

The Constantine Sig

Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Virginia • Summer 2021

PSI CHAPTER: HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE



THE DREAM

The fraternity house at 608 Preston Place was purchased in 1950, when **Bob Fair '50** was an active Psi. The purchase was paid for through a combination of Alumni contributions, assessments, and the sale of property owned by the Chapter. The House served Psi well for decades, was renovated and expanded in the late 1960s, and underwent significant renovations in the mid-1980s. **Don Sours '58**, who followed Bob as president of the Psi House Corporation and had served as president of R. E. Lee Construction, believed that the physical plant at 608 could not indefinitely serve the demands of fraternity life.

In the 2001 June edition of *The Constantine Sig*, Don opined that he was in favor of the concept of development of a new Greek village, which would be a joint venture with the University. “A new house with single bedrooms, formal and party areas, modern bathroom facilities, the latest in communication systems, outdoor rec space, adequate parking, and a Chapter room worthy of our heritage is what we need to carry Psi through this century.” This Greek village concept died on the vine, but Don’s vision of what was ultimately needed in a facility lived on.

At the time Don wrote the 2001 article, he served as the sole officer and board member for the Psi House Corporation. Shortly after the 2001 publication, Don began expansion of the House Corporation with the addition of several Psi alumni. The first addition was **Bill Nixon '70**, whose two sons, **Justin Nixon '02** and **Devon Nixon '06**, were Actives at the time. Bill became re-engaged with the life of Psi and has been constantly involved ever since. **Steve Herbert '68** and **Jim Moore '68** were soon enrolled on the board. **Thomas Hall '02**, a law school student and twice Honor Committee Chairman, agreed to serve on the board and would become vice-president under Don. He became responsible for supervision of *The Constantine Sig*. Thomas chaired a board-created commission to explore the future of Psi at 608 Preston Place.

Prior to the formation of the “Commission on the Future of Psi’s Physical Plant,” fulfillment of the concept of a new or better home for Psi consisted of two activities: keeping an eye out for existing fraternity houses in the Mad Bowl area that were changing ownership and a fundraising effort conducted by **Bill Nixon '70**. While the first endeavor was totally unfruitful, Bill’s fundraising lasted five years and raised \$75,000. Although this sum was not enough to fund any major renovations or additions, it was well used for immediate needs. The balance was ultimately used toward the planning and development costs of the present facility.

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In the fall of 2008, Thomas Hall's "Commission" reported to the Psi House Corporation Board that the consensus among Psi Alumni was to remain at 608 Preston Place. For those many Psi Alumni who harbored fond memories of Psi fraternity life, the House was, and still is, an integral if not inseparable part of those memories.

To accomplish an extensive expansion/renovation of the House, many obstacles had to be overcome, including but not limited to the following: lack of active communication with Psi Alumni; neighborhood concerns over noise, trash, traffic issues; seemingly diminished University administration support for Greeks; lack of a clear picture of how 608 could be transformed; necessary fundraising to obtain the enormous amount of needed funds; and approval by Charlottesville's Board of Architectural Review (BAR) for expansion of a dwelling in the designated "Historic District."

Among other actions, the obstacles cited above were overcome by expanding the House Corporation Board, hiring a professional fundraising consultant, obtaining the services of an attorney specializing in land planning, improving neighborhood relations, and engaging an architectural firm which produced an excellent product. The BAR gave final approval of the plans in 2014.

It is somewhat easy to cite the objective problems and how each was addressed and eventually solved. It is more difficult to explain what motivated Psi Brothers, both Alumni and Active, to engage in such a lengthy and demanding task considering the Alumni generally will only enjoy the House during meetings and Homecoming events. I can only express my personal reasons for being involved. The fraternity life that I enjoyed was a large part of my positive University of Virginia experience. Sigma Chi gave this small-town Virginia boy, from a tiny public school, a place to feel at home. I formed lifelong friendships that survive to this day. Engagement in the rebuild project provided me the pleasure of renewing and strengthening old friendships and making dozens of new ones. Most of us appreciate that fraternity does not end upon graduation, but is alive and well and worth preserving.

In Hoc,
Jim "Chuck" Moore '68
 jamoore46@charter.net



Rebuilding 608

By late spring 2010, after 60 years of meritorious service as a fraternity house, the general condition of 608 had deteriorated to the extent it was no longer competitive with the University's better fraternity houses. In terms of modern living spaces, comfortable and single bedroom availability, adequate bathrooms, efficient heating and air conditioning, sanitary dining facilities, appropriately located and sized social spaces, and parking facilities for residents, it was woefully behind its Greek competitors and the commercial marketplace that was building new student housing throughout Charlottesville. The House Corporation, which had been considering options for several years, became actively engaged, and as reported in the spring 2011 *Constantine Sig*, an architecture firm was hired to create a design program to renovate and enlarge 608 and restore it as one of the very best fraternity houses at the University.

The Charlottesville architecture firm of Mitchell Matthews worked with House Corporation members **Don Sours '58**, **Jim Moore '68**, **Dick Dyas '67**, **Bret Holden '83**, **Mike Guthrie '75**, **Jeff Stith '81**, **Tom Washburn '70** and **Steve Herbert '68** to form the Building Committee and developed plans that could be approved by the City of Charlottesville and built for a budget that aligned with the Capital Campaign goal of \$2 million. Active Brothers **Brian Ohlhausen '14**, **Michael Kreamer '15**, **David O'Hara '15**, and **Peter Wright '15** were also part of the team that shaped many of the design features of the plan. The most significant design element of the plan called for separating social spaces from living spaces—in other words, moving parties out of the old house and into new social spaces designed to direct energy and noise away from the street and front of the House. A new kitchen and dining room were also high on the active Brothers' list. The City of Charlottesville approved the plans in the spring of 2014, increasing the envisioned size of 608 from 6,587 to 11,642 square feet.

To avoid having to shut down 608 for construction, a decision was made to do the work in two phases. Phase 1 was the addition of a new Chapter room (the Donlan-Kirwin Memorial Chapter Room), which is twice the size of the original Chapter room and features a side terrace (the Jim Evans Memorial Terrace) as well as the addition of a huge social space below with a rear facing outdoor terrace. The Building Committee solicited bids from general contractors for the work, and in March 2016 the House Corporation Board of Directors selected **Bret Holden '83** and his firm, Faulkner Falls LLC, along with general contractor Gary Martin, as the winning team.

Bret and Gary worked through an exciting year to build a handsome building whose design received high praise and unanimous approval from the City's Board of Architectural Review.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED \$2 Million Fundraising Goal Achieved

We did it! As a result of the generosity of donors and the hard work of a dedicated group of Psis, on February 17, 2021, we reached the Capital Campaign's original, and many thought overly ambitious, goal to raise \$2 million. As of June 8, 2021, we have 279 donors, \$2,002,817 pledged, with \$1,743,888.98 or 87% already collected. Incredible in some ways, the outpouring of generosity is heartening and exceedingly gratifying in every way.

In 2010, it was estimated that we would need \$3.1 million for the renovation and the Board of Directors realized the need for fundraising expertise. Pennington & Company, a recognized leader in fraternity and sorority fundraising, was eventually selected to conduct a fundraising feasibility study, which they completed in 2013. After months of contacting and surveying Psi alumni, Pennington concluded the most we would likely be able to raise was \$750,000.

Pennington's 2013 feasibility study provided donor target lists to use as a springboard for the fundraising effort, and the inception of the campaign's "quiet phase" began in earnest. This phase, led by **Steve Herbert '68**, was conducted in 2014 and 2015. Steve and **Bret Holden '83** then embarked on a number of trips to personally solicit key donors. This included group luncheons and dinners in Hampton, Virginia; Richmond, Virginia; and Northern Virginia. Additionally, the team traveled to New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; and California. Countless individual solicitation calls were made by Steve during this period.

The fall 2014 issue of *Constantine Sig* was the first time the anticipated House renovation was mentioned to a broader crowd. At the March 21, 2015, BOD meeting, the BOD approved the official launch of the Capital Campaign. Pennington & Co. was retained to help manage the fundraising effort and a Capital Campaign Committee was established. By the end of the quiet phase, 91 donors had pledged more than \$1 million. In the summer of 2015, the BOD formally announced the kickoff of the \$2 million *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* Capital Campaign. Steve and Bret were identified as the Campaign's

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The active Brothers, led by Consuls **Conor Kelly '17** and **Rob Raiola '18**, showed great patience and supported the project work as Bret managed to safely excavate and haul away many cubic yards of red clay from the side yard to dig the foundation for the new structure and basement space. The Brothers used the ongoing construction as a feature to enhance Rush. Organizing "hardhat" tours of the under construction new addition and handing out renderings of the completed project, they added 25 new members in a large pledge class.

On April 28, 2017, over 100 Brothers and guests filled the new Donlan-Kirwin Memorial Chapter room for its formal dedication. The fall 2017 edition of *The Constantine Sig* appropriately credited the generosity of the Donlan and the Kirwin families, along with many Brothers who knew **Rick Donlan '68** and **Glenn Kirwin '82**, for providing lead gifts and major funding to build Phase 1. A similar fundraising campaign by the friends of **Jim Evans '77** resulted in major support for the Jim Evans Memorial Terrace, which will be dedicated in a ceremony at 608 this fall.

During 2018, **Jim Mallon '83** joined the Building Committee as it worked with architects to refine the plans for Phase 2 to renovate and expand the original interior of 608. Elements of Phase 2 included a new kitchen and dining facility, six new bedrooms, whole house HVAC, and two new bathrooms. A new driveway and parking lot, a bike storage shed, and new privacy fencing were also included. Soliciting a general contractor was also part of the task. At its October 2018 meeting, the House Corporation Board of Directors approved a recommendation from the Building Committee to hire Martin Horn, a large Charlottesville construction company, to build Phase 2.

The City approved the plans for Phase 2 in the fall of 2019 and construction began in the summer of 2020. It required special attention and strict adherence to COVID-19 requirements. With the assistance of the general contractor and regular oversight by the Board of Directors, the project was delivered without incident. It has been well used and enjoyed by the 18 Brothers who lived in 608 this past COVID-19 academic year. As things return to normal in Charlottesville in the coming new academic year, a restored 608 will be back in service.

In Hoc,
Steve Herbert '68
Director, Psi of Sigma Chi House Corporation
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Thank You, Loyal Brothers and Friends, for Making the Capital Campaign a Success

We want to extend our gratitude to the following Brothers of Psi for helping Psi Chapter surpass our \$2 million goal for the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* Capital Campaign. These alumni and friends of Psi have upheld their lifelong commitment to Sigma Chi and have set up our brotherhood to be successful for years to come.

Constantine Society (\$100,000 and above)

Bret W. Holden '83
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83

Founders Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Maynard Allen Hatfield '60
Charles J. Donlan Jr. '66
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Robert R. Brown Sr. '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
William R. Nixon Jr. '70
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Richard R.S. Northrop '74
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Richard D. Tadler '78
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Christopher Nassetta '84
In memory of
Chris Meigs '82
Matthew C. Wilson '97
In memory of
Charlie Hermes '95
Ted Stimson '98
Carey J. Mignerey '04

Jordan Standard Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Anonymous
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
J. Michael Daniel '58
In memory of
Jerry A. Elam,
Preston Gise '59,
Samuel B. Craig '61, and
James R. Palmer '61
Robert S. Herbert '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
James A. Moore '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Casey Cummings '70

Michael Kutzleb '71
James C. Buie Jr. '74
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Malcolm M. Christian Jr. '77
David H. Holmes '84
W. Todd West '84
David L. Nielsen '86
Jared J. Gould '03
Kurt P. Rupprecht '04
In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield

Norman Shield Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

The Kendrick Family
Charitable Trust Foundation
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Joan Boswell Kirwin
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Karla Palmer
In memory of
James Reilly Palmer '60
Robert R. Fair '50
James C. Mackay '54
In memory of
Harry Orville '54
In honor of
Herb Wilson '55
Herbert E. Wilson '55
Michael A. Conway '66
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Richard W. Dyas '67
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
B. Parker Livingston '67
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
John B. Miller Jr. '67
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
R. Michael O'Malley '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Raymond P. Hicks '69
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68

John D. Stokely Jr. '75
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Jeffrey R. Serra '78
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Timothy B. Fitzgerald '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Bret Holden '83
In honor of
Steven Herbert '68 and
His tireless commitment
to Psi
James C. Mallon '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83

David Owen '81
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Steven M. Tadler '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Frederick L. Russell Jr. '82
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Jim Sheward '82
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Bonnie W. and Thomas J.
Cricchi '83
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin '83
Bruce Walter '83
In memory of
Brian McKittrick '82 and
Chris Meigs '82
Jason A. Crist '84
Robert W. Hargett '84
John D. Shulman '84
In memory of
Chris Meigs '82
Patrick Kearney '85
In memory of
Chris Meigs '82
David C. Burke '88
In honor of
Tom Stumm '83
Jeffrey C. Poole, M.D. '89

Christopher S. Accashian '97
In memory of
Bryan Heath '94
Sean Ozbolt '97
In memory of
Bryan Heath '94
Chris Komelasky '00
Joel Bernstien, M.D. '02
Kenneth S. George II '02
Justin B. Nixon '03
In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield
Micheal P. Lynch '05
In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield

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

Anonymous
Robert E. Anewalt '57
Frasia Trice '59
James R. Palmer '60
In memory of
L. Preston Gise '59 and
Bob Ash '60
John P. Rogers '61
Loran R. Smith '61
In memory of
R.I. Ash '60
In honor of
J.H. Rogers '61
Paul W. Hammack Jr. '62
In memory of
Samuel B. Craig '61 and
Wes Nagel '61
C. Jerry Franklin '64
In memory of
Cort Abbott '64 and
Rick Donlan '68
A. Bruce Duerson '68
In memory of
Robert Fair '50 and
Rick Donlan '68
Steve Herbert '68
In memory of
Bea Davenport
Timothy R. Smith '70
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Theodore T. Weyandt Jr. '70
H. Thomas Hicks '72

**Campaign
Status
At-a-Glance**
July 12, 2021

Campaign Goal
\$2 Million

Total Commitments
\$2,002,817

Total Contributors
279

Participation
22.2%
of living Psis

Emily and Frederic Ward '73
In memory of
Vicki Washburn and
Bob Fair '50
Martin L. Brill '74
Paul Hulley '74
In memory of
John Moore '75 and
Jim Evans '77
Mark L. Weinstein '75
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Paul H. Saunders '77
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Erik N. Anderson '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Gregory Duffy '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Lynn G. and
Barry S. Duke '81
Michael A. Clabby '83
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
John Holden Jr. '83
Ward Melhuish '83
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Michael B. Miller '83
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83



Scott K. Mullen '83
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
South T. Patterson '83
In memory of
LHP and LHP Jr.
Bruce Walter '83
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Scott J. Scherbenske '84
Bruce L. Holden '85
John L. Anthony, M.D. '86
Craig J. Keenan '86
Bryan McGrath '87
Mark Senell '87
Hunter K. Woods '87
Scott C. Waskey '88
Paul L. Beatty '89
In memory of
Greg "Kirk" Kuykendall '89
Charles L. Sweeney '89
David Cohen '97
Gregory W. Seward '97
Robert T. Carmichael '04
Gregory D. Morneault '05
In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield
Devon C. Nixon '06
In memory of
David Sloan Critchfield
South P. Holden '11
Robert W. Raiola '18

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

F. Patrick Dillon '59
Martin A. Senell '59
Stuart L. Croll '60
Ashby C. Moncure, M.D. '60
In memory of
Harry Orville '54
Charles A. Veatch II '64
In memory of
Bea Davenport
T. Jackson Bedford Jr. '66
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
William P. Schofield '68
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Dick Flynt '70
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
J. Kenneth Harris '70
John G. Hoag '70

Thomas Washburn '70
Dennis C. Ford '73
James R. Hodges '74
George T. Maughan,
M.D. '74
In memory of
John Moore, M.D. '75
and Jim Evans '77
Michael Guthrie '75
Donald L. Havermann '76
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Craig E. Chason '77
In memory of
Bea Davenport
John P. Barron '78
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Sean Dwyer '78
In memory of
Jim Evans '77 and
Bea Davenport
William P. Gambino '78
In memory of
Robert W. Gambino '51
William S. Wheeler III '78
Jeffrey D. Brown '79
In memory of
Mike Dillon '79 and
Randy Dobson '79
Eric H. Williams '80
Jeffrey G. Ward '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Philip Galiano '83
Mark A. Luria '83
David Prochnow '83
Scott R. Anderson '86
Vincent T. Pangalos '86
William R. Garr '94
Christopher R. Leonard '95
In memory of
Craig A. Getman '96
Andrew I. Zlotnik '97
In memory of
Charlie Hermes '95
Jon G. Mitchell '00
Adam S. Abramson '04
Alexander Cole '04
Justin C. Dothard '04
Brian M. Thorne '04
Ryan J. Chorazy '05
Benjamin J. Hicks '05
Shawn M. Menz '05
Alex Scott '05

Colin M. Reed '11
Devon J. Caldwell '12
Garrett C. Garber '13
In memory of
Larry Lee Garber Jr.
Brian A. Ohlhausen '14
Michael S. Kreamer '15
Owen A. Sperling '16
Mattias E. Pinto '20

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

Richard Dubow
In memory of
Glenn Kirwin
Robert W. Banta '43
In memory of
Charles W. Merritt, M.D.
John M. Jeffords '54
Daniel F. O'Keefe Jr. '57
Donald E. Sours '58
Robert N. Whitesel '60
J. F. Sudderth '62
Glenn Gettier '64
Richard Allerton '67
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Evans Waddell '67
Richard L. Davis '69
William C. Thornton Jr. '69
In memory of
Rick Donlan '68
Mark Hanabury, M.D. '71
In memory of
Robert R. Fair '50
Andrew W. Miller '71
William A. Nichols Jr. '71
In memory of
Billie Nichols
Denton C. Roberts '71
In memory of
Vicki Washburn
Mark M. Gettys '72
In memory of
Abdiel R. Albaugh '72
David E. Ross '73
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Chris Dowell '74
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Bill Maxwell '74
In memory of
Jim Evans '77

Joe McMahon '75
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Eric O'Dea '75
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
A. Inge Selden III '75
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Jim Chappell '76
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Paul S. Rublee '76
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Donald Stitt '76
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Edward H. Brown '77
William Conrad Jones '77
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Terence J. Rainey '77
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
William O. Reeside Jr. '77
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Jack W. Selden '77
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Stephen M. Lord '78
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Daniel G. Markim '78
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Jack B. Hicks '79
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Michael J. McQuaid '79
Craig S. Newton '80
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Michael Furey '81
In memory of
Jim Evans '77
Jeffrey K. Stith '81
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Arthur L. Wheeler Jr. '81
In memory of
Jim Evans '77

Tedd Winter '81
Eliot W. Bird, D.D.S. '82
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Mike Mulhern '82
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Cullen C. Wilkerson Jr. '82
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
David S. Merrill '83
Fritz Ruthling '83
Percy W. Schmidt '83
In honor of
Tom Stumm '83
Timothy Whalen '83
In honor of
Tom Stumm '83
F. Sloan Harris III '84
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Peter M. Kirwin '84
In memory of
Glenn D. Kirwin '83
Stephen E. Cricchi '85
Michael Barkley '88
In memory of
Andy Rice '88
Chris Pile, M.D. '88
James D. Filpi '90
Troy Dohner '94
Russell W. Horwitz '94
John W. Valentino '94
Richard W. Young Jr. '96
Scott Kirkpatrick '99
G. Randolph Rice Jr. '01
Mike Dolezal '02
Ben Brown '04
Robert F. Zierden '05
Sean P. Fitzgerald '19
Trevor Atkeson '20
Josh Katz '20

Total Pledged by Era

'55-'59: \$52,675
'60-'64: \$87,600
'65-'69: \$275,275

'70-'74: \$250,530
'75-'79: \$159,375
'80-'84: \$558,060

'85-'89: \$122,050
'90-'94: \$8,425
'95-'99: \$147,350

'00-'04: \$185,283
'05-'09: \$31,865
'10-'14: \$15,942
'15-'20: \$17,990

UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS HOST SUCCESSFUL RUSH DESPITE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Active Chapter Remains Optimistic About Return to Normalcy for Fall Semester

Life on the Grounds this year at the University of Virginia has been one for the history books, but not quite in the way we had anticipated when we first returned to Charlottesville in the fall of 2020. From the transition to almost entirely virtual classes to the absence of a fan presence at athletic events to the social isolation of students, the pandemic shook the culture of the University.

Similarly, the men of Psi Chapter also saw significant effects on our day-to-day lives, principally characterized by the inability to interact with each other in person, host formal events, or pursue extracurricular endeavors that shape who we are as a Chapter. Nevertheless, our resolve in an ostensibly unconquerable situation outshined the temptation of complacency to which many around us unfortunately succumbed. From daily video call check-ins to activities in small groups to weekend trips with our closest Brothers, we understood the necessity to remain connected and involved in each other's lives in a time of isolation and uncertainty.

Rush presented a new set of unique challenges this year in identifying potential new members since many of our larger events were restricted to virtual platforms. We utilized Zoom breakout rooms to meet all rushees during our first Open House event and then met with small groups of rushees in person at IFC-sanctioned facilities off Grounds for fun activities like bowling and Topgolf.

Our goal, as always, was centered around identifying individuals who we felt would best represent the qualities that our Chapter and Sigma Chi stand for and those who fit in best with the Brothers in the Chapter. Fortunately, the buy-in from the Brotherhood was huge and we succeeded in initiating 33 well-rounded and like-minded individuals. Rush Chairman **Joe Siciliano '21** and Assistant Rush Chairman **Jake Hibarger '23** did a phenomenal job organizing events and keeping the energy up throughout Rush. They also created a great video showcasing the beautiful House and the Brotherhood within it. We also finally initiated last year's pledge

class. Due to COVID-19, we had some difficulties getting this done. However, we're happy to say last year's group has officially been initiated as Psis.

Considering the circumstances of this past year with COVID-19, our Chapter unfortunately couldn't host or pursue many opportunities involving community outreach. We have multiple Brothers who are organizing a smaller version of Derby Days for fall 2021, which historically has been one of the most successful charity fundraising events among Greek life at UVA. We look forward to hopefully hosting a full Derby Days event in spring 2022. We are optimistic that we will continue our tradition of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves within the Charlottesville community!

Brother **Jacob Levine '21** even found a way to continue his athletic success in his last semester at UVA by winning the Rick Donlan Intramural Award for most outstanding athlete. This award commemorates Brother **Rick Donlan '68**, who was tragically killed in the Vietnam War. During his time at UVA, Rick was extremely active in intramural athletics and his love for sports resonated throughout the fraternity. While this year did not allow for intramural activities, we feel Jacob's love for sports and the Brotherhood emulates that of Rick. We have remained as close as ever and, once the pandemic is no longer in control of our daily lives, are poised to pick up right where we left off.

In other news, the Psi Chapter is proud to have a brand-new addition to the House with new bedrooms. **Steve Herbert '68** challenged recent Consuls to pledge money to the new additions and eight of the last 10 consuls raised almost \$30,000. The Psi Active Brothers greatly appreciate all you have done for us and any future donations toward reducing the mortgage.

In Hoc,
Brian Gilday '20

SPRING 2021 NEW MEMBERS

Luke Addington / Great Falls, Va.
Mateo Aguiar / McLean, Va.
Taylor Aukward / Salisbury, Md.
Carter Begley / Boston, Mass.
Will Bell / Sewell, N.J.
Daniel Burke / Boston, Mass.
Bart Bush / Reston, Va.
Jay Chadra / Sterling, Va.
Joseph Connors / Washington, D.C.
Chris Craft / Newport Beach, Va.
Chris Daleo / West Hampton Beach, N.Y.
Thomas Dillard / McLean, Va.
Jamie Garrison / Haymarket, Va.
Robert Gerber / McLean, Va.
Matthew Hanley / Alexandria, Va.
Henry Haywood / Lexington, Va.
Pat Hourican / Staten Island, N.Y.

Nicolas Jaramillo / Bogota, Colombia
Andreas Kamali / Fairfax, Va.
Andrew Kim / Great Falls, Va.
Patricio Lopez-Guerra / Lima, Peru
James Mahoney / Northampton, Va.
Juan Marcos / Guayaquil, Ecuador
Christian Marinaro / McLean, Va.
Adam Martin / Fairfax, Va.
Dante Massimo / Manassas, Va.
Ishaat Mawla / Lorton, Va.
Cabot McTavish / Virginia Beach, Va.
Ben Moskowitz / Newton, Mass.
Joe Purvis / Vienna, Austria
Adam Rogers / Fredericksburg, Va.
Ben Stone / McLean, Va.
Ritik Verma / Potomac, Md.

SPRING 2020 NEW MEMBERS

(Initiated in 2021 due to COVID-19)

Jack Carroll / Fairfield, Conn.
Brian Gilday / Washington, D.C.
Jake Hibarger / Arlington, Va.
Neil Malik / Suffolk, Va.
Ayush Mayur / Ashburn, Va.
CJ Owen / Corvallis, Ore.
Santiago Perez / Bogota, Colombia
Ryan Post / Poquoson, Va.
Noah Schmeisser / Milford, Conn.
Harrison Turlington / Los Angeles, Calif.



Congratulations to Psi Chapter's Newest Significant Sig, R. Steven Herbert '68!

This year, Psi Chapter is honored to recognize **R. Steven Herbert '68** as our newest recipient of the Significant Sig Award, which is given by Sigma Chi National. The Significant Sig Award recognizes living Alumni members whose exemplary achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought great honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi. The Awards Committee considers only those who meet the highest levels of achievement in their profession, occupation or philanthropic endeavors.

In the years since the 1935 Grand Chapter, when the Significant Sig Award was introduced, about 1,900 brothers have been recognized. Applications for nominees are submitted annually by a sponsor or sponsors prior to November 30 for consideration for award in the following year. Other recent Psi Chapter Significant Sig Award recipients include **Larry Martin '64**, **Mark Herring '83**, and **Chris Nassetta '84**.

To most of us, Actives and Alumni, we know Steve from his dedication and support to Psi Chapter, the House Corporation, and the Capital Campaign. Steve has worked tirelessly over the years, serving the housing needs of the Psi Brothers, especially the recent expansion and renovation of 608 Preston Place.

Whether in the military or in civilian life, Steve has exemplified the highest standards of character and highest levels of achievement. During his years at the University, Steve's special bond to Psi, its Brothers, and the University grew and he served as Consul in the 1967-68 school year. Steve graduated from the School of Architecture in 1968 with a degree in City Planning.

He entered the U. S. Navy's Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an ensign in 1969. He was posted to Vietnam aboard the USS Canon [PG-90], where he saw action and served with the highest



distinction. Steve was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds and the Navy Cross for his "extraordinary heroism" during action on the Bo De River, when his ship came under rocket and automatic weapons attack.

While wounded, Lieutenant, Junior Grade Herbert directed return fire and relayed orders to the bridge from the commanding officer, who had also been wounded and removed to a place of safety. As stated in Steve's citation, "his heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Steve continued duty in the U. S. Navy and retired with the rank of Captain after 30 years of combined active and reserve service. In civilian life, Steve continued to achieve at the highest levels—pursuing the profession he had been trained for at the University. Steve served in positions for city administration, city planning, and economic development. He has served as City Manager and Deputy City Manager in the cities of Suffolk, Virginia, and Virginia Beach, Virginia. He also served as President and CEO of the Hampton Roads Economic

Development Alliance, which includes the cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Hampton, Newport News, Isle of Wight County, and many corporate partners as well.

Steve has also been active in his church and community. For example, in 2015, Steve was appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe to be a member of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, which provides advice and assistance to the Governor, General Assembly, and Department of Veterans Affairs. Steve and his wife, Sally, reside in Virginia Beach. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

Please plan to join your Brothers on October 16, 2021, as we celebrate Steve and the awarding of the Significant Sig Award. Steve, we all congratulate you and thank you for your great example!

Join Us for the James E. Evans Terrace Dedication Ceremony MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 16, 2021

The dedication of the James E. Evans Terrace—previously scheduled for spring 2020—has been rescheduled for October 16, 2021. Over 30 Psi Brothers from classes between 1974 and 1980 contributed to the Capital Campaign and to a fund to obtain a plaque commemorating **Jim Evans '77**. This plaque will be mounted on the wall of the terrace adjoining the new Chapter Room.

Jim was Psi's Consul in 1976-1977. His Brothers loved him for his leadership, friendship, and caring example. His dedication to Psi of Sigma Chi did not stop upon his graduation, as it continued with his influence to coordinate reunions of the Brotherhood until his death in 2015. This tradition was continued by his Brothers when they established The Constantine Cup, an annual reunion and golf tournament.

The James E. Evans Terrace dedication event will involve a dedication ceremony, social event, and slide show from our historian's extensive collection of photos from the era. All interested Brothers, as well as Jim's family, are invited to attend this in-person event. For more information or to RSVP for the event, please contact **George Maughan '74** at butenet@aol.com or (804) 347-9113.

An Everlasting Impact A Summary of the Renovated Chapter House's Many Benefits

For us Brothers that got to experience the House renovations firsthand, the impact on the Brotherhood and undergraduate experience is profound and way more than a nice-looking building. All the money, time, and effort that went into formulating a dream, turning that dream into a project, and making that a project a reality has more than paid its dividends to the Brotherhood and will continue every year. The renovation positively impacted the Brotherhood on many levels, including the recruitment efforts for improving and sustaining the fraternity, relations with the community, and general day-to-day life of an undergraduate.

Impact to Recruitment

The renovation of the Psi Chapter House sent waves through the whole Greek and broader UVA community. The massive structure, state of the art features and design, and ability to hold superior functions stand head and shoulders above other fraternities, which became clear to first years and many other constituents at UVA. This buzz significantly impacted and continues to impact recruitment efforts and positions the fraternity for continued success in the future.

In recent years, new pledge classes have been of robust quantity while maintaining strong quality and diversity. More specifically following the completion of Phase 1 of the renovation, the Brotherhood welcomed the 24-Brother pledge class of 2018. Then following the completion of Phase 2 of the renovation, the Brotherhood welcomed the 32-Brother pledge class of 2021. Pledge classes have historically averaged 15-20 Brothers. While many factors go into recruitment, it is no coincidence that in the first year following the completion of the renovation, the fraternity smashed the record for largest pledge class in the history of the Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

Impact to Community Relations

Likewise, the renovation has paved the way for better relations with the immediate community. While the Psi Chapter's relations with its neighbors were not poor before, the framework of the old House did not hold noise well, leading to occasional strain throughout the neighborhood. To address this problem, the Board of Directors and architects purposely designed the house to funnel noise to the back—away from the street and neighbors. Ultimately, the structure has done just that, resulting in stronger relationships with the neighbors and community overall.

Overall Morale

Lastly, the renovation has made life more convenient and enjoyable for the undergraduates on a day-to-day basis. The sheer size of the new House has allowed Brothers to add a gym and fitness area to the basement, a basketball hoop in the back of the House, a comfortable place to cook, and quiet places to study. Even features such as new bathrooms, built in A/C units, and additional storage have led to a better experience. However, maybe most importantly, the renovation has allowed for more Brothers to live in the house and experience the Psi Chapter day in and day out.

In Hoc,
Robert W. Raiola '18





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Co-Chairmen. Working with Pennington, they prepared and distributed the 11-page campaign brochure, which included the campaign's objectives to enhance the safety of the House structure, ensure the House was competitive in the Charlottesville housing market and compared to other fraternities, and maintain our tradition so that future generations of Psis enjoyed the same college experiences as Psi alumni. The brochure provided detailed floor plans and renderings and estimated the total cost for the addition and the renovation to be \$2.5 million.

Not surprisingly, the campaign's largest increase in donors and pledges came during the first 18 months, where the Committee more than doubled the number of donors and increased pledges by more than 40%. Thereafter, pledging continued at a more modest rate of ~7% annually. The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new wing (the Chapter Room and the multipurpose entertainment space) was held in May 2016, the construction was completed in December 2016, and the new Chapter Room's dedication ceremony honoring **Rick Donlan '68** and **Glenn Kirwin '83** was held on April 28, 2017.

Later that year, at the October 21, 2017, House Corporation BOD meeting, the decision was made to press forward with Phase 2, which included renovating the original structure. The goal at that point was to complete Phase 2 during the 2019 summer break. As a result of this decision, the campaign's focus shifted to the Phase 2 renovation and the Campaign Committee began preparation for the publication of the Phase 2 campaign brochure. The brochure was eventually published in the summer of 2018 and highlighted Phase 1's accomplishments, outlined Phase 2's goals, and provided the plans and renderings for all four floors of the original structure. At this point, **Jim Mallon '81** succeeded Steve as one of two Campaign Co-Chairmen, allowing him to focus entirely on the renovation, which was completed in August 2020.

Thanks to all the donors, large and small. We could not have done this without your dedication and generosity.

Sincerely and In Hoc,

Jim Mallon '81

President, Psi of Sigma Chi House Corporation

Alumni News

John "Jack" Jeffords '54 is officially retired, but still teaching at Old Dominion University as an adjunct. He left Virginia Beach after almost 40 years and now lives on a lake in Yorktown, Va. Jack's main pastime these days is working on computers, especially the Raspberry Pi. Email: jack3533@gmail.com

David Cowles '60 lives in San Diego, where he is a docent at the USS Midway Museum. He is also president of the F-8 Crusader Association. Email: dave@davedru.org

Christopher "Kit" Swenson '64 is a State Department retiree. He lives in Bonita Springs, Fla., and is getting antsy about being able to travel again. Email: chswenson@embarqmail.com

Steven Herbert '68 and his wife, Sally, are retired and enjoying living on the water in Virginia Beach, Va. Steve has stayed involved with Psi Chapter through his work with the House Corporation on the rebuilding of 608. He's proud of the active Brothers and huge pledge class. Email: r.s.herbert@hotmail.com

Bill Schofield '68 is a retired foreign service officer and lives in Washington, D.C. Email: wmschofield@aol.com

Thomas Trostle '69 is retired after 41 years of medical practice and living in Boones Mill, Va. He runs a small business there and travels whenever possible. Email: ttrostle@mac.com

H. Thomas Hicks '72 says all is well on the West Coast. He plans to visit Italy upon its reopening. Tom looks forward to organizing another reunion of 1971, 1972, and 1973 classes in the future. Email: hthicks@gmail.com

Kevin Long '83 retired from government work in 2019 and works for BAE Systems. He lives in Vienna, Va. Email: ak3long@gmail.com

Paul Saint Germain '83 lives in Centreville, Va. He's been married to Diane for 22 years.

They have four boys who are all accomplished football players at the high school and college levels. Paul works for CACI and just commenced his seventh year as Head JV Lacrosse Coach at Westfield High School. Email: psaintgermain@verizon.net

John Ruhl '84 has two married children and one grandchild on the way. He shares that life is good and lives in Asheville, N.C. Email: jrruhjr@mac.com

Dave Nielsen '86 is still working with private equity portfolio companies. He spent the first weekend of March Madness in Las Vegas with **Vince Pangalos '86** and several other brothers. Dave has seen a lot of pictures of the new Sig house from his daughter, Julia, who is a rising sophomore. He says it looks sensational and is proud of all the Brothers who have contributed. Dave lives in Charlotte, N.C. Email: dnielsen@carolina.rr.com

Bryan McGrath '87 lives in Easton, Md., and is looking forward to post-COVID football! Email: bmcgrath@ferrybridgegroup.com

Charles "Les" Sweeney '89 is president of the **Paul Beatty '89** fan club. He is also working on a new solar submarine startup with **Stephan Oppenheimer '89**. Les' two-man band, the Traveling Pillsburys, was recently inducted into the Luxembourg Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Les lives in Evergreen, Colo. Email: les@abmp.com

Joe Lazewski '90 moved to Atlanta in 2017. His son, Jack, is in high school and competes competitively in golf year -round. His daughter, Kate, just finished eighth grade and participates in tennis and theater. Joe and his wife, Kristin, enjoy tennis and barbecues with friends. Email: joelazewski@gmail.com

Ryan Chorazy '05 recently relocated from New York, N.Y., to Virginia Beach, Va., along with his wife and their 3-year-old daughter. Email: ryan.chorazy@gmail.com



Get Ready for Rush!

Please be on the lookout for an email with Psi Chapter's rush video and the digital version of the *Constantine Sig!* If you're not receiving emails from Psi, please send us your email address to mwomble@penningtonco.com with "Sigma Chi Virginia" in the subject line.



The Constantine Sig

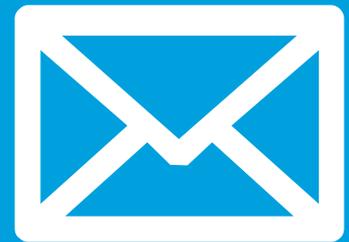
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While we hope the 2021-2022 school year will be highlighted by a return to normalcy in several aspects, it's still important that we can correspond with you quickly and often on changing conditions at the University and in your Fraternity. To do that economically and in real time, we would prefer to send you updates via email rather than postal mail. To that end, please send us your email address to mwomble@penningtonco.com with "Sigma Chi Virginia" in the subject line.