Historic Houses

Several buildings on the Fraternity Quadrangle have received facelifts and undergone other changes as part of a project to improve how some aspects of the historic houses are managed.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Most recently the home of the Community
Learning Center, a special interest housing option for undergraduates, the house was renovated in 2012, when work was done on the interior and new carpet and furniture were installed.

Sigma Alpha Mu

In addition to bringing the house into line with standards that exceed basic ADA requirements, the work includes adding a first-floor room for a graduate housing advisor, remodeling a ground-floor kitchenette, and other maintenance.

Sigma Chi

Workers are adding a new residential addition on the house's south side and a new patio on the east side. Other work is bringing the building up to University ADA standards.

Drama Center

A special interest option for undergraduates, the building was repainted in 2013, work that follows renovations to its bathrooms over the winter break.

Douglass Leadership House

Formerly the Delta Upsilon house, the building received a new coat of paint this summer. In 2012, the house received extensive interior renovations, including new paint, carpeting, and furniture.

WILSON BOULEVARD

Psi Upsilon

Work includes improvements to the foundation, the addition of a graduate housing advisor suite, and a revamped kitchenette.

Theta Chi

Workers are reconstructing the front stairs and addressing deferred maintenance in the foundation, remodeling a kitchenette, adding a graduate housing advisor suite, and bringing the house up to University ADA standards.

Alpha Delta Phi

Work includes the addition of a graduate housing advisor suite, improvements to meet ADA standards, and essential repairs.

Delta Kappa Epsilon

Workers are remodeling a kitchenette, addressing deferred maintenance, constructing a graduate housing advisor suite on the ground floor, and bringing the house into compliance with University ADA standards.

GREEK LIFE

Refurbishing the Fraternity Quad

By Jennifer Roach

SIX FRATERNITY QUAD HOUSES, MANY OF which date back to the 1930s, received a facelift over the summer, thanks to a multimillion-dollar investment by the University. Upgrades were made to the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Chi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Theta Chi houses to bring the houses up to Residential Life standards.

Workers addressed mechanical, electrical, and roofing problems in the houses, and completed cosmetic improvements. They also made the buildings compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Over the summer, the University assumed responsibility for operating and maintaining the houses—a move that will allow the students living there, and their alumni advisors, to focus on the academic, leadership, and philanthropic missions

of the organizations. Moving the properties into the Residential Life system is in accordance with recommendations made by a special Fraternity Quad Task Force—a committee of trustees and student and alumni fraternity members—that met over 12 months seeking constructive solutions to the problem of deferred maintenance, while respecting the traditions and contributions to campus life inherent in the Fraternity Quad's organizations. ②