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## FILL THE HOUSE

### Make a Recommendation to Help Fill the House

The Chapter House has a few vacancies for Fall 2021. We are looking for students transferring into the University or male undergraduates with at least 12 credits. If you or your family knows any suitable young men, please contact **Dennis O'Connell** at [doconnell.cc@gmail.com](mailto:doconnell.cc@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram: [@sigmachiumd](https://www.instagram.com/sigmachiumd)  
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# CROSSROADS

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## 80TH GAMMA CHI ANNIVERSARY

**Save the Dates: September 23 & 24, 2022**

We are celebrating our 80th Anniversary as a Sigma Chi Chapter at Maryland in 2022. Since our actual anniversary date of May 16 falls in the middle of finals, we decided to schedule our Anniversary events in the fall. The weekend of September 23-24 the football team is away, and there are hopefully fewer conflicts with everyone's schedules.

Families are welcome.  
RAIN OR SHINE.

Can't wait to see you there!



UNIVERSITY OF  
MARYLAND  
SIGMA CHI 75TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 20TH, 2017



*Looking forward to another anniversary celebration like our spectacular 75th!*

### AGENDA

#### Friday, September 23

1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
University Golf Course  
Annual Alumni Golf Tournament & Reception

#### Saturday, September 24

3:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.  
Chapter House #14  
Open House with a brief White Cross Ceremony, Short Program, Barbecue/Beer-Wine, DJ, and more.

## WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

### Our Spring 2021 Pledge Class

Congratulations to our 24 new Brothers from the Spring 2021 pledge class who were initiated this month! Thank you to Magister Nick Restivo and Exec for shepherding this pledge class through to their initiation.



#### 2021 Pledge Class

AJ Sherwood  
James O'Donnell  
Baasil Saleh  
Josh Weinberg  
Brendan McEvoy  
Mark Rybski  
Brian Hodges  
Mason Bosley  
Conor Walsh  
Matt Gemignani  
Dan Soltis  
Matt Melmed

Andrew Claffee  
Neil Abramowitz  
Andrew Gray  
Oliver Hogg  
Elliot Skopp  
Roy Ke  
Evan Barnard  
Ryan Hopkins  
Gordon Kern  
Tim Rood  
Ian Del Viscio  
Will Carlson

## Proud Terp Greg Schaub '82 Asks What He Can Do to Help His University and Fraternity



Today there is twice the number of Texans enrolling at UMD than there were in 2000. And UMD says that growth is thanks, in large part, to Gamma Chi alumnus **Greg Schaub '82**. UMD has awarded him the 2020 Legacy Award in recognition of his efforts to boost the university's presence in his adopted state of Texas, which he has done through networking events and a student scholarship that he and his wife Patti created. He has also served on the UMD Alumni Association Board of Governors and currently serves on our own Gamma Chi Education Foundation as a board member.

Greg attributes his efforts and involvement to being a proud Terp and a proud Sigma Chi, echoing President John F. Kennedy's famous saying, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

"I think about that in the context of Maryland, and I wish more alumni would ask that question," he said. "Ask how you can get involved and help because there are definitely areas where no matter what your background, temperament, or interests are, you can make a difference."

Greg recently talked about how Sigma Chi prepared him for leadership and the importance of giving back to the institutions that gave so much to him.

**Tell us about pledging to the chapter. What led to that decision?**

A couple of classmates from my high school, McNamara High School, **Jeff Hines '81** and **Joel Hagberg '83**, had already been initiated into Gamma Chi. They recruited me and two roommates.

**Tell us about the house in the '80s.**

The chapter was very much on the rise. We had a good mix of brothers in each class, and we were fortunate to have a number of outstanding guys who participated in events and took great pride in promoting Sigma Chi around campus. We also had tremendous guidance from our chapter advisor **Paul Buckley**. He was a high school teacher and

track coach, so I think he understood how to motivate us. While I was in the house, we won the Peterson Outstanding Chapter award along with the All Sports trophy.

**How many of those brothers do you keep in touch with today?**

It's amazing how many of us still talk regularly. I'm in contact with **Jeff Hines '81**, **Joel Hagberg '83**, **Kurt Jones '83**, **Stuart Axenfeld '83**, **Chris Harmon '84**, **Dennis O'Connell '82**, **Scott Werber '86**, and one of my best friends, **Tom Burton '84**.

**Tell us about your life after graduation.**

I met my wife Patti '82 at Maryland. We have three grown children and three grandchildren. My career has been mostly in financial-related sales and has taken me from Salisbury, Maryland, to Austin, Texas, and later to Dallas, Texas. I retired from JP Morgan Chase after 20 years. Today I have a small consulting business that is focused on advising Fintech companies. We split our time between Dallas and Washington, D.C.

**What kind of lasting impact has Sigma Chi had for you?**

On campus, people identified us based on their image of Sigma Chi, so it made you more conscious that you were part of something bigger than yourself. And, for all the fun and social aspects, there were equally impactful lessons that we learned about

organizational structure, upholding standards, and always sticking together.

**Tell us a little bit about your recent Alumni Excellence Award. Why is giving back so important?**

I've lived in Texas for almost 25 years, but I've never lost the passion and love for all things Maryland. I've never viewed my alumni activities as anything other than an excuse to immerse myself back into a happy place. The school and Gamma Chi have produced so many great people.

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There's an impermanence to all stages in life, so if I could say one thing to the active Gamma Chi brothers, it would be this: Cast an eye to the years ahead and know that the skills and talents that you see around the chapter today will be the same qualities that allow you and your brothers to accomplish great things and lead amazing lives.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## Send Us Your Updates!

Thanks to the brothers who send in alumni updates! Visit our website at [sigmachiumd.org](http://sigmachiumd.org) to read more alumni updates. If you want to be featured in our next newsletter or e-letter publication to our alumni brothers, email your updates to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com).

**Bob Gralley '49** After graduating I started working in administration at Mutual Of New York, at the time the largest mutual life insurance company in the country. I worked

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my way up and after 40 years retired as Vice President and Assistant to the President.

I met my wife at Maryland. We have a wonderful family with three children. Appreciating that I am now much older, looking back at life at the University is one of the highlights of my days.

Becoming a Sigma Chi, I learned the importance and enjoyment of meeting and getting along with others. Everyone is different and has different interests, but doing favors for others and having them do favors for you makes life much more enjoyable. Sigma Chi represented that because of the closeness we had for each other. It is a lesson I learned that assisted me throughout life.

The values that Sigma Chi stands for stay with you throughout life no matter how long you live. I must admit that at my tender age of 95 life is quite a bit different than when I was much younger. Memories of the good times I had as a Sig at Maryland will always be with me.



**Sigma Chi**

About one hundred Maryland Sigs call the Georgian colonial "Belt Club" on Norwich road their home. Highlighting the Spring season was the annual Sweathurt Dance, at which Lovell Andrews, Delta Delta, and Miss Maryland of that year was crowned "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi".

Spring brought victory to an unbeatable nine in the Intofraternity softball league, and also the bid in the Student government Association.

After a sleeply summer the Sigs began to clean house for the Fall semester. It had not been long before Homecoming had descended on them and they went diligently to work to produce the winning house decoration in the form of a Tatum Strain Ball.

The Sigma Chi's bid farewell to Mrs. Marion Hood, on this same weekend. Mrs. Hood had been their homemaker since nineteen hundred forty.

The Music Carlo Party, the Reverse Dance, and the Christmas party rounded out the social season and checked in a good year both academically and socially.

Gamma Chi Chapter Officers were Frederick DeMare, President, George Kibwell, Vice President, Waddo Burnside, Secretary, and Treasurer Austin Koney.



Ed Hildner, Frank Brannock, Bertie Johnson, and Bert Gable look with pride on the trophy won by Sigma Chi.



Warriors are being installed on the night of Dick Newman and Dick Goodworth, by Joe Watkins and Chuck Marshall.

Bob Gralley is first on the left in the first row.

## 1960S ALUMNI AWAY WEEKEND



Photos from the annual 1960s Alumni Away Weekend.



## 2021 Derby Day Success



Chapter and Derby Days Chairman **Danny Cairo** recently raised an impressive \$25,000 to benefit DC's Children's National Medical Center during an abbreviated Derby Days. Congratulations and well done!

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

### Gamma Chi '51 Alumnus and Celebrated Modernist Architect Enters the Chapter Eternal at 91

The following was excerpted from the *New York Times* obituary of Gamma Chi alumnus **Hugh Newell Jacobsen '51**. All honor to his name.

Hugh Newell Jacobsen, a Modernist architect who brought sophisticated designs to homes, most notably one belonging to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis on Martha's Vineyard, as well as to museums, universities and public buildings like the U.S. Capitol, died on March 4 in Front Royal, Va. He was 91.

His death, at an assisted living facility, was confirmed by his son Simon, a partner with his father in the Jacobsen Architecture firm in Washington.

His residences had signature touches like 45-degree pitched roofs, clean lines, minimal ornamentation, masterful use of lighting and windows, and décor that included his own furniture and fabric designs — a body of work that earned him many honors, including induction into Architectural Digest's AD100



*Photo courtesy of Jacobsen Architecture*

Hall of Fame in 2017.

Mr. Jacobsen's scope was international, but he was probably best known for his many projects in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, where he lived and had his office. Starting in the early 1960s, he worked on more than 120 houses there — a mixture of new construction, additions emphasizing

space and light, and renovations — including of the partly detached townhouse where he lived.

In Washington, he also worked on two Smithsonian museums — the preservation design of the Arts and Industries Building and the interior restoration of the Renwick Gallery — and designed the west terrace addition of the Capitol as well as the Moscow residence of the United States ambassador to Russia.

Mr. Jacobsen was born on March 11, 1929, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to John and Lucy (Newell) Jacobsen. His father was a meat importer, his mother a homemaker.

After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts, he hoped to become a painter. But his father steered him toward architecture, reasoning that it combined art and business. Mr. Jacobsen agreed and earned a certificate from the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London in 1954 and a master's degree a year later from Yale University, where he studied under the influential Louis Kahn.

Mr. Jacobsen was hired after graduation by another architectural giant, Philip Johnson. But he was fired after a year because he was deemed to have flopped as a draftsman. After serving in the Air Force, he tried working at several other firms, but they also asked him to leave.

"Imagine, after working with Kahn and Johnson, going to big city design houses in Washington, D.C., and doing public housing and department stores?" Simon Jacobsen said by phone. "He had his own ideas about how things should be done."

Mr. Jacobsen applied those ideas to his own firm, which he opened in 1958, with help from his father.

In addition to his sons Simon and John, Mr. Jacobsen is survived by another son, Matthew, and eight grandchildren. His wife, Ruth (Kearney) Jacobsen, who was known as Robin, died in 2010.

## NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

### Leave Your Legacy or Honor a Departed Brother

As you know, the Chapter House library is named the Kennedy Library after **John Kennedy '82**, and the Dining/Chapter Room is named the Stringer Room after **Jack Stringer '57**, both of whom have entered the Chapter Eternal.

Naming opportunities are available to individuals or groups that make a significant contribution to support the House Corp. They are a rare and special way to honor and remember an Alumnus or group of Alumni.

We have two new naming sponsorship opportunities available to an individual Alumnus, a pledge class, or in memory of a departed Alumnus:

- The Common Room (Living Room)
- A circular brick patio to be constructed with a two-to-three-foot

sitting wall and a picnic table in the side yard of the Chapter House. (The Fire Marshal will not approve an in-ground gas grill.)

Please contact House Corp President **Dennis O'Connell** at [doconnell.cc@gmail.com](mailto:doconnell.cc@gmail.com) for more details.

*Don't miss this opportunity for naming rights to two areas of the house! Naming opportunities allow you to leave your legacy or honor a departed brother.*

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