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Still Being Social

This past spring, we welcomed in our 156th pledge class as active members of the fraternity. With them, they each brought new friends to expand the Xi Chapter's connection of friendship on this campus. During Little 5, our friends joined us as Win&Woo, two Chicagoland disc jockeys, preformed at our annual party. Shortly thereafter, the chapter caravanned down to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where we ended the spring social calendar with our formal.

Looking ahead Peter Ciravolo '18, Justin Palmer '18, and I have collaborated on many fun ideas to have live bands, more informal events, and, of course, a memorable winter formal. These events, along with our ever-growing presence at tailgates, will hopefully give the Xi Chapter a great foundation for yet another successful Rush come February. We welcome any and all Xi alumni back this fall for tailgates, Old Gold, and Monon.

Hunter Wilson '16
Social Chairman

An Address From Consul Walters



The Xi Chapter has begun what is expected to be one of the most successful, positive, and exciting semesters in recent history. Returning back to the house in August, the active chapter was brimming with energy in anticipation for the new school year.

Over the summer, the Xi Chapter won our seventh-consecutive Peterson Award, which recognizes outstanding Sigma Chi chapters nationwide. We also achieved Bell Chapter status, thanks to the continued financial support from numerous generous alumni.

The chapter house has undergone some incredible renovations, providing a catalyst for the brothers' excitement. For the first time in more than 15 years, the common area on the second floor underwent a complete renovation. With pearl white and deep blue tiling, the new floor has been a huge aesthetic improvement, as it completely changes the feeling of the room. The Xi Chapter also upgraded our Wi-Fi router system, received a new stove, and (at long last) has colors flying on our flagpole. From a physical perspective, the chapter house is primed for greatness.

The sophomore pledge class has entered with impressive enthusiasm, taking a significant number of executive board positions. Sophomore Philanthropy Chair Ben Kusber worked with the Alpha Phi Sorority to host TigerStock, during which we raised \$1,700 to benefit the United Way of Putnam County. Sophomores also hold new executive positions, including multicultural and environmental chairs, and are setting a Greek life standard with the

impactful work they hope to accomplish. Sophomore House Manager Nathan Niese has taken great initiative with the upkeep of the house, as our former "House Man" Monty Records transitioned into the "House Dad" position.

We still await many opportunities to showcase the active chapter, which include a Habitat for Humanity trip to New Orleans for fall break, and an alumni barbecue before the Monon game. The Xi Sigs continue to uphold the values taught to us through the pledgship process. However, as a senior I can confidently say that I've never seen a Xi Chapter quite like this, with such quality brotherhood and mutual respect for the ritual, community, and one another.

Please keep up to date with the Xi Chapter, through Facebook, Twitter, or on our website at www.xisigs.org.

In Hoc,
Grant Walters '16
Consul



Improving the Homestead!

As the current house manager of the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi, I am proud to say that we have made large strides to improving our house. We have replaced the 15-year-old floor on our second floor, giving the common a new luster. We have also repainted one of our murals, making our common a great place for brothers and friends to enjoy. We have bought a new power washer for our porch and bathroom, a new shop vacuum, and replaced most of our cleaning equipment. Additionally, we were able to fix the flagpole outside the front porch thanks to the generosity of the Parents' Club.

These projects have already improved the look of our house. With the enthusiasm of the current chapter, each room has been improved from painting the walls to installing vinyl flooring instead of the stained tiles. Future projects for the first semester include replacing seven room doors, repairing the back stairwell, and replacing over-used mattresses. The newest class to the Xi has had a great start taking care of our house and will be a great example for future classes. Also having Monty around our house as the house dad, we have been able to repair everything as soon as it breaks and keep our house looking good.

I want to thank everyone who has donated to the chapter and has made all these projects possible. With your continued donations and support, we will be able to make the Xi one of the top chapters in the nation and continue to recruit and produce the men who make our fraternity so great.

In Hoc,
Nathan Niese '18
House Manager



The new tiles in the second-floor common bring new luster and life to the house.

Xi Seniors Preparing to Produce Greatness

As the Xi Chapter bid adieu to a dynamic and inspiring senior class back in May, a new class of 14 seniors is poised and ready to lead. What makes this class so unique, however, is not just the many different personalities and characteristics of its members. Rather, it is the many different successes, accomplishments, and series of involvements that has made this class worthy of recognition.

It has to be near impossible to be involved on DePauw's campus and not once cross paths with Kevin Bugielski. Fresh off an internship with the *Ellen Degeneres Show*, Kevin is a presidential ambassador at the office of President Casey, a social media intern at the Office of Admissions, co-founder of the GOLD Alumni Speaker Series, and the vice president of Civic Fellows. Perhaps what he holds most dear, however, is his work with the First-Year Mentor program as a peer mentor specialist. Kevin has shown a zeal for working with DePauw's freshest faces and has made it his mission to help them blossom on DePauw's campus.

Aiding Kevin as a peer mentor, CJ Cazee just took the helm as IFC president at DePauw this year. A prominent face in Greencastle, CJ is a political science major who also works as an admissions ambassador and presidential ambassador. CJ spent the summer living at the Sigma Chi Epsilon Kappa house as he interned at St. Jude's Children's Research hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Consul Grant Walters spent the 2014 fall semester interning for a video production company in South Africa, and immediately upon returning to campus got right into the thick of involvement. Grant, well-regarded for his professionalism across campus, serves as a Hubbard Center Coquillet peer consultant and a Speaking Center peer consultant. He interned for Weber Shandwick this previous summer and is hoping to find a career in the public relations industry.

Grant sings alongside his colleague Hunter Wilson in DePauwCappella, a communications major who spent last semester juggling classes and an internship in sales. Hunter spent the summer as a supervisor and administrative lifeguard for the city of Evanston, and is looking to get into a career in marketing, sales, or advertising.

Preparing to graduate as an honor scholar, Nico Moorman is pursuing a double major in economics and computer science. He is putting both of these studies to the test as he serves on the DePauw Student Government allocations board and the business manager of the school newspaper, *The DePauw*.

Sam Cole is the coordinator of "Spanish Enrichment" on campus: a community service program where a group of DePauw students go to a local Greencastle elementary school every week to teach an after-school Spanish program to third, fourth, and fifth graders. Sam was abroad last semester for his Management Fellows internship in Aires, Argentina, as he worked for a consulting firm.

Nestled right in the heart of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula was where you could find Michael Tobin. Right up the biology major's alley, Michael interned at USDA forest service's northern research station in Houghton, Michigan. He is currently in the midst of applying to graduate programs to help pursue his hopes of becoming a professor of ecology.

Currently off campus, Mitch Metzger is spending this semester living in New Zealand to help rebuild the city of Christchurch after it was devastated by an earthquake in 2011. Known for his passion for protecting the environment, Mitch worked for the office of sustainability and was in charge of the organizations Ecoreps and Green Greeks. He looks to turn that passion into a career in environmental consulting when he

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Grant Walters '16 with house Sweetheart Liz.



Senior Mitch Metzger and his Sigma Chi professor, Dr. William "Billy" O'Steen (Vanderbilt '89), throw up a Xi in front of a church they rebuilt in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Philanthropy Remains Atop the Docket

This year, the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi has started off its philanthropic endeavors by aiding. For instance, we raised a new high of \$1,650 for the United Way of Putnam County by pairing up with Alpha Phi in an event called TigerStock. This event included catering from Chipotle. Not only that, but our chapter is participating in a majority of philanthropic events on campus this year.

In the upcoming few weeks, we will be participating in Pi Beta Phi's Culligan Ball, Delta Gamma's Anchor Pageant and Games, Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Upsilon's Dodging Domestic Violence Dodgeball Tournament, Kappa Alpha Theta's Bark-B-Q with FIJI, and Kappa Kappa Gamma's Carnival in Bowman Park. With Merlin Olsen's Day of Service coming up in the near future, we have plans to go out into the community and help where we can, such as Asbury Towers. It is my hope that we



Nathan Reed (left), Mackenzie Jones (Kappa Kappa Gamma '17), and Leland Nelson (right) prepare for their Derby Days Dance by throwing up a Xi!

will be able to help out the community more this year to establish a stronger relationship between the town of Greencastle and DePauw. As a house, we have contributed 150 hours already of community service as a whole within our first three weeks, hoping to do even more before the end of the semester.

By the end of the semester, we hope to do more service at Asbury Towers during the holiday times with the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega in the hopes of creating a philanthropy event with them in the next year. 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!

In Hoc,
Ben Kusber '18
Philanthropy Chair



Left: Parents' Weekend was a success this year, and the live auction featured some fantastic prizes thanks to generous donations from the Parents' Club.



Right: Members from the class of 1965 returned to Greencastle to visit Xi Chapter!

Xi House Corporation Corner

In addition to the active chapter's seventh-straight Peterson Award—recognizing them as one of, if not the, top active chapter in the country—Xi Chapter House Corporation was recognized in 2013, 2014, and 2015 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 Corp is glad to report that the debt has been reduced to \$348,000 and \$35,000 was spent the summer of 2015 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.

501 C-3

Please keep in mind for your 2015 year-end 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. 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 and are 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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Robert Sherman '18

Robert D. Smith '50 managed to escape the lousy winter weather of Northern Indiana in Lake Placid, Florida, from January 1 to April 20. He attended his granddaughter's graduation as a midshipman from V.M.I. She is now serving as an ensign of the U.S.S. Essex in the Middle East. Reconnect with Bob by writing to 1518 Medford Ln., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Thomas L. Turk '58 is an active member of the Nashville Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi (vice president and delegate to recent San Diego Grand Chapter meeting). He wrote that he missed seeing anyone from Xi at GC! Catch up with Tom at 643 Harpeth Trace Dr., Nashville, TN 37221; turktj@comcast.net.

Joseph R. Sims '65 has recently merged his community bank tax and consulting practice into a larger CPA firm, KCoe Isom LLP, in order to transition his clients prior to retiring. Joe, who resides in the Kansas City area with Susan, his wife of 46 years, was formerly a partner at two Big Four accounting firms, KPMG (then Peat Marwick) and Coopers & Lybrand, now PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is



also a retired U.S. Navy Commander. Joe and Susan plan to spend more time with son, Bryan, who was a Phi Delt at KU, and nine-year-old granddaughter, Madeline. Joe enjoys singing in the New Traditions Choir at the UMC of the Resurrection, and is involved in other aspects of the church and other charitable and professional organizations. He and Susan plan to travel more, starting with Australia this fall. They reside at 5200 W. 124th Terr., Overland Park, KS 66209.

Michael D. Reed '10 tied the knot with Elisabeth (Jones) Reed (Kappa Alpha Theta '10) on July 25, 2015. Held at the Lafayette Club in Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota, the two were surrounded by the best of friends and family. Naturally, quite a few Sigma Chi Xi Chapter alumni joined them for the festivities. One 2009 graduate, ten from the class of 2010, four from 2011, and three from 2012. A full list of Xi alumni in attendance included: **Michael Reed '10 (groom), Tim Nicholson '10, Andy Spataro '10, Michael Ratliff '10, Jake Weinstein '12, Ryan Bauer '11, Tyler Giesting '11, Darrin Hinkel '10, Marcus Berglund '12, Matthew Maloof '12, Nick Laird '10, Trent Wood '11, Tom O'Donnell '09, Evan Hunter '10, Brendan Belz '10, Nick Kennedy '10, Steven Schliebaum '11, and Evan Henricks '10.** We wish Michael and Elisabeth nothing but the best of luck on their newest adventure together!

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XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND
THEIR NEWS AND NOTES



deceased

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE
THE DEATHS OF:

William M. Horne Jr. '42
April 21, 2015

Donald W. Jones Sr. '43
November 24, 2014

M. Eugene Speicher '43
October 10, 2014

F. Don Luff '45
January 13, 2015

Joseph W. Chope '56
November 13, 2014

John E. Newcomb '67
October 12, 2014

Xi Seniors Preparing to Produce Greatness, cont'd.

joins the workforce.

Ninad Amondikar currently works as an intern in the Finance and Administration Office on campus to help complement his economics and computer science double major. This past spring he was off campus working for the Clinton Foundation in New York, then spent the summer in Philadelphia working for a CDFI.

Upon finishing a summer interning for Geofeedia, a social media platform that monitored geotagged social media, Logan Bertalan is back on campus for his final year. Majoring in computer science and heavily involved in Relay for Life, he is trying to matriculate into the business of designing and coding websites.

Drew Crump is finishing up his degree this semester and will assume the position Associate Director of Admissions for Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis, Missouri, with the new calendar year. His ideal final stop, however, is in the world of brand marketing and promotions. He serves as a brand ambassador/intern for Optimum Nutrition and a marketing intern for Yurbuds sport earphones.

The former Arizona Wildcat Taylor Patterson spent the summer doing an internship in Niles, Illinois, at a small logistics company where he focused on freight brokerage. Majoring in economics, Taylor would like to initially work in consulting or sales, but has an overarching goal to own his own business.

Burke Miller is the lone chemistry major in the senior class. Burke devotes a significant amount of his time to chemistry research on campus and has devoted his past three summers to working at the Heritage Research Group in Indianapolis. Burke is looking to go to graduate school to ultimately pursue a career in research and development.

Medicine is the name of the game for Adam May. Often times found in the Julian Science Building preparing for his MCAT exam, he is now in the midst of finding the right fit for medical school.

Top to bottom, the Xi Chapter class of 2016 is poised to do some remarkable things with their lives. With only one more year left to finish off, all eyes are on the seniors to help push the house to new heights before convocation come May. Until spring, however, their last year on campus will certainly be relished.