



Theta Alpha Alumni Association  
**Board of Directors Nomination Form**  
 For the 2022 Annual Meeting

I, \_\_\_\_\_ an Alumni Member of the Theta Alpha Alumni Association, nominate the following Alumni Member to serve a term on the Board of Directors as prescribed in the Alumni Association Bylaws:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 NOMINEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 YEAR INITIATED

\_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE

**Send nominations by email to: [president.thetaalphaaa@gmail.com](mailto:president.thetaalphaaa@gmail.com)**

Election to the Alumni Association Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting on October 29, 2022. Elected Board Members will then vote to determine specific offices at the first Director's Organizational Meeting.

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The nominated Alumni Member was contacted by the current Board of Directors and  
 **accepted**  **declined** the nomination to be included in the upcoming 2022 Alumni Association Annual Meeting election. Nominee is willing to serve a  **one**  **two** year term.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 BOARD DIRECTOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

# THE BINDER

NEWS FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THETA ALPHA CHAPTER - BALL STATE



## Updated schedule of events:

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

- 8:00-11:00 p.m. Welcome Reception (Roots Burger Bar, University Village)
- 11:00 p.m. Out on the town (optional informal gatherings)

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast (Chapter House)
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Annual Alumni Assoc. & Housing Corp. meetings
- 10:00-Noon Honor initiation ceremony (Student Ctr., Hall B, jacket & tie)
- Noon-1:30 p.m. Initiation luncheon (Puerto Vallarta restaurant)

#### Saturday afternoon options (make your own arrangements):

- Noon-5:00 p.m. Football games at Brothers Bar & Grill, University Village
- Noon-4:00 p.m. Optional campus tours: campus(tour guide svcs. available)
- 1:30-4:00 p.m. Downtown pub crawl (craft beer/microbreweries)
- 5:00-6:30 p.m. Sweetheart/ Former Little Sister Honor Reception (Alumni Center with beer, wine, light snacks)

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET

6:30-9:30 p.m.(Alumni Center, business casual)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Continental breakfast (Chapter House)
- Memorial for Brothers who have passed Good of the Order



#### FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES:

Please check the itinerary at: <https://www.atobsu.org/50th-weekend-itinerary>



# Theta Alpha's early Fall Rush regarded as a success with 14 quality men accepting bids



*"I chose to pledge Alpha Tau Omega because I felt the Brothers at ATO were the most genuine over all the other fraternities."*

**Max Milam**  
**Business Admin Major**  
**Noblesville, IN**



CULLINAN

The undergraduate men of Theta Alpha took an important, initial step early in the school year toward reclaiming a True Merit Award – by conducting a successful Fall Rush that secured 14 new pledges.

Formal Fall Rush, under the leadership of Membership Recruitment Chairs, Brother Lucas Limpin (Gamma Nu, 2021), and Brother Reece Guderjan (Gamma Nu, 2021) held a number of events the week of August 29 – September 2, including: a meet and greet kickoff, dodgeball, water olympics, dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings, and a Friday night "Stoagies & Hoagies."

"Using social media and other means, our events garnered a great level of attention on campus – and each was very well attended," claimed Brother Limpin. "We also leveraged our primo, first-house-on-fraternity-row position to full advantage," Limpin added.

Theta Alpha Secretary Brother Jack Cullinan (Gamma Kappa, 2019) noted that the Chapter continued to focus on quality over quantity – with only 21 invitation bids delivered. "Initially 18 of 21 men accepted our invitation, with 14 able to move forward with pledgship," Cullinan said. "We are hopeful the other three may be able to pledge later in the school year – plus we plan on another week of rush events later in the semester," he added.

The Chapter believes momentum bodes well for an even more successful Spring 2023 Rush. "With all the amazing improvements – repairs, new paint, new carpet, landscaping, new furniture in every room – the House has never looked better," Cullinan boasted. "What was once somewhat of a liability, now is a tremendous asset – an asset we plan on fully leveraging this spring," he noted.



GUDERJAN



LIMPIN

## Introducing the Gamma Pi Pledge Class of 2022

Adam Aguilar	Criminology	Indianapolis, IN
Carson Burkholder	Architecture	Zionsville, IN
Will Cash	Architecture	Noblesville, IN
Brady Chapman	HR Management	Zionsville, IN
Gavin Dodson	Physics	Noblesville, IN
Bo Marker	Sales	Indianapolis, IN
Braedon Marshall	Wildlife Biology	Elkhart, IN
Max Milam	Business Admin	Noblesville, IN
Gavin Miller	Entrepreneurship	Portage, IN
Alex Nolting	Biz Admin/Finance	Fishers, IN
Austin Rodriguez	Education	Kokomo, IN
Alex Skinner	Marketing	Anderson, IN
Luke Stewart	Finance	Indianapolis, IN
Mario Villanueva	Architecture	Indianapolis, IN

# Strong Alumni-Undergraduate collaboration readies the ATO House for our 50th Anniversary – and well beyond

*When Theta Alpha Alumni Association President Steve Nall (Theta, 1976) and Housing Corporation President Randy Holt (Theta, 1976) paid a scheduled visit to 1100 West Riverside Avenue in early August, suffice it to say they immediately recognized the ATO House was not ready for the school year – let alone our 50th Anniversary Celebration in October.*

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Steve Nall, President  
Theta Alpha Alumni Association

Seeking broader Alumni participation, they reached out to each of the three Theta Alpha Boards to visit the house and develop a plan. What transpired was a reaffirmation of the bonds of Brotherhood and collaboration with the undergraduate chapter.

An all-day work session was quickly scheduled for Saturday, August 27th. More than a dozen Alumni answered the call, as well as nearly all of the 75-member undergraduate chapter. “While the overall response and active participation was heartening, the working interaction and camaraderie between Alumni and Undergraduates presented a unique opportunity for relationship building,” offered Brother Nall. “I want to thank everyone for volunteering and their solid effort – especially Brother John Towle and Bill Evans who spearheaded the project management. Their communication, motivation and organization ensured the work session’s success.”

For their volunteerism, contributions and hard work the following Alumni deserve our highest praise:

- Rusty Bruce**
- Nick Burton**
- Ryan Chism**
- Shaun Cotner**
- Bill Evans**
- Alan Gordon**
- Randy Holt**
- David McConaha**
- Tom Perkins**
- Todd Stallings**
- John Towle**
- Andrew Will**

- Lambda, 1978**
- Beta Pi, 2011**
- Beta Sigma, 2012**
- Beta Epsilon, 1996**
- Alpha Phi, 1992**
- Chi, 1983**
- Theta, 1976**
- Beta Gamma, 1995**
- Founders I, 1973**
- Pi, 1980**
- Founders II, 2011**
- Beta Psi, 2015**

In portraying undergraduate participation, perhaps Chapter Secretary Jack Cullinan (Gamma Kappa, 2019) said it best, “With the exception of maybe three Brothers – who all had excused absences – this was the best attended chapter event we’ve ever had.” One Alumni member amusingly noted that the undergraduate ranks seemed to swell when pizzas from Greeks and Pizza King were delivered for lunch.

Included among the long list of the work session’s accomplishments were:

- All windows were thoroughly cleaned (inside & out)
- All lightbulbs were assessed & replaced, as needed
- All common-area walls & residence hallway walls were cleaned/sanitized
- All bathrooms were cleaned & sanitized, shower walls power washed
- All outside walks & porches were power washed
- Front flowerbeds were weeded, mulched & planted, including yellow mums from Diana Nall (*thanks, Diana!*)
- Back yard area was weeded and landscaped with white stones
- All basement walls & flooring were power washed
- All stairwell walls & steps were power washed
- All kitchen areas were thoroughly cleaned & sanitized
- Old & broken furniture items & other refuse was disposed of – enough to fill a 40-yd. dumpster
- Needed repairs were noted for presentation to RPG Property Management
- Cleaning supplies for several months were provided
- Two new vacuum cleaners were purchased

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This was  
the best  
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Jack Cullinan  
Chapter Secretary



In the weeks following the August 27th work session, the House has been completely refurbished with new furniture, lighting, and other furnishings through generous donations by Theta Alpha Alumni.

Many of the new furniture items were purchased from a company that specializes in durable, sustainable furnishings specifically designed for college dormitories and lobbies called University Loft. As luck would have it, University Loft headquarters and manufacturing center is located in Greenfield, IN – including an outlet store with new and gently-used items – just a short drive away.

Alumni-donated items for the common areas of the House – front room, Alumni room, committee meeting room, media room and two living-quarter areas (pictured here and on the following pages) – include:

These & other Alumni-donated furnishings are a total “game changer” for the total comfort, appearance of, & pride in, our handsome Theta Alpha Chapter House in the most coveted spot on Ball State’s fraternity row!

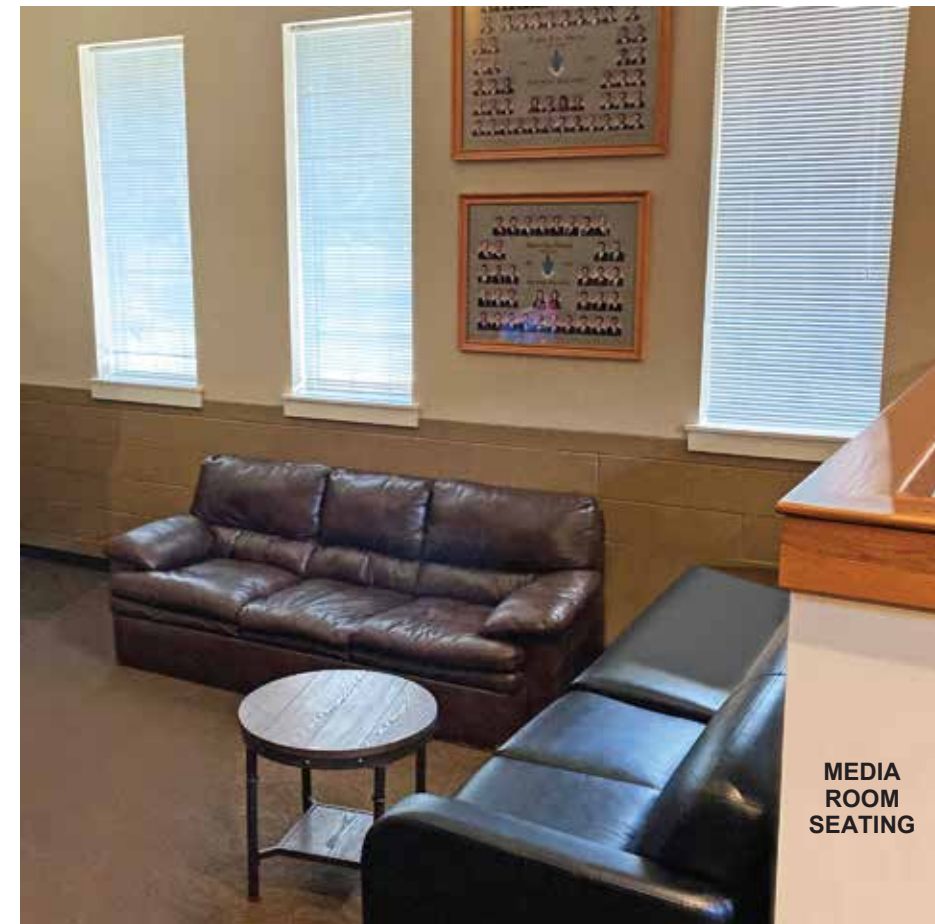
- Five sofas
- Two loveseats
- Twelve upholstered occasional chairs
- Ten upholstered meeting room chairs
- Three coffee tables
- Eight end tables
- One sofa table
- Two 43-inch TCL Roku televisions
- Six table lamps
- Two fireplace mantel lights
- Two area rugs



THETA ALPHA ALUMNI ROOM LOOKING INTO COMMITTEE ROOM



FIREPLACE, ALUMNI ROOM



MEDIA ROOM SEATING



COMMITTEE ROOM



MEDIA ROOM GAMING STATION



FOYER ROOM FIREPLACE



# TRENDS *in* GREEK HOUSING

## *Design* & CONSTRUCTION

### SPECIAL REPORT

While traditional classic architecture (like “Gothic Revival” or “Collegiate Gothic”) styles continue to dominate recent construction of new Greek housing across the country, new, sustainable materials and advances in building techniques are supporting more contemporary designs and new interpretations of classic elements.

One common thread among the new houses on the following pages is size – with many approaching an astounding 30,000 sq. ft. It almost seems like a competition on some college campuses as to who can build the largest house.

An intriguing example of a more logical, modern approach is the design for the Sigma Chi house at the University of Arkansas. Brian Freese of Freese Architecture in Tulsa, OK sought to eliminate the “ubiquitous archetype of fraternity house design – namely that of evoking Southern plantation mansions (and their inherent negative stereotype – and instead evoke a truly inclusive design that represents 21st century modern American culture.” Designed to attract young men from any background and ethnic origin, Brian believes this fraternity house “will be a cool place to hang out and be with friends; a place that honors them while providing an environment in which to develop social skills, encourage learning, make lifelong connections, and have a home away from home.” Amen.

# Trends in new Greek housing design and construction: retro and modernist design



**Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity 2013**

University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, NE

\$4.5 million  
15,200 sq. ft.  
Private rooms for 64

Architect: Sinclair Hille  
Lincoln, NE

Interior: i.e. design  
Lincoln, NE

A light, fresh, modern take on classic elements using handsome, more affordable materials. Note the sleek, simplified columns and unique, three-story, lighted tower.



**Sigma Nu Fraternity 2014**

N.C. State University  
Raleigh, NC

\$4.2 million  
24,500 sq. ft.  
Private rooms for 37

Architect: Gontram Architects  
Raleigh, NC

The first house built in NCSU's new Greek village. The interior features an open, 4-story staircase culminating in the lighted, windowed tower that can be seen campus-wide.



**Theta Chi Fraternity 2015**

San Diego State University

\$4 million  
24,500 sq. ft.  
Private loft rooms for 38

Architect: NOAA, Inc.  
San Diego, CA

This three-story house with its arched porticos, colonnades and red tile roof evokes SDSU's Spanish Revival architecture of the 1930s. The top floor features private suites and baths for fraternity leadership.



**Phi Mu Sorority 2018**

University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, AR

\$8.5 million (est)  
30,816 sq. ft.  
Private rooms for 85

Architect: Core Architects  
Rogers, AR

White-washed brick (it's a pink thang with Phi Mu) and graceful Palladian-style stairs adorn this massive home. With both Georgian Revival and Colonial Revival elements, this design won the Institute of Classical Architect's John Staub Award for 2019 in the Institutional Architecture category.



**Sigma Chi Fraternity 2022**

University of Oklahoma  
Norman, OK

\$2.5 million (est)  
12,000 sq. ft.  
Housing: Flex "pods" 7,500 sq. ft. per floor  
Architect: Freese Architecture  
Tulsa, OK



From the architect's website:

*"This design endeavors to break free of a ubiquitous archetype of fraternity house design, namely that of evoking Southern plantation mansions, and instead evoke a truly inclusive, 21st century modern American culture. Designed to attract young men from any background and ethnic origin, this fraternity house will be a cool place to hang out and be with friends; a place that honors them while providing an environment in which to develop social skills, encourage learning, make lifelong connections, and have a home away from home."*

Whether you like modernist architecture or not, you have to be intrigued by this design, and moreso, the strategic intent behind the design. This is the fraternity house of the future, and I applaud this Sigma Chi chapter with Architect Brian Freese for breaking archaic norms that harken back to negative stereotypes – and embracing this stunning, thoughtful design for an inclusive, welcoming home.

*"Long, expansive, modern forms and durable materials of masonry and tailored metal-panel siding enclose light-filled interiors. A central raised glass element under a metal roof gives additional filtered natural light and volume to the main living and dining spaces. Smaller skylight boxes bring additional natural light into secondary spaces and offer unexpected glimpses of the sky. A generous covered outdoor room provides connections to the street and campus community." For those that think modern architecture is cold, think again.*

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**Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity 2018**

University of North Dakota  
Grand Forks, ND

\$ - undisclosed  
? sq. ft.  
Housing for ?

Architect: ICON Architectural Group  
Rogers, AR

Delta Nu's original chapter house built in 1922 had lingering damage from a 1997 flood and had to be demolished. Their new "Collegiate Gothic" red brick and limestone home features a huge front patio and a large fire pit.



**Sigma Chi Fraternity 2015**

Iowa State University  
Ames, IA

\$3.5 million  
17,000 sq. ft.  
4-man suites, 2-man bedrooms for 50

Architect: BSB Design  
Des Moines, IA

This chapter's house of 50 years was demolished to make way for this new, larger home.



**Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity 2016**

Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS

\$6.8 million (est)  
27,000 sq. ft.  
Housing for 72

Architect: BBN Architects  
Kansas City, MO

Founded in 1920, Delta Theta's modern new limestone and brick home features dramatic views of campus & the Flint Hills. Built on a steeply-sloped hillside, the L-shaped building incorporates a large, private courtyard in the rear of the house.



**Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 2016**

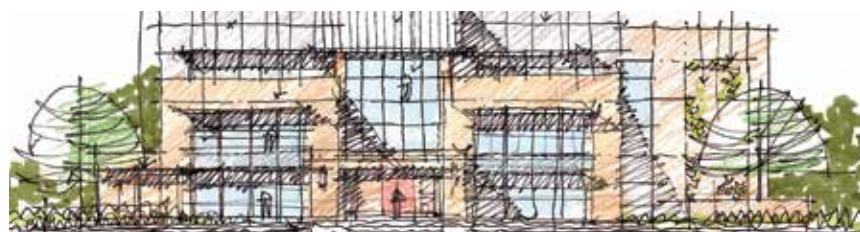
Auburn University  
Auburn, GA

Cost unknown  
Square footage unknown  
accommodation number unknown

Architect: SS&L Architects  
Auburn, AL

Originally a much smaller 1960's modern building, the house was totally renovated – adding a new foyer, tower, entrance, and large dormitory.

The unique house now exhibits characteristics of the English Arts & Crafts style architecture.



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## Acacia Fraternity 2022

Iowa State University  
Ames, IA

\$: undisclosed  
sq. ft. undisclosed  
5 suite options for 42

Architect: SB&A Architects  
Ames, IA

What's old is new again. The Koph Chapter of Acacia had their new house specifically designed in a "Prairie-style" architecture to be reminiscent of their original house built in 1909. The sprawling three-story home's mass was visually reduced with a much lighter brick than originally specified. Solid walnut trims, stained glass, and period-style lighting evoke a warm "Mission-style."



## Pi Kappa Alpha 2020

University of Texas  
Austin, TX

\$: 6.2 million  
sq. ft.: unknown  
Housing: unknown (125 members)

Architect: Unknown  
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Sprawling, open, multi-level modern design maximizes its hillside lot with exaggerated overhangs, cut limestone trim, and large expanses of glass.



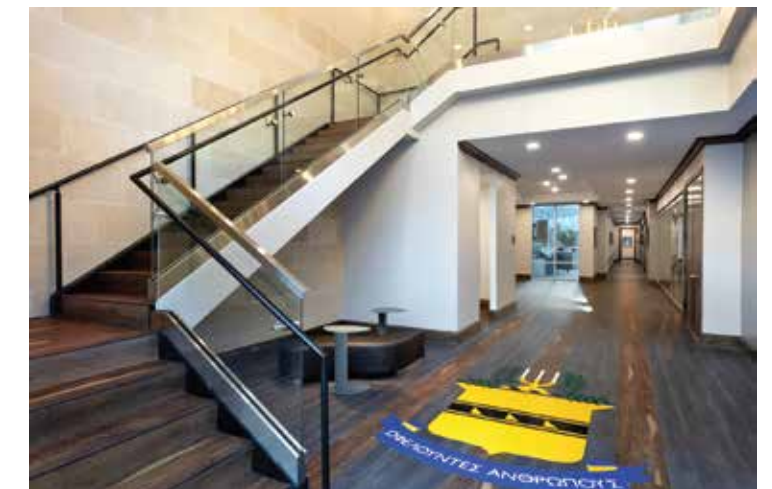
## Acacia Fraternity 2022

University of Texas  
Austin, TX

\$: undisclosed  
sq. ft. undisclosed  
housing for: undisclosed

Architect: Krittenbrink Architects  
Austin, TX

Acacia owned a huge, prime lot adjacent to the campus of the University of Texas. But with Austin's phenomenal growth, property taxes were overwhelming for a chapter that had just been rechartered in 2005. A long-term lease with a development company saw their property evolve into a six-story apartment building, but with 8,000 square feet carved out at the front ground two floors, provided the gathering and living space the chapter needed. The beautiful space and strong street presence gave them enviable identification that, coupled with their location, allowed Acacia to bolster recruiting and move forward on campus, but free of the financial obstacles often presented by conventional means.



Sadly, in order to construct the above new home, this stunning, Midcentury Modern landmark was demolished in 2019. Perhaps one of the least appreciated styles of architecture, many exceptional examples of the style remain unprotected by local or state historic registers and face a similar fate. This beauty won an AIA Award of Excellence in 1954 for architect, Leonard Lundgren.





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**Farmhouse Fraternity 2018**

University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, NE  
\$7 million  
30,000 sq. ft.  
Housing for: 88 (4-man 22 suites)  
Leo A. Daly Architects  
Omaha, NE

In continuous operation since 1911, the Beta Chapter of Farmhouse built this sprawling, three-story, "Neo Farmhouse" style architecture home with a metal roof, almond-hued stone, and large expanses of glass – featuring a soaring entry with a two-story stone fireplace.



**Gamma Phi Beta Sorority 2015**

University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, AL  
\$11.2 million  
40,000 sq. ft.  
Housing for: undisclosed  
Pryor Morrow Architects  
Reform, AL

Enormous home with a design based on the Scamozzi Order of Charleston, South Carolina's 18th century architecture. Lavish interiors with premium finishes and intelligently-designed suite options. Interiors by Krumdieck Design, Birmingham.



**Sigma Pi Fraternity 2019**

Missouri University of Science and Technology  
Rolla, MO  
\$4 million (est)  
19,000 sq. ft.  
Housing for: 66  
Chiodini Architects  
Brentwood, MO

A simple exterior design belies this home's stunning interior design with a soaring two-story atrium and well-appointed finishes and furnishings.



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**Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority 2016**

Georgia Tech University  
Atlanta, GA

\$4.5 million (est)  
14,460 sq. ft.  
Housing for 44

Architect: Treanor HL Architects  
Atlanta, GA

Taking full advantage of a prime corner lot on Georgia Tech's urban campus, this house design gives a more subtle nod to the "Collegiate Gothic" style and features a wrap-around, west-facing covered arcade with an open terrace above for sunbathing.



**Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity 2021**

Wichita State University  
Wichita, KS

\$: undisclosed  
undisclosed sq. ft.  
Housing for 35

Architect: Cathcart Architects  
Waxahachie, TX

Sleek modernist, less-is-more approach with this proposed design for Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Gamma Chapter.



**Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity 2014**

University of Arizona  
Tucson, AZ

\$: undisclosed  
undisclosed sq. ft.  
Housing: undisclosed

Architect: BWS Architects  
Tucson, AZ

Arizona's Beta Chapter House with its angular red tile and steel sheathed exterior looks right at home with the colors of the Sonoran Desert.



**Delta Gamma Sorority 2017**

Iowa State University  
Ames, IA

\$2.39 million  
16,700 sq. ft.

Housing for 55

Architect: RMH Architects, Ames, IA

Total reno of '60s house with new, two-story addition to increase housing and study areas. Unassuming front elevation surprises with a soaring foyer and formal room with open balcony, walnut feature wall, and white granite fireplace.



# Trends in new Greek housing design and construction: retro and modernist design



**Mies van der Rohe's forgotten fraternity house circa 1952:** OK, so it's not "new" . . . but it's a great story and look how this 70-year-old design has stood the test of time. In fact, it almost looks futuristic!

**Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity 2022**

Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN  
\$20 million+  
8,400 sq. ft.  
Original housing for: unknown  
Architect: Mies van der Rohe  
(1886-1969)  
Chicago, IL

In the early 1950s, two Indianapolis businessmen commissioned Mies to design a residence for the Alpha Theta chapter of Pi Lambda Phi. However, the fraternity wasn't able to raise enough money for the project, and it was abandoned. In 1985, when a former fraternity president died, his widow discovered Mies's blueprints for the building among her late husband's effects. She passed these along to a former fraternity treasurer, who then donated the plans to the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

In 2013, Sidney Eskenazi, a former Pi Lambda Phi member, informed IU's president about Mies's unrealized design. A research team was able to locate further documentation from the project in archives at the Art Institute of Chicago and in 2019, IU announced that it would resurrect the project funded with a \$20 million gift from Sidney and Lois Eskenazi.

With a few necessary modifications, Mies long forgotten fraternity house design – 70 years later – became Indiana University's Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture and Design.



Eskenazi School of Art, Architecture & Design, Indiana University



**Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity 2009**

Tulane University  
New Orleans, LA  
\$: undisclosed  
8,015 sq. ft.  
Housing: 18 single suites  
Architect: Studio WTA  
New Orleans, LA

What do you do when your chapter house burns down (2005) and what remains is a lot with a small footprint, and a meager budget?

Go tall and narrow.

That's what Studio WTA designed in 2009 for the Sigma Chapter of ZBT.

A three-story, wood-frame structure – the modern angular design makes the most of the available space with extended balconies.

The building mass is broken down into a composition of solids in an attempt to moderate between its size and that of the adjacent structures.



**Sigma Nu Fraternity 2013**

University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, CA  
\$: undisclosed  
sq. ft. unknown  
Housing: unknown  
Architect: Dex Design Studio  
Venice, CA

Completely renovated with new housing addition, new facade & entry, barbeque pit, and beach volleyball court.

Sleek, bronzed-metal sheathing and continuous panels of glass emphasize the wide, masculine stance and update the homes dated facade. Strength in simplicity.



# A sneak peek: Here's a preview of proposed content for the December/January issue of *The Binder*

Alumni Report:

Comprehensive coverage of Theta Alpha's 50th Anniversary Celebration weekend (with lots of pics!)

Elections Report:

Announcements of new officers for Theta Alpha's Board of Directors, Housing Corporation & Alumni Association

Survey Update:

A review of results from The Pennington Group Survey & potential capital campaign for a new home for Theta Alpha

Undergrad News:

A look at first semester activities (rush, member profile, philanthropy & progress toward achieving True Merit status)

Special Report:

More Greek housing architecture: unusual period styles, historic register examples, & newer hybrid designs

## PLEASE NOTE:

Do you have a suggestion(s) for future issues of *The Binder*? Would you like to author an article (if so, on what subject)? Do you have any comments you would like to share about the revival of *The Binder*? Your input is most welcome! Please forward to Gary Voreis at [voreisg@gmail.com](mailto:voreisg@gmail.com)