



# eye on xi

THE XI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

## A Strong End to a Notable Year

It was a productive summer at Xi Chapter. The week after our annual meeting and DePauw's Alumni Reunion weekend in June, we began gutting and updating both the second and third floor bathrooms, funded in large part by donations from our generous



*The new bathrooms.*

alumni. This was a major undertaking and phase one of our ongoing capital improvement plan. The final result is a drastic and much needed improvement and the active chapter has expressed their sincere appreciation for,

as well as their commitment to caring for, the upgraded facility.

We've also had a busy fall. The active chapter hosted family weekend in September, including a dinner and auction that raised more than \$4,000 for house improvements. Also, during Old Gold Weekend in October, we were pleased to host returning alumni for a barbecue on Friday at the house. Then, on Saturday, we capped off the weekend with a milestone celebration of Xi Chapter's 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary at DePauw University. Xi Chapter is the second oldest Sigma Chi chapter in continuous operation. The event was held at the Inn at DePauw and attended by approximately

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## XI CHAPTER CELEBRATES 160 YEARS



*160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

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100 alumni and undergraduate brothers. We were fortunate to have none other than 71<sup>st</sup> Grand Consul and Order of Constantine Sig Steve Schuyler (University of Arizona '79) attend and speak at the event, along with Grand Praetor, Southern Indiana Province, Scott Inman (Central Michigan University '90). In addition, renowned author, journalist, and Significant Sig Stephen Hayes '93 offered keynote remarks. It was a memorable event and experience for all who attended. The interaction between actives and alumni and exchange of stories amongst brothers young and old was meaningful beyond measure.

Also of note, nearly a dozen of our undergraduate brothers recently donated their time and energy during their fall break building homes for Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans, Louisiana. This has become an annual trip and tradition, partnering with our neighbors at Pi Beta Phi Sorority. It also is a manifestation of our undergraduate's charitable and philanthropic commitment to helping those in need.

Furthermore, we've been pleased to hear how well they have

performed on various athletic teams this fall, in addition to keeping up their studies, as evidenced by our successful scholarship dinner, also held in October and attended by multiple DePauw faculty and administration members.

Thanks to all who have generously contributed their time and resources to supporting Xi Chapter so far this year! We welcome your ongoing input and involvement so please stay connected. Lastly, please visit our website at [www.xisigs.org](http://www.xisigs.org). It's a great way to get to know the actives and follow the developments at Xi Chapter. You can also update your contact information through the alumni portal. If you are interested in serving on the boards of our house corporation or foundation, please let us know. We welcome your involvement.

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*Parents weekend tailgate before the football game.*



*Cole Blackburn '21 with his parents Jim and Noel Blackburn.*



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### SAVE THE DATE

DePauw's Alumni Reunion Weekend  
is June, 11-14, 2020.

Class years that will be honored are: 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015. For more information and to register, visit [www.depauw.edu](http://www.depauw.edu)

Xi Chapter will host an open house from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Sat., June 13, followed by our annual meeting of members at 3:00 p.m. Please join us.



*Consul Aaron Rector '21 with his parents Curtis and April Rector.*



*Senior Mike Lapean '20 and his father and Parents' Club President, Shawn Lapean, enjoy a moment together during fall family weekend.*

## Nick Burris named Athlete of the Week

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DePauw senior Nick Burris '20 has been named the North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Golf Athlete of the Week for his performance at Franklin College's Dick Park Invitational.

Burris fired a six-under 138 for the two-day tournament at Hillview Country Club to finish second among the 59 golfers. In the opening round he was four-under with a round of 68 before shooting 70 in the final round to finish one stroke off the individual lead. Burris leads the Tigers with a 71.2 stroke average over the first two tournaments. The Tigers won the tournament



by two strokes with a 585, which included a 291 on the first day and a 294 in the second round.

DePauw returns to action on September 13-14 at the Benedictine Midwest Invitational at the Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, Illinois.

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*71<sup>st</sup> Grand Consul  
Steve Schuyler*



*Significant Sig  
Steve Hayes*



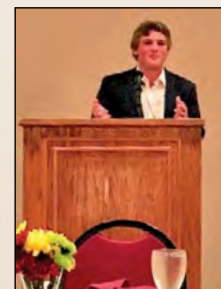
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## XI CHAPTER 160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN REMINDER

### HELP US REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL!

We still need your support to reach our important fundraising goals for the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign, *Celebrating the Past and Planning for the Future*. Your donation to the Xi Chapter Foundation Inc. will help us update the chapter house and support the academic and philanthropic pursuits of our undergraduate brothers, laying a solid

foundation for many years to come.

Every gift helps preserve a place and demonstrate the brotherhood that we all value.

Please consider making a donation as we celebrate our legacy and plan for our future by returning the enclosed pledge form.

Xi Chapter Foundation Inc. is an approved

501(c)(3) charitable organization established for the purposes of raising and investing funds for capital projects, educational programs, and scholarships benefiting Xi Chapter.

Thank you to our alumni brothers who have already contributed to the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign!

# eye on xi alumni

XI CHAPTER ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS AND NOTES

"Life is good!" declares **Len Huck '43**, who wrote in July with an account of his upcoming plans. "My wife, Suzanne, and I are spending our 30<sup>th</sup> summer in our home at Forest Highlands in Flagstaff, Arizona. At ages 96 and 95, we look forward to our 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on July 26, on which date we join friends for a cruise on the Columbia and Snake rivers, on the trail of Lewis and Clark. Then, in late August, we will host our three children and spouses plus seven grandchildren with five spouses at the Wildflower Lodge in Jackson Hole, Wyoming." Find out more by contacting Len at lhuck@cox.net or 7501 E. Thompson Peak Pkwy., #520, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. Len is a retired president of Valley National Bank of Arizona.

**Ed Tolle '55** reports that he retired after 30 years with United Airlines, 10 years with Exxon, and four years as a USAF pilot. "Great job!" he adds. Catch up with "Rabbit" at hedwardtolle55@gmail.com or 3000 Garlands Lane, Unit 3108, Barrington, IL 60010.

We extend heartfelt condolences to **Tom Turk '58**, whose "sweetheart" passed away on June 18 last year, "just four weeks shy of our

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary." He writes, "We had just sold our long-time home in Nashville's Bellevue area, so I have moved to a retirement community in nearby Brentwood." Tom is still active with the Nashville Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi and was chapter delegate to the 2019 Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City. Tom's new address is 108 Wheatfield Circle, Apt. E128, Brentwood, TN 37027. Email reaches him at tturkarts@gmail.com.

A change facilitator, **Richard "Rock" Klein '69** writes, "Most people only want to know that which stimulates their curiosity about values that they model with their own levels of self-disclosure and courageous vulnerability." He adds that he's available by phone to reconnect and answer any questions. He was looking for contact info for **Cliff Taylor '69** (5219 Bancroft Heights, Colorado Springs, CO 80906), **David Price '71** (2S202 Hawthorne Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189), **Dean Samuel '69** (10911 E. Kingwood Dr., Effingham, IL 62401; dean\_samuel@yahoo.com), and **Rick Velde '69** (15548 Monterosso Lane, Unit 102, Naples, FL 34110; frederickvelde@gmail.com). Rock makes his home at 1658 Tucson Way NE, Bend, OR

## deceased

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE  
THE DEATHS OF:

**Henry Lewis '50**  
November 28, 2019

**Philip L. Atteberry '70**  
September 22, 2002

97708. Email him at rockklein@gmail.com.

Retired physician **Jack Payne '69** (he prefers '68.5) writes, "Practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 37 years in Hinsdale/LaGrange Hospital and loved every minute." Pam and Jack have three daughters, Kate, Kristin, and Jackie. "My wonderful son Billy passed away last year at the age of 33." Although he's retired from active practice, Jack is doing some consulting at the hospital for patient safety and quality. Reach him at bigstork@yahoo.com or 21 Spinning Wheel Rd., Apt. 18L, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

## Hobbs Takes Honors in 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Xi Alumni Golf Outing

By John Kniesly '73

The afternoon of Friday, October 4, was warm and sunny, and 13 Xi alumni took full advantage, teeing off at a challenging Tiger Pointe Country Club for the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi Golf Outing. When the hooking and slicing was

were not turned in, and they were rumored to have "retired" after nine holes and dozens of lost golf balls.

**Duane "Pat" Patterson '53** led his posse of **Glenn Brower '75**, **Dave Harrison '75**, and **Barry "Boris" Cesafsky '76** up and down the hilly course. Unable to interest his weary

all the richer for their efforts.

Club Pro Larisa Luloff (DPU '19 and NCAA DIV III Women's Golfer of the Year) saw to it that the Sigma Chis were properly registered, assigned carts, and directed to the first tee! Tiger Pointe owner and mid-'60s DPU grad Lee Tenzer treated his Xi customers on the

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over, it was **Kirk Hobbs '77** atop the leader board with a score of 72. On his heels was his playing partner and classmate, **Paul Kruse '77**, just two strokes behind.

The class of 1970 foursome of **Steve Holt**, **Dick Kraege**, **Mike Smith**, and **Bo Walker** was late off the tee as a result of Walker searching fruitlessly for directions to Windy Hills C.C. on MapQuest. Scores for this group

golftates in a little two on two basketball afterward, Pat took a short run followed by weight training, and rejoined his new friends at the Brotherhood Barbeque.

**John Easton '73** and **John Kniesly '73** joined golfer **Mike Davis '74** and coach/rules interpreter **John Hermeling '74** for the final foursome. All three golfers carded "respectable scores," and rules interpreter Hermeling was

patio to a refreshing drink or two afterward.

Ten years ago, only four golfers—**Denny Stidham '71**, **Charlie Johnpeter '75**, Easton, and Kniesly—squished through a soggy 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Xi Open. Our numbers are on the upswing! Look for announcements of future Xi alumni golf outings in advance of chapter celebrations and join in the fun!