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Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Virginia • Summer 2015

PSI CHAPTER: HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Sigma Chi Announces Two Million Dollar Capital Campaign Plans to Renovate Chapter House Underway, More Than One Million Dollars Committed

See an
invitation to
Homecoming
Weekend from
the House
Corporation
on page 4!

When we look back at important times in our undergraduate years at the University of Virginia, we, the Brothers of Psi Chapter, can clearly see how our own Sigma Chi experience helped shape who we are today. We are thankful for our close friendships with our Brothers, for the leadership development that helped us become successful members of our community, and for the chance to learn the value of giving back to those less fortunate than ourselves. We all still remember the great times we had together and the memories they created.

Our Chapter House at 608 Preston Place was built in the mid-1930s. It has been part of Psi's legacy for sixty-five years, and it now has reached its useful end. While we continue to recruit and attract the top men at the University of Virginia, it is important that our House stays competitive with the facilities other fraternities are offering. Since the safety of our youngest Brothers should always be our top priority, it is time we provide them a safe and well-functioning home.

Given these immediate needs, the Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi House Corporation and the Psi Chapter undergraduates are proud to announce the *Psi Chapter: Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* Capital Campaign to secure our continued success at the University of Virginia for decades to come. Through careful study, assessment, and planning, it was determined a two million dollar renovation and expansion of our Chapter House was the most cost-effective option to ensure that 608 Preston Place continues to meet the needs of today's undergraduate Brothers. The Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi House Corporation voted to approve the official launch of the Capital Campaign at their March 21, 2015 meeting in Charlottesville.



Early commitments from ninety-one generous Alumni, Actives, and Friends of Psi total more than one million dollars. This is a great start, but we need everyone's help to reach our campaign goal of two million dollars. This is the time to remember your Psi experience. This is the time to think about how your life was made better by the fellowship shared with your Psi Brothers. This is the time to ensure that the lifelong bonds of Sigma Chi Brotherhood can be enjoyed by future generations of Psis. More than ever, we need your help to reach our goals.

In the updated Psi Chapter House, we will provide a modernized facility that will create, for the Active Brothers, a safe home away from home and, for the Alumni Brothers, a home they can proudly come back to. To realize this dream, a Charlottesville architecture firm, Mitchell/Matthews, has been contracted to complete the project. Among many changes, the following deserve special notice:

- Increased total square footage from 6,587 to 11,642.
- New addition with dedicated social and activity space to include a Chapter room and multi-purpose space with rear-facing outdoor terrace.

- Bedrooms and bathrooms to accommodate 20 to 24 Brothers.
- All new HVAC and energy-efficient design.
- Completely renovated main house with new dining and kitchen facilities.

In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the project, the campaign, and the ways in which you can help. We will be honored to have you join our growing list of loyal supporters who are leaving their legacy by providing for future generations of our Brotherhood. Thank you for your loyalty, consideration, and support of Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

In Hoc,

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Kurt Rupprecht '04 Secures Sigma Chi's Future at U.Va.

Psi Chapter's unique combination of character and quiet confidence caught the eye of **Kurt Rupprecht '04**. That, along with the fact that his closest friend at U.Va., **Alex Cole '04**, received a bid from Sigma Chi, further solidified his decision to join knowing he would be in good company.

Kurt earned a bachelor's degree in economics from U.Va. He has worked in financial planning since leaving college and now owns a financial advisory practice in Washington, D.C. "I started my practice as an individual advisor, primarily relying on sweat equity to fund my startup costs. Over the last ten years, I gradually built out the infrastructure and planning capacity of my wealth management team which currently consists of three full-time associates and five junior advisors who I mentor. Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management is the broker dealer with whom I have partnered, and we have a lot

of flexibility regarding the manner in which we engage the individual professionals and closely held companies we support."

Kurt grew up in a Foreign Service family, so he spent a lot of his youth in Central and South America. When he started his business, he didn't have many family connections in the D.C. area but felt fortunate to have the opportunity to connect with many U.Va. and Psi Alumni across several eras while developing his professional network. In addition to working relationships, Kurt has maintained connections with his Psi Brothers on a personal level. "Thanks to the organizational efforts of Brother **Rob Carmichael '04** a group of us get together annually for a three-day Ryder Cup-style golf tournament in Pinehurst, North Carolina, which is a ton of fun. A really cool thing I've noticed about our Brotherhood is that even though it may have been some time since we last



connected, it's pretty much effortless for us to fall right back in sync with one another."

In response to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* Capital Campaign, Kurt's generous contribution was less about rejuvenating the physical structure than creating a positive effect on the Grounds as a whole. "My desire to support Psi's Capital Campaign came from

Thank You, Generous Psi Brothers

We sincerely thank the following Brothers of Psi for their dedication to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* Capital Campaign. These Alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Psi Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our Alumni to achieve our campaign goal and complete this major project.

All donors contributing \$2,500 or more to the campaign will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in the Chapter House. Donors contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to the campaign will be recognized in print publications. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661. Thank you, loyal Alumni of Psi of Sigma Chi!

White Cross Society (\$250,000 and above)

William R. Nixon Jr. '70
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Michael Kutzleb '71
Richard R.S. Northrop '74
David H. Holmes '84
Jared J. Gould '03
Kurt P. Rupprecht '04
In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield

Constantine Society (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Bret W. Holden '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin

M. Allen Hatfield '60
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In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Christopher Nassetta '84
William Todd West '84
Carey J. Mignerey '04

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Jerry A. Elam and
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Rick Donlan '68
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In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
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In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Casey Cummings '70

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Glenn Kirwin
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Rick Donlan '68
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Rick Donlan '68
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Rick Donlan '68
Raphael M. O'Malley '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Timothy B. Fitzgerald '81

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In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Steven Tadler '81
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Fred Russell '82
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Thomas J. Cricchi '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
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John D. Shulman '84
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In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield

Psi Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

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Paul W. Hammack Jr. '62
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In memory of
Cort Abbott '64 and
Rick Donlan '68
Raymond P. Hicks '69
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Theodore T. Weyandt Jr. '70
Martin Brill '74

Paul Hulley '74
Michael A. Clabby '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Michael B. Miller '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Bruce Walter '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Scott Scherbenske '84
Bruce Holden '85
Bryan McGrath '87
Mark Senell '87
Hunter K. Woods '87
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Balfour Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

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Bea Davenport
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In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
William P. Schofield '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Tom Washburn '70
George Maughan '74

Erik N. Anderson '81
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
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Glenn Kirwin
Philip D. Galiano '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
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In memory of
LHP and LHP Jr.
David Prochnow '83
Scott Anderson '86
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Adam Abramson '04
Ryan Chorazy '05
Alex Scott '05

Legacy Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

John M. Jeffords
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In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Richard L. Davis '69
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In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
J. Kenneth Harris '70
James E. Evans '77
In memory of
Bea Davenport
Jack B. Hicks '79

Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of July 1, 2015

Campaign Goal
\$2 Million

Total Commitments
\$1,042,836

Total Contributors
91

Mailable Alumni
1,062

Jeffrey K. Stith '81
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Eliot Bird '82
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Mike Mulhern '82
David S. Merrill '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Timothy Whalen '83
In honor of
Tom Stumm
Vincent T. Pangalos '86
G. Randolph Rice, Jr. '01
Alexander Cole '04



wanting to support an institution at U.Va. that will positively impact generations of Virginia graduates to come. The positive ripple effects of Psi aren't limited to its members."

Kurt believes every single Psi Alumnus can find a way to support the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign. "The living population of Psi Alumni is a little over 1,100. I certainly appreciate the concept of allocating finite resources across competing objectives, so to the extent a Brother is constrained financially, he can still directly support the success of the campaign by spreading the word across his era. A critical mass of broad-based participation across our Alumni population will ensure a successful project that doesn't leave the Chapter House financially burdened."

Kurt and his wife, Cameron, a U.Va. alumna, live in Arlington, Virginia, with their children, Declan and Arizona. In his spare time, Kurt does crossfit training and plays golf. You can contact him at kurt.rupprecht@nm.com.

Letter from House Corporation President Jim Moore '68

The announcement of the official launch of the Psi of Sigma Chi's two million dollar Capital Campaign is an exciting milestone in your House Corporation's long-range plans to extend and enhance the life of Psi at 608 Preston Place.

For the past several years, the Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi House Corporation, the undergraduate Brothers, and a local architect have worked together to develop plans for the renovation and expansion of our Chapter House. Approval from the city of Charlottesville to proceed with our initiative was obtained after much work by several devoted Psi Alumni. A professional fundraising firm, Pennington & Company, was retained to help us meet our goals, and a Capital Campaign Committee, chaired by **Steve Herbert '68** and **Bret Holden '83**, was formed. For several months, the committee worked quietly to obtain pledges from ninety-one donors, identified on the second page of this newsletter.

Now, with the public announcement of the Capital Campaign you are learning about today, the entire Brotherhood of Psi of Sigma Chi will have the opportunity to participate in this much needed project to preserve, for decades to come, our Chapter House at the University of Virginia. More information will be sent to you in the coming weeks as to how you can join those already committed to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Capital Campaign*. Your support is essential to our success.

Chapter to Build on Strong Momentum Into the Fall Psi Continues Its Success

The Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi completed an eventful Spring semester. We built academically on a successful 2014 Fall semester, when we earned a cumulative GPA of 3.407, fourth highest of the thirty-one fraternities at U.Va.

PSI CELEBRATES CHAPTER DIVERSITY, GRADUATING SENIORS

Our Chapter remains a diverse and active Brotherhood with members representing fourteen different countries including Brazil, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. We boast three Jefferson Scholars, twelve Echols Scholars, and a Lawn resident who continues our ten straight years of Lawn presence. Psi members participate in seven different club and varsity sports and serve in executive positions of many University organizations including the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). The Psi Chapter would also like to extend our best wishes to our twenty-eight recent graduates who moved on in May, with some going to graduate school and others entering the workforce at prestigious companies such as Bain and Accenture.

SIGMA CHI WELCOMES TWENTY NEW PLEDGES

This Spring, we had a very successful recruitment and initiated twenty new members. Our recruitment process included exciting events such as a pig roast, go-karting, and a boat cruise on the Potomac

River. We carried this success over to our Derby Days events last semester, and surpassed last year's \$13,000 donation to the U.Va. Children's Hospital. We have worked to improve Derby Days by partnering with Dance Marathon, another fundraiser that supports the U.Va. Children's Hospital, and by raising the level of Brother and Pledge participation in new Derby events.

SPRING EVENTS UNITE THE BROTHERHOOD

The Spring semester held some of the Chapter's favorite social events, with our Bahamas Party being one of our most anticipated. We also hosted Parents' Weekend with events such as visits to local wineries, a golf tournament, and a formal gathering to introduce our parents to our Pledges and Brothers.

PSI DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Chapter plans to continue in Fall 2015 our long tradition of serving the Charlottesville and University communities by volunteering at Madison House and domestic and international charitable organizations in upcoming semesters. One such philanthropy is OneGoal, a student-run charity located on the Grounds that was founded less than two years ago by several Psi '15 Brothers. OneGoal works to promote healthy behavior and relationships by participation in athletics, which we support by collecting used sports equipment

and raising money to ship that equipment to our contacts in impoverished villages in South Africa. Currently, OneGoal is attempting to expand by developing working relationships in Haiti, Kenya, and the Congo. Any surplus equipment is donated to Goodwill Industries or to local Charlottesville churches. **Conor Kelly '17** is the current president of OneGoal.

To all our Alumni Brothers, we are extremely grateful for your support of the Capital Campaign. As Actives, we know its success will not be possible without your help. If you are ever in the area, please stop by the House and meet the newest members of Psi. The door is always open to our *and* your home.

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Capital Campaign!
See details on page 1.**



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ALUMNI NEWS

John M. Sadler '54 is a former RF engineer with Grumman Aerospace, where he worked to improve reliability and reduce the weight of the successful lunar module's radars and the Grumman F-14 aircraft. After Grumman, he perfected an isotope environment process in the metodeosicol field, which has been improved upon by others. As an ASTAN-certified ski instructor, John spends his winter months in Val D'isere, France, with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his wife, Priscilla. The couple enjoys skiing, which he claims keeps them young and healthy. John spends his summers in Camden, Maine.
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John H. Weckerling '54 was the manager of a large non-profit institute from 1989 to 1996. The institute's purpose was to promote German-American understanding through joint events and was located in four cities in Germany: Berlin, Hannover, Frankfurt, and Magdeburg. He currently resides in Frankfurt.

James R. Palmer '60 continues to run a maintenance and cleaning supply business. He and his wife, Virginia, live in Arlington, Va., and have 15 grandchildren, some of whom he hopes will be Sigma Chi prospects. Jim enjoys attending the Wahoo football games.

Mark R. Hanabury, M.D. '71 recently completed 25 years of service as a clinical associate professor of otolaryngology, head and neck surgery at the University of Virginia Medical Center. He lives in Salem, Va.
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Alden B. Knowles '73 is enjoying his retirement on the southeast coast of North Carolina. He and his wife, Judy, have two sons, with two grandchildren on the way. Alden and Judy make many trips to the St. Louis area to visit their growing family. E-mail: aldenbk@aol.com

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Save the Date

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Mark your calendar now for Homecoming Weekend 2015! Before and after watching U.Va. beat Syracuse University on the gridiron, join your Psi Brothers at the Chapter House to renew friendships and learn more about the *Psi Chapter: Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Capital Campaign*. More information about Homecoming 2015 activities to be featured at 608 Preston Place will soon be sent to you via e-mail. Contact your Brothers and make your plans now . . . this will be an event you will not want to miss!

Welcome, New Members

Simon Amat <i>Potomac, Md.</i>	Luke Gigante <i>Massapequa, N.Y.</i>	Matt McGuinness <i>Colts Neck, N.J.</i>	Mateo Semerene <i>Quito, Ecuador</i>
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