

NY Epsilon of SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

Eminent Archon Report –Adam Rivard '09



The past semester was one of great accomplishment and reward. For those of you that saw the most recent SAE RECORD, not only was our own Anthony Guidarelli shown on the cover, but our house was featured in two articles.

The city of Troy honored us last fall with an award for outstanding community service within the city. In addition, SAE national selected our community enrichment dinner as the best community relations event across the realm. Both these awards stemmed from years of hard work finally paying off. Needless to say, morale was high throughout the entire fall semester. The spring semester started with a bang by initiating 22 new brothers after completing the rigorous, yet fun, pledge program led by Steve Knapp. I am extremely excited for the rest of this semester with events including etiquette dinner, mixers with sports teams and sororities, multiple philanthropic events, and most importantly brother events. I look forward to seeing everyone at our spring alumni weekend.

EDA Report– Bryan Michalis '09

We started off the semester with a bang having our first annual "Line Wars" the weekend after classes started. Big and little brothers combined into teams of around 10 and competed against other teams in a series of relay races, a Frisbee toss, tug-of war, and numerous indoor events. This event was a great success having nearly 50 brothers and pledges in attendance. In addition, every Tuesday night at 8pm is now Movie Night at 12 Myrtle Avenue in which brothers vote on a movie to watch at house meeting. In a few weeks, brothers and their dates will be participating in an Etiquette dinner where a chef and an Etiquette representative from campus will transform the brothers' table manners from adequate at best to being fit for a king. An EDA day is our big event being planned for the end of the semester, and so far it looks like brothers will partake in a combination of outdoor paintball, various sports competitions, and an event ending at the house.

House Manager – Donald Gillespie '11



Since the last newsletter the third floor bathroom has been finished successfully and the leaks in the roof and the middle head have been repaired. A pipe did burst in the garage over break, but it was repaired the day after it was discovered and we took the opportunity that this provided to

replace several pieces of baseboard that had been damaged over the years and re- carpet in the downstairs bedroom. With these unexpected leaks out of the way we are now free to focus on improving the house in addition to maintaining it.

February 21 was our first workday. A lot was accomplished: re-grouting some of the damaged tiles in the scholarship room and on the air porch, repairing several radiators, replacing the broken spindles on the staircase and thoroughly cleaning the entire house. Some of our plans for the upcoming semester include adding a storm door on the porch off the kitchen to conserve heat and adding a pressure reducing valve to our water main to bring our water pressure down from 125 psi to the 80psi to save water and prolong the amount of hot water. Money raised from Phonathon will be used this summer to

repaint the exterior woodwork, replace the back door and window wells in the basement, and hopefully rewallpaper the main staircase hallway.

CRC Report – Jonathon Riel '11

This semester is full of philanthropy and community service events. The annual Relay for Life event hosted at RPI in which



we participate is scheduled for April 17-18. This year our fundraising goal is \$5000 (donations in our name are encouraged) raising the bar from the \$3000 we generated last year. Soccer-a-Thon is

April 1, with proceeds again going to the Children's Miracle Network. SAE National has announced that the True Gentleman Day of Service is to take place between April 24-26. Most likely, we will again help clean up the cemetery on Pawling Ave as there are many fallen branches due to the severe ice storm that struck in December. The Community Relations Committee is also planning an event in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity this semester. This will probably be in late March or early April. The Committee is always open to suggestions and ideas that will make our events more effective and successful. I can be reached via email at rielj2@rpi.edu.

Pledge Educator – Stephen Knapp '09

The official end of pledging was recently marked by the initiation of twenty-two new brothers into New York Epsilon.



Two Initiation Weeks were held for this class after two pledges became very ill with the flu on the first and third days of the initial I-week. The older brothers all worked extremely hard and put on two excellent I-weeks back-to-back for the Fall 2008 Pledge Class.

It was a real honor to be the Pledge Educator for this group. They are all heavily involved in many different sports and campus organizations ranging from Men's Soccer, to all three branches of ROTC, Red and White, and many other Division III and club sports. The dedication, zeal, and enthusiasm I've witnessed from this class are rarely paralleled and every pledge class in Sigma Alpha Epsilon should envy them. During pledging these guys refinished the basement party room walls for their class project; held a Big/Little Bro Line War competition for the brotherhood; threw their own Rumble in the Jungle theme party; and they held the most successful pledge class community service event this house has seen in a long time by raising over \$200 and donating 65 hours to Joseph's House. Most importantly through their pledging experience, these new brothers learned the value in coming together as a class and with the brotherhood as a whole.

My senior graduating class will be gone very soon, but after spending so much time with these new brothers, I can honestly say that the chapter will continue its stellar reputation on both a local and national level thanks to these new guys. My only regret is that I won't be an undergrad long enough to witness where these guys will take the house.

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Pledge	Major	Hometown
Jay Agarwal	Biology	Nanuet, NY
Aristotle Baskous	Undeclared Eng.	Anchorage, AK
James Breuninger	Mechanical Eng.	Garnerville, NY
Chris Chang	Mechanical Eng.	Troy, NY
Cliff D'Agostino	Civil Eng.	Westport, CT
Matt Dubois	Biomedical Eng.	Ashburnham, MA
Paul Gonzalez	Comp Science	Milford, CT
Max Greenblatt	Architecture	Washingtonville, NY
Justin Grimm	Management	Sherrill, NY
JP Hennessey	Mech Eng/DIS	Bridgewater, NJ
Dave Herkenham	Mechanical Eng.	Guilderland, NY
Jon Ludwicki	Chemical Eng.	Churchville, NY
Travis Lydon	Architecture	Lindenhurst, NY
Kyle Moise	Mech Eng./DIS	Clifton Park, NY
Luiz Moreira	Comp Sys. Eng.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Krishnamurthy Nishanth	Biomedical Eng.	Acton, MA
John O'Neil	Mechanical Eng.	Mashpee, MA
Alex Papageorgis	Math	Montclair, NJ
Nilay Patel	Biology	Aberdeen, NJ
Ben Senning	Mechanical Eng.	Hamilton, MA
Matt Vaughan	Aero/Mech Eng.	Los Angeles, CA
Ethan Widrick	Chemistry	Croghan, NY

Lambda Alpha Epsilon News

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.*

From the LAE Chairman: Jonathan "Jerry" Witter '82

The house corporation board of directors has been busy trying to reform some of our operations. Borrowing some practices from the undergrads, we've formed some focused working committees for alumni relations, finances, continuing education, and house maintenance. These teams are intended to help give specific actions for the board members and rebuild some foundations as we head to 2011 with 60 years of NYEP and 50 years at 12 Myrtle Avenue. We're looking for non-board members to be involved and share ideas, so if you interested, contact Jerry Witter (518-421-8200, jonathan.witter@gmail.com). For the Fall 2009 Work Week, the chapter may look for alumni experience by offering an "outward bound" opportunity to come back and work with the actives for part of the week. Sigma Chi and Theta Xi have successfully done this, so we thought it might be a good idea for SAE. Finally, LAE is also looking for some new board members for the elections October. There are some great rewards and big events coming up that can be yours for the taking!

LAE Phonathon 2008 Results and Promotion of 2009

We'll be calling the week of March 22 this year. Last year we had quite a successful year as we reached more alumni and had our second highest donation on record. From 185 alumni, we raised \$24,100. Obviously, much of this happened before the huge crash in the economy, but we hope to come close to this amount again this year. Reaching more alumni is a key to that, so we continue to seek out updated addresses and phone numbers. Due to several emergent repair items (bathrooms, ceilings, floors, pipes), we burned through our maintenance budget of \$20,000 and more in the fall term. So we continue to need your support as we head to our next big milestone of 50 years at scenic 12 Myrtle Avenue. To challenge your classmates this year, check out the 2008 donors list on the website: <http://www.nyepsilon.com/alumni.html#phoneathon>. Here's a quick summary of the top ten classes for participation rate and for dollar amount



The large Fall 2008 Pledge class in the Chapter Room

Put on your Calendars now! April 18-20, 2009

Here's a Calendar for major events of the chapter

- March 8-14 – Spring Break
- March 22-24-LAE Phonathon
- March 27-NY Epsilon Spring Formal
- March 27-April 3-GM Week
- April 18-Relay for Life
- April 18-20 – Spring Alumni Wknd, end of Greek Week
- August 18-22 – Work Week (come back and help out)

For Current Dates: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/newyorkepsilon>

Top 10 Classes	Total \$ Amount	Top 10 Classes	Participation Percentage
1999	\$1,750.00	1982	58.82%
1995	\$1,625.00	1983	54.55%
1982	\$1,475.00	1976	54.55%
1966	\$1,070.00	1966	53.85%
1988	\$1,000.00	1968	41.18%
1970	\$875.00	1967	38.46%
1972	\$850.00	2005	36.84%
1968	\$850.00	1970	33.33%
1992	\$800.00	1998	33.33%
1994	\$775.00	1965	33.33%

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Alumni Weekend April 18-20, 2008

With the spring Alumni Weekend in April, we hope to incorporate a lot of outdoor activities and events unique to the spring. For the first time we will be having a combined alumni/active half work day on Saturday. There will be volleyball, softball, and possibly golf tournaments throughout the weekend. We'll continue SAE 2011 discussions and have a semester ending LAE Board meeting. So come out and make some memories at this exciting alumni weekend!

Alumni News – We need it!!!! If you have news you'd like announced, send Richard Mooney an email (mooner2@rpi.edu) or newyorkepsilon@yahoo.com or drop us a snail mail note. Visit the website at www.nyepsilon.com.

THE MINERVA AWARDS

There are over 225 chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon across the country and all distinguish themselves amongst their respective counterparts at each university. However, there are a select few that distinguish themselves at the top of the realm of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, being recognized for their distinction with the Minerva Awards. The Minerva Awards are broken down into 6 categories, recognizing the best chapters for brotherhood/recruitment, community relations, risk management, ritual, university relations, and philanthropy. New York Epsilon was the recipient of the Minerva Award for community relations, ranked number 1 out of 225 chapters.



The Record cover featuring NY Epsilon's Anthony Guidarelli '09 holding the Minerva Award for community relations



EA Adam Rivard seen with neighbors before the Community Enrichment Dinner holding the "Traveling Trophy" for the Minerva Award featured in the Record



Previous Honors: Brothers at Troy City Hall receiving recognition from local government officials for volunteer work during the Troy Clean Up Day.

Alumni Response to the Minerva Award

To the Brothers of NY Epsilon:

Congratulations on winning the Minerva Community Relations award. As an active from 1963-1967, I recall with much pleasure the predecessor of your community-enrichment dinner. Each spring we would have a "Friends Day", a Sunday afternoon reception where faculty, administration, local alumni, and neighbors were invited to visit the chapter house for conversation and refreshments. Often, Richard Folsom, then President of RPI and his very charming wife would join us for a few minutes. At the time we didn't rate the mayor, fire or police chiefs. I compliment all of your on your community service activities.

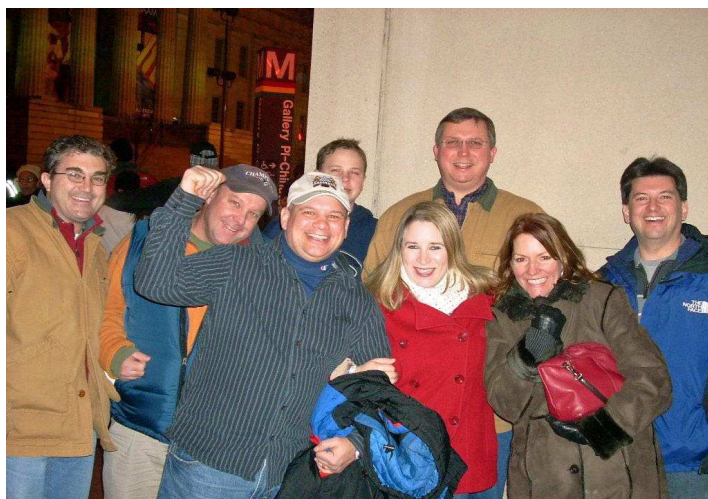
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Mark Your Calendars: Phonathon–March 22-24, 2009



On January 17th, while the US capital city was preparing for the inauguration, several NYEP alumni got together for an annual Capitals hockey game outing against the Bruins. Johnny “B” Bogdan 1986 organized the event and there was a good representation of the early 1980s.



The annual Community Enrichment Dinner held every fall during Rush to allow potential new members a chance to see our involvement and relationship with neighbors and prominent university and community members. It is this event that gives NY Epsilon national distinction and led to a Minerva Award.

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