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Xi Chapter captures another Peterson Award

This past summer, eight brothers attended the Sigma Chi Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where various workshops were held to enhance leadership skills and officer positions. The culmination of the weekend led to the capturing of our second J. Dwight Peterson Significant Chapter Award in recent years, to go along with Peterson Awards from previous decades. The Peterson Award is the highest honor the national Sigma Chi Foundation bestows upon a college or university undergraduate chapter.

Among those attending the conference were David Hanger '11, Ryan Bauer '11, Steven Schleibaum '11, Roy Leaf '12, Will King '12, Connor Stallings '12, Tyler Giesting '12, and Christian Rector '13. Each of these men attended workshops specific to their leadership positions in the house.

The three-day workshop, focused on the theme "Guard Well," began with an opening ceremony conducted by current Grand Consul L. Wayne Tucker. His presentations included a special video message from Xi alumnus Bret Baier '92, who encouraged all attendees to harness what they learned during the workshop and bring their new skills back to their respective chapters. Brother Baier stressed the importance of making a conscious effort to share ideas with others and even included a special "shout out" to the men of the Xi Chapter in his video.

Members of the chapter who attended took Baier's words to heart and gained several different perspectives from other chapters. Given the opportunity to speak with other Sigs, they began to discover that the infrastructure and principles that drive the operations of the Xi Chapter are among the best in the nation. The accounts of financial difficulties, lack of adequate housing, and absence of unity given by brothers from other chapters made the members of our own chapter proud of our continued efforts to maintain these things. While we are proud of the accomplishments that the brothers have achieved, we recognize that there is still much to be done, in many aspects of the physical house as well as the sustainment of friendships and service in our community.

Sophomore Christian Rector '13 was the only member of the newly initiated pledge class to attend the workshop, serving as a representative to the Balfour Leadership Development Forum. It was during his daily meetings that Rector met in small and large group settings to discuss the ritual, recruitment, and leadership opportunities within our fraternity. "I enjoyed the small group settings the most because I was matched with Sigs from different-sized chapters,

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Balfour Leadership Training Workshop attendees show off the Peterson Award with current Grand Consul L. Wayne Tucker. Left to right: Will King '12, Roy Leaf 12, Ryan Bauer '11, David Hanger '11, Steven Schleibaum '11, Grand Consul L. Wayne Tucker, Tyler Giesting '12, Connor Stallings '12, and Christian Rector '13.

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Philanthropy update

To begin, we would like to thank Xi alumni for your support with Derby Days this past spring. It is only through your continued, generous effort that we have been able to raise over $26,000 in the past three years for Riley Children's Hospital. We really appreciate your continued support and are excited to get started on planning this year's Derby Days. However, only halfway through the first semester, we've already had two philanthropy events of our own, in addition to participating in several outside philanthropy events.



Chase Hall '13 and Chris Jennings '13 at TIGΣRSTΦCK.

In September, we teamed up with Alpha Phi sorority and organized a barbecue in the south quad. The benefit was for the local Habitat for Humanity chapter in Greencastle. We are hoping to create strong ties with this branch to get involved in some builds here in Indiana. The event was called "TIGΣRSTΦCK," a Woodstock-themed event with live bands. Our two performers included a campus band and a local Greencastle musician. There was an inflatable Velcro wall and giant boxing gloves set up for additional entertainment, in order to attract more than just our brothers and Alpha Phi members to the event. We raised a little over $300 for Habitat, and the event went smoothly.

As for outside philanthropies, Delta Gamma held their annual "Anchor Splash" during the last week of September. We placed fourth overall in the weeklong event, and won their swimming competition at the end of the week. Kappa Alpha Theta had their "Mr. University" competition, and we nominated Danny White '11 as our candidate. He made it through the first round, but did not place in the top three; still, it was a blast to come together as a house to support Danny throughout the competition. Also, though it wasn't a philanthropy event, we did very well in the "Greek God and Goddess" competition held at the end of Greek Week. We placed second to Delta Upsilon, according to the judges, but won in the eyes of the students, which is most important. Greek Week was another event where we really bonded as a house and had a great time supporting the brothers who put together the performance for it.

Most recently, we held our annual "Chi-Land" cookout with Alpha Chi Omega sorority, an event similar to TIGΣRSTΦCK, on Thursday, October 28. We grilled burgers and hot dogs, and served hot apple cider and hot chocolate to compensate for the cold weather. We set up a climbing wall and held the event in Bowman Park in the middle of campus, which attracted several students. A considerable number of freshmen attended, which made the event a great rush tool to keep getting our name out there and demonstrating our strong relations with other Greek organizations.

We are excited for Derby Days in the spring and to continue our success in benefiting the community.

Christopher Jennings '13

Senior Sig relaunches entrepreneurial association

Senior Trent Wood '11 has given back to the DePauw community by revamping the DePauw Entrepreneurial Association this fall. A member of the DePauw University Information Technology Associates Program (ITAP), Trent serves as a technology consultant to the McDermond Center for Management and Entrepreneurship. The club had existed in the past, but interest had waned during the past few years due to a lack of participation. Trent decided to take it upon himself to reorganize the entire association to serve as an open forum for ideas about growing small businesses. The club has attracted over 30 members and is focusing its first semester meetings on basic topics of business management, marketing and cash-flow generation.



Trent Wood '11

Trent is very happy with the mix of people he sees at each weekly Wednesday night meeting. When asked about the direction of the association, Trent noted, "it should facilitate intellectual conversation about small startup companies with the goal of eventually having one to two viable business ideas come to the table." Such a goal is not overly lofty, considering Trent's distinguished track record in the field of entrepreneurship. He currently owns a hair salon in his hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and started Tribeca Bottles, a small aluminum water-bottle production company, with three of his high school friends. Upon graduation, he will be working for VIP Technology Solutions Group, a small technology and telecommunications consulting firm in St. Louis, Missouri. Trent's efforts to restart the DePauw Entrepreneurial Association will continue to serve its eight Sigma Chi members and DePauw students alike long after his departure from the active chapter.

Logan Patterson '13

Sigs organize Habitat for Humanity trip

During DePauw's annual weeklong fall break, brothers Lukas Meyer '13, Logan Patterson '13, Nathan Cummins '12, Matt Maloof '12, John Aicklen '13, Patrick Ledwidge '13, and Cody Stein '13 combined efforts with four members of Pi Beta Phi sorority to coordinate a Habitat for Humanity project in northern Mississippi. The idea was brought up in a chapter meeting in early September. Being so close to fall break, it seemed difficult to recruit enough brothers, yet seven quickly jumped to the task. In total, 11 DePauw Greeks drove south to Clarksdale, Mississippi, on Sunday, October 17.



Logan Patterson '13 tackling the day's task.

The group arrived that afternoon at its residence for the week, an old Catholic rectory converted for the use of Habitat volunteers located 45 minutes south of Memphis, Tennessee. Carl Fuller, the Jonestown coordinator, was there waiting for the group. After introductions, everyone prepared their rooms for the week, and the group made a trip to a local grocery store to stock up on food and supplies.

The next morning, the group arrived at the work site in Jonestown, 15 minutes from the dormitory, ready to work. The first half of the day was spent learning how to complete the task that was to be performed throughout the week. The group that had come before had hung the drywall, and it was up to the Sigs and Pi Phis to mud and sand the spaces in between the drywall boards. Everyone seemed to enjoy the task and worked well with one another.

Each day was structured in a similar fashion. The wake-up call was at 8:00 a.m., usually consisting of loud rock 'n' roll to get everyone energized. Work in Jonestown began one hour later, after a quick breakfast and preparation of sack lunches. The group worked until 4:00 p.m., with an hour break for lunch.

The first few evenings were spent at the dormitory, with home-cooked dinners and some time to relax. The group was able to spend one evening at actor Morgan Freeman's famous Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale. It was here that they sampled Southern-fried catfish and tamales, and enjoyed live music by an exceptional blues band. Another highlight was a pot-luck dinner, organized later in the week by the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. Local families, including the family that would eventually own the home the group was working on, brought different Southern-style foods and provided enjoyable conversation.

The week was capped off by a night spent exploring the nearby city of Memphis, Tennessee. The group finished its final half-day of work, thanked the advisory board of the Jonestown Habitat chapter for their hospitality, and headed north for a night of music and relaxation. Dinner was eaten at King's Café Restaurant on the famous Beale Street in celebration of Brother Lukas Meyer's 19th birthday. Everyone enjoyed the different bands and the Southern culture that Memphis had to offer.



Patrick Ledwidge '13, John Aicklen '13, Logan Patterson '13, Cody Stein '13, and Lukas Meyer '13 outside the Habitat house.

The group made a safe return trip to Greencastle the next morning after a week of service and enjoyment. Everyone involved contributed positively to a good cause and was proud of their individual and group efforts. Plans for another trip to the same location this time next year are already in the making.

Logan Patterson '13
and Lukas Meyer '13

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so there was a good diversity of ideas being brought to the table," Rector said when asked what he enjoyed most about his experience. All DePauw representatives shared a similar experience, and have been implementing ideas they learned during the conference in weekly executive meetings in an effort to improve the future of the chapter house and its members.

One of the major highlights for all of those who attended was the ceremony that took place on the second night of the conference. With several thousand Sigs gathered in UNC's auditorium, the largest ritual ceremony ever performed in the Greek world took place, and several individuals were initiated into the fraternity. This incredible ceremony was reassuring and inspiring for all of the brothers, which is something that we hope more Xi brothers will experience in the future. Although the ritual ceremony, leadership workshops, and Peterson commendation were incredible, it was the time spent with each other during the week that the brothers of Xi Chapter truly appreciated.

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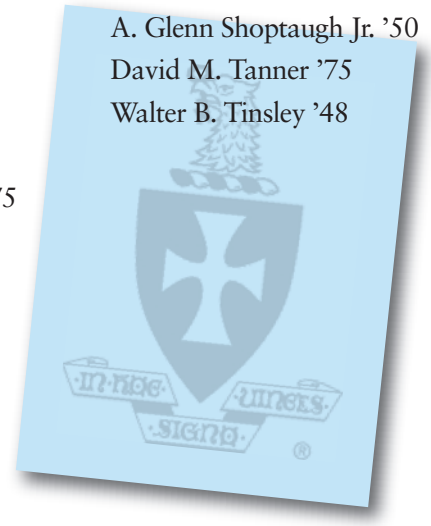
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WITH OUR THANKS.

Three brothers aid efforts in successful football season

At the time of this writing, the DePauw Football team has reached a record of 7-0 for the first time since its 1952 season. Saturday, October 23, marked the team’s first-ever win at Trinity College in San Antonio, Texas, and allowed the Tigers to officially clinch the title of SCAC champions for the second consecutive season. Xi teammates Sebastian Scott ’11, Will King ’12 and Jacob Weinstein ’12 are proud to be members of such a successful program. This is the second playoff berth in school history, and at the time of this writing, the brothers are anxiously looking forward to the November 13 clash against Wabash College in the annual battle for the Monon Bell.

Will King ’12

(Editor’s note: Unfortunately, Wabash retained possession of the bell this year with a victory over the Tigers. There’s always next year!)


Will King ’12


Sebastian Scott ’11


Jacob Weinstein ’12

Opinion: Lessons Learned

James Larson '05 for Education Nation

The following is an opinion letter from James Larson '05, which was recently featured on the NBC News site EducationNation.com. It was published on September 22, 2010. James is quickly distinguishing himself as a leader in the education community. Since receiving his master's degree in education at Harvard University, he has proven himself as a top educator at the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School in Indianapolis, a school for minority students in a high-crime area. Tindley recently claimed the honor of the National Blue Ribbon Award, which is the highest award given by the US Department of Education. Last year, James Larson was named the school's teacher of the year.



James Larson '05

At the risk of sounding cliché, I always wanted to be a teacher. It's my calling. My mother and father were teachers when I was growing up in St. Louis and I've been fortunate to have wonderful teachers throughout my education, from elementary to graduate school.

I simply wanted to do what they did. I wanted to be to some child what those teachers—now my mentors and even my friends—were to me.

Today I am a teacher. I recently began my third year at the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School in Indianapolis, where I teach humanities to seventh graders. Tindley is a public charter school with a 98 percent African-American student body and a 100 percent college acceptance rate. Our students—who are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis—finish the standard high-school curriculum by 10th grade. At that point they take college courses offered by adjunct professors at Anderson University. If the students get As or Bs, they get college credit.

We do not "track" our students, which means they are not segregated once in high school into classes that fit their perceived abilities. We expect all of our students to be able to tackle our accelerated curriculum. With this curriculum, we've proved that most students can perform at levels normally considered "gifted" if they are simply given the chance and the resources they need to learn.

I was drawn to Tindley after learning about it from the school's founder and academic dean Siri Loescher, and its principal and CEO Marcus Robinson, both of whom, like me, are DePauw University alums. Siri and Marcus make sure Tindley students—and, importantly, teachers, too—get the resources they need to succeed.

For many of us teachers, that doesn't mean added technology or reduced class sizes, but attention and collaboration. The first thing Siri and Marcus told me in my job interview is that Tindley teachers are held accountable—not only by parents and students, but also by the administrators themselves.

You would think that would be typical of all schools, but unfortunately it's not. Too many teachers are simply allowed to close their doors when the bell rings. Too many administrators close their doors, too.

At Tindley, our doors remain open. We have what I call a "culture of reflection," where administrators and teachers freely exchange ideas, strategies, and, yes, constructive criticism. As a member of the Indiana Department of Education's Evaluation Leadership Cabinet, I know that the state is working hard to create effective metrics for evaluating teachers and school leaders that will further promote a culture of reflection within schools.

Next week I will be taking what I've learned at Tindley to New York City, where I'll be participating in a first-of-its-kind event sponsored by NBC News called "Education Nation." NBC has committed to bringing policymakers, business leaders, elected officials, school administrators, parents, and teachers together to discuss how best to improve our education system. While in New York, I'll also take part in Teacher Town Hall, a teachers-only discussion moderated by NBC's Brian Williams and broadcast on MSNBC. I'll also be teaching a lesson at NBC's interactive "Learning Plaza" at Rockefeller Plaza.

At the risk of earning less than an "A" in creative writing, I'll end where I began: with a cliché. We all know that one of the chief indicators of student success is an active and engaged teacher.

Tindley has created a model of accountability for teachers and students that works. I hope my peers and the national leadership at the conference will learn from the Tindley example: When school administrators and teachers simply open their doors and engage with one another, students benefit.

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"I affiliated with Xi while in the U.S. Navy," reports **Walter B. Tinsley '48**. "I transferred my affiliation to Lambda at IU, and graduated from there with a BA in 1948 and an MD in 1952." Say hello to Walter at 8140 Township Line Rd., Apt 3310, Indianapolis, IN 46260; wtinsley@aol.com.

Robert N. Bills (init. '42) graduated from the University of Southern California in 1956. He's now retired. Get in touch with Bob at 2145 Los Amigos St., La Canada-Flintridge, CA 91011.

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"I enjoyed our reunion," reports **A. Glenn Shoptaugh Jr. '50**. **Jim Keene '50** and **Frank Shoptaugh '53** attended, from Colorado Springs. Glenn's now working for Kids Are Great Pediatrics; ask him how it's going at 2085 Paseo Del Oro, Colorado Springs, CO 80904; agsifs@pol.net.

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Find out what's new with **Michael Laukitis '64** at 5002 Heinz Ln., Edwards, IL 61528; or e-mail mikelaukitis@gmail.com.

Michael W. Street '65 reports, "I retired, in January 2008, as a marine biologist with the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, after working for 38 years. My primary work areas over the years were in fisheries management and habitat management. During my career, I also served as an adviser to the U.S. State Department on foreign fisheries negotiations in the 1970s. I testified at federal and state hearings on a variety of fishery and habitat issues, and served as an expert witness in federal court cases. I also received several awards over the years in the marine science field. Since retirement, my wife, Terrie, and I have been traveling about three months each year, although we try to remain home in the fall to take advantage of our peak sportfishing season. We both volunteer with our local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. I attend scientific seminars at local marine science labs (this area is one of the world's centers for marine science research) and serve on some advisory committees." Contact Michael at 902 Lake N. Shore Dr., Morehead City, NC 28557; tmstreet@embarqmail.com.

"I retired for six weeks, three years ago, after moving back to my family's home state in the Charleston area," writes **Lafayette H. Mayfield '67**. "Still delightfully married to my Sig sweetie, Leslie C. Mayfield (DePauw '66). I'm teaching insurance courses across the state at Trident Tech and other campuses. (After six weeks retired, which were spent reading the paper and watching Oprah, I applauded the chance to get on the road and teach again!) Just built a new home here, 12 minutes from the beach, on the marshy Wando River. I saw **Danny Cope '68** this past December, and we stay in touch. I wonder if any Sigs in the greater Charleston area are from the mid-to-late-'60s gang?" Find Larry at 2616 Kings Gate Ln., Mount Pleasant, SC 29466; lmay44@bellsouth.net.

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William S. Alward '08 has a new job as a geologist with ExxonMobil in Houston. Contact Bill at 957 W. 21st. St., Houston, TX 77008; wsalward@gmail.com.

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