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Chapter Improvements and Goals - Steve Knapp '10 Eminent Archon

NY Epsilon finished up an exhilarating semester in mid-December with the standard Christmas Party and Senior Dinner/Roast and are gearing up for another fun semester at 12 Myrtle. We had a great Fall Alumni Weekend this semester thanks especially to the classes of '79 and '99. We recruited an awesome class of 16 pledges soon to enter Initiation Week pending their completion of the demanding pledge program requirements.

There's a lot of leadership and personality in this class looking to take the reins in a few years. We will also be looking to recruit a spring pledge class as well this semester because of the large graduating class this school year (30+). Big plans for the semester include continuing work on our adopted war memorial on the corner of Pawling and Spring Avenues, a potential whitewater rafting trip, and a trip out to Chicago to see the Levere Memorial Temple.

Following the precedents set last year, the Chapter is looking to bring in three to four alumni speakers this semester to talk on a variety of topics from careers, to leadership, to hobbies. If you'd be interested in stopping in for a talk please email me at ea.nyep@gmail.com. Hope to see you during the next alumni weekend.



Pledge Education - Mark Abrajano '10 Pledge Educator

After all the hard work by the brothers and the pledges, I-Week is coming up this week. It will begin Sunday night of the Superbowl, and there will be up to 12 pledges entering the week (depending on completing individual requirements). I am sad to report that four of our pledges

will not be going through I-Week this coming week because of GPA requirements. It was brought to a vote, and the house voted to uphold the standards set forth by SAE National, as well as the standards that we ratified early last semester. We will be putting together a program, where the pledges work very closely with the brotherhood (mainly their big brother), in an attempt to bring their grades up in order to be initiated during the next coming I-Week.

With the sad news out of the way, now I can report of the great things that the class has accomplished. Their hard work and zeal has come together to make a very memorable pledge process. This past Friday, the pledges threw a "Purple and Gold" party which was a wild success. Even brothers who doubted the simplicity of the theme realized how well the house was decorated, and in the end enjoyed the popular turn-out that has become a staple of our pledge parties. The morning after the party, the pledges got out of bed early to head over to the Lancingburgh Boys and Girls club for their community relations project. There, they painted the halls and also set up for bingo which was to take place later that night. Our current community relations chair tagged along as well, and it looks to be the first step to a very positive relationship. As far as the house project, the pledges worked very hard to complete their closet, now located in our dining room, to neatly and aesthetically store all of the chairs used for dinner. It was built sturdy, and stained well to create a very classy look.

Overall, being pledge educator has honestly been a pleasure and a life changing experience. It has been a unique opportunity which has made me learn more about the house/ritual, the 16 new individuals being introduced to the house, and a little bit about myself as well. The most important week of pledging is coming up and I still have much to do and there is much I don't know, but what I do know is that I'm very excited and it will all be worth it in the end.

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Progress Report: Garage Renovations

Matthew Jeffers '95
LAE Vice Chairman

In early January, extensive water damage was discovered in the garage due to failure in the piping of the hot water baseboard heating system. We have engaged our insurance company as well as a restoration company to deal with the situation. All the rooms have been gutted, and we are in the process of bidding out reconstruction. The room layout will likely be similar, but some other projects may be tackled along with the reconstruction.

Steve Knapp (EA) and I have been in contact with all six affected brothers, and I have contacted some of their



parents as well. John O'Neil (House Manager) and Steve



are coordinating efforts for the Actives, such as rearranging the room assignments in the main house.

The LAE board has been meeting weekly to address the situation. Alumni and actives have volunteered to assist with this major project. We expect that a significant portion of the cost will be covered by insurance, but code requirements and non-essential projects (that make sense to do while the walls are open) will also take significant money from the annual LAE project budget and from cash reserves.

We will keep you updated in the weeks and months ahead. Look for updates on the website, www.nyepsilon.com, and in the next newsletter. We will also have a status for you during our annual Phone-a-thon fundraiser.

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