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SIGMA CHI, XI CHAPTER | SPRING 2018



Xi Ends the Year on a Strong Note



Fellow Sigma Chi Andrew Peterson, left, at the Xi house for filming of a speech used in the PBS documentary "Transformation of Talent."

Spring semester at the Xi Chapter has truly been exceptional and we eagerly anticipate the final month together, as Spring Formal and Little 5 are quickly approaching. The Xi Chapter is as strong as I have ever seen it, and we are excited to continue our legacy of leading from the top here at DePauw and nationwide.

First and foremost, I must commend my predecessor, Robert Sherman '18, for his service as consul. Robert guided the chapter through an enduring stretch and worked tirelessly to ensure Xi lived up to our values of friendship, justice, and learning. Xi is unequivocally a stronger and more stable chapter as a result of his tenure. I am incredibly honored to serve as consul and build on Robert's initiatives and steadfast leadership. Furthermore, I am extremely optimistic about the future of the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi, despite the national conversation surrounding Greek life.

The Xi Chapter started the semester on a strong note, as we welcomed 22 new members of the

159th pledge class into our brotherhood. The chapter orchestrated a very strong recruitment process, capped off by powerful speeches by alums Andy Hill (Xi, '14), Grant Walters (Xi, '16), and outgoing Consul Robert Sherman '18. In addition, Xi performed a stellar Preparation for Brotherhood program, spearheaded by our outstanding Magisters Nathan Niese '18 and Mitch Regel '18.

The 159th pledge class is one we are very proud of and one that truly embodies the notion of Sigma Chi being comprised of different temperaments, talents, and convictions. The pledge class possesses a multitude of backgrounds and academic interests, ranging from political science, to economics, to neuroscience research. Myself, and the entire chapter, are extremely excited to witness their growth as Sigma Chis.

This spring also presented the house with an exciting opportunity to be featured on PBS, as the Xi Chapter hosted the filming of a speech by

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Getting Our Derby On: Derby Days at the Xi

Philanthropic service is on the up-and-up at the Xi Chapter. After an impressive first semester, the second semester has many great things in store. Our previous semester had brothers clocked in at 1,000 hours for total philanthropy. This number is rather large because we have brothers participating in all facets of DePauw and the local communities. A prime example is brother Richie Costas '19, a member of the 157 pledge class, who earned the most philanthropy hours through participation in our annual NOLA trip, Bonner volunteering, and philanthropic events run by the sororities. Last October, the house, alongside the awesome ladies of Alpha Phi, co-ran a successful and entertaining TigerStock. The event raised over \$1,070 and helped contribute to the United Way of Putnam County. Great job to all our brothers in everything they have done and continue to do.

The epitome of philanthropy at the Xi Chapter

is our annual Derby Days. The weeklong philanthropic activities began on April 9 and ended on April 13. This year our goal for Derby Days was \$5,000, a goal that we considered very achievable. Efforts to achieve this goal included marketing our Derby Days shirts, reaching out to Xi alumni, and holding new philanthropic events, such as a dinner night at our local Jimmy John's. Our donations this year will be going to the Ronald McDonald House of Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. The whole house was involved the week of Derby Days, which was great for us and for the campus to witness. I had the utmost confidence in this house to reach our goal and expect to have a tremendous philanthropic rest of the second semester. Let's get down and derby.

In Hoc,
Mike Lapean '20
Philanthropy Chair

Senior Spotlight:

Tom McEvily '18

It is amazing how fast our four years at the Sigma Chi Xi Chapter have flown by. As a member of the Xi Chapter's 156th pledge class, my pledge brothers and I have witnessed seven different classes inhabit 311 South Locust Street. Each pledge class had their strengths and weaknesses, but each made their mark on the house and their legacy is strong.

I have nothing but admiration for the Sigma Chis who came before us. The gentlemen who entrusted 156 with their reputation taught us what it means to be men. They taught us leadership. They taught us to take advantage of every moment and become the men we want to be. In the pledge classes that followed us, I hold nothing but pride in them. These young men are our future, our legacy, and most importantly, they are the best example of what it means to truly be a Sigma Chi. I am grateful for everyone who has called the Xi home during my stay here.

Over my years at the Xi I have discovered how important it is to learn from those I've surrounded myself with. There is no better place to learn from others and surround oneself with the very best than the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi. My brothers have made me a better student, a better leader, and most importantly, a better person. They held me to a standard only Sigma Chis know and I held them in the same regard.

There are many in 155, 154, and 153 in whom I hoped to replicate their best attributes. Now, only a few weeks from graduation, I am by no means the equivalent of the great brothers I looked up to, but I certainly hope I have built upon their legacy at the Xi.

Leaving our house will be sad. So many great memories have been

Welcoming the 159th Pledge Class

After writing in the fall regarding our recruitment efforts and hope for a successful recruitment, I am happy to announce that the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi has welcomed 22 new members into the 159th pledge class. Complete with four legacy members, two from Vietnam, and members from all across the country, the 159th pledge class truly embodies Sigma Chi's value of possessing different temperaments, talents, and convictions. Each new member brings a different skill set and personality, which I truly believe will make the Xi Chapter a better place than how they found it. I have been especially thrilled to see the increased fervor around the house since welcoming 159.

With DePauw having moved the official recruitment process into a three day weekend in between winter term and the start of second semester, recruitment has become an increasingly chaotic and stressful time for brothers and potential new members alike. However, the entire Xi Chapter stepped up to put on the

most passionate and energetic recruitment I have seen. While there are so many brothers who made these three days so successful, I especially want to thank alumni Grant Walters '16 and Andy Hill '14 for delivering a speech on the continued impacts of Sigma Chi post-grad during the final round of rush. Their insights provided our recruitment with the missing pieces that made our recruitment that much more special.

With this new class of leaders, I expect the Xi Chapter to continue to improve and to have another successful recruitment next fall. As recruitment process never truly ends, if you know anyone, legacy or not, coming to DePauw this fall, please reach out as we continue to look for the best men DePauw has to offer.

In Hoc,
Drew Lumsden '19
Recruitment Chairman

Why the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi?

For me, it was a combination of the national excellence of the fraternity, the quality of the actives in the fraternity, and the quality of the men pledging Sigma Chi alongside me. I was first introduced to the Xi Chapter on March 6, 2017, by a then-pledge for the Xi Chapter, Jay Klein '20. At that time, I was still a senior at Mountain Brook High School in Mountain Brook, Alabama, much removed from the cornfields of Indiana, and I had no knowledge of any of the fraternities at DePauw University. When I met Jay, though, I met a genial, dedicated leader who I instantly grew to like.

Later, upon my return to DePauw as a freshman, I visited the Xi Chapter many times again throughout the first semester, and on each of these visits I met more and more incredible individuals who were a part of the chapter. Another important factor was that two of my good friends from earlier in the year, Townsend Driggs '21 and Flynn Sheehan '21, both elected to rush Sigma Chi, making it a much easier decision to pledge the Xi Chapter.

Once inside, I can even better see that this fraternity maintains a respectable balance between a dedication to academics and an ability to let loose and hang out—I can have fun with my brothers when my schedule is open, and at the same time I can use them as an academic support network when I need to get my work done.

As for pledgeship, I will say that it consumed a lot of time, and as such it required a lot more concerted time management than first semester had. I found myself writing up detailed plans for each day way ahead of time, which I absolutely had not done before, and that is a habit that I maintain to this day. Pledgeship also not only brought me closer to my pledge brothers and educated me about the values of the house, but the house's actions during pledgeship demonstrated just how dedicated the active brothers are to the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

In hoc,
Robert Krauss '21

"There is no better place to learn from others and surround oneself with the very best than the Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi."

shared inside these walls. I will miss every aspect of living with dozens of my best friends under one roof—something not many people get to experience. But I can leave this house knowing it will only become better with such great members continuing my pledge class's work. The future of the Xi is looking bright.

Friendship, Justice, and Learning in Vietnam and Nicaragua

This past January, four other brothers and I traveled to Vietnam on a school-sponsored trip, titled "A Literary Journey through Vietnam." Throughout the course of three weeks, we traveled the entire length of the country, from Ho Chi Minh City in the south of the country to Hanoi in the north by airplane, bus, and boat. From bustling cities, to



Brothers in Vietnam.

the quiet rice paddies in the countryside, to incredibly intricate and ancient pagodas, our trip was focused on experiencing the breadth and depth of what modern day Vietnam is. Along the way, we read stories about various aspects of Vietnamese culture and even had a discussion-based class on a beach in Nha Trang. Our professors pushed us to think about the country and our experience outside the borders of an American perspective, and it was extremely rewarding to expand our horizons in terms of how we thought about Vietnam. Winter terms are incredibly unique opportunities to engage with the world, and our Vietnam trip was no exception. Even better, it was also spent developing relationships among brothers and realizing that the bonds of our brotherhood extend far beyond the confines of the Xi Chapter, sometimes even across the world.

Grant Potts '18

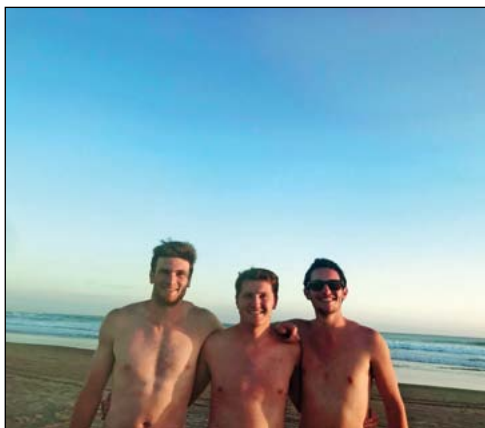
Taking advantage of DePauw's vast number of esteemed study abroad opportunities, I traveled to Nicaragua this past winter term with my fellow pledge brothers Scott McNeill '19 and Sam Alder '19. What was to be a three-week period that included constructing a preschool for the community, interacting with our host families, and adjusting to the new country turned into a life-changing experience fueled by new cultures and new friendships. Whether it was educating the local children in elementary English, or enduring Montezuma's revenge in the ER with Scott, spending time

with my brothers abroad was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had as a Sigma Chi.

It came as no surprise that Sigma Chi was the fraternity with the most representation on this trip, as our fraternity is continually the most involved Greek house on campus when it comes to studying abroad. This year, we've had brothers study in locations that range from France all the way to Australia. Wherever you find a Sigma Chi abroad, you'll usually find a few of his brothers with him as well. This is evident in the five Sigma Chis from our chapter who went to Vietnam this past winter term. The stories my brothers brought back assured me that their experience was just as rewarding as mine.

If I learned anything after my experience abroad in Nicaragua, it is that the bond of brotherhood in Sigma Chi extends past U.S. borders and lasts more than just four years. The lifelong friendships we made with the locals in Nicaragua wouldn't be possible if we didn't already possess lifelong friendships with each other. Getting through three weeks of rice and beans and daily construction work took mental and physical tolls on all of us, but we always ended the night with a communal card game accompanied by stories to try and milk the little time we had in such an educational location. I hope the experience I had with my brothers encourages the younger pledge classes to take advantage of study abroad opportunities, especially if they are lucky enough to be accompanied by their Sigma Chi brothers.

In Hoc,
Tommy Person 19'
157 Pledge Class



Brothers in Nicaragua.

Senior Spotlight:

Mitch Regel '18

As unbelievable as it is, my time in the house is coming to a close. The good news is, looking back, I know that I made the right decision when I joined this house three years ago. I started off my journey as annotator for the house, followed by risk manager, ritual chair, and finally, magister. After running for and getting these roles within the house, each one has helped to develop my character more than the last, something that I absolutely needed during my time in college. It is also something that I will always be thankful for.

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On top of allowing me to hold leadership roles, Sigma Chi has provided me with people who quickly became my best friends, ones who I know I will have around even though we're no longer living within the walls of the Xi Chapter. The house pushed me to reach for my goals, take the leap, and do the things that at the time seemed daunting. Above all else, Sigma Chi has been a family to me and one that I will never forget.

Looking forward, I am not nervous about my next steps after college. Yes, I am going to miss living in the house, always having someone to hang out with at the house, having meals with all of my good friends every day, and all the random little things that make living in Sigma Chi great. However, moving forward, I know that I will still be in contact with my brothers, and I will not have to worry about what may come next.

I look forward to seeing the direction the house takes in the years to come, being that some great young men joined Sigma Chi this year, and I'm sure more will in the years to come.

Sigma Chi Sports Corner

The active chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity boasts one of the most talented groups of individuals DePauw has to offer, including several student athletes. The active chapter features 15 student athletes who compete in six different sports on campus. Many of our brothers have competed in their sports this semester, and have proven to be leaders and key contributors to their teams' success.



The doubles pairing of Greg Frauenheim '19 and Bryce McClanahan '21.



Nick Burris '20

Brother Kyle Munz '20 competed in the NCAC Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 2, 2018, and placed fourth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:21.52. Munz, as well as brother Nathaniel Reed '18, will look to lead the track and field team's distance group as they transition into outdoor track and field season.

After placing fourth out of 29 golfers at the Franklin Spring Invitational, Nick Burris '20 was named the NCAC Men's Golfer of the Week on March 12, 2018. Burris paced the DePauw men's golf team after shooting a 36-hole score of 152, which included the best 18-hole round of the tournament, a 72 on the Saturday of the competition.

The doubles pairing of Greg Frauenheim '19 and Bryce McClanahan '21 have consistently led the DePauw men's tennis team at No. 1 doubles so far this season. The duo has also lead the team at No. 1 and No. 2 singles respectively, and will look to continue their success into the team's tournament play later in the season. The tennis team also features two additional Sigma Chis: Jack Monovich '20 and Mason Lee '21.

The athletes of the Sigma Chi fraternity have made significant impacts on the teams that they have competed with.

Charlie Nash '19



R.J. Klinke

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fellow Sigma Chi Andrew Peterson. Although Andrew is not a Xi (Clarkson, Iota Zeta), it was an honor to hear his story as the second Special Olympian ever to qualify for the Boston Marathon. Hosting Andrew was not only an incredible opportunity to showcase Xi, but also one to exhibit the strong brotherhood that exists within our national fraternity. Be on the lookout as Andrew's documentary—it was aired on PBS in early May and can be found online.

With regard to philanthropy, I believe the Xi Chapter is pioneering charitable efforts on DePauw's campus. This past October, as we do every year, a group of 15 Sigma Chis and 15 Pi Phis sacrificed their fall break and participated in a Habitat for Humanity service trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. This year, the group worked diligently to rebuild a home that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina. It is because of the Xi Chapter's dedication to philanthropy that we were awarded the Dick Hester Philanthropy Award at Sigma Chi's Indiana State Day. Moreover, these efforts will be vital as Xi pursues yet another Peterson Award.

Very truly, Sigma Chis are the leaders of DePauw's campus. Over the 2017-18 academic year, four senior Sigma Chis served as presidential ambassadors, a prestigious group whose role it is to assist President McCoy in hosting distinguished visitors on campus and represent DePauw at various events. In total, eight men across the entire campus were selected to be presidential ambassadors, half of whom were Sigma Chis. In addition, Xis have served as IFC president, IFC exec members, chair of the Little 5 Steering Committee, and president of the DePauw Investment Group.



Sigma Chis participating in a Habitat for Humanity service trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, over fall break.

This May, 16 incredible senior Sigma Chis will, unfortunately, walk across the stage and graduate from DePauw. This group has provided the house with strong and consistent leadership throughout their four years as undergraduates. As they are always welcome back to the Xi, these seniors are poised to embark on remarkable careers at distinguished companies such as JP Morgan, Deloitte, Cummins, Appirio, and KSM. Others will be continuing their education and pursuing graduate degrees at accredited graduate schools. They are sure to represent Xi well in their post-graduate endeavors and we wish them nothing but the best!

The Xi Chapter also looks forward to commemorating its 160th anniversary over the coming year. Please stay tuned for details regarding a celebratory event in fall 2018.

Mighty Proud & In Hoc,
Elliott Atkinson '19
Consul



Brothers pose for a photo while in Greece.



Parents weekend.

Sigma Chi Ritual Master **Tom Turk '58** makes his home at 643 Harpeth Trace Dr., Nashville, TN 37221. He also serves his fraternity as vice president of the Nashville Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter. Email reaches him at tturkarts@gmail.com.

"I could not be more pleased," writes **Mark Driggs '91**, "to share that my son, Townsend Driggs, has just pledged Sigma Chi, Xi Chapter, class of 2021.

As excited as I am for him and the experience that await, I am also looking forward to spending some quality time myself back in the friendly confines of Sigma Chi!" Catch up with him by email at mark.driggs@legacymarketing.com or postal mail at 2145 N. Clark St., Unit A, Chicago, IL 60614.

Having moved recently to Barcelona, Spain, **Patrick Huse '94** can be reached by email at pmhuse@yahoo.com.

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XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND
THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

Alumni Spotlight: Brad Brownell '91

The 2017-18 Clemson men's basketball team had one of the greatest seasons in their program's history. The Tigers tied a program record with 25 wins this season, broke their program record with 11 ACC wins, and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997. At the center of the team's success was Clemson's coach, Brother Brad Brownell '91.

Brownell played on the DePauw men's basketball team during his time at DePauw and immediately went into coaching after graduating in 1991 for the University of Evansville as a graduate assistant. After completing his master's degree at the University of Indianapolis, Brownell moved to UNC Wilmington to coach for Jerry Wainwright, and was later promoted to head coach of the team in 2002. After a successful 2005-06 season



in Wilmington, Brownell accepted a head coaching position with Wright State, where he led the Raiders to their first ever Horizon League title in 2007. In 2010, Brownell was offered the head coaching position at Clemson, and has coached there ever since.

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Roger W. Sherman '60

Robert S. Fredrickson '61

January 20, 2005

Morgan J. Ordman '63

August 26, 2017

James W. Schroeder '64

October 11, 2017

David L. Terry '68

November 27, 2017

J. Steven Robertson '71

February 1, 2017

William F. Geserick III '72

November 1, 2017

Allan C. Martin '72

January 3, 2018

Xi House Corporation Corner

Due to excellent alumni support, Xi is again recognized as a Bell Chapter, which will ensure eight Xi undergrads positions at Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, a guaranteed slot at Horizons, a \$1,000 scholarship, educational program on drugs and alcohol, and \$250 in stipends for 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, debt has been reduced to \$120,000 with plans, with your help, to pay off by end of the second quarter of 2018. The debt reduction and additional CapEx funding are from 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.

Xi's 160th Anniversary

Put Old Gold, October 4-5, 2019, on your calendars. Planning an eventful weekend for Xi's 160th Anniversary. There is a cookout at

the house on Friday and banquet at Walden Ballroom on Saturday evening. More info coming in the near future.

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Please keep in mind for your 2018 charitable contributions that Xi Chapter Foundation Inc. is an approved 501(c)(3). Payments or securities donated to the foundation are 100 percent tax deductible. Donations help support educational and leadership opportunities for the active chapter, along with necessary CapEx improvements.

Thanks to all who have pledged and/or contributed to the capital campaign and/or annual fund. Your continued support of Xi is always appreciated.

In Hoc,

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