



AEPi Fall 2009 Newsletter

ΣΗ Chapter



Letter From The Master

It is both an honor and a privilege to be Master of the Sigma Eta chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity. Joining AEPi in the fall of 2006 as a freshman, I never thought that as a senior I would be Master or imagined how far our chapter could grow in just four years. Currently we have 34 outstanding brothers who constantly dedicate their time and effort to the betterment of themselves and our fraternity. Staying true to our ideals, we advocate brotherhood and continue to develop outstanding leaders in both the Jewish and Lehigh community. One example of this leadership is as recent as two weeks ago when Chad Goldman, class of 2009, founded the Jewish Cultural Association at Lehigh, the first Jewish club of its kind at school. This club will be our gateway into the Lehigh community and will allow us to continue to grow and flourish here regardless of our recognition status.

This semester has been a unique and challenging one for our chapter as we have, for the first time, not had a fall semester pledge class. AEPi continues to adapt to its surroundings and I'm confident that the brothers are excited and committed to our fraternity and want it to succeed. As we continue to rush throughout this semester and into the spring semester we hope to find more quality young men who will promote the ideals of our fraternity. Everyone is looking forward to next semester and the new possibilities available to us.

One of the special occasions that has been occurring often throughout this semester are the pinning ceremonies of our seniors. Ilya Khazen has pinned his girlfriend and David Disler is pinning his girlfriend over the Lehigh/Lafayette weekend. Our chapter has started laveleering ceremonies to begin a new tradition for our chapter. Each brother who pins his girlfriend will undergo this new ceremony which we hope will continue in the future.

Other great events our brotherhood has been involved in include going to "Medieval Times" in New Jersey, one of the biggest brother-at-large events in recent memory, remaining very competitive in intramural sports, and an AEPi and Chabad challah-baking event. Looking ahead we have our annual AEPi and hillel Shabbat dinner, a trip to Lehigh Grand Prix, Lehigh-Lafayette weekend, and a winter ski trip. I know I can speak for the entire brotherhood when I say we are all excited for another great semester!

As always, our brotherhood is constantly trying to improve. This semester, that has meant attempting to improve the house. We have undergone several fundraising events, including the opening of the AEPi minimart, in an attempt to fundraise for new couches. As we work towards this goal as a chapter, any and all alumni donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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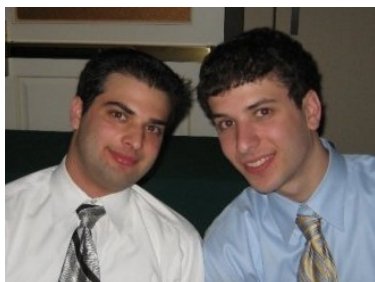
Fraternally,

Sam Goldstein
Master, Sigma Eta Chapter of AEPi

Brothers gather on the 601-603 balconies with water balloons and water guns for Ilya's Laveleering



Senior Experience



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Dave Disler '10

Every year at the last meeting of the year, our seniors look back at their four years at Lehigh, imparting advice to those brother's younger than them. For three years I have heard these speeches and heard the same theme year after year, school goes really fast, try to do all you can to slow it down, take it all in, and enjoy it. With my Law School Applications sent in, and with a light class load, I am doing all I can to follow the advice of those who came before me, and savor my final year. As a senior, it is important to be a leader, while I have been known to be vocal, I now have the time to lead by example. Every day I try to attend an intramural sport or a brotherhood activity. While every event may not be my favorite, I still make the effort to attend as many as possible. I have also discovered the bar culture at Lehigh. Going to a bar during the weekday is far from an abnormal. We also take advantage of what alumni could not, a casino. Every weekend someone comes back with a story of how they one twenty bucks, and it has become a fun distraction when there is not much going on. Most importantly, however, I try to make each day enjoyable, on days with little going on, calling up several brothers to play video games or watch a movie or television show has become second nature amongst fraternity brothers and create the memories I am most fond of.

-Dave Disler
Class of 2010

Brotherhood To The Brothers

The week after initiation, I stood before our chapter and read a speech about what brotherhood meant to me. I talked about how many of the members of AEPi had gone out of their way to help me in specific situations. I thought this was a thorough explanation of what brotherhood meant, but a couple of years later I feel my definition has changed. What I described as a freshman were acts of kindness one would expect from a friend or family member. What distinguishes brotherhood from my former description is empathy. Every upperclassman has sat where the underclassmen sits, and every underclassman will sit where the upperclassmen are sitting. The underlying message of the symmetrical statement is that we have the tools to enhance each other's college experiences everyday. This is something that one cannot find in their parents, siblings, or friends from home. We are each other's greatest resource. No matter the circumstances, there is a brother in AEPi who has been there, and he can help.

-Jon Reynolds
Class of 2011



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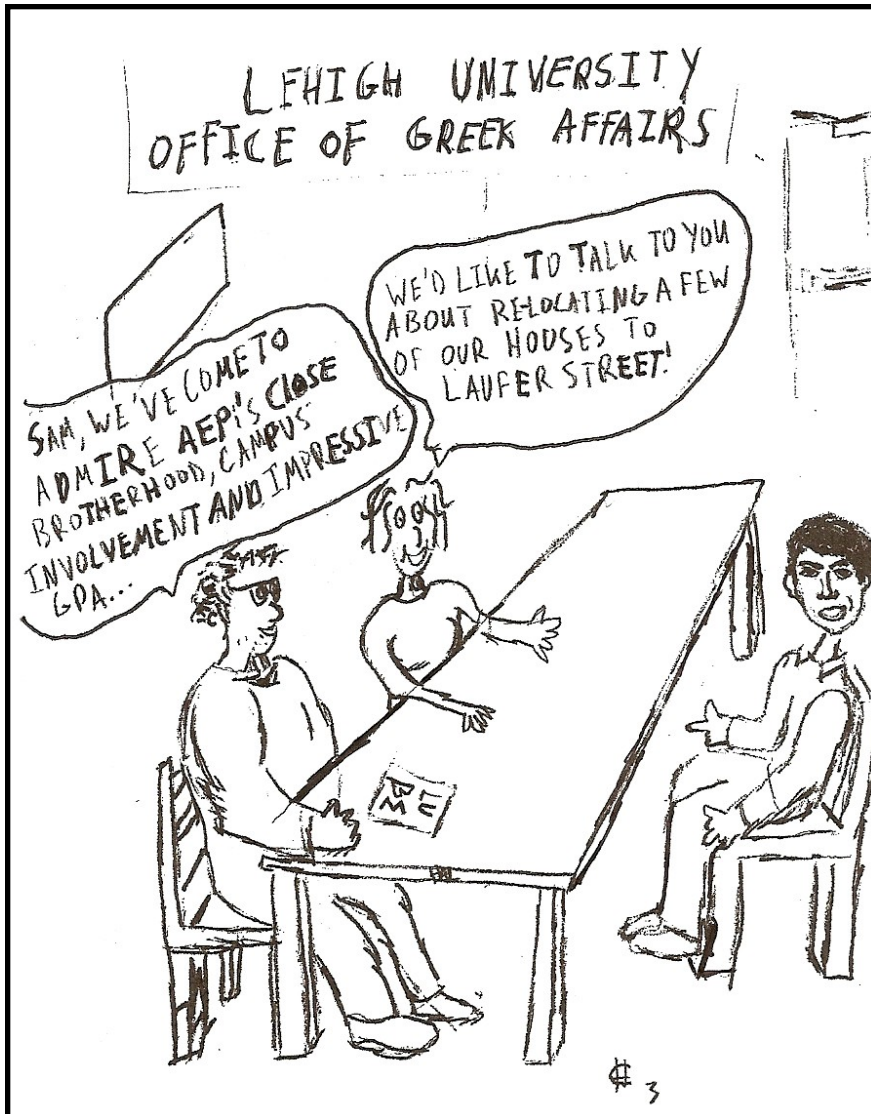
Jon Reynolds '11

Given large number of brothers expected to pin their long-time girlfriends this year, it was about time for some new Sigma Eta traditions to be born. Laveleering was suggested by our chapter consultant at a meeting early this year. He explained to us that giving away your letter is very serious and we as brothers should try and persuade him against this because they mean so much to us. Thus we "kidnap" him and laveleer him. He will then be rescued by his girl if she so chooses. He then must decide if he truly wants to give up his letters.

For Ilya and Ariel's pinning this involved Ilya getting very drunk, driven around while blindfolded and led into 601's backyard. Where he proceeded to be pelted with water balloons from the balconies of the 600 block, antiqued by the pledges, and, after we'd had our fun, saved by Ariel.

As of this year it is part of the Sentinel's job description to arrange these festivities. Each time we *laveleer* a brother it should be a unique experience and particularly suited to that brother. I invite you all to attend the pinnings and the laveleerings in the coming year!

-Hal Corin
Class of 2010



Lets Get Medieval

Cartoon by Hal Corin

Although we pride ourselves on being an innovative group, it is necessary to experience past cultures and the times previous groups have lived through. In an effort to do so, AEPi traveled great distances through time and entered the world of chivalry and feasts in Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The trip, lasting a brisk hour and a half, was very much worth the it as we all had a great time cheering for the red knight while learning about medieval life. Our time there was spent with great passion as we all watched the competitions while indulging ourselves in a glorious meal fit for a king. On a side note, Jason Katz was able to shatter the long heralded medieval time's record for fastest person to devour his entire meal. This was almost as entertaining and joyous as watching the knights attack each other with various weapons. Feeling quite full and even a little queasy from seeing Jason, we watched the end of the tournament, where our red knight, unfortunately, lost. Some brothers felt very distraught over this loss and until this day, still feel as though the red knight was the rightful winner of the October 30th games. Nonetheless, victory or no victory, we all still had a great time thanks to our Brother at Large, Ricky Motschwiller, the man, the legend, and the planner and coordinator of the entire trip. Without his creative foresight, we never would have experienced the world of knights and kings, and Jason Katz demolishing that record.

Medieval Times trip: The princess greeted us very nicely!



-Alex Ades
Class of 2012



This year in your Sigma Eta Chapter:

- *34 Brothers*
- *House GPA: 3.35*
- *New Fundraising Initiatives*
- *Runner up in Wiffle Ball Tournament*

2009-10 E-Board

Master: Sam Goldstein	Brother At Large: Ricky Motschwiller
Lieutenant Master: David Schwab	Rush Chairmen: Jason Katz Asher von Stein
Scribe: Eric Wankoff	Pledgemaster: David Disler
Exchequer: Tomer Nahumi	Social Chairman: Henry Weinberger



Stay Involved!

This year we are using Google Calendars to keep track of all of our events and parties. This system has led to the better organization and awareness of all fraternity proceedings. As a brother of this fraternity you are invited to stay involved and take part in fun we all have. To access these calendars, please send an email to Eric Wankoff at ebw212@gmail.com.

Also in the works is an alumni social network where you can post your

personal information so you stay in contact with your brothers at all times. We are very excited about rolling this out so watch your emails for more information and being a part of this new exciting part of the website.

Thanks for reading and keep in touch, and we are all looking forward to seeing all of you at this years Lehigh- Lafayette game.

-Eric Wankoff
Class of 2012

