

## **SUMMER OPERATION**

The summer provides the alumni and volunteer corporation the opportunity to make major repairs to the facility, if needed. Unless the alumni and volunteer corporation is sure that it can turn a profit over the summer, it is best to leave the property vacant for the summer months.

Do not operate the property during the summer if the alumni and volunteer corporation will lose money. Too often, alumni boards attempt to make up for lost revenue during the academic year or try to put some extra money away during the summer months, and the alumni and volunteer corporation ends up losing money and incurring additional repair costs.

The chapter facility should operate financially on an eight- to nine-month basis. The summer months should be viewed as a separate cost center that must operate on its own. Again, the best use of the summer months is to make needed repairs to the facility.