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Eminent Domain Remains a Threat to Missouri Alpha

The threat of losing most of our front and side yards by eminent domain continues to loom over our heads. However, we are making progress in diminishing the threat.

Discussions began in 2002, because traffic volume on Providence Road has significantly increased, making it difficult to travel during peak usage. The Grasslands Neighborhood (~200 homes south of the Phi Psi House) residents have difficulty making a left turn out of the subdivision during peak activity and desire an exit at a signalized intersection. That year, they requested MoDOT evaluate possible improvements between Rollins Road and Stadium Blvd.

In 2005, the City of Columbia voted to fund the improvements. We were finally notified in November 2007, that two plans had been developed to improve those left turns, and the City's preferred plan would extend Rollins Rd through our front and side yards, connecting to Burnam Ave.

We vehemently oppose such a plan, and have been working with the City decision makers to get our message out and develop alternatives to address the problem. A solution will require participation from three areas: political, engineering, and the public. We are working all three legs of this stool.

Here are the basics of our position on why eminent domain should not prevail over our property:

- **Historical "Grasslands Property"**
 - o Last remaining intact piece of the original Rollins homestead that contains a structure actually lived in by the Rollins family.
 - o Original rock wall surrounds the property ... stones hauled by hand from the MKT railroad.
- **Cost – land alone is valued > \$1 million**
- **Maintained the property**
- **Phi Kappa Psi is a "Good Citizen"**
 - o We already have given ~ 1 acre of our land to community road improvements.
- **Trees – more than 80 mature trees will be lost**
- **Less expensive alternatives exist ... split "T" traffic light at Burnam tied to Rollins**

In June, we met with a PR firm from Jefferson City to discuss how to best convey our message to the public. Several good ideas were suggested, along with an estimate of what it might cost to initiate a full PR plan. The cost is substantial and we have put those plans on hold for now, as we are making successful inroads in other areas.

This past summer, we invited the remaining council members to tour our historic "Grasslands" property. Mayor Hindman and Councilwoman Hoppe accepted our invitation. Although Mayor Hindman was the only one who could attend, it turns out he knew the property well from his younger years and acquaintance with the Bruner family. We hope Councilwoman Hoppe and the remaining Council members will be able to tour our property very soon.



A photo of the original Rollins house before Dr. Bruner added the columns.

In December, the City of Columbia's Historic Preservation Commission confirmed the nomination of Phi Kappa Psi as a Most Notable Property. The Commission will recognize Phi Kappa Psi in February, 2010 at a "Gala" in the Tiger Hotel. Along with the formal recognition, our property will be filmed and featured on a video played on the City Channel. A bronze plaque will be given to us to display on our property. This is a significant honor for Phi Kappa Psi, and brings the historic Rollins heritage to light with the politicians and the public.

We are making progress, but there is a process the City of Columbia must go through. The improvements to Providence Road have been funded by taxes passed by the voters, which means there will be action taken by the City. We continue to show them better alternatives than our front yard. However, until a final solution is agreed upon by the City Council, we remain at risk.

The economy, other priorities, and our interventions have slowed the process, even though the City had planned to have improvements completed by spring 2010. In the spring, we expect another public Interested Parties meeting, where the public is invited to comment on the proposed alternatives.

We continue to need your help. You may have an idea or contacts with decision makers in Columbia and wish to help. Please coordinate your efforts through Tom Jensen '87, or Randy Fisk '71, by email at FiskRJ@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you all for your help!

ITB,

Randy Fisk '71

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The Missouri Alpha House Corporation Report

Many of the maintenance repairs and improvements for our July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 fiscal year were highlighted in the Sept. donation request letter and 2008-2009 Alumni Fund Report pamphlet. Here, I want to summarize specific projects completed since the last MO Alphan, during the summer of 2009. For the \$38,000 we spent, here is the breakdown by category:

Windows: Replaced 4 Living Room windows, south face, all TV Room windows, all cafeteria windows, and both New Wing end-of-hall windows (total: \$10,850). This eliminates all of the old casement windows and will result in significant utility savings.

Carpentry: Repair of south face, exterior (\$2,800); significant repair of Living Room bay window area, misc. Old Wing wood repair (\$3,100 paid, the remainder donated by Bro Kevin Duffey '79).

Electrical: Replaced/repared almost all exterior lighting with motion detection and/or dusk-to-dawn lights (\$112, the rest donated and installed by Bros Bill "Stein" Scheidker '66 and Eric Ruegg '68); interior light fixture replacement (\$150).

Painting: South side exterior (\$4,200); Living Room, 4 New Wing rooms, New Orleans/southeast Old Wing corner, President's Room/2-man loft, touch ups (\$700 donated and painted by Bro Steve O'Rourke '74).

Plumbing: New Wing hot water heater replaced (\$6,275); misc. repairs (\$1,025)

Carpets: Replaced in 2 New Wing rooms, President's Room; cleaned all others (\$1,250). Thanks to Bro Dave Gardner '83 for special pricing.

Exterior (yard): Mowing, tree removal, seed, mulch, new plants, etc. (\$5,150). A special thanks to Bros Dave Hellwig '73 and Harry "Scooter" Smith '68 for keeping the house exterior pristine as a showcase for the neighborhood.

Room Renovations: New Orleans/southeast Old Wing corner, President's Room/2-man loft (\$1,070 for supplies, work was donated by our alumni, primarily Bros Kevin Duffey '79, Randy Fisk '71, and Bill Wilbur Richerson '79).

Cleaning: Interior (\$1,200)

Repairs and supplies, misc: (\$950)

Some other improvements not identified above: New Living Room drapes hung and TV Room drapes cleaned (Becky Fisk); Front Hall mail table repaired (Donn Yeagley '73); New Wing bathroom epoxy sealant repair (Dave Case '79); built ten New Wing room bunks, one in New Orleans Room (Dave Hellwig '73 and Donn Yeagley '73); drop ceiling and other misc. repairs (Mark Solomon '96, Carlton Blood '03, Kevin Kamp '97, Joe Freund '01, Wynn Wheels Wiegand '74).

Many thanks to all who donated funds to MO Alpha and to those who donated their time and labor to help our limited resources stretch further! Another special thank you to Ed Brandon '05, who fed us during our most successful, 6th annual Alumni Work Weekend, July 10-12. We always strive to use your donations wisely and in the best interest of the MO Alpha Chapter and our alumni.

As always, we invite you to join us for the next Missouri Alpha House Corporation meeting on April 17, 2010, during the next Mizzou football season, or anytime you are in Columbia, and want to see and enjoy YOUR fraternity house. For input or questions, please contact me at (618) 632-0555 or twheels33@aol.com.



Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand, '74
President, MO Alpha House Corp

STATEMENT of HOUSE CORPORATION INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED June 30, 2009

INCOME		EXPENSE	
Chapter Rent	\$17,000.00	Property Insurance	\$ 8,759.54
Chapter - Property Insurance Charges	8,759.54	Taxes, State and Local Property	8,973.92
Chapter - Property Taxes Charges	8,973.92	Fundraising & Publications	3,941.33
Parking Donations (Football Games - net of expenses)	20,750.00	Repairs and Maintenance	42,340.00
Alumni Gifts and Contributions	21,495.00	Bank Lockbox and Admin Fees	256.35
		Recognition Bricks & Engraving	313.69
		Reserve for Repairs and Maintenance	12,393.69
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,978.46	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$76,978.46

2009 Summer Maintenance & Improvements



ABOVE LEFT: Kevin Duffey '79 removing the old plaster lath wall around the bay window. ABOVE RIGHT: The finished work around the living room bay window in the old wing. RIGHT: During and after the siding repair, painting, and new window installation on the south side of the old wing. Four new windows were installed in the living room, and the TV room received all new windows as well. BELOW: The stairs going from the Old Wing's landing to the second floor were repaired.



Kevin Duffey '79 finishes new cabinets and storage space in the renovated "New Orleans Room."

2010 Tiger Football Schedule

Sept. 4	vs. Illinois (in St. Louis)
Sept. 11	McNeese State
Sept. 18	San Diego State
Sept. 25	Miami (Ohio)
Oct. 2	Bye Week
Oct. 9	Colorado
Oct. 16	at Texas A&M
Oct. 23	Oklahoma (Homecoming)
Oct. 30	at Nebraska
Nov. 6	at Texas Tech
Nov. 14	Kansas State
Nov. 21	at Iowa State
Nov. 26/27	vs. Kansas (in KC)

*Home games in bold.

Fire Sprinkler Mandate Temporary Reprieve

With the help of a Columbia attorney representing the MU Greek system, the 2013 mandate for installing fire sprinklers now has been postponed until 2016.

Cost for the retrofit at MOAlpha is still estimated at about \$175,000 - \$200,000. However, the new University of Missouri Fraternity Alumni Consortium is hoping to help reduce pricing with a "volume discount" for multi-house installation (see the related Consortium article on page 4).

Your House Corporation has saved about \$51,000 to-date earmarked for this project. We still strongly support fire safety and the eventual installation of a fire sprinkler system as soon as full funding becomes available.

Weather Hurts Football Parking Donations

During the fall 2009 Mizzou football season, net yard parking donations came to \$22,500 (about 1,100 cars), compared to \$24,400 (about 1,400 cars) for 2008 when the price was only \$15 for most of that season. Inclement weather forced us to cordon off much of the yard or prohibit yard parking entirely for several games.

Conservatively, we missed collecting about \$10,000 due to rain. When weather limits parking, we close to the general public, but not our alumni, subject to space available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Only about a third of donations come from our alumni, and all donations are used strictly for house maintenance and improvements.

Again, many thanks to our parking czars who sometimes put in as many as 15 hours preparing the yard, parking the cars, collecting and accounting for all money, and cleaning up the property afterward: Randy '71 and Becky Fisk, Steve '74 and Jackie O'Rourke, Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand '74, Dave Hellwig '73, Donn Yeagley '73, Ed Brandon '05, Harry "Scooter" Smith '68, and some of the pledges.

For the past several years, our alumni and some guests have requested we implement a season pass or reserved parking spot program. Regrettably, administration of this concept would be too manpower intensive to implement. The parking price will remain at \$20/space for the fall 2010 football season.

Parking opens 4 hours prior to kick-off before each Tiger home game.

Missouri Alpha Chapter Report, Events & Activities

MO Alpha Chapter Update

The Missouri Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi has been busy finishing up the fall semester and celebrating the holidays with another memorable "Christmas at the Grasslands."

We opened our academic school year in the last week of August and spent a lot of time continuing our successful recruitment program that began during the summer. Our pledge class numbered 19 when pledgship for the Fall Alpha class began, and by their initiation on November 15 we welcomed 14 new brothers to the Missouri Alpha Chapter. Recruitment is continuing into next semester just as successfully as it was in the fall, as we look to have between 8 and 12 pledges for the second semester. With finals wrapped up, our Scholarship Chairmen project our chapter G.P.A to rise significantly this semester, as every member has truly put their noses to the grindstone this year.

Through most of September and October the chapter was busy with Homecoming preparations and celebration. We were paired with the gentlemen of Sigma Pi and the lovely ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha. Friendships were cultivated and we managed to perform pretty well in Homecoming events as well.

Now we find ourselves with the holidays and final exams complete and a new semester beginning, so we have been busier than ever. We look forward to a very successful second semester with the upcoming installation of new chapter officers.

New Campus Representation for MU Fraternities

A new group of alumni advisors and House Corporation presidents/officers from 24 of 31 Mizzou fraternities formed in April 2009, called the University of Missouri Fraternity Alumni Consortium. Its president is Ted Hellman, Phi Kappa Theta. Mo Alpha is represented by Steve O'Rourke '74 (Advisor) and Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand '74 (House Corp president).



Meeting at least monthly, the group's goal is to insure that MU fraternity alumni have a "seat at the table" when the university formulates student/IFC policy or is deciding judicial punishment for chapters. Another goal is to standardize, as much as possible, all aspects of MU Greek life. Several meetings have been held with the MU Chancellor, Dean of Student Affairs, and Greek Advisor. All seemed receptive to greater fraternal self-governance and alumni inclusion in processes affecting the Greek system.

The current standing committees include: Housing Facility Investment, Academics Achievement, Recruitment, Problem Behaviors, Fraternity Governance, Best Practices, and Homecoming. By sharing information between fraternities and setting uniform standards and expectations for our undergrads, the whole Greek system should improve.

Missouri Alpha Brick Program



Many new names have been immortalized during this past year in bricks which adorn the front of the Chapter house. This program is ongoing for members, family, friends, pledge classes, and memorials.

One-time donations (not cumulative) of \$500 buy an engraved brick, \$1,000 buys an engraved brick with a star surrounding your name, and \$2,000-plus buys a brick with 2 stars.

Donations are tracked through the annual alumni donation program. If you wish to buy a brick, please indicate what you want engraved on it by legibly printing this on the front of your donation card and mailing it in with your check.

Only one brick per name is allowed, but upgrades (more stars) and/or specialty bricks (for others, a pledge class, etc.) are encouraged. For more information or to donate, contact Steve O'Rourke: (573) 446-3602 and Tork1038@aol.com or Kevin Kamp at kkamp@cecinc.com.

Receive the MO Alphan Online

Like many things these days, the MO Alphan is moving online. We will continue to print and mail the printed newsletter for those alumni who wish to continue to receive a printed copy.

We understand the value of the printed copy, and alumni donations continue to fund the MO Alphan. Rising printing and postage costs, along with more technologically savvy alumni, have suggested that we offer the option to receive the MO Alphan online.

If you would like to receive the MO Alphan online, you can subscribe on our website at: <http://www.mizzouhipsi.com/lists/>

Those who subscribe will be sent a link to the online version of the MO Alphan. This will simply be a link to the PDF of the printed version, which you can print out or view on your computer.

When you subscribe, you can choose if you would like to "opt-out" of the printed version. If you do, you'll help us use donations more effectively and you'll receive an email when the next edition is available.

We will continue to work with the undergraduates to keep you regularly updated on chapter activities and events on the Missouri Alpha website at <http://www.mizzouhipsi.com>

To access the Members' Only portion of the site, use the login "hipsi" and the password "moalpha"

More On MO Alphans

The 40's

Jim Higgins '47 stopped by the chapter house this past fall for the first time since 1965. He now lives near Potosi, MO.

The 50's

Don Frasier '53 was recently featured in the *St. Helena Star* for his book of interviews with people that knew Peanuts creator Charles M. Schulz. You can read more at PeanutsStories.com.

The '60's

Don F. Reynolds '62 joined the faculty of the Department of Internal Medicine in the MU School of Medicine in January of 2009. His primary responsibility is as Director of the Office for Responsible Research in the MU Center for Health Ethics.

Steve Staley '67 retired from Co Bank in June and planning to backpack across California for 9 months. He also let us know that his son Wade is engaged to be married.

The '70's

Glen Buttrey '70 retired in 2006, and created a consulting company. He's stayed active in Phi Psi as the Alumni Association President in Huntsville, AL.

Walt Denny '71 celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ad/PR firm, Walt Denny Inc., in January 2009, and returned to MU to teach an advertising class in April.

Jeff Stewart '71 retired after 32 years with McCarthy Building Company in St. Louis. He now plans to travel and look for a winter home near Jupiter, Florida.

The '80's

Tom Jensen '87 was engaged to Sabrina Holtzman on September 20, 2009, while traveling in Europe.

The '90's

David Metzger '95 and his wife, Kate, had their first, a daughter, Elsie Joyce, on May 13, 2009.

Andrew Petrowsky '97 and his wife, Meaghan, had their second, a daughter, Molly Katherine, on October 2, 2009.

Mark Solomon '98 and his wife, Katie had their first, a son, Owen Max, on December 14, 2009.

Founders' Day Events

Mid-MO Alumni Association

When: February 6th, 2010,
5:30 pm social hour, 6:30 pm dinner
Where: Bleu Restaurant (9th floor of the Tiger Hotel, downtown Columbia, MO)
For more call (573) 826-0232.

St Louis Alumni Association

When: February 12, 2010,
6 pm social hour, 7 pm dinner
Where: McMurphy's Grill, 614 N. 11th St (downtown St Louis, MO)
For more, call (314) 609-1489.

Kansas City Alumni Association

When: February 19th, 2010,
6-6:30 pm social hour, 7-7:30 pm dinner
Where: Leawood Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Drive, Leawood, KS
For more, call (816) 333-2091



Summer 2009 Work Weekend attendees: (Back-Front) Ed Brandon, Harry Smith, Eric Ruegg, Steve O'Rourke, Donn Yeagley, Bill Scheidker, Wynn Wiegand, Carlton Blood, Mark Solomon, Joe Freund, Dave Hellwig, Kevin Kamp, and Randy Fisk.

Missouri Alpha Chapter Day and Annual House Corporation Meeting

The 34th annual MO Alpha Chapter Day will be held at the Chapter house in Columbia on Saturday, April 17, in conjunction with the Mizzou Tiger's Black and Gold football game.

The day's events will begin with a welcome social with coffee and bagels at 10 am followed by the annual House Corporation meeting and Board/Officer elections at 10:30 am. The Chapter will host a luncheon and undergraduate awards ceremony at noon-ish. The Chapter will also announce this year's winner of their Alumnus of the Year Award. As always, the day ends with the world-famous "Yard Tour."

For more information, or to RSVP for the luncheon, please contact the House Director, Bro. Ed Brandon, at A3diners@aol.com or (573) 826-0232. For inputs or questions about the House Corporation meeting, contact Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand at (618) 632-0555 or twheels33@aol.com.

Chapter Eternal

John L. Morrissey '47 was born in Bloomington, IL and joined the Navy during WWII. He was publisher of the *Montezuma Republican* until retiring in 1990.

William D. Merritt '50

William T. Osthoff '59

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

2009 Missouri Alpha House Corporation Meeting Minutes

The last MO Alpha House Corporation meeting was held April 18, 2009 at the chapter house in conjunction with Chapter Day.

Highlights from the meeting included an update from chapter officers. Membership recruitment (rush) went well for the fall and spring semesters, bringing those living in the chapter house up to 36 (capacity is 49), with about 72 total members. Due to the sagging economy, their accounts receivables were higher than normal but the chapter, with the help of House Director Ed Brandon '05, they significantly reduced this figure between February and April.

The Corp reviewed maintenance expenditures for summer 2008 and authorized funding for the proposed summer 2009 projects. Financials were much improved due to increased football parking donations. Randy Fisk '71, updated the Corporation on progress regarding Columbia's Rollins Ave extension/Eminent Domain issue (see story on the front cover).

Reconfirmed in their positions: Ed Brandon '05, House Director; Kevin Kozlen '96, MO Alphan editor; Steve O'Rourke '74, Chapter Advisor; Dave Hellwig '73, Exterior Affairs; Tom Jensen '88, legal; Randy Fisk '71, Eminent Domain; and Becky Fisk, Parents' Club.

The following Board Members and officers were elected (with term expiration): Wynn "Wheels" Wiegand, '74 (Pres, 2011); Randy Fisk '71 (VP, 2012); Dennis Curtis '95 (Treasurer, 2011); Carlton Blood '03 (Secretary, 2012); Karl Marschel '97 (2010); Kevin Kamp '97 (2012); Mark Solomon '98 (2010); Dave Hellwig '73 (2010); and Harry "Scooter" Smith '68 (2011).

Note, normally held 3 hours prior to the first home Big 12 Mizzou football game kick-off, because of its unique scheduling and other conflicts, the fall House Corp meeting in October was canceled.

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