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House Corporation Update: Continual Improvement at Gamma Chi

By Tim Walsh '80, House Corporation President

Fall 1998 through Summer 1999 was a period of continued improvement at Gamma Chi. Financially, the House Corporation is strong. The house was near full occupancy this year, which provided growth in revenues, net income, cash flow and debt reduction.

- Revenues exceeded \$210,000
- Profit exceeded \$25,000
- The cash account balanced at \$110,000.
- The reduced renovation mortgage note balance is less than \$150,000.
- The budget projections for the coming fiscal year, assuming full occupancy, should create a \$45,000 surplus.

Alumni donations to the communications program reached record levels. Through June 9, 1999, 140 alumni made donations ranging from \$25 - \$100 totaling \$5,140. This enables us to cover most of the costs of our annual newsletters. Thanks to all for past and future contributions.

We are amaintaining the house well, as usual. Major projects recently undertaken included re-drywalling the first, second and third floor hallways with fire rated sheet rock which cost us about \$20,000 in the fall and was required by the fire marshal. This summer, we are extending the second and thirrd floor hallways to access the fire escape without needing to go through the rooms at the end of these hallways. This was also required for fire and safety improvement. Many other small improvements will be completed this summer.

People changes are in process. We are in the final stages of recruiting a new House Director who should be on board by mid-July and the recruitment of new chapter advisor and cooks are underway. The new chapter officers have been elected and we welcome them to the team.

Special recognition and thanks are due to Tom Burton '84, Bob Lehmkuhl '74, Scott Werber '86, Dave Monninger '87, Laurin Mills '80 and Bruce Casner for their continued

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Chapter on the Rise

By Gianni Ferullo '00

The Gamma Chi chapter has been on the rise the past few years, and as we strive toward the millennium we will continue to dynamically move forward. The brotherhood is continuing to grow. The new members are extremely enthusiastic and openly express their voracious appetite for improvement. The new members have been molded into solid Sigma Chis through pledging and are continually being instilled with increasing Sigma Chi character. With the effort of the executive officers, the enthusiasm of the brotherhood will be transformed into our ultimate goals.

New member training is an integral part to our success and so is officer transitioning. For us to maintain consistency it is consequential that we have fluent transitioning every semester. Officers are now required to maintain notebooks corresponding to their position. These notebooks will be passed on to the

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Third Annual Sigma Chi Golf Classic a Success!

By Scott Werber '86

The day began as overcast, but finished as bright as the smiles on the 60 golfers' faces," said writer/weatherman Chris Kennedy. The two-year-old Worthington Manor course in Urbana, Maryland, was difficult, but a welcome break from the University of Maryland course. Surprisingly, the victors had an astounding best-ball score of 9 under. The winning foursome turned out to be a non-Sigma Chi group. I guess you could say, "nobody challenged them." Other winners included Todd Cannady '87 for the three-day Orlando vacation grand prize raffle and the longest drive competition went to Mike Yeganeh '86, who came from Colorado. Various other gifts were raffled off at The Cracked Claw afterwards where we had food and drinks. Special thanks goes to John Poole '49, Jack Heise '47, Chuck Day '53, Shannon Allcock '86, Bob Basham '70, Carl Essl '85, Keith Jensen '87, Chris Kennedy '85, Bob Lehmkuhl '74 and Rob Stauffer '97 for their donations and time. The final tally is not in for this fun(d)raiser, but over \$500 will be donated to The Children's Miracle Network. We look forward to seeing you at the fourth Annual Golf Classic next May.

1999 Chapter Officers

Consul

Gianni Ferullo '00
Medford, N.J.

Pro Consul

Bob Hanrahan '01
Rochester, N.Y.

Quaestor

Shalendra Singh '00
Columbia, Md.

Recruitment

Rudy Gersten '00
Bethesda, Md.

Magister

Ben Keiser '99
Westfield, N.J.

House Manager

Patrick Pulupa '01
Gaithersburg, Md.

Scholarship Chairman

Mark Schiller '01
Williamsport, Md.

Social Chairman

Andrew Waxman '00
College Park, Md.

Congratulations May '99 Graduates!

Greg Anselmi • Anthony Codi • Mike Conticello • Matthew Dix • Chris Domergue • Kevin Fox • Neal Halahnan • Ryan McMurray • Harry Rothman • Jeremy Stienberg • Chris Ytuarte

If you would like us to rush a Maryland student, or if someone is looking for a room, please contact Gianni Ferullo '00 at 301-927-7793 or giannif@aol.com

Sigma Chi Alumni Meetings

Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter:
Monthly luncheon meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, at noon at the Officers' Club, Ft. McNair, S.W. Washington, D.C. Contact person: Robert Blinn Jr.; 703-276-4635; bob_blinn@pobox.tbe.com.

Chesapeake Bay Alumni Chapter:
Dinner meetings every third Thursday of even months, from 7-9 p.m. at Tandom's in Virginia Beach. Ritual meetings semi-annually. Contact person: Brian Barstow; 757-460-0620; barstobr@efdlant.navlant, navfac.navy.mil.

Continual Improvement

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active involvement on the House Corporation. And a very special thanks is due brother Mike Aiken '75 or "Base" as the brothers have nicknamed him. After four years of tireless effort in supporting the turnaround efforts as head cook, kitchen manager, chapter advisor and all around loyal Sig, Mike has passed the baton and in the next term, will be teaching at the college level. He has agreed to stay on as a trusted adviser and House Corporation member. Best of luck in your new adventure, Mike, and thanks for everything.

Additional alumni involvement is our greatest need and my greatest current issue. As you know, Sigma Chi has maintained its strength and leadership due to an active and widespread alumni presence. However, over the past 10 years or so, there has been a drop off and more active participation is now needed. The current House Corporation members who undertook a true turnaround situation have been involved for four years this summer. The team has dramatically improved the physical and financial condition and positioned the house well for the long-term; chapter operations have improved during the same time. Our ability to prosper long-term is now based on increased staffing by new alumni volunteers. If you live in the Maryland, Washington, D.C., or Virginia area and have 5-10 hours of time available per quarter to volunteer, we need new House Corporation members and I can assure that your contribution of time will yield immediate and gratifying results and will contribute directly to the long-term viability of Gamma Chi. Please contact me directly at 410-442-0156 or by e-mail at timothy.e.walsh@worldnet.att.net to discuss the positions that need to be filled.

Make Homecoming '99 One to Remember...

The brothers of Sigma Chi Fraternity invite you to return to the house the weekend of October 30 to join in the fun and festivities. In addition to the activities listed below, Homecoming offers an opportunity to reminisce with old friends and make new ones. The following activities have been planned for your enjoyment:

Saturday, October 30

- Pregame Festivities ~ 10:00 a.m. at the House
- Coffee, Pastries and Cocktails
- Maryland vs. Duke at Byrd Stadium ~ 1:00 p.m. (tentative)
- Postgame Reception and Buffet at the House

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new officers at our officer transition retreat. This way officers do not have to start from scratch every semester and we can continually move forward.

On an individual note, Jeff Wang '00, one of the most devoted and helpful members of our chapter, deservingly was presented the Greek Leader of the Year Award by the University of Maryland. Also, Rob Bosken '00 was inducted into the Kalgathos Society here at the university and Mike Aiken '75 resigned as chef, but will remain an integral part of the chapter. His unconditional dedication and hot meals will be missed by the brotherhood.

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Alumni News

Hiram H. Spicer III '42 (1600 S. Eads St., #1223-S, Arlington, VA 22202) took a trip to Turkey in October 1998 and was planning to travel to the Holy Land in May of this year.

Thomas E. Bourne Jr. '43 (c/o Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622) is enjoying his seven children and 12 grandchildren.

Having completed aircraft and cruise missile work, **Guy Ullman '43** (7908 Sycamore Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042) is now focusing on unmanned aerospace vehicles and information technology.

After retiring as a professor of biology at the University of Rhode Island, **C. C. Goertemiller Jr. '51** (115 W. Main St., North Kingstown, RI 02852) bought a small plane - a Cessna 141 with pontoons. He now flies tourists and small freight to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod and Block Island. "Mike" also volunteers with Habitat for America, building housing for needy families.

Hugh N. Jacobsen '51 (2529 "P" St. N.W., Washington, DC 20007; jacobsenarch@earthlink.net) was named one of the "10 Greatest Architects of the 20th Century" by *Residential Architect Magazine* in its February 1999 issue. Through mid-August, a retrospective exhibition of Hugh's architectural work over the past 40 years is on display at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

John C. Sprague '51 (8 Hastings Cir., Rockville, MD 20850; sheila55@erols.com) is CEO of Sprague & Associates.

Keeping busy, **Ronald A. Siegrist '52** (3 Candlestick Dr., Lutherville, MD 21093) enjoys boating on the Chesapeake Bay in the summer, playing tennis in Punta Gorda, Fla., in the winter, and restoring old cars. He still has his first automobile, a 1946 Chevy Coupe. Ron fondly

remembers playing basketball for Maryland during his undergraduate years. He continues to enjoy the game, but "it's tough finding 70-year-olds to play with."

William F. Andrews Jr. '53 (3 Chartwell Mnr., Nashville, TN 37215) has been active as chairman of both the Northwestern Steel & Wire Co. and Scovell Fasteners Inc. He has also served in numerous directorships.

Pedro E. Wasmer '62 (201 Old Academy Rd., Fairfield, CT 06430; pedro@somersetcapital.com) is president of Somerset Capital Group Ltd., a company that leases high-tech and capital equipment. "Pete" was a finalist for the "1998 Entrepreneur of the Year" award given by *Hispanic Business*.

Congressman **Steny H. Hoyer '63** (40740 Parlett-Morgan Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659), who has been re-elected nine times to the U.S. House of Representatives, serves as chair of the Democratic Steering Committee. He is also the senior Democrat on the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Treasury/Postal and General Government Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and the House Administration Committee. "Being a Sigma Chi continues to mean a great deal to me. There are a number of Sigma Chis in the Congress and we have a special relationship, irrespective of party or philosophy."

After 25 years living on Capitol Hill, **Robert E. Donaldson '69** has moved to 118 Tollgate Way, Falls Church, VA 22046. You can contact him via the Internet at bobdonaldson@yahoo.com.

Insurance agent **N. Philip Stinchcomb '69** (P.O. Box 1717, Tappahannock, VA 22560; philstin@crosslink.net) is a partner in Riverland Insurers. This past December, he took part in the ceremony when his son, Corey, was initiated as a

Sig at Radford University. Philip notes, "This was truly one of the most memorable moments of my life."

William B. Jenkins '70 (22 Oakwood Way, Robbinsville, NJ 08691; william.jenkins@gsa.gov), an assistant regional administrator with the U.S. General Services Administration, has been in charge of the federal government's real estate programs in New York, New Jersey and the Caribbean for 10 years.

In a new job, **Jeffrey L. Weiler '70** (7844 Muirfield Ct., Potomac, MD 20854; weilerj@ix.netcom.com) is working in the field of environmental consulting with Jason Technologies Corp. and managing the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste EIS for DOE. He and his wife, Margaret, welcomed the arrival of their first child, Anna, in June 1998.

William W. Taylor Jr. '72 (11 Blenmont Ct., Phoenix, MD 21131; mrswwimmer@aol.com), director of real estate for Edison Brothers Stores Inc., continues to be active as a swimmer and is a member of the Maryland Masters. He also enjoys an occasional round of golf.

When we heard from him in January, **Robert W. Lehmkuhl '74** (2191 Glenfield Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; bob.lehmkuhl@db.com) was working as a business development manager at Deutsche Financial Services, but looking for a new sales position. He enjoys playing golf at Montgomery Country Club and was looking forward to participating in the Sigma Chi Open in May of this year. "Dunkle" keeps in touch with several brothers, including **Doug Hallock '75**, **Jim Josendale '74**, **Vic Aellen '75**, **Jim Reid '75** and **Rick Richards '74**. (Rick is on our "lost" list. If you have an address for him, please send it our way.)

Michael S. Kearns '82 (41 W. Lee Hwy., #59-107, Warrenton, VA 20186; igojumpearthlink.net) is vice president of business development at Western Sensor Inc. He is the first person to parachute over all seven continents and is to be listed in the *Guinness Record Book* in the international category of "Most Traveled Skydiver." A year and half ago, Michael was the only survivor of a four-way skydive over the South Pole. The experience was chronicled in a feature story in the *Washington Post*.



Alumni News

Stephen H. Lulla '83 (Weavers Hill, #10H, Greenwich, CT 06831; nccyclery@discovernet.net) is the owner and manager of New Canaan Cyclery, a retail bicycle shop he founded in 1993. For more than a decade, he has been a competitive triathlete.

John G. D'Albora '85 has a new home at 9605 Dewmar Ln., Kensington, MD 20895 and is expecting the arrival of his third child this September.

Three young daughters keep **Kristin and Richard J. Grossman '85** (210 Meadowgate Dr., Annapolis, MD 21401) busy these days. Richard, a regional sales manager for Becton Dickinson, sees **Chris Bowden '83, Kenny Patton '84** and **Mike Shaw '84** from time to time. (We need an address for Mike. Can anyone help?)

John A. Warther '85 (324 Chiseled Stone Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784; laidback@erols.com) is a business manager at Force Computers. His daughter, Hannah, was born in October 1998.

In support of the Terps, **Brian A. Allen '86** (7464 Setting Sun Way, Columbia, MD 21046) has season basketball tickets along with **Scott Werber '86, Nick Abid '85, Pat Cardwell '85, Rich Thometz '87, Gary Wilhelm '90, Chris Kennedy '85, John Warther '85** and **Stuart Axenfeld '83**.

Having left the music business, **David G. Vespoint '86** (317 Overbrook Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212; bajisto@aol.com) is now working for himself in the Baltimore/D.C. area where he is doing sound for video production. "Anyone out there need a soundman for your next shoot?"

James F. Gregory '87 (312 Wood Shadows Ct., Millersville, MD 21108; james.f.gregory@bge.com), director of field construction at Baltimore Gas & Electric, had a wonderful time golfing in

Myrtle Beach with **Rich Bilz '87** and **Shannon Allcock '86** in November 1998.

Land developer and attorney **Richard J. Thometz '87** (7013 Helmsdale Ct., Clarksville, MD 21029; rjthometz@aol.com) is principal of Hailey Development L.C., a company he formed last year. Also in 1998, he welcomed the arrival of his third child, Julia. Rich enjoys catching up with Sigma Chi brothers at the Terps' basketball games.

John R. Marshall '88 (3 McKinley Rd., Franklin, MA 02038; jmarshall@branchelectric.com) has been appointed president at Branch Electric Supply. He values the friendships established through Sigma Chi. "What I remember most about our fraternity was the pride I felt in being a part of an organization envied by all other fraternities. To this day, I strive to conduct my personal and business life with the values written in the Sigma Chi creed."

In March 1998, **Brian A. Rommel '89** (10162 Treble Ct., Rockville, MD 20850; barommel@msn.com) joined CarrAmerica Realty Corp. as chief technology officer. He writes that building the technology department for the large company has been extremely challenging, but that significant progress is being made with the help of **Rob Gant '89**.

Joseph E. Clavelli '90 (37015 N. Fork Rd., Philomont, VA 20132) is the owner of Jam Grafx Activewear, a screenprinting and embroidery company specializing in logoed merchandise for large corporate companies. He has started a second business, Shopworks Softwear Co., to design computer software for the screenprinting and embroidery industry.

Edward M. Nebens '92 (340 E. 51st St., Apt. 9F, New York, NY 10022; aenebens@aol.com) completed his MBA at NYU in December 1998 and has been hired as head of international equity trading at Bank Julius Bar, a Swiss

private bank. He and Amy have been married five years.

To pursue a master's degree in computer arts, motion pictures and video, and digital special effects at the Academy of Art College, **Timothy E. Aldridge '94** (737 Post St., Apt. 313, San Francisco, CA 94109; taldrige@earthlink.net) moved to the West Coast last year. He and Karen Kreitzer are planning to wed in August 2001.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Charles L. Hebner '50 (3/14/99),

Clarence R. Hunt '51 (7/2/98),

Gene P. Siggins '51 (1/24/99) and

Scott F. Foltz '84 (4/13/99).

Sigma Chi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Scott Foltz 1962-1999

Scott Foltz Sr. '84 had so many medals from his decade of service in the U.S. Air Force that his wife, Caroline, has trouble naming them all. But the 37-year-old was probably proudest of his family — his wife, his four children ranging from 2 to 8, and a baby on the way, due in June.

Scott died from injuries in a traffic accident on April 13, 1999.

He majored in mechanical engineering and pledged Sigma Chi. He met Caroline, a sorority member, at a party. They married in 1988.

After college, he joined the Air Force and was stationed in many places, from Texas to Germany, where he was a flight instructor for five years. After retiring from active duty last May, Scott was a captain in the Arkansas Air National Guard. About a year ago Scott went into business for himself building homes.

Scott was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church and spent his free time with his family hiking, fishing and taking weekend camping trips around the state.

A memorial fund has been set up for Scott's children. Contributions can be sent to:

Scott Foltz Memorial Fund
First Security Bank
P.O. Box 1290
Cabot, AR 72023