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Phi Kappa Psi

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Eminent Domain Threatens Property



The house corporation was approached in November by Columbia city engineers with a proposal to extend Rollins road through the front and side yard to connect with Burnam Road. They also want to connect university housing to this Rollins extension. Current plans show a four-lane extension which would consume all of our front yard and nearly half the side yard.

The rationale of city engineers is safety and traffic flow on Providence, which gets very congested at rush hour. Their plan also includes a center barrier down Providence from Stadium to Stewart Road eliminating all turns on Providence except at this new Rollins intersection. We are obviously very concerned and have taken the following actions:

A) We have formed a special House Corporation committee to outline strategies and do fact-finding. Members of this committee have maintained communication with all interested parties. Co-chairs include Tom Jensen '88, and Randy Fisk '71.

B) We have used personal relationships with city officials to discuss the idea. We also met with other affected parties (University officials and the Grasslands Neighborhood Association) to try to establish a unified position. If you know any city decision-makers involved in this process, please email us at TWheels33@aol.com.

C) We have developed many cheaper, more favorable alternatives and have let the city know the current plan may not be as cost-effective as they may believe.

D) We have hired a recommended Columbia attorney familiar with eminent domain cases and a real estate appraiser.

The next step is an interested party meeting in mid-April. We will send out special mailings as more develops.

Fire Sprinklers Mandated in Greek Houses by 2013

In early 2007, the City of Columbia mandated fire sprinklers for all fraternity and sorority houses by 2013.

Although we strongly support fire safety, and the eventual installation of fire sprinkler systems, many Mizzou House Corporations - including ours - have come together to oppose this proposal.

The mandate is for Greek houses only, and is not applied to other multi-unit dwellings, apartments, or university housing. We believe this unfairly targets Greek housing, and are asking for a level playing field.

We have begun seeking bids for the installation of sprinklers and received an initial bid of nearly \$200,000. This is similar to bids received by other MU chapters.

This would result in financial distress, and the possible closure of several of MU's Greek chapter houses. Due to this, we have asked for financial support from the city, state, or university if the mandate is not repealed.

Based on these and other related factors, the city's building commission is pushing for a repeal of the mandate. The proposal is expected to be repealed at the next city council meeting in April.

Although this may delay our immediate need to install a sprinkler system, the fire department has promised that it will continue to work toward mandatory sprinkler systems, particularly in student housing.

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The Missouri Alpha House Corporation Report

It was another good year for Chapter house repair and maintenance, meaning we accomplished a lot of work for less money once again through using less expensive contractors and self-help. Overall, we spent about \$31,000 in the following categories: carpentry (\$4,745), electrical (\$4,265), cleaning (\$1,100), repairs (\$19,882), and supplies (\$1,014). By project:

Carpentry: The northwest bathroom door (\$1,000), Powder Room stall doors(2)/sub-floor (\$445), Old Wing stairs spindles (\$200), Old Wing stair base sub-floor, 2nd floor Old Wing flooring, the flooring outside of the upstairs Old Wing bathroom (\$1000), jambs/doors/misc. (\$1,100).

Electrical: New, New Wing bathroom lights (\$600), Blue room/EDL light/fan (\$95), new lights on the Green Landing and cafeteria (\$900), smoke alarm fix/conduit/misc. (\$1,320), Misc. parts/tools (\$750), wireless computer router (\$600 – donated by Ed Brandon '05).

Painting: Touch-up on green trim, 4 New Wing rooms, misc. repainting (\$450). Most paint and work done/donated by Steve O'Rourke '74. Other paint supply costs listed under "supplies."

Cleaning: Dave Hellwig '73 (\$1,000), Jackie O'Rourke (\$100).

Supplies: New vacuum/fix old one (\$225), 18 New Wing duct vent covers/8 portable fans (\$263), misc. cleaning, tools, and paint supplies (\$526). Wood is listed under carpentry or repairs.

Repairs: Blue room/EDL paint/fix (\$700), Old Wing bathroom repair/paint (\$600), 3 Pella Old Wing Windows (\$6,377), New Wing room (4) carpet/install (\$586/\$450), Chapter Room furniture fix (\$250 – donated), Sunken Garden drain/sump pump (\$850), driveway top coat/sealant (\$4,681), front yard drain pipe/dirt/grading (3,688), Blue Room bunk (\$250), stain front porch/treat deck (\$150), stripe and number parking lots (\$100), hydro-seed front yard over new drain (\$1,200).

Much of the work was completed at our 4th annual Alumni Work weekend, July 13-15, 2007. Additionally, we replaced 3 more Old Wing windows over Christmas break for about \$8,800, which not included in above figures. Again, we strive to be the guardians of the property and the funding you so graciously provide!

We invite you to stop by the house this fall for a football game or anytime you happen to be in Columbia. Any questions or suggestions can be forwarded to me at (618) 632-0555 or TWheels33@aol.com.

Wheels...

Wynn (Wheels) Wiegand, '74
President, MO Alpha House Corp.



After the circle drive was dug up and a new drain pipe was installed, the driveway and parking lot were repaired, and a new top coat/sealant were applied. The parking lot was then re-stripped and spots were numbered.



New sub-floor outside Old Wing bathroom.



New, New Wing bathroom door.



Three new Pella windows were installed on the south side of the Old Wing.



The driveway was dug up and a new drain pipe laid to prevent "Lake Phi Psi."



The 4th Annual Alumni Work Weekend on Jul 13-15, 2007. Front: Harry "Scooter" Smith '68, Randy Fisk '71, Bill Richerson '78, Dave Case '79. Back: Steve O'Rourke '74, Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand '74, Mark Solomon '98, and Dave Hellwig '73.

Football Parking Helps Fund House Fixes

In the fall of 2004, we began charging a \$10 fee and opened up our front and side yards for public parking for Tiger football games. We did this as a new way to raise money for House Corporation maintenance projects.

In 2006, we parked 1,017 cars and brought in \$10,200. After seeing much higher fees charged by other nearby chapters, we raised parking fees to \$15 during the 2007 football season. The Tigers tremendous season allowed us to park 1,121 cars and bring in \$16,800. This fee will remain \$15 for the 2008 football season.

The addition of such large crowds also required hiring on-site security. With access to the Chapter house and facilities, this made the football experience more family-oriented for our visitors and alumni. It created quite a bit of goodwill among visitors and has even attracted some potential recruits to the chapter house on game days.

The funds collected, minus expenses, are used strictly for maintaining the Chapter house and grounds. A special thanks to our parking gurus, Randy '71 and Becky Fisk, Steve '74 and Jackie O'Rourke, Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand '74, Dave Hellwig '73, and the chapter pledges. Also thank you to Dave Hellwig '73 and Harry "Scooter" Smith '68 for keeping the property looking good for alumni and visitors.

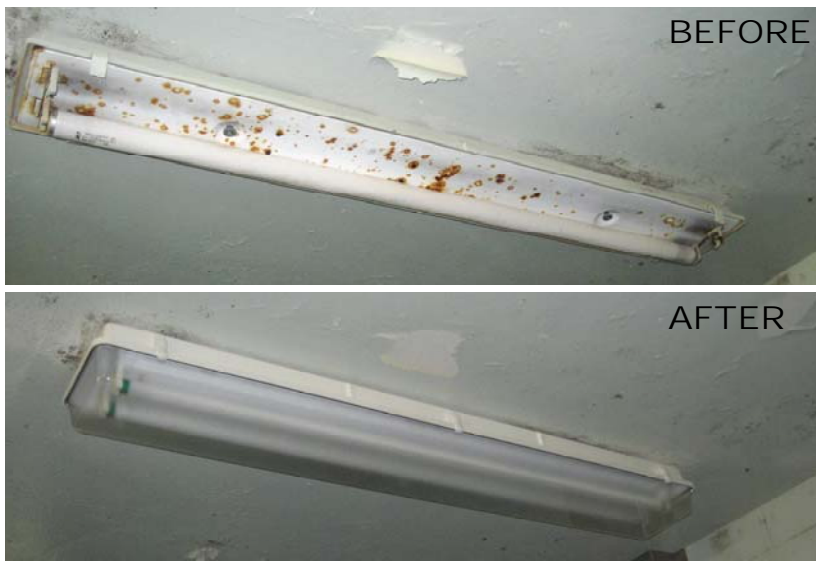
2008 Tiger Football Schedule

Aug. 30	vs. Illinois (in St. Louis)
Sept. 6	Southeast Missouri
Sept. 13	Nevada
Sept. 20	Buffalo
Oct. 4	at Nebraska
Oct. 11	Oklahoma State
Oct. 18	at Texas
Oct. 25	Colorado (Homecoming)
Nov. 1	at Baylor
Nov. 8	Kansas State
Nov. 15	at Iowa State
Nov. 28/29	vs. Kansas (in KC)

Home games in bold.



Improvement projects included (Left) new powder room doors and automatic light sensors, (Center) new paint, bunk beds, and a ceiling fan installed in Blue Room/EDL with help from Harry "Scooter" Smith '68, Dave Hellwig '73, and Donn Yeagley '73, and (Right) a sump pump and drainage in the sunken garden.



Light fixtures were replaced throughout the New Wing bathroom - on the ceiling and over the sinks.

Missouri Alpha Website www.MizzouPhiPsi.com

After years of being located on free server space provided to student groups, Missouri Alpha has moved its website to its own domain name and server - MizzouPhiPsi.com.

Site maintenance and participation from the undergraduate chapter members has been sporadic, so the site is being voluntarily maintained by Kevin Kozlen '96.

The most popular section of the site continues to be the alumni database within the Members' Only section. To log in, the username is "phipsi" and the password is "moalpha". If you get a chance, please log in and verify your contact information in the database.

Missouri Alpha Chapter Report, Events & Activities

The Missouri Alpha Chapter has committed itself to achieving excellence this year. Our continual improvement starts with a strong foundation, rooted in strong academic performance. During the Spring 2007 semester the chapter finished a grade point average of 2.8. However, we focused on recruiting smart and qualified men and achieved a new member GPA among the top 3 on campus that semester. This year, we've continued our focus on academic improvement, and a strong scholarship committee has implemented mandatory study hours for all members. This resulted in an in-house GPA of 3.2 during the Fall 2008 semester, and we hope to finish among the top fraternities on campus this semester.

We've also had a strong showing on the athletic field this year. Phi Kappa Psi won Greek championships in both flag football and softball. Our football team had another strong showing in 4-on-4 flag football, finishing 3rd. We've also successfully proved our athleticism competing in philanthropic competitions held by MU's sororities. We competed in Delta Delta Delta's "Triple Play" softball tournament benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Chi Omega's "Omegamatch" volleyball tournament benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Allie Kemp Foundation, Alpha Delta Pi's "Kickin' It" kickball tournament benefiting the Rain Foundation, and won Kappa Kappa Gamma's "Kappa Klassic" golf tournament. Congratulations to the Kappa Klassic golf team Christopher Hrabe, John Ryrie, Michael Shelly, Carlton Blood, and Dylan Yahn.

Committed to the great joy of serving others, we organized several community service events this year. In the fall, we organized our annual Halloween party for the Columbia Boys and Girls Club. We also continued our "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat" food drive, collecting hundreds of cans of food from our community neighbors for the Mid-Missouri Food Bank. We finished the fall semester with a holiday party for the Columbia Boys and Girls Club at our chapter house. Kicking off the spring semester, we participated in the community-sponsored "Polar Bear Plunge" to benefit the more than 1,800 Special Olympics athletes in central Missouri. We also recently participated and raised money for "Great Strides: Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis." We are currently planning a local concert to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club of America.

After a successful Tiger football season, we hope to welcome many more alumni back to the chapter house in the fall. We invite you to stop by at any time to re-visit your college home.



Members of the chapter celebrates after Phi Kappa Psi wins the Greek championship in flag football.

Missouri Alpha Helps Mississippi Alpha

Alumni and undergraduates from Missouri Alpha traveled to Mississippi Alpha (Old Miss) in Oxford, Mississippi from July 27-30 to "show them how it's done, MO Alpha style!" A few months earlier, Brothers Steve O'Rourke '74, and Ed Brandon '05, attended, and helped Mississippi Alpha celebrate, its 150th anniversary. While there, they noticed a Chapter house in disrepair, a barely-functioning House Corporation, mounting Chapter debt, and low morale.

Coordinating with the Mississippi Alpha House Corporation, an alumni work weekend was set up with alumni and undergraduates from both chapters. After three long and grueling 18-hr days, their Chapter house was repaired, cleaned, and painted. Gourmet, but barracks-style, food was prepared and served to all workers by Brother Brandon (can you say, shrimp and ribs?).

Their morale noticeably improved immediately and their House Corporation received an anonymous check for \$25,000. This allowed them to pay down and re-finance their debt at a more reasonable rate. Their fall rush was the best in 10 years. Sometimes, all it takes is a spark!



Chapter Day

This year's Chapter Day will be held at the house on Saturday, April 19. The day starts with the House Corporation meeting at 10:15 am. Agenda items include the election of Corporation Board members and officers; officer and undergrad reports; summer maintenance planning and budgeting; and two open issues - the year 2013 sprinkler mandate and the eminent domain issue (see related articles on the front page).

Following the meeting, a luncheon and awards banquet will be sponsored by the Chapter. Their choice for Alumni of the Year will be announced. As always, there will be the world-renowned "Yard Tour" following these festivities.

More On MO Alphans

The '50's

Robert Massengale '52 wrote *Black Gold: A History of Charcoal in Missouri*. You can order a copy at 1-888-280-7715.

Tom Rutledge '52 had his first great-grandchild, Kaylee (named for his late wife Kay). He recently completed a 3,200 mile trip, visiting brothers and friends throughout the eastern U.S.

Gary A. Tatlow '59 was one of 10 local Columbia celebrities in a local "Dancing with the Stars" event, raising \$37,000 for the Missouri Contemporary Ballet.

The '60's

Peter Cacioppo '66 is a Certified Financial Planner, and owner/principal of Eagle Hill Wealth Management. He stays busy on his ranch - Eagle Hill Vineyards and Winery, German Shepherds, and Belted Galloway cattle.

The '70's

Phillip Carl Royston '76 is living in Overland Park, KS, and is Vice President of Sales for Maximus Medical.

The '80's

Richard Hahn '80 is an Art Director at Rhino Marketing in Houston, TX.

Mike Hill '86 is a history teacher in the Ladue School District in St. Louis.

Dennis Mahoney '87 is an Editor/Writer for Winston & Strawn, LLP in Chicago, and is a student in the Second City Comedy Writing Program.

Patrick L. Hickey '88 is a manager for Brown Shoe Company in Clayton, MO.

The '90's

Jason Schmelz '92 is an Acct. Manager for The Boeing Company in St. Louis.

Richard Resa '92 is an engineer with DaimlerChrysler in Michigan.

Jace Rogiers '92 is president of BMC, and lives in Indianapolis. He and his wife had their third child last summer.

Jake Carr '96 is still cheering on the Tigers, now living in Streator, IL.

Karl L. Marschel '97 recently married Laura Delso. He is an Associate at Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP in Chicago.

Nicolas Roueche '99 is a Logistics Officer and convoy commander, currently serving in the Air Force in Iraq.

Let us know what you're up to. Email us at alumni@mizzouhipsi.com or drop us a message at Editor's Office, P.O. Box 6906, Columbia, MO 65205.

Chapter Eternal

Vincent V. Lane '32

Roscoe F. Bowles, Jr. '43 had a long career with Phillips Petroleum Company. After retiring in 1985, he traveled the world and made many trips back to Mizzou where he was a supporter of the business school and a member of MU's Jefferson Club.

Ernest F. Brasier '69 was found fatally shot in his Clayton, MO offices on December 19, 2006, just nine days before his 58th birthday. He was a civil defense attorney and a partner in Boggs, Boggs & Bates. The case was ruled a murder. Police have investigated over 150 leads, but still have no motives or suspects in the murder. Anonymous donors are offering a \$50,000 reward in hopes of finding a suspect. In February, the MU Law School announced the creation of the Ernest F. Brasier

Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving law student, with preference given to students who actively participated in mock trial competitions or similar activities in high school or college. Brasier regularly donated countless hours to Missouri Mock Trial. "Ernie never said no to any volunteer cause," his widow, Pat Holtmeier, says. "He told me over and over, even when we had nothing, 'We have to give back.'" He is survived by his wife and three children.



Orville I. Richolson, Jr. '46 was publisher of the Newport Daily Independent (Ark.) and was a civic leader in Newport and throughout the state.

William "Bill" Henderson '47 was a community leader and former newspaper editor in Hillsboro, MO. A leader and member of numerous local organizations he was honored as Citizen of the Year and received the Jeffersonian Award from the Hillsboro Civic Club.

Charles R. Willits '47

William L. Pence '49

Dale E. Thorp '50

Arthur Rauch '53

David R. Ziegenfuss '53

G. Thomas Braznell '55

Ralph A. Chester '57

Joseph P. Greco '69 passed into chapter eternal after a strong, courageous, and honorable 27 month battle with brain cancer. He was a huge Tiger fan and a proud member of Phi Kappa Psi.



Several brothers gathered in the side yard after Mizzou's Homecoming game (l-r: Tim Supranowich '70, Eric Ruegg '68, Bill Johansen '66, Rick Curtis '68, Joe Greco '69, Jeff Johnson '68.)

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