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An important message on the Xi Chapter

Dear Brothers:

Greetings from Greencastle and Sigma Chi. It's been a while since you've heard from us, so we hope it will come as good news that we've taken steps to improve our alumni communications efforts, including regular publication of our newsletter, *Eye on Xi*.

We look forward to your participation and support. DePauw maintains a positive relationship with the Greek organizations, providing key tools for fraternity and sorority growth. We look forward to fostering this relationship with the university.

It is in this climate that the active chapter continues to thrive. We currently have 50 brothers living in the house. Rush went well this year, bringing 24 new men into the fold. In addition, Sigma Chi is leading the charge among Greeks on campus.

This past May saw one of the most successful Derby Days, bringing in over $9,000 for charity. Our members are active leaders on campus, including serving as the president of the Interfraternity Council and the student body president.

On the alumni side, we're starting preparations for our gala 150th celebration. If you haven't already, mark your calendars now for October 30-31, 2009! We hope that you will join us for this special occasion. We'll be in touch as it gets closer.

Sigma Chi has enriched the lives of generations of DePauw students. We leave you with these parting words:

> "I believe in fairness, decency and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity; That Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction; that the bond of our fellowship is reciprocal, that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity."
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> *—The Sigma Chi Creed*

In Hoc,
Louis S. Hensley, III '77
Xi Chapter Foundation President

Ivan D. Hoffman '01
Xi Chapter House Corporation President

SESQUICENTENNIAL
save the date:

Our 150th anniversary celebration is scheduled for October 30-31, 2009.

E-mail us at ivanhoffman_2001@alumni.depauw.edu if you plan to attend.

More details will follow.

plan to join us:

The following brothers have already RSVP-ed for our sesquicentennial:

Jim Baker '53
Bill Beggs '89
Glenn Brower '75
Robert Fuson '54
Lou Hensley '77
Ivan Hoffman '01
Mark Hudson '92
Duane Patterson '53
Todd Ponder '81
Brad Sexauer '73
Phil Steinberg '53
Jay Stutz '86
Frank Walker '57
John Wittich '44

Brothers remain philanthropically strong

The brothers of the Xi Chapter orchestrated an incredible event whose benefits extended well beyond the walls of the chapter house. Sigma Chi's annual philanthropy, Derby Days, was once again a roaring success, raising $9,554—one of the largest totals in recent memory.

Consul Chris Mahnken '09 and Philanthropy Chair Chris McGuire '10 presented a check to Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis on May 9. Derby Days continues to be the highest-grossing Greek philanthropy on DePauw's campus.

The week would not have been possible without the incredible effort put forth by Chris McGuire—as well as the help provided by the active chapter. The Xi Chapter will continue to promote friendship, justice, and learning through its commitment to philanthropy.



Undergraduates enjoy game, formal in St. Louis

In what was certainly a memorable weekend for all those involved, the brothers of the Xi Chapter traveled to St. Louis for their spring formal, held April 26-28.

Many brothers and their dates drove down Friday afternoon to take in a Cardinals game. Brothers were able to purchase a group ticket section, and despite a rain delay, the game between the Cardinals and the Houston Astros was especially enjoyable.

On Friday night, most brothers and their dates stayed at the homes of Drew Steinhoff '08 and Tom O'Donnell '09.

During the day Saturday, brothers split up and saw various St. Louis hot spots—ranging from the Forest Park Zoo to the famed Gateway Arch to dining at Blueberry Hill in University City. The actual dinner dance took place Saturday night at the Hyatt Regency in Union Station.

The fantastic weekend would not have been possible without the hard work and planning of our social chairmen, Matt Kubacki '08 and Chris Goodrich '09. The men of Xi are also grateful for the hospitality of the Steinhoffs and the O'Donnells.

Special thanks also go to brothers Brendan Belz '10 and Andrew Spataro '10 for organizing the Cardinals game.





Brother's research paper focuses on fraternal ties

There is very little research discussing the effects of fraternal social networking on job searching and starting salaries. Our paper attempted to advance previous models that predict starting salaries by examining the relationship between fraternal ties, experience, and leadership training.

By focusing on the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at DePauw University, two controversial determining variables of starting salary—gender and type of university—could be eliminated.

We collected data via electronic survey and evaluated it using a regression analysis. Our main variable of interest was the strength of fraternal connection used in obtaining the first job out of college, if a fraternal connection was used. We were pleased to find that 20 percent of those who responded to our survey did use a Sigma Chi connection in the job search. We rated the strength of the connection on a scale from one to six.

As there are many factors influencing starting salary, we accounted and controlled for cumulative GPA, positions of leadership (both in and outside of the fraternity), jobs and internships (both paid and unpaid), and field of work. After adjusting starting salary for inflation, we ran a regression analysis, which tests the overall model as well as each variable independently.

The regression analysis and further testing suggest the model we created was statistically useful but could be much better at accounting for the variation in the starting salaries. The most likely explanation for the model's failure to explain the variation was that we had a relatively small sample of 65 responses. Additionally—and most importantly—the regression yielded a significant and positive p-value for the strength of fraternal connection. This means that statistically, on average—and holding the other variables constant—the stronger the fraternal connection, the higher the starting salary.

I feel inclined to mention that these results do not prove that fraternal networking causes higher starting salaries. Rather, there is a correlation between the two. Further research—including a wider range of data from other chapters and fraternities—is needed to make any broad generalizations about fraternal networking and starting salary.

If anything, our research suggests that it is a topic that merits further investigation and should not be discounted as a simple myth.

Brendan Belz '10

149th

Congratulations to the 149th pledge class. The brothers were initiated on April 5, 2008.

Ryan Bauer-Naperville, IL
Stephen Brand-Carmel, IN
Terrence Brown-Indianapolis, IN
Alex Burns-Farmland, IN
Will Catton-Indianapolis, IN
Shawn Cook-Bloomington, IN
David Dietz-Indianapolis, IN
Johnny Erikson-Flower Mound, TX
Nathan Gentry-Brownsburg, IN
David Hanger-Carmel, IN
David Joekel-Arlington, TX
Doug Kinney-Plainfield, IN
Alex Kriegshauser-St. Louis, MO
TJ Metcalf-Lexington, KY
JooYoung Park-Machakos, Kenya
Steven Schleibaum-Bloomington, IN
John Scott-Carmel, IN
John Taubensee-Lake Forest, IL
David Terry-Indianapolis, IN
Richard Tryon-Louisville, KY
Danny White-Fort Wayne, IN
Duncan Wolfe-St. Louis, MO
Trent Wood- Tulsa, OK
Zach Young-Bloomington, IN

congratulations

to former Pro Consul and current Interfraternity Council President Michael Gentry '09, who on May 5 was recognized as the Outstanding IFC Executive for 2007-2008.

Gentry has been instrumental in rewriting the Visitation Policy for First Year Students.