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Delta Rho Initiates 14 New Brothers

It has been a very long, interesting past couple of weeks for the pledge class of Delta Rho. But it was all worth it, when Delta Rho ventured to Nationals in Carmel IN to initiate all 14 new brothers. Travelling by two 15 passenger vans, and a suburban for luggage, the brothers, along with alumni brothers Rusk, Przekora, and Grand Chapter Advisor Marc Schreiber departed from Mount Pleasant around 1:30PM and arrived at Headquarters around 8:30PM. The initiated brothers set up for initiation in the basement, and the ceremonies began, and wrapped up around 1:00AM. It had been done. Delta Rho had more than doubled its size on Friday, November 21, 2008.

The brothers were housed by Nationals in the Hampton Inn a few miles down the road. There was little time for celebration however, as there was a full day of activities planned for tomorrow.

Saturday began with a financial management seminar hosted by Theresa Weaver. The brothers learned the logistics, and how to process bio forms, starting brothers on payment plans, and learning about payment deadlines. Following that was some "ritual realization" by Vice President of Fraternity Operations, Dan Dun-

can. Here, the brothers went through the scenes of initiation and talked about what certain things in the ceremony meant, and why it was there. "It was



Sandwich making using Parliamentary Procedure

quite a learning experience. I didn't realize all the symbolism and hidden meanings within the ritual." said brother Karolak.

After Ritual 101, the brothers climbed up the Risk Management Ladder, learning about the Risk Management policy and the do's and don't's, starting with the least severe, and "climbing" up the ladder to the big ones.. "The higher you climb up the ladder, the harder you fall" was the lesson to be learned.

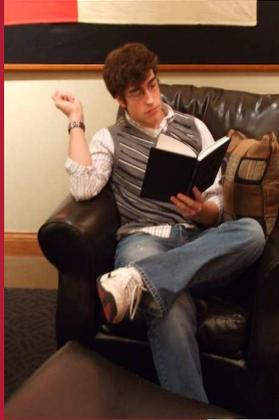
After lunch, and scattered tours of the building, the brothers returned to try and make a sandwich. The catch was, they had to instruct alumni brother and staff member Steve Latour to make the sandwich only using parliamentary procedure. The

brothers were able to get a sandwich together, loaded with applesauce, relish, and tons and tons of salsa that was poured by "hand". The sandwich was complete. A motion for brother Variell to eat the sandwich was made, however he was bailed out by the meeting chair Dan Duncan by calling the meeting adjourned.

The brothers learned about the value of alumni, and then the brothers separated from UNH and Plattsburgh, where we discussed where we want to go with our chapter in the future. The brothers compiled a list of many different things that we could work on, most revolving around communication. "This hour and a half was a real spirit raiser. You could feel the bond of brotherhood being strengthened" said brother Solis.

The night ended with a "Thoughts for the good of the Order", involving Delta Rho, UNH, Plattsburgh, and the Headquarters staff. We talked about what this weekend has done for each other. You could feel the excitement from new brothers as they now can be called brothers, along with the excitement for growth of UNH and Plattsburgh.

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Brother Ghering posing in the library at Headquarters

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-Ben Eidson*

Initiation continued...

The night ended with the installation of the new officers of Delta Rho.

Due to the early departure of a few brothers for prior commitments, we were only able to formally install Brother Solis as President, Brother Eidson as Vice President, Brother Banks as Treasurer, and Brother Ghering as Prudential Member at Large. These members are now officially in their respected positions. The remaining elected

officers are expected to take office shortly, with an installation ceremony at a later time in order to get the Prudential Committee started. The brothers celebrated an amazing weekend with pizza at the hotel on brother Rusk, before departing back to Central early next morning.

This weekend was truly epic. The brotherhood, is now stronger, not in just numbers, but in unity. The brotherhood

hopes to visit Nationals more often, and possibly have many more initiations at Headquarters. Delta Rho is planning their for general assembly for 7:00PM, November 30th. Pictures from the weekend will soon be available on the chapter website.

Report by Brother Solis

November Financial Report



Treasurer
Pierre Banks

The chapter currently has

\$456. Rent for December is due within a few days. We are also on track to make the payment to the housing corp for the past due rent that they allowed us to pay in December, rather than every month.

In addition, the chapter will be receiving the payment for working the football games during the season. That

amount has yet to be determined, but is expected to be around \$1,000. The finances for the chapter are definitely turning around. There is no denying that 14 new members is also helping the chapter a lot in the bank.

Report by Brother Solis

Prudential Expansion?



Vice President
Ben Eidson

The prudential committee is considering expanding its membership by two. "Too often in the past, we haven't had quorum if two members miss the meeting. It has caused us to not get any business passed, and puts the fraternity behind." The committee will

discuss adding the Secretary and Scholarship Director as voting members in the prudential committee. If the measure passes in prudential and general assembly, it will bring the voting membership to seven.

Report by Brother Solis

Chapter Wraps Up Football Game Fundraiser



Fundraising Chair

Mike Wilson

One of the major fundraisers of this semester was new to the fraternity. Alpha Sigma Phi worked the concession stands for the CMU

football home games. The fraternity needed to raise some serious funds in order to pay off some debt that was lingering. "We figured that working the concession stands during the football games would be a fun, easy to do fundraiser."

The fraternity would operate two portable concession stands for every home game. The first stand consisted of selling quesadillas, soda, and other food items. The second stand would sell hotdogs, pop, and when the weather got

cold, hot chocolate. The fraternity worked all the games, as part of the their contract. The chapter bared hot weather for the first few games, and a very frigid winter night for the loss over Ball State to wrap up the season.

The amount fundraised is still undetermined, but the fraternity expects the amount to be around \$1,000. The money should arrive within two weeks.

Report by Brother Solis

Brother Banks, Eidson Win IFC Chairs



President

Randy Solis

The Interfraternity Council had elections on November 18th 2008. I am proud to report that Brother Banks was elected as IFC Recruitment Director, and Brother Eidson as the Vice President of Finance.

It is a great honor to have Alpha Sigma Phi have representation in IFC. It helps get our name out, and

shows IFC that Alpha Sigma Phi is full of leaders. In addition to the elections, the Greek Academic award ceremony was held on November 24th. Alpha Sigma Phi walked away with "Highest Pledge Class GPA" for 2008 for the 2nd year in a row. In addition, Pierre Banks was selected to be a Greek 101 facilitator.

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November Member Spotlight

Ben Eidson is a Sophomore at Central Michigan University, studying accounting. Ben pledged Alpha Sigma Phi in fall 2007. Ben joined because he admired the bond between the brothers, and saw the fraternity as a non-stereotypical fraternity.

Ben hangs out with the brothers in the fishbowl room and enjoys

watching *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Family Guy*. and playing Rock Band with the brothers.

Ben was the Treasurer from February 2008, and served until November 2008. Ben is now the newly installed Vice President of the fraternity and the soon to be Vice President of Finance in IFC. Ben looks forward to representing

Alpha Sigma Phi in his new IFC position, and running prudential to better the fraternity.

Report by Brother Solis



Ben Eidson



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Alpha Sigma Phi was founded at Yale University on December 6, 1845. Three young men: Louis Manigault, Horace Spangler Weiser, and Stephen Ormsby Rhea, all freshmen, met and laid down the basic principles of a society that today counts its membership in the thousands.

Since 1845, Alpha Sigma Phi has maintained a proud tradition of creating and perpetuating brotherhood for good men coast to coast. Dedicated alumni have long preserved and enriched the "Old Gal's" tradition with a vision for the future that exemplifies the experiences of the past. Through the years, many brothers have noted that Alpha Sigma Phi made a significant contribution early in their lives. With gratitude, these members have remained loyal and are supportive of the Fraternity's future.

Alpha Sigma Phi's existence has been threatened many times over the last 150 years. The fraternity still managed to pull through these hardships. Therefore, the official symbol of the fraternity is the Phoenix, the mythological bird that rises from its ashes.

Today, Alpha Sigma Phi is recognized as a fraternity of quality and stature. With over 60 chapters, colonies, and interest groups, and an active expansion effort, the Fraternity continues to offer meaningful services and opportunities to over 2,000 undergraduates and 40,000 living alumni.

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Alex Wright
Ben Eidson
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Chas Farrell
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Greg Leymon
Heath Barry
Jon Tarrant

LeAundre Jackson
Matt Variell
Mike Wilson
Nate Schievink
Nick Abraham
Nick DeWitt

Patrick Meyer
Paul Sullivan
Pierre Banks
Randy Solis
Ryan Karolak
Taylor Remy
Tim DeJong
Tony Hubler