



# THE TIGER SIG



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## Things Are Changing

### Xi Xi Undergoes Advisory and Chapter House Adjustments

We're undergoing more than a little stirring of the operational pot. **Tony Wirkus '11** is our new Chapter advisor, replacing **Steve Richardson '87**, who served in this capacity for more than four years. Tony, a former pro consul, holds undergraduate and master degrees in agricultural, food, and natural resources and is the assistant director of event coordination in the MU athletic department. Our many thanks to Steve and our kudos to Tony who, perhaps due to his youth and recent experience with the Chapter, has hit the ground running.

Covered in greater detail in this issue is the departure of house mom Kathy Estes. Kathy, who we recognize as queen of the universe for organization, formulated an excellent plan for transition, approved by the House Corporation, so we will not miss a beat in terms of property and Chapter supervision.

More change is coming in the expansion of our communications to alumni, parents and university personnel. In a grand step toward the 21st century, we will soon introduce a new Xi Xi website to give our target audiences a constant resource for news. We will be sending you information on website contact when it goes online.



*The Mothers Club donated new laundry room equipment, adding to the exciting changes at Xi Xi.*

The House Corporation is getting a firmer hold on itself by amending rather foggy past rules, giving more clarity to the parameters of service and the rotation of individuals on the general body and the board.

Finally, we will be making a few unforeseen exterior drainage changes due to seeing how severely six inches of rain in four hours, a record downpour experienced early in September, affected the Chapter House. Water, water everywhere. An interesting aspect of all this is that direct drainage of rain water into sewer lines is illegal. That's right, no fresh water in sewers! You have to build a substructure to retain it or dig a rain garden—some 15 feet across and eight feet

deep—to hold run off. Since an open pit might collect bodies and law suits more than rain, we chose the substructure. We will be redirecting water off the roofs to areas away from the substructure of the house. Mum's the word if it makes its way into a sewer.

In Hoc,  
**George Gale '54**  
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### Support Xi Xi Today Online Giving Available

Online donations are now available! To make an online donation to the Sigma Chi Fraternity of Missouri, please go to [xixi.kintera.org/housecorp](http://xixi.kintera.org/housecorp). To make an online donation to the Sigma Chi Educational Foundation of Missouri, please go to [xixi.kintera.org/foundation](http://xixi.kintera.org/foundation).

### House Director Resigns from Full-Time Position Responsibilities Shared by Mom Kathy and New House Dad

Dear Sigma Chi family,

It is with great sadness that I announce I am leaving the Chapter as the Sigma Chi house mom. I have had some health issues for the last several months that at this time are just going to require my full focus and attention, and as you can imagine, that's pretty hard for me to do here. However, I am not going far or totally leaving the Chapter. I will be job sharing with a new person, a house dad, and I am very excited about it.

Doug Lane has an extensive background in military, law enforcement, and currently manages Signal 88 Security in Columbia. He has been working with fraternities for the last several years not only in security operations but also project management, leadership, education, and mentoring of officers and members in how to keep their chapters and houses safe. He is very excited to join the

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*A crowd gathers at the Mothers Club Family Weekend tailgate.*

## Mothers Club Raises \$1,400 on Family Weekend

On September 20, the Mothers Club hosted a tailgate at the Sigma Chi house for Family Weekend. We had about 300 parents, kids and alumni attend. Everyone enjoyed barbecue from Smokehouse, a new restaurant in Columbia. I would highly recommend it. We also had one large raffle that consisted of a Mizzou tent, coolers, fire pit, grill, clothing and lots of other items. We made more than \$1,400 on the raffle. This money goes directly to the Mothers Club. Fun was had by all and we look forward to more fun tailgates to come.

Sincerely,  
**Becky Herring**  
Mothers Club President



*Members of the Mothers Club prepare food at the tailgate on September 20.*



*The annual golf tournament grew to 66 participants.*

## Annual Golf Shootout Raises More Than \$3,000

*Thank You, Generous Sponsors and Participants*

We had a fantastic turnout for Alumni Weekend, September 19-20, highlighted by beautiful weather, great golf, brotherhood and generosity. As you may have seen in a previous e-mail from **Larry McMullen '53** and **Jay Shields '76**, we decided to make the third weekend in September our regular date for Xi Xi Alumni Weekend. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us next year for this great event.

Our golf tournament grew to 66 participants and attracted sponsorships from a number of alumni, especially our title sponsor, **Tony Roberts '05**, via his Greentree Pharmacy and St. Charles Health Mart in St. Louis. Our beneficiaries, the Josh Seidel Foundation and the Xi Xi Scholarship Foundation, would like to thank Tony, our other sponsors, and all our participants for their generous support. We raised more than \$3,000 and expect to double our proceeds next year!

**Title Sponsors**  
**Tony Roberts '05**  
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**Larry McMullen '53**  
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**Jack Shettlesworth '63**  
**Jay Shields '76**

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**George Gale '54**

Friday was highlighted by our second annual Xi Xi Golf Shootout, a four-man scramble tournament, and a tour-style closest-to-the-pin contest hosted at A.L. Gustin Golf Course. The weather was absolutely perfect and the course conditions were superb. Lunch was provided by Honeybaked Ham before the shotgun start at 1 p.m. With 16 foursomes, we covered most of the course. Pace of play was quick and the \$50,000 shootout was even more exciting than last year.



Saturday began with a VIP alumni tailgate, while the undergraduates and Mothers Club hosted a very well-organized and attended tailgate in the rear parking lot at 500 S. College. More than 300 people were in attendance and recent Xi Xi alumni performed music for the crowd on the back patio. At 3 p.m., the football team took on the Indiana Hoosiers and provided the only negative experience of the weekend, losing 31-27.

Lastly, we'd like to thank the group captains for their part in recruiting and organizing participants for our tournament this year. If you attended, thank you, and we look forward to seeing you next year. If you didn't attend, plan to join us September 18-19, 2015, for the third annual Xi Xi Shootout and Alumni Weekend!

Sincerely,  
**Mark Kaiser '05**  
Chairman, Xi Xi Shootout and Alumni Weekend



# TWO XI XIS HONORED AS SIGNIFICANT SIGS

It's rare that two alumni from the same chapter achieve Significant Sig status at the same time. As will become evident when you read of their achievements, both are highly deserving of the recognition due to their vision and aggressive embracement of business growth.



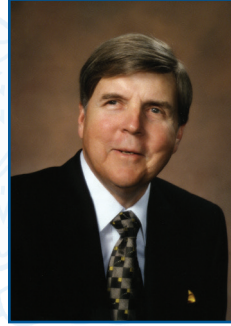
**J**ay Shields '76, president of Schaeffer Manufacturing Company, started uniquely in his family business. He went on the road to sell one of the toughest of markets and he worked only on commission. His sales target for Schaeffer lubricants was farmers and, as a recent college graduate, he had to build a bridge of trust and respect with these naturally reticent men.

He also developed a front-lines perspective on selling strategies, using this knowledge in affecting the attitudes of management. His ideas were also readily accepted by others in sales due to their recognition of his practical experience. His articulation of sales force needs led to its rapid growth and the ensuing growth of sales. It was natural that he became sales manager for Schaeffer.

In 2006, he ascended to the presidency of a company which, having started in 1839 in the soap and candle business, would soon reach an international status in commercial lubricants and become a leading private label supplier for Shell Oil. Jay broadened management expertise by bringing in outside directors. He was instrumental in the initiation of a new enterprise software system and a new plant. Company sales his first year reached \$53 million, \$90 million in 2011, with projections of \$150 million by 2015.

Jay has also been a community leader in St. Louis, instrumental in giving new life to *Old Newsboys Day*. When the newspaper, which was the backbone product for this charitable event, went out of business, Jay found a new print sponsor. As a consequence, thousands of volunteers would still go on the streets one day each November to sell newspapers with the proceeds going to children's charities.

Jay's major contribution to Xi Xi was bringing his management abilities and knowledge of strategic thinking to the House Corporation during his tenure as president. He continues an active role in this regard.



**T**homas M. Scott '58, Ph.D., is the retired president and CEO of Insurance Management Corporation. Tom, who graduated from the university with a football scholarship, has been a leader in the commercial insurance industry for more than 40 years.

Tom formed the Insurance Management Corporation in 1983 with a staff of eight. Today the group has more than 150 associates with six operating divisions. In 1985, he was recognized as National Risk Manager of the Year. Among his achievements are the creation of an alternative to workmen's compensation coverage for long-haul truck drivers, which saved the group several million dollars a year. He also developed risk management programs for five of the six largest day care operations in the country. In 1995, he led his company and its subsidiaries in a merger with the sixth largest insurance broker in the world.

His versatility and enterprising nature is exhibited in his ownership of an art supply business, where he went to work when he was 12. He also has been a managing partner of one of the largest dairy herds in Kansas.

Tom's contribution of energy and financial backing to a number of university and Kansas City-based entities is more than considerable. Besides endowing an oncology program at the School of Veterinary Medicine, he is a member of the Jefferson Club, Ellis Foundation, and Davenport Society, and is past chairman of an endowment campaign for the vet school. He has served in leadership positions with the United Way, Saint Luke's Hospital Foundation, Midwest Diabetes Coalition, Kansas City Symphony, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Space simply doesn't allow for a full review of his achievements.

It is most appropriate that he and his wife were recognized as Philanthropists of the Year in 2013 by Non-Profit Connect in Kansas City. He also has received a doctorate of human letters and Distinguished Alumni Award from the university.

Becoming a Significant Sig can be recognized as another appropriate life step for Tom.

## Chapter Provides Transparency through New Member Orientation

**S**igma Chi was proud to welcome 37 new members and their parents on August 9 at the Chapter House to participate in our annual New Member Orientation. The one-hour orientation was hosted by a panel of alumni, Chapter officers, and Greek life representatives.

Information was provided and questions were answered regarding dues, our no-hazing policy, meals, house rules, the eight-week pledge program, Chapter events, scholarship program, academics, philanthropies, Mothers Club, and Greek life. House tours were conducted by current members and lunch was provided by College Chefs.

Xi Xi prides itself on education and support not only for members, but for parents as well, with full transparency in all Chapter-related issues. Parents are always encouraged to join groups, ask questions, and to express concerns and contact any Chapter officers, alumni, board members, or the house director when they arise. As always, our goal is to make the fraternity experience productive, safe and supportive. The orientation is the first step for parents and new members to achieve that goal.



*The new members learned more about Sigma Chi from a panel of alumni, Chapter officers, and Greek Life representatives at the New Member Orientation in August.*

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## House Director Resigns

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Sigma Chi family as our new house dad. Doug can be reached at dougsigmachi@gmail.com.

In my new position, I will continue to manage the property in partnership with him in day-to-day operations of maintenance and repairs, the dining areas, menus, staff, my Facebook page, and all events. Doug will be living on-site and work with the board, advisors, EC, and the Chapter members on a variety of programs and opportunities, as well as all after hours and weekend duties. Together, we will continue to support the Chapter in all their day-to-day operations and needs.

I will be back and forth throughout the semester, and I look forward to supporting the members, parents and alumni in the same roll I have been honored to have for the last year.

This has been a very difficult decision for me but one I know will be in the best interest of everyone at this time. Thank you for all your support.

With love,  
**Kathy Estes**  
 House Director  
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## Undergraduates Balance Busy Fall Schedule

**X**i Xi has a lot to look forward to this fall. After attending the Balfour Leadership Conference, the executive council has big goals for the Chapter this semester. With a new focus on safety, leadership and involvement, the Chapter is responding phenomenally.

With these new plans for the Chapter, it is best to start with some new ears. Sigma Chi signed 37 new members during the summer. These men will follow the eight-week Sigma Chi pledge program and will be initiated in January.

On the philanthropy front, Sigma Chi is working with Beta Theta Pi to coordinate a hockey game. This will be held during the spring and the proceeds will go to cancer research.

Socially, Xi Xi is soaring as well. We were proud to host Dads Weekend in September. A casino night was held on Friday, followed by a tailgate on Saturday for the football game. The men of Sigma Chi are participating in Homecoming for the second time since getting off probation. Sigma Chi is paired with the lovely ladies of Alpha Phi and the activities are abundant. House decorations, a skit and a float for the Homecoming parade are all in the works. On November 7, the men of Xi Xi will attend the fall formal in Memphis, Tennessee.

With so much on the lineup for the fall semester, the men of Xi Xi will have their hands full.

In hoc,  
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## Welcome, New Members

**Kyle Bean** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Griffin Brennan** / Lake Forest, Ill.  
**Barry Brooks** / Memphis, Tenn.  
**Shea Callahan** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Jake Carothers** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Chase Cornwell** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Stanley Cowherd** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Preston Duff** / Dallas, Texas  
**Matt Edelman** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Aiden Ellis** / Overland Park, Kan.  
**Gunther Harrison Fain** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Brett Felton** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Lance French** / St. Louis, Mo.

**T.J. Gebhardt** / Milwaukee, Wis.  
**Jack Glickert** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Matt Groppenbacher** / Chesterfield, Mo.  
**Nick Jeness** / Liberty, Mo.  
**Kip Killion** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Luke Korth** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Tommy Lee** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Jack Maple** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Jake McDonough** / Lee's Summit, Mo.  
**John Meyers** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Jack Murphy** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Timothy Murphy** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Michael Parisot** / St. Louis, Mo.

**Pete Redel** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Morgan Salisbury** / Tulsa, Okla.  
**Cullen Shaver** / Chesterfield, Mo.  
**Chris Slyman** / St. Louis, Mo.  
**Austin Stolzer** / Gurnee, Ill.  
**Jackson Triplett** / Liberty, Mo.  
**Joe Torrence** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Randy Trinidad** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Alex Wagoner** / Kansas City, Mo.  
**Sam Wheeler** / Des Moines, Iowa  
**Jack Wirtz** / Kansas City, Mo.