



Cincinnati Delts Dedicate Magnificent New Shelter

Brothers from around the world, the country and the state attended the Gamma Xi Chapter Shelter dedication ceremonies on March 31, 2011 in Cincinnati. The event was chaired by Dan Earley, Gamma Xi '65 and included numerous honored guests including University of Cincinnati President, Dr. Gregory H. Williams and Delta Tau Delta Fraternity Executive Vice President, James B. Russell.

The dedication ceremonies celebrated the remarkable new Shelter, the successful fundraising campaign that made the house a reality and the exciting resurgence of the undergraduate chapter. All this was made possible with the support of many generous donors, volunteers and construction professionals.

The shelter was dedicated in honor and to thank two former roommates in the old Shelter at 3330 Jefferson Avenue from four decades ago, Peter Woo, Gamma Xi '70 and Myron Ullman, Gamma Xi '69. Without their enthusiastic personal support and generosity from the beginning, the Shelter would not be standing today. Others, whose extraordinary financial commitments, were recognized and included Jeff Williams, Gamma Xi '75, Jerry Leamon, Gamma Xi '72, Gregg Pancero, Gamma Xi '72, Rich Seal, Gamma Xi '71 and Chuck Ramey, Gamma Xi '68.

The Shelter Building Committee was magnificently led by Brother Tom Humes, Gamma Xi '70, President of Great Traditions Land & Development Company and a member of the board of trustees of The University of Cincinnati. In the words of Dan Earley, "Tom's vision, enthusiasm, drive and perseverance" drove the project to resounding success by assembling a highly talented team of brothers skilled in construction design, project management, banking and real estate investments." Brother Humes was the unwavering catalyst throughout the project.

Under the leadership of Paul Trenz, Gamma Xi '75, President of Gamma Xi 21, Inc., and the inspiration of Peter Horton, Gamma Xi '96, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, the Shelter began its impressive developmental journey.

The new shelter was designed by Brother Michael Wentz, Gamma Xi '85, of Wentz Design. The Miller-Valentine Group was the general contractor and a local community bank, The Foundation Bank, served as construction lender. The Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation and its President, Kenneth L. File, guided the Committee through the process to maximize the tax-deductibility of gifts. John Rosenberg, Gamma Xi '82, provided the daily construction oversight.

The entire project overwhelmingly succeeded because of the highly dedicated team of talented volunteer brothers and professionals.

Gamma Xi Chapter of over 65 undergraduates is the fifth largest on campus and is enjoying rising success in all areas of chapter operation. Eric Shrider, its President, along with his predecessor, Prashant Vala, were instrumental in leading the chapter through the transition from the former shelter at Stratford Heights to the new one at 2825 Clifton Avenue, immediately across from the University.

All brothers and friends of Gamma Xi are welcome to stop over to tour our new home.