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# CROSSROADS

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## House Corporation

# Report

## Gamma Chi Chapter House Future at a Crossroads

If you were to tell us during our undergraduate years that the Gamma Chi Chapter House would be shut down today, we wouldn't have believed you. But sadly that is the case. We are a Chapter House without a chapter and a Chapter House with an uncertain future. Throughout the past year we have wrestled with the direction that we should take in determining the future of the house. The two alternatives have been to either sell the property or renovate the Chapter House. It has remained the strong position of the House Corporation, as well as the majority of those alumni who have written to us over the past year, to try and renovate the house. We would like to thank all those that have sent in letters and expressed their views. It has helped us tremendously in planning for the future.

On the renovation front, we have an exciting development by a group of alumni that are interested in reviewing the possibilities of renovating. The House Corporation feels there is a great potential benefit in renovating the Chapter House. One benefit is that we will hold onto the Chapter House that has provided many memories to all of our alumni and can be used as a rallying

point to re-colonize Gamma Chi. We also firmly believe that a renovation is economically feasible and will ultimately provide positive cash flow that will fund any debt service as well as assist in the mission of fraternal education. If you have any questions regarding the possible renovation please feel free to contact us.

Although we are very hopeful that we will be able to renovate, if a renovation is not possible then we are prepared to move forward with selling the property. If we were to sell the property the proceeds would be contributed to the Gamma Chi Educational Foundation. The ultimate use would most likely be for scholarship funding in some form.

We have included a financial snapshot of where the House Corporation stands at this point of time (see page 3). Although the Chapter House is shut down, there are still many expenses that have gone into keeping it standing. Without any revenue stream we have been using our reserves for those expenses. Our financial status is also a major factor in our decision making process on the future of the Chapter House. If you have any

questions on the financial aspects feel free to contact Thomas Parsons at the address provided below. Any financial records are available to you upon your request.

Outside the issues of the Chapter House are alumni issues such as the production of this newsletter and Gamma Chi alumni events. The newsletter program is totally funded by alumni contributions. We would like to remind everyone that to sustain the newsletter program we need your continued support. We are also excited that we will again be having the annual golf outing held at the University of Maryland golf course. Thanks to our golf committee for their hard work in putting this together.

Lastly, we would like to end by giving our support to our troops in Iraq. God bless them on their mission and we wish them all a safe return home.

In hoc,

### House Corporation

Thomas Parsons, President  
Phil Robling  
Scott Werber  
Rob Stauffer  
Paul Ambrosi  
Grant Shmelzer ■

## 1960s

# Reunion

## First Annual Combination 35, 36, 37th anual Sigma Chi / Gamma Chi Reunion

Recently we had the first reunion of Maryland Sigs from the '60s on the Eastern Shore. As expected, we had a great time seeing each other and reminiscing about the past.

The picture is our group drinking one of several lunches at Tilghman Island. From left to right: Dick and Linda Carl (Beetle and Lady Bug) Margot and me (Zeeb), Gloria Zimmerman, Vaughn and Peggy Baker, John Zimmerman's sunglasses and hat, Gerry and Gary Adams (Seed).

Next year we're looking to build on this year's gathering in southern NC. John and Gloria live there and are exploring the possibility of getting together in September on the beach (the original SeaScape boardwalk ham bone sword fight will be re-enacted in original costume).

In all seriousness, we all had a great time and hope we can get another group together next year. We'll probably need to schedule it on a non-football weekend.

In hoc,  
Bob (Zeeb) Bryer '67  
Home 301-340-1215 ■



# EVENTS

## Sigma Chi Golf Outing Reunites 110 brothers

The sixth annual Sigma Chi golf outing brought 110 brothers back to the University of Maryland Golf Course on July 12.

Brothers from a broad range of eras came back to enjoy the festivities, the nice weather and prizes.

What makes so many brothers come back, some from as far as San Antonio, Texas, like **Frank Caruso '85**? **Scott Werber '86** thinks he knows. Scott says brothers come back to see fellow brothers they haven't seen all year, to enjoy the great weather and to have a lot of fun. The event keeps growing because when guys have fun, they pass along the word to all their buddies!

Congrats to the winners of the day. **Chris Domergue '99** had the longest drive. **Shannon Allcock '86**, **Gary Wilhelm '90**, **Paul Sipes '89** and **Jim Gregory '87** had the lowest foursome with a score of 59. **Jon Forsythe '01** was closest to the pin. All winners enjoyed gift certificates to the golf shop at the golf course.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Brian "B.A." Moore '76**, who donated his half back to the fraternity.

For more photos of the 2002 golf outing, go to [www.shutterfly.com/osi.jsp?i=67b0de21b30c0b49e405](http://www.shutterfly.com/osi.jsp?i=67b0de21b30c0b49e405). ■



A mini '86 reunion: (left to right) Sigma Chi friend Ted Finlayson, Scott Werber, Brian Kennedy and Ramiro Blanco



Rich Thometz '87, Nick Abid '85, Brian Allen '86, Mike Carmody '85 and Mike Yeganeh '86.



(left to right) Duffy Welsh '88, Mike Yeganeh '86, Brian Allen '86, Mike Carmody '85, and John Warther '85



Brothers Dave Vespoint '86, James Day '86, Bill Kynast '85 and Rick Wilson '87 gather to recap the day's events and share a few laughs.



John Bush '88, Tom Togneri '88 and Jack Travisano '88

# Peach Bowl

## Peach Bowl Happy Hour Monday, December 30, 2002

Maryland Sigs and their significant others once again descended upon the city of Atlanta. Much like the 2002 Final Four, we had another victory on our minds. We shared wings, buckets of Rocks as well as stories of past Terp Championships and our fraternity days. Although our Peach Bowl attendance was smaller than the previous year's Orange Bowl, we made ourselves known. Thanks to all of you who made the trip. Hope to see you at our annual Golf outing on May 30, as well as Homecoming which is tentatively scheduled for October 11 (vs. Duke). ■



### Gamma Chi Financial Snap Shot

#### Balance Sheet (as of 3/31/03)

Cash and Investments	16,853.00
Receivables	45,598.00
Property, Plant & Equipment	187,185.00
Note Payable	127,970.00
Retained Earnings	135,384.00

#### Income Statement

(period of 7/1/02-3/31/03)

#### Income

Golf Outing Income	9,534.00
Interest Income	157.00
Newsletter Support	750.00

#### Expenses

Golf Outing Expenses	8,303.00
Newsletter Expenses	2,139.00
Admin - Bookkeeping	978.00
Utilities	2,683.00
Taxes	7,600.00
Other	2,456.00

**Net Loss** (13,718.00)

## Alumni UpDates

### Guy Ullman '43

(7908 Sycamore Dr., Falls Church, VA 22042-3330; guystb@aol.com) My wife recovered from major eye surgery that was required after she had an infection that we were told would have resulted in the loss of her eye a few years ago. I would particularly enjoy a reunion with the gang listed as 2000-01 contributors for 1942, 1943, and 1947, as well as **Dick Armstrong '43** and the missing **Jere "Cliff" Wannan '43**.

### Pedro E. Wasmer '62

(201 Old Academy Rd., Fairfield, CT 06430-7162) It is good to hear from the chapter! I was afraid that all aspects of Gamma Chi had gone the way of the Dodo! I am the president of a company I founded many years ago that leases substantial capital equipment to Fortune 1000 companies. Somerset Capital Group, Ltd. has its headquarters here in Connecticut and offices in five other states. My wife, Ann, and I have three children and three grandchildren. If any of the Gamma Chi brothers happen unto Fairfield County, I'd love to hear from them. I also would encourage you all to be active in the Maryland Alumni Association and to financially support the Riggs Alumni Center, which will be a campus landmark and has been designed by world-class architect **Hugh Newell Jacobsen '58**, also a Gamma Chi Sig.

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# Alumni UpDates...continued

## James G. Owens '65

(8956 Huntington Pointe Dr., Sarasota, FL 34238; jimgowens3@aol.com) I was consul during my day, and my nickname was "Fingers." I stay in touch with several brothers throughout the country and am very interested in helping to recolonize the Gamma Chi chapter at Maryland. Let me know if any action is planned and count me in.

## Richard M. Peabody '73

(3461 N. 13th St., Arlington, VA 22201; hedgehog2@erols.com) We welcomed our second daughter into his life on 7/16/02—Laurel Ellen Peabody. I'm mostly a stay-at-home dad these days.

## Carl J. Sutkus '73

(37 Raeder Dr., Stratham, NH 03885-2314; ccsutkus@aol.com) I'm living in Stratham, NH about one hour north of Boston. I'm a captain for Delta Airlines on the Boeing 767. My wife, Cookie, and I have two girls and two boys. My eldest daughter is a senior and an Alpha Phi at the U of NH. My four years as a Gamma Chi at MD are some of my most treasured memories. We had a fantastic pledge class in Sept '69. I just can't believe that Sigma Chi is gone at Maryland. What a shame!

## Robert W. Lehmkuhl '74

(2191 Glenfield Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401-6701) I still live in Annapolis with my wife, Karen. I work with Brother **Tom Edmunds '76** at Sandy Spring Mortgage and see **Steve Bradshaw '74** and **Mike Aiken '75** once in awhile. Best way to reach me is via the telephone at work, 800-869-8523 ext 243.

## Brian Ohlson '79

(3415 Crescent Knoll Dr., Matthews, NC 28105-2454) We are living in Matthews, N.C., a suburb of Charlotte. I have two children and have been married to Nancy (of Falls Church, Va.) for 12 years in January, '03. I have been in the IT industry for 19 years and am currently working for Fujitsu, selling UNIX Servers. I stay in touch with **Marty Brasse '74**, **Ron Fedoryk '75** and **Dan Turlik '77** who were all members of the active chapter in the mid-'70s.

## Martin P. Schoenleber '79

(629 Cochise Cir., Bolingbrook, IL 60440;

mschoenleber@newsong-church.com) I stay in touch with **Brian Ohlson '79** and **Joe Flaherty '79**. I am married with three children (17, 15, 12). I pastor a church in the Chicago suburbs, teach at two seminaries and continue to root for Maryland football and basketball, and all Philadelphia sports teams.

## Philip Robling '79

(1822 Judicial Way, Crofton, MD 21114-1629; phil@pgccbookstore.com) I am working on the House Corp. on a possible renovation of the house.

## Michael F. Poell '80

(6516 Blue Sky Ln., Charlotte, NC 28269; mike.f.poell@ncmi.com) I am the managing director and senior compliance manager with Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C. My wife, Cyndi, and I have been married 14 years. We have eight children: six boys (Michael, Garrett, Adam, Hayden, Carson and Brody) and twin girls (Krista and Karli) who will be a year old this December. As much as possible, I stay in touch with **Kevin Figge '81**, **Gerry Uhlhorn '80**, **Steve Ashland '81**, **Chris Harmon '83**, **Joel Hagberg '83**, **Jeff Hines '81** and **Greg Chesnutt '80**. I held a long weekend reunion with these brothers this past August in Las Vegas.

## Paul T. Clem '86

(3224 Liberty Ave., Alameda, CA 94501-3105; PFClem@home.com) I'd like to announce the birth of our first child, Molly R. Clem (1/17/02).

## Carlos M. Hernandez '86

(4409 Harbour Town Dr., Beltsville, MD 20705-1081; funywon@aol.com) I am a sportscaster for COMCAST SPORTSNET. I recieved an Emmy award for best sports anchor in D.C. I've been covering Terps, Wizards and Redskins primarily, losing weight with Ralph Friedgen and raising money for the house...as some of my brothers know who have agreed to sponsor me. I am a husband of one, father of three: Luke (4), Quintin (3) and Gabrielle (16 months).

## Jeffrey D. Casner '88

(4800 Broad St., Wall, NJ 07753-6916; jeff.casner@vitasox-usa.com) I recently took a new job with Vitasoy USA the leading manufacturers for soy-based products. I have been married for 11 years

to my wife, Kim, and we have two children: Erin (5) and Nicholas (3). We are living at the Jersey shore. I lost two high school friends in the WTC attack. I would love to see **Dennis Dwyer '89**, **Jim Tracy '87**, **Jeff Holibaugh '88**, **Mike Mills '89**, **John Klar '86** and **Will Slade '87**.

## Michael A. Conmy '92

(11 Rose St., Lincroft, NJ 07738; mconmy@attglobal.net) I got engaged 11/15/2002 to Marie Leen and have set a wedding date of August 2, 2003. I am working for Medtronic MiniMed as a diabetes management consultant covering southern New Jersey. ■

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

**George O. Weber '29** (5/22/00)  
**Francis N. Hering '49** (9/2/01)  
**Ralph A. Simmons '49** (10/17/02)  
**Karl E. Fasick '50** (12/13/99)  
**Bernard I. Johnson '51**  
**Spencer N. Hopkins '52**  
**Bruce Colvin '59** (11/30/00)  
**Robert M. Carney '62** (5/4/00)  
**Anthony M. Skufca Jr. '77**

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

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