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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER | MAY 2014



DERBY DAYS April 6-10, 2014

We raised \$7,200 for Derby Days.

A BREAKDOWN

- \$830 in coins from Penny Wars
- \$500 from Myers Market, a deli on campus that gave us 15 percent of their earnings from a "Support Sigma Chi" day
- \$2,000 from our GoFundMe website
- Other funds came from our Derby Days tank top sales, entrance fees for sororities to compete in the Dance competition, and checks from generous alumni

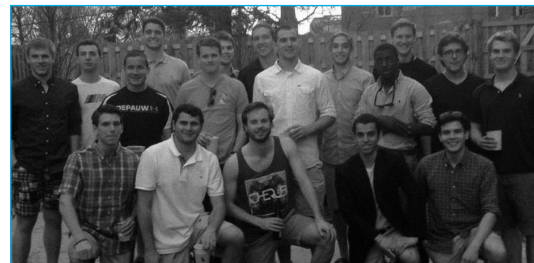
Xi Chapter Thrives During Spring Semester

The spring semester has been one of crowning success for the Xi Chapter. A relentless sense of energy from the previous semester has propelled the brotherhood to improve in a variety of categories. Rush efforts, led by Hunter Goble '14 and Rob Stein '14, translated to our 155th pledge class. The class is composed of 24 members—the largest class since 2011. These new brothers are involved in DePauw Student Government, Media and Management Fellows, Trap and Skeet, Little 5 race/steering committee, and four varsity sports.

Chapter philanthropy has also improved; our community service projects have been smooth and successful once again with guidance from Kevin Bugielski '16. We won Alpha Phi's "King of Hearts" service week and raised more than \$6,000 for Riley Children's Hospital and the Huntsman Cancer Institute as part of Derby Days. We also volunteered with Special Olympics, Fillmore Student Friend Program, and Relay for Life.

Our brotherhood committee organized a great Parents' Weekend in April. Led by Garrett Foley '15, the event included a trip to the Big Cat Reserve and a gathering at the Trap and Skeet Fundraiser led by Jacob Weiner '14.

The house cohesion and energy is noticeably at an all-time high. Our scholarship committee, steered by Pro Consul Henry Binning '15 and Tyler Frost '15, has held



Brothers at Parents' Weekend dinner on April 12.

our chapter accountable for academic integrity.

We also are thrilled to send Grant Walters '16 and CJ Cazee '16, to Utah for the Horizons Leadership Training Program. Accordingly, the Xi Chapter was also named a Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter for the 2014-'15 academic year, thanks to generous donations from John B. Kriesly '73 and W. Bret Baier '92. We look forward to attending the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in August, seeking our sixth-straight Peterson Award.

We look forward to welcoming Xi Sigs for Old Gold in the fall. Please feel to contact us at 311 South Locust Street and on our website: xisigs.org.

Parker Schwartz '15
Consul

Philanthropy Remains Integral Part of Sigma Chi Life

Philanthropic events are taking over the Xi Chapter! After a busy and extremely successful Derby Days, the brothers are not done yet. Sigma Chi participated in two on-campus philanthropies a week later. Pi Beta Phi's "Pi Phi Gives You Wings" wing eating contest and Kappa Alpha Theta's "Spike it for CASA" volleyball tournament caught the attention of many brothers and prompted us to create teams and donate money. The money raised at Pi Beta Phi's event went directly toward the Pi Beta Phi Foundation to promote literacy in the United States. Furthermore, Kappa Alpha Theta's proceeds went to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), which is Theta's national philanthropy. Lastly, in Sigma Chi's immediate future is DePauw University's Relay for Life. Brother Bradley White has taken a keen interest in Relay for Life since his first year at DePauw and is excited to continue with it for the entirety of his DePauw career.

While these three events are more recent, we have participated in multiple events throughout 2014—two that particularly stand out. The Special Olympics Indiana State Women's Basketball Tournament occurred on March 8 and 9 at DePauw's Indoor Tennis and Track Center. Sigma Chis were given a team to support throughout the tournament at all of the games. In addition, DePauw hosted its first Dance Marathon. I served on the executive board, represented Sigma Chi Fraternity, and helped raise more than \$13,000 for Riley Hospital for Children.

As you can see, philanthropy is very much alive at the Xi Chapter. We are excited to continue to participate in philanthropy events until the last week of school!

Kevin Bugielski '16
Philanthropy Chairman

Senior Sig Vaults to New Heights

One of the Xi's most renowned athletes continues to jump higher, in hopes of breaking a 33-year school record. Kyle Mackey '14, a co-captain on DePauw's track and field team, has received NCAC honors throughout his collegiate career. His pole-vaulting talent has escalated him past opponents at the highest D-III level, to a place among the top-10 vaulters in the nation. However, he continues to lift his eyes heavenward as he attempts to fly over a DePauw record set by Alan Hill in 1981. Mackey (a Danville, Indiana, native) recounted his meeting with the current record-holder of the coveted title.

"[Track and field coach] Tim Rheha is the godfather of Alan's daughter; he coached him back in the '80s. Coach Rheha introduced me this year, and he told me it's about time someone gets my record," Mackey laughed.

Alan Hill won the D-III national championship in pole vault, helped upset #4-ranked Wabash College in the Monon Bell football game, and signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys in 1982.

A kinesiology major, Mackey takes his sport and his leadership position incredibly seriously. His lifestyle reflects that of a dedicated professional—a mindset not always found among Division III athletes. Mackey also runs track events like the 200-meter dash, where his experience can be a resource to other runners.



Kyle Mackey 2014 vaulting over the bar at the DePauw Indoor Invitational. His picture made the front page of DePauw Athletics' website.

"We got the guy sprinters together and made ultimate goals and minor goals for the season. We say aloud what we want to do, which keeps us accountable. It also lets us know where we want to be."

This year at the NCAC Indoor Championships, Mackey came close to the record, jumping a 15-3.5 (4.66-meter) height. Hill's indoor record stands at 15 feet, 7 inches. At the outdoor Indiana D-III Championships on April 12, Mackey jumped a 15-10, inches from Hill's 16-1 record. Teammates like Jon Good '16 say he's jumped higher in practice, but in competition it's a different beast.

"He's definitely gotten higher in practice; it's a little difficult with the amount of wind we've had. At the rate he's going, as intense as he is in practice day after day, I think he'll break the record at sectionals and be propelled to nationals."

More Sigs are competing on the track and field team this year than have in the past five years. Sigma Chi's sprinters Jon Good, Cameron Stewart, Justin Barnes, and distance runner Michael Edwards are all new additions for DePauw, improving their times over the course of the four-month-long season. All look to Mackey for leadership and guidance, and he's delivered, demanding their respect and dedication to the sport he loves.

Grant Walters '16



Adam Thacker '15, CJ Cazee '16, and Michael Tobin '16 scuba diving in Bonaire, showing off the White Cross in some "chill waters."



DePauw's undefeated rugby club after a match. Pictured are Sigs JD Powell '14, Nate Shriver '14, Peter Kralovec-Kirchherr '15, and Charles Weber '17 (Not pictured: Lucas Jeffries '15, Caleb Haydock '15, and Payton Dunning '17).



A picture sent from the active chapter to freshmen right after accepting their bids to Sigma Chi, February 2014.

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Grant Walters '16

Graduating the Noblest and Best

With graduation just weeks away, seniors have been hard at work mapping out their post-DePauw experiences, ranging from international opportunities to jobs in downtown Indiana. This information was updated as of April 17.

Two senior Sigs have locked down their graduate school plans, with three more anxiously anticipating acceptance to esteemed programs. Joey Tedeschi will be heading to Vanderbilt University's Peabody College of Education and Human Development, where he will be pursuing a master's in secondary education. Andrew Herrmann is headed to Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience this August. He will be the second in his family pursuing an MD, as his father James Herrmann is a dermatologist in Wheaton, Illinois. Tom Henning plans to enroll in a one-year master's program in biomedical sciences. Drew Rohm-Ensing and Kyle Mackey are also awaiting acceptance to the medical schools of their choice, coming within the next few weeks.

Other seniors will pursue careers in business. Hunter Goble will begin working as a marketing associate at Eli Lilly & Company, with the goal of attending graduate school and obtaining an MBA. Jacob Weiner will enter the business world as an associate of New Business Development at BPN, a media-buying

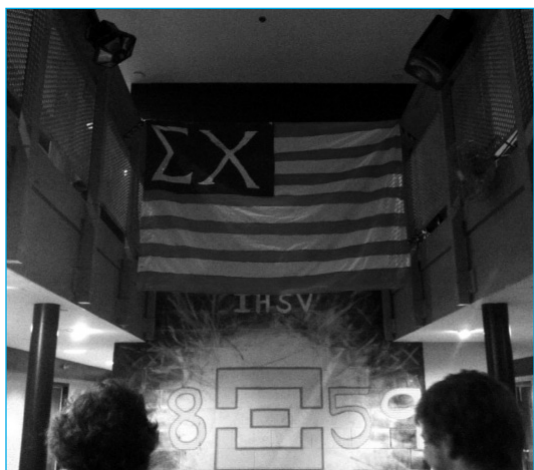
agency in Indianapolis as well. Henry Johnston will start his career at Leadstra, a marketing company out of Carmel, Indiana, as an account manager.

Also entering the business world, Rob Stein is heading to Aerotek Staffing Agency to begin working as an engineer recruiter. Apex Energy Group has hired Andrew Cripe to start off as an associate salesman. As a part of the Orr Entrepreneurial Fellowship, Adam Johnson will work for two years with Web-Link International as an analyst. Brad White will be working as an IT consultant at Technology Services Group in Chicago, Illinois.

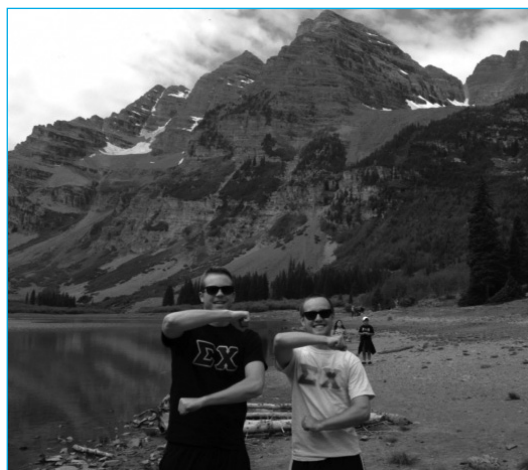
Some Sigma Chi will be pursuing education coming out of DePauw. George Morrison will be teaching middle schoolers in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Alex Tinsman will move to Budapest, Hungary, this summer to begin teaching English through the LanguageCorps program.

The remainder of the 152nd pledge class continues to soul-search and complete interviews for their future jobs. Destined for greatness, we look forward to see what the senior Xi Sigs will do as they continue to wear the White Cross worthily through all stages of life.

Grant Walters '16



Decorating the common area is a flag made by Kappa Alpha Theta for Derby Days.



Grant Brown '15 and Ty Frost '15 at the base of Maroon Bells in Aspen, Colorado.

Alumni, Welcome the 155th Pledge Class!

The 155th pledge class of the Xi Chapter boasts new members from 11 different states and an international student. These men participate in on-campus activities from varsity lacrosse to Ultimate Frisbee, Management Fellow to Media Fellow to co-presidents of DePauw Trap and Skeet. The new members are anxious to add to the luster of the White Cross of Sigma Chi in all they do.

Please welcome our new brothers: Keagan Angevin, Dallas, Texas; Evan Atkinson, Delphi, Indiana; *Justin Barnes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Jeff Collins, Glenview, Illinois; Brendan Donnelly, Indianapolis, Indiana; *Payton Dunning, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Alex Dussault,

Randolph, New Jersey; Michael Edwards, Union, Kentucky; *Ben Hatchett, Evansville, Indiana; *Michael Jennings, Toledo, Ohio; John Jessup, South Bend, Indiana; David Kobe, Indianapolis, Indiana; Zheng (David) Luo, Wuhan, China; Aaron Mahoney, Traverse City, Michigan; Jimmy Otteson, Indianapolis, Indiana; *Matthew (Taylor) Patterson, Carmel, Indiana; Nick Polanco, Frankfort, Kentucky; Everett Schau, Elmhurst, Texas; Cameron Stewart, Terre Haute, Indiana; Charles Weber, Columbus, Indiana; John Wedding, Carmel, Indiana; Ryan White, Des Plaines, Illinois; Foster Whitlock, Charlottesville, Virginia; and Charlie Yorke, Chicago, Illinois.

*Denotes Sigma Chi family connection

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Sue and **Leonard W. Huck '44** recently enjoyed a riverboat trip on the Danube from Bucharest to Budapest, adding five new countries to the 62 they've already visited. To the undergraduate chapter Len adds, "Congratulations on your Peterson Award and your philanthropic efforts!" (7501 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., #520, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

"I am busy enjoying life in Chagrin Falls, Ohio," writes **Jack D. Bennett '50**. "I still keep in touch with my brothers from DePauw. When I read the Xi newsletter, I am proud to be a Sigma Chi! Since I am blind, I do not use a computer, but I keep in touch by phone or visits." Here's how to reach Jack: 157 Carriage Dr., #103, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022; by phone: (440) 247-4074.

Make note of the following new address for **Philip C. Davis '53**: 1810 Azalea Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403. Phil writes that he is caring for his "old Kappa Alpha Theta grad, Mary Dee, while piano playing old hymns on Sundays at the hospital, hospice, and retirement center." Find out more! Email him at pcmdavis@aol.com.

Although he's still chairman of Alcast Company, an aluminum casting and machining operation, **Michael W. Laukitis '64** reports that he's "given up pay for a life of leisure. No pay, no work." He now spends five months in Scottsdale with his wife, dogs, and golf clubs! Mike is looking forward to his 50th at Xi and DePauw in June. He adds, "Grandson Mason Ellis was just initiated at the University of South Carolina." Reach out by email at mikelaunitis@gmail.com or write to 5002 Heinz Lane, Edwards, IL 61528.

We had this fun report from **Michael W. Street '65**: "My wife, Terrie, and I are doing well. She is now a cancer survivor. I had two negative biopsies this year, which has been excellent news. We have done some fishing since Terrie has been feeling better. I took second place in our local community college's Spanish mackerel tournament in July and caught a 48-inch red drum (almost 50 pounds) in August. Terrie took second place in our Holy Mackerel Fishing Club tournament in September." And they were still looking ahead to the fall fishing season's peak! Catch up with Mike by email at terriemike.street@gmail.com or write to them at home: 902 Lake N Shore Dr., Morehead City, NC 28557.

Charles A. Eberle III '66 has retired from working in the admissions office at DePauw and is now living in Pittsburgh, where two sons and six grandchildren also reside. "Tod" adds that he gets back to campus whenever he can for football games. (128 Summit Dr., Sewickley, PA

15143; charles.eberle@comcast.net)

J. Peter Konkle '70 has published a historical novel, *On Bolton Flats – An Irish Insurrection in Vermont's North Woods*. The forces of unbridled industry, human tragedy, and reawakened passion converge in the story of the immigrant experience in 1846. Set in New England's North Woods, the book is based on a true story and includes characters taken from the pages of history—200 Irish families fleeing the Great Potato Famine journey from their inhospitable homeland to the frontier of the young and industrious United States of America. Instead of finding salvation, they become feed for the insatiable appetite of corporations pushing the tentacles of civilization in to the frontier. Tension between those who take advantage of unrestrained commerce and those who answer to a higher power comes to a head when the forces of nature and the ambitions of mankind clash." The book is available at local bookstores and online at CreateSpace.com and Amazon.com. Send congratulations to Peter by email at pkonk1@comcast.net or by postal mail at 582 Middle St., # 1, Weymouth, MA 02189.

The 2014 Old Gold Goblet recipient, **Michael L. Smith '70** is retired executive vice president and chief financial officer of Anthem, Inc. In addition, he is among the 2014 laureates of the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame, which honors outstanding men and women who have made significant contributions to the corporate and civic community. Also a member of DePauw's Board of Trustees, Mike can be reached at mikeanthemsmith@comcast.net or 15358 Whistling Lane, Carmel, IN 46033.

President of Brooks Construction Company **Andrew F. Brooks '79** is a member of the board of directors of Conexis Indiana. Catch up with him by email at afbrooks@brooks1st.com or postal mail at PO Box 9015, Fort Wayne, IN 46899.

Congratulations to **Stephen F. Hayes '93**, who was named a Significant Sig in the 2013 class. He was recognized at the closing banquet at Grand Chapter in Washington, D.C., on June 29 last year. Stephen makes his home at 3511 Ashland Dr., Davidsonville, MD 21035.

A regional vice president for John Hancock, **Zachary A. Carstensen '01** can be reached by email at zacharycarstensen@hotmail.com. He lives in California at 1720 7th St., Sacramento, 95811.

155th Xi Chapter Banquet, October 4, 2014

Just like our 150th in 2009, we have reserved the Ballroom at The Walden Inn for Xi's 155th Celebration Banquet. Will have room for the first 160 Alumni Brother's who reserve a spot. Our wonderful keynote speaker will be Xi's own infamous Frank Walker '57. You will be receiving additional news and banquet reservation information this summer.

On the financial front, a year ago the House Corporation had \$598,000 in bank debt outstanding. We are proud to report that the debt has been reduced to \$ 398,000. The debt reduction is from your Alumni support and continuous Capital Campaign pledges. Thank you so much. This summer we will be making a

\$33,000 investment to upgrade the second- and third-floor bathrooms.

Thanks to all who have pledged and/or contributed to the Capital Campaign and/or Annual Fund. New pledges, an increase in current pledges, and faster pledge payments will reduce our bank debt quicker and is certainly in the best interest of a successful Xi Chapter for years to come. Your continued support of Xi is always appreciated. Hope to see you on October 4!

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XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND
THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

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WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE
THE DEATHS OF:

Harold J. Cook '40
October 10, 2013

William H. Lynch '42
September 20, 2008

John K. McAllister '42
July 24, 2013

James M. Houck '43
July 26, 2013

Gerald F. Ward '45
December 4, 2013

Robert E. Buis '49
April 22, 2013

W. Kenneth Hollis '49
January 4, 2013

Don M. Dixon '57
December 17, 2013

Robert C. Nordvall '62
January 2, 2014

Robert C. Palmer '67
September 1, 2013

Keith M. Broshears '71
July 30, 2008

Robert G. James '86
December 6, 2013