

NY EPSILON OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Eminent Deputy Archon – Kevin Fort '11

We had a great fall semester as a house. We achieved our goals across the board with a large pledge class, great community service, and a revitalized social scene. Our good semester was a result of a house where everyone is getting along combined with an organized and motivated EC. Our EC did a great job working together to get a lot done while having fun at the same time. With a lot of our current EC graduating at the end of the year a lot of our focus next semester is making sure that the next group of guys has the knowledge and experience they need to be successful.

New Officers for Spring 2011:

Eminent Archon: JP Hennessey '12
House Manager: Ben Clemence '13
Social: Ben Senning '12
Pledge Ed: Alex Morin '12
Risk Manager: Aristotle Baskous '12

Eminent Deputy Archon: Kevin Holck '12
Treasurer: Paul Gonzalez '12
Rush: Richard "Bud" Dickson '13
CRC: James Aram '11

Community Relations – Derek Cheng '11

This year was an excellent year for Sigma Alpha Epsilon's involvement in the community. To kick off the year, we had a very successful Farkouh Field Day in which we had over 70 children attend and a Community Enrichment Dinner that had many guests ranging from neighbors to administrators to student leaders attending. We were able to donate 1000 dollars to the Children Miracle Network this year. In addition to our annual events, we were also engaged in several community service projects. With the relationship established with the Troy's Boys and Girls Club, we were able to help them raise money in their Gift Wrapping event at Macy's. Also we hosted a toy drive for Operation Christmas Child and started collecting shoes for Soles for Souls, a Nike sponsored charity in which rubber from old sneakers are recycled to use on athletic tracks and weight room floors. Along with our community service events we were able to start a philanthropy fundraiser with a local barber shop in which each person we refer we receive two dollars to the Children's Miracle Network. As this semester closes we can reflect on the improvements we made to our currents as well as the new events we have started to become active in. The success of this year's community service and philanthropy would not have been possible with the help of Jim Aram and Ben Hecht as well as the participation and support from the Brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



House Manager – Ben Clemence '13

My transition to becoming house man began a long time ago thanks to John O'Neil and I have already been involved in the upkeep of the house. We have had to deal with several problems with the most painful being the drain pipes for the bathroom in the garage. My goal for next semester is to try and come up with a more permanent solution so that this does not become a reoccurring problem. Another goal is to try and work closely with the steward to keep the kitchen cleaner throughout the semester through better enforcement of cleaning assignments and crews. This will be a challenge but we have already come up with a few ideas to try and accomplish this goal. For my term as house man I want to try and focus more on the inside of the house for this semester and work week. Who knows what the house has in store for the next two semesters but I hope to get the house looking its best so that we can all enjoy it and be proud of it.

Pledge Education – Cliff D'Agostino '12



Our fall 2010 pledge class was inducted on October 7th. We have 20 pledges, 18 freshman and two sophomores who have a total of 14 different brothers as bigs. Throughout the course of the semester we have had a series of fun events to acclimate the pledges. The events include: two trivia pursuits with the brothers, a family tree line-wars brotherhood day, a dinner for pledges and their parent's during family weekend, a talk about LAE by Jerry Witter, LAE president, TIPS certification training, as well as weekly pledge meetings and study hours where pledges can receive help from each other and brothers on any school work. For community service pledges have also attended at least one soup kitchen in downtown Troy and worked together as a class to fix up a house for families affected by HIV/AIDS in downtown Troy. One of the new things this year is the pledge class point system: a way for pledges to mix and match requirements and responsibilities to complete pledgship responsibilities before initiation. Points are earned by participating in the Troy and RPI communities as well as the usual aspects that support the pledges and brotherhood. For example each extra soup kitchen a pledge attends he will earn 10 points for the pledge class. Winning the RPI Lip Synch contest also gained pride points.

Barker Point Standings – Results for First Semester

SAE is in first place in the Barker Cup standings for all sports performance for the second year in a row heading into the spring. We finished first in the 5K run, Softball, and Soccer. We also placed runner up in Football. We are looking to have a strong spring sports semester to finish off our second Barker Trophy in three years. Current Standings: SAE – 85. 2. PIKES – 55; 3. Whatever- nobody else is close

Pledges Earn Recognition for their Community Relations

Dear Chirag, SAE Pledge Class Community Relations Chairman

Thank you very much for the wonderful job your fraternity did at our Center! The kitchen now has working shelves for goods to be stored, the doors are now hung in our living room making it more cozy, the back yard is cleaned up for our guests to enjoy and our parking lot is now beautifully cleared up too! It feels transformed now for staff and guests to enjoy! The members of your fraternity need to know what they have accomplished has touched many people. Many people tend to go through their lives thinking others will take care of the poor and those living on the fringe of society. But your group has realized it is up to us to be our brothers and sisters keepers. On behalf of the staff and guests of TAUM and The Troy Damien Center our sincere thanks for all your hard work.

Sincerely, Janice Wiczorek, Director, Troy Damien Center

Calendar of Upcoming NYEP Chapter Events

Feb 1-14 - Spring Rush
 March 12-19 – Spring Break
 April 2-5 - Phonathon
 April 10-16 – GM Week
 April 16 - Spring Alumni Weekend and LAE Board meeting
 September - Community Enrichment Dinner
 October 14-16 – Fall 2011 NYEP Alumni Weekend
 Check full calendar at: <http://www.nyepsilon.com/house.html>

Schedule for Spring Alumni Weekend Apr 16, 2011

Saturday

- 12-dark - BBQ Lunch and Volleyball
- 8:00 pm - Post dinner hanging out with alumni and guests
- Night time: BYO Beer or Downtown

Sunday

- 11:00 am - Informal Brunch at House

Lambda Alpha Epsilon News From the LAE Chairman: "Jerry" Witter '82

The Fall 2010 alumni weekend was a great success with nearly the entire class of 1985 coming back to relive their undergraduate days. We elected Steve Knapp 2010 and Nick Mandelenakis '2001 to the four year terms on the Board of Directors. Attendance at the fall alumni weekend included more than 50 alumni.

Bob Fopeano 1951, Dave Haviland 1964, Robert Schaeffer 1965, Jim Owens 1968, Bob Whitby 1969, Kevin Neuman 1982, Jerry Witter 1982, Stan Dahl 1985, Ted Feyler 1985, Louis Garcia 1985, Geoff Offerman 1985, Justin Purington 1985, Jeff Wilcox 1985, Russ Haynal 1986, Mark Lepofsky 1986, Don Birks 1987, Marc D'Amore 1987, Matt Jeffers 1995, Jame Joly 1998, Chip Wood 2001, John Thomas 2002, Kurt Spiegel 2004, Peter Baldwin 2006, Mike Campanelli 2006, Rylan Collins 2006, Ankit Narenchania 2006, Rich Tavares 2006, Sean Creeley 2007, Michael Gilchrist 2007, Scott Owens 2007, Chris Petrino 2007, Dave Roberge 2007, Erik Saari 2007, Sal Mangano 2008, Greg Posco 2008, Erik Swanson 2008, Caleb Cammock 2009, Greg Kaminsky 2009, Peter Murrer 2009, Ray Nassar 2009, Mike O'Shea 2009, Mike Pansa 2009, Adam Rivard 2009, Dan Van Blarcom 2009, Mike Walker 2009, Tim Wisner 2009, Andrew Brooks 2010, Andrew Gudmendsen 2010, Steve Knapp 2010, Nick Profita 2010

At Right: Jeff Wilcox '85, Mark Lepofsky '86, Geoff Offerman '85, Kevin Neuman '82, Don Birks '87 remembering good times in the party room.



Please RSVP for Alumni Weekends! We need to know numbers so we can order food for Saturday. And remember the Chapter (meaning everyone) must follow risk management and insurance social guidelines – so BYOB and no kegs!

Renewed Call for Lower Risk Behavior by Alumni to Adhere to SAE and RPI Policies and Health of Chapter

As SAE National and RPI social and risk management policies evolve and we continue to want to provide alumni weekends that are a safe and enjoyable and amenable to a broad range of alumni and students, we do need the understanding and cooperation of alumni who return to visit the chapter. In the 2010 SAE Minerva's Shield it explicitly states: "Sigma Alpha Epsilon events that involve or include alumni or parents are subject to the same guidelines and regulations as those spelled out for chapter-sponsored social events. Our risk-management guide, Minerva's Shield, details social policies for events at which both underage and those who are of the legal drinking age will be in attendance. Examples of these events include homecoming, parents' weekends, barbecues, and tailgating." We've avoided chapter, neighbor, and campus complaints and we hope to build upon that going forward. The BYOB (including no kegs) and central distribution has worked well. Therefore, we are requesting again that if you are coming back just to party, please broaden your view of the purpose of the weekend. If you are coming back to socialize responsibly, to share some past stories, to see how your brothers have aged, to see how the chapter is doing now, and to perhaps support LAE and the undergraduates with their endeavors, then we'll have great alumni weekends.

Fall Alumni Weekend 2011 (October 14-16, 2011)

This fall we will celebrate our 60th anniversary as NYEP and 50th of being at 12 Myrtle Avenue. We will celebrate in October 14-16, 2011 at the Albany Crown Plaza. We are targeting for 400 guests to be back for the big weekend. We are targeting ~\$90 per person for the weekend which will include the big banquet dinner with open bar and reception, lunches and brunches, tours, and meetings. Classes of 51, 56, 61, 66, 71, 76, 81, 86, 91, 96, 2001, and 2006 should make an effort to come back for your 5 year anniversaries! Come celebrate the 60th year of pride and glory for our brotherhood, as we take a second to reflect on the past and look into the future. We'll be looking for ideas and help from your classes – esp. for bringing memorabilia back about the 12 Myrtle avenue and the times you spend in the walls. Another way is to get involved as an alumnus board or committee member, so contact me at jonathan.witter@gmail.com. We'll be looking for new board members for the fall 2011 elections and/or volunteers to help with the anniversary celebration logistics. We have four major areas of interactions with undergraduate: finances, house management, alumni relations, and chapter excellence.

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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 –

If you have news you'd like announced, send it to Steve Wood (woodsie.steve@gmail.com) or newyorkepsilon@yahoo.com or drop us a snail mail note. Visit the website at www.nyepsilon.com. We'd really like to get some more photographs from your days in the chapter to create a slideshow for the Fall 2011 60th banquet.

Bob Thomas '68 is 2010 National Eco-Champion

Bob Thomas (1968) was presented with the national 2010 Eco-Champion Award by the Climate Institute's Australian Religious Response to Climate Change Committee for his advocacy for action on climate change and his own environmentally sustainable life style. Bob was a founding member of CANWin (Climate Action Now, Wingecarribee) in 2007 <www.canwin.org.au>, co-initiated the Transition Movement in his area <www.transitiontowns.org>, became an accredited trainer for Transition in 2009, and was a key member of the small group of activists who created the world's first bottled-water-free town in Bundanoon, Australia in 2009 <www.bundyontap.com.au> and <www.transitionnetwork.org>. His own sustainable lifestyle has proved that he walks the talk. In 2001 he designed and built a house that won a state-wide prize as the energy-efficient home of the year. When he moved to Bundanoon, he demonstrated how an old house could be made into a modern energy-efficient home, including making it one of the first homes in the state to use geothermal heating and cooling.



Thank you Mrs. N, for all the memories and for keeping our secret.



I am one of the fortunate brothers who knew and loved Mrs. N: the mother away from home. I know that many other brothers share the same warmth and affection for this wonderful lady.

Drinking my morning coffee at the kitchen table and chatting with Mrs. N, as she was preparing lunch was always a bright spot of my day. She would offer her advice, if asked, but only in a kind and loving way. She never seemed to get mad, unless the pots or the kitchen were not clean. The feasts she prepared on big weekends, often with the help of her sister whose name I cannot remember, were always a treat for the brothers and guests. She loved to help prepare the "Phi Alpha" meal during "Greek Week." If that is not part of the tradition anymore, ask an older Alumnus about it – especially the yellow Saratoga spring water.

I'm sure every brother who knew Mrs. N has a special story about her kindness and ingenuity. I was the pot washer for one particular meal. One of the large pots was next to the sink about half full of what I thought was dirty water. I started to pour in some soap; Mrs. N yelled, "STOP." Under that water was the spaghetti she was serving for dinner. She came over a ladled out all of the water she could, rinsed the spaghetti and the meal was served. She never told anyone. So all of you brothers who ate the spaghetti that night, probably sometime in the 1964-1965 school year, thank Mrs. N for her quick reaction, or it would have been PB&J sandwiches for dinner. She never told anyone, and until writing this, neither did I.

Life goes on, and turning 65 this year makes one reflect on the good things in life. SAE, the brotherhood, 12 Myrtle Avenue, and the memories of Mrs. N's smile and kind words are some of the good things in my life. Phi Alpha, "CP" Smith '67

James Joly '98 Passed to Chapter Eternal

It is with sad heart that I report the passing of James Joly '98. As an undergraduate James served as Rush Chairman and Eminent Archon. He was instrumental in making the bylaws a living document and revamped the Goals and Standards committee operations to encourage excellence in chapter officer leadership. As an alumnus he continued supporting the Chapter with his time, money, and dream sharing. His extroverted and caring personality reached beyond the walls of the chapter as he had an impact in his professional and external friends he made. He could always be counted on at weddings to make everyone – and I mean everyone in attendance from kids to grandmothers - enjoy the evening. A few alumni from James' era are working to establish an appropriate memorial fund or project to remember and perpetuate the ideals and zeal that James had for the chapter and leadership. In the meantime, James' family has set up a donation memorial to support another passion James had for changing aspects of the U.S Health Care system. Donations can be made in Memory of James Michael Joly to: Massachusetts General Hospital, Phillip W. Kent Free Bed Fund for Needy Patients, 165 Cambridge Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114.



Other Ways to Support NYEP while helping ΣAE

This semester, we will be launching the "Alumni-Active Mentorship Program." We are looking for alumni volunteers for the new program. The commitment would require your availability for answering an occasional email or phone call from an active who may have questions for you or request advisement based upon your field of expertise, interest or location. Naturally, this would be beneficial to you as an alumni as you are not only providing valuable help to the undergraduates at little to no physical cost, but you will also be networking with the brightest and up and coming talent soon to hit the job market.

If you are interested in participating in the new program we'll need your basic "bio," including your graduation year, any positions held in the fraternity, degree(s) earned, industries served, notable employers, area of expertise, any pertinent side interests or hobbies--and your contact information. This information will be kept private and will only be available to the undergraduate members. Please send your "bios" and contact information to John Thomas (2002) at jtsae@hotmail.com or contact him for any questions."

Chapter Educational Fund for SAE Leadership School – Farkouh-Heir Memorial Fund for New York Epsilon (Fund #3350)

We have a Chapter Endowment Fund at National that supports sending undergraduates to National Leadership School. We can use up to 5% each year for scholarships, but it can't drop below \$5000. If you are thinking of donating to National, keep this fund in mind. The John O. Moseley Leadership School is the oldest in the nation and one of the best experiences an undergrad (or alumnus) can have. We have a fund established, but its base level could use some enhancing to better support sending delegates each year. The support is appreciated as evidenced by some delegates who attended this year.

New York Epsilon Social and Career Network Pages

We've established a Facebook and Linked In area for NY Epsilon that we hope to use more this year. We'd also like to get some news, stories, and photos from alumni to add to the website and newsletters. As we will celebrate our 60th anniversary of the chapter and 50th of 12 Myrtle Avenue in Oct, 2011, we'd like to build a great slide show for the banquet. So post them or send them to us!



<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=1834691>



<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=lf#!/group.php?gid=28482762859>

The pledge class were champions or the Fall 2010 Lip Synch.

Watch their performance it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhA502eU9jc>



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