



The Sig Ep Informer

Sigma Phi Epsilon - New Hampshire Alpha

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Dartmouth College

Sig Ep Continues Its Excellence Despite Concerns Over Trustees

The Summer of 1999 represented the first opportunity for the Class of 2001 to handle the responsibility of running the house. It also provided the setting for the first tangible event stemming from the Student Life Initiative mandated by the Board of Trustees in February 1999: walk-throughs of Greek houses. A small group of trustees (including Committee on the Student Life Initiative co-chair Peter Fahey), administrators, faculty and students toured the physical plant, guided by summer President, Eunnok Sohn, '01. The group was impressed by the diversity of the brotherhood and Sig-Ep's commitment to the Balanced Man Project.

But New Hampshire Alpha's most memorable achievement of the summer was certainly its performance at the National Conclave, held in Chicago. Brothers Andy Louis '00, Eric Andersen '00, Eunnok Sohn '01, and Drew Vera '01 were in attendance to receive the Buchanan Cup Distinguished Chapter Award and the Honor of Philius Award (for dedicated community service to West Fairlee Elementary School). These accolades came as a welcome reward for two years worth of sustained excellence in recruitment, programming, community involvement and campus-wide leadership.

New Hampshire Alpha continued its impressive streak of solid recruitment to launch the Fall of 1999. Granting membership to 27 new men, the chapter again achieved the +5 Challenge and brought the total membership to over 90 brothers. With the momentum of rush driving the effort, the brotherhood again outperformed the rest of the Dartmouth Greeks, winning the IM Soccer Championship and posting a cumulative 3.52 GPA, first among all fraternities and sororities. In fact, the senior class included four early inductees into Phi Beta Kappa: Dave DiPetrillo, '00, Sadiq Malik, '00, Rob Ristagno, '00 and Matt Schlough, '00. Finally, at the year-end Greek Awards Banquet, Sig-Ep was recognized with the O'Connor Plaque, honoring the best all-around Greek organization on campus.

The winter term was dominated by the release of the Committee on the Student Life Initiative's Report (CSLI Report) to the Trustees and the student body. The Report provided recommendations for improving student life at Dartmouth that spanned a wide range of topics, including dormitory life, social options, and issues pertaining to the Greek System. While some of the proposed changes

seemed logical, others read as thinly veiled attempts to eradicate the Greeks:

- an overhaul of the physical plant paid for by the house
- pushing rush back to Winter Term of the sophomore year
- manpower and residency requirements
- an oppressive alcohol policy
- no guarantees for recognition, even if all standards are met

Needless to say, the new Excom had its hands full drafting a response to the CSLI Report, which was completed by the end of the Term. Additionally, President Isaac Berniker, '01 and Chaplain and Coed, Fraternity and Sorority Council President Eric Etu, '01 assisted writing and presenting the CFSC response, while brother and Student Assembly President Dean Krishna, '01 drafted the SA Response. All responses were submitted to the Student Response Task Force, Co-Chaired by Krishna, for compilation and submission to the Trustees.

Amidst the commotion surrounding the CSLI Report, Sig-Ep still distinguished itself among its peers. Jason Hamilton, '01, Albert Lee, '01, Matt Yurgelun, '02 and I traveled to Hartford for the annual CLA, receiving five separate awards for excellence in manpower and academics on behalf of the chapter.

Finally, after over a year of speculation and debate, the...
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Sig Ep continued its dedication to community service in helping run the Special Olympics in Vermont during 00W.

Sig Ep Excellence (*continued*). . .

Trustees have announced their initial plan for the implementation of their Five Principles dating to Winter '99. While few of the guidelines include concrete details, some points seem certain:

- rush will move to the Winter Term
- kegerators and permanents bars must be removed

Neither the Trustees nor the Dean of the College Jim Larimore has set forth a timeline for the adoption of these policies, but changes could occur as early as this fall. However, I am extremely confident that Sig Ep, our alumni, and the our new members this fall have the capacity to continue to meet and exceed any guidelines that the College will institute upon the Greek Community.

Isaac Berniker '01
President



Matt "Corky" Yurgelun '02, Jason "Stain" Hamilton '01, Albert "fFat" Lee '01, and Isaac "Radar" Berniker '01 display the several awards won at the Carlson Leadership Academy this year.

Programming Continues to Exceed Expectations

Spring is in full effect in Hanover, and with the cold, dark days of winter finally behind us, we have started taking advantage of the outdoors. The weather is great this term, and programming continues its tradition of excellence at Sig Ep.

In addition to the usual impromptu barbecues on the front porch, we've had other outdoor programming events as well. Recently, we hosted a dunk tank on our front yard as part of a campus wide Greek Week. Brothers volunteered to be dunked to raise money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. The event was quite a success, as we raised a good amount of money and had fun in the process.

Other programming highlights this term include a house trip to Montreal, two a cappella concerts, with the Decibelles and Final Cut (featuring our own Eddie Le '00). Both concerts were very well attended, the house filled to capacity each time. We also

have continued to cosponsor campus events with other organizations; some from this term include a non-alcoholic dance party at Tri-Kap, a performance by the dance group SHEBA (which includes brother Ryoji Takeyama '00) at Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and the cosponsorship of a band at Alpha Delta fraternity.

We also participate in regular weekly events, to provide brothers with a chance to socialize in different settings. Weekly items include trips to Panda House restaurant for lunch, bowling in West Lebanon, poker night, and a weekly house dinner on Sunday evenings. This term, we have started having the traditional House Dinners at the house itself, with a team of six brothers preparing, serving, and cleaning up the meal. The dinners have been a great success, with 40-50 brothers coming each Sunday for dinner.

The upcoming Green Key weekend also promises to be exciting. This spring, we will have Jello Wrestling, open to the campus, on our front lawn during the Friday afternoon of Green Key. 50 teams from the campus have signed up for the event (including a few teams of Sig Ep's), and the event should be a good time for all.

Programming has continued to be a great tradition here at Sig Ep, and the bar gets raised every year as we schedule great events that are fun for all. With continued support of our alumni, NH Alpha will have great programming for years to come.

Aseem Gandhi '01
VP Programming

2000 Fall Executive Committee

- President** - Isaac Berniker '01
- VP Programming** - Aseem Gandhi '01
- VP Finance** - Matt Curro '01
- VP Brother Development** - Jason Hamilton '01
- Chaplain** - Eric Etu '01
- House Manager** - Andy Hoey '01
- Social Chair** - Joe Fahs '01
- VP Recruitment** - Sam Short '02
- Alumni Chair** - Eunnok Sohn '01, Jeff Saret '01
- Secretary** - Matt Cheney '02
- IFC Representative** - Andrew Langworthy '02



Brothers during Brother Playday, an all-day competition involving skills in all disciplines: pong, playstation, pool, etc.

SigEp Budget Aims To Save

2000 Winter Budget:

Total: \$35,000

Insurance: \$8,000

Maintenance Reserve: \$5,000

Formal: \$5,000

Utilities: \$5,000

Alumni: \$3,000

Programming: \$2,500

Maintenance: \$1,600

Recruitment: \$1,500

Services/Janitor: \$1,000

House Supplies: \$1,000

Other: \$1,500

The figures above are based on \$35,000 budget for the winter term of 2000. Winter term proved to be a sound financial term as we were able to continue to save money and to watch our expenses. This is especially important as we will need to settle our debts with Stewart Howe and Dartmouth College. In the long term, we hope to garner enough savings and alumni support to fund the major structural overhaul of the house which is not only overdue, but will most likely be mandated by the college in the coming months.

Matt Curro '01

VP Finance

11 Webster Still Standing, But Still Has Problems

With the release of the recommendations formulated by Dartmouth's Committee on the Student Life Initiative, the future of Sig Ep's physical plant hangs in a precarious position, and we need your help! The Trustees have endorsed the Committee on the Student Life Initiative recommendation that in order to remain recognized, all organizations will be required to pass much more strict physical plant requirements, such that a Greek house would be physically equivalent to a College dormitory.

As you all know, 11 Webster Avenue is far from such a standard. While it has served Sig Ep well for several decades, our house has begun to really show its age. The foundation is cracked, and the electrical wiring needs an overhaul, to name just two major problems! The wiring alone would cost around \$30,000. Thus, we would welcome any assistance that you could provide for us in our effort to achieve these goals.

In the meantime, the brotherhood continues to make the most of our home. Summer term House Manager Ben Knipe '01 kept things running smoothly as most of his classmates enjoyed living in the house for the first time. In the fall, another major renovation was accomplished. Under the direction of 1999 House Manager Ned Guthrie '00, the New Wing bathroom was totally refurbished, complete with a brand new floor and re-tiled shower. Eric Andersen '00 and his grandfather, who previously built the oak mantelpiece in the Pool Room, have contributed their time toward two

more house improvements. During the fall, they furnished a beautiful table for the Library, while in the winter they constructed a corner shelf for the television in the Pool Room. This, in addition to the purchase of three bar stools, have finally given the Pool Room those extra finishing touches. Another major improvement was the purchase and installation of a digital satellite television system, thanks to Joe Fahs '01, Adam Bovill '00, Cliff Bircks '00, and Tony Kayas '00.

Again, we would greatly appreciate any contributions you could make toward renovating our physical plant. We want you to have a beautiful house to which you can return during your visits to Hanover!

Andy Hoey '01

House Manager



2000 Spring Excom poses for a picture after ritual: Back Row: Andy "Fleiss" Hoey '01, Eric "R2" Etu '01, Sam "Limp" Short '02, Matt "Cuffs" Cheney '02, Joe "Hoagie" Fahs '01, Andrew "Moose" Langworthy '02. Front Row: Matt "Squishy" Curro '01, Drew "Cheech" Vera '01, Isaac "Radar" Berniker '01, Aseem "Hookah" Gandhi '01, Eunnok "Roach" Sohn '01.



The NH Alpha delegation pose for a picture after winning our awards from national: Left to Right: Bruce Hasenkamp '60, Mike Kimmel '94, Andy Louis '00, Eunnok Sohn '01, Lincoln Willis '98, Drew Vera '01, Pete Hasenkamp '98

National Hosts Opportunities For Giving To NH Alpha

The undergraduates of New Hampshire Alpha would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to those alumni who have remained active and have made contributions and paid annual alumni dues these last few years. If you like to make additional financial contributions to the chapter, we have set up three other accounts that benefit the fraternity. Please note that the first two are tax deductible and that all are separate from alumni dues.

Ruth H. and J. William Savage Fund: Interest from this account goes specifically toward sending brothers to conclave (tax deductible).

Whitney Eastman Endowment: This is a general-education fund that pays for the Balanced Man scholarship, which we award to outstanding male and female freshmen each spring. This fund also pays for general scholarship/leadership individual awards for our chapter (tax deductible).

Chapter Investment Fund: This capital-improvements and maintenance reserve fund, specifically for our physical plant, is invested in an account with National, serving as a mutual fund (not tax deductible).

To make contributions to either the Savage Fund or the Eastman Endowment, please make your check payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon Foundation and send it to Sigma Phi Epsilon Foundation, Zollinger House, P.O. Box 1901 Richmond VA 23218. Make a note on your check as to what you like your contribution used for (e.g., NH Alpha Savage Fund), and National will send you a confirmation and charitable tax receipt.

To make contributions to our Chapter Investment Fund, please make your check payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon, specify on the check that your contribution is to be used only for our Chapter Investment fund, and send it to Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Corporation, P.O. Box 5159, Hanover, NH 03755-5159.

Thank you for your continued support.



Eric "Panzer" Wagner '00 (left) and Keith "Reefer" Corl '00 (right) duke it out while crowd surfing during the 00 Spring Formal.

Visit Sig Ep On the Internet

For the latest news and pictures of Sig Ep, visit Sig Ep on the web at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sigep>. You can visit national's website at <http://www.sigep.org> for the latest news on Conclave 2001 as well as updates from National Executive Director Jacques Vauclain.

You may reach the alumni chairs and other officers as well via email. We check it quite often and can get back to you with answers quickly. This is our preferred method of communication.

isaac.berniker@dartmouth.edu - Isaac Berniker '01 (President)
keith.jacobsen.97@alum.dartmouth.org - Keith Jacobsen '97 (Alumni Board Member)
eunnok@dartmouth.edu - Eunnok Sohn '01 (Alumni Chair)
jeff.saret@dartmouth.edu - Jeff Saret '01 (Alumni Chair)

Success During 2000 Fall Rush

Our newest members are:

Bryan Bollinger - *Temple, New Hampshire*
Gregory Brown - *Lookout Mountain, Tennessee*
Pablo De la Huerta - *Lexington, Massachusetts*
Robert De Simone - *Staten Island, New York*
Carl Gieringer - *Anchorage, Alaska*
Pat Granfield - *Washington, D.C.*
Jeff Hluchyj - *Wellesley, Massachusetts*
Brent Jones - *Beloit, Wisconsin*
Matt Jungers - *Stillwater, Oklahoma*
Stanley Kim - *Bowling Green, Kentucky*
Justin Latham - *Pittsfield, Massachusetts*
Justin Martin - *Ann Arbor, Michigan*
Bill Martin - *Weston, Massachusetts*
Brian Ni - *Taipei*
Mike Perry - *Eden Prairie, Minnesota*
Derek Senft - *West Vancouver, B.C., Canada*
Bill Shields - *Chicago, Illinois*
Kyle Yamamoto - *Reno, Nevada*
Timothy Yang - *Randolph, New Jersey*
Will Young - *East Brunswick, New Jersey*
Will Zimmerman - *Richmond, Virginia*

Currently, they are undergoing their Sigma term. As their Sigma project, they have decided to refurbish the old bar downstairs (still in our possession despite the SLI) as well as redo the old wing bathroom to include new metal stalls and a new bathroom countertop. Our Sigmas are pumped to be Sig Eps and have shown much initiative and enthusiasm to meet their Sigma term goals.

Eunnok Sohn '01
Steve Park '01
Aseem Gandhi '01
Sigma Educators

Sig Ep Alumni Continue to Grow with Class of 2000.

Congratulations to the class of 2000 for graduating last spring, many of whom graduated with honors!

Eric "Lipton" Andersen
 Adit "Ajax" Beri
 Cliff "Sachs" Bircks
 Matt "Grimlock" Blanchard
 Jarrod "Finger" Boland
 Adam "Scroob" Bovill
 Pete "Lando" Burrage
 Luis "Ganja" Corella
 Keith "Reefer" Corl
 Rob "Clavin" Courtney
 Dave "Judas" DiPetrillo
 Andy "Leif" Doucet
 Matt "Virus" Frucci
 Ned "Twang" Guthrie
 Seth "Trash" Hitchings
 Tony "Pledge" Kayas
 Andrew "Baloo" Ko

Eddie "Serge" Le
 Andy "Animal" Louis
 Sadiq "Scud" Malik
 Rodrigo "Pinto" Mazon
 Eugene "Sputnik" Neginsky
 Brett "Jihad" Perala
 Todd "Shaff" Piro
 Ben "Bacchus" Pratt
 Rob "Fenster" Ristagno
 Ian "Axl" Rose
 Tom "Swab" Sanborn
 Matt "North" Schlough
 Marcus "Krusty" Simpson
 Ryoji "Abdul" Takeyama
 Rodrigo "Skunk" Vargas
 Eric "Panzer" Wagner

We hope that you will continue to participate in Sig Ep as active alumni. We appreciate your feedback and correspondence. Please send all alumni updates, pictures, address changes, and other information about other alumni to:

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Attn: Alumni Relations Chair
Dartmouth College
HB 5223
Hanover, NH 03755

We truly appreciate whatever information you can pass along to us. We assumed the responsibility of publishing the newsletter to help alleviate a large debt owed to Stewart Howe. We are attempting to get current with them by cutting the costs of normal alumni correspondence. The undergraduates have our own list of alumni that we regularly update and continue to compile new addresses and changes.

Currently, we are looking for alumni service solutions that are cheaper and more reliable. Until such a solution is found, we have dedicated ourselves to keeping in touch with the alumni. The Jim Walker and the rest of the alumni board have recently appointed Keith Jacobsen '97 as the coordinator for upcoming initiatives such as fund raising. The undergraduate chapter will soon be returned an audit of the physical plant, the results of which are unknown. We are aware of the problems that our physical plant is currently experiencing. The administration will demand that we remedy any part of the house that is deemed "unfit" for Dartmouth students. Keith and the rest of the alumni board will be in touch with you to determine the best course of action. Alumni help is critical in preserving Sig Ep's physical plant.



Poster created by Joe "Hoagie" Fahs '01 for our party during Winter Carnival during the winter of 2000.

We hope that together, NH Alpha and its alumni can forge better relations through more regular correspondences. Especially with the implementation of the Student Life Initiative and changes happening to the Greek Community, it is important that the alumni and the undergraduates be on the same page. We hope to better serve you with regular updates via the LISTSERV and the mailings we will send out.

Eunnok Sohn '01
 Jeff Saret '01
 Alumni Relations Chair(s)

Important Dates

Winter Carnival: February 9 - 11, 2001
Green Key Weekend: TBA (May 11th or May 18th)
Commencement: June 10, 2000

Alumni Reunions:
Classes of 1931, 1936, 1951: June 8-10, 2001
Classes of 1941, 1946: June 11-13, 2001
Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966: June 11-14, 2001
Classes of 1971, 1976: June 14-17, 2001
Classes of 1985, 1986, 1987, 1996: June 15-17, 2001

Alumni receptions will be held for Winter Carnival, Green Key Weekend, and the Alumni Reunions. Please send email to "sigep@dartmouth.edu" or call (603) 643-2978 if you plan to visit during those periods.

More Pictures!



Head double occupants, Rob "Chowdah" Kennedy '00 and Andrew "Baloo" Ko '00, pose for a picture immediately after graduation.



Alumni Luke "Porn*" Hart '99 and Alex "Yak" Kline '99, pose for a picture after Luke's grand entrance into the 99 Spring convention.



Brothers gather together for the last ceremony of the Spring 2000 term as they passed around the Hoops of Steel.



Keith "Reefer" Corl '00 rallies the entire house after meetings for a grand game of brother social.



Andy "Fleiss" Hoey '01 and Aseem "Hookah" Gandhi '01 enthusiastically demonstrate how delicious the Murphy's catering was for the senior dinner.



Alumni Vince "Loaf" Rudzinski '98 and Jeremey "Gooch" Gwiazda '98, 5-time Death Pong champions, return to Hanover in an unsuccessful quest to capture another Death Pong championship.