



THE ILLINI ETAGRAM

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CAMPAIGN MOMENTUM BUILDS WITH \$522,628 THANKS TO LOYAL CONTRIBUTORS

Much Work Remains to Reach Goal

On behalf of the campaign leadership, thank you for your interest and participation in our efforts to renovate and expand Eta Chapter. To date, we have received \$522,628 in pledges and gifts from 125 brothers. It is gratifying to see so many of you wholeheartedly support this project.

Over the last four years, the alumni board and campaign committee worked diligently to design a plan that would accomplish all of our goals. As we have assessed the environment on campus, we see that an extensive renovation project will limit the changes that we can make in the facility.

We have decided to tear down the existing structure to make way for a more effective facility. Our new plans include a chapter house facade that resembles the existing house. Repositioning the house on the lot will maximize parking and space to expand in the future, and an open floor plan will allow for multi-function areas. Hopefully you saw our revised plans for a new structure in the last campaign mailing. The architectural plans are again published on pages 4 and 5. At this milestone, we have an obligation to consider measures that will keep Eta Chapter the best

chapter at the University of Illinois and the chapter house as the symbol of pride and tradition for Eta Chapter for another 100 years.

Campaign Staus At-a-Glance

(As of November 19, 2008)

\$1 million goal

125 total contributors

\$522,628 total contributions

We are at a critical juncture in the campaign. With \$487,000 to go, we need the commitment of every brother. Participation to date has been great and we appreciate the level of support received. However, we will not make our goal without broader participation. We have structured the campaign with a five-year pledge period, allowing you to make your gift over time. Like many have

already done, you may give a gift in memory or honor of a family member or pledge brother. Simply complete and return the enclosed pledge card indicating your gift to the campaign.

Please feel free to stop by and visit the undergraduates if you are in Champaign.

Yours in the Mystic Circle,
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Undergraduates Concentrate on Recruitment

Eta Chapter Welcomes 14 New Members Alumni Encouraged to Make Recruitment Recommendations

Recruitment and the prospect of a newly renovated chapter house provide a positive outlook for the future of Eta Chapter as it enters its second century on the University of Illinois campus. The house renovation, scheduled to be completed by August 2010, is a constant conversation piece among the undergraduates. The upperclassmen are excited to come back to a brand new house after graduation, and the younger members are even more excited to be the first to live in the new facility.

The future of Eta Chapter relies on both strong membership and a renovated chapter house. It is a time of rebuilding for the physical structure and the undergraduate membership. Recruitment is a top priority for the fraternity. The undergraduates' positive outlook for the future is key to remaining strong next year when we must recruit without a chapter house.

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Alpha Sigma Phi Prepared Alumnus for life Why I Gave—Dick Joutras '47

Dick Joutras '47 first decided to join Alpha Sigma Phi when he returned from military service and simply needed a place to stay. The chapter house provided nice accommodations, and it was an opportunity to meet friends.

The Eta Chapter played an important role for Dick during a formative time in his life. "The fraternity prepared me for life, and it was fun to be a member." Dick believes it is important for undergraduates to take advantage of this valuable learning opportunity. "Young people should learn as much as they can, keep an open mind, and prepare themselves as much as possible for the real world."

Dick contributed to *A Century of Excellence: The Centennial Campaign for Eta Chapter* because he wanted to give back to the organization that gave him so much. "The fraternity has been good to me, and I wanted to be good to it. I am proud of the University of Illinois and Eta Chapter."



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After graduating with a business degree, Dick owned a printing company, Bradley Printing, and worked in the banking industry until he retired in 1995. He enjoys investing and studying the stock market, and one of his proudest accomplishments is that he invented the flotation device that helicopters use in aquatic rescue missions.

Dick and his wife, Beverly, live in Northfield, Illinois, and have two children, Cindy and Ric. E-mail: dlj23@aol.com

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Prospect's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parent(s) _____

High school attended _____

Does prospect have an AΣΦ relative? _____

Reference submitted by _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Alumni, we value your referrals. Please submit prospect recommendations to
Tim Bensman '07 at bensman2@uiuc.edu or mail this form to
Eta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, P.O. Box 477750, Chicago, IL 60647.

Welcome, New Members

Michael Croxton
Bloomington, Ill.

Andrei Froehling*
Mt. Vernon, Ill.
(**Alan Froehling '70** and
David Froehling '77)

Michael Ginnetti
Bloomington, Ill.

Aaron Gones
Champaign, Ill.

Jake Habeeb
Bourbonnais, Ill.

Matt Hogan *
Herscher, Ill.
(**Richard E. Hogan '42**)

Jake How
Palatine, Ill.

Matthew Moore
Champaign, Ill.

Zach Mueller
Champaign, Ill.

Dan Prohammer
Naperville, Ill.

Phil Rich
Pontiac, Ill.

Chris Robinson
Bourbonnais, Ill.

Andrew Stoffer
Naperville, Ill.

Dustin Vock
Polo, Ill.

* Denotes legacy;
relative in parenthesis.

Thank You, Generous Brothers, for Committing \$522,628 to A Century of Excellence: The Centennial Campaign for Eta Chapter

We gratefully recognize the following Eta Chapter brothers and loyal friends for their commitment to *A Century of Excellence: The Centennial Campaign for Eta Chapter*. These contributors recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Alpha Sigma Phi at the University of Illinois. To date, \$522,628 has been pledged to the campaign; however, commitments are still needed in order to achieve our goal.

Each alumnus is listed by initiation year under his individual giving level. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send your correction to Eta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, P.O. Box 477750, Chicago, IL 60647.

Order of the Phoenix (\$50,000 and above)

Anonymous
Evan R. Geiselhart '82
Jon E. Mittelhauser '90

Tomahawk Council (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Beverly and Richard
Joutras '48
Jerry C. Newell '49
H. James Murray '53
Robert L. Condon '56
Gregory M. Kroencke '91

The Mystic Circle (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Anonymous
Richard F. Hanson '49
Bernard W. Elsner '50
Alan L. Froehling '70
Steven V. Zizzo '84
Daniel W. Baltes '93
Robert J. McDermott '93
Steven W. Labahn '94

Cardinal and Stone Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

John G. Putta '39
Pleasant H. "Bud" Robnett '48
In memory of
Dr. Quentin Robnett '62,
Jim Oldfield '47, and
Jim Brader '50
Lyle J. Cowan '51
Charles M. Given '63
Timothy A. Caveney '64
John R. Dupont '69
Jeffery D. Kaiser '69
Richard "Jake" Jakowsky '70
James L. Caruso '82
Erik C. Sachs '94

Brotherhood Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Taffie Helleny '42
Harry C. Armstrong '50
Robert L. Alexander '51
Charles L. Bolster '52
Robert L. Wildenradt '53
Wayne L. Albrecht '56
In memory of
the Good Times at
211 E. Armory
Dave Grace '69
E. Mark Sauer '78
Richard W. Rewerts '89
Craig D. Horstmann '95
Charles R. Veers '95
James P. Veers '96
Colin H. Gilbert '99
Robert M. Fugger '00
David Ramsey '05

The Eta Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Ralph H. Landon '25
Nicholas G. Biro '51
Pryce L. Keagle '51
Carl P. Hartmann '54
Larry E. Wilson '58
Robert F. Izard '59
Thomas M. Jones '62
Donald B. Bennett '63
Dennis W. Calvert '65
Alex M. Abate '67
Richard J. Makrickas '70
Bernie P. Quick '71
David J. Brett '82
James C. McMahon '82
Paul R. Forsberg '88
Brian S. Cabote '92
Bruce Cope '94
Michael P. Slattery '96
Kyle Danielson '03

Sean C. Brady '04
Chad Papa '04
Jason Ziols '04
Timothy Bridges '05
Jared Erdmier '05
Dan Gogliotti '05
Brock J. Hardy '05
Corey Immke '05
Robert G. Silver '05
James Tenzillo '05
Justin Tipsord '05
Jake Vail '05
Andrew Wiggins '05
Grant R. Hahn '06
Kyle Hanpeter '06
Allen D. Hays '06
Jonathon Ibarra '06
Brandon M. Laning '06
Matt Liesman '06
James Platt '06
Marc R. Porter '06
Berkley Shands '06
Nathan Sieraski '06
Mark Slick '05
Alexander Tonin '06
Carl A. Virgilio '06
Kristofer M. Williams '06
Timothy R. Bensman '07
Cameron K. Gilbert '07
Brandon M. Gilbert '07
Christopher A. Heid '07
David Lammers '07
David C. Nowak '07
Sean T. O'Keefe '07
Kyle Steinbrueck '07
Nick Tipsord '07

The Old Gal Society (Up to \$999)

Dan E. Andrew '37
In memory of
Howard L. Santer '39
Richard Einbecker '43
Donald C. Bertossa '46
In memory of
Roger Evans and
Robley "Bob" Evans '46
Jack E. Caveney '46
Burt W. Eltzroth '50
Donald A. Grill '51
Heidi M. Dunniway and
Richard Gustafson
In memory of
David A. Dunniway
Jerry J. Hauter '54
In honor of
Brother Dave Dunniway
Perry R. Bolhous '55
Richard H. Gallagher '55
Russell Abraham '62
Kenneth C. Schmitz '62
William H. Norby '65
Christopher P. Joyce '68
Robert H. Schweikle '69
James M. Kaiser '75
Mark S. Bundy '77
David A. Froehling '77
Jay S. Rawot '78
Scott R. Plummer '87
Charles T. Riggs '88
Kevin M. Kraiss '91
George P. Balis '92
Scott Havranek '94
Matthew D. Singer '94
Jeffrey J. Daly '98
Timothy J. Bolognani '99
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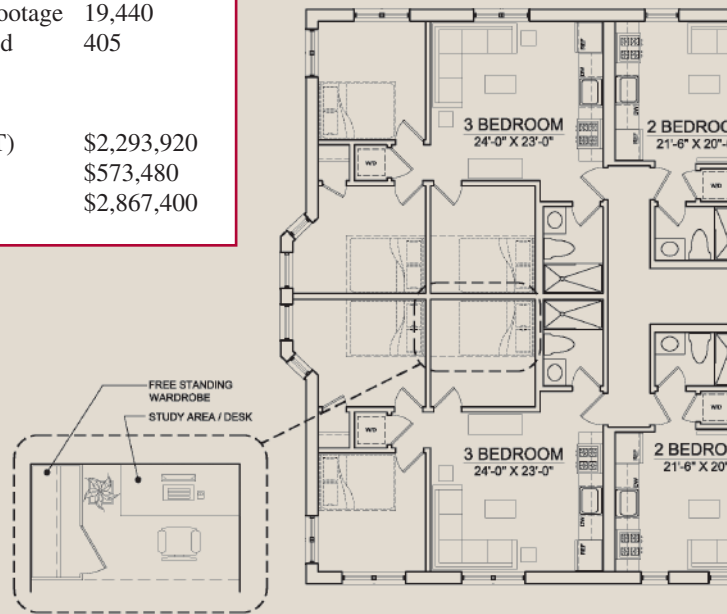
BASEMENT

SPECIFICATIONS:

Number of Beds	48
Number of Parking Spaces	20
Total Project Square Footage	19,440
Square Footage per Bed	405

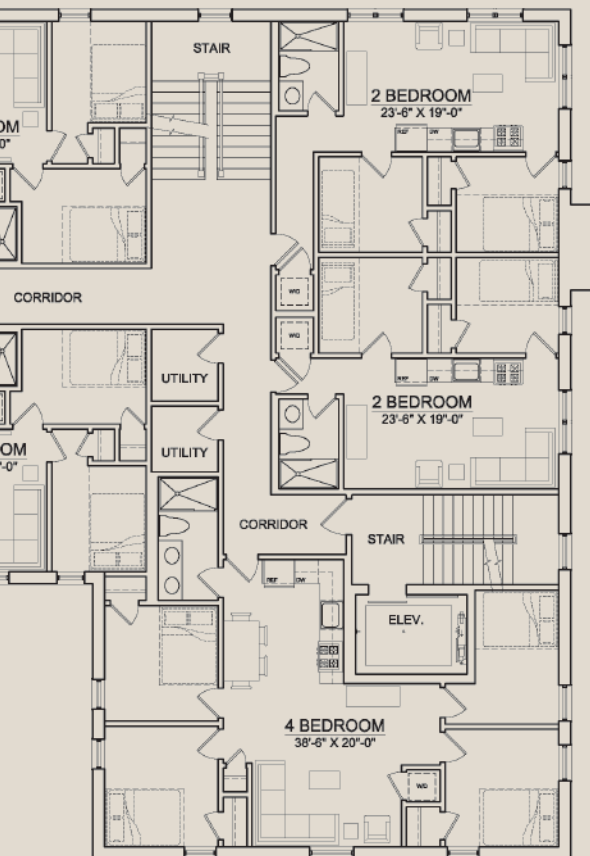
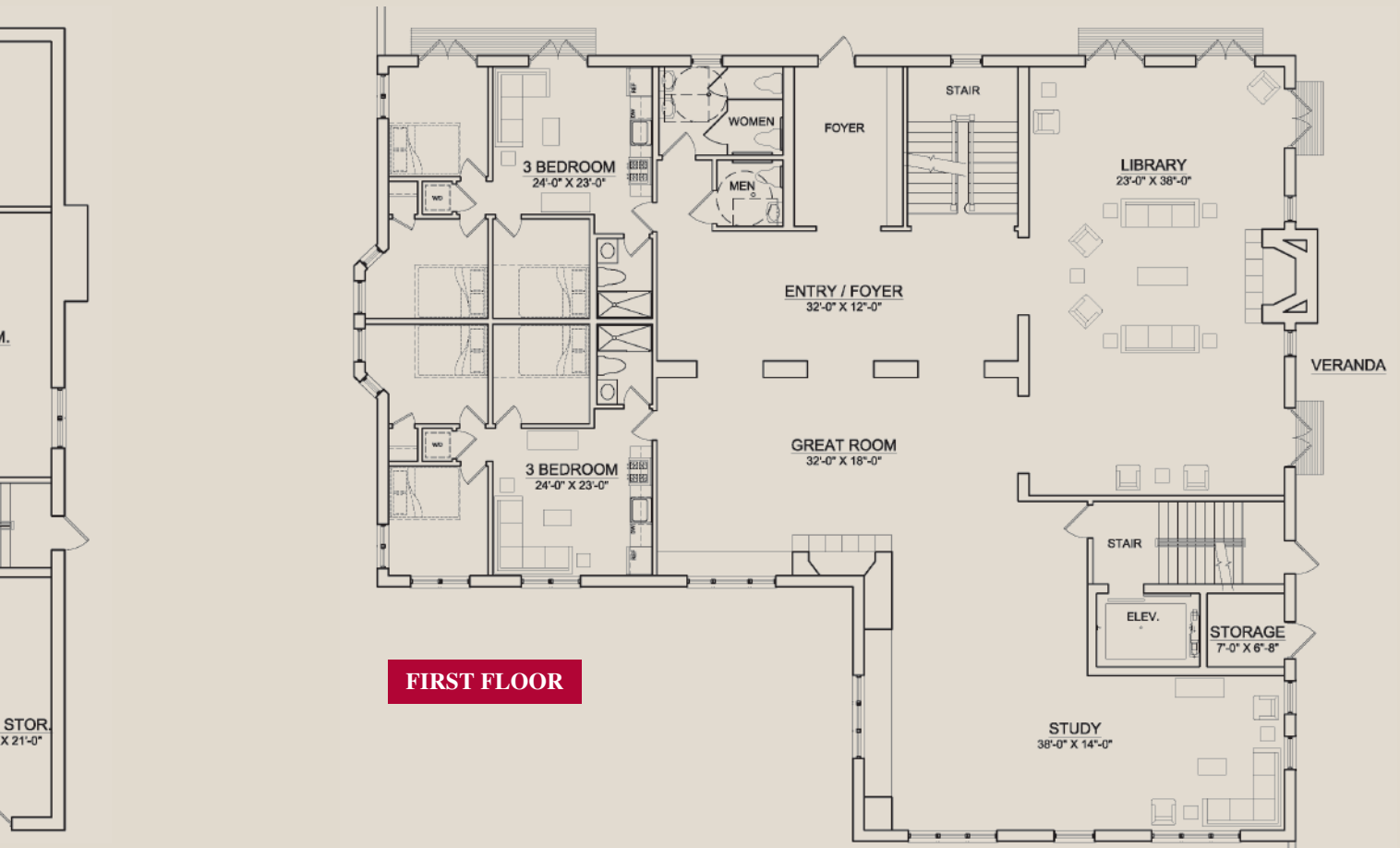
COSTS:

Hard cost (\$118 per FT)	\$2,293,920
Soft Costs	\$573,480
Total Costs	\$2,867,400



SECOND FLOOR

FLOOR PLANS



ADDITIONAL CRITERIA:

- Use of outdoor space to allow for extension of indoor spaces during social functions is encouraged
- Commercial grade materials are encouraged to allow for fraternity style usage
- Exterior: traditional fraternity, identical in most ways to the current façade; interior: traditional fraternity meets state of the art—lots of wood trim and plasma TVs
- Due to space constraints, multi-function areas are key; i.e. dining hall doubles as chapter room and party room, study doubles as card room and TV area, etc.
- Need the ability to sublease 4th floor and separate completely from the rest of house (separate entrance)
- Brick and stone to match existing structure—most likely over frame for budget purposes
- Number of beds needs to be scalable—example: if 58 men want to live in the fraternity, some rooms need to be double
- “Educational space” must be maximized wherever possible—use of lofts to allow for study areas and storage in each room are encouraged
- Wherever possible, areas used for party space need to be separated from higher finish level spaces (i.e. party room in lower level, lounge area on level 1)
- Location of party space should be in controllable, lower visibility area
- No elevator if possible
- If possible, room for expansion in the future should be considered i.e. additional at the rear

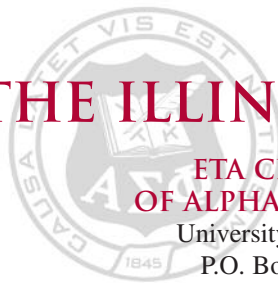


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Fighting Illini Home Basketball

- Dec. 8 Hawaii
- Dec. 10 Chicago State
- Dec. 20 Detroit
- Dec. 23 Missouri
- Dec. 28 Eastern Michigan
- Jan. 10 Indiana
- Jan. 14 Michigan
- Jan. 20 Ohio State
- Jan. 24 Wisconsin
- Feb. 1 Iowa
- Feb. 8 Purdue
- Feb. 18 Penn State
- Feb. 26 Minnesota
- Feb. 28 Michigan State

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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Illinois, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his new address to update our records. Thank you.

Undergraduates Concentrate on Recruitment

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The undergraduates are constantly looking for ways to improve member recruitment. Several ideas have been discussed in an attempt to intensify our efforts, including summer recruitment. Alumni, if you know of anyone you would like to recommend for membership, please contact our recruitment chairman, **Tim Bensman '07**, at (630) 485-1569 or bensman2@uiuc.edu. We always value your input and referrals.

The brotherhood is founded on strong, intelligent, and talented individuals recruiting young men to become brothers and future leaders of Eta Chapter. Our new member class of 14 members consists of men with extremely bright futures in both academics and fraternity life. The new members have shown dedication to learning the history and traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi.

We have had a full social calendar this year. Apart from the typical sorority exchanges and football block, we have hosted cookouts after each home football game. Next year we will host the third annual Sig Bust on Saturday, August 1.

While the chapter and its members are continually changing, the core values and traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi remain the same. It is through the support of alumni that ensures Alpha Sigma Phi will be around for another century.



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