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ALPHA OMICRON PI SORORITY
OPENS ITS NEW DOORS TO MEMBERS

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Transforming a house into a home is not an easy task, /the members of Alpha Omicron Pi social sorority at the University of Montana are doing an excellent job of just such a project.

The sorority's new home at 220 Daly Ave., Missoula, has facilities to house 54 women and was built at a cost of nearly \$300,000. The local chapter of the national sorority was founded in 1965 and until this year the members have been housed in dormitories on campus.

The last four years have been spent busily working out plans for the house, construction and financing. At the same time the UM coeds have been conducting regular meetings, participating in social and academic activities on campus and recruiting new members.

The sorority women are assisted by an AO Pi alumnae group, which is interested in helping the chapter get settled in Missoula. An alumna commented that the corporation board which was instrumental in building the house, had as its goal, "to provide a good living situation and social atmosphere," for the women students.

By the appearance of the huge 25-room house that has sprouted from their efforts, the alums must feel that their work has reaped bountiful rewards.

Alpha Omicron Pi is the newest of seven social sororities on the University campus. Together the living groups comprise between 20 and 25 per cent of UM coeds.

As the girls moved in last week to ready the house for Rush Week, Sept. 21-27, they were enthusiastic about their new home.

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Susan Kay Rovero, Great Falls, commented on the cleaning which will be done entirely by house members for the first year. "It'll be fun because we'll be doing it together," she said.

Susan said that individual house duties are assigned to each girl by the house manager, Anita Rae Schroeber, Terry, who has decided that each duty must be completed daily by 5 p.m. Now that the coeds have a home of their own they will be spending time learning proper manners for all occasions, according to Susan.

Vice-president of the group is Pamela Dawn South of Salmon, Idaho, who said the house is, "Something we've wanted for a long time." She said living in the new house "is like being at home, with plenty of room to move around."

The color scheme for the new home's furnishings includes several shades of orange, olive green and gold. Stark white walls are accented with extensive wood paneling. The floors are covered with white tile.

Study and dressing areas are separate from the sleeping quarters and each has facilities for three or four coeds.

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