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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: Chi Omega Chapter House

other name/site number: N/A

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2. Location

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street & number: 940 Maple Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Fayetteville

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Washington code: AR 143 zip code: 72701

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Stalu _____ 2-24-95
Signature of certifying official Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. _____ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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5. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- _____ entered in the National Register _____
_____ See continuation sheet.
- _____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register _____
_____ See continuation sheet.
- _____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register _____
- _____ removed from the National Register _____
- _____ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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6. Function or Use
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Historic: SOCIAL Sub: Meeting Hall
EDUCATION Education-related
Current : SOCIAL Sub: Meeting Hall
EDUCATION Education-related

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification:

Colonial Revival
Classical Revival

Other Description: N/A

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt
walls Brick other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally.

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1927

Significant Dates: 1927

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Ellis, Charles L.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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X See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>394340</u>	<u>3992190</u>	B	<u>15</u>	_____	_____
C	<u>15</u>	_____	_____	D	<u>15</u>	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: ____ See continuation sheet.
Lot 12, Block 3 of Oakland Place Addition, City of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification: ____ See continuation sheet.
This boundary includes all of the property historically associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

Located at 940 West Maple on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, the Chi Omega chapter house is a three story Colonial Revival structure with Classical Revival

Elaboration

The Chi Omega chapter house is a three story building with Colonial Revival and Classical Revival influences. It is a frame constructed building with flemish bond brick walls that rest on a continuous brick foundation. The composition shingle gable roofs features a total of eleven gabled dormers. Two exterior brick chimneys are present on the east and west elevations of the building. The southern or front elevation features a central porch that is two stories high. Four Roman doric columns support a large triangular pediment that is accented by a dentil course running along its base and along the sides of the pediment. An identical dentil molding is found along the cornice in the wide trim under the slight eave overhang of the entire building, as well as in all the gable ends. Fashioned brick quoins accent the corners of this imposing structure.

A brick walkway leads to the front door of the southern elevation of the Chi Omega chapter house. This single-leaf entrance is flanked by four-pane side lights and is capped by a broken pediment. Two polygonal recessed panels are present in the brick wall above the door. To the east of the front door a nine-over-nine double-hung window is set into a recessed panel. It is followed by a Roman doric pilaster, then two twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows. A brick quoin decorates the first corner of the front facade. The wall extends to the north approximately one foot then returns to the east approximately three feet, ending in another brick quoin. The western side of the front elevation is composed of a stationary six pane window set into a recessed panel near the front door. A Roman doric pilaster, two twelve-over-twelve windows, and a stone quoin duplicate the appearance of the eastern side. The wall again extends to the north approximately one foot, but then returns to the east approximately nine feet, creating an asymmetrical massing for the structure. This extension contains a third twelve-over-twelve window, and the corner is accented with brick quoins.

The eastern elevation is composed of three distinct sections. The first section features a centrally placed exterior brick chimney flanked by two twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows. The middle section is only one story in height. It contains a double-leaf sliding glass door flanked by two, full height single pane windows, and is covered by a flat roof. The third section of the eastern elevation features three windows behind a small brick patio with a wrought iron

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balustrade. Brick quoins mark the divisions between the three sections, as well as the corners of the elevation.

The northern or rear elevation, beginning on the eastern end is composed of two nine-over-nine double-hung windows, followed by a single-leaf undecorated door. This entrance is sheltered by a single story porte cochere, the flat roof of which is supported by wrought iron columns on piers and topped by a balcony with an iron balustrade. On the western side of this feature is a large picture window composed of two twelve-over-twelve windows and a central fifty-four pane stationary window. A final window opening on the far western side of this elevation has been bricked in.

The western elevation of the building features a small six-over-six double-hung window followed by an exterior brick chimney. To the south of the chimney are two similar windows followed by a single leaf entrance that is sheltered by a small shed roof and wood lattice-work. A cement stairway leading to this entrance also forms an entrance to the basement level of the structure. Brick quoins separate the southern portion of this elevation which contains three larger six-over-six windows.

The interior of the Chi Omega Chapter House features well-maintained original details such as an entrance with wide decorative molding on the sides designed to resemble doric columns with recessed panels, and a graceful fireplace with a white marble hearth and classically inspired wood mantle.

Additions to the western elevation in 1941 and the northern elevation in 1958 do not negatively impact the overall integrity of this structure due to the sensitive nature of their style and design. The building is structurally sound and preserved in excellent condition.

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Summary

Criterion C, local significance

Located at 940 West Maple on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, the Chi Omega chapter house is an imposing Colonial Revival structure with Classical Revival influences.

Elaboration

The Psi Chapter of Chi Omega is the mother chapter of the Chi Omega national organization. It was founded in Fayetteville on April 5, 1895 by Jobelle Holcombe, Ina Mate Boles, Jean Vincenheller, Alice Simonds, and Dr. Charles Richardson. This structure was the first Greek chapter house built on the university campus. The University of Arkansas at Fayetteville was established as a federal land grant university in 1871 by Act XLIV of the Arkansas State Legislature. Old Main was the first building constructed on the campus. As enrollment increased new buildings were needed for the students. Many new buildings were constructed in the late 1920s and early 1930s. The first men's fraternity to be established on the campus was Kappa Sigma in 1890. In 1895 the Chi Omega sorority was founded at Fayetteville. By 1928 there were seven sororities and nine fraternities at Fayetteville. Chi Omega was the first Greek organization to build and own their own house on the University of Arkansas campus. They purchased Lot 12, Block 3 in the Oakland Place Addition in 1928.

Nearly one-hundred years since its founding, Chi Omega is now the largest national women's Greek organization, with 175 chapters in 42 states. Other structures on the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville campus related to Chi Omega include the Chi Omega Greek Theater erected in 1930, the fountain located between Mullins Library and the Student Union donated in 1971 as a gift on the occasion of the University's one hundredth anniversary, and Holcombe Hall, a residence dormitory named after the Chi Omega founder Jobelle Holcombe, who was also member of the faculty at the University for many years.

The original plans for the house were designed by Charles L. Ellis, the former superintendent of buildings and grounds for the University. Construction was begun in 1928 by the Wages Brothers, contractors from Fayetteville working in conjunction with James Dinwiddie, the city's building inspector and architect. The structure contained a basement and three floors of living space. The first floor had a foyer, living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bath. The second floor had eight bedrooms and three baths. The third floor housed a reading room and study hall, as well as six more bedrooms. The chapter meeting room

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and storerooms were in the basement.

In 1941 an addition was built on west side of building. The architects were Edwin C. Price of Fayetteville, and Haralson and Nelson of Fort Smith. The contractor was the E. V. Bird Construction Company of Fayetteville. 1958 additions to the northern, or rear, elevation of the structure were designed by architect Paul Young, Jr. of Fayetteville, and built by W. H. Patterson Construction Company. The new additions enabled the building to house a total of 75 young women and a housemother. The 1958 addition consisted of a twenty-two foot extension of dining room and kitchen, and the addition of a recreation room, sun deck, study hall, office, men's rest room, cloak room, bedrooms, baths, and storage closets. A port cochere was built onto the north side at this time as well.

A 1985 inspection of the structure by architectural firm of Weaver, Hiegel, and Miller of Fayetteville determined the foundation and exterior and interior walls sound. In 1987 and 1988 the plumbing, wiring, and heating systems were modernized. The 1941 and 1958 additions to the original building do not negatively impact the overall integrity of the structure because of their sensitivity to the original design and style.

The Chi Omega Chapter House is significant as a good example of the Colonial Revival style with distinctive Classical Revival features including a large entry porch with a prominent center gabled roof supported by four Roman doric columns, a broken pediment over the front entrance, and also the presence of a dentil course along cornice line. It is being nominated under Criterion C with local significance.

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Bibliography

Information submitted by Virginia Randall, Chairman, Chi Omega House Corporation Board, based on research conducted in the Founders' Room Archives, Chi Omega House, Fayetteville, May 1994.

"Chi Omega to Expand" Northwest Arkansas Times, 1957.

















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