



Well, Those Red Walls Did Talk.....

.....to the tune of **\$3,375.00!!** That's right! Yours truly presented the bathroom remodeling team with a check for \$3,375.00. This was the total amount that was paid to us from a Vitrolite Specialist in St. Louis. He sent 2 guys and a truck up to Michigan and handed off a check while the tile was being loaded into a truck. In speaking with the guys, this stuff is still hard to come by. We believe the red tile that adorned the Castles' upstairs bathroom for 60+ years is being reclaimed and installed on the front of a historic theatre somewhere near Houston, TX.

As I write, the project is now complete, from a construction point of view. However, the project is not totally funded yet via 100% contribution, as was the goal of the project team and the Housing Corporation. This is where you come in. I ask that if it is within your means, please contact Dean or Mike F. to make your contribution to the project. This project was necessary to repair the structural integrity of the bathroom area of the house. If you need some incentive, see the attached before and after photos contained within this newsletter.

Special thanks go out to the following Phi Kapp men for there sweat equity contributions to the project: Gerry Rademaker, Rob McCalpin, Nawras Shukri, Yat Hui, Howard Randolph, and James Pattison. They were sweating side by side with me during the removal and cleaning process.

So here is the best part. We were able to save a small amount of the red tile and considerations are being made for its use for the general membership. Keep an eye out for its' eventual resurfacing.

Fraternally,

Doug Riddell, Fall '85

Addendum by Mike Fitzpatrick

The project's total cost was just north of \$37,000.00. We currently have pledges and contributions totaling about \$26,000.00. Our goal was (and is) to collect enough money to make this project completely self-funded – so we are \$11,000 short at this time. Please consider a donation if you haven't already. Contact Mike Fitzpatrick at mike.fitzpatrick@fitzpatrickmfgco.com or Dean Fitzpatrick at dean_fitzpatrick@msn.com and let us know your pledge amount

Thank you,

Mike and Dean Fitzpatrick, financial co-chairs Bathroom Project.