Refurbishing the Fraternity Quad

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SIX FRATERNITY QUAD HOUSES, MANY OF which date back to the 1930s, received a facelift over the summer, thanks to a multi-million-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.