

VOLUNTEERS

Gamma-Xi is looking to recruit a few new trustees to help shape the future of our chapter. Trustee terms last between 1 to 3 years. As a trustee, you'll be asked to return home to Kappa Sig to participate in board meetings—once in the fall and again in the spring. It's a fun, easy way to give back to your fraternity! If interested, please contact Dave Horning at dwhorning@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

The following young men were initiated into Gamma-Xi in the Fall of 2013:

- Lukas Sinkevicius '14**
Naperville, IL
- Casey Cempre '15**
Worthington, OH
- Vince Cullen '14**
Medina, OH
- Max Sendziak '15**
Buffalo, NY
- Aditya Mukhija '14**
Mumbai, India

GUESS WHO?

Which Kappa Sig lives by the saying, "If you're not having fun, then you're probably not doing it right."

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ON THE WEB

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The Stimulator

Gamma-Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Granville, Ohio — February 2013

PARTY OF THE CENTURY

Gamma-Xi Celebrates Historical 100-Year Anniversary *A New Journey Begins with Our Revival*

Gamma-Xi Chapter celebrated its centennial on the Denison campus in style on the weekend of September 14 and 15, 2012. As with many things characteristic of the chapter, it was done a little on the late side—but done it was and well.

Gamma-Xi was first installed on February 15 and 16, 1911. It enjoyed over ninety years of brotherhood and growth until a hazing incident led to the withdrawal of its charter in 2004.

Years of hard work by the chapter alumni and headquarters staff led to the revival of Gamma-Xi on February 20, 2011. This was 100 years and five days after the original establishment of the chapter, as 37 Denison students who had formed the colony, were initiated. Gamma-Xi was back!

Formal celebration of this great event did not occur until September 2012, and was a joint celebration of the chapter's centennial and its revival. The carefully planned events were the work of the Gamma-Xi Alumni Association, led by its president **David W. Horning '72**, and the undergraduate chapter, led by its Grand Master **Shawn D. Whites '13**. The revival of *The Stimulator*, the chapter's alumni newsletter, and the introduction of the chapter's website, www.kappasigmadenison.com, provided the call for alumni from many decades to return to Granville for a festive weekend. Attendance was largely led by the alumni from the 1950s.

The weekend events included a Friday after-



Many alums from the 50s attended the event.

noon cocktail reception, a model initiation, a tailgate lunch on Saturday, a tour of the famous Avery-Downer House, and the final banquet at the Granville Inn on Saturday night.

The highlight of the weekend was the cocktail hour and culminating banquet at the Granville Inn. **Richard S. Bonesteel '52**, House Corporation Secretary, welcomed the brothers and their guests while **Irvin H. Harlamert '52** led the invocation. Dave Horning described the state of the alumni chapter, which is excellent. He introduced chapter Grand Master Shawn Whites, who described the state of the undergraduate chapter. **William R. Wickham '58** had told the undergraduates that in past years, the pledge class would entertain the alumni every homecoming by singing

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Gamma-Xi celebrated its centennial anniversary in September 2012.

ACTIVE CHAPTER UPDATE

Leadership, Achievement and Enthusiasm Follow a Historical Semester

By Cody May, Gamma-Xi Outgoing Grand Treasurer

The active chapter would like to welcome the new executive council and our newly-initiated members. In addition, we wish to thank our departing leaders for their leadership, service, and fellowship: **Shawn Whites '13**, **Brennan Duckett '13**, **Scott Porter** (abroad), **Cody May** (abroad), and **Travis Grasser '13**.

At this time, we have 41 members which make us the second largest fraternity on campus! Our spring rush usually averages from 12 to 14 pledges and will conclude in late January. We expect to be above 50 members for the second consecutive year. Recruitment has become a priority of our chapter and we are eager to see how the spring semester plays out.

This spring, we will also focus on expanding our philanthropic efforts, including our popular raffle. Last year, we raised \$1,500 for the Military Heros campaign from ticket

proceeds. As a chapter, we also participated in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash to benefit Service for Sight. This upcoming spring, the chapter would like to identify a better non-philanthropic fundraiser. While last year's calendars were a huge hit, they consumed an enormous amount of time and resources.

I'm pleased to report Gamma-Xi is expanding its undergraduate scholarship program, which includes awards for most improved, best academic achievement, and outstanding Kappa Sig. We will post the recipients online (www.kappasigmadenison.com) in the near future.

Three brothers were recently awarded national endowment awards this semester: Shawn Whites and Scott Porter both received Outstanding Scholarship-Leadership Awards and Cody May received the Herschel T.

Meredith Award. The SLAs are awarded to the top two percent of all Kappa Sigma undergraduates!

After experiencing the 100th anniversary in the fall, the brothers are pumped up and hopeful that the spring semester will bring growth and success.

Introducing Our New Executive Counsel

Grand Procurator - **Alex Wood '14**

Grand Scribe - **Grant Veltman '15**

Grand Treasurer -

Hunter Trombly Hughes '14

Grand Master of Ceremonies -

James Held '14

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

From Hoodies 'n Denim to the D.C. Beltway

Thanks to former Grand Master **Shawn Whites '13** for participating in this semester's Senior Spotlight. Shawn hails from Galion, Ohio and will graduate this spring with a degree in English literature and philosophy.

Why did you join Kappa Sig over other fraternities?

Gamma-Xi was in the very beginning stages of re-colonization, thus providing me with an opportunity to join a small group of men who lacked a defined image and tradition. Since then, we have fully established the former and the latter.

Other than Grand Master, what other activities have you been involved in?

I was co-governor and senator in Denison Campus Governance Association, president of the senior class gift and senior week planning committee, a member of Pop Tabs for a Purpose and worked with *Exile Literary Magazine*.

Why did you pick your particular field of study?

I chose to study English simply because I enjoyed writing creatively as a hobby, and philosophy more for the pre-law track. Philosophy has helped me sort through some

of the toughest questions/decisions that one faces throughout life; which are, how should I act? What is the right thing to do in this situation? What kind of life do I want to live?

Describe your most rewarding work experience to-date?

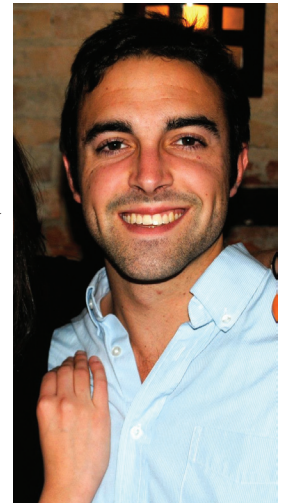
I interned with attorney Brett Kravitz, a private practice attorney who focuses on toxic tort litigation and other areas of natural resource/environmental law. During that summer, Brett was (and still is) part of a team of attorneys prosecuting an Ohio landfill for methane contamination in the local area. My job was to analyze the hundreds of documents that came in from the courts in hopes of finding some sort of evidence that could be used in court. It was like searching for a needle in a haystack, but it was always fulfilling to find that small one-page document that contained a wealth of information the company had been trying to hide.

Why will you stay connected with Kappa Sig after graduation?

Staying involved with the chapter offers alumni a nostalgic outlet to an almost mythi-

cal point in all of our lives called "college." We welcome all the alumni to come visit and have a beer on the Kappa Sigma porch. In fact, our 100th year celebration of Gamma-Xi at Denison was one of the most memorable Kappa Sigma experiences I've had, as the actives had a great time sharing stories with the alumni and learning some of their "tricks" and "traditions." I already look forward to returning to Denison after graduation in order to make sure the legacy has carried on!

After graduation, Shawn plans to move to Washington, D.C. where he will hopefully find work with a government agency while studying for the LSAT and the Foreign Service Officer exam.



Connect with Shawn at whites.shawn@gmail.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

C. Pfeiffer Trowbridge '50

(P.O. Box 445, Stuart, FL 34995; benchboy@gate.net) I am completely retired now after 42 years as a circuit court judge of the state of Florida. I've previously earned a commercial pilot's rating and am a certified flight instructor for airplanes, single and multi-engines land and sea instrument airplanes, helicopters, and gliders; I am also a member of Mensa. I've had a hip replacement and now I have some mobility issues. Asides from that, I have five children and six grandchildren.

Alan S. Angell Jr. '60

(21913 Masters Cir, Estero, FL 33928; aangell02@comcast.net) I'm still hanging out in Estero, Fla. with three to six KZ brothers who often join in on the fun.

Thomas Young '64

(2522 Newbury St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952; youngtw@comcast.net) I worked for the past 42 years as an attorney specializing in the field of public sector labor law - collective bargaining, impasses, grievances, arbitrations, etc. I have semi-retired and now serve as a mediator and arbitrator in the public sector. I spend much of my time playing golf or on our boat with my family, including my wife, two children and three grandchildren. I often cruise, fish and dive in the waters off SW Florida, the Keys and the Bahamas. If any of the brothers (circa 1960 - 1965) ever find themselves near Port Charlotte or Punta Gorda, Fla., I would love to see them.

Steve Miller '70

(10797 Eagle Crest Ln., Parker, CO 80138; samiller@financialguide.com) My wife, Kim, and I are enjoying our grandchildren, Zack (4) and Arianna (1) with another due in March. We are blessed with good health. Our Wealth Management practice continues

to support our clients and their referrals on business, tax and retirement planning. Kim and I just returned from Dallas where we are co-sponsors for the annual St. Jude Children's Hospital Charity Golf Tournament and Gala. This year, "Big & Rich" came to Dallas to help raise funds with over 800 supporters attending the Gala. The fundraiser is listed as one of the top five charity events in Dallas and has raised more than \$8 million for St. Jude. Our team came in first place in the Golf Tournament. Lee Tevino has been our team's celebrity player the last two years. Lee lives in Dallas and is very generous in his support for St. Jude. We are looking forward to another Christmas with our kids, grandchildren, grandnieces and grandnephews. In February, the whole family is heading to Naples, Florida for my mother's 90th birthday celebration on Valentine's Day.

Paul Ecke III '79

(1952 Neptune Ave., Encinitas, CA 92024; paulecke3@icloud.com) I recently sold The Paul Ecke Ranch (my operating business) to the Agribio Group, a Dutch company. My son, Hans Maxwell Ecke, is a Kappa Sigma brother at USC and studying Mechanical Engineering. I live with my wife, Julie Hampton, and our daughter, Polly (11), in Leucadia, Calif.

Tim Murphy '80

(13539 Acorn Cir, Mogadore, OH 44260; murphs@yahoo.com) I live in Redwood City, Calif. and teach English at San Francisco State University.

Donald G Wenzel Jr. '84

(P.O. Box 600, Prospect, KY 40059; rune@wolfenet.com) I am now on the Amalfi Coast, so I will keep this short since I will not be home before the 22nd. I have retired and

moved from the Seattle area to Sedona, Ariz. where the sun shines 320 days a year. I stay active hiking on the many trails in Sedona and traveling once in a while.

Frederic "Buck" Kiechel '95

(2341 Bretigne Dr., Lincoln, NE 68512; buck@kiechelart.com) I own Kiechel Fine Art, which specializes in 19th and 20th century American art. Lisa and I live in Lincoln, Neb., with our three children: Luke (12), Isabel (9) and our newest addition, Graham, who was born last May.

Randy M. Horton '00

(5725 Lake Mendota Dr., Madison, WI 53705; Randy.Horton@landsend.com) My wife, Jodi, and I have been living in Madison, Wis. for the past 2.5 years and absolutely loving it. It's a long way from my Connecticut roots, but something tells me we're going to be here for a while. We have a 15-month-old named Jack who already gives me the grip when we shake hands. And I must admit that pledging Kappa Sig at Denison did a great job preparing me for the "unexpected late nights" that come with raising a baby.

As for my daily grind, I've recently taken on the role of Creative Director for Lands' End overseeing all our websites/digital experiences and Canvas Lands' entire End (our newest brand). Prior to this, I was just overseeing our Lands' End Kids and Canvas Lands' End brands. Outside of work, I still spend as much time as I can boating on Lake Mendota and have recently gotten into pinball restoration. I've already restored and sold four machines. It's my newest "dorky addiction." I try to live by the saying, "If you're not having fun, then you're probably not doing it right." Other than that, I'm geared up for winter and maintaining my Steeler pride amongst a sea of green and yellow.

ON THE WEB

Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses from 43% of Our Brothers

You may be missing out on important news and updates from Gamma-Xi! Each month, we send eletters with the latest news, information, and event details to all alumni on our distribution list. Right now, only about 500 alumni receive this news.

If you aren't receiving our monthly eletters, please update your email address online at www.kappasigmadenison.com. You can also email our alumni relations office with your full name, grad year and "Kappa Sig at Denison" to [feedback@](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com)

affinityconnection.com.

The more email addresses we have, the more money we can save on paper and postage. Thanks for helping us stay connected with you more frequently and cost effectively!

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“Beta Alpha Delta,” the song of the old local fraternity. Bill had rehearsed the undergraduates in the song Thursday night; he gave them their note from the piano, and they launched into the chapter’s most historic song with gusto. The alumni joined in for a second chorus, per tradition, the result being the restoration of the chapter’s musical roots.

Wickham then related a brief history of Gamma-Xi, focusing on Beta Alpha Delta, the 1911 installation, and the early years up through the fifties. He described the five chapter houses, and the struggles to provide each of them through the years. Then he challenged

the undergraduates: “You now represent one of Kappa Sigma’s finest chapters and are the pride of your alumni. It is up to you to make the next chapters of our history proud ones, too.”

The keynote speaker of the evening was the long-time Executive Director of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Mitchell B. “Mic” Wilson (University of Kentucky), representing the Supreme Executive Committee. Mic had been a major player in the negotiations with Denison University leading to the return to campus and had attended the reinstallation ceremonies in 2011.

He stated: “For our undergraduate

brothers who are present, you are our future. As I look back across my many years a member of Kappa Sigma, I have known many great Kappa Sigmas, and you today, stand as the modern day founders of this fraternity. Your presence, your contribution, your commitment, are just as important as the commitment of the founders of this fraternity and the founders of your own chapter.”

Read a full account of the weekend’s centennial celebration online at

www.kappasigmadenison.com.

Brothers Helping Brothers

As a part of its centennial celebration, Gamma-Xi Chapter has helped another chapter in need. Theta-Upsilon Chapter at Miami University had a critical housing need. There are close ties between the two chapters. Wesley C. Bren, a 1985 initiate of Theta-Upsilon, is the president of the Theta-Upsilon Alumni Association, as well as the son of Donald J. Bren, a 1949 initiate of Gamma-Xi Chapter, and a past president of the Gamma-Xi Alumni Association.

The Board of Trustees of the Gamma-Xi Alumni Association recently gave Theta-Upsilon \$25,000 together with a matching-fund challenge for an additional \$25,000. Theta-Upsilon actually raised \$40,000 and thus had \$90,000 available for its substantial remodeling project. Executive Director Mic Wilson reports that to his knowledge, no other chapter has made such a substantial financial contribution to another chapter. This is a wonderful example of Brothers Helping Brothers.

A Special Thanks

Gamma-Xi wishes extend the thanks to the area managers for their supreme efforts in establishing the 25 young men in the Gamma-Xi colony and the eventual successful return of the Kappa Sigma charter to Gamma-Xi.

We also wish to thank Kappa Sigma’s Executive Director Mitchell Wilson for donating his time to take part of this historical celebration. Mic graciously delivered a stirring address at Gamma-Xi’s Centennial Celebration. If you were unable to attend the event, we’ve posted his presentation on online at www.kappasigmadenison.com.



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