

THE MU COW

A Word from the Master

By Josh Cohen, Master

As the re-founding fathers of the Mu Colony of AEPi, we are excited to make our presence felt among the University of Virginia and Charlottesville communities. Our newly renovated house is and will continue to be an excellent venue for our brothers, alumni, philanthropy events, and social events. We have started out with 30 brothers who are active within our community in a number of ways. Brothers participate in activities such as university guides service, first year players, a capella groups, intramural sports, band, Jewish student groups, and much more. Our reach among the community will only continue to expand. This coming up spring we will be participating in rush to further grow as a brotherhood. Additionally, we also achieved the number one GPA out of all fraternities in our very first semester on grounds.

From the House

By Jeff Kerbel, House Manager

It's been an incredible first semester in the house. When we arrived back in August, we were stunned at the result of the renovations. We were so happy to have the house open again and to have seven brothers move in right off the bat. Living here has truly been an incredible experience, and we really appreciate all the hard work and generous donations that went into making the building into what it is. Next year, fifteen of us have committed to living in the house, so we're very excited to have all the rooms occupied.

Over the coming year, we hope to continue making major house improvements to better

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It is important to us as re-founding fathers to start off with a strong foundation. We want to create a brotherhood that is not only close with each other, but also with the surrounding community. Alumni and parents have already given us very useful advice and continue to do so, which has been very helpful for us in these early stages. Our house is yours too and you are welcome any time, so we hope to hear from and meet you in the near future. As a brotherhood we are proud to be back on grounds again and show everyone what the Mu Chapter is all about!

accommodate the increased numbers. In the kitchen, we're looking into countertops, shelves, and cabinets. Other considerations include a dishwasher, second refrigerator, and ice machine. To fix up the chapter room, we plan on buying some nicer couches, a cabinet for electronics, and some new shelves for AEPi memorabilia. Finally, we're going to talk to some landscaping architects in order to make the yard more visually appealing and accommodating to outdoor events like tailgates. I look forward to sharing some updates on these developments with you all in the coming issues of the Mu Cow.

AEPi Presents: Hoodie Allen

A Recap of Our Philanthropy Concert

By Zev Beeber, Scribe

On October 13th, the Mu boys welcomed a fellow brother from UPenn into the House. His name is Steven Markowitz, and believe it or not he is a well-known rapper. Markowitz goes by the performing name of Hoodie Allen, in homage to his New York roots. So far, Hoodie has released three mixtapes and two EPs. His most recent album, *All American*, debuted as the #1 album on iTunes and spawned a nation-wide tour earlier this year.

Performing with Hoodie was Topaz Jones and one of our own brothers and DJ, Jeff Kerbel. The three artists came together for a single tremendous concert. Over 300 UVA students attended the event,

helping raise \$1,500 for charity. We donated the money to Save A Child's Heart, an Israeli-based nonprofit that gives free cardiac care to children in developing nations.

Overall, "Hoodie Saves Hearts" was an outstanding philanthropy event. We had a blast, raised money for a good cause, and got to show off the Mu Chapter. The concert delivered a very clear message – that AEPi is back and it means business!



Topaz Jones, left, and DJ Kirby get the crowd ready for featured act Hoodie Allen.

Birthright

By Zev Beeber, Scribe

This year, 10 Mu Chapter Brothers were chosen to participate in Taglit-Birthright. For those of you who don't know, Birthright is a not-for-profit educational program that allows Jewish college students to visit Israel for free. The 10-day program takes participants to Israel's historical and cultural landmarks over Winter Break, teaching them about their religious homeland.

Birthright is open to individuals who have not been on an educational trip to Israel before. The Brothers who were chosen from the Mu Chapter

"It's a great time to be in AEPi"
– Past Supreme Master Sam Blustein

represent a wide range of religious and spiritual backgrounds, allowing each Brother to enjoy a unique experience. They were split into two Birthright groups: one going with other AEPi's from around the country, and the second going through Hillel at UVA in conjunction with University of Texas.

Needless to say, Brothers were ecstatic about the opportunity. Although the current situation in the Middle East poses a serious concern to Birthright and its participants, fortunately some of the tensions have diffused and the program will still happen. As they say, if not this year, then surely next year in Jerusalem.

A Word for the Alumni

By Reuben Han and Jason Schwarz

We have had an incredible first semester back at 1707 Grady. It's been a pleasure to meet some of you at tailgates and at the AEPi house, where you are all welcome and encouraged to stop by at any point. That being said, we hope to continue to build connections throughout the next semester and beyond. One way we are trying to make the current brotherhood more accessible to alumni is through the creation of a website. We are currently researching the best method to establish this site that can hopefully serve as a forum for chapter updates, alumni social networking, and donation opportunities.

A couple of alumni have talked to us about bringing back some old traditions that used to take place at 1707, and we are trying to plan certain events that will bring many of you back to Charlottesville to reunite with old and current brothers.

As a brotherhood we have many important events coming up in the spring that will act as trials and evaluations for the progress we've made over the past two semesters. For example, we plan to have our first formal as well as our AEPie charity day to raise money for Save a Child's Heart foundation. Most importantly, however, is that we will participate in formal spring rush for the first time as soon as school reconvenes in January. We hope to find potential brothers that will carry on the great reputations and traditions of the Mu chapter.

We will have more updates for you as next semester gets underway. For now, we wish you all the best during this holiday season, and please stop by the house anytime you are in the Charlottesville area as we hope to meet more and more of you over the next semesters.

A Semester in Review

By Josh Cohen, Master

- At the end of September brothers from the Mu Chapter helped build our very own Sukkah



- On November 30th AEPi sponsored the 2nd annual Shabbat 300. Described by Hillel, "Shabbat 300 is a Shabbat dinner in the Newcomb Ballroom which is meant to bring the Jewish community at UVa together in order to celebrate Jewish life on grounds." Joining us for the event were Dean Groves and President Sullivan. We were proud to be part of such a successful event.

More Pictures from the Semester:



Brothers with Hoodie Allen





UVA Football game



Hoodie Allen Concert



AEPI Celebrates Chanukah



Halloween



Painting Beta Bridge



We would love to hear from alumni and parents! Please feel free to contact our alumni chairs Jason Schwarz and Reuben Han at aepiuvalumni@gmail.com or Joshua Cohen the current Master at aepiuvamaster@gmail.com