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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER | NOVEMBER 2016



Academics Remain a Top Priority

The Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi had another successful spring semester following the addition of the 157th pledge class. I am pleased to announce the chapter has moved from sixth to fourth in terms of house GPA, for the spring 2016 semester, in relation to the other nine fraternities on DePauw's campus. Furthermore, our new member pledge class placed fourth out of all new member pledge classes for the fraternities on campus.

The Xi Chapter is looking to continue an academic rise this semester with the addition of weekly study tables for all members of the house. The brothers enjoyed our biannual Scholarship Dinner on November 3, where we had the chance to showcase the importance of our academic performance to many of our professors. We look forward to another successful academic semester.

In Hoc,

Drew Lumsden '19
Scholarship Chairman

The Xi Chapter started the fall semester a little slow due to some issues within the house, but since then, it has been advancing forward through the school year. The brothers are still focused on continuing with our superior academics, community involvement, and brotherhood.

Our newest pledge class has adapted to life inside the Xi, and appears to be more motivated and dedicated than we had originally hoped. Our brothers also had an excellent experience at Balfour, honing in on areas of improvement within the Xi to better not only our chapter, but DePauw's campus.

The chapter house has completed many renovations, such as the new basketball court/side-yard, redoing the floor in the study lounge, as well as a brand-new cold dorm to allow for more brothers to live inside the house. The Xi Chapter looks fantastic, and houses more brothers than we have had in years. We hope to continue improving the physical structure of our house for our brothers living inside to provide a truly special experience.

Our chapter is also proud to be the first Greek house on DePauw's campus to have all active members Green Dot Trained, which is a movement on our campus dedicated to ending sexual assault through bystander intervention. The brothers of the Xi Chapter dedicated six hours of their Sunday to this cause, and we hope that through

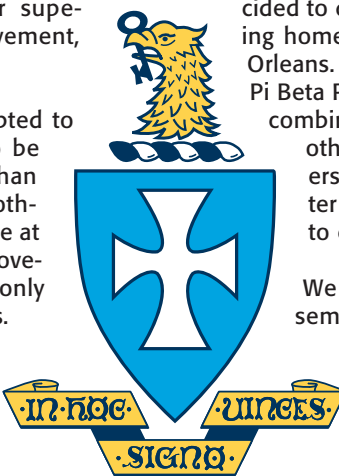
our training we can intervene in situations at DePauw that would put another person at harm.

Furthermore, some of our brothers have decided to dedicate another fall break to building homes for Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans. The Xi Chapter and members of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority sent about 30 members combined to volunteer their time to help others. We are very proud of the brothers involved, and hope that our chapter can continue this tradition for years to come.

We look forward to the rest of the fall semester, and know that our brothers will continue to do great things.

We also hope to see many of our fantastic alumni return to DePauw for Monon. We welcome all Xi Chapter 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



Some of the guys took a picture with the child of one of DePauw's foreign language professors during their semiannual scholarship dinner.



Family Weekend 2016!

The Xi Chapter hosted its semi-annual Family Weekend September 23–24 with a two-day agenda split between activities hosted by DePauw University and the chapter. On Friday, brothers and their families attended DePauw events such as Little Sibs Pancake Bar and various lectures/tours around campus. Saturday morning, the chapter hosted a tailgate at Blackstock Stadium for the DPU vs. Hiram football game. Later that afternoon, around 4:00 p.m., brothers and their families migrated to the chapter house for a silent auction and a Parents' Corporation meeting led by officers Mr./Mrs. Hatchet (Ben Hatchet '17) and Mr. Nelson (Leland Nelson '18). Prior to the night's live auction, we enjoyed a catered barbecue chicken and pork dinner by a local restaurant, Myers Market.

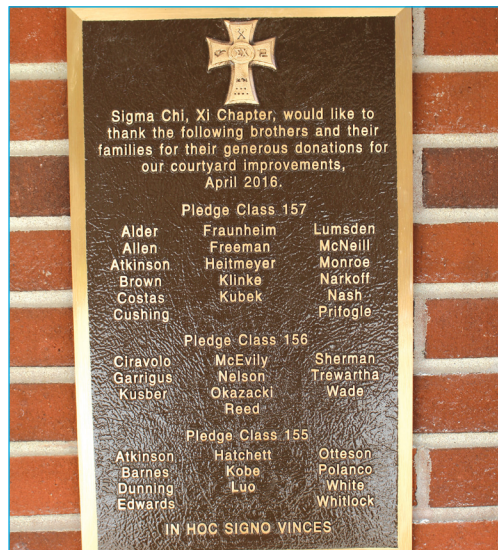
A Xi tradition has been to host a live auction commentated by active brothers. This year, two members of the 155th pledge class—Michael Jennings '17 and Jeff Collins '17—were the emcees for the auction. We raised more than \$6,200 from items donated by our generous families. The funds are for the renovation of the "airport waiting lounge" into a new living room and home theater system.

Family Weekend has always been a great opportunity for brothers to show their families the house and converse with the families of fellow brothers. This year, like any other, was a success and brothers are grateful for the new addition to the house. We thank everyone who attended the event and for the opportunity to form strong relations with not only our brothers but also families.

*In Hoc,
Will Freeman '19
Tribune*



Brother Riley Allen utilizes the new side yard to practice his three-point shot; (right) A plaque was installed on the brick walls of our newly renovated side yard to recognize the generous donations from brothers and their families.



Improving the Homestead

This past year, the Xi Chapter has experienced substantial restructuring to its physical appearance. It started over the summer with several small projects such as replaced siding, repaired a rotten column, and installed several new doors. A large undertaking took place this summer when two walls were knocked down in order to combine three rooms into a larger sleep room. This sleep room allowed for more brothers to live in the house and to accommodate our most recent pledge class, 157th. Unfortunately, this summer a water heater broke, which caused our basement to flood. The flooding caused additional problems, however all damage has been handled, and the study lounge received necessary improvements, including a new floor.

Since the passing of Monty Records (previous house handyman and house dad) the chapter hired replacements—Jason and Mom Judy, now serve as

our handyman and house mom. Jason has been an asset to the house for repairs, as well as a great contact for contractors such as Smiley's Royal Comfort Heating and Air. Throughout the semester, we faced the obstacle of a broken A/C unit in one of the sleep rooms. Smiley's replaced the unit and have worked diligently to prevent future problems.

Other changes to the house include the addition of our new side yard, the repainting of the laundry/boiler room, and we have recently raised enough money to renovate the "Airport Waiting Lounge," or the small TV room next to the dining area. Overall, while the chapter has faced some difficult obstacles, the house is in great shape and continues to improve with every project that has been undertaken.

*In Hoc,
Charles Weber
House Manager*



Left: House mom, Judy, spoke to the parents about her new role; right: Live auction tradition continues; Bottom: Brothers and parents enjoy a delicious catered barbecue during Family Weekend.



Xi's Philanthropic Involvement Excels

This year, the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi started off with strong philanthropic endeavors. First, we paired with Alpha Phi for an event called Tiger-Stock and raised \$1,012 for the United Way of Putnam County. Second, we teamed up with CSC, the event-managing service at Lucas Oil Stadium, and were trained to assist in the admission and security department. Sigma Chis will volunteer at several Indianapolis Colts games throughout the season. Our volunteer hours will translate to money that then will be donated to an organization of our choice; the goal is to raise \$1,500 by the end of this year. The chapter not only hosts philanthropic events, but we also attend a majority of non-Sigma Chi philanthropic events.

For example, we participated in Pi Beta Phi's Culligan Ball, Alpha Chi Omega's Domestic Violence Week, Kappa Kappa Gamma's Campus golf

tournament, Kappa Alpha Theta's Black Tie Talent Show, and Phi Delta Epsilon's five-on-five basketball tournament. On top of that, we participated in a breast cancer 5k in our neighboring town of Cloverdale, and donated more than \$450 to the cause!

As a house, we have already contributed 100 hours of community service as a whole within our first month, and are hoping to do even more before the end of the semester. 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,
Tommy Peterson '19
Philanthropy Chair



Several guys ran a breast cancer 5k in Cloverdale, Indiana, this past October. The chapter donated more than \$450 to the cause.



Sigma Chi and Phi Beta Pi Sorority went to New Orleans on their annual Habitat for Humanity trip over fall break.

Honor Roll of Donors

Gifts received from July 1, 2015 through November 4, 2016.

XI SOCIETY

(\$500 or more)

Mark R. Koenig '86
Michael L. Smith '70
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(\$311-\$499)

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*now deceased

Thank you for your support!

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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.

In Hoc,
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Class of 1966 50-year celebration at Alumni Weekend! Pictured are Dave Cook, Charles Eberle, Dick Weber, and John Pigeon; not pictured: George Vail



Mark Koenig, Jay Stutz, Steve Denison, and Dan Frauenheim brought back house memorabilia that must have found its way into one of their trunks on graduation day 1986!



Brothers from 1972–1977 gathered for a mini-reunion at the Indy 500.

Brothers, We Need Your Help

If you have contact information for one of the brothers listed below, please send it to us in the enclosed envelope or email us at alumnirecords@xisigs.org.

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Undergraduate Editor:
Will Freeman '19

"Of the 12 guys who pledged Xi at DePauw in 1949," writes **William K. Oliver '53**, "all were initiated by the 1950 semester. At the 2013 (60th) reunion, six of us were still 'standing.'" A retired orthodontist, "The Owl" reports that he didn't actually graduate with the class of 1953 due to Korea and the Navy, but that he went on to get a doctorate without a college degree! Bill describes a long and rich history of reunions with Xi brothers. "In 1968 our group of 12 decided to have a pledge class reunion every five years. At our 20th, six couples went to Jamaica; at our 25th, five couples went to Spain; at our 30th, three couples plus two guest couples went to Africa. Then we decided, due to age, to have the reunion every three years. (Our first loss of a pledge brother was Jack Crouch in the year our class graduated.) Somewhere along the way we lost Steve Deer and Ed Kakula. We had one at Greensboro, South Carolina, just before Ray Mattson passed away and one in Naples, Florida, just before Don Busby passed away. There were several others in Florida, including before Dave Vear and George Douglas each passed away. Then at our 60th, three brothers drove

to Columbus, Indiana, to visit with a fourth brother, Jim Baker, just before he passed away. There are five out of the original 12 still 'standing': Phil Davis, Phil Steinberg, Duane Patterson, Frank Shoptaugh, and me—pretty extraordinary after 63 years!" To all of this Bill suggests a bit of brotherly competition: "I challenge any other Sigma Chi pledge groups to top our camaraderie and longevity!" To take him up on that, get in touch with him at billwko@msn.com or 4010 S. 188th St., Unit 104, Seatac, WA 98188.

Thomas L. Turk '58 is still very active with the Nashville Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter. As a Sigma Chi ritual master, he adds that he is working with others to train more Sigma Chi ritual peers. "The goal is to have one (or more) alumni ritual peer for each active chapter." Tom's still living at 643 Harpeth Trace Dr., Nashville, TN 37221. Email him at tturkarts@gmail.com.

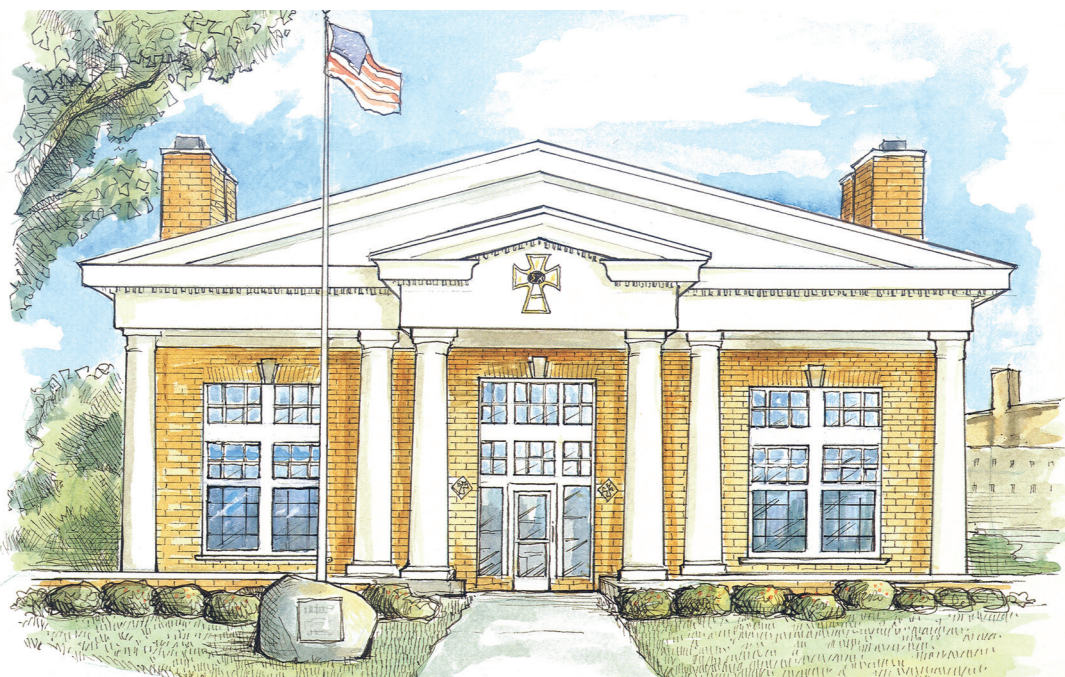
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THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

Sigma Chi Becomes First DePauw Fraternity to Complete Green Dot Training

(excerpt from *The DePauw*, article by Katie O'Laughlin)

After a six-hour training session on April 17, with participation from 37 brothers, Sigma Chi became the first fraternity chapter on campus to be Green Dot trained as a house in efforts to prevent sexual assault on DePauw's campus. Green Dot, a national organization whose mission to eradicate sexual assault, was brought to campus this academic year. Last year, Sigma Chi and other IFC fraternities had the opportunity to make "It's On Us" videos, acknowledging that it's their responsibilities as college men to stop sexual assault on campuses. Although the videos brought awareness to the issue, Sigma Chi decided to go one step further toward decreasing sexual assault by participating in the Green Dot training. "We all well know that standing in front of a camera and reading a script wasn't enough to show our commitment to being part of the solution," said senior Grant Walters, who was the Sigma Chi President when the videos were being made. "We had to walk the walk as well." (to read more visit www.xisigs.org)



XI CHAPTER
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August 3, 2001

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August 4, 2008

Jack D. Bennett '50

December 15, 2015

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March 26, 2016

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April 19, 2016

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May 22, 2016

James R. Hartzler '59

October 22, 2015

John C. Barber '66

December 4, 2012