

THE TIGER SIG



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SCHOLARSHIP: *Adapting to Changing Conditions*

Scholarship, as a basic qualification for initiation, is not the neatly wrapped package it has been. There was a time when grades were known before consideration for initiation. No more. There was a time when high school performance was a firm indication of grades in college. Yes and no. There was a time when we feared that freshmen living out of the Chapter House would negatively affect grades. Not at all.

The International Fraternity Council has mandated that pledgship will last eight weeks and then on to initiation. The Chapter has some leeway in determining when pledgship starts, but only hints of performance will exist when initiation rolls around. Chapter officers intend to evaluate the overall performance of each pledge, looking at grades at that time, but, if indications are that he is not ready for initiation due to general behavior or poor scholastic performance, initiation will be denied at that time.

Although we give heavy consideration to grades achieved in high school when judging the worthiness of a potential pledge, we have learned that resumes that reflect a strong sense of time management—particularly in balancing sports with grades—are most indicative of future scholastic performance. There are also certain high schools, both in St. Louis and Kansas City, that, due to the regimen they demand, almost promise better achievement. Most mentioned are St. Louis University High and Rockhurst, respectively. Because the Chapter has maintained close supervision of study hours and more consistent looks at grade status, there has been no erosion of the pledge class GPA. There is no telling in regard to how pledges conduct themselves after study hours, but certainly freedom from late-night intruding activities is a plus in sending them to class the next morning with some degree of alertness. Since we initiated the out-of-Chapter House status for freshmen, they always have ranked in the top 10 on campus.

Performance Drains the Bank

As you probably recognize, our Xi Xi Chapter Scholarship Fund offers the highest level of financial support in the fraternity system nationally. Too much Chapter success is draining our reserves. This past semester, more than \$40,000 in performance awards was given, even though we upped the qualifications. Although returns from our annual golf tournament are directed toward scholarships, we cannot maintain the current donation levels. It has been suggested that specific amounts of money be determined for various grade levels and that the monies then be divided among those in each level. Such a move can keep us solvent. It's sort of a nice problem to have.

The Banner Is Back

The university-awarded banner for scholastic achievement is back adorning the front of the Chapter House. As usual, grade variances are miniscule among Greek and all-campus men. Our GPA was 3.09 with the pledge class reaching a 3.15. This was still below the all-Greek average of 3.23 and slightly above the all-university GPA of 3.07. The all-university male average was 2.92. The Chapter is accommodating changing guidelines and conditions affecting scholarship while increasing overall performance. It's a solid trend.

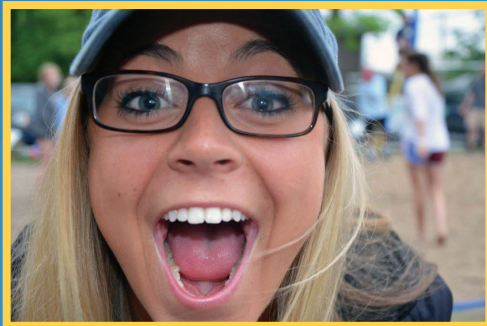
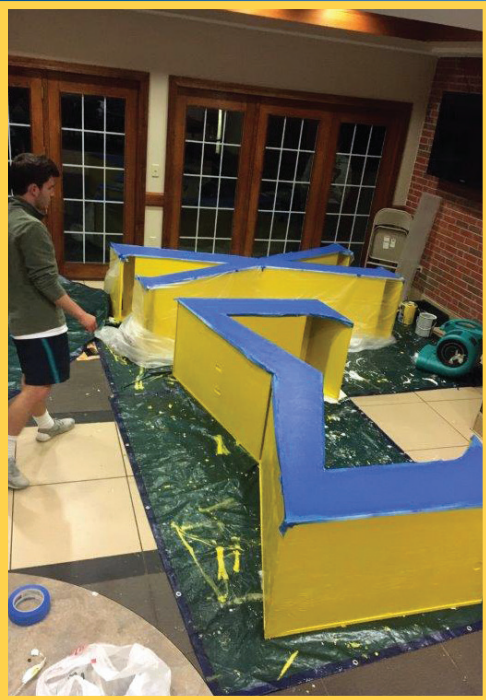
The scholastic banner is back. Jacky Murphy '17, Nick Jenness '17, Nathan Willett '18, and Johnny Galvin '18 proudly welcome good grade recognition's return to the front of the Chapter House.



A new display case graces the formal room. Thanks to the generosity of Duncan Matteson '56 and Tom Scott '58, the Chapter is now no longer out of space for award displays. Since the library area was brimming over with Chapter and alumni recognition, the southeast wall in the formal room was selected for the new and most handsome case. Now, we have to fill it.



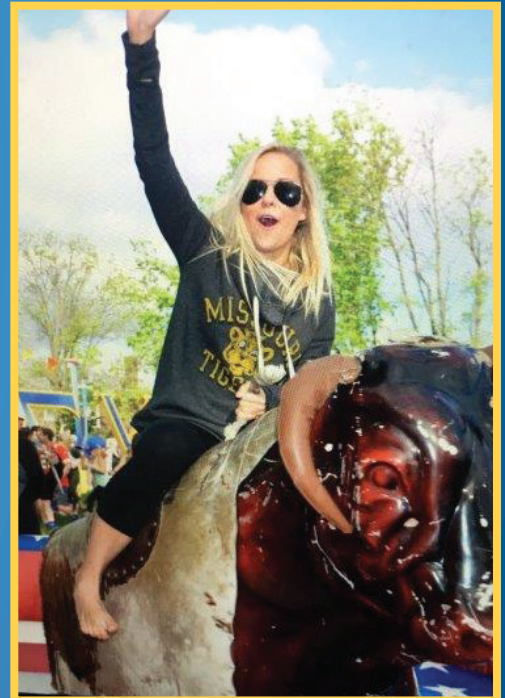
Derby Days 2016



Derby Days 2016 was a fantastic success thanks to **Josh Koch '17**, **John Tulipana '18**, and **Nathan Willet '18**, who offered the planning and momentum. The Chapter responded. They landscaped, they built props, and they re-sanded the volleyball court. The result: Derby Days raised \$12,000 for charity and pushed the total for the semester to \$38,000. As you can see from the pictures, sorority involvement and excitement was terrific; the variety of competitive events extensive. One day, termed Sig Madness, invited the public to ride a mechanical bull, jump through the bouncy house, and try skills at the dunking tank. The sororities became so competitive that they bugged **Berry Brooks '18** night and day for their scores and standings. We thought you'd enjoy feeling a sense of the event in some of the hundreds of pictures taken by the Chapter.









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BROTHERS AIM TO RECEIVE THE PETERSON AWARD

The spring of 2016 semester saw success on many different fronts. The Chapter placed ninth of 37 in grades, surpassing the university all-male average for our second semester in a row. The annual War on Rosemary hockey game between Xi Xi Chapter and Beta Theta Pi raised \$26,000 for Camp Kessem and the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center. Unfortunately, we lost the game, but we are proud of our success.

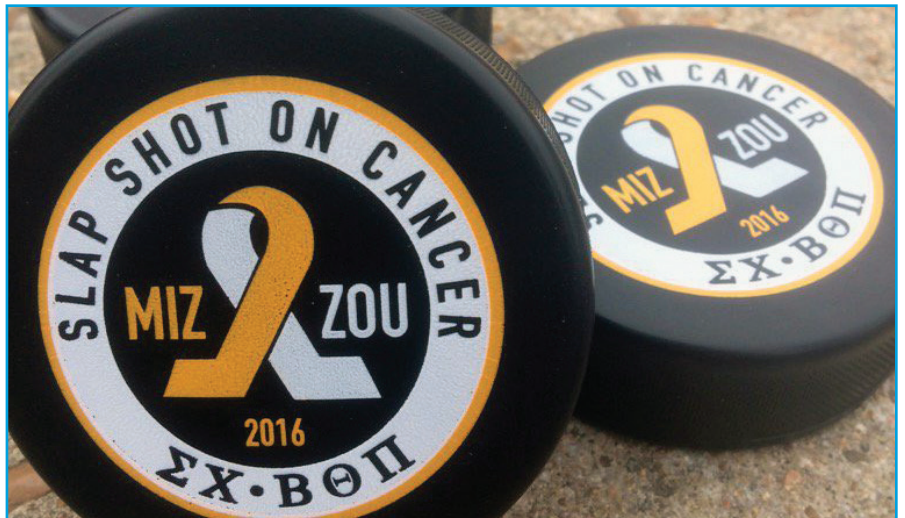
Xi Xi Chapter had the largest Derby Days in years! All 15 sororities entered teams in every event. We would like to give a huge thank-you to a cohesive group effort led by **Nathan Willet '18**. We raised \$12,000, which was split between Huntsman Cancer Institute and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mid-Missouri.

This summer, the entire executive council will be attending Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Bowling Green, Ohio, along with thousands of Sigma Chis from across the U.S. and Canada. While at Balfour, we hope to receive the Peterson Award, which we have worked hard for in the past year.

Next semester will prove to be just as exciting as the spring semester. We plan to initiate seven spring pledges from four different cities. We will pair with the women of Alpha Chi Omega for Homecoming and have elected **Sam Pottenger '19** and **Jack Sellenriek '19** as our head Homecoming liaisons.

We are proud of our success so far in 2016. The Chapter is excited for the fall and to continue exceeding our goals.

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The annual Slap Shot on Cancer hockey game raised \$26,000 for Camp Kessem and the Ellis Fischel Cancer Center.



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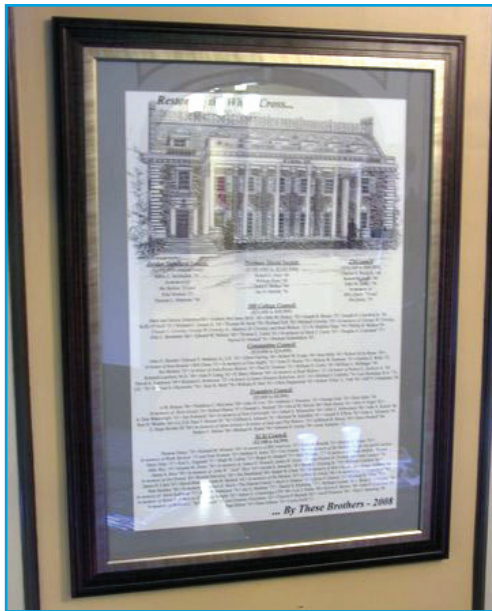
Founder's descendant makes Sweetheart Dance sweeter. In the middle of this comely group is Abigail Lockwood, the multi-great-granddaughter of Sigma Chi founder William Lewis Lockwood. Protecting her from roaming Betas on her first trip to a Sigma Chi Chapter House are Nathan Willett '18 and Berry Brooks '18. Abigail was apparently so excited to be among Sigs that she tossed her shoes away. She is also better looking than William Lewis.

Chapter Eternal

On February 4, 2016, Bob Busse '50 died in St. Louis. For those of us who knew him during school and in later years, he was a man of immediate impression. Tall, well-crafted, and of engaging voice, he offered the qualities of the leader that he proved to be during his life. His path in this regard started with serving as Xi Xi consul. His early work was in the dry goods business. He then joined Shoe Factory Supplies Company and, as was his career path, became president. Bob balanced his business focus with family and community involvement. He was a Boy Scout leader and mixed this interest with photography, model railroading, traveling, and yard work. His deep affection for sports brought him to the all-St. Louis World Series in 1944 and the last game played by Stan Musial in 1963. Bob was one of those admirable Sigs who stayed actively invested in our Chapter all of his life. There is little doubt that, upon entering the Chapter Eternal, Bob set to work getting things organized.



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Not just a plaque, a work of art. Breaking from the predictable stained wood and metal plaque, John Walker '60 engaged an artist to render our Chapter House in a style that matched the presentation of names of donors to the recent renovation. Bob Liepsner '63 added to the charm of the plaque with tasteful matting and framing; a nice, new touch in the formal room.

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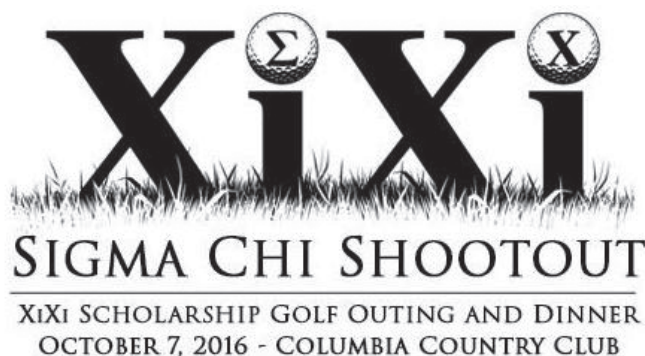
Mark the Date, Sand Your Wedge; It's Shootout Time

The annual Xi Xi Shootout has been scheduled for Friday, October 7. Here are some facts:

- The Shootout, the reception, and dinner will all be held at the Columbia Country Club, just about five minutes from the Chapter House...and almost everything else.
- If you're skilled or just damn lucky, you can walk away with \$100,000 for a hole-in-one. On a slightly more doable basis, we'll have prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and a putting contest.
- All proceeds from the Shootout will go to the Xi Xi Scholarship Fund which, due to so many actives who earn scholarships, will put every cent to excellent use.
- The golf course is a nice challenge but is not horrendously long or taxing. If you haven't played it, you'll like it. If you have played it in the past, the back nine has been considerably changed.

If you're smart not to play golf and life is happier, you and your wife are welcome to join us for the reception and dinner and listen to the lies of those who did hit the links.

If you would like to be a sponsor...and be slightly worshipped, just let us know at goxixi.com. In the meantime, circle October 7 on your calendar. It's going to be a great day.



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