



The Omicron Online Omicron Chapter Building Campaign UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE

WELCOME to the new AOII Building Campaign *Omicron Online* e-newsletter! We hope this new way of communicating with our alums helps keep each of you informed of our continued progress with this very important effort to build an AOII house at UT, along with all other UT Panhellenic sororities.



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UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE SORORITY VILLAGE
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

Sorority Village Site Plan Announced

During a recent Panhellenic meeting, UT announced the site plan for the sorority village, and members of the Panhellenic group voted to accept it. Building committee members Ann Rountree Wallace ('75) and Mary Jane Sharp ('46) attended the meeting representing AOII.

"We are very excited about the site plan," said Wallace. "The progress of the house has been slow over the past several months, but with the new site plan in place, we are hopeful that work can start on the site development this fall."

Gresham Smith and Partners Project Designer Steve Snoddy presented the site plan to Panhellenic group members. It includes space for 13 sorority houses and a Panhellenic building.

The Panhellenic group will meet again in two weeks, and Snoddy will revise the site plan to include footnotes on his recommendation for what size house can be accommodated on each site. After his recommendations, the Panhellenic group will decide how to choose house sites, and then members who represent each sorority will choose which site upon which they would like their house to be built. The sorority village will be located on the corner of Neyland Drive and Kingston Pike. Watch your email for the site selection announcement in the coming weeks.

Q & A with Margaret Butler

AOII house architect, Cockrill Design & Planning

AOII: What has been accomplished to date on the house plans?

Butler: We have prepared a very thorough written program for the house detailing the needed spaces, relationships of those spaces, quality, image, and aesthetic and functional goals. No plans have been developed because the sites have not been allocated to the sororities yet. With the sloping terrain of the sorority village, it will be necessary to see how the site lies so the house can respond to it.



AOII: What is coming up in the months ahead once we know what land parcel we have?

Butler: We will then begin to layout the house both in plan and three dimensionally. The AOII Building Committee will be working closely with us as we develop the building, looking at forms and materials while balancing it all with the budget. At the end of the initial schematic design phase, we will be able to provide AOII with floor plans and an exterior rendering of the new AOII house.

Barbecue Set for Oct. 25

Mark your Calendar! The 2008 AOII Annual BBQ will be held at the UT vs. Alabama game, Oct. 25, 2008, at Circle Park. We hope to see you there! More information will be coming soon.



Alumnae News and Notes

- Samantha Robbins Lambert ('03) and her husband, Ryan, welcome a new baby girl, Kenzli Brooke Lambert, who was born February 15, 6 lbs, 1.8 oz and 19 inches.
- Anna Clare Snyder ('00) is engaged to marry Derek Christopher Bland on June 21.
- Melissa V. Keck ('97) married Logan Keck in January 2007; the couple now resides in Dorchester, MA.
- Sen. Jamie Woodson ('91) was named as one of Knoxville's "40 Under 40" by the Greater Knoxville Business Journal in recent months. Knoxville's "40 Under 40" is a list of top business and civic leaders in the area.

