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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER | JUNE 2009

150 Years: Join the celebration

The Xi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity will proudly be celebrating 150 consecutive years on the DePauw University campus. In order to commemorate this momentous occasion, the House Corporation, alumni brothers from around the country, and the active members at 311 S. Locust St. will gather during Old Gold Weekend for friendship and fellowship.

In addition to the Old Gold Weekend and football game, the Xi Chapter will be hosting several additional events. These include:

Friday: 5:00 p.m. – Chapter house cookout
Saturday: 1:00 p.m. –Football game vs. Millsaps
Saturday: 6:00 p.m. – Celebration dinner
Saturday: 8:00 p.m. – Entertainment

This celebration weekend will also include a Saturday alumni breakfast buffet at the chapter house, a special Xi Chapter tailgate before the game, and plenty of time to catch up with old friends.

All the details for the 150-year celebration weekend will be kept up to date on the alumni website—www.xisigs.org. Xi brothers from all generations are encouraged to attend this weekend-long event, so please spread the word to all Xi Chapter alumni.

In order to have an accurate count for food, beverage, and accommodations, please RSVP at www.xisigs.org. If you prefer to RSVP by phone, you can contact Dottie Reeves at our alumni records office at 607-533-9200.

An RSVP is a firm requirement in order to hold your spot at the celebration dinner on Saturday night.

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Don't forget to RSVP for the 150-Year Celebration at www.xisigs.org

OCTOBER 2–3, 2009
150th agenda:

Friday Evening:
Chapter house cookout

Saturday Morning:
Alumni breakfast buffet / Xi Chapter tailgate

Saturday Afternoon:
Old Gold football game / Special Sigma Chi seating section

Saturday Evening:
Celebration dinner / Entertainment

* See www.xisigs.org for details and to RSVP

Book your 150th accommodations

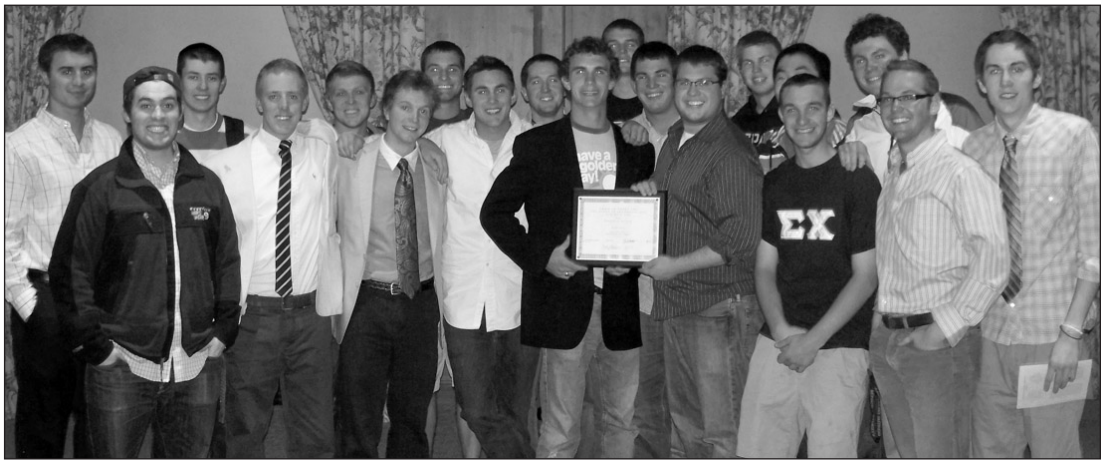
In order to best accommodate all those Xi brothers who will be traveling from near and far, the House Corporation has booked blocks of rooms at the following hotels. These rooms will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis, so book your rooms today in order to take advantage of our group block prices.

These room deals will only be honored **until September 1, 2009**.

Staybridge Suites – Plainfield
6295 Cambridge Way
Plainfield, IN 46168
Call: (317) 839-2700
Ask for the Group Block Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi

Holiday Inn Express – Cloverdale
1017 North Main Street
Cloverdale, IN 46120
Call: (317) 640-3315
Ask for Sigma Chi Room Block

Homewood Suites by Hilton – Plainfield
2264 E. Perry Road
Plainfield, IN 46168
Call: (317) 839- 1900
Ask for Sigma Chi 150th Anniversary – DePauw University Room Block



Our undergraduate award winners. See related story, page two.

OUR NEW INITIATES:

150th

PLEDGE CLASS INCLUDES

Connor Stallings
James Workman
Dong–Woo Yu
Jason Blasdel
Jacob Weintstein
Logan Meek
Marcus Berglund
Matthew Maloof*
Nathan Cummins
Peter Haigh
Ronald Harris
Roy Leaf
Ryan Berra
Sebastian Scott
Tyler Giesting
William King

A look at Xi's record-breaking philanthropy

Xi Chapter celebrated a hugely successful and record-breaking Derby Days effort this year, raising a net $21,042.78 total. To ensure success, the week was planned months in advance by Philanthropy Chair David Hanger '11. Sororities were notified and involved with the fundraising before the week of Derby Days.

Events of the week included a flag football tournament, a four square tournament, a scavenger hunt, a penny war, a blood drive, a dance competition, and a derby hat competition. In order to remind participants of the causes that they were aiding, a Riley family attended the dance competition and shared their story.

Also, during the dance competition, Xi held a pledge auction to raise additional money for the cause. Surprisingly, DePauw President Brian Casey agreed to auction off an afternoon pool party at his house (the party included a live band, dinner, and plenty of entertainment). This caused considerable excitement amongst the sororities, and when the bidding was over, the event was auctioned off at an astounding $10,200. This gesture was especially appreciated by the chapter, demonstrating further the strength of relations and friendship between President Casey and Sigma Chi.

$10,000 was donated to the Riley Children's Hospital Cancer Ward; $3,000 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Vigo County. Sigma Chi's nationally supported institutes were given significant portions as well, donating $2,000 to the Children's Miracle Network, $2,000 to the Huntsman Institute, and $500 to the Betty Ford Center. The top sororities were also given portions to donate to their own philanthropies.

Xi Chapter gives special thanks to David Hanger for his tremendous planning and effort and also thanks to all of the participants, Brian Casey, and our donors, actives, parents, alumni and all of the Derby Daddies for making the week such a great success.

Xi dominates campus awards and recognition

Dear Xi Alumni,

Xi Chapter has had an incredible year. We were named the Chapter of the Year, and at State Day, we won the Bash Philanthropic Award. Matthew Jennings '09 won DePauw's coveted Walker Cup. Michael Gentry '09 was named Greek Man of the Year and the Outstanding IFC Executive Board Member, while I, Andy Emhardt '10 was proud to win the Inspiring Greek Leader award.

In academics, JooYoung Park '11 was given the Percy L. Julian Scholarship. Zach Koch '09 was given the Robert J. Thomas Award for being the most outstanding senior in the computer science department. Matt Jennings won the Irvin Serling Award, which is given to the senior who "best exemplified the ideals of the Honor Scholar program." Finally, Matt Jennings and Ryan Tinker '09 were inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the oldest and most widely known academic honor society.

These men represent exactly what Xi Chapter stands for, and we are excited for the success of our brothers and the chapter. We pride ourselves on a tradition of this kind of greatness, and our reputation on campus as upstanding men. In my association with members of the administration, it is clear that our success has garnered us a significant amount of respect. As such, we are recognized as the chapter that best exemplifies fraternal ideals. In the future, we expect nothing less and look forward to carrying on these successes.

Andy Emhardt '10
Consul



Xi accepts its Chapter of the Year Award.

Xi Chapter boasts three Significant Sigs

BRET BAIER '92

Bret joined the FOX News Channel in 1998, and in his time has covered such stories as the Iraq War, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the War on Terror, U.S. military involvement in Haiti, and the 1999 conflict in Kosovo. He also covered domestic stories such as the 1999 Elian Gonzales saga and 2001 execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

For several years, Bret was the lead national correspondent for the cable news channel. He was also the lead White House Correspondent for several years as well. On December 23, 2008, Bret was promoted to replace Brit Hume as the lead Fox News Anchor, as he became the nightly host of *Special Report with Bret Baier*. He was the first and only reporter to travel with Vice President Cheney to Iraq after the capture of Saddam Hussein. In January 2008, Bret did exclusive interviews with President Bush as part of an hour-long special. During his undergraduate years, Bret was not only a member of the Xi Chapter but also played on the DePauw Men's Golf Team.

DAVID CRYER '58

David Cryer has enjoyed an incredible career in the arts, as he began his career in 1961 and is still very active at the age of 72. Cryer performed in 13 Broadway shows, including Firmin in *The Phantom of the Opera*, Peron in *Evita*, Rutledge in *1776,* Ari in *Ari*, The Red Shadow in *The Desert Song*, The Celebrant in *The Bernstein Mass*, and Jude Scribner in *Come Summer*. He had leading roles off-Broadway and toured along with theater greats such as Anna Maria Alberghetti in *West Side Story*, Georgio Tozzi and Ricardo Montalban in *The King and I*, Dyan Cannon in *I Do, I Do,* and Debby Boone in *The Sound of Music*.

Movies and television have been a secondary career for Cryer, but has still enjoyed noticeable success. He had featured roles on the silver screen, starred in several operas, and had lead roles in primetime television shows—*Our Town*, *Law and Order*, *Wonder Woman*, *Dallas*, *The Magician*, and *Spenser for Hire*. He was also a founding member in 1965 of the American Conservatory Theatre, which is still prosperous in San Francisco today. He also helped found the Mirror Repertory Theater in New York in 1983. Cryer's outstanding career has been hallmarked by his longevity with record number of performances in *Bernstein Mass*, *Evita*, and *The Phantom of the Opera.*

JIM ALLEN '79

Jim Allen is the CEO for Hilliard Lyons, the Kentucky-based financial services firm. He has been the CEO since January 1, 2004. Jim has been involved with Hilliard Lyons for 23 years in a myriad of leadership capacities. He served on the business conduct committee for the fifth district with the National Association of Security Dealers. He also performed admirably as a member of the sales and marketing committee of the Securities Industry Association.

Jim's contribution to the world has not been strictly limited to his service at Hilliard Lyons. Jim's involvement in the community has been equally as impressive, as he has volunteered and served as the treasurer for the Metropolitan YMCA of greater Louisville. He also serves on the board of the Jefferson County Public Schools.



Brothers and friends enjoy Derby Days.

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Harold J. Cook '40 writes, "**William Coleman '42** and I have discussed going to the Sesquicentennial in October. As you might guess, I'm 90 and Bill is a couple years behind me. Please keep us informed." Keep in touch with "Abie" at 434 Manchester Dr., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Leonard W. Huck '44 writes, "Although I have been retired from the Valley National Bank of Arizona, where I concluded my career as president, JP Morgan Chase, which acquired the bank, still provides me an office and secretarial support. I still represent the bank in several community boards and committees, but not to the extent that prevents Sue and me from enjoying our summer residence at Forest Highlands in Flagstaff, Arizona, and doing some overseas traveling." Write to Len at 7501 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy, Unit 520, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. E-mail him at lhucks@cox.net.

"At 84, I am still playing tennis. Health is good—so is the scotch!" Send Bob greetings at 2145 Los Amigos St., La Canada, CA 91011; e-mail: bobandwan@sbcglobal.net.

"Just a note to tell you how great the new *Eye on Xi* newsletter is. Great job!" writes **Elam L. Stewart Jr. '50** (4409 Fodulac St., Muskogee, OK 74401).

"I am well and retired from practicing law," writes **Henry Lewis '50**. "I came to DePauw in 1946 after time in the service. My time at DePauw and the Sig house was a great experience. I am still in contact with my brothers, and we get together from time to time. I intend to attend Sig's 150th if all goes well." Write to Hank at 214 Fourth St., Carmi, IL 62821; henrypat1957@verizon.net.

Robert D. Smith '50 writes, "As a life-loyal Sigma Chi, I have tried to attend all class of 1950 five- and 10-year reunions. I hope to be able to join you on our 150th anniversary in October." Keep in touch with Robert at 1518 Medford Ln., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

"Honored in 1989 as a Significant Sig. Retired from Kellogg Company March 1989," writes **John C. Melangton '52**. For an update on what "Smooth" has been up to since, write to him at 264 NE Edgewater Dr., C 104, Stuart, IL 34996; jcm1134@aol.com.

Gilbert L. Scott '52 writes, "Head count: Four children; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Highest achievement: Global Achievement Award from Strathmore's Who's Who Worldwide. My picture in Times Square was included in the award." To find out more, write to Gib at 30 Fairwood Dr., Brownsburg, IL 43112.

Harold J. Smith '52 writes, "Married to Ann Markley 50 years this July 25. Seven children (five boys, two girls) and 19 grandchildren. Self-employed marketing consultant." Keep in touch with Harold at 10018 Bird Dog Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

"No longer a boat person," writes **William K. Oliver '53**. "Sold my 41-foot Trawler December 2008. Now have a 40-foot diesel motor home." E-mail "The Owl" at billwko@msn.com. Send him postal mail at P.O. Box 1840, Helena, MT 59624.

Ian Rolland '55 used very creative partnering and a professional proposal to keep a $20 million Abraham Lincoln museum collection in Indiana against competition from the Smithsonian, Springfield, Illinois, Museum, and Gettysburg. This is the most significant Lincoln collection in the world and now it will be here in the Hoosier state for coming generations to learn about our 16th President, who spent his formative years (7-21) in Indiana. "This was the work of a genius," remarked **Jim Baker '53**. Send Ian congratulations at 2111 Forest Park Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805; rollandi@aol.com.

H. Edward Tolle '55 writes, "Retired from United Airlines after 30 years—director of fuel administration, assistant to the president, vice president of marketing operations. Now VP of new business for NHI, an airline service group. I will be at Xi's 150th." Write to "Rabbit" at 12321 Flowerwood Ln., Huntley, IL 60142; etolle@ameritech.net.

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On January 22, 2009, (left to right) Ron Hafer '57, Merle Allshouse '57, Jane Walker, Frank Walker '57 and Myrna Mansfield Allshouse ('56) gathered in St. Petersburg, Florida, for an evening of sharing good memories of the way things were.

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ALUMNI WEBSITE

Have you logged onto the Xi alumni website recently? What are you waiting for? Reconnect with your brothers, search by career or location, read the latest on the 150th, and more—www.xisigs.org.

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"I plan to attend the Xi 150th anniversary celebration and have a confirmed hotel reservation in Greencastle," writes **Thomas L. Turk '58**. "My current Sigma Chi activities include: member (and past president) of the Nashville Alumni Chapter; alumni ambassador for the West Tennessee Province of Sigma Chi; member of the Alpha Psi Chapter at Vanderbilt University." Send Tom greetings at 643 Harpeth Trace Dr., Nashville, TN 3722; turkj@comcast.net.

James M. Callane '64 reports that he was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in February 2008. Send Jim congratulations at 4120 Greensview Dr., Columbus, OH 43220; jimcallane@yahoo.com.

Charles D. Kenyon '61 writes, "I am retired from Kaiser-Permanente Medical Partnership, although I still work part time as a rheumatologist. My wife of 37 years is also retired (as a cardiologist). My two sons, a lawyer and ER physician, join me in skiing in Tahoe and muskie-casting at Lake of the Woods in Ontario. Travel includes an occasional traditional jazz cruise. Memories of DePauw and Xi are among my fondest." Write to Chuck at 17081 Westport Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649; thekenyons1@mac.com.

"Left Xi for the Army and Vietnam in 1965," writes **Stephen S. Russell '65**. "Graduated Penn State in 1968, Dickinson School of Law in 1971. Practicing education and labor law for 35 years and still going. Married to Dr. Nancy Aholt. Two daughters—Amanda and Katie. Haven't been to Indiana since 1965." Catch up with Steve by writing to him at 171 Merion Rd., York, PA 17403; srussell@stockandleader.com.

"Just finished 31st year in surgical practice and teaching as a clinical professor of surgery at Medical College of Wisconsin," writes **Lyle G. Henry '66**. "Married Nancy Mendelson in 1970; three sons, three grandchildren. Now spending more time in Scottsdale, Arizona, in the winter. Enjoy travel, golf, and being 'Pa' to my grandkids." Send Lyle greetings at 1901 W. Hidden Reserve Ct., Mequon, WI 53092; lylehenry@msn.com.

"In January, my wife, Angelia, and I joined **John "Herm" Hermeling '74** in St. Louis for a Blues vs. Blackhawks hockey game," writes **John Kniesley '73** (5339 N. Park Ave., Indianapolis, IN 43220; jkniesly@finsvcs.com). "My gracious host had given Angelia and me tickets to the New Year's Day Winter Classic hockey match at Wrigley Field between the Red Wings and the Hawks, so I was forced to restrain my reaction to the Blackhawks winning OT goal. I doubt Herm noticed the restraint. Later in January, I joined pledge brother **John "Moke" Easton '73** for some good skiing in Vail. He is my hero on the slopes and leads me where I might not go on my own volition. We discussed a Xi weeklong snow ski outing for brothers circa our time at DPU. Moke may have his GE X-ray equipment business in mind, and I my insurance practice, as we consider the possibilities. We both plan on attending the 150th in October along with Herm."

Jeffrey A. Spilman '87 writes, "Currently practicing dentistry in St. Petersburg, Florida. Married for 17 years to the same woman. My wife is a college professor at St. Pete College. We have two children, ages 12 and 13. My son loves golf and competes on the junior tour. My daughter swims at the Junior Olympics level. We love boating and golfing year round. Any Signs interested in "Gulf and golf," we are ready for you to road trip!" Find out more by writing to Jeffery at 20 Winston Dr., Belleair, FL 33756; heather87ce@msn.com.

"Amazingly, I made it through law school and am practicing," writes **James R. Browne Jr. '91** "I met my wife in law school; she was the good student. We live in the Broadripple area with our three kids—Caroline (8), Jameson (6), and Keller (2). After working as a deputy prosecutor and switching to civil law, I am now handling a lot of Hispanic clients. I've been on local TV and radio with Spanish segments called 'Legalmente Hablando.' I (slowly) ran my first marathon in October 2008. I still hunt, fish, golf, and, most importantly, keep in close touch with my pledge class and Sigs from surrounding years. Send me an e-mail or give a shout." (jbrowne@gamlawyers.com; 5701 Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.)

Alfred E. Hackbarth III '92 writes, "Married with three children—William (10), Harrison (6), and Lily (3). Work as a real estate investment broker focusing on retail properties." Keep in touch with Alfred at 9911 E. Buteo Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85255; aehackbarth@gmail.com.

Scott C. Campbell '93 reports that he and Kari live in Bloomington with their daughter, Greta (4), and son, Bode (2). Scott works at a start-up medical company and is completed his MBA from the University of Minnesota in May. Anyone is welcome to visit 'up north' and take **Peter Erickson's ('93)** ski boat for a joy ride!" Write to Scott at 8848 Birchwood Ln., Bloomington, MN 55438; sccsearch@msn.com.

"After working at JP Morgan Chase for five years after graduation, I left the bank to work in corporate finance for a wind energy developer in Chicago," writes **Brian T. Hicks '00**. "That company was sold in October 2007, and I joined a new wind energy com-

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150th attendees

Fuson, Dr. Robert L.	1954
Glander, Graham J.	1991
Harrison, David A.	1975
Hensley, Louis S., III	1977
Hicks, Brian T.	2000
Hinton, Chad W.	2001
Hoffman, Ivan D.	2001
Hudson, Mark A.	1992
Hurley, John A., II	1991
Kemper, Scott S.	1995
Kniesly, John B.	1973
Meyland-Smith, Scott F.	2001
Miles, James D.	1955
Millis, Brian Gregory	2006
Patterson, Duane A.	1953
Ponder, Todd W.	1981
Price, John A.	1999
Rink, Scott L.	1991
Sexauer, Bradley L.	1973
Shoptaugh, Frank R.	1953
Steinberg, R. Philip	1953
Stutz, Jay F.	1986
Tolle, H. Edward	1955
Turk, Thomas L.	1958
Velde, Frederick P.	1969
Walker, Frank D.	1957
Wittich, Dr. John J.	1944

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pany, Wind Capital Group, also in Chicago. Married Sara Warren in 2004 and celebrated the birth of our first child, Owen Michael Hicks, in April 2008. I look forward to commemorating Xi Chapter's 150th anniversary in Greencastle." Write to Brian at 1453 W. Irving Park Rd., Unit 204, Chicago, IL 60613; brian_t_hicks@hotmail.com.

Ty Hollett '05 is currently concluding his first year as a Teach For America corps member in Hawaii. Teach ForAmerica is an organization that places teachers in some of the most troubled and hard-to-staff school districts in the nation. Just recently, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that Teach For America has become more selective that Goldman Sachs and Harvard Law School. Living in Hawaii, though, is not always the paradise that it's supposed to be. Hollett teaches at James Campbell High School—a rural school nearly 30 miles outside of Honolulu. As an 11th and 12th grade English teacher, Hollett has had his share of celebrations—as well as heartbreaks. As the year concludes, he has helped students get into colleges such as Emory University and the University of California-Irvine. At the same time, he has watched family issues, drugs, pregnancy, and rape tear students apart. Every day presents a new challenge: student apathy, parent problems, fights, and bureaucratic nonsense. But they also have their share of successes: a passing grade, a moment of understanding, a nod of appreciation. The weekends, of course, have their perks: drinks in Waikiki, surfing the North Shore, or island-hopping. While admittedly a tough, life-changing experience, Hollett can't deny that he's in the midst of a fantastic opportunity. (tyler.hollett@gmail.com.)

"Soon to be engaged," writes **Scott G. LaCaze '05**. "Recently purchased my second home. Also working in Costa Rica on some real estate developments. Building a villa (eight bedrooms) to be rented out like a hotel." Write to Scott at 4221 Appleton St., San Diego, CA 92117; scottlacaze@gmail.com.

Gabriel A. Dunn '06 writes, "Married to Ali Reenders (Calvin '08) on May 31, 2007. Several brothers came to Michigan for the wedding, including **John Michels '06** (best man). The highlight of the reception was me and the brothers singing *Sigma Chi Sweetheart* to the bride and presenting her with roses. Moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in June 2007. Now a first-year medical student at St. Louis University School of Medicine. Have seen a Sigma Chi house near campus, but not time to drop in!" Send Gabe greetings at 4910 Washington Blvd., #B, Saint Louis, MO 63108; gdunn77@gmail.com.

Singer/songwriter **David McMillin '06** released his second full-length album, *Heartsteady*, in August 2008. In support of his sophomore release, David spent much of last year touring the country with Grammy winners Shelby Lynne and Marc Cohn. David has also recently appeared with Ryan Bingham, Josh Ritter, Martin Sexton, and the Goo Goo Dolls. To find out more, visit David's website—www.davidmcmillinmusic.com.

Rory J. Nolan '06 writes, "I am leaving for the Peace Corps to serve in Bulgaria in a youth development project. I will be serving overseas for the next two years, returning in September 2011." Keep in touch with Rory by e-mail at roryjnolan@gmail.com.

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*The House Corporation is proud to announce the newest addition to Xi Chapter. **Kathryn D. Jones**, wife to Stephen C. Jones, of Greencastle, will begin her role as the new undergraduate house mom. Kathryn comes to Xi Chapter from Greencastle High School, where she has worked as a social studies teacher since 1994. Kathryn has many special ties to Greencastle, DePauw, and Xi Chapter. Kathryn's husband, Steve, attended DePauw (Phi Delta Theta, class of 1969); he is one of more than 20 in his family to attend DePauw, and many of his male relatives are Xi Chapter men. Perhaps most notably, Steve's father served as Consul and later as chapter adviser to Xi; his brother also served as Consul. Kathryn and Steve's daughter, Emily, is a 1999 graduate of DePauw and a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Prior to Emily attending DePauw, Kathryn served on Alpha Chi Omega's House Corporation for three years. Kathryn is thrilled to continue playing a part in the lives of students, and is excited to serve the men of Sigma Chi as house mom. In addition to significant leadership and management capabilities, Kathryn brings a deep appreciation for Greek life and the indelible experiences it leaves on its members. Kathryn will attend Xi's 150th celebration and very much looks forward to meeting each of you.*

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WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATHS OF:

Alan N. Schneider '38
November 2008

Richard C. Grove '39
October 20, 2008

H. Raymond Bresnahan Jr. '42
April 30, 2008

Ned D. Neff '49
July 15, 2008

Thomas G. Thorbeck '68

Thomas M. Phillips '82