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The Stimulator

Gamma-Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Granville, Ohio — November 2011

BOT REPORT

Gamma-Xi Trustees Meet, Discuss Chapter Success and New Look of Chapter House

By Dick Bonesteel '52

Board members met at the Buxton Inn in Granville on October 15, 2011. **Tim Martin**, GM of the chapter attended, reporting on the chapter's progress and involvement on campus. The brotherhood is comprised of 34 actives and four upperclassmen pledges. Fifteen seniors will graduate in June. The GPA was second highest of the seven fraternities on campus. Tim, along with five other brothers, participated in the

Grand Conclave in Las Vegas this summer.

Tim extended the appreciation of the chapter on the "new look" of the Chapter House. Last summer, **Irv Harlamert '52** suggested to the Board that they meet with an interior designer he is associated with to evaluate the current condition of the living areas and to present a proposal for a complete renovation of the entire first floor area. A proposal from Winifred Cleavenger was presented to the Board and approved. (Proposal to design and paint, install carpeting, and provide furniture and related accessories). Per Tim, we have one of the best living areas of all the houses on campus.

In addition, the renovation of the kitchen area - designed and implemented with the involvement of **Dave Horning '72** - also resulted in the completion of the "new look" at the Kappa Sigma house. The Board visited the house to see the completed changes to the first floor areas. If you visit DU, please come to the house — it's really a new look! Our thanks to Dave for all his involvement.



A look inside the newly-renovated Kappa Sig house. Find many more pictures at www.kappasigmadenison.com.

ON THE WEB

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Do We Have Your Email Address?

Log on to our web site, www.kappasigmadenison.com and click on Edit Info at the top of the page to ensure your email address and other contact information is up to date. If it's not, you can update it online, or send your updated info to our alumni relations office at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention Kappa Sig at Denison).

Network Online

Coming soon! Opportunities to post job openings, find a new position and share resumes online with other Gamma Xi actives and alumni. Stay tuned for details.

ON THE WEB

Check Out Our New Online Alumni Community!

Gamma Xi is pleased to announce the launch of its own online community in honor of our Centennial year. This online community (www.kappasigmadenison.com) is designed to better engage our alumni base and reconnect them with the brotherhood in a very unique way. We will also distribute monthly eLetters to all those members who have provided us with a valid email address. This way, the chapter can communicate with members faster and more economically than typical print communications.

Our alumni website will offer many benefits to its members. Alumni will be able to:

- Learn about news impacting the chapter
- See what alumni activities are planned for the upcoming year
- Post alumni updates or "class notes"
- Share your experiences as a brother and post pictures
- Gain access to the alumni directory
- Receive e-letters highlighting news/events

As a reminder, this website will not replace *The Stimulator*. This publication is part of Kappa Sig's heritage. The website simply allows us to expand our reach, so we can engage more members in a manner that best suits their needs.

Award-Winning Alum Has Helped Preserve the History of Kappa Sig

Accomplished Kappa Sigma alum **Bill Wickham '58** has finally slowed down. After 40 years of work and dedication to the Gamma Xi Chapter at Denison and a long legal career, he has been spending his time primarily taking care of his wife, Nancy. From his time as an undergraduate, to his positions internationally, to the awards he was presented, Bill never faltered on his love for Gamma Xi. This distinguished brother's work, however, leaves an imprint on the fraternity.

As an undergraduate, Bill joined Kappa Sig to find good friends and contribute to the fraternity. He was initiated in 1955 and graduated in 1958. When asked what day he would relive if he could, he said it was that day in May 1956 when the chapter won the interfraternity song contest with "Honey, Honey, Honey."

Since graduation, Bill's participation has only gotten stronger. He served on the Gamma Xi Alumni Board of Trustees in the mid 1960's and as District Grand Master for the Ohio chapters from 1967 – 1970.

Bill understands the importance of maintaining the history of Kappa Sigma and has incorporated that sentiment into his various alumni roles. In 1962 he was the editor of

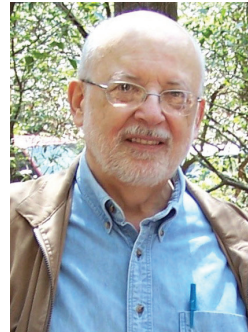
the 50-year history of Gamma Xi. He was the Assistant to the National Historian from 1968 – 1971. Lastly, from March of 1988 to October of 2002 he served as the National Historian of Kappa Sigma. This position makes him the most proud to this day.

"We learn from the words of those who have gone before us," he said. "The Fraternity and the Chapter have proud histories of accomplishment and challenges. We also learn from the achievements and from the mistakes of those who went before us. Written history is also a way to recognize those who significantly contribute to our successes and to thank them for their service."

He did not stop there. One of Bill's most meaningful roles was presiding as Acting Ritualist for nine chapter installations from 1970 to 1993. He sees the meaning of ritual in the bonds of fraternity members and believes it is sometimes taken for granted.

"The Ritual is the central core of our being, as a 142-year-old fraternal order," Bill explained. "It inspires us, guides us, and joins

us together so that we can pass its teachings and traditions on to our successors, and in doing so, become better men."



Bill Wickham '58

Alumni participation is something Bill has never lacked, and he encourages others to give the same effort he has. In 1986, Bill compiled an alumni directory for the 75th Anniversary of Gamma Xi. He was the national house corporation commissioner from 1978 to 1983. He coordinated activities of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter of Kappa Sigma from 1980 to 1988, and has frequently contributed articles to The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma since 1957. He believes fellow graduates should keep alumni involvement alive "to pass down the wisdom and traditions of a century-old chapter, and to help provide for its well-being."

Bill has received awards for his being an outstanding brother in Kappa Sigma. He was awarded the International Stephen Alonzo Jackson Award, and the Atlanta Alumni Chapter Man-of-the-Year Award, both in 1993.

Reconnect with Bill at wwickham@aol.com.

Kappa Sig: A Family Tradition

What do two of our brothers who graduated in 1973 and 2011 have in common? **James** and **William Curto** have a bigger relationship than just being Kappa Sig brothers - they are also father and son.



James and William Curto

Although there is a nearly 40-year gap between their college experiences, their time as undergraduates were similar in many ways. Both men took on leadership positions within the fraternity. James '73 even served as Grand Master for a period of time.

"I sought the Grand Master role because I thought I could make a positive difference in how we were running the house," he explained. "As GM, I knew I liked having a leadership role."

Similar to James's willingness to lead his chapter, William '11 became a founding father at Kappa Sigma, helping to reinstate the chap-

ter at Denison. When asked what it feels like to be a founding father to his father's fraternity, William believes "it's great to share a new kind of bond."

The Gamma Xi Chapter has been suspended since 2006, but

with the help of William and his friends, the chapter was brought back to life. James is "very proud of his [son's] effort" and knows how important the fraternity is to his own life.

"As freshmen, we were told that fraternity membership was a lifelong thing and that this would provide a home base when visiting Denison years after graduation – that this could enhance a continuing connection to the university," James said.

Both James and William agree on the essential role that alumni play to the chapter. They understand that this chapter is young and growing, but still upholds the same ideals that the original chapter did.

"With the right resources, we can improve Denison's atmosphere for both our members and the entire campus," said William on encouraging alumni to participate in the chapter.

Without any doubt, Kappa Sigma has affected this father and son duo in a positive way. They both agree that their lives would be different if they hadn't joined. William said he would never have met the group of 50 great guys he became brothers with. James sees the impact as stretching even beyond his great friendships.

Reconnect with James at (708) 246-2167 and William at willcurto@me.com.

Find full versions of both profiles at www.kappasigmadenison.com.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Transitioning Beta Alpha Delta Into a Kappa Sigma Chapter

Excerpts from *Centennial History of Gamma-Xi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Chapter 2*

The following is just a short excerpt from Chapter 2 of *William Wickham '58's* extensive historical account of Kappa Sigma at Denison. Read the full history at www.kappasigmadenison.com.

The earliest document in the archives of Kappa Sigma Headquarters relating to Gamma-Xi Chapter is a letter dated November 24, 1909, from Worthy Grand Master N. Leslie Carpenter, an initiate of Kappa Chapter at Vanderbilt University, to Worthy Grand Scribe Herbert M. Martin, an initiate of Eta Chapter at Randolph-Macon College, reporting that he had received a letter of inquiry and that Martin would soon receive a petition from Beta Alpha Delta. While that letter is lost, it was possibly from Woodward,

advising the Worthy Grand Master that he was recommending Beta Alpha Delta and helping its members prepare their petition for a charter.

Woodward helped Spencer, Alfred Orcutt, **R. Dean Hart '10**, and Horace Hunt, as they spent their Christmas 1909 vacation in Granville preparing the petition for a charter from Kappa Sigma.

The petition, sent to Worthy Grand Scribe Martin before the month was over, has not been found, but it reportedly included a short sketch of each of the undergraduate and alumni members of Beta Alpha Delta, a history of the little fraternity, a letter from Denison president Emory Hunt giving permission for the establishment of a Kappa Sigma chapter, and letters from various

members of the faculty and townsmen recommending individually, and as a whole, the men of Beta Alpha Delta.

Denison and Beta Alpha Delta were then visited by Kappa Sigma representatives of the national fraternity. Worthy Grand Procurator Jeremiah S. Ferguson, an initiate of Psi Chapter at the University of Maine, and District Grand Master John M. Price, an initiate of Alpha-Delta Chapter at Penn State College, who were only in Granville for about six hours. When they left, the petitioners felt certain that there was nothing about Denison or Beta Alpha Delta that the visitors did not know. When leaving, Ferguson told them not to be discouraged if they didn't hear anything favorable for a year or more.

ALUMNI REUNIONS

The Kappa Sig Bonds Remain Strong, 50+ Years Later!

Thank you to **Tim Schramm '59** for submitting this photo...

Congratulations on the revival of *The Stimulator*. I thought some of our brothers might get a kick out of this picture of a '59-'60 group who started our Kappa Sig days in the old house and were the first to occupy the new one. This picture was taken at a get together of Kappa Sig "Snow Birds" we had last winter at our place in Sanibel FL.

Pictured (L to R bottom row): Pete Halliday (a friendly Beta), John Otis, Twinky (Stewart) Otis, Margi (Cleland) Angell, JoAnn (Ayers) Somers; (back row): Al Angell, Herb Somers and Tim Schramm.



OLD PHOTO ALBUM



Thank you to **Tom Gray '48** for submitting this great photo of Kappa Sigs in 1943. He also shared a great story about Kappa Sig during WWII, including how girls moved into the house and what they did to the bathroom during the war, which you can read on our web site, www.kappasigmadenison.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Walter Kautz '46

(1281 Crestwood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208-4204; waltandbarb@aol.com) While a "short termer" (I was taken away by V-12 program in July 1944) I always enjoyed my memories of time at Denison and Kappa Sig. I now have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren to keep my time occupied. I was in class with Hal Holbrook and Gordon Condit, and have followed the theatre aspects of our class as much as anything. I am very pleased

to see the Greeks returned to the Denison campus. One reason



Barbara and Walter Kautz '46

I am a KS is the fact that the SAE group in 1942 spent more time at Foxe's in Newark than on campus. I depledged immediately after Hell Week and then joined KS in 1943. More my style. I always look forward to seeing *The Stimulator*. Barbara and I married 66 years ago in January 1945.

James Pasquarella '02

(460 Dreshertown Rd., Ft. Washington, PA 19034-3011; james.pasquarella@cbre.com) Carrie and I celebrated the birth of a daughter named Emily Grace in October. Tommy (2) is now a proud big brother.

William Curto '11

(1032 Park Place, Western Springs, IL 60558; willcurto@me.com) I've just accepted a job offer from HCC Insurance (Houston Casualty Company) to be an associate primary casualty underwriter in their new Chicago office.

James Gillingham '49

(9706 Overbrook Rd., Shawnee Mission, KS 66206-2310; gillinghamja@umkc.edu) writes, "Here are some old, old pics for your amazement (view the others online at www.kappasigmadenison.com). The Grange party was a secret to all. We were transported by bus to a grange out in the county and had a cider party. The coed in the white shirt standing turned out to be my wife. The marriage has lasted 63 years so far. The Broadway Kappa Sig house formals (pictures online) were taken in the entry of the house.



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