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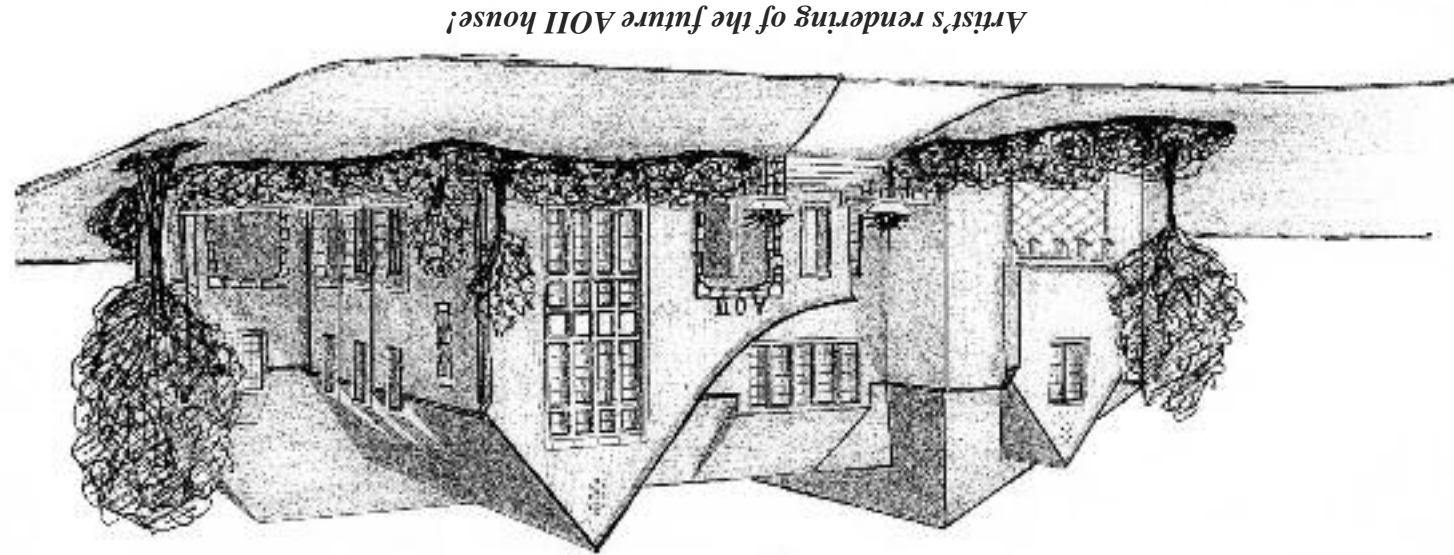
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Artist's rendering of the future AOII house!

RECOGNITION OF HONORED/MEMORIALIZED INDIVIDUALS FROM YOUR DONATION

I wish to (check one): _____ honor _____ memorialize the following individual(s) with my gift (please write full name(s)):

NAME: _____

This individual is or was an AOII: _____ yes _____ no. If yes, then a member/alumna of Omicron Chapter at UT-Knoxville? _____ yes _____ no

Notification of my gift should be sent to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

UT GIVING SOCIETY RECOGNITION OF YOUR GIFT

Gifts to the Alpha Omicron Pi Building Campaign made directly to the University of Tennessee potentially qualify for recognition of the donor(s) in UT's giving societies and also qualify for credit toward the University's "Campaign for Tennessee" \$1 billion capital campaign. UT maintains a rather extensive group of donor recognition clubs and societies designed to extend appreciation and recognition to University and Annual Giving contributors who make gifts at above-average levels. Recognition clubs and societies which presently exist include:

The Century Club
Recognizes annual gifts of \$100-\$499 (individuals only)

The University Circle
Recognizes annual gifts of \$500-\$999 (individuals only)

The President's Club
Recognizes annual gifts of \$1,000 (individuals only)

The Tennessee Society
Recognizes those who give or pledge as much as \$25,000 to UT. The sum may be made as a single gift or pledged to be paid at the rate of \$2,500 per year for 10 years.

The Heritage Society
Recognizes contributors (individuals and/or organizations) whose cumulative giving exceeds \$50,000 or pledges payable at \$5,000 a year for 10 years.

The Benefactors Society
Recognizes contributors (individuals and/or organizations) whose cumulative giving exceeds \$100,000 or pledges payable at \$10,000 a year for 10 years.

The Charles Dabney Society
Recognizes contributors (individuals and/or organizations) whose cumulative giving exceeds \$500,000.

The Founders Society
Recognizes contributors (individuals and/or organizations) whose cumulative giving exceeds \$1,000,000.

1794 Society
Recognizes contributors (individuals and/or organizations) whose cumulative giving exceeds \$5,000,000.

The Torchbearer Society
Recognizes contributors (individuals and/or organizations) whose cumulative giving exceeds \$10,000,000.

Certain benefits and services are made available for contributors in the above categories. The Director of Stewardship and Donor Recognition is available to answer any questions related to donor recognition at UT. You're invited to contact this administrator at (865) 974-2115.

ALPHA OMICRON PI / OMICRON CHAPTER GIVING SOCIETIES

Alumnae Giving Levels:

Ruby Circle -- \$100,000-plus

Pearl Circle -- \$50,000-\$99,999

Wheat Circle -- \$25,000-\$49,999

Rose Circle -- \$15,000-\$24,999

Alpha Circle -- \$10,000-14,999

Omicron Circle -- \$5,000-\$9,999

Pi Circle -- \$2,500-\$4,999

Cardinal Circle -- \$1,000-\$2,499

Gifts at these levels denoted in red qualify for room/object-naming opportunities

Collegiate Giving Levels:

Agape Circle: \$1,000-plus

Sisterhood Circle: \$500-\$999

Friendship Circle: \$100-\$499

**Includes gifts made by an AOII's family in her honor and/or on her behalf*



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It's Time! AOII Housing Project Reaches Crucial Crossroads

Yeah! Dirt is being moved, utilities put in, and roads being built. Finally, the first step in the construction of UT's Morgan Hill Sorority Village – building the infrastructure and preparing the site – is well underway. Watching this development is thrilling, especially since local AOII alumnae have been diligently working on this project for 10 years. Excitement is HIGH as our dream of an AOII house is becoming palpable!



Bulldozers now preparing UT Morgan Hill Sorority Village site

However, this excitement is met with trepidation as we are falling short of our fundraising goal of \$1.5 million, towards the total cost of approximately a \$4 million house. We are only a little over the halfway mark, having raised \$880,000 at this time. You may be thinking, "I will donate at a later time" or "I can't afford a donation right now" but we find ourselves at a crucial crossroads that if we do not raise more money **now**, we will be forced to make choices that include omitting or downgrading certain elements of the house – quality interior finishes, etc. – or worse, delay construction of the AOII house all together. Please consider the following facts:

1. UT will decide in February/March 2010 if AOII is financially ready to go to bid for construction to begin on the house in 2010.
2. If we fail to be given the green light, we will be forced to delay construction as other sororities begin to build their houses, and will likely face increased construction costs later when the economy/construction industry turns around.
3. If we are able to begin construction, our financial situation will affect every material, finish, etc. we choose for the interior and exterior of the house. If we don't have the money raised, we will be forced to compromise and make decisions that could lessen the quality of the house. For example, do you:
 - a. Want a house solidly built to last over 75 years?
 - b. Want a house with top quality floors or basic linoleum?
 - c. Want a house with beautiful interior moldings and finishes or a plain house with no special touches?
4. The interest AOII has earned in the UT Development account (where your donations are held) as of September 30, 2009 amounts to over \$87,000! This shows how important it is to give your gift NOW! We can make your donation grow for AOII!

Omicron deserves the BEST! **IT'S TIME** to step up now to continue our legacy of being the best chapter on UT's campus! We appreciate each and every donation and pledge we have received thus far. If you have not already donated to the house or need to catch up on your pledge, please do so **NOW!** We want you to be in on this dream of a house for Omicron Chapter!

Fraternally,

Ann Wallace, Campaign Chair

*To donate online, go to UT website: <https://web.dii.utk.edu/alumni/default.aspx> click on "fraternities and sororities", find AOII



THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE GIFT/PLEDGE FORM FOR Alpha Omicron Pi Capital Campaign

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CHOICE #1: FOR ONE-TIME GIFT TO ALPHA OMICRON PI:

Enclosed is my one-time gift of \$ _____ to the campaign. **Please make checks payable to University of Tennessee, with "Alpha Omicron Pi Building Campaign" spelled out on the "Memo" line.** (For clarity, please spell out "Alpha Omicron Pi," instead of using AOII's Greek letters.)

Please charge my gift to my Credit Card. Circle one: Visa MasterCard Discover
 Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____
 Signature: _____ Daytime phone: (____) _____

CHOICE #2: FOR MULTI-YEAR PLEDGE COMMITMENT TO ALPHA OMICRON PI:

I/We wish to make a pledge of \$ _____ payable over (circle one or state alternative number of years in parentheses)

1 2 3 or (____) years to support the Alpha Omicron Pi building project. (Pledge durations of three years or fewer are preferable for project financing reasons, although any multi-year commitment is deeply appreciated.)

I/we plan to pay this commitment _____ Annually _____ Semi-annually _____ Quarterly.

My/our first payment will be on this date: _____, 20____ **OR** Enclosed is my: _____ First payment of \$ _____

If you prefer to make your first payment now by credit card, please use the space provided above under Choice #1. If you want the balance of your pledge charged to a credit card, you must call the UT Development Office when you are ready to make your payment.

*If you wish to make an honorary or memorial gift, please see **the reverse side of this form** to complete required information.*

MATCHING GIFTS:

Many employers offer as a benefit to their employees a matching gift program. These programs often double, and in some cases triple, the effective value of your contribution. If you would like to participate in this program or if you need additional information on your company's program or policies, contact your employer's Human Resources or Employee Benefits office for specific details.

____ I/my spouse work for a Matching Gift Company. Employer is: _____
 Enclosed is a completed matching gift form. Please verify and file with my employer.

____ I have applied online for a matching gift; you should receive notice from my employer.

**Please note that Corporate Matching Gifts are not credited toward memberships in UT Gift Clubs and Societies.*

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name(s): _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST MAIDEN (if different from Last)

If AOII Alumna, Year of Initiation: _____ Omicron Chapter? _____ Yes _____ No

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (home) (____) _____ (office) E-mail: _____

DONOR SIGNATURE(S):

Please mail completed form to: The University of Tennessee/Alpha Omicron Pi Campaign, c/o AOII Corporation Board,
 Post Office Box 52955, Knoxville, TN 37950, Phone: (865) 584-5813, E-mail: awal5805@comcast.net

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