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New Alumni-Active Mentorship Program

Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi proudly celebrated its 155th anniversary this October on Old Gold Weekend. The history and pastime of our brotherhood is a reminder of the obligations we have to serve the greater good. First, I want to thank all of those who attended our 155th weekend gathering for their participation and support. When I see all of our brothers together spanning decades of classes, I am reminded of the integrity and brilliance of our chapter. Our new sophomore class consists of 24 new brothers who have added a unique energy and creativity to Xi Chapter. At the same time, we continue our strong recruitment efforts led by Everett Schau '17 and Tyler Frost '15. One of our strongest areas continues to be community service. We take it seriously. Philanthropy Chairman Nick Polanco '17 guided efforts that raised more than \$1,300 as part of our annual "Tigerstock" event with Alpha Phi for United Way of Putnam County. In October, our annual fall break trip to New Orleans, as part of Habitat for Humanity was the most impactful one to date. That type of service is also strongly exemplified with our on-campus presence.

There is a clear consensus at DePauw: Sigma Chi men are leaders. Kevin Bugielski '16 and CJ Cazee '16 have acted as peer leaders of the freshmen year mentors, another outlet dominated by Sigma Chis. Brothers are at the core of every student media outlet, every academic program of distinction, varsity and club athletics,

Army ROTC, Trap and Skeet, and Student Government. The diversity of engagement is a reflection of the goal to recruit men with "Different Temperaments, Talents, and Convictions." We are unyielding in this pursuit and refuse to compromise quality for quantity.

My main principle as a leader of this house has been transparency. All brothers are on equal footing, and respect for one another permeates outside the doors of 311 South Locust Street. The openness of conversation and honesty has fueled an important environment in which our chapter can thrive and operate. I've been honored to serve this house.

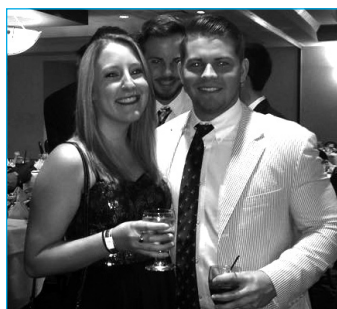
In order for our brothers to continue becoming leaders of men, we need the support of our valued alumni. Starting next February, we are rolling out the "Sigma Chi Big Brother" mentorship program. The goal of this program is to connect Xi Chapter actives with alumni who have similar goals and talents (and useful experiences to share!). These pairs will stay in contact with one another and continue a bond that represents the perpetual commitment Sigma Chis all have to encourage the success of all those who wear our letters. Please contact me if you want to be a part of a program that will surely add a necessary element to our chapter.

Parker Schwartz '15

The Xi Social Scene Remains Strong

Although our focuses do mainly lie in the classroom, or around campus, we also thoroughly enjoy having a good time. The risk management team and social chairs have been working constantly to ensure that the house always has a safe and fun atmosphere.

We welcomed the entire campus back with our New Year's Eve party, where the iconic theme was celebrated accordingly a few months early. We have also taken an entire afternoon to enjoy the last days before the weather turns by canoeing down the Wabash River during our annual "Sigma Chi-Yak" informal. In accordance with university policy, we waited to invite freshmen until October 11, but are happy to report that their first night over everyone—actives and guests—enjoyed a



Drew Crump '16 with Xi Chapter Sweetheart Stephanie Aenoson.

safe and fun time.

Looking forward, we are excited to have back "Milk & Cookies," as well as "Win & Woo"—two Chicago-based disc jockeys who have gained a lot of attention on campus since last spring. They have graciously agreed to play yet another show during our Toga Party the Friday before the big Monon Bell Classic. After that, we continue going strong with our Country Club informal, where brothers get to invite several

friends each to enjoy a private party. We wind down the semester with some good music, great decorations, exquisite catering, and a good time at our Winter Formal.

Hunter Wilson '16
Social Chairmen

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The State of the Xi Infrastructure

As the current house manager, I am very proud of the state of the house infrastructure. The many house improvements that have been completed, and the remodeling that has recently taken place would not have been possible without the generous donations from Xi Chapter alumni and their families, as well as Sigma Chi House Corporation. The \$120,000 that has been used to renovate the house has made an impressive difference in improving the already substantial living conditions in the house.

The first major undertaking that started at the end of last year was the transition to Bon Appétit Food Service. The service provides the house with three handmade, delicious meals every day, including brunch on Sundays. The kitchen was heavily renovated in order to accommodate them. Additionally, the second- and third-floor bathrooms were redone. New tile, new shower heads, new bathroom stalls, exhaust fans, and drywall were installed during the summer. New water heaters and ceiling fans were installed in addition to a

new kitchen ceiling and new roof for the overhang on the side porch. The work was done before the school year started, and it has been functioning very well since then. Brothers have also taken it upon themselves to make contributions to the house. The Bum Room now has wooden floors and surround sound. Other brothers purchased large, house speakers to be placed in the common room.

As the current house manager, I am proud to say that the sophomores, class of 155, and the entire active chapter have taken great care of the house. In terms of future plans, the house does not stop improving. I believe that the infrastructure of a fraternity is one of the most important factors in being a brotherhood. So I say thank you to the many people who have contributed their time, love, effort, sweat, blood, and, of course, money to keep the Xi Chapter standing. As long as you stand with us, this house will continue to stand as well.

In Hoc,
Charlie Yorke '17



Xi class of 2014.

SX Contributes to DePauw and Greencastle

This year, the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi has really stepped up to help out DePauw and the town of Greencastle. For instance, we raised a new high of \$1,300 for the United Way of Putnam County by pairing up with Alpha Phi in an event called Tiger-Stock. This event included music, catering, a dunk tank, and involvement from almost every Greek house on campus. Not only that, but our chapter has participated in a majority of philanthropic events on campus this year. We took second place in Pi Phi's Culligan Ball, third place in Delta Gamma's Do Good Week, and had the most members in attendance at Alpha Chi Omega's Dodgeball Tournament and Theta's Bark-B-Q. Outside of Greek events, we participated in Timmy Global Health's Soccer Tournament.

We have plans to help out at Rescued Treasures,

the Humane Society, Asbury Towers, and assisting in building a mountain bike trail in Greencastle. It is my hope that we will be able to assist any one of these local organizations every two weeks in order to build a better community. As a house, we have contributed more than 200 hours of community service as a whole, hoping to do even more before the end of the semester.

For next semester, we are hoping to pair up with Kappa Kappa Gamma to start a new philanthropy on campus sometime in the winter. I am currently working with Kappa's philanthropy chair to pick a date and ideas for the snow-themed event. Furthermore, we hope to get involvement from the NPHC organizations on campus and with this we will be able to raise more money and create a more unified Greek culture at DePauw!

Alumni & Actives Remain True to Values of Sigma Chi

Old Gold Weekend marked the 155th anniversary of Sigma Chi on DePauw's campus. Many alumni (of various years) returned to celebrate with the active chapter to strong tradition and history of Sigma Chi on this campus.

On Friday, October 3, a barbecue was held at the house for those who arrived early. Actives and alumni alike shared treasured memories together from their time at the Xi. Many of the returning alumni included a significant contingent of 2004 alumni celebrating their 10-year Reunion.

These alumni in particular, along with the other alumni in attendance provided the actives with

a different perspective on house matters and how they handled them when they were in the house. This advice was certainly helpful, as a sizeable percentage of the active chapter is comprised of sophomores who have not lived in the house for more than a few weeks. Sophomore Jimmy Otteson shared his thoughts: "It was good to see alumni come back and revert back to their college selves and share their stories and their career paths."

The weekend provided those who had not returned to the house in several years with an opportunity to see how recent renovations had transformed it.

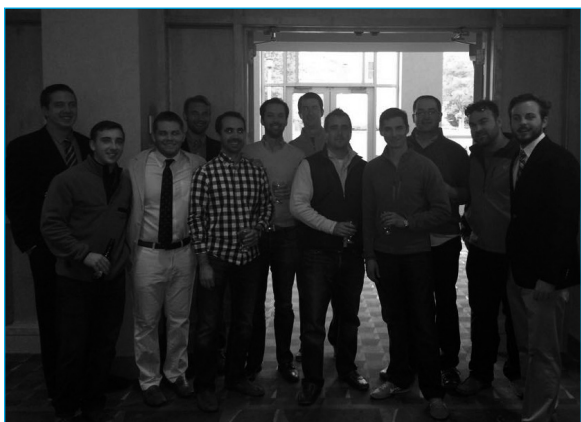


Moore's bar opens early for Xi Sigs!

than ever to be a Sigma Chi.

"It felt like a huge chapter meeting. It was awesome to see everyone sharing that feeling of community and what it means to be a Sigma Chi," Otteson said.

As the school year continues on, the active chapter as a whole took what the alumni had to say to heart. We are trying to implement some of the advice we received from the alumni as much as possible. Also, seeing all of the alumni and actives interact the way that they did over that weekend in early October reflected that this chapter always has and always will remain true to the values of Sigma Chi. The active chapter will surely continue to strive to instill those values into those young men who have the attributes to be called a Sigma Chi.



Alumni and active members got together for a reception and night of drinks, fun, and memories.

The next day, all Sigs on campus met at the Inn at DePauw for a celebratory banquet. Much like the night before, actives and alumni conversed and enjoyed a meal together while the recent accomplishments of the house and its individuals were shared. Additionally, everyone in attendance shared in certain aspects of the ritual.

The ritualistic segment of the night proved to be a special moment for all in attendance as many of the actives walked away from the night feeling prouder

Alumni Share Their News

Thomas L. Turk '58 is currently serving the fraternity as vice president of Nashville Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter, member of Sigma Chi Ritual Renaissance Committee (appointed by Grand Consul Santoli, re-appointed by Grand Consul Greenberg), and Sigma Chi Ritual Master (one of eight in Sigma Chi). Reconnect with Tom at 643 Harpeth Trace Dr., Nashville, TN 37221; turktj@comcast.net.

James Callane '64 retired as athletic director at Kokomo High School in 2005. He was inducted into DePauw University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and received Distinguished Hoosier Award from Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2005. James is president of Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame for 2014–2015 and is a member of Kokomo School Corporation Board of Trustees (from 2013–2014). He was inducted into Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008 and attended DPU Alumni 50th Weekend with six Sigma Chi brothers! Keep in touch with Hames by writing to 2820 President Ln., Kokomo, IN 46902; or by sending email to jimcallane@yahoo.com.

David Callies '65 is teaching property land use to state and local government law students at University of Hawaii Law School. He is writing a book—his 20th!—on public trust doctrine. His kids and grandkids live in the Los Angeles area. David is a member of College of Fellows,

American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP), and American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL). His wife, Laurie, is a professional photographer. He hopes to be back for his 50th Reunion in June 2015! Get in touch with David by writing to 4620 Sierra Dr., Honolulu, HI 96816; or by sending email to dcallies@hawaii.edu.

Larry Walker '69 has been happily married for 45 years. He retired from Washington High School in Washington, Indiana, where he taught mathematics for 41 years (1969–2010). He was also the head of the math department for 31 years and head baseball coach for 24 years. Larry was assistant football coach for 17 years. He enjoys fishing, mushroom hunting, traveling, cruising, and spoiling his seven grandchildren! Write to Larry at 1812 Woodlawn Dr., Washington, IN 47501; or send email to sjwalker7@sbcglobal.net.

David Tanner '75 just retired from 39 years of teaching in public education. Send congratulations to 1549 Nottingham Dr., Naples, FL 34109; davidtanner60@gmail.com.

Winfield Ong '80 was appointed the interim head of the criminal division for the Southern District of Indiana. He is a federal prosecutor with 25 years of experience. Winfield will supervise attorneys who work cases in fraud, (continued on page four)

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Grant Walters '16

public corruption, child exploitation, human trafficking, and other criminal areas. He has specialized in white-collar cases, including the trial of Tim Durham, who was sentenced to 50 years in prison in 2012 after a federal jury convicted him of securities fraud. Send congratulations to Winfield at 8073 Claridge Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Brad Graveline '87 is a partner in the Chicago office of Sheppard Mullin where he leads the intellectual property and litigation practices. Catch up with him at 626 South Monroe St., Hinsdale, IL 60521; bradgraveline@yahoo.com.

W. Bret Baier '92 and his wife, Amy, received the Joseph E. Robert Jr. Prize in philanthropy from the Children's National Health System. The prize recognizes an individual or family who has improved the lives of children through transformational philanthropy and advocacy for children's health. Through their generosity and active leadership, Amy and Bret have advanced Children's National's Health System mission, especially for children with heart disease. They established the



Xi alumni gather at the annual Memorial Day cookout before the golf outing at Glenn Brower's House in Indy. Thanks to Glenn "Oiler" who has been hosting this fine event for the past 38 years! Great tradition and brotherhood. Front Row: John "Moko" Easton '73, Eric "F Lee Bailey" Tauer '76, Glenn "Oiler" Brower '75, Lou Hensley '77, Chris "C-Co" Whittett '75; Back Row: John "Barney" Kniesly '73, Jerry "Jethro" Hammond '78, Brad Sexauer '73, Dan "Savern" Saver '76, John "Muff" Hammond '76, Ken "Burr" Behrendt '76, Kirk "Pudgy Eddy" Hobbs '77, and Bill Simons '75.

Xi House Corporation Corner

In addition to the active chapter's sixth-straight Peterson Award as one of, if not, the top active chapters in the country, Xi Chapter House Corporation was recognized in 2013 and 2014 as an Outstanding House Corporation award winner.

On the financial front, a year ago the House Corporation had \$598,000 in bank debt outstanding. House Corporation is glad to report that the debt has been reduced to \$398,000 and \$66,000 was spent the summer of 2014 for additional Cap ex needs. The debt reduction is from those who have continued to pay their Capital Campaign pledges—thank you so much—and ongoing House Corporation rental operations.

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Please keep in mind for your 2014 year-end charitable

Paul Francis Baier Comprehensive Media Room, which enables critical care medical staff to access and review diagnostic images and consult in real time with experts around the world. Bret has emceed the Children's Ball since 2008, and together they are co-hosting the 2014 Children's Ball. Amy serves on the Children's Hospital Foundation's board and is co-chair of the Children's Circle of Care. Send congratulations to Bret and Amy: bret.baier@foxnews.com.

"My wife, Brooke, and our three daughters—Rebekah (9), Gwenyth (6), and Mariah (4)—moved to Fort Worth, Texas, this past summer where I will be taking on the role of Academic Dean for Covenant Classical School (K-12)," reported **Andrew Elizalde '00**. Send congrats to him via postal mail—3941 Wosley Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76133; or via email at andrew.elizalde@gmail.com.

"All in all a great weekend," reports **Robert Grabiell '04**. "Just good to get back on campus and see how the house is doing and what kind of guys are being recruited. I think the 2004 class thought the current active chapter was a great group of guys." (rjgrabiell@gmail.com)

Hunter Goble '10 interned for the Managed Healthcare Services group at Eli Lilly & Company in Indianapolis as part of the Management Fellow Program at DePauw. In his first of three projects, Goble developed and implemented an internal employee reward and recognition initiative to encourage a more customer-focused environment. He then focused on communications regarding upcoming healthcare reform, creating an Excel tool for gathering state-by-state reform information, as well as designing an infographic that was used by Lily's state government affairs advocacy group, the Campaign for Modern Medicines.

Stephen Hesterberg '13 is living in Tampa, Florida, attending USF and studying to get a master's in marine ecology. Send postal mail to him at 8556 Hunters Key Circle, Tampa, FL 33647; or send email to shesterberg2013@gmail.com.

contributions that Xi Chapter Foundation, Inc., is an approved 501 C-3 and payments or securities donated to it are 100-percent tax deductible. Donations certainly help in our overall debt reduction while also contributing to additional improvements, educational and leadership opportunities for the active chapter.

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, which is certainly in the best interest of a successful Xi Chapter for years to come. Your continued support of Xi is always appreciated.

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XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND
THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

deceased

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE
THE DEATHS OF:

Philip E. Pettit '41
October 17, 2012

James D. Nevins '42
March 12, 2003

James R. Coolman '47
November 17, 2002

John J. Rick '48
June 23, 2013

James R. Cobb '49
January 17, 2014

Louis W. DesPrez '49
January 2, 2009

Oscar F. Yanson '49
October 24, 2012

William R. Watson '52
March 15, 2010

Robert W. Ryan '60
June 3, 2014

Richard L. Waldron '63
January 16, 2014

Robert W. Lloyd '65
April 18, 2014