

Hillcrest @ 101

As most of you already know we have invested \$1.3 MM in Hillcrest renovations over the past few years. The reason we keep repeating that fact is we can all be proud of what has been done to improve our beloved Hillcrest. What you might not know is that we intend to do more but simply can't without your support.

Hillcrest looks better than most of us can remember but there still are and will be needs as we move forward in the next few years.

Some needs are obvious and some not so much but all are necessary to make us competitive in the west campus and fraternity communities.

The windows replacement should be all done by the time you read this. If you did not see the first of the new windows at reunion you will be surprised at how nice they look. Drop by next year in June to see for yourself.

The lake view lounge was opened a year ago and it is a spectacular addition to the northwest corner of the main floor. The other reconfigured rooms are not so obvious but the result is a much better floor plan for students seeking single rooms. In addition the pay back in terms of room rents is significant now and later when we achieve reinstatement.

Ok.....that is the recap of what we have done. What is next??

There is a long list but it starts with a new deck on the second floor. The roof under it also needs to be replaced. This project is estimated to cost \$150k and will be done likely next summer.

A fire alarm upgrade is mandated for next year also. This will cost \$45k.

Following those two projects are various changes and upgrades in the kitchen expected to cost around \$50k.

So the changes above take us to the fall of 2017 and need to be funded during this next year.

Also keep in mind as your plan your giving that we intend to do a major overhaul in the basement rooms including the old chapter room. The purpose of this is to have a recreation room away from the first floor where social activities can take place.

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