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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER I FEBRUARY 2010

Xi Chapter celebrates 150 years of excellence

The Xi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity proudly celebrated 150 years on the DePauw University campus. Alumni brothers from around the country and active members at 311 S. Locust gathered for the festivities on October 2 and 3. On Friday, October 2, the alumni and active chapter enjoyed a cookout while they reminisced about past experiences in the house. It was a truly unique experience to be in the presence of brothers who resided at 311 S. Locust 60 years ago.

Saturday started with a Xi Chapter breakfast buffet, and was followed by a tailgate before the Old Gold football game. After DePauw battled for a victory against Millsaps, the alumni and active chapter gathered one last time for the celebration dinner. The celebration brought all 181 alumni to the Walden Inn to enjoy a delicious dinner and some inspiring and powerful words from keynote speaker Mark Emkes '75 (CEO and president of Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc.). During the celebration dinner, Phil Davis '53, Jim Baker '53, Duane Patterson '53, and Frank Shoptaugh '53 presented Phil Steinberg '53 with a surprise Significant Sig Award. The class of 1953 impressed the entire audience with their commitment and passion for the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi. The dinner ended with Significant Sig David Cryer '58 leading everyone in singing "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."



Eric Baker '86 and his father, Jim Baker '53.



Brothers gather outside to enjoy the cookout.

After the dinner, the alumni and active chapter found their way back to 311 S. Locust for an exceptional concert, put on by Dave McMillan '06, to close out the weekend festivities. It was truly an unforgettable weekend for the active chapter. The active chapter would sincerely like to thank all the alumni who made it back for this celebration, and give special thanks to Lou Hensley '77 for all of his efforts. We are grateful for the incredible amount of work that has been done to enrich our Sigma Chi experience.

Marcus Berglund '12

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ALUMNI WEBSITE

Have you logged onto the Xi alumni website recently? If not, what are you waiting for? Reconnect with your brothers, search by career or location, check out photos from the 150th, and more at **www.xisigs.org.**

Reflections on the 150th celebration

Brothers of Xi,

Thanks to senior staff photographer Charlie Johnpeter, we have some photos of the great 150th reunion weekend in Greencastle. The only problem with the photos is that Charlie didn't turn the camera on himself and get included in any of the shots. The famous recreated class of '75 photo, along with many others, can be found at www.xisigs.org. If you have any more to share, please send them to alumnirecords@xisigs.org so we can add them to the gallery!

I am overdue in officially thanking those of you who made our reunion possible in October. First on the list is Lou Hensley '77, whose many efforts were obvious throughout the entire weekend. Rob "Robo" Sharpe '74 deserves thanks for underwriting the cost of the caps (which I proudly wear every morning on our dog walks), the golf shirts, and the wine on Friday evening. Brother Mark Emkes '75 made me "mighty proud" with his inspiring remarks on Saturday evening, and Barry "Boris" Cesafsky '76 is as good as it gets with his recreation of our ancient patron. Thanks to all of you who made the effort to return to campus and be part of the celebration.

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Nine brothers attend Balfour 2009

Xi wins Peterson Award

This summer, nine brothers attended the annual Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to being the largest leadership workshop in the Greek world, the 2009 workshop was the largest in Sigma Chi history, with over 1,700 Sigs in attendance. Brothers had the opportunity to attend seminars in the fields of consul, pro consul, risk management, magister, recruitment, and emerging programs.

Led by outstanding group facilitators, the three-day event also included what was considered to be the largest initiation in the Greek world on record, as these 1,700 Sigs witnessed the initiation of nine new brothers. The 12-hour days proved to be very productive, as we participated in many positive discussions.

Among each group, three core topic areas were covered: reconnection to the ritual, responsibilities and duties of specific officer roles, and the development of a strategic plan for Xi Chapter. Xi also spent time with former Grand Consul Dick Hester, Ball State '77, discussing their role in the Southern Indiana Province.

Also, areas of scholarship, alumni relations, Derby Days, hazing, and community/university relations were discussed. The brothers are already implementing the leadership skills they've acquired and are continuing, along with the rest of the active chapter, to keep Xi Chapter running as one of the strongest Sigma Chi chapters in the country.

After a very successful 2008–2009 academic year, one that saw the initiation of a 150th pledge class, a record-breaking Derby Days, and the honor of Greek chapter of the year on DePauw's campus, Xi Chapter returned to DePauw with our first Peterson Significant Chapter Award since 1995. The Peterson is awarded to chapters who show strong performance in all areas of chapter operations. The award is named after Past Grand Consul J. Dwight Peterson. Xi's first Peterson dates back to 1964, and the 2009 award is the eighth for Xi.

The brothers hope to build on this experience, as well as use this as a starting point for many future Peterson Awards. Xi Chapter is grateful to their house corporation for supplying the funds that allowed this experience to occur for these nine brothers.

Tyler Giesting '12



Past Grand Consul Dick Hester, Doug Kinney '11, Nick Kennedy '10, Steven Schleibaum '11, Andy Emhardt '10, Jake Weinstein '12, Logan Meek '12, Tyler Giesting '12, and David Hanger '11 holding the Peterson Significant Chapter Award.

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For those of you who couldn't be there, we are talking about doing it again every so often, so don't despair. I had mentioned in a recent e-mail to Mark Emkes that, despite our intentions to stay connected after graduation, I had reluctantly concluded that there were many fraternity brothers that I would probably never see again. Hopefully, our e-mail network and our gathering in Greencastle has eliminated that concern.

Leaving Greencastle after Saturday's banquet, I was struck by what a remarkable achievement it is that our chapter has survived and prospered for 150 years. Being established just prior to the Civil War, the chapter could have easily disbanded in the turmoil of the 1860s but for the foresight to initiate a local person in Greencastle. Through wars, economic upheaval, and many changes in our society, Xi Chapter has flourished and contributed many leaders to the fraternity and society. We stood on the shoulders of those who came before us during our years at Xi, and I am inspired to do what we can to continue that tradition for today's members of the active chapter, who were universally gracious hosts to us middle-aged guys.

In hoc,
William H. "Tuck" Tucker '74



Peter Haigh '12, Jason Blasdel '12, Marcus Berglund '12, Logan Meek '12, Michael Reed '10, Nick Kennedy '10, and Andy Emhardt '10.

Brothers come together over philanthropy

This past fall, the Xi Chapter worked tirelessly in our philanthropic efforts, raising money and competing in philanthropy competitions around campus. In September, we hosted Tigerstock, our annual fall philanthropy with Alpha Phi sorority. Brothers came together for food and a concert and were able to raise $1,000 for the Away Home Shelter, a Greencastle shelter for homeless families. The brothers later teamed up with Alpha Phi again to cook dinner together at the Away Home Shelter.

Later in September, we competed in DePauw's Greek Week, a weeklong event hosted by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. After placing fourth in Monday's Marvin's GCB (garlic cheeseburger) eating relay and fifth in Tuesday's spelling bee, the Xi Chapter went on to sweep the rest of the week's events. On Wednesday, we won the "Can-struction" competition, with our replica of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway built from cans of food that were donated to Greencastle's food bank. On Thursday, we won the "Greek Olympics" competition, led by our kickball team's first-place finish, and Nick Kennedy's ('10) victory in the cornhole tournament. Friday capped the week with the annual "Greek God/Goddess" competition, for which each chapter on campus performs a skit, song, or dance. Under the leadership of junior David Terry '11, we won first place in the competition with our dance tribute to Michael Jackson. Sigma Chi was named the overall winner for the week.

Brendan Belz '10 competed in Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority's "Mr. University" pageant in October. Belz, a certified magician, awed the crowd with his tricks and illusions. Later in the fall, we participated in Delta Gamma Sorority's "Anchor Splash" week, with a competition on Friday including swimming relays in the Lilly Aquatic Center. We also hosted "Chi-Land" with Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and Delta Chi Fraternity. This event allowed us to get together over hot chocolate and s'mores to raise money for United Way. All in all, this semester was another good one for Xi Chapter philanthropy.

Logan Meek '12

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Len Huck '44 writes, "The recent copy of *Eye on Xi* requires an acknowledgement. The account of your record-breaking philanthropy ($21,042.78) is most impressive, and you are all to be congratulated. What a positive impact on the community. Then to read on and see all the awards the brothers have received: Chapter of the Year, the Bash Philanthropic, Walker Cup, Greek Man of the Year, and Outstanding IFC Executive Board Member, plus the Inspiring Greek Leader Award. Wow, you guys are awesome. I wish I could be there to shake the hands of each of you. You continue to make us alumni of Xi of Sigma Chi proud." Say hello to him at 7501 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., Unit 520, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.

Bob Bills (init. '46) reports that he can still, occasionally, be found on the tennis court! He's interested in big bands and vocals, and has collected over 2,000 cassettes. Send greetings to Bob at 2145 Los Amigos St., Canada-Flintridge, CA 91011; bobandwan@sbcglobal.net.

"I was very pleased to receive the impressive *Eye on Xi*," writes **George A. Murrell '47**. "I was particularly proud of your achievements in your philanthropy activities, the significance of the number of awards, and recognition earned by Xi brothers and the achievements of your three Significant Sigs. Finally, I enjoyed reading news about alumni. Although I didn't know any of them, here I sit, typing away." George retired after more than 50 years as a dentist; his daughter and son are also in dentistry. He has five grandchildren, and his wife is busy with her glass-construction company, real estate, and agriculture. Write to George at 6 Packsaddle Rd. E, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274; gmurrell@verizon.net.

"I am alive and well in Indianapolis, but website details won't reach me because I am one of those few old dinosaurs who chooses not to use computers," jokes **John W. Morris '50**. Send him "snail mail" instead, to 5413 N. Kenyon Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226.

Glenn Shoptaugh '50 had an outdoor party thrown in his honor in fall 2008. It took place in the children's

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SWEETHEART OF SIGMA CHI
Meredith Haag

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garden at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. **Jim Keene '50** and **Frank Shoptaugh '53** attended, as did several members of Glenn's family: he and his wife, Joey, have "five daughters, five sons, 17 grandsons, nine granddaughters, one son-in-law, and one daughter-in-law… but **Charles 'Bud' Vear '50** and Gloria have us beat!" Stay in touch with Glenn at 2085 Paseo Del Oro, Colorado Springs, CO 80904; agsifs@pol.net.

"Sorry to miss the 150th, but my wife of 58 years had a high-school reunion that same weekend, and I'm too old to get another wife," writes **Charles T. "Bud" Vear '50**. "I still keep in touch with some of my fellow Sigs." Write to Bud at 1457 Hideaway Ln., Hillsdale, MI 49242; budvear@gmail.com.

Don Marshall "Cob" Dixon '57 is retired. He worked for his local sheriff's office and spent 47 years in the holy order of the Episcopal church. He is also a parishioner at a Roman Catholic church, where he sings in the choir; "I have the best of two worlds." He has written for the opinion section of the *Battle Creek Enquirer* since 1969. Catch up with him at 231 Springview Dr., Apt. 821, Battle Creek, MI 49037; marshalld13@yahoo.com.



Sigma Chi's tailgate before the game at the 150th.

Ralph E. Deater '59 is now living in a nursing home. He has Parkinson's disease, but he still enjoys receiving the *Eye on Xi*. Send get-well wishes to 307 S. Woods Mill Rd., #324, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

"I'm a new member of the board of directors of the alumni association at DePauw," reports **John Hare '62**. "I belong to a special group—the first inhabitants of the present house. The prior house was on the same site, and was about 50 years old. It was demolished in 1958, and the present house was built in a year, opening in 1959. My class moved in as sophomores. The classes of '60–'63 were the first occupants of the 'new house,' which is now 50 years old." Find out more from John at 11 Gloucester St., Apt. 1, Boston, MA 02115; jw.hare.md@gmail.com.

Jim M. Callane '64 received a Community Leadership Award from DePauw University on June 13, 2009. Send congratulations to 2820 President Ln., Kokomo, IN 46902; jimcallane@yahoo.com.

Charles A. "Tod" Eberle III '66 has returned to DePauw as an associate director of admission, and he's been back for over 10 years, after spending 30 years in college athletics in Pennsylvania. He was expecting his sixth grandchild when he wrote to us in July. "Jan, the former Xi sweetheart, and I are really enjoying our lives in Greencastle." Keep in touch with him at 855 Robin Wood Pl., Greencastle, IN 46135; ceberle@depauw.edu.

Terence W. "Terry" Starkey '78 has taken a new job with Clayton Homes/Berkshire Hathaway in Knoxville, Tennessee. Catch up with him at 12930 Littleton Bend Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32224; twstarkey@aol.com.

"I married Lindsey in 2000, and we live in Chicago with our two kids," writes **Mike "Chips" Chabraja '89**. "I'm practicing law with McGuire Woods in the commercial litigation department." Write to "Chips" at 1079 Olmsted Dr., Lake Forest, IL 60045.

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XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

Peter Erickson '93 has a new position as a managing partner with TripleTree in Minneapolis. He reports, "It's an investment bank focused on mergers and acquisitions in healthcare and technology. I focus particularly on leading healthcare transactions." Write to him at 14777 Cove Ave. SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372; peterjerickson@gmail.com.

"I'm married to Becca; we have a daughter, Abby (4), and son, Will (2)," writes **Bill Cartwright '98**. "Anyone visiting Omaha, look us up." Find him at 16162 Spencer St., Omaha, NE 68116; bill_cartwright@hotmail.com.

"My wife, Julie, and I just celebrated our 10th anniversary," reports **Richard Allen '99**. "We have three children: daughter Morgan (7), son Andrew (4), and daughter Kate (2)." Say hello at 535 W. Glenview Ave., Oconomowoc, WI 53066; rjallen26@sbcglobal.net.

Rob Grabiel '04 is attending the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "I'm going to school full-time and expect to graduate in 2011." Stay in touch with Rob at 1153 Buckingham, Birmingham, MI 48009; rjgrabiel@gmail.com.

Alex "Vegas" Plese '06 has moved to 718 W. Ionia St., Lansing, MI 48915. Send e-mail to alex.plese@gmail.com.

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WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATHS OF:

John C. Mundt '41

Donald L. Galbraith '44
November 19, 2009

Richard Rathke '54

James H. Endres '58
July 28, 2009