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156th PLEDGE CLASS

The 156th Xi Chapter pledge class boasts 16 new members from eight different states, including one from India. These men participate in many on-campus activities ranging from eco reps, DePauw media, philanthropic events, as well as football and baseball. Many of the new members have already taken leadership positions in the house and around campus. As a whole, the new pledge class brings a drive that Xi greatly welcomes, instituting new energy into our brotherhood.

Please welcome our new brothers: Ranjit Singh (New Delhi, India), Ryan Garrigus (Oswego, IL), *Joshua Trewartha (Zionsville, IN), Thomas McEvily (Larchmont, NY), Peter Ciravolo (Camel, IN), Zack Wade (Deerfield, IL), Mitchell DeShurko (Centerville, OH), Robert Sherman (Cleveland, OH), Benjamin Kusber (San Francisco, CA), Mitchell Regal (St. Louis, MO), Nathan Niese (Fort Wayne, IN), Nathaniel Reed (Shelbyville, IN), Leland Nelson (Fort Wayne, IN), Riley Thompson (Champagne, IL), Ryosuke Okazaki (Greenwich, CT), and Justin Palmer (Portage, MI).

*Denotes Sigma Chi family legacy

The Future Is Bright for Xi Chapter

Brothers,

I am proud to address you in our newest issue of the *Eye on Xi* newsletter. This semester has indeed been a memorable one, with a great amount of activity from the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi. On March 14, we proudly welcomed 16 new brothers into our order: the 156th pledge class of our chapter. These men hail from as close as Indiana, to as far away as India, and maintain one of the highest class GPAs the Xi has ever seen. Embodying every aspect of our "different temperaments, talents, and convictions," we look forward to supporting these young campus leaders in their inevitable successes.

Our active chapter continues to be heavily involved in philanthropic efforts at DePauw and community-wide. Our philanthropy chair, Nick Polanco '17, has worked tirelessly coordinating events, while holding brothers accountable for their community service hours. Our own Kevin Bugielski '16 also founded the Student Philanthropy Council on campus, which connects brothers and others to organizations that need our help. Derby Days week remains the most popular and successful philanthropic event on DePauw's campus, and we are excited to rally support for Huntsman Cancer Institute and Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Sigs also continue to support organizations like the Special Olympics, Relay for Life, and United Way of Putnam County.

The Xi Chapter is very proud to be one of three chapters nationally trial-testing the Sigma Chi Alumni Mentor Program, of which we had our first luncheon the morning after initiation. This opportunity for new



The Xi Chapter decorated the house before our Winter Formal. We made sure to put up plenty of blue and Old Gold lights.

initiates to connect and learn from local alumni is an incredible one, and we only hope for continued alumni connection and activity in the future. We are proud to announce a redesigned, user-friendly xisigs.org website, where you can stay up to date with the chapter and reconnect with other actives and alumni.

Looking ahead, we anticipate another successful Bal-four Leadership Training Workshop, at which we will be pursuing our seventh-consecutive Peterson Award. With brothers working impressive internships and careers, another brother headed to the Horizons Program, and an upcoming Alumni Weekend, the summer will be filled with excitement and new experiences for all of the Xi Sigs.

*In Hoc,
Grant Walters '16
Consul*



The Xi Chapter attended Indiana State Day in partnership with Sigma Chi Nationals. Our sweetheart, Stephanie Kaye (Pi Beta Phi '15), was able to attend with us as well.

Brothers Rack Up More Than 500 Volunteer Hours!

This year our chapter has accumulated more than 500 community service hours as we close out the 2014–2015 school year. We have created a new system of tracking philanthropy hours, incentivizing participation and keeping brothers up to date about activities on campus. Furthermore, our brothers raised more than \$1,400 for the United Way of Putnam County when we paired with the sorority Alpha Phi for our annual Tiger Stock philanthropy.

Also this year, our house sent more than 15 brothers to New Orleans over fall break to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity. Luckily, our chapter received more support in our efforts by bringing members of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, pushing our numbers to more than 26. We are hoping to keep growing our philanthropic efforts with this year's Derby Days. We have decided to pair with another organization, Timmy Global Health, to create a glow stick run that will hopefully help our cause.

*In Hoc,
Nick Polanco*

*John Jessup '17 and
Keagan Angevin '17
volunteered at the
Special Olympics this
past winter and were
able to take this
picture with
DePauw's mascot!*



Graduating the Noblest & Best

153 is the graduating pledge class for the Sigma Chi Xi Chapter, and while they will be sorely missed in the house, they are each off to pursue great employment and educational opportunities. A couple of men in particular who are doing exciting things next fall are Ty Frost, Parker Schwartz, and Grant Brown.

Ty is an economics major and management fellow, and has accepted a consulting job working for West Monroe Partners in Chicago following his graduation. Ty found this opportunity from fellow Xi Sig, Austin Schile '13. Ty credits Austin for helping him traverse the interview process and says that after talking to Brother Schile, "Naturally, the firm became my top choice." Ty hopes to hone his skills as a consultant and focus primarily on "implementing processes that will give a company the strong backbone needed in order to realize their long-term goals." Ty hopes that West Monroe will provide for him solid professional experience and function as a solid stepping-stone toward applying for an MBA.

Parker is a double major in political science and communications, and is already currently serving

as the media relations director and travel manager for the Green Bay Bullfrogs. The Bullfrogs are a member of the Northwoods Summer Collegiate Baseball League and compete against other premier teams throughout the upper Midwest. Parker has always had a burning passion to work in sports broadcasting and will be calling all 67 of the team's games. Parker states that his responsibilities will vary from "writing press releases, communicating with a variety of different media outlets, managing the team road trips, and working closely with the front office from a sales and management side of the business." Parker found this opportunity with the assistance of Sigma Chis Joe Davis and Brandon Gaudin, who helped Parker learn how to break into the broadcasting industry. Parker is excited to work in a tremendous sports town and excited to call Bullfrog baseball games.

Grant is a double major in economics and Chinese who plans to travel to Nanjing, China, and is enrolled at the Hopkins Nanjing Center. In Nanjing, Grant will be perfecting his Mandarin while simultaneously taking courses in international economics and Chinese trade policy. These courses are taught in complete Mandarin, and in preparation for this trip, Grant is attending the Middlebury Summer Language Immersion program in Vermont for two months. Grant says that he "hopes to gain a unique skill set that will allow [him] to work from the United States and help conduct business transactions between the U.S. and China." Grant studied abroad in Chengdu, China during the fall semester of his junior year and is eager to return.

We wish the best of luck to all of our graduating seniors. You are a class of leaders and know that all of us can say that the white cross has gained new luster by your lives.

*In Hoc Signo Vinces,
Jimmy Otteson '17*



Lucas Jeffries '15 and Ty Frost '15

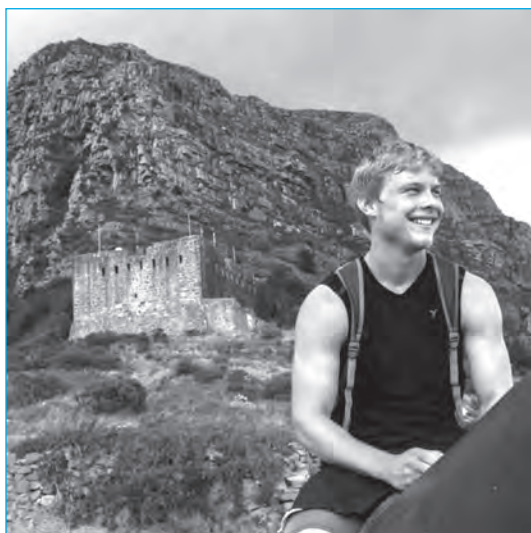


The Xi Chapter spent this past fall break on a service trip in New Orleans rebuilding houses for Habitat for Humanity. Sigma Chi paired with our Pi Beta Phi neighbors for this great trip.

Senior Spotlight: Jeff Schulte

Jeff Schulte, a current senior and biochemistry major, is taking on the ambitious quest of traveling to Siguiri, Guinea, to assist in a medical clinic. Jeff is working toward becoming a physician's assistant and earning his master's degree, but Jeff is taking six months this summer to take his medical expertise to the Lutheran Medical Clinic.

Jeff's Godparents, Rev. Tim and Beth Heiney have worked tirelessly in the area, devoting more than 30 years of their lives to service in West Africa; they are also the founders of the Lutheran Medical Clinic. Jeff will provide not only his classroom knowledge as a biochemistry major, but will also bring his real-world knowledge as a certified EMT. Jeff, the son of



Jeff Schulte during his study abroad in Cape Town, South Africa, during the spring semester of his junior year.

two missionaries, was born in Western Africa and spent the first nine years of his life there. His day-to-day tasks at the clinic will include helping with the ongoing construction and repairs of the clinic itself, treating patients in accordance with his scope as an EMT, collecting basic medical supplies, and preparing educational pamphlets raising awareness of preventative steps that people in Western Africa can take to minimize their risk of contracting diseases like tuberculosis and malaria. Jeff is eager to begin his work at the clinic. In regard to his service, he said, "I have always been passionate about returning to serve in this area of the world where there is so much need."

While Jeff is passionate about assisting the men and women suffering from illness in Siguiri, he would also like to bring awareness of the plight of these individuals back to the United States. Jeff hopes to "have an impact on friends and family here in the U.S. by drawing their attention to an area of the world that has many needs and has endured many hardships such as the recent Ebola outbreak."

Jeff hopes to inspire Sigma Chis and especially those from the Xi Chapter to give back in any way possible. Jeff currently has a "Go Fund Me" account in order to finance his trip and pay for medical supplies at the clinic. If you would like to learn more about Jeff and his service trip, or if you would like to donate to his cause, please visit his account at www.gofundme.com/qhfee9w?fb_action_ids=10152690625347051&fb_action_types=og.shares&fb_ref=fb_cr_n. Good luck, Jeff, and may you ever guard well the honor of the cross.

*In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Jimmy Otteson '17*

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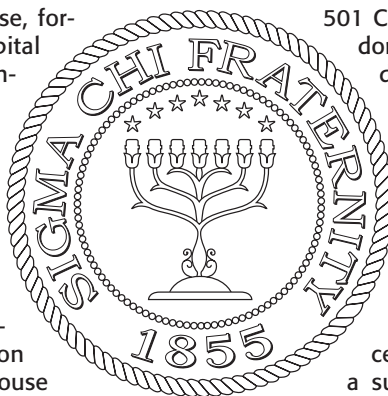
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Xi House Corporation Corner

As the school year winds to a close, fortunately there are no major capital improvements needs to be accomplished at Xi this summer. Nonetheless, it is always appreciated when you keep Xi on your charitable giving list so we can provide for the scholarship and educational resources and surroundings that keep Sigma Chi on top at DePauw, and Xi on top nationally. With six-straight Peterson Awards and a couple Outstanding House Corporation awards, the active chapter and House Corporation are certainly trying to do their part in this effort.

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Please keep in mind for your charitable contributions that Xi Chapter Foundation, Inc., is an approved



501 C-3, and payments or securities donated to it are 100-percent tax deductible.

Thanks to all who have pledged 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.

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"I'm still up to speed and enjoying life as much as possible after 25-plus years of retirement," writes **John C. Melangton '52**. Prior to that, "Smoothie" worked 30-plus years with Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Michigan. He continues, "DePauw Pi Phi wife Elaine died in 2001, and my guardian angel soon arranged my meeting a fabulous Jersey girl who immediately got my serious attention. The only thing we've ever argued about since our 2003 marriage is 'Who's the luckiest?' We both play pretty good golf and tennis on a regular basis, and we've done a bit of foreign traveling, including spending New Year's Eve at the Opera House in Sidney back in '04." John's son, **Jack '79**, has two daughters and lives in Ann Arbor, while daughter Marcia is in Holland, Michigan. She has two daughters, one of whom has two daughters, making John a great-grandfather. "Sigma Chi is pretty important in my family, with my son, dad, two brothers, three uncles, five cousins, and many more through marriages and offspring, all being Sigs. I was fortunate in becoming a Significant Sig, along with DePauw Sig **Jim Baker '53** in 1989, the year I retired." He concludes, "I've been contributing annually to the Sigma Chi Foundation for more than 50 years, and I've helped our chapter many times when special funding was required. I was privileged to serve as chapter consul at DePauw, and Sigma Chi will always be prioritized in meeting new friends, hoping they may be fellow Sigs." Drop him a note at jcm1134@aol.com or 3700 Landis Ave., Sea Isle City, NJ 08243.

A retired educator (principal and teacher), **David C. "Bubba" Watson '55** makes his home at 924 Kelum St., #301, Fairbanks, AK 97701.

Michael D. McClure '64 is enjoying life after retiring in 1999 as executive vice president of the Tennessee Titans. He reports that he meets annually for a weekend with 1964 Xi brothers **Brent Bundy**, **Jim Callane**, **Fred Johnson**, and **Mike Laukitis**. He adds, "**Buck Kipe '64** and **John Mabry '64**, who were in our pledge class, also join us, as does my fraternity father, **John Kellogg '62**. We lost a great brother who was part of our group last year, **Rich Waldron '63**. We miss him." Catch up with Mick at depauw64@aol.com or 55 Triston Way, Miramar Beach, FL 32550.

Congratulations to **John David Cook '66**, who has signed up for his 37th Indianapolis 500 Mini-Marathon event! After retiring from law practice in 2010, he has been active with American Pilgrims on the Camino (APOC), an organization whose mission "is to foster the enduring tradition of the Camino by supporting its infrastructure, by gathering pilgrims together, and by providing information and encouragement to past and future pilgrims." David helped establish a local APOC chapter in Indiana, now known as Hoosiers on the Camino (HOTC). Look for one of his Camino trips on YouTube: "David on the Camino." Now looking forward to his 50th reunion in 2016, he can be reached at ttlaw94@sbcglobal.net or 5225 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Retired math teacher **L. Stephen Walker '69** reports that he's now "traveling, cruising, fishing, mushroom hunting, and enjoying grandkids (7)." Steve taught math for 41 years and was department chairman for 25 years at Washington High School in Washington, Indiana. He also served as head baseball coach for 26 years and coached football in various capacities ranging from assistant coach to head coach for 17 years. He is deacon of the First Baptist Church and works in the food pantry. He concludes, "My wife, Jane, and I have been married for 45 years." Catch up with him at sjwalker7@sbcglobal.net or 1812 Woodlawn Dr., Washington, IN 47501.

"Danielle and I welcomed our first child into the world," announces **Erik F. Tracy '02**. "A daughter, Amelia Rose Tracy, was born on July 5, 2014. She is happy and healthy, and we are blessed to have her." Send congratulations to erik.tracy@gmail.com or 28195 White Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551.

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Robert N. Bills '46
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Robert R. Bartol '55
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