



# THE TIGER SIG



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## Final Phase of Renovations Complete Thank You for Your Generous Support

I am pleased to announce that the final phase of renovations to our great house at 500 College Avenue has been completed. I encourage anyone who has not made the visit to see the renovations to please find the time do so. The House Corporation would like to thank our outstanding alumni for their donations of time, effort, and generous financial support, and encourage your continued support. I am confident that as you visit the Chapter and see the remarkable transformation of the house as well as the outstanding leadership accomplishments of our young active members, you too will know that the future is bright for the White Cross at the Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

Proud to be a Sig,

**Kevin Schlitzer '85**

President, House Corporation  
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## Online Giving Available

Online donations are now available! To make an online donation to The Sigma Chi Fraternity of Missouri, please go to [bit.ly/1fawi6i](http://bit.ly/1fawi6i). To make an online donation to The Sigma Chi Educational Foundation of Missouri, please go to [bit.ly/1lbzSgz](http://bit.ly/1lbzSgz).



*Larry McMullen (left) spoke to a group of MU administrators, teachers, and fellow lawyers at the Memorial Student Union. Larry received an honorary degree recognizing the years of contributions he has made to Mizzou.*

## Xi Xi Hotel Weekend Kicks Off Return of 500 Club

A member, seeing our renovated bathrooms for the first time, exclaimed, "This is like a resort hotel." Now that everything is new, we're opening the "hotel" Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, to give you a great taste of the new look of Xi Xi. Just arm yourself with towels, linens, and, perhaps, golf clubs.



You'll join fellow alumni on Saturday, either at 500 College or Old Hawthorne Country Club, where **Mike Wilson '84** has booked times for six foursomes, starting at 1 p.m. at Columbia's finest golf course. You'll dine well that evening as wine and beer flow and then sleep at the air-conditioned house followed

by breakfast on Sunday. After dinner Saturday, Pro Consul **Adam Lowe '16**, a broadcast major, will give you insights into the Chapter and the campus today.

The cost is your tax-deductible donation of \$500 to our educational foundation. All money goes to scholarships for the Chapter. Golf will be an additional \$55. If you can't attend, we encourage you to join the 500 Club through your donation. It will allow us to continue supporting one of the strongest programs of this nature in the country and to see Xi Xi continue to rank as a scholastic leader at Mizzou.

For reservations for the Xi Xi Hotel and/or golf contact **John Walker '60** at [jode12@hotmail.com](mailto:jode12@hotmail.com) or (913) 669-8254. Call an old roommate or two. We promise a casual and unique experience.

## A Brief Cheer for the Boots on the Ground

Written by **George Gale '54**

Columbia's a nice place to live, but when you're a local Sigma Chi, there's a good chance you've done more than a little of that living at 500 College Avenue. We thought it was time to recognize the alumni who, over the past 20 years or more, have answered the call for the Chapter and Chapter House needs—sometimes at 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning.

We start with **Steve Richardson '87**, current Chapter advisor. Steve, applying his naval officer experience, has guided the Chapter for the past five years and has been a strong and consistent force for the forward movement Xi Xi has achieved.

The man who lives half his life with the Chapter is **Mark Kaiser '05**, assistant Chapter adviser and what we might call the alumni operating officer who coordinates the functions of the housemom, the executive committee, the house corporation, and the Chapter. On top of that, Mark has planned the major alumni social events for the past several years.

**Dave Bear '65**, who got the house leased and saved us financially during our past exodus, has for years done repairs on the house at his special "Sigma Chi cost" and participated heavily in the planning of the renovation and the outside remodeling done the first year of work.

Finally we mention **Mike Wilson '84** and **George Gale '54**. Both are former Chapter advisors and between them dedicated hundreds of hours to the renovation of the Chapter House. While George supervised the planning of the work and coordinated the architect, designer, general contractor, and financial needs, Mike saved us literally thousands of dollars on materials costs and had the patience to take the daily calls and e-mails from George, which were of a "how do we handle this?" basis. As Mike once said to George, "No one but the two of us will ever understand what it took to get this done."

We thank them all.

## Tom Scott '58 and Jay Shields '75 Elected As Significant Sigs

Brothers **Tom Scott '58** and **Jay Shields '75** were announced by the International Fraternity to receive the fraternity's highest recognition for achievement in their professional careers and civic endeavors. They will receive their Significant Sig awards at the 2014 Grand Council in Skokie, Illinois, on June 27 at 6 p.m. All Xi Xi Sigs are invited.

Tom was recognized for his career leadership in the insurance industry, where he has received national awards for his performance. In addition, he has spearheaded numerous community and philanthropic activities. In 2013, Tom and his wife, Betty, were honored as philanthropists of the year by Kansas City, and Tom's support of the University of Missouri earned him a Ph.D. in humane letters from the university in 2006.

Jay was recognized for his career leadership in the Schaeffer Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, started in 1839 (the date of Mizzou's birth) as a soap and candle business that evolved into providing lubricants for steamboats and covered wagons. It is now one of the largest purveyors of specialty lubricants in the world, and during all this time family ownership has maintained.

In addition, Jay led the effort to save and prosper the St. Louis Old Newsboy Charity, which has raised millions of dollars to support the children in need of St. Louis.

Tom can be reached at (913) 362-7999 or [tscot4@kc.rr.com](mailto:tscot4@kc.rr.com) and Jay can be reached at (314) 865-4100 or [jayshields@schaefferoil.com](mailto:jayshields@schaefferoil.com).



## Join Us at the 2nd Annual Xi Xi Golf Shootout

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for the 2014 Xi Xi Sigma Chi Alumni Weekend. We will be hosting the 2nd Annual Xi Xi Golf Shootout at the recently renovated L.A. Nickell Golf Course during the afternoon of Friday, September 19, with an alumni tailgate at the Mizzou vs. Indiana football game on Saturday, September 20.

The golf tournament will be played in memory of two of our beloved alumni who passed away last year, **Ike Skelton IV '53** and **Josh Seidel '02**, with proceeds going to foundations in their memory and to the Xi Xi Scholarship Fund. In addition to playing in the golf tournament, it is our hope that pledge classes will organize milestone reunions around Alumni Weekend and that it will become an annual opportunity to rekindle lifelong friendships and support our undergraduate Chapter through the Xi Xi Scholarship Foundation.

So, start organizing your team for the four- or five-man scramble! We have secured a block of 50 hotel rooms at the soon-to-open Holiday Inn Express in Columbia for the weekend. Registration and hotel details will arrive in a separate mailing, or you can go to [www.GoXiXi.com](http://www.GoXiXi.com) for registration, payment, and hotel information.

In hoc,

**Paul Courter '72**  
**Mark Kaiser '05**

**Hunter Holman '15**, Consul  
**Evan Ritter '15**, Scholarship Chairman



# Brothers Focus on Academics, Look Forward to Exciting Spring Events

## Finishing the Year Strong

Sigma Chi is nearing the end of a strong and successful year on campus. Over the past couple of semesters, we have been moving back to the top of fraternities in grades. The Chapter has been stressing grades ever since our fall from the top five and is reaching for a top-three finish going into the 2014-15 academic year.

## Busy Spring Semester

Our annual scholarship banquet and Mother's Weekend will take place in April. This weekend has become an event that every member looks forward to throughout the semester. The alumni that make this weekend possible are truly a grand attribute to the Xi Xi Chapter of Sigma

Chi. Following this year's scholarship banquet, the Chapter will be immediately diving into Derby Days. This year's philanthropy will include dunk tanks, housemom talent shows, bidding of the Brothers, skits performed by participating sororities, our extremely popular volleyball tournament, and will be concluded on Saturday night with the crowning of our Sigma Chi Sweetheart at the Sweetheart Ball on the front lawn of the house. The Brothers, as well as our dates, cannot be more excited as the Sigma Chi Sweetheart Ball has been a hot ticket over the past couple of years. This year, we plan to raise \$10,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute throughout our week of Derby Days.

## We Appreciate Your Support

We would like to give a marvelous thank-you to our new housemom, Kathy Estes, who helps plan every Sigma Chi event as well as putting up with everyone 24/7. Sigma Chi is approaching a very promising year and we could not be more excited. We are thankful to all of our alumni who have contributed over the years. We are proud to represent all of your hard work during our time at Xi Xi Chapter.

In hoc,

**Hunter Holman '15**

Consul

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*Sigma Chi was once again the leading donator at Columbia's annual Polar Plunge, where members volunteer to jump in the frigid waters at Stephen's College Lake, raising \$7,000.*



*Members celebrate a snow day at Mizzou with a game of football on the front lawn.*

## Welcome, New Members

**Jacob Boersig\***  
St. Louis, Mo.

**Corey Halford\***  
Naperville, Ill.

**Matt Wolfe\***  
St. Louis, Mo.

**Blake Bougadis**  
Naperville, Ill.

**Adam Hubbs**  
Millstadt, Ill.

**Will Yarbrough\***  
Kirkwood, Mo.

**Joey Bruning**  
Chesterfield, Mo.

**Drake Martin\***  
Springfield, Ill.

*\*Legacy*

**Pat Egan**  
Grayslake, Ill.

**Jacob Phillippe**  
Olathe, Kan.



*Xi Xi is proud to welcome its newest members: (front row, from left) Adam Lowe '16, Hunter Holman '15, Hardin Cox '16; (center) Jacob Boersig, Adam Hubbs, Matt Wolfe, Jacob Phillippe, Corey Halford; (back) William Yarbrough, Patrick Egan, Drake Martin, Scott Tipton, Blake Bougadis, and Joey Bruning.*

## Retraction: Xi Xi Shootout Golf Winner

Alumni, we sincerely apologize for a misprint in the fall edition of *The Tiger Sig*, as **George Gale '54** brought it to our attention that he did not win the golf tournament. **Sonny Caruthers '58** beat him, and he wanted to make sure Sonny got the credit he deserved for winning. Congratulations, Sonny!

## Executive Officers

Consul  
**Hunter Holman '15**

Magister  
**Hardy Cox '16**

Pro Consul  
**Adam Lowe '16**

Risk Manager  
**Eric Korth '16**

Annotator  
**Andrew Maher '16**

House Manager  
**Alex Effertz '16**

Quaestor  
**Trenton Barnes '16**

Recruitment Chairman  
**Nick Deatherage '16**

# Mark Your Calendar

**June 7-8**

500 Club Event

Golf, dinner, entertainment, and overnight accommodations at the Chapter House.

**August 23**

Initiation and Luncheon

**September 20**

Annual Golf Tournament

**October 25**

Homecoming

Join us in the VIP area for  
“Alumni on the Front Verandah.”

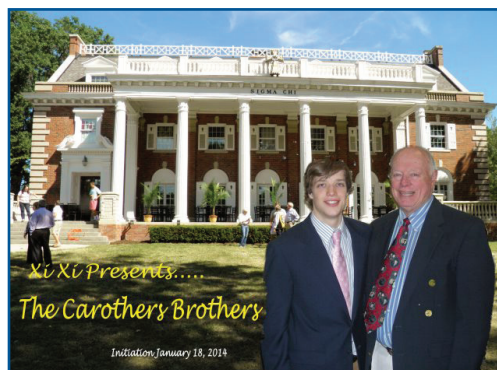
**Fall—Date TBD**

Chapter Business Networking Event  
Alumni will lead team meetings  
and discussions.

**December 20**

“Home for the Holidays”

Join us for cocktails, dinner and  
dancing at the Chapter House.



*Xi Xi held its fall initiation on January 18, welcoming 43 impressive young men. It was a special day for Paul Carothers '58, who had the great opportunity of placing the badge on his grandson at ceremony.*



*The fall 2013 initiation class.*



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## Chapter Eternal

**Lawrence M. Woods '51** entered Chapter Eternal on February 26, 2013. He graduated from the University Of Missouri School Of Law in 1953, where he obtained his juris doctorate. After passing the bar exam, he practiced law as an associate in the office of Howard Major until May of 1954, when he entered the Air Force. While in the Air Force, he acted as government prosecutor or defense counsel in the trial of almost 100 criminal cases, obtaining the rank of captain as a judge advocate general. In May of 1956, Larry returned to Columbia and began to practice law as an associate with Ralph Alexander in the law firm of Alexander, Welliver & Wayland. He went on to become Boone County prosecuting attorney in 1958, prosecuting many high-profile cases. After serving one term as state representative, he went into the private practice of law with Carl Sapp, practicing law continuously for almost 50 years, ultimately ending his law career with his son, Matt, and Pat Eng at Eng & Woods.

**Lee J. Hollis '84**, 54, entered Chapter Eternal on December 23, 2013. Lee was a lawyer with Sprint before starting his own practice in 1996. He specialized in representing clients who were injured by prescription drugs and medical devices. Before attending law school, he was a television reporter and announcer. Lee leaves his wife and three sons.

**Chris Pullen '09**, 27, entered Chapter Eternal on October 4, 2013, at UCLA Medical Center. He graduated from Central High School in 2005 and from the University of Missouri cum laude with a master's degree in accounting in 2009. He ran cross country and track in both high school and college. During his time at Mizzou, he was awarded the 39 Who Count award. He was a senior associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory LLC in Los Angeles.

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