

THE SCROLL

Winter 2009



Dear Brothers of the Epsilon Nu Chapter,

Happy New Year! The Epsilon Nu chapter at Michigan State University has had an incredible fall semester here at the Lodge and we are eager to share with you our progress.

We would first like to congratulate the new Executive Council that was elected at our November 23, 2008 chapter meeting:

Archon:	Andrew Thompson
Angelos:	Adam Blaylock
Hepititos:	Joshua Carlisle
Thesauristes:	Scott Chase
Grammateus:	Mike Skoog
Episolographos:	Greg Stein
House Manager:	Chris Chamberlain
Risk Manager:	Nathan Austin

Brother Thompson has many ideas for the upcoming 2009 year to include more brotherhood building events, additional access to on-campus resources including career development for members of the active chapter, along with a better partnership with community organizations such as the MSU Children's Health Initiative. Our growth will be focused on fostering a stronger brotherhood with active involvement in our community, one of our founding ideals.

This fall we welcomed six new brothers to our chapter:

Bob Coleman, '12 - Farmington Hills
Matt Davidson, '12 - Westerville, IL
Matt Hoffman, '12 - DeWitt
Willy Kazen, '11 - Owosso
John McRae, '12 - Houghton
Spencer Pappas, '12 - LaGrange, IL (son of Michael Pappas, '82)

This spring semester we have 36 active brothers.

We also celebrated the graduation of two brothers this December, Jon Crawford and John Kennedy will graduate with degrees from the schools of Economics and Packaging. In the upcoming spring and summer semesters we anticipate an additional eleven graduating seniors. In an effort to maintain our chapter size we have already begun planning our recruitment for the spring. With a several potentials already seeking to join, we hope to have a good rush this coming spring.

*Homecoming 2009:
October 17*

HOMECOMING 2008

Homecoming weekend was a big success this year. The weekend started with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail hour on Friday evening, followed by a tailgate on Saturday where the active chapter upheld the Psi Upsilon tradition of a coat and tie for the tailgate. After the football game, alumni and undergraduates came together for the annual chapter meeting. The weekend concluded with a golf outing on Sunday held at Hawk Hollow Golf Course; which included transportation, a continental breakfast and a commemorative gift - golf balls with the Psi Upsilon crest imprinted on them. We do have extra if you're interested in purchasing a sleeve of them. We intend to hold the golf outing every Homecoming as another chance for alumni to catch up with their brothers.



The active chapter celebrated Homecoming with its inaugural alumni golf outing.





The active brotherhood participated in several philanthropy/social events this past semester including the MSU Children's Health Initiative Annual Teddy Bear Picnic. It is one of many fundraisers for the cause centered around the need for a community based, integrative children's health institute—an effort that continues to pick up support in the Mid-Michigan area.

We also participated in many of Greek philanthropy events this semester including Delta Gamma's Anchorsplash, Chi Omega's Chi-O Kickoff and Pi Beta Phi's Broomball. We held closed rush this semester with the ladies of Delta Gamma and the men of Theta Chi. We had a cocktail hour here at the Lodge and then took a bus down to Sips Bar and Grill in Farmington Hills. The gentlemen of Psi Upsilon once again upheld the tradition of coat and ties for the occasion.

This coming semester we plan to participate in community-wide events, including a spring egg hunt for children in the surrounding neighborhoods, bingo night on Friday at a local retirement home, and the Greek community's annual Greek Week. Last year Greek Week raised over \$200,000 for many causes including the American Cancer Society. This year for Greek Week we are teamed with the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the men of Delta Kappa Epsilon. We have already begun preparation for the events which include group dancing and a battle of the bands and have high hopes for this year's week.



Luke Grabowski '08 and Eric Smith '07 practice recruitment skills.

We are happy to say the Lodge has seen several visual improvements this semester. The front door has been reconstructed, Brother S.L. Christensen's chair has been redone and the doors leading to the second floor sun-deck have also been refurbished. The "S" room, now is carpeted throughout with a tiled area around the bar and will prove very useful during the upcoming spring rush week as it now includes a pool table and dart set. The Mother's Library also saw some improvements, with the addition of wall-paper, curtains, and newly hung awards of the Epsilon Nu chapter.



These visual changes however will not keep the house standing. We are continuing to repair different aspects of our chapter house and continue to put emphasis on our roof with spot repairs to stop leaks. Brother Chamberlain has already made several changes to the house in the few weeks he has held his position, beginning with the furnace in the boiler room which now heats the basement and chapter room areas. As house manager, he is currently looking into quotes for replacement of the electrical system throughout the entire house—another large expense for the maintenance of our 82-year old house—with wiring that has not been replaced since the house was constructed.

On behalf of the active chapter, we would like to thank the many brothers who have donated both their time, money and effort to the Lodge and we hope to see those able at Founder's Day this coming spring. We encourage you to contact Andrew Thompson or Joshua Carlisle with any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions you may have about our chapter.

Once again, season's greetings and we wish you the best this upcoming New Year!

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