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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER | APRIL 2013



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Reunion 2013
June 5-9!

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Cookout from 11:00 to
2:00 p.m. at the house.
We hope to see you there!

Sigma Chi Welcomes Its 154th Pledge Class!

The 154th pledge class of the Sigma Chi Fraternity brings to the table a wealth of talent. Our class is diverse, intelligent, and driven. We all strive for excellence and also hold one another accountable to exemplify the ideals of the White Cross. Pledgeship for us was challenging and made for a very intense and fulfilling journey from pledges to candidates to, finally, brothers.

The 154th pledge class has 13 exemplary members who are very involved on campus. We have Honor Scholars, Management Fellows, Media Fellows, Civic Fellows, First-Year Mentors, tour guides, DePauw community service coordinators, basketball players, lacrosse players, track and field competitors, and swimmers—it is quite obvious we are very active and well-known on campus. Like the rest of the house, in every position you will find a Sig in the leadership role. 154 will be no different in that regard. The classes preceding us have left huge footprints to fill, and we accept the challenge! Additionally, we all look

forward to making those footprints even bigger for the 155th pledge class. Please welcome the 154th pledge class of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, Xi Chapter:

Hunter Wilson from Evanston, Illinois
(legacy, father was a Sigma Chi at Michigan)
Adam May from Washington, Indiana
Grant Walters from Kalamazoo, Michigan
Michael Tobin from Gurnee, Illinois
Kevin Bugielski from Oak Park, Illinois
Samuel Cole from Indianapolis, Indiana
Mitch Metzger from Indianapolis, Indiana
Ninad Amondikar from Pune, India
Burke Miller from Carmel, Indiana
CJ Cazee from Martinsville, Indiana
Nico Moorman from Dyer, Indiana
Logan Bertalan from Valparaiso, Indiana

IHSV,
The 154th Pledge Class
of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, Xi Chapter



The members of the 154th pledge class sing "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" to Pi Phi Sweetheart Sara Rose Drury.

Xi Chapter Excels in All Its Endeavors

The Xi Chapter continues to thrive on DePauw's campus and in the Sigma Chi Fraternity, excelling in academic achievement, philanthropic endeavors, and leadership development. This past year, we have witnessed an impressive increase in our overall GPA, were recognized for our commitment to philanthropy by DePauw and among all the Indiana Sigma Chi Chapters, and have continued to produce campus leaders.



*Johnny McGinness '14 and Nick Hinz '14
with Broadway star and Xi Sig alumnus
David Cryer '58 and his wife, Britt.*

After another successful recruitment process this February, the Xi Chapter is very proud to welcome the members of the 154th pledge class into our brotherhood, and we're eager for them to realize their potential as leaders and to experience all that Sigma Chi has to offer.

However, as we welcome our newly initiated brothers, we must also say goodbye to our seniors, looking forward to the graduation of the 151st pledge class. While it will be difficult to see them leave in May, we are tremendously excited for them to pursue new and exciting endeavors in various organizations across the country, including graduate programs in Nebraska and Florida; the Cancer Treatment Centers of America; Cummins, Inc.; H&R Block; West Monroe Partners; Teach for America; and more. We are truly proud of their many accomplishments, and their contributions to the success of our chapter cannot be overstated.

IH,
Johnny McGinness '14
Consul

Sigma Chi Hosts Dads' Weekend

On Saturday, April 6, the Xi Chapter celebrated Dads' Weekend in resounding fashion. The brotherhood event committee—Chase Hall '13, Andrew Cripe '14, and Ty Frost '15—headed the event. A host of dads flooded the Xi Chapter on a warm afternoon for a cookout on the front porch. The porch grill was used to cook burgers and dads played corn hole and socialized in what was the start to a simple, yet structured day of activities.

The afternoon continued with several brothers and their dads attending the DePauw lacrosse and baseball games. Brothers competed and represented Sigma Chi in great fashion, including lax brothers Chris Wright '13, Austin Schile '13, and Michael Tobin '16, along with our baseball brothers Rob Stein '14, Zach Starr '14, and Brendan Bolander '14. Later in the day, Jacob Weiner '14 led a massive group to the resident DePauw shooting range in Cloverdale for a trap and skeet shoot. It was an extremely safe and successful event. What's a better male-bonding activity than shooting with the dads? At the range, there was also a pond for fishing and at that time, some went to Windy Hill Golf Course as a third option for the afternoon events.

Brothers reconvened at the Xi in the early evening. The inaugural Dads' Weekend event was capped off by a steak dinner with corn-on-the-cob. Again, the porch was filled with Sigs and their dads where, yes, more corn hole was played. Consul Johnny McGinness '14 claimed victory in the aggregate series of corn-hole games that were played throughout the day, later warning us that he is a very competent corn-hole performer. Perhaps the greatest victor of



*Grant ('15) and his dad, Greg Brown
during Dads' Weekend.*

the day was Brother Logan Patterson's ('13) dad, Art. Mr. Patterson finished off three sirloin steaks in succession as the entire group of dads reliving their college days gathered in the "Airport Waiting Lounge" to watch the Final Four. The night did not stop for some dads until well past midnight, and some were told that it was time to call it night.

To say the least, we had a great time, and it is an event we seek to replicate in the near future. We also want to congratulate Grant Brown's father, Greg Brown. Mr. Brown was the lone dad to come Friday night to hang out with the brothers and was also a proficient and talented shooter at the range. Dads' Weekend is undoubtedly an event that will reoccur annually for years to come.

Parker Schwartz '15
Tribune

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Brothers, we invite you to keep up with all the latest news about the chapter by logging into our website at www.xisigs.org.

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Xi Sigs Strive to Improve the Community

The Xi had a great philanthropic year. To begin the year, we paired with Alpha Phi to host Tiger-stock—an outdoor barbecue featuring T-shirt tie-dyeing, a dunk tank, and live music provided by The Dells (Xi member Doug Tipsword's band). The event raised \$730, which was donated to United Way of Putnam County, a charity organization that distributes funds to those in need.

In addition, the Xi participated in other Greek houses' philanthropy events, including Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash, Alpha Chi Omega's STRUTathon, and Alpha Phi's King of Hearts, the latter of which we defeated nine other fraternities to take home first prize.

We were also involved in community philanthropic activities that took place off campus. Several Sigs

volunteered at the Putnam County Airport as waiters during a dinner for the Young Eagles—the world's most successful youth aviation program. We collaborated with Habitat for Humanity to help remodel a home as well.

The entire year's events lead up to our annual philanthropic event, Derby Days. Thanks to generous donations from Sigma Chi families and alumni, DePauw sororities, and local businesses, the weeklong competition raised more than \$5,000 for Huntsman Cancer Institute and Riley Hospital for Children. We would particularly like to thank Xi alumni Rob Sharpe '74, Mark Koenig '86, and James Bauer for their generous contributions.

Doug Hinkel '15
Philanthropy Chair



Sam Winkler '14, Tom Henning '14, and Andrew Cripe '14 volunteer teaching Spanish to local elementary-school students.

Xi Athletes Featured in Six Sports Gain Accolades

This year, the Xi Chapter has a strong contingent of athletes who are making an impact for DePauw athletics. On the swim team, George Morrison '14 and Hunter Wilson '16, were part of one of the best seasons in DePauw swimming history. The team had a perfect 8-0 in dual meets during the regular season, eventually finishing third in the NCAC championships.

On the basketball court, Alex Payne '14 fought back from an injury to contribute significant



Alex Payne '14 sinks a game-winning shot!

minutes. Alex played in 15 games for the Tiger basketball team that finished 16-10 for the year, notching wins against perennial conference powers Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan. The team also won two regular-season tournaments, the Tampa Bay Shootout, and the Mike Rockicki Community versus Cancer Challenge. Brother Payne hit a game-winning buzzer-beat shot in overtime to defeat Wittenberg. New initiate Mitch Metzger '16 also made the Tigers roster for the

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Jack D. Bennett '50 wrote, "I'm so proud of Xi Chapter and always proud to be a Sigma Chi!" Reconnect with him by writing to 157 Carriage Dr., Apt. 103, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

"Please note I have changed my email address to brevoortbaker@gmail.com," reported **Brevoort J. Baker II '51**.

"During the past year, I was appointed to the Sigma Chi Ritual Committee by Grand Consul Santoli and to the Sigma Chi Ritual Renaissance to revise our ritual statutes," writes **Thomas L. Turk '58**. "In addition, I received a Grand Consul's Citation for that work and was named a Sigma Chi Ritual Master (one of six brothers). I continue to serve on the Alpha Psi Chapter House Corporation at Vanderbilt University." Send congratulations to 643 Harpeth Trace Dr., Nashville, TN 37221-3147; turktj@comcast.net.

David L. Terry '68 retired from a career in hospital finance and administration in October 2008, and again in May 2011 after a call back to work for a seven-month stint. David and Jan recently moved, and their new address is 30 Fox Ridge Circle, Wakefield, RI 02879.

Stephen J. Scheu '76 is director of sales at Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Catch up with him at 1 E. Wacker

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Brother **Stephen E. Strup '84** is the chief of urologic surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Stay in touch with him via email at stephen.strup@uky.edu.

Andrew J. Elizalde '00 is now interim lower school principal as well as academic dean at Veritas School in Richmond, Virginia, where he lives with his wife, Brooke (Spurgeon '00), and three daughters—Rebekah (7), Gwenyth (5), and Mariah (2). Brothers can contact him at andrew.elizalde@gmail.com.

"In July 2012, I began a new job as a software engineer at eBay in San Jose, California," reports **Jeremy T. Engle '03**. "On August 1, 2012, I defended my doctorate in computer science from Indiana University." Send congratulations to Jeremy at 337 Bundy Ave., San Jose, CA 95117; bojengle@gmail.com.

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XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND
THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

deceased

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE
THE DEATHS OF:

Christian M. McClure '45
February 23, 2012

William E. Gildner '49
April 19, 2012

Richard E. Clift '51
July 16, 2012

George B. Douglas Jr. '53
November 5, 2011

Donald T. Quick '55
July 27, 2012

Gary T. Jewell '58
March 27, 2012

Robert A. Watts '58
June 25, 2012

Xi Athletes Featured in Six Sports Gain Accolades

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2012-2013 season.

Track and field was a sport with two major presences from Sigma Chi. First, Mitch Metzger '16 won the DePauw classic in the high jump in February. He also claimed victory in the NCAC Conference Championships in March as a freshman. The other great success in track and field for the Xi Chapter is Kyle Mackey '14 for his continued dominance in pole vaulting. One of the top performers in the NCAC and all of Division III, Mackey has multiple top-five finishes, including victories in the DePauw Classic and DePauw Small College Invitational.

In the fall and spring seasons, Sigma Chi golfers represented the Xi proudly. Logan Bertalan '16, Ty Frost '15, Charlie Castino '14, Andy Hill '14, and Matt Coffin '13 complete a list of golfers who constitute the core of the program. The team won the DePauw Small College Classic, and Brother Castino had the lowest two-day score among players from eight competing institutions. Four of the six top golfers for DePauw are Sigs, and each class has at least one Sigma Chi representative on the team.

For the spring season, Xi Sigs also participated in baseball and lacrosse. The upstart lacrosse program had its inaugural varsity season, and four Sigs were on the historic squad. Michael Tobin '16, Austin Schile '13, Logan Patterson '13, and Chris Wright '13 played defense and midfield. The players who committed to the team throughout the course of the year showed great resolve and determination, along with a genuine love for one of America's fastest growing sports. They set the foundation for a program that is sure to enjoy great success in the future.

Tiger baseball was graced by the presence of talented Xi Sigs. Pitcher Brendan Bolander '14 threw out of the bullpen. He also was inducted into the National College Athlete Honor Society, Chi Alpha Sigma. Rob Stein '14 contributed as a starting outfielder for the Old Gold. Stein played leftfield and will also be playing summer baseball for the Richmond River Rats in the Prospect Collegiate Summer League. Zach Starr '14 had his season prematurely ended by injury, but we expect him to rebound and have a great season next spring.

Parker Schwartz '15
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