



SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF GREEK HOUSING

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Katherine L. Sharp in 1900. Sharp helped found two chapters of Kappa Gamma, including Illinois' own Beta Lambda chapter, and was the University of Illinois' first Head Librarian and Director of the Library School. Sharp's contacts with Kappa Kappa Gamma national leadership proved invaluable to Beta Lambda's affiliation, as some Kappa leaders were opposed to granting membership to students in a "technical" program like the Library School.

What's New at the Greek Housing History Project?

by Jon Coit

We've started a new project as part of the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing and the Student Life Archives at the University of Illinois. Alumni interviews have been a crucial part of the histories I have written so far, but time constraints made it difficult for me to do more than a handful for each history project. Searching for a way to solve this problem, we hit upon asking interested collegiate chapter members to do alumni interviews. Thirteen women from Beta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma are bravely attempting the first experiment. Good luck to these women! Watch out alumni!

The first semester of this school year saw us put our taxpayers' money to use as Student Life and Culture Archivist Ellen Swain crossed the necessary "t's" and dotted all the "i's" to receive federal work-study money which doubled the position of history writer's hours. With the extra time I was able to draft two histories in the Fall—Alpha Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma. We had already completed three histories, those of FarmHouse, Delta Tau Delta, and Chi Omega. We plan on having three more histories finished by the end of Spring semester—Sigma Phi Delta, Zeta Beta Tau, and Alpha Tau Omega (Illinois chapter). Eight histories is not a bad start for a Greek system that at one time had over 90 affiliated nationals and local Greek organizations. □

Elections

In December the Society for the Preservation of Greek Housing elected the Board and its officers for 2002:

Cara Augspurger, vice-president
David Bechtel, director
Terri Carr, director
Duane Frichtl, treasurer
Stasz Gorski, director
Karen Lang-Kummer, president
Carol Miles, director
John Seiler, secretary
Ellen Swain, director

Dues for 2002

The dues notices for 2002 have been mailed out to our members. A couple of you will note that your dues for 2001 have also not been paid. If you wish to have your chapter stay current, both the 2001 and 2002 dues are due and payable at this time. We thank you for your prompt payment of dues, which allows us to offer you all the benefits of membership.

Sigma Nu

We are welcoming the Gamma Mu chapter of Sigma Nu at the University of Illinois as a new member. The chapter will soon be celebrating 100 years and will be embarking on a fund-raising drive to restore the chapterhouse as a part of the century celebration.

Phi Delta Theta

The Illinois chapter of Phi Delta Theta will soon submit an application for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places to the state of Illinois and then to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. The Society is hopeful that the chapterhouse will soon be added to the list of chapters who are already listed.

University of Illinois Alumni Summit

by Dan Bureau, Assistant Dean of Greek Affairs

Alumni: making the Connection

Hello from Greek Affairs. Hopefully you have enjoyed the start of another year. Lisa and I have made our own resolutions for the Fraternity and Sorority Community here at the University of Illinois and increased communications with you are a part of them. This Spring we will take on one of the biggest undertakings ever by the Office of the Dean of Students and Greek Affairs by hosting our first Alumni Summit.

April 20th is the date for the inaugural event. Created out of a need to increase relations with alumni and graduate members of our 85 fraternities and sororities (of which 63 are housed), this will present all in attendance with an opportunity to discuss the pivotal role that alumni and graduate members of our organizations have in insuring the future of the Greek community. Keynote speaker, Dr. Ron Binder (check out a bio on Dr. Binder at: <http://www.gilchristassociates.com/products.htm> under Gilchrist staff) will address the audience on current and future trends of the fraternal movement and provide possible solutions for our organizations to grow and flourish. Identifying the important role that you play in this growth, we will then break into groups to form action plans on how to help each individual organization.

After lunch, workshops will be hosted on a variety of topics including housing management, creating cultural change and fundraising techniques. A full day, beginning at 9:30a.m. and running until 5:00p.m., this summit will hopefully permit you to connect with other alums while gaining some insight into how the fraternal movement is changing and evolving. This is an exciting time for the U of I Fraternity and Sorority Community and we hope you

News from Board Meetings

The Board has decided to create a website for the Society. We have chosen a domain name and will be creating a site which will, we hope, make it much easier for all of you to get information from the Society. And, perhaps, have your questions answered by some of the materials that will be available on the site. At the February Board meeting, the Board met with the owner of "SiteKiss" to ask questions and give suggestions as to what information we will have on the site. We are hoping to have the site operational very soon. When we do we will notify you.

will continue to be involved and invested in its success.

Many of you have been placed on email lists and such due to your roles as chapter advisor or house corporation president. Hopefully, you appreciate the information we have been providing you. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list for any reason, please contact me at dbureau@uiuc.edu. One resource that we continue to provide for the chapters and those in primary leadership roles within your alumni associations is the Greek Gazette. This is our weekly educational newsletter on various topics such as housing management, risk awareness, diversity, recruitment, and loads of other topics. I encourage you to check out the Gazette and let me know what you think. Visit the Greek Affairs webpage at <http://odos.edu/greek/> and click on the link for the Greek Gazette. All the issues are up for your perusal.

Thanks for all that you do as a committed alumni/ae as we progress the fraternal movement at the University of Illinois. *Dan* □

Who we are and what we do at the Society

As House Corporation Officers and Chapter Advisors change we get questions about what we do. Here are some of the answers.

The Society For The Preservation Of Greek Housing

- * Originated at the University of Illinois in 1988
- * Public Foundation Status Since 1992
- * Over 3 Million Awarded in Grants Thus Far for Preservation and Renovation of Chapter Houses
- * Awarding of Grants Based Upon Health and Safety Code Requirements, Major Structural Rehabilitation or Restoration, and Interior or Exterior Rehabilitation or Restoration
- * Goal is to Educate Public of the Historical and Architectural Significance of the Fraternity and Sorority Houses and Preserve and Document the Unique Architecture of these Houses
- * Contributions are Tax-Deductible to Donors for Approved Projects
- * Opportunity for Foundation to Foundation Transfer for Approved Grants as Alpha Tau Omega will do through The University of Nebraska Foundation and other Members have done through their National Foundations

- * Initiation Fee for Membership into the Society is \$600, New Member Annual Dues is \$300 (Year 1-5), Sustaining Member Annual Dues is \$150 (Year 6 and above)
- * Service Charge per Donation to the Society Ranges from 3% to 1/2%, Dependant upon Donation Size
- * Grants Could Possibly Be Awarded For:
 - Concealed Sprinkler and Alarm Systems
 - Bathroom Renovations
 - Kitchen Fire Suppression Equipment
 - Heating and Water Heating Systems
 - Enclosed Egress Stairways
 - Authenticated Landscaping Restoration
 - Porch and Patio Rehabilitation or Restoration
 - Window Replacement
 - Electrical Upgrading
- * Grants Would Probably Not Be Awarded For:
 - Movable Furniture, Equipment, Carpets, Etc.
 - Kitchen Stoves, Refrigerators, Etc.
 - Air Conditioning Systems
 - Housing or Recreational Additions
 - Aluminum Windows
 - Parking Lots
 - Ethernet Installations

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Grants Have Been Awarded For:

Demolition

1. Walls that will be replaced in the same location.
2. Walls that will be replaced in new locations due to code requirements
3. Ceilings that will be replaced with the same materials and configuration.
4. Floor finishes to be replaced with historical materials.
5. Mechanical system with intent to be replaced with new systems including new boiler/fin-tube radiators.
6. Electrical system with intent to be replaced with new panels and system upgrades.
7. Removal of treated wood exterior ramp with intent to restore historical front facade of house.
8. Interior platform in the TV room in order to put back the original hardwood floor.
9. Front porch to be replaced historically.
10. Removal of wooden deck to be replaced with structure compatible with the remainder of the house.

New Systems

1. Electrical systems including new panels and period fixtures.
2. Heating system, new boilers and fin-tube radiation heating.
3. Exhaust system, including new ventilation for the toilet rooms as a code requirement.
4. Fire detection repairs as a code requirement.
5. Telephone wiring and conduit replacement.
6. Fire extinguishers to be replaced.
7. Lead paint abatement as required by regulation.
8. Asbestos abatement as required by regulation.
9. Hot water heaters.

New Work & Repairs

1. Walls, not in original locations but required by code, i.e. new stair walls.

2. Walls reinstalled or reworked in original locations.
3. Ceiling work in original location and materials.
4. Floor finishes in original materials.
5. Rework of study rooms consisting of plaster removal and/or repair, new drywall as required, and new paint.
6. New interior egress stairs (concrete and steel) as required by code.
7. Rework or replace wood trim in original locations and configurations.
8. Expose fireplaces, rework hearths and mantles.
9. New oak doors with hollow metal frames and new hardware.
10. Window repair, replacement and new, to match existing.
11. Repair, tuckpoint, and cleaning of exterior brickwork.
12. Paint and replace original exterior shutters.
13. Repair or historically replace front porch and columns.
14. Repair and rehabilitate historical iron fencing.
15. Repair, scrape, prime, and paint all exterior woodwork.
16. Historically replace or repair guttering, roofing and chimneys.
17. Fire alarm system repair and emergency battery back-up lighting for egress paths.
18. Fire rated doors and frames, self closing devices, and magnetic hold-opens as required by fire code.
19. Original bathroom repair and replacement of fixtures.
20. New fixtures required by plumbing code in added bathrooms.
21. Trap cleaning and valve replacement on existing radiators.
22. Authenticated landscape restoration.

Dues & Fees (June 1997)

INITIATION FEE:

Any Organization Which Has Never Had Membership \$600
(Plus \$300 Dues for Current Year)

ANNUAL DUES:

New Member \$300/year
(Year 1-5)
Sustaining Member \$150/year
(More than 5 Continuous Years)

LAPSED MEMBERS TO REJOIN:

- * Pay Back Annual Dues (maximum of \$600; 2 years)
(Plus \$300 Dues for Current Year)
- * Pay Dues As New Member (\$300/year)

SERVICE FEE PER DONATION CHECK

\$1 - \$999	3%
\$1000 - \$49,999	2%
\$50,000 - \$499,999	1%
\$500,000 and up	1/2%

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