



Alpha Epsilon Pi

Phi Delta Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh

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Message From the Master

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Brothers;

Right now, I am shocked. I recently emailed Nationals, asking for an Alumni list from our chapter, thinking I was going to get around one hundred names. But to my surprise, I received over three hundred. Looking over the list, I saw names I recognized from overnight camp and NFTY and a ton of others that I have only learned about. I am sure it has been a while since many of you have heard from your fraternity and I apologize for that. But this is the beginning of a new chapter. Two weeks ago, elections were held and I am the master of a new and very promising executive board. Over

the last two weeks, we have sat down and figured out where we want this fraternity to be in the next year. One of the main things we spoke about was alumni relations. This chapter has been around for thirty-five years and we are only in contact with brothers from the last ten. Not anymore! So personally, I would like to welcome everybody back into the loop. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments that you may have. I am excited for this new beginning and I look forward to hearing from everybody.

Faternally Yours,

Scott Lipner



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35th Anniversary Alumni Weekend

Although things are in an early stage, we would like to have an alumni weekend to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Phi Delta Chapter. As of now, Friday, November 4— Sunday, November 6, 2005 looks like a great weekend to do this. I am sure a lot of you have

not seen your brothers in a while so this would be a great time to catch up with everybody. We are looking for some alumni to help us make this weekend happen, so if you are interested, please call Scott Lipner at the number listed above, Steve Bosk at (215) 378-1056, or

Scott Lavine at (310) 367-5533. You can also email Steve at Sptsfn514@aol.com and Scott Lavine at SCL4@pitt.edu. We are all looking forward to having a great a great weekend.

Election Results!



Pi Pledge Class of Fall 2004

Top Row: Alex Smith, Jeremy Fine, Mike Schwartz, Kyle Blacken, Olufemi Majekobaje, Brian Fitzpatrick, Dan Dressler
Middle Row: Doug Wilder, Jason Steinberg, Robbie Edelman, Ian Rozansky
Bottom: Adam Seldon

Elections were held on October 31, 2004. Our new executive board is very dedicated to this fraternity and has a very promising future.

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Congratulations Pi Pledge Class!

*"No one could tell me
where my soul might
be; I search for God,
but he eluded me; I
sought my brother out
and found all three."
Poet Howard Crosby*

Congratulations to the Pi Fall Pledge Class of 2004. We initiated 12 pledges this fall. Our spring rush looks to be one of the strongest springs ever!

Kyle Blacken
Cheltenham, PA

Daniel Dressler
Cherry Hill, NJ

Robert Edelman
Manalapan, NJ

Jeremy Fine
Lower Merion, PA

Brian Fitzpatrick
Cheltenham, PA

Olufemi Majekobaje
Portland, OR

Ian Rozansky
Commack, NY

Mike Schwartz
Cheltenham, PA

Adam Seldon
Plainview, NY

Alex Smith
Commack, NY

Jason Steinberg
Cheltenham, PA

Doug Wilder
Plainview, NY

IFC Football Champions!

On Sunday, November 21, 2004, Alpha Epsilon Pi beat Sigma Chi 24-0 to capture the Inter Fraternal Councils Football championship. This is the first time in recent memory that our fraternity has captured this title. Brother Jake Kind threw for three touch-

downs and newly initiated brother Kyle Blacken caught two of them. Brother Alex Novick sealed the game with an interception in the end zone to preserve the shutout. This is the second championship that we have won in the last calendar

year, and another basketball championship should help us capture IFC's All-Around Sports title.



Phi Delta Happenings

- Our fraternity house is now located on 253 North Dithridge Street in North Oakland. We have lived in this house since the fall of 2003.
- Last spring, AEPi won the IFC basketball championship, finishing the season with a perfect record. At times, brother Charles Crawford was the leading scorer for the opposing team, dunking the ball, giving them an automatic two points and two free throws.
- Brother Dave Douglass was just elected as IFC's Vice President of New Member Education. That means that AEPi has now held that position for three years in a row.
- Brother Marc Katz (1976) is now serving as AEPi National Acting Executive Vice President.
- This spring, four brothers are going abroad, one to Italy, one to Spain, and two to Australia. We know they will have the experience of a lifetime and wish Matt Litman, Dave Ashwal, Brian Schuchart, and Yoni Nagelberg the best of luck.



The Pitt AEPi house is located on 253 Dithridge Street in North Oakland.

Lieutenant Master Report

A major motivation of mine is to bring back a focus on philanthropy. We now have come in contact with a large volunteer organization called Pittsburgh Cares which offers a wide variety of volunteering opportunities from helping in soup kitchens to restoring and painting abandoned buildings. We have also raised nearly four hundred dol-

lars from canning just in the past two weeks. Our campus charity is the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDs Foundation, and our national charity is for an Ethiopian Jewish Community Center in Winnipeg, Israel.

As a brotherhood, we're keeping tradition alive while always expanding and revitalizing to keep our chapter ever improving, and

our reputation around campus is held with high regard from the university, the community, and more importantly, the sororities. Feel free to contact me with any question, concerns, ideas, or just to keep in touch.

Fraternally Yours,

Blake Edelman

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Looking forward to the Spring!

As the Spring Semester begins, we are excited for a fun filled and action packed semester that looks to be even better than the past fall semester. We are looking to have a successful rush. We will also be looking forward to defending our IFC Basketball Championship and make a strong run at soccer as we will

try to win three sports for the year. We will continue to have numerous mixers with the sororities on campus such as Alpha Epsilon Phi, Tri Sigma, Delta Zeta, Chi Omega, and Kappa Kappa Gamma. We also are looking forward to the last Greek Week event, Greek Sing, as we are paired up with Alpha Epsilon

Phi. We are planning on continuing the tradition by spending our formal weekend up in Niagara Falls, Canada. and we will end the year with a bang with our annual Planet of the Apes Weekend.



Blake Edelman, Mike Hertz, and Adam Naider at the Ballers Bash

The Mission Statement of Alpha Epsilon Pi

Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded to provide opportunities for the Jewish college man seeking the best possible college and fraternity experience. We have maintained the integrity of our purpose by strengthening our ties to the Jewish community and serving as a link between high school and career.

Our heritage stems from one source: young Jewish men banding together in allegiance. The role of Alpha Epsilon Pi has expanded since its inception in 1913. Initially, the Jewish fraternity served as a brotherhood of young men who came from similar religious backgrounds and who had experienced the same prejudices against their religious beliefs. Alpha Epsilon Pi soon broadened its role to include serving as the living quarters for some of its members. The fraternity became a home away from home, providing the same stabilizing and guiding values that students previously gained from their families. Armed with these values, Alpha Epsilon Pi faced changing conditions on the college campus and survived. Today, Jewish students search out Alpha Epsilon Pi because it is a Jewish Fraternity. In the fraternity's 90 year history, over 77,000 men have worn the badge of Alpha Epsilon Pi and each year, over 1,800 undergraduates perform the Ritual of Initiation, which remains the same ritual adopted decades ago.

Perhaps of greater importance, Alpha Epsilon Pi develops leadership for the future of the American Jewish community. Tomorrow's Jewish leaders are in our chapters today. These are the young men who must be counted upon to support Jewish causes and to prepare to be one of tomorrow's Jewish leaders, so that they may aid themselves, their family, their community, and their people. Those students who enter the mainstream of non-Jewish life on the campus are far more likely to assimilate and to forsake their heritage. Working together with the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life/International Hillel, Alpha Epsilon Pi can play a vital role in helping reverse the growing trend among our young people to abandon Judaism at this critical time.

Throughout our history, the fraternity setting has served as a "learning laboratory", a testing ground for young men who later become leaders in business, education, government, religion, and science. A goal of our fraternity is to help each student to develop character, to learn responsibility, and to develop a proper set of values through living together in brotherhood. Alpha Epsilon Pi prepares young men for their role in life as responsible citizens.

Therefore, our basic purpose is to provide the opportunity for a Jewish man to be able to join a Jewish organization whose purpose is not specifically religious, but rather social and cultural in nature. Alpha Epsilon Pi is a Jewish fraternity, though non-discriminatory and open to all who are willing to espouse its purpose and values.

Message from the Past Master

Since my induction into the brotherhood in the fall of 2001 our fraternity has jumped leaps and bounds from what we once were. Now at 48 strong, our brotherhood has held leadership positions on several University administrative boards as well as in such religiously affiliated groups like Hillel and JHP. Our fraternity has also been heavily involved in raising money for The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation and Mogen David Adom. On a lighter note, the Phi Delta chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi has been excelling in more than just philanthropy and leadership on campus. We are currently in the playoffs for the Inter-fraternity Council football league and are the reigning basketball champions. We have also built quite a reputation on campus, and our social schedule has been packed with a multitude of great events.

I could not ask much more from this brotherhood

then what it has already given me. I know that in the forthcoming years our already strong brotherhood will only grow stronger. Under the guidance of the new Executive Board, there is no doubt in my mind that we can not only meet the goals we have set out as a brotherhood, but we will be able to exceed them with ease. I encourage all of you as alumni to reconnect with our chapter if you have not already, and through this our chapter can only become stronger. Thank you all for helping us to make our chapter what it is today, and I can promise, as your brother, that only good things are to come from the Phi Delta Chapter here at the University of Pittsburgh.

Fraternally;
Michael L. Hertz
Former Master



Michael Hertz
Lambda Pledge Class
Class of 2005