

Sigma Phi Epsilon

Alumni Newsletter

April 2001

Alumni Housing Board Report

By Bob Tolleson

Greetings from Alumni Housing Board!

Things on Housing Board have continued to be great. We have money in the bank, the actives have money in the bank, and we have a strong and dedicated active chapter. The same board that served last year is back for another round on Saturday morning meetings and dealings with the number 1 active chapter on campus. If you haven't been around the house recently, please stop by and see the multi-purpose field just north (the old Phi Delt house). The house is full of active brothers and I still don't know how they fit 90 brothers in there for Monday night meetings. Special thanks go out to Joe Poston, Jeff Gates, and Clay Nickel for their tireless efforts to keep the actives involved and focused.

There are no major plans for this year. We will look at updating carpet throughout the chapter house and maintaining the momentum we have developed over the past few years.

Please plan on attending the 100th Anniversary celebrations in early November that will be defined in future newsletters. A formal banquet is being planned and I am

sure there will be a time for renewing old friendships sometime during the weekend. I plan on contacting some people I haven't heard from in many years (my pledge dad Dave Blakemore especially) and I encourage you to do the same and convince them to attend at least one of the events during the anniversary weekend.

In the heart

Bob "Boomer" Tolleson
#330

Current Alumni Association Officers

Chairman: Ryan Loehr
Secretary: Aaron Hamilton
Treasurer: Matt Pierce

Alumni Housing Board:

President - Bob Tolleson
Treasurer - Joe Poston
Secretary - Jeff Gates
Alumni Affairs - Ben Pfister
House - Aaron Hamilton
Finance - Larry Soice
Chapter Counselor - Clay Nickel

Alumni Association Report

by Ryan Loehr

Hello. My name is Ryan Loehr, and I am the Chairman of the Ks Eta Alumni Association. It's a great association! We gather around to talk, play games, and share our innermost feelings with one another. Sometimes, we even cry. It's a great association! When we meet on Saturday mornings, everyone acts like they're hungry and want to go somewhere to eat sandwiches and drink sodas. Those guys! But instead, we have a "meeting" where one person—we'll call him the "speaker"—will relay relevant information to everyone else—we'll call them "everyone else"—about current undergraduate activities, upcoming events including banquets and alumni functions, or national Sig Ep news. Sometimes feedback is gathered from "everyone else" and is used by the "speaker" so that, in the future, his idea doesn't sound so dumb.

After about an hour-long meeting, everyone now wants to go eat sandwiches and drink oat sodas, so we usually go to a place that has both.

It's a great association!

For the remainder of this article, I have chosen to give a comprehensive outline of the paragraphs so that you can choose what you want to read and skip the rest:

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COMING SOON!

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Ks Eta Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Association

As I started with, my name is Ryan Loehr and I am the Chairman of the Ks Eta Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Association. How did I get this position, you ask? Well, I had expressed some previous interest and was absent the day of the election, that's how. What is the Alumni Association, you ask? Well, if you'd just sit down and lay the knife on the table, that's it, o.k., now I'll tell you. The Alumni Association is a group of Ks Eta alumni, most of whom have graduated within the last 10 years, who meet once a month and serve as the "social" branch of the Wichita State Sig Ep Alumni population. Alumni events such as the Anniversary banquets, the Golf Tournament, and various other social functions are planned at our meetings. But more importantly than all that, we try to find ways to bring the Ks Eta Alumni structure together so that they still have some level of involvement with the undergraduate chapter. Any and all Ks Eta Alumni are welcome at our meetings (see schedule in this newsletter) as we are eager to get input/feedback from as wide of a range of alumni as possible. Don't worry, we won't ask you for any money (unless, of course, you have a lot) and there is no initiation yet (Joe Esterhaus is currently working on the script).

Current Events

Currently the undergraduate chapter is entering the fine time we remember as "Hippodrome." You know, the annual gala event where the entire chapter teams up with a sorority of their choosing and performs an act that is completely not embarrassing in front of God and everyone on stage. Sometimes, people bring cameras and video recorders to record said "acts", performing the function of a "stenographer", that is, someone who "stenographs."

The alumni association usually plans various alumni events around Hippodrome. We do this for two reasons:

1. Hippodrome is now, and always has been, a major point of competition between Sigma Phi Epsilon and the rest of the known world. We, as Ks Eta alumni, feel that it is necessary to support the undergraduates in their endeavors and somehow hold onto our youth at the same time.
2. Alumni events are planned because we—as the Alumni Association—are somewhat egocentric and feel that the undergraduates can plan their own damn events.

Check the Alumni Association calendar for dates and times for these events.

Preponderance of Dreams

What does the future of the Alumni Association, or alumni involvement in general, hold for us? What do we expect to get out of our involvement with the undergraduate chapter? Well, these are hard questions to answer because the fact is that the solution may, in fact, be different for everyone. But I can tell you what it means to me. If I think back to my experience as an undergraduate in the Sig Ep house, I can think of many memories. Some veiled in a cloudy fog of alcohol and misconception, others clear and thick in my conscience as the moment they happened. One thing that rings true, however, is that there were several periods of time (moments of enlightenment as some call them) that made me what I am today. Moments where a decision I made effected everything I did from then on, still to this day. If I can create the same atmosphere for the current undergraduates that I had—an atmosphere of pride, accomplishment, camaraderie, what have you—then I will be passing on my experience as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon to those who have not had the fortune to have it yet. Quite frankly, I want to fill the world with as many people like me as possible, except for the messed-up-in-the-head part. I would like to think that you would feel the same way.

Thank you, Ryan Loehr #641 (document edited so it could actually fit on the page)

Sigma Phi Epsilon - 100 Years of Brotherhood

November 3rd 2001 - Hyatt Regency, Wichita Kansas

Cocktails & Silent Auction begin at 6:30 p.m.

Live Music - Great Food

Speaker:

Brother Ed Hammond, President of Fort Hays State University

Enjoy discounted room prices at the Hyatt.

Much more information coming later in your mail box and on the web at www.kseta.org.

How You Can Be An Alumni Volunteer Even If You Don't Have Any Time Or Money.

The undergraduate chapter has been on a tear recently—best grades for fall 2000 with a 3.05 average, poised to win a second intramural title, more members than at any time in recent history (96 for the fall), Student Government President is a Sig Ep, and much more.

However, there is an area where they are lagging. Since becoming a Balanced Man Project chapter a couple of years ago, member education has become a process of reaching standards and expectations throughout an undergrad's collegiate career. One of the expectations is that members approaching graduation will interact with an alumni mentor. These exceptional young men fall pitifully short of meeting this requirement for one reason: we can't find any alumni mentors. That's why we need you. Maybe you haven't been able to volunteer before because of time constraints, or you live in a different city, or maybe you just haven't been asked.

I'm asking. Here's how to check out if you have the availability to be a mentor. Mentoring won't take as much time as you may think and checking it out only takes a second, too.

1. Check out the Sig Ep web site at www.sigep.org. Click on the "alumni" link, then on the "mentor" link in the margin. You can register online to be a mentor. Don't have a computer? Call Sig Ep Headquarters at 800-301-1901 And they can send you information and register you by phone.
2. Call Luke Luttrell, VP of Brotherhood Development at 316/651-5488 or myself at 800-701-9757 ext. 4121 and express your willingness to work with a Sig Ep at Kansas Eta.

Even if you don't live in or near Wichita, you can be a mentor for a WSU Sig Ep by phone or e-mail. Or, be a mentor to a Sig Ep near you. Regardless, this is a way that you can give back to Sigma Phi Epsilon, something that I hope you have a deep desire to do.

In the Heart,
Clay Nickel #624

Career Corner

(This new feature of the alumni newsletter is to update all of you on the advancements of some of our successful Alumni! They have agreed to let their contact information be published so if you are in need of a service they can provide, please call.)

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Schedule for our 2001 Meetings

April 30th 6:00 pm Chapter House then Greek Convocation
May 26th 9:00 am at the Chapter House
June 16th 9:00 am at the Hyatt
July 21st 9:00 am at the Chapter House
August 15th-19th Conclave in Washington D.C.
August 25th 9:00 am at the Hyatt 10:30 am Wives and Others breakfast
September 22nd 9:00 am at the Chapter House
October 13th 9:00 am at the Hyatt
November 2nd 7:00 pm TBA Alumni Elections Hamilton, Soice & Tolleson
November 3rd 100th Birthday (Like 40th Anniversary)
December 15th 9:00 am at the Chapter House

Grades & Manpower info:

Fall 2000 GPA was 3.052

6 new members in the greek system
got 4.0's
3 of them were ours

15 members in the greek system
got 4.0's
10 of them were ours

The second place fraternity had a
2.85

Some special membership info.

We reported 95 members
Betas and Phi Delt's reported 59
Sae 49
Kappa 30
Du and Pike 24

We are 28% of the greek system

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