

# Tri Sigma's housing future left undecided

The Elon College Board of Alderman voted last week to delay until June 1983 its decision on an extension of the Tri Sigma sorority's use of its Lee Avenue house.

The sorority's special use permit, which expires in 1985, has been a source of conflict because the college says it needs as much off-campus housing as it can get while the sorority house's neighbors claim Tri Sigma's presence decreases the value of all the houses surrounding it.

The Burlington Daily Times-News quoted Elon President Fred Young as saying, "It's difficult to find off-campus housing...the house is a matter of major economic importance to the college. I think it's equitable...to extend the permit." He said that by the time the permit expires "the problem of student housing will have solved itself."

Mary Cunningham, one of the neighbors, said that the neighborhood had been a single residence area until recently and that "so long as the house is used as a sorority house, the value of our houses is

decreased."

She said that the contract between the town and college to allow the students to use the house had already been extended once, and if the new extension is granted the sorority will have occupied the house for seven years and one month.

Ed Simmons, another Elon resident, said that a 1976 petition asking that the neighborhood be rezoned from multiple-family residential to single-family residential had been ignored and told the board "I feel you are going against my citizen's rights. It seems to me five and one-half years is ample time for the college to make changes."

Alderman Chuck Gantos said he would accept the town planning board's recommendation that "the town take an overall look at conforming use, and look at extension of the contract by June," according to the Times-News article.

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Olson said, "We cannot act on a special use extension. I think it can be resolved by the citizens."



THE SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA house may be in real trouble if the town of Elon College decides not to extend its lease. The girls who live there may have to up the house and seek houses elsewhere. Photo by Pam Overstreet.

## Honor Society demands excellence



THE NEWLY ELECTED officers for Alphi Chi are [left to right] Jeffery Stewart, vice president and Judith Rodgers, president. The officers will serve for the 1982-1983 school term. Photo by Ron Kruppa.

region. During odd-numbered years a national convention is held.

The National Council serves as the central organization for Alpha Chi. Its membership varies, but may be no fewer than 12, eight of whom are elected by a national convention and seven of whom are student representatives elected by the regional conventions.

Meeting at least annually, the National Council establishes organizational policy and supervises all activities of Alpha Chi. These conventions are organized around

student participation. Students present scholarly papers, present instrumental and vocal musical numbers.

These presentations are given in front of other students and faculty sponsors. Next year, the national convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas.

"No other society to my knowledge provides this opportunity. I think that is unique for Alpha Chi. Ordinarily, we have had representation at conventions," said Blake.

"More go to the regional convention, usually the

officers and anyone presenting a program. Traditionally, the president goes to the national convention," he added.

### New Inductees

Currently, there are 33 members of Alpha Chi. The following students were inducted this fall: Pamela Belvin, McLeansville; Patricia Brammer, Rockville, Md.; Kathaline Daughtry, Clinton; Tonya Edwards, Burlington; Sharon Foster, Elon College; and Elwood Gibson, Danville, Va.

Also, Barry Kavanaugh, Lexington; Michael King, Asheboro; Joyce Lawson, Providence; David Leedy, Vienna, Va.; Peter Lineberger, Richmond, Va.; Nathan Mann, Mebane; and Donna Phillips, Burlington.

In addition, Stephen Rabor, Fayetteville; John Rollins, Marshville; Jeffrey Stewart, Burlington; Timothy Tally, Goldston; and E. Kyle Turner, Charlotte.

This group of members had a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and represented a variety of majors. Newly elected as president and vice president are Judith Rodgers and Jeffrey Stewart.

On many campuses the most prestigious academic honor society is Phi Beta Kappa. Some students may wonder why there is no Phi Beta Kappa at Elon. Blake gives a variety of reasons as to why Elon lacks this society.

"Phi Beta Kappa is not really giving very many new chapters to schools," said Blake. As to why Elon does not have a Phi Beta Kappa, Blake said, "I don't think our SATs are high enough. We haven't met the criteria.

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I think another reason would be the size of our library, although now we have increased our holdings there.

"We do have a good number of Ph.D's on the staff and we are moving up in our standards quite a bit," Blake said. He even went on to point out that most institutions that have a Phi Beta Kappa are universities with graduate programs.

### Transfer Students Eligible

Transfer students are also accepted into Alpha Chi, if they have completed one full year at Elon and their transfer work has met Elon requirements.

"Alpha Chi looks awfully good on a resume," said Blake. "I think it means something to employers and shows a student has the discipline to excel academically. It's a very fine organization."

Blake installs a new chapter of Alpha Chi this spring at St. Augustine College in Raleigh. As secretary-treasurer of the national council he will grant the college a charter on the council's behalf.

Alpha Chi is the second oldest and second largest general honor society. Although Alpha Chi dates its organization to 1922, its inception actually extends to 1915. In that year President Charles M. Bishop of Southern University, Georgetown, Texas, organized a local society to promote and honor scholarship and character.

Alpha Chi today has 210 chapters in 44 states and the District of Columbia. More than 106,000 active members are on its rolls. The official publication of Alpha Chi since 1957 has been the Recorder.

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