge or who has not fulfilled your pledge to do so by that time. **To accomplish our goals with the renovation, we had to borrow more than \$1 million. Unless we can retire some of this debt through donations, the House Corporation will be operating on very slim margins for the foreseeable future.** We ask all of you who



The formal room now offers a new, rich masculine décor.



The renovated foyer features wood accents with a cross inlaid in the flooring.

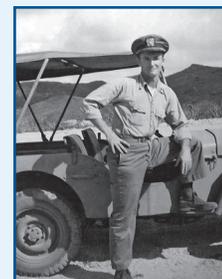
have not participated in helping secure the future for our Chapter to do so now. With your dedication, we can prepare the Chapter for a successful future.

Our Chapter House has always been one of the most beautiful on campus from the exterior. We now have an interior to match it. We hope you will join us in creating a successful future for Xi Xi.

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Ed Matheny, 70 Plus Years of Accomplishment

Edward T. Matheny Jr. '43 is one of Xi Xi's most illustrious alumni. He came to Sigma Chi from Southwest High School in Kansas City in 1941 where he lettered in three sports and was a member of the National Honor Society.



It was wartime during his time at Mizzou and the Chapter House was leased to the Army. Ed, as Consul, led the small remaining band of brothers who lived in a boarding house behind the campus pool hall. He kept Sigma Chi alive with the help of the landlady, Mother O'Shaughnessy, who stoked the furnace, shoveled the snow, and maintained order. At MU, Ed was a member of QEBH, an editor for *Savitar*, a Phi Beta Kappa, and lettered in basketball.

He graduated in December 1943 and, after training in the Navy's V-7 program, was commissioned an ensign, and served on the staff of Admiral Chester Nimitz. While there, he received a telegram from Grover Cleveland, Grand Consul: "You are winner Balfour National Award." He, along with **Norman O. Wagner Jr. '33** and **Eddie Greim '99**, are Xi Xi's only Balfour Sigs.

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Integrity, Respect, and Honor

The Legacy of Ike Skelton IV '53

Our Brother Ike is honored on the Mizzou campus with a Patriot Bench from his Sigma Chi Brothers. The bench is on a prominent corner of the Carnahan Quadrangle immediately adjacent to the Susie Skelton Garden.

On November 4, Brother Skelton was laid to rest in Lexington, Missouri, honored by a graveside 21-gun salute and flyover by a B-2 bomber.

Ike served 17 terms in Congress beginning in 1976. At his funeral service, Congressman Cleaver said, "Ike was special. He was rare. He walked with presidents and generals but he never forgot his friends or where he came from."

At his service, 50 Sigma Chis gathered at his flag-draped casket to individually place their roses in the White Rose Ceremony. He leaves his wife, Patty, and his three Sigma Chi sons to carry on his legacy: **Ike V**, *George Washington University '87*, **Jim**, *North Georgia College '88*, and **Page**, *West Virginia University '90*.



Ike loved Sigma Chi. The White Cross has gained new luster by his life.

Ed Matheny

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Following the Navy, Ed graduated Harvard Law School cum laude and joined the Kansas City law firm, now Husch Blackwell, where he has been an outstanding lawyer for 64 years. Throughout his career, Ed has been active in the civic community, serving as founder and first president of KCPT, chairman of the Citizens Association of Kansas City, chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri, and president of St. Luke's Hospital.

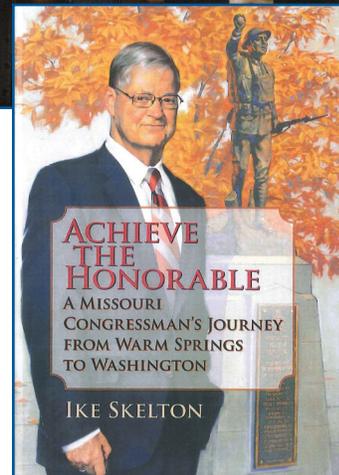
Ed now writes and presents extensively on local history, including his books about St. Luke's Hospital, Southwest High School, Kansas City Public Television, and the people of Kansas City serving in WWII. He is known for writing *Xi Xi of Sigma Chi, a History*, which tells the Xi Xi history. Ed's beautiful telling of the Xi Xi story preserves our heritage. He has made us all proud to be a Sig.



Above: A bench honoring Ike from his Xi Xi brothers sits on a prominent corner of the Carnahan Quadrangle at Mizzou.

Right: Ike's autobiography, *Achieve the Honorable: A Missouri Congressman's Journey from Warm Springs to Washington*, shares his journey from a small town in Missouri to Capitol Hill.

Left: A Veteran's Day cartoon honoring Ike was published in the Columbia Daily Tribune on November 3.



Remembering Josh Seidel '02

Before the Mizzou/Tennessee game on November 2, friends gathered to tailgate in a familiar spot, but this time, there was something very different. Just outside the Hearnes Center, a group of young and old alike joined to support the Tigers and pay tribute to a true son of Missouri who was taken from this life way too soon. A friend to so many, **Josh Seidel '02** of St. Louis was a graduate of the engineering school, a proud Xi Xi Sigma Chi, and a devout supporter of our Tigers.

After graduating from CBC High School, Josh decided to follow the lead of his cousin, **Ron Hefley '94**, and join Sigma Chi. While Josh had several friends joining other fraternities, the draw to Sigma Chi remained strong. As a pledge in the fall 1997 class, Josh joined a group of 39 others to embark on the collegiate journey together. They learned in the first few months that the bonds of true brotherhood are not just a four-year endeavor but a lifelong kinship that has the effect of bringing one back to fraternity days no matter how much time has passed.

Josh embodied the Sigma Chi values of friendship, justice, and learning. After Mizzou, he returned to St. Louis where he co-founded Caliber Cast Stone, a successful business that made him extremely proud. He worked hard at his day job but always had time to help his family and friends at a moment's notice.

Josh was at the helm of countless ski trips, float trips, lake weekends, and, most of all, tailgates. Fittingly, the first annual Tailgate4Josh was a way to pay tribute by bringing together the things he loved most: family, friends, Sigma Chi, and Mizzou. While the pain of the loss of a brother never truly fades, the knowledge that Josh is right beside each of us, finishing the Z-O-U to our M-I-Z's, keeps the memory of a great Sigma Chi alive forever.



Xi Xi Golf Shootout A Success *Brothers Bond during Grand Opening Dinner*

On September 14, over 100 Xi Xi alumni and friends visited Columbia to celebrate and experience the beginning of the next 40 years of Sigma Chi at the University of Missouri. Inspired by the completion of our three-year house renovation, **Paul Courter '72** stepped up, with support from the Alumni Association, to host the first Xi Xi Golf Shootout, followed by a grand opening dinner, held at 500 S. College.

The golf shootout was a tremendous success with a field of 56 alumni, undergraduates, and their fathers, complemented by perfect fall golf weather and beverage cart service throughout the course. The tournament was formatted as a scramble, with eight par-threes serving as qualifying holes for the shootout. Alumni sponsored many holes, either personally or through their business, and each par-three had a sporting event ticket package prize for a hole-in-one.

As foursomes came off the course, grilled food and drinks were served, scorecards were tallied, and anticipation for the shootout grew. Once the shootout qualifiers were announced, each lined up to take their best shot at the par-three 10th hole, with nearly 50 other players surrounding the tee box gallery-style to watch and root them on. After all eight players took their shot, two of our most experienced players, **Paul Carothers '58** and **George Gale '54**, were closest to the pin. Determination of the winner actually required a measurement, which left George Gale as our shootout champion for 2013. Over \$1,200 in prizes were awarded to the shootout winner and the top three teams in the scramble.

As the shootout wrapped up, the focus turned to our beautifully renovated house at 500 S. College for our grand opening dinner. We benefited from our new House Mom, Kathy Estes, who volunteered her more



The house was filled with people for the golf reunion.



Brothers gather for dinner during the golf reunion.

than 25 years of event-planning experience and hosted the most stunning dinner event in recent Xi Xi memory. Attendees were welcomed into the Formal Room for a cocktail reception, followed by a seated dinner on the front veranda of the house underneath the columns. During dinner, introductions and congratulations were given for all the dedicated individuals who contributed to the renovation. Many alumni and friends attended, including Vice Chancellor Dr. Cathy Scroggs and our largest contributor to the capital campaign, **Duncan Matteson '56**, who flew all the way from California to attend the event.

We are very grateful to everyone who made an effort to attend these hugely successful events. If you were unable to attend this year, please consider attending the second annual Xi Xi Golf Shootout, which is being planned for a Friday afternoon before a home football game in mid-September 2014! Look for a date reminder in early 2014.

Sigma Chi Mom Makes Chapter House Feel Like Home

Written by Xi Xi House Director Kathy Estes

Everyone associated with this Chapter has been very warm and welcoming, making this an easy transition for me. Since we just completed a three-year, multi-million dollar renovation, my focus has been to organize and create better systems to run the day-to-day operations of the house. We have built and organized 12 new closets and changed most of the cleaning and kitchen products to green and natural, eliminating harsh chemicals wherever we can. We have reinstated etiquette lessons for the new members and, hopefully, will begin ballroom dance lessons as part of their curriculum.



Beginning at the end of this semester, we will return to family-style dinner so the members can enjoy saying prayer before dinner and practicing etiquette for all. I have been working with many of the committees teaching them how to plan events, create budgets, and organize projects. The house is so beautiful and the layout allows us to host multiple types of events. Our first was the grand re-opening in September on the front veranda. We also hosted Dad's Weekend with a Vegas night and VIP alumni tailgate for football. Returning alumni and current parents love the house and all the new changes.

Overall, my focus is to make the Chapter House a home. This is everyone's home away from home. I want everyone to have great food, ample room to study, and a place to gather with friends, watch football, and relax. Contrary to the media's depiction of fraternities, this Chapter is very respectful of their new home and appreciates all that alumni have done to create a Chapter House that they can be proud of and enjoy for many years to come.

For those who would like to follow our daily activities, you can see us on my Facebook page, Mizzou Sig Chi Mom. I post almost 1,000 pictures each semester. It is very popular with parents and alumni.

Jeremy Terman '16 Named Young Fundraiser Philanthropist of the Year



Jeremy Terman '16 was recently named the Young Fundraiser Philanthropist of the Year in Kansas City. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding commitment to the community through financial support, development of charitable support, and general leadership in philanthropy.

Jeremy's motivation for charitable effort was awakened at the age of 12 when he volunteered at Operation Breakthrough, a school for impoverished children. Recognizing how basic their needs were, he started a fund drive at his school to buy clothing, diapers, and hygienic items. Over the next five years, he expanded the scope of his program by enlisting the cooperation

of HyVee, Harvesters, and Hen House, naming the effort Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat. The initial Halloween-based program featured two live remotes and raised 1,720 pounds of food in four hours. The annual drive continues today, involving six schools with the goal of 12,000 pounds in food donations.

Jeremy brought his gift for fundraising to college where the Special Olympics, after hearing his résumé, created a special intern position for him. He helped spearhead the Xi Xi effort in the Polar Plunge at Stephens Lake, which resulted in the Chapter team raising \$5,435. Special Olympics then put him in charge of organizing community volunteers for its Spring Games. This year he will lead the effort to raise \$15,000 from university organizations.

Besides his recognition as Young Fundraiser Philanthropist, Jeremy was featured in *Leawood Lifestyle Magazine* as a Star Student for receiving the Congressional Gold Medal Award in Washington, D.C. He was also the Fox 4 Reaching for Excellence awardee. We are honored to recognize him as a brother and an outstanding young man.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Michael Bell

Denver, Colo.

Business Finance

Mark Eckhardt

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Connor Kuhlmann

Kansas City, Mo.

Biochemistry

Matt Peterson

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Charlie Shehan

Chicago, Ill.

Business

Mark Vega

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Matt Blanchard

Chicago, Ill.

Business

Johnny Frith

St. Louis, Mo.

Business Finance

Harrison Lanning

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Nick Pirotte

Kansas City, Mo.

Agribusiness
Management

Clayton Sherrillo

St. Louis, Mo.

Business Finance

George Williams

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Alex Boyd

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Dillon Jones

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Max Linscott

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Landon Pitt

Springfield, Mo.

Business

Grant Sitomer

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Andrew Yonke

Chicago, Ill.

Health Science

Jack Cantalin

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Jake Keane

St. Louis, Mo.

Journalism

Peyton Mach

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Cooper Ogborn

Chicago, Ill.

Business

Jason Snow

Kansas City, Mo.

Health Professions

Jack Zohner

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

John Connors

St. Louis, Mo.

Business
Management

Tom Keller

Kansas City, Mo.

Engineering

Reilly Manz

Detroit, Mich.

Journalism

John Quinly

Kansas City, Mo.

Political Science

Jackson Stevens

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Sam Corothers

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Bucky Kessinger

Kansas City, Mo.

Mechanical Engineer

Brendan Marquart

Kansas City, Mo.

Business
Management

Tanner Rofles

St. Louis, Mo.

Finance

Andrew Swailes

Kansas City, Mo.

Chemical
Engineering

Luke Crites

Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Health Science

Josh Koch

Kansas City, Mo.

Business

Anthony Martinez

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Skylar Rolle

Kansas City, Mo.

Civil Engineering

Drew Tobin

Lane Tree, Colo.

Business
Management

B.J. Dean

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Jake Kopesky

St. Louis, Mo.

Business

Rick Murphy

St. Louis, Mo.

Business Finance

John Ruppel

Dallas, Texas

Business



Brothers enjoy Casino Night during Dad's weekend.



Family members join the fun for the Mizzou Family Weekend at the ΣΧ house.

BROTHERS WELCOME 47 NEW MEMBERS

Undergraduates Thankful for Renovations

We began the fall 2013 semester by welcoming 47 new members to the most beautiful house on campus. We followed an intensive recruiting strategy over the summer, using the Jordan Standard to ensure that we signed the right men who will move Xi Xi Chapter forward in the future.

Xi Xi Homecoming a Success

We have had great success with the implementation of our new member education program, which combines university activities and resources with our traditional events. Our first Homecoming in two years went terrifically. We were paired with Beta Sigma Psi and the lovely women of Delta Delta Delta. We placed first in the float competition. Thank you, family and alumni, for celebrating Homecoming with us.

Renovations Improve Chapter Operations

On behalf of all the undergraduate brothers, we cannot be more grateful and pleased with the renovations. Not only has the new house enhanced our overall Chapter experience, but it has also improved our recruiting, academic development, and enticed more experienced leaders to live in the house.

Thank You for Your Support

Kathy Estes, our new House Director, has benefitted us tremendously by taking on new activities with her organizational skills and experience in the fraternity system. Our ultimate goal is to be the premier leadership organization on campus. With support from our Chapter advisors and House Corporation, I know we can accomplish this. Thank you, alumni, for donating time and money to the Chapter. We thank you for supporting us and staying involved during our rough times. I have never been more proud to be a Sigma Chi.

In hoc,
Tim Pettet '15, Consul
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Brothers won first place in the float category during Homecoming.

Undergraduate Reactions to Renovations



The renovated first-floor study hall gives brothers the space and resources they need to excel academically.

"There is literally no comparison between the newly renovated house and the one I moved into two years ago."

-Tom Groff '15

"The study areas are so clutch! I study four to five hours a day, and it is so nice not having to walk to the library anymore."

-James Rhodes '15

"My favorite part is the TV room. It's the perfect place to watch the big game with your pledge brothers."

-B.J. Dean '17

"The house has got to be one of the nicest on campus."

-Hardy Cox '16

"Now this is a house that a gentlemen such as myself would actually want to live in!"

-Aaron Maassen '14



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

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www.sigmachi.org

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 @SigmaChiXiXi

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www.sigmachi.students.missouri.edu
 (currently under maintenance)

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL



THE TIGER SIG



Thomas E. Deacy Jr. '39 passed away on September 23, 2013, three weeks before his 95th birthday. He attended Southwest High School and then received an LLB from the University of Missouri (Columbia) in 1940, where he was on the Missouri Law Review. Thomas received an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1949 and practiced law in Chicago from 1946 to 1955. He served the community in many ways, including as president of the Juvenile Protective Association of Chicago, chairman of Conservatory of Music of Kansas City, and director of St. Louis-San Francisco Railway and Burlington Northern, Inc. Thomas loved family ski trips to Colorado and summer trips to Michigan. He loved golfing with his friends and family and was a passionate and skilled duck hunter. Thomas and Jean Freeman Deacy had five children: Bennette, Carolyn, Margaret, Thomas, and Ann.

Ned A. Eddy Jr. '58 passed away peacefully October 30 surrounded by family after a long battle with myelodysplastic syndrome. He was born June 13, 1936, in Kansas City, Mo. After college, Ned joined the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. After his military service, Ned joined his father and uncles at Eddy Brothers, Inc. to begin his career as a leader in hospitality. During the 1970s, Ned was chairman of the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau for two years. He was also president of the Missouri Restaurant Association, on the Republican Steering Committee for the Republican National Convention of 1980, elected Restaurateur of the Year in 1977 by the Missouri Restaurant Association, and served as a Senior Vice President for Ducks Unlimited for eight years.

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ALUMNI NEWS

G. Hale Hubbard '50 departed the University of Missouri in 1946 for an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. He graduated with the class of 1950 and has had a 30-year military career. He and his wife, Jo Ann, have one son, Trent. The couple resides in Martinez, Ga.

Carl A. Brown '75 retired in May 2013 from the Missouri public education system and returned to work in August 2013 as the mining operations project superintendent for Headwaters Plant Services. He and his wife, Jane, reside in Moberly, Mo., and have three children: C.J., Nicholas, and Maggie. E-mail: brown1814@gmail.com



Judy and Phil Walters '59, Janet and John Loomis '58, and Rochelle and Don Hicks '58 visit Xi Xi Chapter for a reunion.



Paul Carothers '58 bonds with his grandson, Sam Carothers, a new Xi Xi pledge.



Judy Walters, Holly Carothers, Paul Carothers '58, Phil Walters '59, Janet Loomis, George Gale '54, John Loomis '58, and Rochelle and Don Hicks '58 enjoy the beautiful weather during a Xi Xi reunion.



Dick Jensen '56, John Walker '60, Tim Pettey '15, and Don Hicks '58 hang out during the reunion.