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An Open Letter To All Mu Alumni

As you undoubtedly know, our Temple has moved from its original location in front of the Phi Tau Fraternity to a position on the south side of the Pierce Memorial. The undergraduates can tell you what an utterly magnificent sight it was to behold as it rolled down Broad Street, shutting down the town of Hamilton for better than 12 hours. The move had been talked about for many years, but recent troubles and the undying efforts of Brother John Wilson '52 finally resulted in the contracting of Irish Millar Inc. of Syracuse, NY to coordinate the move of the Temple and its subsequent renovation. The structure, built by the hands of brothers and existing as the heart of our fraternity for 128 years, finally made its historic trek on November 17, 1994.

As talk of the move increased in recent years, the predominant feeling amongst the undergraduate brothers was one of disapproval. We were unhappy with the idea for many reasons, not the least of which is that we felt that such a move would taint the reverence the Temple commands, for as we all know,

the building was "beautiful in its location." Today however, the Temple has added to the beauty already embodied in the Pierce Memorial, and we can assure you that the two now becoming one is truly impressive as you walk down "Cardiac" Hill from classes, and enforces a new set of warmth amongst the brothers. Now that it has moved, we are growing used to it and are satisfied above all else that it made it through its journey unscathed. The next phase of the project, the renovation of the Temple, raises another set of questions, some of them financial.

The money for the move itself was raised successfully, but it has become known to us that funding is not being as easily obtained for the renovation. Construction is currently ongoing, which we notice in a massive loss of parking space. Though some of you have been against the move consistently, now that it has moved and the possibilities of its usefulness have been expanded, we feel that we as a Brotherhood should do all we can to secure enough money to renovate it as it deserves. This can only come

through continued and renewed alumni contributions.

We are writing this letter to alert you to our needs, and we hope that you feel that this is as worthwhile an expenditure as we do. Though the move changed the face of our Fraternity forever, the old traditions still hold true, and we would like to be able to continue the progress that the Temple renovation has made. In light of this, we would like to encourage you to contribute to the renovation funding, in whatever sum you deem affordable and appropriate. Hopefully, sufficient collection can be made in the near future, and the final stages of the Temple's changes will be completed uninhibited. The undergraduates are an eager bunch, eager especially to realize the possibility of using again a building which has stood dormant since the fire in 1991. We would welcome any of you back for a visit to the Pierce Memorial anytime you are in the area.

In the Bonds,
Timothy B. Miller '95

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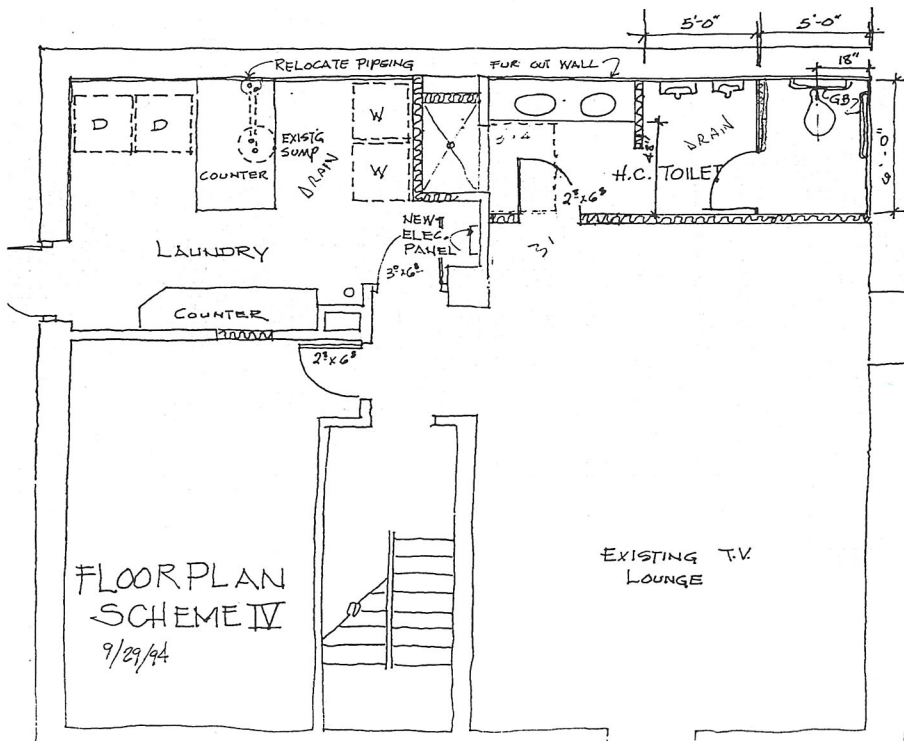
The letter from the undergraduate chapter concerning the Temple, so ably written by Brother Miller, along with the pictures of the move, express the positive sentiments we are receiving from all quarters. However, the bottom line is that we now must finish the project. You have a perfect right to ask, "What is costing so much money?" Well, let me try to explain. We had raised and budgeted a little over \$200,000 and we thought this would cover the cost. However it looks like we will have to spend twice that figure. The following may shed some light.

The architectural and engineering fees will total \$30,000. We estimated

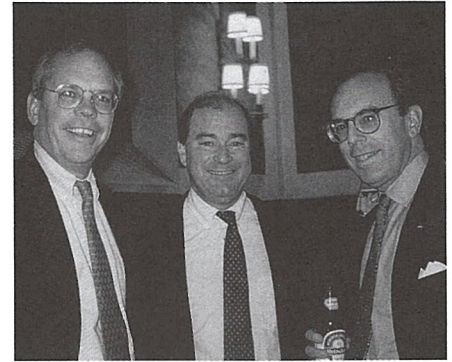
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Floor Plan Scheme IV



Peter Madsen '69, Frederick D. "Ricky" Ross '69, and Bill Nolan '70.



Doug Wilson '57 and Jim Dougherty '69.

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\$18,000.

The Foundation has paid the Alumni Corporation \$21,000 for the land. Our first bid from the mover was \$25,000. Seven years later we had to pay the mover \$50,000.

We had to spend \$30,000 to coordinate the move down Broad Street. This included traffic control and electric, cable, and telephone lines. About sixty people were involved.

Government interference will cost us over \$100,000. The DOT alone added \$25,000 of totally unnecessary expense and that is a story all by itself. The ADA, the EPA and various other government bureaucracies all "chimed in." We talked them out of requiring men's and women's handicapped bathrooms inside the Temple. We have also been able to eliminate the elevator! At this point we had spent \$156,000 and we hadn't done any work at all at the new site.

To rewire the building and provide adequate electric service we thought it would cost \$22,000. When we went inside the Pierce Memorial we found that an antique fuse box was servicing half the House. This service must be upgraded with circuit breakers and rewiring for safety reasons. The cost will be a minimum of \$10,000.

When we raised the building we found

extensive wood rot, another \$8,000.

We have found that the plaster throughout the building is in much worse shape than we had thought. We are pricing restoration at the present time. If we just patch it, it will fall down again in another five years. We have just found that to re-hang and to put the proper hardware on the front doors to meet code may cost as much as \$12,000.

The stair tower, also to meet code, will cost \$55,000 plus.

Earthwork is another \$15,000 and does not include landscaping, which is budgeted for \$3,000.

The foundation, basement, new tunnel and handicap ramp are near completion and will cost \$60,000. The railing another \$8,000.

The trade off on eliminating the handicap toilets in the Temple was to put one in the basement of the Pierce Memorial. This makes sense as it is a major need for the day to day operation of the House. The plan is for a laundry and commercial grade toilet, but it will cost \$25,000 to do it right.

The village building permit was acquired under the designation "Library". There are those skeptics who do not believe Dekes know how to read and will never believe we have a library on the premises, but that is their problem. Our budget here is \$30,000.

We have a general contractor to pay and you will note I have not mentioned renovation requirements of a confidential nature, but these are substantial also.

I have reviewed the above knowing that when Mu alumni understand the need, they will meet the challenge. We would like to honor those who make major donations. A number of alumni have stepped up and made major contributions. But those others who are able must dig down a little deeper as well. John Cizek reports that money is in to buy a brick for every member of the Class of 1952. That's a good start. How many more classes are as good as '52? Every member of The Board of Trustees of The Foundation has generously supported the move. The active chapter is doing their part. Our relations with the University are positive. If you are able and want "The Band of Brothers" to continue to march to greater heights through the valley, please consider a gift of \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 at this time.

It will be harder to compete for new members with better campus housing and rush delayed to the sophomore year. We also must meet the challenge of the radical ultra liberal elements of our modern day society. We cannot borrow to complete this project so the outcome is up to you. Help as much as you can. Whatever you can send will be appreciated.

Undergraduate Report

This past Fall was an extremely exciting semester for Mu of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Between rush, athletics, the Temple move, and the expected social activities of living within the Pierce Memorial, the brothers had a wonderfully productive and fun semester. With eight brothers returning to campus this Spring from various programs and endeavors, the Pierce Memorial is finally filling up again. There are currently thirty-three brothers living in the house and hence, we will continue to make great strides for the future of Delta Kappa Epsilon this Spring.

Returning to campus this past September, it was a thrilling experience for many of the brothers. As the current seniors in the house were merely freshman when ΔKE was suspended in '92, it was nice to finally see our Fraternity back in prime shape. Things have really turned around for us over the course of the past two semesters. This is primarily due to the quality of the undergraduate brotherhood. Not only do we have a diverse group of interests and activities, but the brothers as a whole have a genuine interest in the traditions and future of our Fraternity. This is particularly important in light of several Greek-related issues that have arose over the past few years. Namely, the SCRL report and sophomore rush. Nonetheless, it is the quality of our brotherhood and likewise, the extensive feeling of concern and care, that leads me to assure the alumni that our Fraternity is in the best shape that it has been for a long time.

Besides the obvious concern for the well-being and vitality of ΔKE, the brothers are involved in all kinds of activities. Whether be it academics, student government, athletics, community service, or other student activities, ΔKE's stand strongly in the forefront. First off, there are more brothers involved in student government than ever before. Three of us sit on the Student Association Executive Board. Jason Corrigan '95, as Vice President, Adam Graev '95, as Elections Commissioner, and myself, as Treasurer, hold three of the nine positions on the Executive Board, including two of the top three. It has been a good experience for us, but our leadership exposure has been good for the house as well. Brother Gregg Cohen '97 is President of his class. Adam Graev '95 is Chairman of Colgate Community Action Committee (CCAC), which brings various types of entertainment to campus. James Elkus '95 sits on the Disciplinary Board. Five of the fifty students on the Student Senate are ΔKE's. John Sallada '97 sits on the Inter-Fraternity Disciplinary Board, which was just recently developed to oversee



John Cizek '52, Clint Blume '52, Tom Kaim '58, and Bob Stoner '57.



Tom Carlson '93, Dave Bergerson '93, Marc Glogoff '93, Allen Lewis '93, and Travis Snell '94.

Greek-related issues. Patrick Fleming '97, who is also involved with the Inter-Fraternity Council, represents ΔKE in planning for the future of the Greek system at Colgate.

As for athletics, the alumni should be proud to learn that ΔKE was the intramural athletics leader at the end of the Fall semester. This is mainly a result of our success in such activities as tennis, flag football, billiards, trap shooting, and others. We are currently doing fairly well in ice hockey and basketball. We will keep you informed of our progress... We also have several leaders and captains in athletics as well. Jim Doyle '97 currently is

the Captain of the water polo team. Likewise, Evan Reese '95, having just returned for the spring semester, will be an Assistant Coach for the varsity baseball team. In addition to Evan, there are several other baseball players in the house. Many brothers participate in rugby and crew as well. Finally, Justin Archer '97 kicks for the football team, while Andrew Sidford '97 participates in club soccer.

Still other brothers are involved in music and additional activities. Pepper Hines '95 is currently the Leader of the Colgate Thirteen, an A Cappella group, and spends a lot of time singing with fel-

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