

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNC Homecoming

October 30

vs. William & Mary

UNC Parents' Weekend

October 9

vs. Clemson

Sigma Nu Alumni/Parents' Cocktail

November 12

Sigma Nu Parents' Weekend

November 13

vs. Virginia Tech

Stay tuned to

www.uncsigmanu.com for more details on these and other upcoming events!

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Update Your Record

Send any updates to your contact information - especially your email address - to our new alumni relations firm at feedback@affinityconnection.com, or by using the enclosed form.

The address in Albert Lea, MN is for our new alumni relations service.



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PSI HOME ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Psi Chapter is Alive and Well at UNC!

Join Our Growing Community Via Our New Alumni Program

By Bob Lewis '75

President, Psi Home Association of Sigma Nu, Inc.

It has been too long since I last reported to you on the state of the Chapter and the Chapter House at UNC-Chapel Hill. We have been remiss in not having a consistent newsletter to you all, but we have launched a new program that will enable us to send quarterly updates to you. I looked back in my records, and we have not had an update to you in over two years. Let me assure you that Psi Chapter has not been idle over the past several years. Quite the contrary; the Chapter is alive and well at 109 Fraternity Court.

A Group of Outstanding Leaders

The Chapter is 50+ men strong, and the fall recruitment is shaping up to be a really good one with the hopes of more than 15 men in the 2010 recruitment class. Our Eminent Commander, **Nick Varunok**, and the other officers form an outstanding leadership group who are taking their roles very seriously.

We have seen some wonderful changes at the Chapter House over the summer months. New furniture in the Chapter Room, new carpet in the upstairs hallways and stairwells as well as special painting projects throughout the house created a sense of excitement over the summer. We had about 12 brothers live in the house over the summer months, which in my opinion, is a good thing. It is certainly not a money maker; far from it. However, it provides a benefit to the brothers and creates an atmosphere of presence in the community that staves

off vandalism and property damage from local homeless people who prey on our absence during the summer months.

There have been many brothers who participated in and led specific projects. **Kameron McCloskey** was instrumental in purchasing our new furniture and adding some flair to the Chapter Room. There are many others, but they are too numerous to mention in this article. Thank you to all the active brothers as they have an excellent attitude of stewardship regarding our biggest asset at 109 Fraternity Court.

Making Improvements at the House

There are many other items that may or may not be of interest to you regarding the Chapter House. We have been able to maintain the facility in reasonably good shape since we moved back into the House in the fall of 2007. Over the past three years we have replaced two of the AC units, as they were close to 20 years old. We have put a significant "Band-Aid" on the two units serving the Coxhead Wing and made some significant improvements in

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Psi Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity



ALUMNI RELATIONS

Renew Your Lifelong Commitment to Sigma Nu

By Nicholas Varunok '11, Eminent Commander

Your Sigma Nu membership didn't end at graduation, so keep the fraternity experience going in your alumni years. There's no pledge period this time around; it's easy to renew your participation as an adult.

Imagine...reconnecting with other brothers throughout the year on our online community: www.uncsigmanu.com, getting together with old Sigma Nu friends at tailgates and other events, getting frequent news from Psi Chapter actives and alumni alike via our brand new newsletter.

To get started, be sure to register on our new web site www.uncsigmanu.com, and encourage other brothers to do the same. Remember, the more alumni we can reach, the more opportunities you'll have to reconnect with Sigma Nu and the friends you met there.

We would love the opportunity for our undergraduates to meet you and your families. The best chances to do so are at the football tailgates in the fall, the spring game tailgate in the spring and the alumni cocktails in the fall and spring. You are our biggest ally. You can help us connect to your contemporaries and build a much stronger alumni network from within. Alumni support can also come in the form of volunteering your time on the Alumni Advisory Board. If you have any interest in this please contact our AAB President **Hank Pownell** at hpownell@hotmail.com or attend

our alumni meeting before the ECU game on October 2nd. We look to make this an informative annual event for alumni to keep up with the chapter before a big tailgate to celebrate our alumni.

The purpose of doing all this is to renew the lifelong commitment we have all made to the Sigma Nu. A stronger alumni network can help us with the following projects that we hope to accomplish in the coming years:

Build an Alumni Chapter. We have submitted a petition to the Grand Council for approval. This would be led by the Alumni Advisory Board and give our alumni a vote at Grand Chapter every two years as well as give the chapter a structure to collect funds for an annual fund.

Establish an Alumni Mentorship Program to help connect our undergraduate brothers to the professional world through their alumni brothers. We value your talents and would love if you could share them with our undergraduates to help them network and succeed on the next level. Please contact Alumni Chairman Kyle Ancharski at ancharsk@email.unc.edu if you are interested in participating.

Celebrate our 125th Anniversary with a capital campaign starting in 2013. We would love to kick this off with a gala and weekend much



The Sigma Nu experience lasts a lifetime. Pictured here are Psi Alumni Edward Prewitt, Dr. Henry Clark and Christian Mibelli

like was done in the late '80s for our 100th anniversary. The goal of this project is to raise enough money to pay off the mortgage on the house and start an endowment for the fraternity, as well as support the chapter with house improvements and contributions to the Henry T. Clark Scholarship Fund. We will need your financial support as well as help from each generation to organize the efforts.

What will you get through your renewed participation with Sigma Nu? Well, to start, you'll have renewed friendships, renewed communication and a renewed sense of pride in your fraternity. But it all starts with you. Thanks for doing your part to become re-involved with Psi Chapter today.

CHAPTER REPORT

Psi Chapter Gets an Edge in Recruitment, Raises \$3,500 for Charity

Recruitment

Our recruitment efforts have been active all summer. We are one of three fraternities on campus to have created a \$500 scholarship to gain access to the names and contact information of the incoming class. We have been contacting potential new members individually throughout the summer, as well as sending out rush booklets to our initial prospect list. If you know anyone who you feel would be a good Sigma Nu candidate, please contact Rush Chairman **Patrick McConnell** at pmconn1@email.unc.edu.

Campus Involvement

The active brothers are also very involved on

campus. Some activities and organizations that we have been involved with in the last year include the UNC Honor Court, Resident Advising, Student Government Greek Affairs and District Representative, Greek Judicial Board, Greek Week, IFC Block Party, the Daily Tar Heel Sports Desk, Investment Club, Varsity Basketball, Club Soccer, Club Basketball and Club Baseball. We have had some of the highest campus involvement numbers reported each semester and have been recognized for our efforts each year at the Greek awards.

Philanthropy

On April 24 the active chapter hosted its

Inaugural BBQ Cook-off. We hosted eight different cooks in Fraternity Court and handed out prizes for the top BBQ chefs. The event raised \$3,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We look to grow upon this great start to our philanthropic efforts next year so please check out our Web site for more information.

Alumni Events

Sigma Nu Homecoming on October 2nd was a great success with more than 75 alumni in attendance. We hope to increase attendance at the event next year by including an invitation in a summer newsletter.

FINANCIAL REPORT

How Much Does it Cost to Run a Fraternity?

The annual costs of running the fraternity are well over \$350,000.

Here is a breakdown per year:

Property taxes	\$20,000
Insurance	\$7,000+
Mortgage payments on the House	\$20,000+
Running the kitchen	\$100,000+
General maintenance	\$50,000+

(Over \$50,000 spent in the last year on replacing air conditioning units for the House

and Coxhead Wing, replacing a water heater for the House, furniture costs, repairs etc.)

Along with the desire to expand our opportunities for House improvements, we also want to expand the Dr. Henry T. Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship endowment is currently valued at over \$50,000 and allows the Chapter to give out more than \$1,000 in scholarships each semester for top GPAs, community service hours and campus involvement.

Additionally, there are many costs associated with maintaining contact with our alumni and our recruitment efforts. Our Web site, www.uncsigmanu.com, costs \$500 a year. Alumni database management is \$1,020 a year. Alumni newsletter mailings and postage are around \$2,500 per mailing. Recruitment brochures and postage are around \$1,400 a year.

Please return the enclosed form with your contribution. We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

ANNUAL FUND

We Need Your Support!

The undergraduate brothers have worked hard to re-establish our legacy at UNC, and we need your help to keep it going strong.

Our annual fund was created to honor your experience at UNC, and to help you stay connected to the brothers who helped make that time so meaningful. Alumni support is also a way to pay it forward and make sure that Psi Chapter can continue our legacy for generations to come.

If you are proud of Sigma Nu's re-establishment at UNC if you value your fraternity experience, and, most importantly, if you want to make sure more men have the same opportunity, make a gift to the annual fund today.

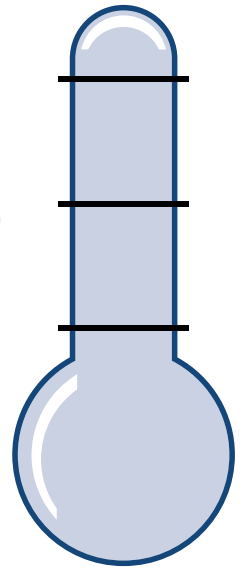
There are two ways to make a gift:

1. By calling our toll-free credit card hotline at 800-975-6699.
2. By mailing a check, made payable to "Psi of Sigma Nu", or a credit card contribution, along with the enclosed form to the return address on this newsletter.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in the next six months. Of this, \$4,500 will be used to pay for our communications program, including paper, printing and postage of The White Star. All remaining contributions will go directly toward construction costs outlined in the article above.

See a breakdown of the current and forthcoming expenses for the Psi Corporation in the above article.

2010-11
Goal:
\$10,000



ALUMNI UPDATES

News & Updates from Your Alumni Brothers...

Bob James, Psi 932, lives in downtown Raleigh and retired Dec. 1, 2009 after 37 years as a psychologist in the North Carolina prison system. He reports, "37 years in prison is enough for anyone, even me. **Mike Jordan** is my steady date for UNC football games with tickets, of course, through **Bill Ipock**. I recently played golf at the Greenville Country Club with **Craig Quick**, **Jim Fields** and **Malcolm Williams** and had a great day."

R.E. Shane Ragan II, CIC, TK 254, BBA 1990, has been inducted as President of the Professional Insurance Agents of Georgia for 2010-11. The PIA of Georgia has represented property and casualty agents in Georgia for 72 years. My father Gene Ragan (PIA President 1980) and I are the first father and son to have this privilege. I attribute the leadership skills instilled in me by my parents and Sigma Nu in helping me prepare for this opportunity.

We want to know what's new with you too!

Send us your update using the enclosed form and envelope, or email your news to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

PSI HOME ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Welcome to Our New Alumni Relations Program... *Continued from page 1.*

the kitchen and laundry area. Our last big repair was the replacement of the boiler that provides domestic hot water. It was replaced this past spring with three tankless water heaters that will save us some energy cost after they are paid for in three years time. The basement is relatively dry but continues to be a basement. The active Chapter uses it for small social gatherings, but overall it's still the basement.

Positive Changes on the Horizon for UNC Greek Life

The alumni advisors of all the IFC Chapters

at UNC have been meeting regularly for the past year in an effort to formalize our group. We have done this at the request of the University Administration and the Board of Trustees. Alumni advisors and Home Corporation Presidents have been very active in several task force type groups to judicially study the fraternity system as a whole and to make recommendations on what we can do as an entire system (University, Alumni and Actives) to improve as a community. The issues of risk, academics, recruitment, self-governance and campus involvement continue to be topics of concern and excitement. Many

of you have heard me preach about a culture change for many years within the fraternity system. We are on the precipice of making some changes that will have a positive impact on fraternities as organizations of fraternal relations, leadership development and academic achievement.

Fall is here! Our football team (hopefully) will be ready for a challenging home schedule. We hope to see you during the fall and especially on Oct. 2, 2010 for a special alumni time during the East Carolina Football Weekend.

CAMPUS NEWS

Could University Square Development Project Displace a Few Fraternities?

By Bob Lewis '75

President, Psi Home Association of Sigma Nu, Inc.

I'd like to update you on some news from the community. Landscapes surrounding the fraternity courts in downtown Chapel Hill are changing. Many of you may know that the Chapel Hill Foundation purchased University Square and Granville Towers last year. There is a very exciting plan to redevelop University Square into a pleasant, mixed-use development over the next six to eight years. The plan has been submitted to the Board

of Aldermen in Chapel Hill and will take approximately two years for approvals to be achieved. Granville Towers will continue to be student housing for at least ten more years according to those involved in the process. I am in direct contact with Gordon H. Herklein, AICP, Executive Director of Real Estate Development for the University and overseer for the project.

Part of the Town of Chapel Hill's

transportation plan called for a public road to run through the project to connect Franklin Street with Cameron Avenue and thus eliminate the former KA House (now Pi Lambda Phi). The Pi Lambs have no intention of selling the property. No other houses have been contacted regarding possible sales to my knowledge. We are maintaining a strict vigil regarding these issues, and we are in the loop.

Got Great Photos?

Psi Alumnus **Jack Wooten '09** sure does. He is pictured here on the left playing basketball with Barack Obama during his campaign trip to Chapel Hill. Jack Wooten was a member of the Tar Heel team from 2007 to 2009, and a part of the 2009 National Championship team.

We want to see your pictures, too! Send the best photos from your era or of a more recent reunion to us using the enclosed envelope or e-mail them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Nu UNC).

