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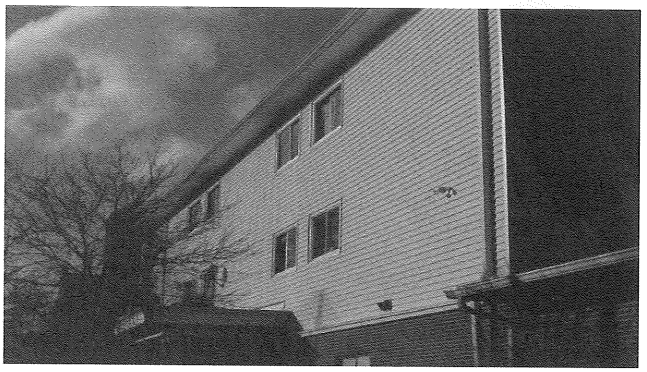
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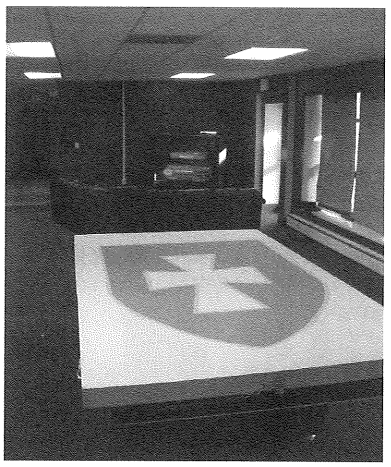
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Continued Improvements

One of the aspects of Xi that our brothers take very seriously is continued improvements to the house. When 2004 graduate and past consul JD Lou said his final good-byes to active house, he expressed what he thought most crucial for future success when he said, "keep making improvements to the house and leave your mark on this place forever." Taking the advice to heart, Consul R.C. O'Donnell made it a goal to keep this in the minds of all the brothers in the house. Along with weekly house jobs and all-house cleans, the active brothers, with great help from our Alums and House Core, have done a great job of improving the house.





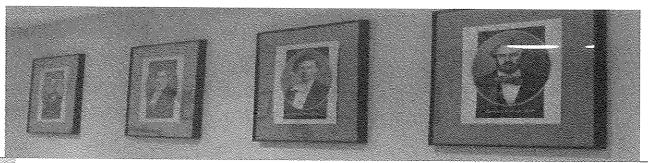
After another memorable and successful Parents Weekend auction, the parents club bought a beautiful new billiards table for the kitchen area. The house came together and renovated this side area and the kitchen by painting the walls to match the deep red felt of the pool table and moving the recreation room furniture and big screen TV into this room as well. This space is no longer wasted and the brothers enjoy the camaraderie sparked by this renovation. A special thanks go out to parents club, Adam Devlin '05 for making the protective cover, and Patrick Ferinni '06 for painting the Norman shield.

With new space in our "green room", brothers Alex Plese '06 and Tony Rhine '06 headed the efforts to improve our second floor recreation room. This included a brand new ping-pong table, including a painted Xi in blue and old gold. Also, 3 TV's were mounted on the walls facing 6 new stadium-seating couches. This makes sporting events and the occasional movie night a bonding experience.

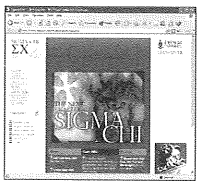
Along with these improved rooms, several brothers made some summer improvements. Brothers Brian Millis '06 and Alex Plese '06 decorated our new library with old pictures, awards, and framed drawings of our seven founders. All of the brothers living in the house for the summer helped clean all the rooms and repaint most of the house.

Xi's House Core is responsible for 2 of the major improvements to the house. 311 S. Locust now has a brand new lawn and cream-colored siding. This gave the outside of Xi a well-deserved facelift for the 2004/05 academic year.

The active brothers acknowledge the blessing of a beautiful home and value keeping it the best place to call home on campus. Continued improvement is an outward display of Xi's high sense of honor and deep sense of personal responsibility for all that Sigma Chi offers at DePauw.



Check out our brand new website!



Special thanks to **Ian Runyon '04** for developing the site!

http://www.depauw.edu/student/greek/sigmachi

Check This Out!



- **Brother David McMillin's '06 Music Career Takes Flight:** After an appearance in the Sigma Chi Magazine and many gigs around the Midwest, David released his second music recording in September. Support our brotherhood by checking his website at www.700milemusic.com



- **Recent Alums attend golf outing:** Make sure you look for the golf outing dates in the next newsletter. It's a wonderful time to reunite with Xi brothers and enjoy a nice round of golf.

Recent Alumni Events

Over the summer, many of the current Xi brothers enjoyed a wonderful Alumni weekend. This was a great opportunity for past brothers to get together and see the status of the house. New paintings and pictures of the seven founders were added to the walls of our new study library. Xi would like to thank Scott Johnston ('96) for the painting of the old house, which was also hung in the library.

The class of 1984, along with many other alumni, enjoyed a beautiful sunny afternoon and a cookout with their pledge brothers.

Along with Alumni weekend, the annual golf outing in Indianapolis at Eagle Creek Golf Course was a huge success. Over 30 past brothers joined about 10 current brothers for the event. Each 4-some played best ball and tried there luck at a closest to the pin contest. Reuniting with old brothers was even more memorable than the impressive scores.

The beverage cart girls and reminiscing on old times made the day a special one for the Alums as well as the active brothers. After the scores were recorded and the prizes given out, Consul, R.C. O'Donnell closed the afternoon with some touching words about the strength of the house and our Fraternity.

Everyone should mark the date on their calendar for next year's golf outing, which will be in the next newsletter.



The class of 1984 reunites for the Alumni Weekend cookout.



Brothers Pat Ferrini and Tony Rhine ('06) grill during the cookout.

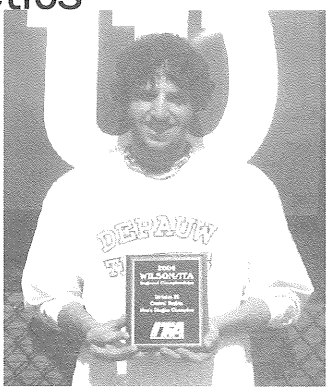
Sigma Chi Athletics

Xi Senior and tennis player Marshall Kuresman played seven matches in three days at the Central Division of the ITA Tennis Regional Championships. He never lost a set. Kuresman, defeated Ward Bortz, a junior at the University of Chicago, 6-3, 6-3 in the championship match. Kuresman also faced opponents from Denison University, Elmhurst College, Kalamazoo College, and Washington University before defeating Bortz, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

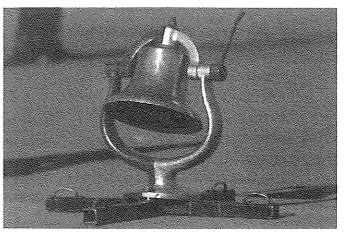
This win earned him a spot in the ITA National Small College Championships in Fort Myers, Florida and solidified a position on the 2004-2005 All-American Division III Tennis Team. Marshall has received All-American honors twice, but he was disappointed with his spring season last year after returning from a semester in Australia. In the fall of 2003, Kuresman was ranked eighteenth in the nation among Division III tennis players.

At the Division III national finals in Florida, Marshall placed fifth out the top eight tennis players. His current ranking is sixth in the nation.

Along with Marshall's tennis success, brothers Aaron Key '06 and John Michels '06 helped the DePauw football team bring home the Monon Bell and place second in the conference. Before he broke his elbow against Milsaps, Key was the sixth leading tackler in the conference and first on the team. His injury ended his season prematurely.



Brother Kuresman '05 displays his ITA Champ. Trophy.



Upcoming Rush Plans

Rush is coming around the corner and we here at Xi are getting excited for the opportunity to welcome new members. We've recognized that one of the problems that a full house such as ours can face is complacency towards rush--a feeling of satisfaction with the status quo. As rush chairs, we have worked on ensuring that we work just as hard this year as we have in previous years.

Not only are Sigs visible on campus through activities such as DePauw Community Service and the Mentor Program, but we have also participated in various philanthropies--as well as provided social opportunities for members and first years--in order to increase that visibility.

With February in mind, we have also sought to be more organized than in previous years. Rush speakers have already been chosen and speeches are in the works. It is our hope that this year's rush is more finely tuned than in previous years therefore ensuring a smooth, persuasive and intriguing presentation. Still, the most important aspects of rush is the one to one conversation. Thus, in the next few weeks, we hope to hold miniature workshops that will aid in helping members describe the experiences as Sigma Chi in order to relate it best to those with whom they speak. Pre-planned speeches, good rush pairings, and confidence in our brothers will pull in another top-notch class for Xi Chapter.

~ Ty Hollet, Patrick Healy, and Kyle Johnson: Senior Rush Chairmen 2005.





Xi Chapter were the Grill-Off Champions for the second consecutive year. Another special thanks to Brother Mike Bianco '06 and Will James '06.

State Day

This year's Sigma Chi State Day will be on Saturday February 12, 2005. Xi Chapter brought home the Bash participation award last year for having the most brother participation. It would be even better to have the highest Alumni participation. So mark this date on your calendar!

Sigma Chi Xi Chapter: Best Ethics on Campus

Some of our members chose not to go to the Monon Bell game this year. Instead, Senior Adam Devlin and Sophomore Luke "Koko" Davis went to Indianapolis to compete in the sixth annual Indiana Regional Ethics Bowl competition for DePauw. The two, along with other DePauw students, competed against over ten other schools, debating such topics as the Patriot Act, childhood obesity, ANWR, and parental obligations to children who are born with ambiguous genitalia. Even more, the two DePauw teams collectively placed first overall, which gives them an automatic bid to the national competition this February in San Antonio. "When debating ethics topics, the ideals of Sigma Chi run through all my answers," said Adam Devlin of his competition experience.



Adam Devlin '05 and Luke Davis '07 show off their ethics bowl t-

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Letter From the Consul

Over the past summer several brothers completed internships. Brothers Mike Stanek '06 worked for Republican National Committee, Jon Coffin '06 interned with GOP TV in our nation's Capital, Will James '06 worked on Indiana State Representative Steve Buyer's campaign, Tony Rhine '06 and Alex Plese '06 interned with Putnam County Prosecuter Brother Matt Headley, and Matt Lytle '05 interned with Goldman Sachs.

We here at Xi are very proud of our most recent initiates whose 3.3 accumulative GPA was the highest GPA of any DePauw pledge class.

In additional to their outstanding scholarship, the sophomore class has already taken on several leadership positions within the house. These include pro consul, two risk managers, philanthropy chair, IFC representatives, and Student Congress Representatives.

This past semester the bothers have exhibited their leadership across campus. Junior Will James '06 is the new resident of College Republicans, and senior Ian Prunty '05 led a campus-wide voter registration drive. In addition to our management fellows, media fellows, honor scholars and eight first-year mentors. The brothers of Sigma Chi are involved with the WGRE radio station, D3TV and Men Against Rape. On the Varsity level, we have brothers on the rugby team, football team, swim team, and tennis team.

Next semester brother Patrick Ferrini '06 will be interning at Baker and Daniels Law Firm in Indianapolis, and brother Patrick Metheny '06 will be at the Brunswick Group in New York.

For now, the house is getting into the holiday spirits. In true Clark Griswold fashion, brothers Tony Rhine and Alex Plese cut down a 21-foot Leyland Cypress tree for the common area. House Manager Will James '06 assumed the role of exterior decorator and the front of our house looks great. We are preparing for Winter Term and the rush process in February. I hope that anyone passing through the area in the future will drop in to meet our current actives and enjoy a nice cup of hot cider. Xi Chapter would like to wish you all a happy holidays.

In Hoc,

Richard Cassidy O'Donnell '06
Consul, Xi Chapter

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