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Gamma-Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Granville, Ohio — December 2014

ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

Making Gamma-Xi Great Again! Victories on the Road Back to Good Standing

By Dave Horning '72, President, Gamma-Xi Alumni Association Board of Trustees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Congratulations to our new undergraduate officers who were elected this month:

Grand Master
P.J. Fallon

Grand Procurator
John Hayes

Grand Master of Ceremonies
Matt Dumon

Grand Treasurer
Charlie Reynolds

Grand Scribe
Charlie Pickhardt

Fill This Historical Gap

Due to the efforts of **Bill Wickam '58**, Kappa Sigma historian, we have kept a list of all chapter Grand Masters from 1911 to the present. We have just one gap to fill. If you can supply the name, please email **Dave Horning '72** at **dwhorning@gmail.com**. If no one can, then we've just learned more about life in the early '80s!

'80-'81: **Douglas A. Scott Jr. '82**

'81-'82 – ???

'82-'83 – **Gregory J. Sharkey '84**

Happy
Holidays

Many of you read the letter on the status of the chapter dated July 24, 2014, from Kappa Sigma Executive Director Mitchell Wilson. It was pretty somber and led several of you to send emails voicing your disappointment in the chapter. These are serious times for fraternities, so a serious if not somber tone is probably always appropriate. That said, this update shows things looking up for the Gamma-Xi Chapter.

The Gamma-Xi Chapter is approaching a year and a half of trusteeship under our National Fraternity which began with allegations of hazing in February of 2013 for which the chapter was rightly found innocent. However, during the investigation of the allegations by our National Fraternity, an incident of underage drinking was uncovered.

The chapter went under a trusteeship due to that incident and a general lack of structure demonstrated within the chapter. Unfortunately, that lack of structure was proven to be accurate in a case of hazing. Specifically, it was determined that a pledge trainer had been using push-ups as incentive to learn biographic facts. The chapter was thus suspended by the university in October of 2013.

At this same time, the chapter came under new sanctions by National that resulted in the immediate suspension of officers and a \$10,000 fine. The trusteeship clock was restarted as well. Additionally, the chapter was placed under Denison University sanction status for one year pending the successful completion of several programs and the demonstration of changes. The chapter was also not allowed to take a pledge class in the 2013-2014 school year.

After much effort and hard work on behalf of the new officers and the chapter in general, the chapter has been released from Denison's sanctions and is back in good standing with

the University. All 15 pledges that received bids last January waited until their sophomore year and were pledged and initiated this fall. The current chapter membership stands at 41.

Gamma-Xi is still under National trusteeship pending National's SEC action. Below is a current status from Michael Palmer, the assigned trustee from North Carolina. His comments echo what the board has seen over the past year.

"The undergraduate chapter brothers of the Gamma-Xi Chapter have successfully completed the requirements to be removed from trusteeship. This would not have been possible without the outstanding leadership shown by our Executive Committee and our dedicated volunteer team. Our brothers met the challenge head on and worked tirelessly to ensure the survival of our chapter at Denison University.

The chapter's proposal to be released from trusteeship is currently being evaluated by the SEC, and we have been led to believe that there is no reason why our proposal would not be accepted. I encourage you all to join me in congratulating the chapter on a job well done."

The SEC will make their determination on Tuesday, Dec. 16. A summary sent to National can be viewed at www.kappasigmadenison.com/pdf/Gamma-XiChapterEvaluation.pdf. Gamma-Xi has weathered the storm and has come out stronger than ever. We invite you to stop by the house and meet the brothers on your next trip back to Denison.

CHAPTER REPORT

We Want You to Get Tired of Hearing From Us!

By Grey Beaudin, Outgoing Grand Master

This past semester, the undergraduate brothers have continued to make great strides in reclaiming our position of “Good Standing” with both the university and National. We are making good progress, and we want you to know about it. In fact, you just might get tired of hearing from us, but we’ll keep sending notes of our progress your way.

This past summer, several officers headed to New Orleans for the annual leadership conference. Several brothers also took on summer internships in the U.S. and abroad.



Brothers enjoy some whitewater rafting during a team-building trip to West Virginia this fall.

This October, the chapter traveled to Hico, W.V., for some whitewater rafting. This was a great team-building outing, but we had a lot of fun, as well. The month of October also marked our participation in the Delta Gamma Anchor Splash, a swimming competition among sororities, fraternities and other organizations to benefit the visually impaired. A photo of some of our guys in their swimming attire made the front page of *The Denisonian*.

On September 11, the Gamma-Xi Chapter held an informative discussion about date rape and sexual misconduct on the Denison campus. The open discussion was organized by members of the fraternity, as well as the varsity head women’s basketball coach, Sara Lee. The main objective of the event was to create an open dialogue between the administration and students on ways to take preventative measures when it comes to sexual misconduct. The feedback following the discussion was extremely positive, coming from both the administration and the student body.

Welcome to Our Newest Initiates

The following sophomores were initiated on Nov. 30, 2014, bringing the sophomore class to 18 brothers.

Al Nenning – Economics
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Hanna Saba – Political Science/Econ.
Chicago, Ill.

Tim Smith – Psychology
Denver, Colo.

We end this semester with the addition of three new brothers and a new board of executive officers. We wish our new Grand Master P.J. Fallon and the other officers all the best in 2015. And to all our alumni brothers, thank you for your faith in us as we rebuild and refocus. We wish you all a joyful holiday season and Happy New Year!

ALUMNI LEADERSHIP

It’s Almost 2015 ... and You Know What That Means ... Alumni Board Ushers in Leadership Changes for the New Year

Richard “Bones” Bonesteel Retires From Post as Alumni Board Secretary

After many years of dedicated service to the Gamma-Xi Board, “Bones” ’52 has passed on his pen to **Tony Reiss ’88** who has assumed his duty as secretary. While Richard will remain on the board, it seems like an appropriate time to acknowledge and give thanks to his outstanding service over the years. Bones joined the Alumni Board in 1965, assuming the role as president in 1968, which he continued through 1976. He again took up the secretary position in 1985 through 2014 ... a lot of years and a lot of minutes!

Words cannot express the great appreciation for his service, wisdom and brotherhood spanning 49 years and counting. We love you, Bones. Richard and his wife Carolyn reside in Ashland, Ohio, and can be reached at rbones30@yahoo.com.

Meet New Alumni Board Member, Steve Dupont ’78

Steve is a licensed CPA and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) — the international CPA equivalent. He’s worked for the Columbia Pipeline Group for 24 years, currently in Columbus as a manager of accounting.



Career: During the first years after graduation, employers always asked how much accounting experience I had. One day, I realized that my career was not going anywhere without a specific skill set, so I took that first accounting class and loved it. In 1988,

I passed the CPA exam, and the rest is history. I have remained in the utility industry all these years because of the great group of people that I get to work with on a daily basis in Columbus and our field operations office in Charleston, W.V., where I was born and raised. Most don’t know that I do not have an accounting degree, proof that if you desire and want something badly enough, you won’t let anything stand in your way of accomplishing your goals.

What was the determining factor in rushing Kappa Sig at Denison? My father was an ATO at DePauw University, and I would listen intently to every word when he talked about his college fraternity days. At Gamma-Xi, I always felt very comfortable at the house. There was a very diverse group of guys, and everyone was open to “doing your own thing.”

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SCHOLARSHIP

Kappa Sigma at Denison Announces Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Gamma-Xi Alumni Board is excited to announce that it has finally established an endowment fund to provide scholarships for our undergraduate members.

This has been a goal of the board for many years and puts to use legacy contributions such as the **Don Fitch '19**, Marie Fleming Grant, Carsonette Grube, **Scott Schurz '57**, and Wozinski memorial funds as well as the Ken Long fund and many contributions from alumni over the years.

To accomplish this, the board has entered an agreement with Denison University to manage the fund as a subset of its overall endowment and has seeded it with \$100,000 from the alumni board treasury.

The Fund will be known as the **Kappa Sigma at Denison University Endowed Scholarship Fund** and will exist at Denison University in perpetuity. In the event the name of the fund must be amended to reflect a change in the fund's purpose during the donors' lifetimes, the amendment will be made in writing and signed by the donors and the appropriate university officials.

Denison will accept donations on behalf of Kappa Sigma and invest the funds as principle in the Kappa Sigma endowment fund. The fund's investment income will be used to provide scholarship support for students with financial need who are active members in the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

An important and central aspect of the partnership with Denison is that alumni can now make tax-deductible donations to the university that will be well invested and will go to Kappa Sigma members only.

The Denison Financial Aid and Stewardship Offices will each year communicate with the Alumni Association Board, advising them of chapter members whose financial need has either not been fully met by the college and/or self-help (i.e., loans or work awards). Awarded Kappa Sigma Endowed Scholarships may be used to fulfill either unmet need or to substitute for self-help. From the eligible recipients, the Alumni Association Board will identify to the Financial Aid Office the students and dollar amounts recommended for each Kappa

Sigma Endowed Scholarship.

The Board envisions giving perhaps three awards to qualifying sophomores, juniors and seniors. The effort

to develop the criteria and application process will start shortly with the hope of giving the first gifts in the spring of 2015. Please note, the gifts will be applied by Denison toward tuition payments and reducing school debts, so there is no chance the fund will go toward personal use. The board will be in complete control of the gifting process, limited only by the investment return. It should be noted that over 98% of Denison students receive some form of financial aid.

Any individual, corporation, foundation or group may make additions to this fund at any time, and such additions will be made according to the provisions of this agreement.

While \$100,000 is a healthy start, this base will only provide \$5,000 a year in scholarship gifts based on a 5% expected rate of return. Therefore the board would like to set a goal of \$500,000 for the fund. We encourage the 1,000 alumni of our Gamma-Xi Chapter to extend their generosity toward accomplishing this goal. It will make a tangible difference in the lives of our undergraduate brothers. Your donations will be acknowledged in a return receipt and in Denison and Gamma-Xi alumni publications. For any questions, contact **Dave Horning '72** at dwhorning@gmail.com.

To donate, send a check payable to Denison University with an attached letter or note on the check specifying it be applied to the [Kappa Sigma at Denison University Endowed Scholarship Fund](#) to:

Denison University
P.O. Box 716
Granville, OH 43023

Questions can be addressed to Maureen Severson, Office of Stewardship, 740-587-6286 or 877-336-8648.

The board offers special thanks to **Richard Hotaling '54** for his tireless efforts and time over the years in promoting the effort to create a new tradition of scholarship giving at Gamma-Xi.



ALUMNI LEADERSHIP, CONT.

There was a strong feeling of fellowship and camaraderie with the actives and pledge class. Oh, and we did always have the best parties.

What was the determining factor in becoming part of the alumni board? I've always wanted to be a part of the post-Denison/Kappa Sig experience, to give back to the school and the fraternity. It was not until **Doug Price '83** contacted me with the opportunity to be on the board that I really seriously considered it; and I readily accepted.

Meet New Alumni Board Member, Bill Wexler '79

We also welcome Bill to the board. Bill is the executive director of a retirement community in southwestern Ohio.

Career: I obtained a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in Health Planning and Administration and



then embarked on a 30-plus-year career in the senior housing field. Currently, I am the executive director of Otterbein Lebanon, a large continuing care retirement community in southwest Ohio that serves approximately 820 residents.

What was the determining factor in rushing Kappa Sig at Denison? I originally joined Kappa Sigma because I felt an immediate bond with the older brothers in the fraternity. I wanted to be in a fraternity where I could get involved with leadership opportunities. Those leadership opportunities that I enjoyed while at Kappa Sigma ultimately were a huge benefit in my current job overseeing a large retirement community campus.

What was the determining factor in becoming part of the alumni board? I recall the great support that the Alumni Board provided to me when I was the Grand Master at Kappa Sigma. Now that my own kids are grown, I felt compelled to return the favor to the current and active Kappa Sigmas.

STAY CONNECTED

Help Us Find a Lost Brother!

We've lost touch with several members of our brotherhood and need your help to find them! We have listed several of them below. To see a full list, go to www.kappasigmadenison.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page to "View Lost Email List." If you have a current email address for one or more of them, please send an email to our alumni relations firm at updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com. Be sure to reference Kappa Sigma at Denison. Please note that this information is used only for Kappa Sigma Denison alumni communications and will never be traded or sold.

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Alex Haughton '99
Todd Cheek '98
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Charles B. Hegarty '96
Dean Licata '95
Christopher Miller '94
Paul Endres '93
John Fletcher '92
Kurt A. Vassily '91
Humayuh Sheikh '90
Ward Evans '89

Harry Rippon Jr. '88
Scott M. Arnold '87
Gary J. Clark '86
William Mann '85
Scott H. Levitt '84
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Steven R. Evans '81

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James Harrison '78
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David A. Conte '75
Mark Nichols '74
C. Bevers '73

James J. Jipson '72
Neil Smith '71
William R. Miller Jr. '70
Russell Harris '69
David Parsons '68
William B. Richards '67
Charles S. Scull '66
Rune Carlson '65

In Their Shoes

The picture to the right is today's growing Gamma-Xi Chapter. So often, we ask a lifetime of experience from these young men who are often under 22 years of age. During our years as undergraduates, there was reassurance in knowing that alumni were looking out for our best interest. Now, as alumni, we understand that we cannot ask a lifetime of experience from young men who are just learning what leadership means. We have to show them. That is how we learned. So, please take a few minutes in 2015 to stop by the house and share your experience and advice with our brothers.



Please visit our online community at www.kappasigmadenison.com to read more.

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