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INITIATES, ALUMNI, AND CHAPTER HONORED

- Xi Xi Receives Peterson Outstanding Award One Year after Reinstatement
- 32 New Member Class Welcomed into Xi Xi Chapter
- Nearly 60 Alumni Gathered for New Member Initiation and Honoring of Two Brothers

Nearly 60 alumni gathered for initiation and to honor **Phil Walters '59** and **John Walker '60** as they received the Order of Constantine and Significant Sig Awards. Fourteen young men were initiated into the bonds of Sigma Chi this year.

Second Annual Alumni Golf Tournament a Success

The weather was great, the golfing was below par, and a great time was had by all. **Clayton Burnett '01** organized the tournament, so it was only natural that his team won it, too. You can appeal the results, but unfortunately the deadline on all appeals was yesterday. After the golf tournament, it was time to prepare for the Tiger football game and tailgate parties outside the stadium. The Tigers faced Southeast Missouri State in the season opener with a 52-3 win.



A group of alumni recently gathered in Florida for a day of golfing and reminiscing.

Xi Xi Honored for Grades, Campus Leadership, Philanthropy, and Alumni Relations

One year to the day after Xi Xi was reinstated at the University of Missouri, they received the Peterson Outstanding Chapter Award. This is truly a tribute to our fine group of young men. The award, named for 38th Grand Consul **J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19**, recognizes excellence in all major areas of operations, including grades, campus leadership, philanthropy, and alumni relations.



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(Left) John Walker '60 receives the Significant Sig Award from Sigma Chi Foundation Director of Major Gifts Steve Pracht. John received the award for his accomplishments in business, charitable giving, and service to the fraternity. (Right) Phil Walters '59 receives the Order of Constantine from Sigma Chi Foundation Director of Major Gifts Steve Pracht. "It is a great honor to have been selected as a Constantine Sig. The response from the alumni and the young men who were at Xi Xi when I was advisor has been very gratifying," said Phil.

SAVE THE DATE

Xi Xi Returns
Grand "All Classes" Sig Reunion
May 9-10, 2009

More details coming this winter

Xi Xi Leads in Academics, Philanthropy, and Intramurals

- Chapter Ranked in Top Three Fraternities on Campus for Academics
- Philanthropic Events Give Brothers Leadership Opportunities
- 2008 Intramurals Off to a Successful Start

Sigma Chi has started its ascension to the top of the Greek community at the University of Missouri. With a 32-man new member class and a G.P.A. ranking in the top three fraternities on campus, Xi Xi is bringing back the fraternal success Sigma Chi experienced in its 112-year history at Mizzou.

Although the collegiate year has just begun, we have already participated in two sorority philanthropies and look forward to many more. In addition to our participation in other Greek philanthropies, we plan to expand Derby Days and continue the Sigma Chi tradition of being the preeminent philanthropic leader on Mizzou's campus.

After rolling over the competition in the intramural C-division last year, we have been bumped up to B and are having success in all

forms of athletics, including football, soccer, basketball, racquetball, ultimate Frisbee, and softball.

As we embark on another great year at the University of Missouri, we would like to thank you, our valued alumni, for your support. We would not be where we are today without your dedication and loyalty. Stop by the house and visit us; we would love to see you.

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SECOND ANNUAL XI XI GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Weekend Filled with Great Weather, Amazing Golf Game, and Reminiscing



Brothers of all ages were greeted with a warm welcome at the second annual Xi Xi golf tournament and reunion. Plans for next year's annual tournament and reunion are underway and headed by Clayton Burnett '01 and Kevin Deptula '01.

44 Brothers Attended Golf Tournament and Reunion

We couldn't have asked for a better day for the second annual Xi Xi golf tournament and reunion. A big thank-you to all of those who attended. Forty-four brothers were

treated to great weather, great golf on an amazing golf course, and the opportunity to rekindle the bond of brotherhood.

Congratulations, Golf Tournament Champions

The team that won first place overall with a stellar 58 included **Matt Timme '02**, **Matt Ward '04**, **Jake Pohl '01**, and me. Second place with a 60 was **Eric Fritsche '01**, **Elliott Fritsche '04**, **Kevin Deptula '01**, and **Zach Davis '05**. **Jeff Jobe '04** earned first place for closest to the pin and **John Walker '60** came in second. **Joe Bednar '76** had the longest putt and I had the longest drive.

Plans Underway for Next Year's Golf Tournament

Plans have already begun for next year's golf tournament and reunion. We were fortunate this year to have the game pushed back to 6 p.m., allowing more time to golf. Something we might want to consider is moving next year's tournament to the spring. Most graciously, Brother **Kevin Deptula '01** has offered to assist me with planning next year's event. Again, we'll try to keep the cost down and possibly invite the active chapter to join us. Ideally, we'd like to sell out the course with approximately 120 to 144 players, making a very fun and unusual golf tournament. Our goal is to make this the preeminent

Sigma Chi event to attend for the year. We can only make this possible with your help and input. As we grow, we'll start to include hole sponsors, prizes, and contests before and during the golf tournament. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions for our future tournaments. Please spread the word and tell every brother you know how good of a time you had at this year's event.

Alumni Reunion Ended with Another MU Victory

Following the tournament, we were all treated to another MU victory and the spoils of Columbia's night life. You all should have seen **George Gale '54** dancing around 12:30 a.m.; he still has moves!

A Special Thank-You

Many thanks to **Scott Priesmeyer '95** and N.H. Scheppers' Distributing for donating the beverages, **Paul Spearing '09** from the undergraduate chapter who helped with the shirt order, and **Jake Pohl '01** for helping the morning of the tournament.

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YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO SIGMA CHI

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MCCANSE BROTHERS RAY '39, ANDY '49, AND THAD '49

Written by George Gale '54

The convergence of the McCanse brothers in the 1940s is a unique bit of lore in itself. The fact that two of the three brothers are still involved with our chapter is even more remarkable.



Xi Xi is truly blessed to have the McCanse name on its rolls.

Ray McCanse '39 arrived in Columbia in 1936 and was expected to pledge Beta but, in an epiphany of good sense, shocked the family by selecting Sigma Chi. Ray attended medical school and a two-year course of study before entering the Navy and participating in the landing on Ie Shima in World War II.

Andy McCanse '49 entered the university at the age of 16 and decided to become a member after living at the chapter house during summer school. He later joined the Army, serving as regimental surgeon for the 19th Infantry in Korea. Today his one bow to military-like formality is to don kilts for special occasions, which mystifies Thad who claims, "My blood brother is Scottish, but I am not."

Thad McCanse '49 had a unique path to Xi Xi and succumbed to a friend's encouragement to join the 203rd National Guard reserve band, being told they would head to sunny Florida for duty. When Thad answered that he did not play an instrument, he was reassured the band only played two numbers and if he could carry a glockenspiel, no one would notice his deficiencies until he had some sense of the instrument and songs. Thad mastered the saxophone and the unit went to Minnesota;

quite different from sunny Florida. Shortly after, they were shipped to Alaska to defend the Aleutian Islands. At age 26, Thad arrived at the university shortly after Andy and, with the GI Bill providing him tuition, found himself standing in the dean's office with no place to live. Recognizing the location of his brother, the

dean called the Sigma Chi house and Thad pointed himself toward the chapter house.

Andy became a general surgeon and coroner in Kansas City while Thad went into practice mainly as a defense attorney. A tragedy occurred when Ray was killed in an auto accident some years later. When Andy and Thad retired, they began serving on the House Corporation. Andy is the focal point for communication to our alumni base and has been a consistent attendee at meetings and social events. He also advises the chapter in alumni communications. Thad has served as secretary for the Central Missouri Alumni Association. Always ready to bring a bit of spice to his reports, the reading of his minutes was the highlight of many gatherings.

The finest example of the McCanse brothers' dedication to the chapter was shown during an alumni workday at the chapter house. Nearing age 90, Thad showed up with painting equipment in hand. Had Ray not died, there is little doubt that he, just shy of 95, would be there alongside Thad and Andy. Xi Xi is truly blessed to have the McCanse name on its rolls.



The first place team, including Matt Timme '02, Matt Ward '04, Clayton Burnett '01, and Jake Pohl '01, shot a 58 at the second annual Xi Xi golf tournament and reunion. The second place teammates, scoring a 60, were Eric Fritsche '01, Elliott Fritsche '04, Kevin Deptula '01, and Zach Davis '05. Jeff Jobe '04 came in first for closest to the pin, and John Walker '60 was second. Joe Bednar '76 had the longest putt and Clayton Burnett '01 had the longest drive.



Forty-four brothers took part in the Xi Xi golf tournament and reunion. After a great game of golf, they cheered on the Missouri Tiger football team to another victory.

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Xi Xi Says Farewell to Dedicated Alumnus

In Memory of
PAUL YEOMAN '55

Paul Yeoman '55 passed away October 4, 2008, after a battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was a devoted member of Sigma Chi and will be remembered for his lifelong dedication to the fraternity. He served several years as director of the House Corporation, founded Xi Xi's 500 Club, and originated monthly luncheons for Kansas City Sigma Chi alumni.

Paul was born June 20, 1932, in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Rockhurst High School and made his way to the University of Missouri to obtain a bachelor of arts degree in history. He married Jo Ann Kaiser in 1956 and they had two children, Ann Leslie and Paul David III. He served as first lieutenant for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps then began working for Spencer Chemical Company after being discharged. Paul worked in sales and marketing for several companies, including Keystone Chemical Company, Gulf Oil, Robo Car Wash, Rickel Industries, and was co-founder and president of The Condo Network.

Paul enjoyed tennis, golf, and travel. He was a past member of Indian Hills Country Club, a volunteer at St. Mary's Food Kitchen, and an active member of St. Ann's Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lucille Yeoman. He is survived by Jo Ann, daughter Ann and her husband, Chris Wyrick, son Paul and his wife, Debbi, granddaughter Hannah, and his faithful dogs, Mac and Katie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sigma Chi Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 22548, Kansas City, MO 64113-2548.

ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**House Corporation
Board Meeting**
January 24
500 S. College

**Mother's Club
Scholarship Awards
Banquet**
April 3-4
Alumni Center

**Central Missouri
Alumni Luncheon**
Second Wednesday of
Every Even Month
Boone Tavern, 811 E.
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"All Classes" Reunion
May 9-10
Hears Center Fieldhouse
More details to come



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ALUMNI UPDATE

Chapter Eternal

T. Conway Leary '44, Leawood, Kan., entered Chapter Eternal.

Charles R. Stephenson '46, Scottsdale, Ariz., entered Chapter Eternal.

Robert C. Scott '48, Orlando, Fla., entered Chapter Eternal in May 2008.

Wade LaDue '57 was in the U.S. army, including two years in Vietnam. Distinguished service awards include the Wing Cross, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, A112 Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, defense department meritorious service medal, and others. Wade and his wife, Gloria, live in Independence, Mo. E-mail: t9r57@earthlink.net

Bob M. Lindholm '57 works on photographs and articles about conservation. He has been the owner of Photographs for the Outdoors since 1995. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Lindsborg, Kan., and have four daughters: Melissa, Christina, Kristin, and Lisa. E-mail: rmlphoto@alltell.net

Alumni News

Robert G. Neel '48 is president and owner of Woodlawn Cemetery and past president of Orlando Chamber of Commerce, Central Florida Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter, Rotary Club of Orlando, and Heart of Florida United Way. He lives in Orlando, Fla., and has four children: Asher, Robin, Nancy, and David. E-mail: rneel@cfl.rr.com

James D. Coe '58 is puttering around the house, landscape painting, N gauge model railroading, and enjoys fishing when he can work it in.