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Dear Alumni and Supporters,

Welcome to the homepage for New York Epsilon. We are writing once again to keep you up-to-date with the chapter activities.

Recruitment

This Fall Rush was an extremely successful turnout for new fall pledges. We approached Rush with an entirely different attitude and chose not to follow the old standards of rush. The biggest change was made to the schedule as we delayed our bid dinner by one week and had two inductions the following two weeks; this effectively gave rush a more relaxed and less pressured atmosphere. In addition, it gave us more time to get know potential members and gave them more time to make a confident decision. With this new plan in effect, we were able to have 21 rushees sign during bid dinner; 2 more signed in the first induction. At the second induction, 3 more signed. With such a large class, 26, this fall we may choose to only have one pledge class this school year which would enable the brotherhood to be much more productive in late spring. All in all, the house did an extraordinary job recruiting this fall and we are all excited for the new pledges.



Fall 2007 Pledge Class

Alumni/Parents Weekend

Alumni and Parents weekend proved to be a great time for both alumni and parents. We hosted a

parent's dinner on that Saturday which had high attendance in both alumni and parents. The majority of parents in attendance were the parents of the new pledges.

Breast Cancer

We had high participation on campus for the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We were involved in raising awareness by selling cupcakes in the Union. In addition, we bought 25 pink t-shirts which were worn by brothers on the "Paint the campus pink" day. On the t-shirts was the phrase "Save second base, strike out breast cancer"



Alcohol Awareness

Without any external motivation by campus or otherwise, we organized ourselves to hand out alcohol awareness cards. The size of a business card, the cards had information on how to detect alcohol poisoning and what do to in the event that it happens.

Banister

The banister in the main house was reinforced all the way from the first floor to the third. The banister is now more solid and secure than any of the active brothers can remember.

Fire Alarm System

A new fire alarm system was recently installed. The installation replaced the front panel, detectors, and pull stations. We have already had a successful fire drill with the new system.

Pledge Lip Sync

The pledges competed in the annual RPI Lip Sync this year and placed first in the competition. They chose to perform to a compilation of "Roses" by Outkast, "Chicken Noodle Soup" by DJ Webstar, and "Thriller" by Michael Jackson.

Regards,
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