



Passing the Baton

This past fall semester, Evan Atkinson spent his time off-campus. His experience was a pretty unique one. Not only was he out of the country, but he was across the globe working for Cummins in Pune, India. Evan worked in the technical center with all of the engineers as a marketing associate intern. Evan was able to attain the internship in part through DePauw's Management Fellow program, of which Evan is a member.

This upcoming fall, Justin Palmer will take up the mantle and replicate Evan's role one year after the fact. Justin brings a different angle to the table as he has a political science background and is entering an internship historically belonging to economics majors. Palmer has always been fascinated with the international scene and is really looking forward to having the opportunity to experience the business and cultural side of India.

An Address From Consul Polanco



start the semester off on the right foot.

Upon the completion of formal recruitment, we secured 26 wonderful men to be a part of our brotherhood. They are management fellows, tennis players, football players, swimmers, RAs, lacrosse players, and an investment club member. We are now more broadly involved than ever before.

Thus far this semester, our brothers have been winning many awards through Sigma Chi. Former Consul Grant Walters won the chapter Balfour Award for the Southern Indiana Province. He has advanced to the next round of applications in hopes of winning the National Balfour Award. Furthermore, Michael Jennings was the recipient of the eighth founder award for the Xi Chapter.

The house also underwent some renovations this semester, installing a new back staircase, as well as repainting our formal room. The new additions to the house have aesthetically improved the chapter and have motivated brothers to keep improving our chapter's structure. Peter Ciravolo is spearheading a project to install a new basketball court on our side yard. We hope to raise enough money through

alumni and parents so that we can have this addition by next semester.

With spring semester halfway finished, we have high hopes for our seniors after graduation. These men have already secured a future at organizations such as Blue Chip, Geofeedia, IUPUI, IU Med School, Eli Lilly, Deloitte Advisory, and West Monroe Partners. Our graduating seniors have gone above and beyond in their time at Sigma Chi, and I am sure they will continue to do so in their future careers.

The chapter looks forward to doing even more as the semester comes to a close. We hope to have another successful Derby Days as Philanthropy Chair Ben Kusber finalizes the details. We also hope to win our eighth-consecutive Peterson Award, hopefully achieving gold status.

If you would like to help the Xi Chapter complete the basketball court project, please donate at www.gofundme.com/xisigs. We thank you for any contributions made and appreciate your continued involvement in the chapter.

We welcome all alumni to join us on LinkedIn by simply searching "Sigma Chi Xi Chapter DePauw." Please keep up-to-date with the chapter through Facebook, Twitter, or on our website at www.xisigs.org.

In Hoc,
Nick Polanco '17
Consul



John King and his band played at the Xi Chapter in March and rocked the night away.



Some of the guys coordinated their spring break plans to head to Palm Springs, California, together.

Senior Spotlight: Mitch Metzger

The 157th Class!

The Xi Chapter left the 2016 DePauw recruitment process with exceptional results. 26 young men pledged and were initiated into Sigma Chi's Xi Chapter this semester, with a variety of personalities, backgrounds, and aspirations. Members of the 157th pledge class come from familiar places such as Putnam County and homelands across the globe such as Nairobi, Kenya.

We are pleased to announce and introduce the following new members of our chapter: Samuel Alder, Riley Allen, Elliott Atkinson, Richie Costas, Thomas Cushing, Greg Fraunheim, Will Freeman, Johnathon Goode, Harry Heitmeyer, David Jones, RJ Klink, Doug Kubek, Drew Lumsden, Taimoor Malik, Drew Monroe, Mitchell Narkoff, Dennis Okumu, Tommy Peterson, Jared Prifogle, Michael Waegner, Grant Potts, Tod Brown, Charlie Nash, Scott McNeill, Kyle Garner, and Ty Hou. Congratulations to our 157th pledge class! We are excited to see what their futures at Sigma Chi have in store.

When couples and families make the decision to leave the country and take vacations or service trips, they are hoping to have an enjoyable trip worth remembering. When Sigma Chi Senior Mitch Metzger decided to travel around the world during the fall semester, he wanted a life-changing experience. To say he got just that would be an understatement.

Mitch is a senior from Indianapolis and is majoring in political science and geoscience. Mitch has always had a passion for the environment, sustainability, social issues, and perhaps most of all, people. Not many seniors at DePauw make the decision to take a semester off to travel abroad, but for Mitch, the experience was more than worth it.

His experience began in New Zealand with the study abroad portion of the trip. New Zealand was his first choice for travel because New Zealand is considered a worldwide leader in environmental sustainability. He took classes at the University of Canterbury and studied political science and Antarctic studies. One of the classes he enrolled in involved rebuilding a church in Christchurch. As it so happened, his professor, Dr. William O'Steen, was a Sigma Chi from Vanderbilt class of 1989.

For his extracurricular activities, he spent some time working for a consulting company called 180 Degrees Consulting. He aided the city council in their rebuilding project, and then went on to do some consulting with Logitech as well.

It was not all studies and work, however. Mitch loves having the opportunity to hike outdoors, and during his last week embarked on a 70-mile hike to Blue Lake, the most transparent lake in the world. Mitch embarked on the journey but as he got several hours into the



hike, the New Zealand fog and winter storms set in. Mitch was forced to utilize some of the survival skills he picked up in order to stay warm and survive the storm as he was trapped in the middle of the forest. Mitch talks about this moment as influential, for he found new meaning for the word "perseverance" in an attempt to stay alive.

After escaping danger and finishing the hike, Mitch then spent the rest of his time in Nepal working on a farm called Her Farm. This is

a place where women who have dealt with abuse and have been cast out by society have the opportunity to be educated and begin life anew. Mitch says this was his favorite part of the trip and that these women have experienced things nobody back home could even fathom. The love and compassion between individuals shocked him, leading him to say: "As evil as the world may seem at times, love really does prevail."

His final week of exploring was spent climbing Mount Everest in Tibet. He mentions that Everest was just another one of the difficult obstacles in his way that pushed him forward in his attempt to accomplish as much as possible during his time away from Greencastle. The experiences he was able to have were, in his eyes, simply extraordinary. Mitch says his biggest takeaways from the trip were that the world is a lot larger than we make of it, and is just so expansive and beautiful. He also fully affirmed that his passion in life is to help people and leave the world better than how he found it. Metzger even has plans of making his way to South America to work for another farm run by the same organization that leads Her Farm. He hopes to continue following his passion and bettering people, and the world, in any way he can. We are all so excited to see what life has in store for Mitch, and we wish him the best of luck after his graduation in May.



Mitch Metzger spent the 2015 fall semester traveling the globe and having the experience of a lifetime.

Philanthropic Efforts at the Xi Chapter Remain Exceptional

Thanks to incredible participation, the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi exceeded more than 850 hours of community service. This involvement could not have been done without the help and enthusiasm of the active chapter to participate in events such as Greek organization philanthropies, our annual trip down to New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity, and involvement in the community of Greencastle by visiting Asbury Towers.

This semester has already gotten off to a great start in terms of philanthropy. We recently participated in Pi Phi's Spelling Bee and will be participating in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash, Alpha Chi's Strut-A-Thon, Theta's Spike it for CASA, and many more to come!

The big excitement for the semester was Derby Days 2016! During the week of April 10–15, the Xi Chapter hosted Derby Days to benefit Huntsman's Cancer Institute and Riley's Hospital for Children. The week included many events ranging from a flag football tournament and penny wars to a benefit lunch at Myer's Market and a dance competition between the new member classes of the participating organizations. Our goal was to raise \$10,000 this year! We used the enthusiasm from last semester and were able to raise \$5,000 for Riley's and Huntsman. We thank you for all of the support and help!

IH,
Ben Kusber '18



Junior Ben Hatchett and Senior Hunter Wilson traveled to Greece during the 2016 winter term. Naturally, they brought their Sigma Chi flag with them.



The Xi Chapter continues to compete well in Little 5.

Xi House Corporation Corner

On the financial front, a year ago the House Corporation had \$418,000 in bank debt outstanding. We are glad to report that the debt has been reduced to \$270,000 and \$20,000 has been spent the 2015–'16 school year for additional CapEx needs. The debt reduction and additional CapEx monies are from those who have continued to pay their Capital Campaign pledges (thank you so much!) and ongoing House Corporation rental operations. Additional CapEx needs of \$25,000 are anticipated during the summer of 2016. There is a never-ending cost/need to maintain the structural integrity and educational usefulness/livability of the house. Thanks to all brothers who continue to support all Xi endeavors to better Xi and its brothers.

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Please keep in mind for your 2016 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 CapEx improvements, and 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 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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Paul H. Lee Jr. '52 was Consul in the fall of 1951, Gold Key, married Suzie (Xi Sweetheart in 1952), and resides in Chicago, Illinois, suburbs. He is currently living at The Presbyterian Home at 56 Knox Circle, Evanston, IL 60201.

Jim Callane '64 retired as athletic director at Kokomo High School in 2005. He received the Distinguished Hoosier Award from Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005. He was inducted into DePauw University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008, and was president of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame from 2013-2015. Jim has been married for 48 years to Jacqueline. They have three sons—Jamey, Jeff, and Jon—and eight grandkids. They enjoy traveling and Florida vacations. Reconnect with Jim at 2820 President Ln., Kokomo, IN 46902; jimcallane@yahoo.com.

Larry Mayfield '67 writes, "My wife, Lezlie (DePauw '66) and I visited the Antarctic last winter. It was an amazing experience to see the beauty in a place so brutal in its weather that no grass or trees live on the continent. Only 1 in 1.5 million people ever set foot there, as it is distant and challenging to get there. We were there at the height of penguin breeding and I got photos of new penguin chicks pecking through shells. Also, for chills, I did indeed take a south pole plunge in water 4 degrees below ice cubes with the lower salt water temperature! Tom Odell (Phi Psi '68) joined me and played guitar when we serenaded Lezlie in November of my senior year while she, having graduated the previous May, visited me for the weekend. We had to let the DZ house know in advance so they could cut off the stereos and hear us. Only two voices, I am sure, were not as impressive as the whole Sig Chapter, but it helped seal the deal with Lezlie that I was such a romantic. Tom and I and our wives just met in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, this past September, only 48 years from that serenade. We may reprise the songfest at my 50th wedding anniversary. Blessings to all!" Get in touch with Larry at 3749 Maidstone Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466.

"Xi Brothers **Mark Ulmschneider '75** and **John Easton '73** joined me and my cousin, Bob, for a surfin' vacation at Ocean Beach, California, this past October," reports **John Kniesly '73**. "We were lined up and waitin' for that great big set outside. Nothin' could stop us 'cause we just gotta ride, ride, ride. After getting rolled by a big wave, we learned to follow the ankle leash to air." Catch up with John by sending postal mail to 5339 N. Park Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Rick Linde '75 reports, "I really only spent three semesters at DePauw, but I remember them fondly. After spending the end of my sophomore year studying in Athens, I went searching for further adventure and transferred to Tufts University in Boston. I returned to the Midwest to earn an MBA at the Kellogg School at Northwestern University and then moved to NYC, which has been my home for the past 30 years. I have been married for 28 years and have two children, the younger of whom just graduated from college. Rick now lives in Manhattan, where they moved three years ago. He adds, "I own a small executive recruiting firm called Chemistry Executive Search and focus on the recruitment of senior-level digital media and data analytics executives. Life is good, as I hope it is for all fo the wonderful guys I knew at DePauw in the early 1970s. My email is rick@chemistryexecutivesearch.com."

"After 17 years with Purdue Pharma, I've started a new career with Pfizer," reports **Eric Baker '86**. "I will be the senior healthcare pain specialist for Tucson and its surrounding areas." Reconnect with Eric by writing to 12691 E. Sonoran Ridge Dr., Tucson, AZ 85745; or by sending email to eb64baker@gmail.com.

Cody Stein '13 writes, "After leaving the Xi early my sophomore year, I landed in Chicago and attended DePaul University. I graduated in May 2014 with a BA in Communications (focus in marketing, PR, and advertising) and a minor in digital cinema production. Following graduation, I began my marketing career as a marketing associate with the Coins Division of the Bradford Exchange. After 12 months of hard work, I was promoted to manager of the newly formed Managed Accounts Department. In my spare time, I still love to play FIFA, watch sports, and hang out with my sweetheart, Krystyn. You'll most likely find me camping and exploring in the warm months of the year—I'm no stranger to music festivals or spiritual gatherings. Hit me up if anyone ever rolls through Chicago—cody.ste@gmail.com."

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THEIR NEWS AND NOTES



Charlie Johnpeter '75, Neil Dekker '76, George Harrison '75, and Steve Erickson '76 represented Xi in Cornwall England for their fourth battle with the Brits on the golf links.

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WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE
THE DEATHS OF:

William M. Clary '47
February 6, 2007

Donald W. Montgomery '47
June 16, 2015

Jack D. Bennett '50
December 15, 2015

Richard F. Maroney '57
December 1, 2015

James R. Hartzler '59
October, 22, 2015

Terry E. Johnston '66
September 27, 2001

William P. Horst '71
November 1, 2015

Carl Alfred Gordon '73
November 15, 2015

Garrett J. Elam '84
January 16, 2016

A Semester to Remember

The Sigma Chi Fraternity has been continuing its strong presence on campus socially. This semester we have already enjoyed a country concert with country artist John King from Nashville, Tennessee, a Red Carpet Informal where we picked up our dates in limos and brought them to the Xi, as well as our spring formal, which is coming up May 7-8 in downtown Chicago. We continue to utilize our common area on the second floor, and in many efforts we have started using the front formal area and board room as cocktail-hour spaces. Alumni, please be on the lookout for information on Alumni Weekends.

We hope in the future to continue bringing live music to the fraternity, and to branch out further and get off campus more often for our informal parties. The active chapter as a whole is still trying to find an informal or large party idea that we can keep for future brothers and for the Xi Chapter as whole. Was there any informal or party idea that was a blast for you when you were an active? Please contact the active chapter on either LinkedIn, Facebook, email, or by letter! We look forward to your ideas and what is to come to the Xi Chapter.

In Hoc,
Peter Ciravolo '18