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Eminent Archon Report- Michael Campanelli '06



Greetings, brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon! I would first like to thank all of you who were an integral part to the success of our fall Alumni weekend. The weekend was well planned and a lot of fun. I enjoyed the company of all the alumni that could make the trip back to NY Epsilon. I can not wait for the spring Alumni weekend which is set to follow the Big Red Freakout weekend February 10th, 11th, 12th. This semester has seen numerous changes in operations and attitudes. House participation throughout rush, pledging and community service has been great this semester and we are looking to keep the zeal into next semester. From supporting several brothers and pledges at soccer games with tailgating (the RPI soccer team went on to be the ECAC champions), to supporting our IFC Soccer team all the way to winning the IFC Soccer trophy, to making Fall Rush more lucrative and integral and volunteering more benefiting, NY Epsilon is heading for great places and going to accomplish many great things in the future. We are being set up for a successful future at RPI.

Rush Report – Chris Petrino '07



This Fall Rush saw a successful turnout for new fall pledges. We approached Rush with the attitude of having less events, but making them big and attractive. With events such as our annual Luau (with Limos this time), Community Enrichment Dinner and a trip to a brother's lake house for wakeboarding and jet skiing, just to name a few, we gained 15 pledges and have three that have already signed bids for the spring. Speaking of which, this coming spring is proving to already have a positive outlook on gaining another 10 pledges, as our current pledges bring out more of their friends so that they will consider rushing in the spring. Nonetheless, we continue to strive to have the best events for rushees and hope that they are able to see what SAE is all about and we hope that we're fortunate enough to see the best of what RPI has to offer for NY Epsilon.

CRC Report – Rory Arredondo '08



This has been a very busy semester with the community. The Community Enrichment Dinner saw an audience of 80+ people, including faculty, administrators, neighbors and rushees. It was once again a huge success for both our community relations and Fall Rush. We continue to help out at the Soup Kitchen every Friday afternoon, where we also helped out with their Thanksgiving Dinner and distributing bagged goods for the holiday season. We also donated money to AGD's cancer research foundation and St.

Jude juvenile cancer research. The neighbors still appreciate when we help rake leaves in their yards. All of this helped us garner first runner-up at the IFC Philanthropy Banquet dinner, receiving a plaque and a \$100 check. This coming spring, I have high expectations for Farkouh Field Day to once again be a huge success for the brothers and the communities of Troy and RPI.

Pledge Report – Cary Klemm '07



Handling a big class has been a roller coaster ride on both sides. These pledges have proven to be very driven and motivated. Unfortunately, we lost two pledges at the beginning of pledging due to transferring (where he is now pledging SAE at UNH) and parent's concerns. Losing two of their fellow pledges didn't stop them from completing interviews, participating in seminars required by RPI and working on their pledge project, which is fixing up the bar in the basement (and it needs it). I honestly couldn't have asked for a more spirited and focused pledge class.

Name	Hometown
Ryan Bames	Camp Springs, MD
Mike Gilchrist	Latham, NY
Anthony Guidarelli	Rotterdam, NY
Michael Henzel	Niwat, CO
Bill Karn	Falmouth, ME
Stephen Knapp	Webster, NY
Steve Martin	St. James, NY
Justin Metzger	Clifton Park, NY
Peter Murrer	Buffalo, NY
Mike O'Shea	Colorado Springs, CO
Adam Rivard	Somers, CT
Jeffrey Sangillo	Bayonne, NJ
Richard Tenure	Nesconset, NY
Mike Walker	N. Attleboro, MA



Pledges after their 3rd successful raid w/ the new Brother Log

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Leadership continues to flourish

The past several years have seen SAE holding powerful student positions at RPI. Last spring, Peter Baldwin '06 was re-elected as the President of the Union, and will finish out his term next spring. Erik Swanson '08, currently on the E-Board, will be following in Peter's footsteps as he will run for President of the Union before his term at RPI is over. This semester saw the end of Kumar Jambunathan's term as the IFC President. He fortunately has provided motivation for Rory Arredondo '08, who is currently the IFC VP of Public Relations, and is striving to be the next IFC President next fall. Jerome Davidovich '05 and Bryan Geiger '06 are currently Resident Directors for their dormitory halls, as they have been staff members since their sophomore years. Leadership continues on the athletic fields as well, with Drew Taranto '07 as the starting kicker for the football team (who are the ECAC champions), practically half of the soccer team being SAE, and several members from track and field and swimming/diving.

Old Man Witter Report - Jonathan "Jerry" Witter 1982

Things are going pretty well with the chapter from my perspective. The undergrads reorganized the executive council to reduce it from 13 officers to 7 which they hope will help with their meetings and push responsibilities and actions down to more of the members. The semester of brothers cooking dinners worked out great and the good food and steward budget savings will continue this semester. The fall pledges have been enthusiastic and challenging the brothers to be more involved. Many will be good leaders in the chapter in the years to come.

The chapter house itself seems a little tired with plumbing leaks becoming more the norm than the exception and with it being a little harder to keep up the cleanliness and structure to match the social demands. Support monetarily and more importantly with ideas and advice to the chapter and LAE is welcomed.

RPI hired a new Dean for Greek Life and the Relationship Statement revision was finally approved after many years of languish with RPI Administration. Despite the school's strategic plan for a Greek Model of Excellence, they have yet to support it in the same manner as the Office of First Year Experience – and hence my pleas for RPI donations to go to DOSO and not the general fund.

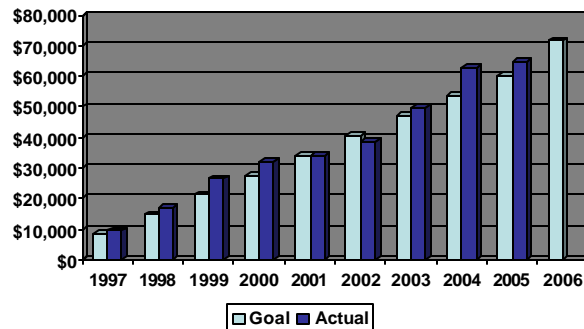
Phonathon 2006

Well the results are in for the 2006 phonathon and we did alright, but continued our downward trend in overall donations. As of December we had \$16,240 collected from 148 donors. There were a few holdouts and missed chances from past donors. We are working to revamp the phonathon for next March and hope to surpass our old goals of \$20,000 by regaining past supporters and recognizing them better. Check out the chapter website for the donor listing. Are you going to let your classmates beat you?

The Lion Fund for long term saving has continued to meet its investment goals, reaching \$65,000 in August 2005. Just look how Erik Aarts 1989, Eric Wenberg 1988, and Dennis Wassung 1994 masterfully managed us through the period where many of us lost lots in our 401k accounts.

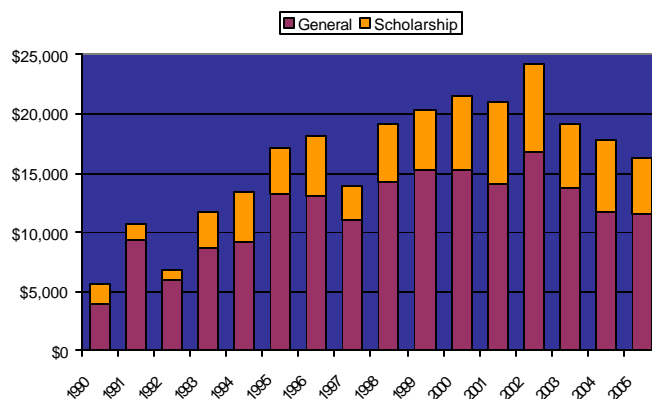
Actual vs. Goal

Actual = Account value at end of year (2005 = 8/31 value)
Goal = Actual saving (\$6000) plus potential portfolio growth of 8%



The scholarship funds have over \$80,000 that continues to grow each year and allows LAE to award 2-3 scholarships of at least \$1,000 each. A summary of the last 15 years of phonathons shows we have received over \$250,000 in donations in that time but that we are on a downward trend.

Annual Phonathon Total Donations



This year's top ten lists for class donations and participation percentages showed great strength of the classes of 1968, 1972, 1976, 1982, and 1995

Class	Amount	Class	Participation
1995	\$1,425.00	1976	54.55%
1982	\$1,250.00	1956	50.00%
1964	\$800.00	1968	47.06%
1993	\$750.00	1967	46.15%
1968	\$750.00	1982	41.18%
1994	\$700.00	1966	38.46%
1976	\$695.00	1972	36.36%
1971	\$600.00	1973	30.77%
1972	\$575.00	1995	30.43%
1988	\$550.00	1963	28.57%

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Farewell to David Haviland '64



At the beginning of December, Brother David Haviland '64 was given a farewell reception from Dr. Jackson and her entire cabinet. Brother Haviland announced that he would be retiring at the end of the year. He has had a long and rich history with RPI. From getting his degrees in Architecture, to becoming a Professor of Architecture at a very young age, to being Dean of the

School of Architecture, to VP of Student Life and then VP of Institute Advancement, he truly left his mark on the RPI campus and community. This past fall, the class of '05 dedicated a waterfall behind the Commons area of campus in his name. In December he was awarded the rare Trustee Medal from Rensselaer for his long term dedicated service as faculty, administration, mentor, and friend.

From RPI Campus News Dec 19, 2005:

<http://news.rpi.edu/campusnews/update.do?catcenterkey=43>

<http://www.rpi.edu/web/Campus.News/photos/TrusteeMedalb.pdf>

From Poly Dec 19, 2005:

http://www.poly.rpi.edu/article_view.php3?view=4454&part=1

Other Alumni Noteworthy News:

Hector Abruna (1975) becomes Chair of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Cornell University:

<http://www.chem.cornell.edu/faculty/index.asp?fac=11>

Jonathan "Jerry" Witter (1982) was a recipient of a 2005 Lockheed Martin NOVA Award for technical excellence:

<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/data/assets/10051.pdf>

John Bogdan (1986) Awarded the Rensselaer Alumni Association Fellows Award:

[http://news.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenterkey=978&setappvar=page\(1\)](http://news.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenterkey=978&setappvar=page(1))

Chapter Eternal in 2005

Trevor Seaman (1999): September 29, 2005

Trevor Jesse Seaman on September 29th at the age of 28. He had been fighting Hodgkin's Disease for 6 years and it finally won out. Donations can be sent to:

Bone and Marrow Transplant Program Fund of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Attn: Carrie Battacchio, Community Relations

8700 Beverly Blvd., Room 2416

Los Angeles, CA 90048

- or -

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Eastern Pennsylvania

2 International Plaza, Suite 245

Philadelphia, PA 19113

Michael Collins (1984): January 13, 2005



Beer Pong w/ John Dulchinos 1984, Mike, and Michele Pollak

According to his business partner, Mike was, as usual, in apparently top physical shape and health, and they had been surfing together as late as a month before his death. Around that time they started to notice some odd symptoms mentally, but Mike didn't immediately get it checked out, as they seemed minor. As they quickly progressed and increased, he did go to the hospital and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He died less than a month later. He was known as Mr. Efficiency (Chevy Metro, windows up and over inflated tires to get best mileage; energy efficient fluorescent light bulbs all over the house). He was IFC President where he worked to obtain funding for the IFC via the Union budgets and ran for Meanest Man on Campus and nearly won after he took out a ½ page ad in the Poly that pissed people off. He worked for Raytheon and then came back to RPI and ran the RFMA fraternity co-op when it was in dire straits. While there he helped with restructuring of finances and services, worked on the initial Relationship Statement Greek Housing Section, and allowed the RFMA truck to be used to transport a cow for "cow dropping bingo" on campus during GM Week. He was convinced to buy 7 Hawthorne Ave. because it was for sale and he needed a house (*plus he could rent out rooms*). Michael also served LAE for many years. Among his projects were: from contacts at Sigma Chi, he and others in Class of 1984 helped to start our phonathon; lead a team for LAE2000 where we looked at new construction on Sunset and this project led to the raising of rents for LAE to be able to save money for future and make various major renovations. He went to San Diego and started a company selling energy efficiency devices and solar power panels – well before the current vogue. Mike could always be counted on to fund a National Leadership School delegate if we needed it. Several alumni felt that donations to our chapter leadership school endowment fund would be an appropriate way to perpetuate Mike's support for undergraduate leadership and the SAE Leadership School. Donations can be made in Michael's name to the Don Farkouh/Mark Heir Chapter Endowment Fund for New York Epsilon and mailed to SAE Foundation, 1856 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201 or go to the www.sae.net website and wind to the Foundation online donation link to select our NYEP Chapter Endowment Fund

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Alumni Weekend September 2005

We had 50 alumni back for the Fall Alumni Sept 16-18th. We had a great Dinner at the Malt River Brew Company followed by a band party at the chapter house with an Wil Kohut (2007) playing drums (he even let John Thomas (2002) play a song and the band went on to win Battle of the Bands in November). Mark "Wronsky" Wilensky (1995ish) coordinated getting his class for their 10th reunion including many of the class of 1996. Rene and Tito came from Puerto Rico and Kirk came from Albuquerque. The farthest traveled was Rich Raymond (1998) who came up after traveling back from Taiwan. The alumni won the soccer game (good to have some ex-varsity players and an away RPI game). Keith Cormier (2004) was elected LAE Chairman and we said goodbye to the retiring Chairman Tony Pinto (1998)



Classes of 1995-96 enjoying dinner at Alumni Weekend

Here's a list of the attendees to the Fall 2005 Alumni Weekend

1968: Jim Owens
1976: Richard Enwright
1982: Clay Howser, Jerry Witter
1984: Mark Murdoch, Roger Therrien, John Wolford
1986: John Bogdan, Stan Dahl, Marc D'Amore
1988: Doug Blakeley
1992: Don Vanderhoef
1995: Kirk Filbey, Rene Gonzalez, Matt Jeffers, Mark Wilensky
1996: Dennis Fonseca, John Oldi, Tito Toro, Jeff Young
1998: Tony Pinto, Richard Raymond
2000: James Joly
2002: Wes Child, Dino Kasviskis, Chris Marchand, Steve Obstein, Scott Reynolds, Leland Stock, John Thomas
2003: Scott Bauer, Matt Demers, Tom Hocker, Peter Marafioti
2004: Chris Baker, Francis Caradang, Keith Cormier, Jason Malyil, Nishal Narechania, Michael Rueger, Kurt Spiegel, Bobby Taylor, Bharat Yarlagada
2005: Michael Biggs, Jason Gertler, Mike Louis, Peter Manoogian, Nick Ruggio, Giorgos Tsapepas

Calendar for the Spring Semester of 2006

- ? January 17 – School Starts
- ? February 10-12 – Big Red Freakout, Alumni LAE/Hockey Weekend
- ? March 9th – SAE 150th Anniversary, Tuscaloosa, AL
- ? March 10-17- RPI Spring Break
- ? April 22 (tentative) - Farkouh Field Day
- ? June 8-11 – RPI Reunion Weekend
- ? October 20-22 – NYEP/SAE Fall Alumni Weekend (a special SAE 150th and NYEP 55th dinner is planned!)

Phonathon Annual Alumni Donation Drive

As we said before, we missed a few of you during this year's Phonathon, but we know some of you would still like to donate (including those who got pledge sheets and haven't sent in your checks yet.) We continue to appreciate the great support from the alumni. (Jim Owens, 24586 Via Tequila, Lake Forest, CA 92630). Make them payable to the funds we have available: Lambda Alpha Epsilon (non-tax deductible general fund), Don Farkouh/Mark Heir Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Stuart Guild Memorial Scholarship Fund (both scholarships are tax deductible).

Mission Statement: *Lambda Alpha Epsilon exists to provide and protect a beneficial undergraduate experience and meaningful member relationships through dedicated alumni participation and efficient use of alumni resources.*

Alumni News – We need it!!!!

If you have news you'd like announced, send me, Rory Arredondo '08 an email (arredr2@rpi.edu) or drop us a note. Visit the website at www.nyepsilon.com (yeah we know it's a little out of date, but with some harassment maybe we'll work on it.)



Active Wil Kohut's (drummer) Band rocks Alumni Weekend.

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Check out the old kitchen, circa 1988. Who are these guys?

Ways to Support NYEP while helping SAE and RPI

We have a Chapter Endowment Fund at National called the "Don Farkouh/Mark Heir Memorial Fund for New York Epsilon" that supports sending undergraduates to National Leadership School. Currently it has \$6300 in it and has been somewhat stagnant except for LAE donations to it. We can use up to 6% each year for scholarships, but it can't drop below \$5000. If you are thinking of donating to national, keep this fund in mind.

If you are thinking of donating to RPI and the Rensselaer Renaissance \$1B campaign, support Greek Life (meagerly funded at \$8000) by earmarking it and your company match to "Dean of Students Office – Office of Greek Life."

Put on your Calendars now! October 20-22, 2006

This year is the 150th anniversary of SAE being in existence. So LAE is trying to organize a larger turnout for fall alumni weekend. The currently scheduled date is October 20-22. We are hoping to have events similar to the house's 50th anniversary a few years. So just wanted to make sure that everyone has plenty of advanced notice so that you can make it back.

Classes of 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76, 81, 86, 91, 96, and 2001 should make a special effort to come back for your 5 year anniversaries! Plan now for your summer and fall 2006. This past fall LAE decided that from here on out alumni weekend would always be the 3rd weekend in October. And you already know that the spring weekend is RPI Big Red Freakout weekend each year.

After 24 Years of Advising, Jerry is Moving On

Well in addition to Dave Haviland (1964) retiring from RPI and SAE celebrating its 150th, it is now also time for a change for New York Epsilon with a change to who and how chapter advising will be handled. It is only after much consternation, sleepless nights, and great support and advice from many alumni and undergraduates, that I have accepted an offer from the energy firm Areva and will be moving to Lynchburg, VA to become a technical lead for portions of their thermal hydraulic and fuel performance modeling for the development and licensing efforts of the European Pressurized Water Reactor to be certified in the USA by 2008. While things were good at KAPL, Albany, and NYEP, the career potential and challenges at Areva, seemed like a rare opportunity, that which if I stayed complacent I probably would have always wondered "What if I had gone to Areva in 2006?"

I will begin work at Areva in late March and will work with LAE and the undergrads to provide transition so that others will pick up some of the things I have been doing for now 24 years. I hope to stay involved however I can, but also view this as a good thing for the chapter to become a little more independent (as well as for me). In the next issue of the newsletter, I'll provide some perspectives and hope you'll share some with the undergraduate chapter as well.

From the Archives: 1966-67 Rush Brochure



"Here at SAE we have a small house and purposely so. We believe that brotherhood, the basic ideal of fraternity, is weekend if spread too thin. Our Brotherhood is close-knit, but yet is diversified enough to remain dynamic

"In addition to providing a place to simply let off steam after a rough day or a Saturday quiz, the fraternity offers a program which helps you develop your individual personality in spite of your student number. From the intimate evenings with soft music to the big weekend champagne party; from being introduced to an unknown fix-up to standing next to your girl during the beautiful SAE pinning ceremony, you will find little time wasted.

At Sigma Alpha Epsilon, every brother does his part toward making ours a full and enjoyable social life. No matter what the occasion, it is the true spirit of unity and brotherhood which make our college years memorable ones."



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Dennis Fonseca, Aaron Smith, Mark “Wronksy” Wilensky, Don “Buck” Vanderhoef, Tito Toro, John Oldi, Rene Gonzalez, and Tino Pinto enjoying the basement at Fall 2005 Alumni Weekend



Why is there a cow on campus? This was the mid 1980's GM Week event for Cow Pie Bingo. Finding this legacy of Mike Collins 1984 and the RFMA truck to deliver the cow to campus was bittersweet with his passing in 2005

Greetings from New York Epsilon!

Happy New Year!

Alumni Hockey Weekend February 10-12, 2006