



# THE TIGER SIG



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## Providing Extraordinary Opportunities for Xi Xi Brothers

- Undergraduate Brothers in Top Five of Academics with 3.01 G.P.A.
- All-Classes Sig Reunion May 8-10

**“We** are known on campus as the no-hazing house,” said Consul **Dan Patterson '10**. At the Greek leadership retreat in January, Sigma Chi was recognized as a positive example for other chapters that have hazing problems. “When hazing is the culture, each pledge class becomes its own mini-fraternity,” said Alumni Advisory Board Pledge and Ritual Advisor **Andy Kassel, Western Illinois '95**.

Other fraternities may look down on Sigma Chi as the no-hazing house, but they “dislike it when we dominate intramurals because they have four separate groups within their house, and we have one unified force.” These comments were made at the Alumni Advisory board meeting on February 7. The role of the Alumni Advisory board is to mentor the chapter officers and provide alumni oversight. Chapter Advisor **Clayton Burnett '01** heads the Alumni Advisory board with assistance from **Kevin Schlitzer '85**.

### Chapter Excels in Academics

In grades, Xi Xi is the only chapter on campus that puts its money where its mouth is and it definitely shows. Xi Xi is in the top five of grades with a 3.01 G.P.A.; not too far from a 3.2 that would place brothers in first place on campus. Nearly \$20,000 per semester is given in scholarship funds from **Bob Jackson '64, Barry Mansur '64**, and the **Honorable Ike Skelton '53**.

### House Corporation to Address Housing Needs

The brothers are taking good care of our 82-year-old home. They have developed a system so all members are putting in the daily effort to make sure 500 College shines. However, the infrastructure of the building continues to age. This year, the House Corporation has had to make major boiler repairs and patch a gas leak that resulted in two days of no hot water or heat for the brothers. This summer we will be doing pipe work within walls and other necessary projects, but we cross our fingers for a few more years of use from our 37-year-old water heater and 52-year-old roof. We know as a House Corporation we are not offering a competitive housing option and we need to address this soon.

### Undergraduate Members Dominate Intramurals

Xi Xi moved up from division III intramurals (new chapters on campus/small organizations) to division II last year (medium-sized chapters) and dominated with a first-place finish. Next year, the chapter will move up to division I and compete against chapters such as Beta, Phi Kap, and Ag Rho. We have top high school talent from around the state in football, soccer, and other sports. Xi Xi Chapter anticipates nearly 90 men to live in the house next fall, making the total membership 110. Betas beware!



*Xi Xi Brothers at the Sigma Chi scholarship dinner who achieved a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher during the fall semester.*

### Fire Investigation Underway

As I had previously written, a small fire occurred on February 22 that resulted in \$1,500 worth of damage to a window sill on the third floor. The House Corporation and chapter has a strict policy that no alcohol, drugs, or smoking of any kind is permitted within the house. The undergraduate members and House Corporation are performing an investigation into the fire.

### 31 New Members Join the Xi Xi Chapter

My brothers, our beloved Xi Xi is back! The pledge class of '09 consists of 31 new members. There are nine legacies, including the grandson of **J. Dwight Peterson, Indiana '19**, Dan Ravensburg. I am honored to say that these brothers earned a 3.24 G.P.A. These men were initiated January 17 in a very moving ceremony that featured Bruce Casner from the International Fraternity Headquarters.

**It Is Not Too Late  
Plan to See Your Brothers and  
Sweethearts in Columbia**

May 8-10  
All-Classes Sig Reunion

Join us in celebrating the new era of our chapter!  
*See more details on last page*



I look forward to seeing you at the May 8-10 all-classes reunion celebration. I am very proud to be a Sig!

In hoc,  
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# Brothers Excel in Academics, Recruitment, and Campus Activities

- Xi Xi Draws Largest New Member Class Since Recharter
- Brothers Raise Nearly \$3,000 for Children's Miracle Network and Huntsman Foundation

Over the last several years, Xi Xi has grown considerably from a mere 28 members to a strong 84 active brothers and four new members. Though we are settled nicely at 500 South College, there has been little downtime for our young chapter.

## 31 NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED TO XI XI

On January 17, we initiated 31 new members, marking the largest pledge class since the recharter. We are honored to call these men our brothers and look forward to their leadership. They have exceeded our expectations and are representing Xi Xi very well.

## MEMBERS REMAIN ACTIVE THROUGHOUT CAMPUS

After an exciting Homecoming with the women of Phi Mu, the chapter has been paired with Delta Gamma for the upcoming Greek Week competition and blood drive. In the fall semester, we participated in Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, and Zeta Tau Alpha philanthropies and placed first in Zeta Tau Alpha's Rock the Ribbon event.



*The intramural soccer team after a victory on the field.*

Derby Days was a huge victory this year with six sororities participating in the events. The main events for the week included a benefit concert and dodgeball tournament. The week was enjoyed by everyone who participated and Xi Xi raised nearly \$3,000 for the Children's Miracle Network and Huntsman Foundation.



*Sigma Chis serve the Columbia community by cleaning up their adopted street.*

The chapter currently has two members, **Sean Burrell '11** and **Chris Peterson '12**, who are representing Xi Xi with positions on the Student Organization Allocation Committee. We have also been active with intramural sports. After beginning last year in division III intramurals and progressing into division II this year, the chapter will progress into division I next year. This comes after a first-place finish in both A and B soccer and a high finish in both football and volleyball.

After a successful poker tournament and tailgate barbecue during Dad's Weekend, the chapter looks forward to hosting our Mother's Club Weekend and Scholarship Awards Banquet this April at the Reynolds Alumni Center.

## CHAPTER APPRECIATIVE OF ALUMNI SUPPORT

We look forward to our success on the University of Missouri campus, though this is not possible without the support of our alumni. There is a standing invitation for any member of the Sigma Chi family to stop by and say hello.

In hoc,  
**Daniel Patterson '10**  
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*The fall 2008 new members; the largest new member class since Xi Xi's recharter.*



## 2009 CHAPTER OFFICERS

CONSUL  
**Dan Patterson '10**

PRO CONSUL  
**Tony Wirkus '11**

ANNOTATOR  
**Dominic Defeo '11**

QUAESTOR  
**Tim Hosie '11**

MAGISTER  
**Brandon Schlitzer '11**

HOUSE MANAGER  
**Lou Groff '11**

RISK MANAGER  
**Ryan O'Connell '11**

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CHAIRMAN  
**Kevin Jaeger '10**

KUSTOS  
**Kirk Payne '10**

PHILANTHROPY  
CHAIRMAN  
**Dan Herrin '12**

SCHOLARSHIP  
CHAIRMAN  
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CHAIRMAN  
**Kyle Heutel '12**

SOCIAL CHAIRMAN  
**Matt Schmertz '11**

TRIBUNE  
**Quinn Damon '12**



## WELCOME, SPRING 2009 NEW MEMBERS

**Jordan Carlisle '12**  
Little Rock, Ark.

**Mike Kocur '11**  
St. Louis, Mo.



**Harry Petty '12**  
St. Louis, Mo.

**Jake Sprague '12**  
St. Louis, Mo.

## EXERCISING INTEGRITY THROUGH MEMBERSHIP

### Alumnus Spotlight—*Richard C. Jensen '56*



*Dick Jensen '56 and his wife, Linda*

*“No matter what, leadership can never be understated.”*

At the time **Richard C. Jensen '56** began exploring fraternity options, there were several reasons he was motivated to join Sigma Chi. He was looking for a chapter with strong beliefs and members who wanted to have an enjoyable undergraduate experience. After visiting Xi Xi, he knew this was where he belonged.

When Dick became a member of Sigma Chi, he became a leader in several affairs culminating as consul. These positions taught Dick several lessons about the importance of leadership and guiding brothers to have integrity. “No matter what, leadership can never be understated,” he said.

Dick's undergraduate experience means a great deal to him. The opportunity to meet and live with the brothers was influential and motivational. His favorite memories include initiation, intramurals, and social activities. He also takes pride in being a walk-on member of the Mizzou basketball and baseball teams.

Each of these opportunities provided Dick the tools to be a successful leader and push people to make the right decisions and lead life in a positive direction.

Reflecting on his collegiate years, Dick says growing together as brothers taught him the importance of loyalty. He advises undergraduates to “learn from those before, make a plan, and exercise it because you are the building blocks of the future.”

Dick earned a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Mizzou. He has been very successful in business due to his perseverance and determination. He was senior vice president, financial advisor, and branch manager for UBS Wealth Management Company.

Playing golf, traveling, and following sports are activities Dick enjoys during his free time. Dick was followed at Mizzou by his brother, **Burt '61**. Dick and his wife of 52 years, Linda, have a daughter, Janice, and two sons, Rick and Dan, and keep busy watching their 10 grandchildren in competitive sports. They live in Prairie Village, Kansas, and Tonto Verde, Arizona. Contact Brother Jensen via e-mail at [rcjensen34@hotmail.com](mailto:rcjensen34@hotmail.com).

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- Alumni Advisory Board to Provide Guidance, Counsel, and Insight to Young Leaders
- Alumni Encouraged to Stay Active with Xi Xi Chapter
- Golf Tournament Planned in Conjunction with All-Classes Reunion

Upon returning to campus, the House Corporation members, realizing our past perils, commissioned the formation of an Alumni Advisory board. The purpose of this board is to provide guidance, counsel, and insight to our young leaders and to work toward our ultimate goal of becoming the number one chapter on campus. I'm very proud to announce that we are rapidly moving up the ranks. While each advisor on the board, 10 in total, has a specific role in working with the undergraduates, our function is to work together in a small committee setting to assist the undergraduate chapter in any way possible.

Although we have a strong and dedicated committee, the Xi Xi Chapter could still use your help. We are always looking for new faces to help in various capacities. The time commitment is very minimal, but the impact you provide will certainly prove larger. If you are interested in helping Xi Xi, please contact me.

One final note: this year's golf tournament is being moved and incorporated into the upcoming all-classes reunion. I look forward to seeing all of you there and am interested to see if a team might actually challenge my team this year!

In hoc,

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*Alumni Advisors (back row) Clayton Burnett '01, Joe Bednar '76, Jay Shields '76, Mark Kaiser '02, Bruce Klaus, Southeast Missouri State '71, (middle row) Andy McCause '49, Joe Hayes, Marquette '99, George Gale '54, Clint Shryock '05, Adam Crutchfield '04, (front row), Jack Noble '87, and Kevin Schlitzer '85. Not pictured: Andy Kassel, Western Illinois '95, Tom Whelihan '88, Tony Roberts '05, and Dave Bear '65*

# Alumni Update

## Chapter Eternal

**Robert D. Whiteman '45**, Hillsboro, Mo., entered Chapter Eternal in September 2008.

**Richard J. Rhoades '01**, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., entered Chapter Eternal on March 2, 2009, at his home. Richard was born September 6, 1978, in Kansas City and graduated from Bishop Miege High School. A man of many talents, he surfed the hotel, restaurant, outdoor advertising, and mortgage brokerage businesses, before settling in as an IT consultant and Web site developer. He enjoyed being a great Fantasy Football commissioner and an avid hunter and fisherman. He was the consummate Missouri Tiger fan. He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was the quintessential gentle giant. His friends called him Mr. Gadget. To know R. J. was to love him. Brother R. J., we will miss you. Godspeed.

## Alumni News

**John "Jack" Kilroy '42** will turn 91 years old in April and is still a supporter of Tiger football. He lives in Prairie Village, Kan. E-mail: [jkilroy@stklaw.com](mailto:jkilroy@stklaw.com)

**Ken Bounds '51** would like to thank all of the Xi Xi alumni, as well as those from other chapters, who aided in bringing Sigma Chi back to the University of Missouri campus. He hopes to attend the all-class Sig reunion in May but would like to wish his best to all if he is unable to make it.



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## Xi Xi Alumni All-Class Reunion May 8-10

## Alumni Calendar of Events

### Central Missouri Alumni Luncheon

(2nd Wednesday of  
every even month)

Boone Tavern

811 E. Walnut St.

Columbia, Mo.

Questions? Contact President

**Andy Kassel '95** at

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### May 2

Alumni Advisory Meeting

500 S. College

2-4 p.m.

### June 1

Scramble for Kids

The Country Club of Saint Albans

St. Louis, Mo.

[www.scrambleforkids.com](http://www.scrambleforkids.com)

Questions? Contact Rob Westrich at

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### May 8-10

#### Xi Xi Alumni All-Class Reunion

#### FRIDAY

Chapter House Barbecue, 5 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

Brunch at Reynolds Alumni Center, 9-11 a.m.:

Golfing at Gustin Golf Course, 10:30 a.m.

MU vs. KU baseball game, 2 p.m.

Rocheport antiques and winery special  
celebration (10 miles west of Columbia)

Cocktails and dinner

Cash bar to begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

(coat and tie attire)

#### SUNDAY

Breakfast

Holiday Inn, 9 a.m.

Let's make this event one to remember! Rooms are available for \$94.95 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center by calling (573) 445-8531, "Sigma Chi Rooms." Come for both nights or just one. To register, contact

**Larry McMullen '53** at (816) 983-8109 or

[larry.mcmullen@huschblackwell.com](mailto:larry.mcmullen@huschblackwell.com). Thanks to our co-chairman,

**Larry McMullen '53**, **George Gale '54**, and **Steve Buhr '87**,  
for planning this great event.

### July 25

House Corporation Meeting

500 S. College

12-2:30 p.m.

### August 10-15

Initiation

500 S. College

### August 15

Alumni Advisory Meeting

500 S. College

2-4 p.m.

### October 10

House Corporation Meeting

500 S. College

2:30 p.m.