



SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON BE TRUE.



Chapter Improvements and Goals - Steve Knapp '10

Coming into this semester the Brothers have focused on six improvements which will elevate the Chapter to the next tier locally and nationally. We want to beat the status quo in Chapter operations and have fun doing it at the same time. The goals for the semester were set over the summer during the officers' retreat at the Chapter house where the officer spent an afternoon "working" on a party boat on Lake George. The six improvements set at the retreat which the Chapter has been working on this semester are: involvement and pride in the Chapter, friendship, alumni relations, recruitment, scholarship, and public relations. To accomplish these goals officers have collected input from Brothers and brainstormed new ideas. So far we have passed new bylaws, restructured the budget, created new events and made old ones better than before. New York Epsilon has many proud traditions and we have a great group of Brothers active in the Chapter which will leave it better than before.



Pledge Education - Mark Abrajano '10

This year we may not have gotten quite the same numbers as we have the past couple years, but what this class lacks in quantity more than makes up for it in quality. This year, we have 16 of the most enthusiastic pledges I have ever seen in my years here. The enthusiasm is shown in their weekly pictures, their rate of fulfilling requirements, whenever they sing the songs, and any other event we have thrown at them. I do not see any end to the positive energy, and seriously look forward to seeing what this pledge class can really do.



Alumni Relations - Andrew Brooks '10

This past fall New York Epsilon had one of its best turnouts for the Fall Alumni Weekend. With class attendances primarily from 1977-1979 and 1999, the brotherhood was able to exchange stories of past and present. A champagne toast concluded a dinner and cocktail reception held at the house in celebration of winning the Barker Trophy - IFC sports champions for 2008-2009. Other events held were a golf tournament, pick-up football, and a brunch Sunday morning.



Community Relations - Dave Herkenham '10

This past weekend we completed the first part of the 5th Ward War Memorial project. We have adopted the War Memorial with the intention of improving it in stages over the next several years. Work on the first stage began on Sunday, Nov. 1st. The first stage consisted of planting two flower beds, totaling about 250 sq. ft. in front of the memorial headstone. The flower beds were designed to flank a pathway that will lead to the headstone, installation of the path is planned for the spring semester. The beds were filled with purple tulips and golden-yellow daffodils.

Coupled with the war memorial project this weekend, was our annual tradition of raking the neighbors leaves, which we were able to do happily with the weekend's beautiful weather.

