

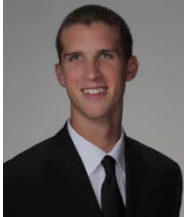
Heart to Heart

Parents' Newsletter

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Letter from the Editor

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I'd like to introduce myself as the new editor of the Parents' Newsletter. I hope you all enjoy this first issue of the year. Our goal is to inform and update you, the parents, on the happenings within the fraternity.

Last fall our chapter acquired twenty new members and graduated three. We ranked eighth of twenty-eight fraternities in grades and are only looking to improve. Among the many events we hosted, pictures (courtesy of Erik Wheater) of the dinner social we had with a sorority and a snapshot of our philanthropy, Sausagefest, are included somewhat randomly below.

The spring semester generally starts at a casual gait and hastens through spring break into what becomes a full out sprint by the end of the year. It is a very exciting and rewarding time no doubt, but everyone gets exceedingly hectic with Greek Week, VEISHEA, initiation, all wrapped up by dead week and final exams.

We will have a lot to write about and since this newsletter is meant to meet the interests of the parents, I strongly encourage and would appreciate any comments, suggestions, or questions about this publication. If there are any topics that you would particularly like written about, please ask. Feel free to email me at the above address without hesitation. Thanks for taking the time to read about the chapter!

Iowa Beta Goes International – Again

by Jack Heidrick

When Tobias Fiedler accepted his opportunity to spend a year in the United States he set a goal of learning as much about Americans and their culture as he possible could. Tobias spent the fall semester living in the dorms with other foreign exchange

students including another student from his home country of Germany. He enjoyed his time in the dorms but it didn't give him the exposure to our culture that he was looking for. SigEp's International Program seemed like the perfect solution and he moved into our house at 228 Gray this January. He is the second person in our International Program's history with the first being Nick Morley from Australia who lived with us last semester.

The benefits from Tobias becoming a member of our fraternity go both ways; he is able to add to his knowledge of American culture and we are blessed with having another great brother to be apart of our lives. In addition, we have been able to learn a little bit about his way of life by eating his homemade German bread and by listening to him protest our highway speed limits.

Tobias is here with the John Deere exchange program. He is studying mechanical engineering at Iowa State for the '08-'09 school year and then will work for John Deere for 100 days in Waterloo, IA. Another benefit that Tobias has enjoyed since being a SigEp is being much less home sick than he was in the dorms. In his words, "I feel at home when I'm here at the house. It's great knowing I have 40 different guys to hang out with at all times." It's been a



Upcoming Events!

February 6th
Varieties 2nd Cuts

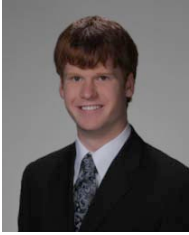
February 7th
Carlson Leadership
Academy

March 7th
SigEp Formal

March 14th – 21st
Spring Break



remarkable experience having Tobias around and getting to know such a smart, charismatic and genuinely kind man.



SigEps Lead IFC *by Alex Kelly*

With the beginning of the spring semester the newly elected Inter-Fraternity Council of Iowa State will start to get into the swing of things. One thing interesting about this council is that it's composed mostly of SigEps. 3 out of the 13 executive members of IFC are SigEps this semester! SigEp is the only fraternity to have more than one member on IFC.

VP of Community Service,

Zack Schaff, will advise, help plan, and execute philanthropy and community service events for all Iowa State Greek houses. Zack also plans to organize a community service week in the fall, where there will be some type of Greek wide community service or philanthropy each day. VP of Risk Management, **TJ Augustine**, will educate chapters on risk prevention, alcohol, and hazing. He also will help investigate any complaints and work with judicial affairs on the issue. TJ hopes to strengthen the Greek communities' relationship with the police department, and have them come and do presentations to further educate Greek members. VP of Recruitment, **Erik Wheeler**, will set up Greek Getaway and other Greek wide recruitment events over the summer. Erik also hopes to set up a formal recruitment process, and help bridge the gap between high school recruits and Greek houses.



These SigEps will do a great job leading, and representing our Greek community. It's great to see SigEp's are out there living our motto, "building balanced leaders for the world's communities."



Brothers in Clubs

by Eric Wilt

Despite the fact that it's relatively simple to join a club at ISU, it's an entirely different case when it comes to being actively involved.

However, there are several Sigma Phi Epsilon members who have done this. Two of these members are Kyle Wood and Wes Geary. These positions help the members of SigEp give back to Iowa State.

Kyle Wood is the current president of the ISU Fishing Club, which holds regular competitions during the summer, and even has an ice-fishing tournament planned for February 22. Kyle has already made plans to have fishing tournaments over the summer as well. Furthermore, even the new members of Sigma Phi Epsilon have taken steps to become more involved on campus. **Wes Geary** is currently a member of the Students to Students program that helps undergraduates cope with their personal issues. He regularly gives presentations to university students about the program.

These positions, despite their obvious time commitments, help the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon become more involved on the Iowa State campus while giving them a chance to give back to it at the same time.

Prouty Visits Iowa Beta

by Erik Wheeler

With another successful semester in progress, the men of Iowa Beta welcomed back alum, Jeff Prouty to the Memorial Union for the annual Prouty Project. With so much riding on the success of this year's members, a goal-setting meeting was just what the doctor ordered to keep the momentum heading in the right direction. Everything including a GPA goal, campus leadership and even a first place finish in Greek Week was discussed in what was a very rewarding five hours.

The brothers left Prouty Project inspired to finish the semester strong and excited for what is in store for the remainder of the year. **Alex Kelly**, a freshman in engineering and leader in his class couldn't imagine a better way to spend a Saturday afternoon. "I got a lot out of Prouty Project. The guys always talk about how great of an alumnus he is and it was amazing to finally experience it. I know the guys will be working hard in order for us to reach our goals," said Kelly. The men of Iowa Beta thank Mr. Prouty for his loyalty and dedication to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

