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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER | FALL 2017



DePauw Mag Recognizes Xi Brother Jessup!

Brother **John Jessup '17** was featured in the summer 2017 issue of *DePauw Magazine* for his athletic prowess in spite of a congenital physical deformity. In May, he traveled to Carmel, Indiana, for his first Sprint Triathlon. As we transition seasons of the year and of our lives, let's take a cue from Jessup to have the right leg for this leg of our life's journey, make the transition—and flourish.



The Future is Bright for Xi

The fall semester has arrived and with it has come an exciting new academic year. Having shaken off the rust from a summer away, the whole house has a new sense of exuberance that has not been seen in some time.

As the Xi Chapter looks forward, the future is, in a word, bright. Our newest pledge class, 158, has assimilated magnificently into the house. In fact, several of our new brothers have already begun taking on key leadership roles on the executive committee and are seeking even more opportunities to lead.

The 158th pledge class will be an essential asset as the house begins to focus on philanthropy. Michael Lapean has stepped into the role of philanthropy chairman and has already helped spearhead two different events this year: TigerStock with Alpha Phi and a Hurricane Harvey fundraiser with Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Delta Theta. These events have been so successful that the hope is to host even more activities before Derby Days this upcoming April.

These heightened efforts on the philanthropy side will serve the house well as the Xi Chapter pursues a Peterson Significant Chapter Award. In addition to stronger philanthropy, we will also be concentrating our efforts on recruitment, academics, campus involvement, brotherhood, and ritual. For ritual, our executive committee has actually been working with both chapter alumni and representatives from Sigma Chi nationals to work

on becoming ritually certified through the National Ritual Committee.

I write this statement as I begin my final stretch as consul of the Xi Chapter, and my thoughts are consumed with gratitude for this opportunity. As the spring semester swiftly approaches, I have to extend a large thank you to my executive committee, particularly my Pro Consul, Richie Costas, and my Quaestor, Mitchell DeShurko.

I also want to thank our House Corp. President, Lou Hensley, Chapter Advisor Trent Wood, and the rest of House Corp. for always being so helpful in navigating the twists and turns that this past year has brought.

Finally, I want to personally thank all of the alums I have had the opportunity to connect with in the past year, be it through email or during a spontaneous visit to campus. We welcome all alumni of the Xi Chapter to join us on LinkedIn by simply searching "Sigma Chi Xi Chapter DePauw." Additionally, we encourage you to keep up-to-date with the Xi Chapter through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and on our website at www.xisigs.org.

Thank you for all that you do to make the Xi Chapter such an amazing place and an even better home.

In Hoc,
Robert Sherman '18
Consul



Sigma Chi and Alpha Phi enjoy another successful TigerStock raising money for the Greencastle community.

There's No Stopping the Xi at Philanthropy

Philanthropy at the Xi Chapter is full steam ahead! This has already been a great start to the 2017 school year. The house has participated in a multitude of events. Some of these events include Delta Gamma's annual Anchor Games, Alpha Phi's annual TigerStock, Phi Delta Theta's Rock Paper Scissors Tournament, Theta/FJI's Bark-B-Que, Pi Phi's annual Culligan Ball, and Alpha Chi Omega's Sexual Assault Awareness Walk.

I am happy to report that Sigma Chi took home the win in the Rock Paper Scissors Tournament. There are many events for the rest of the semester we will be in attendance for. The brothers have been hard at work attending these philanthropic functions and giving back to their local community, and this is much appreciated.

The Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi co-ran TigerStock with the



Brothers Tommy Peterson, Mike Lapean, Jeff Nicosia, Richard Costas, and Danny Costas revel after their victory in Delta Gamma's annual Anchor Games.



ladies at Alpha Phi. This was a great cause where the proceeds of \$1,070 were donated to United Way of Putnam County. Chick-Fil-A was catered and people were dunked in the dunk tank. Participation at these events has been good and the house has contributed over 120 hours already, and we are only halfway through the semester! Building off that, a large group of Sigma Chis and Pi Phis travelled to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the annual NOLA trip put on by Sigma Chi and Pi Phi each year. Participants spent a week building homes and giving back to the people in New Orleans. This is such a great cause!

I look forward to the rest of the semester and plan to achieve around 400 philanthropy hours for this semester. Derby Days preparations are being made, and that will be the biggest event Sigma Chi will be hosting next semester. The Xi Chapter has a lot of good things going on right now that are both exciting and rewarding. The goal is to continue achieving great turnouts for philanthropy events and making sure we, as a house, continue to give back and participate in whatever way we can. Here's to doing just that!

In Hoc,
Mike Lapean '20
Philanthropy Chair

Brothers work in New Orleans building homes for an annual Habitat for Humanity trip this past fall break!

Brothers Expand Their Horizons Abroad

This past summer I had the opportunity to participate in a fellowship with the New Zealand Labour Party. I managed elections in nine electorates between Auckland and Christchurch and organized campaign efforts between over 100 volunteers. It was a great experience that allowed me to travel all around New Zealand as part of the internship. One trip took me to Otago University in Dunedin, where I met up with fellow Sigma Chi David Jones.

I have returned for my senior year and to continue my education in political science and Middle Eastern studies. I hope to work within political consulting or defense contracting after graduation within the next few years, possibly studying law after.

In Hoc,
Nathanial Reed '20



Brother David Jones showcases a piece of Sigma Chi on his study abroad trip in New Zealand.

During the fall 2017 semester, I had the incredible opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Dunedin, New Zealand, studying at the University of Otago. For the longest time, I had always wanted to go to New Zealand due the incredible outdoors and rich Polynesian and Maori history it had to offer. Spending a semester away from campus was the number one thing I had to accomplish while at DePauw, and I'm very proud I was able to achieve what I set out to do since arriving at DePauw back in 2015.

Five months in New Zealand tested my independence skills and allowed me to grow as a person in an environment not familiar to me. I had to adjust to new cultural and social standards, meeting new people along the way. Even though I was the only student from DePauw studying in New Zealand during the fall, I was still excited to gain new relationships without relying on friendships I already had from back home.

By stepping out of my comfort zone, I had the incredible opportunity to sleep on the beach in the country of Samoa for nine days, go paragliding in Queenstown, and learn how to play the ukulele. I also took a course on the history of the Olympic Games, which was fascinating. Trying unique activities and meeting new people was definitely the highlight of my time abroad.

Throughout my journey, I actually met a few other Sigma Chis as well! Having the chance to study abroad was by far the best experience I have had during my time at DePauw so far.

In Hoc,
David Jones '19

Xi House Corporation Corner

I'm happy to report that, due to excellent alumni support, Xi is again recognized as a Bell Chapter, which will ensure the undergrads eight positions at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, a guaranteed slot at Horizons, a \$1,000 scholarship, an educational program on drugs and alcohol, and \$250 in stipends for the Balfour workshop. Due to the generosity of brothers **Bret Baier '92**, **Marty Moore '57**, **Frank Walker '57**, and many others, this is the sixth year in a row that Xi Chapter has achieved Bell Chapter status.

Financially, our debt has been reduced to \$180,000 with full plans, with your help, to pay it off in the first quarter of 2018. The debt reduction and additional CapEx funding are from those who have continued to pay their capital campaign pledges (thank you so much) and ongoing House Corp. rental operations. 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 Xi for the betterment of Xi and its brothers.

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Please keep in mind for your 2017 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.

Your continued support of Xi is always appreciated.

In Hoc,
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Recruitment of the 159th Pledge Class Begins

While the official recruitment process at DePauw does not begin until late January, we have begun our fall recruitment process in an effort to bring in the Xi Chapter's 159th pledge class. Fall semester has become an increasingly important recruitment time, as many potential new members already have their house chosen in their minds before the official recruitment process begins. We are working diligently to bring in the next class of men who exemplify the values of leadership and brotherhood that all Sigma Chi men represent.

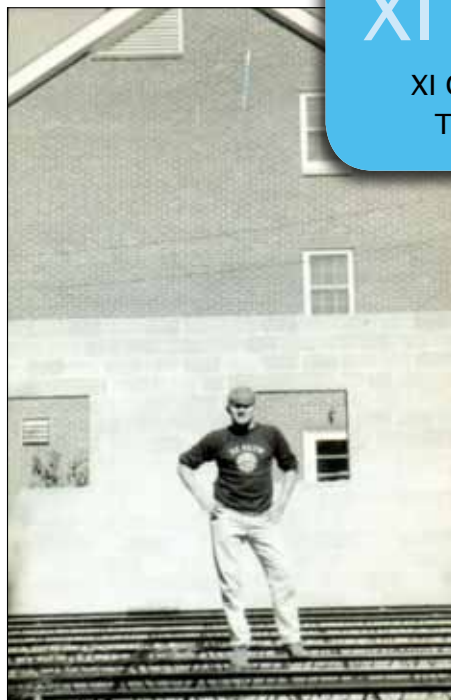
As recruitment chairmen, we have focused this semester on having stronger and more widespread brother involvement in the fall recruitment process. By increasing the size of the recruitment committee and utilizing a new platform to track potential new members, we have already seen a stronger commitment to the recruitment process. We have also seen our sophomores—pledge class 158—immediately take an invested interest in the recruitment process, which has been extremely beneficial to our recruitment as a whole. Throughout the rest of the semester, we are focused on continuing to develop relationships with potential new members through a number of rush events and continued interaction. We look forward to reporting back on the final outcomes of the 159th pledge class.

In Hoc,
Drew Lumsden '19 and
Kyle Garner '19
Recruitment Chairmen

John A. Kellogg '62 writes, "The enclosed picture [below right] is of me taken in fall '58 (my pledge freshman year). I am standing in the living room of the—then—new house. Probably the first taken in the new house. The partial wall behind me is the north wall of the house, the brick wall is the south wall of the Pi Phi house. There was no floor. I'm standing on the metal struts—there were no floorboards yet. I was the house/chapter advisor in the early '70s." Catch up with him at 113 W. Hillcrest Dr., Indianola, IA 50125, or jhnkellogg@aol.com.



Members of the class of '67 celebrating their 50th Reunion at Alumni Weekend. From left to right: **Jim "Duts" Dutton**, **Lee "McD" McDermond**, **Peter "PT" Allen**, **Dr. Dick "Smokey" Hall**, and **Larry "Mayf" Mayfield**.



J. David Cook '66 wrote in May, "Looking forward to June '17 Reunion. Although I graduated with '66, my pledge class was the '67 class. I hope some will return to see how the campus (and house) have changed." Find out how it went at 5225 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208, or ttlaw94@sbcglobal.net.

Robert Sherman '18 interned at Fox News [photo at left] with Xi Sigs **Bret Baier '92** and **Steve Hayes '93**. From far right: Robert Sherman, Bret Baier, and Steve Hayes.



Xi brothers covering classes from '73 to '78 [above] at the 27th Memorial Weekend Golf Outing hosted all these years by **Glenn "Oiler" Brower '75** and his wife, Fran. Brothers traveled from as far away as Great Britain and California to attend the annual Franklin, Indiana, event. If you're making plans for 2018, the outing is always held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

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THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

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WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE
THE DEATHS OF:

Robert H. Shaffer '36
April 21, 2017

Arthur A. Adams '42
March 27, 2017

H. Lambert Filer Jr. MD '43
February 20 2017

Delbert L. Mangas '47
March 18, 2017

Robert F. Ogden '49
October 10, 2016

Robert F. Richardson '51
May 25, 2015

Richard L. Turmail '54
November 1, 2016

Ian M. Rolland '55
July 1, 2017

James F. Morrell '64
January 1, 2017

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