



[Hard Work] PAYS DIVIDENDS:

ANNOUNCING THE NEXT HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

THE SAE FINANCIAL & HOUSING CORPORATION HAS ANNOUNCED its 2010-2011 Home Improvement Contest. Now in its second year, this contest has been designed to encourage our undergraduate chapters and members to enhance their fraternity property or a local community property in a substantial and beneficial way through physical improvement.

The Home Improvement Contest consists of one \$1,200 grand prize for Best Overall Project and four \$600 additional prizes, one for each of the following categories:

- Best Interior Project
- Best Exterior Project
- Best "Green" Project
- Best Community Project

The projects must take place between now and May 15, 2011. Winners will be selected based upon who best exemplifies the purpose of the contest, the objective of each award category and other factors, such as the level of membership and alumni participation, the completeness of application or the project results as compared to dollars spent. In addition, winners will be announced at the 155th Anniversary Convention in Memphis and will be highlighted in Sigma Alpha Epsilon's publications.

Please note, both chapters with houses and chapters without houses can participate in this contest. *A complete summary of the contest rules is included in the Home Improvement Contest Form, which can be found online at www.sae.net under the Online Resources link in the members-only area and at www.thetgi.net in the "Housing" core area.*



BEST IN SHOW: The 2009-2010 Winners



BEST EXTERIOR PROJECT

Washington Beta – Washington State University

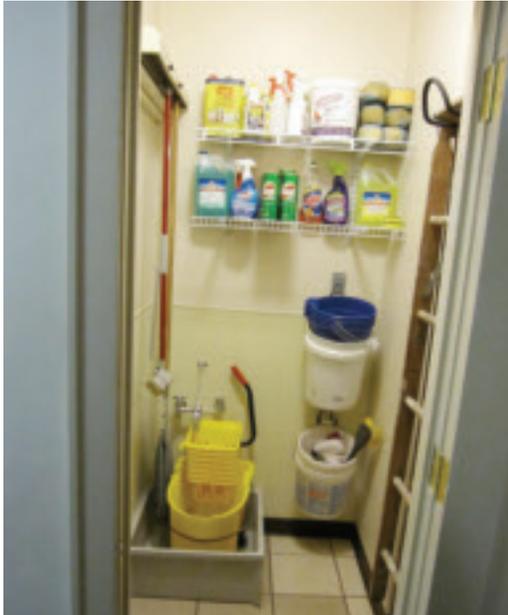
The members earned recognition for their exterior work on a planter at the entrance to their chapter house. Grown over with weeds and crabgrass, the planter was transformed into a more eye-appealing collection of shrubbery and flowers. The men turned the soil for future plants to grow in the harsh climate, and a member's mother helped them arrange and plant the flowers. In addition, the



chapter plans to place one of its new lions in the space.



BEST IN SHOW:
The 2009-2010 Winners (continued)



BEST INTERIOR PROJECT

Ohio Sigma – Mount Union College

Ohio Sigma's pledge class, in conjunction with the chapter adviser, successfully executed an interior project that transformed an antiquated space into a convenient one. The new members reconfigured an old, dirty closet with open stud walls and old, wooden floor. In the process of the renovation, they created a clean-water closet with a floor-mounted slop sink, added ceramic tile, refurbished the wall with fiberglass panels and added a rack to hang supplies.



OVERALL WINNER

Ohio Tau – Miami University (Ohio)

The chapter at Miami of Ohio, living in historic Sulgrave Manor, took first prize in the contest for a major overhaul of the basement space, which had become worn and ugly over the course of 70 years. Mold and mildew damage became evident,

and the wallboards started to show signs of major wear. Brothers consulted with several actively engaged alumni with their ideas and then went to work. The men scrubbed the basement to cleanse it, resurfaced and repainted the floors, walls and ceilings with a much brighter color scheme and added a sealant to protect them for the future. In addition, a young alumnus came back to paint the coat-of-arms on one section of the wall.

