

# The Ducal Crown Chronicle

Summer - 2005



## SAVE THE DATE

### NEXT AVC MEETING:

**Wednesday, August 24  
5:30 pm in Jennette Martin  
Room, 567 Capen Hall,  
North Campus.**

### UB's HOMECOMING:

**On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, join the brothers from NY Epsilon along with your friends, families, and have a great time at the Homecoming Football Game where UB takes on Akron. Game time: 1:30 pm. Come early and join us at the UB Alumni Tent for some homemade chili, burgers, refreshments, and prizes. Contact Br. Mike Gould at [Mdgould2@buffalo.edu](mailto:Mdgould2@buffalo.edu) to reserve your tickets. Please make plans to join your brothers and our newest alumni as we celebrate Sigma Phi Epsilon. Our annual AVC meeting will also take place that same weekend!**

## **NY Epsilon brother awarded Scholarship for Recruitment Camp**

Br. Matthew Bavaro-Phelan (current VP of Recruitment) received a \$325.00 scholarship from SigEp headquarters and attended a Recruitment Boot Camp the weekend of July 22 in Charlotte, NC. This will put NY Epsilon at the cutting edge in Recruitment on the University at Buffalo campus.

CAMPUSPEAK sponsored 3-day seminars across the United States specifically geared toward recruitment excellence. These intense training seminars will empower students, professionals, and volunteers to fight back against declining interest in Greek membership. Best of all, they guarantee results.

Br. Matt completed this seminar and came back to the chapter ready to implement the best recruitment tactics in the nation, and better understood how to begin a fundamental change in the recruitment culture of our chapter. Br. Matt also developed a Recruitment Boot Camp Action Plan and the motivation needed to jump start recruitment on our campus and in our chapter.

Congratulations Matt - get ready for some changes in recruitment.

**NY Epsilon will also be implementing the Balanced Man Scholarship this fall.**

## **N.Y. Epsilon Brothers attend the 49<sup>th</sup> GRAND CHAPTER CONCLAVE in Nashville, TENN, August 10-14, 2005.**

**Nicholas Licciardi** (Chapter President & Delegate); **Graham Woodring** (Chaplain & Alternate); **Michael Masyln** (awarded Alumni Scholarship); **Donald Taylor** (awarded Alumni Scholarship); **Geoffrey Sherman** (AVC Webmaster); **Mark Kaufman** (Resident Scholar, University of Maryland); **Steven Otterman** (Chapter Counselor, New York University); **Ronald Sigeti** (Chapter Counselor & AVC President & Founder, University at Buffalo).



The Brothers from NY Epsilon were also awarded the "Benjamin Hobson Frayser Chapter Publications" Award for their outstanding alumni communications and the Ducal Crown Chronicle.



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**SIGEP BROTHER DIES FOR HIS COUNTRY**



Br. Jake Pfister was killed April 19, 2005 by a suicide bomber in Baghdad, while waiting for his company to assemble. Jake was an Army Specialist who reenlisted after his first tour of duty was completed. His wife Ashley, their newborn daughter Madison (born this June), his mother (Amy) and grandmother survive him.

Jake became a brother in the New York Epsilon chapter of SigEp at the State University of New York at Buffalo in the fall of 1997 and later transferred to Buffalo State College and the New York Eta chapter there.

Br. Jake loved serving his country, but loved being a SigEp even more. Brothers from both chapters performed the "Red Rose Ceremony" at his wake. Please keep Brother Jake and his family in your prayers.

**BROTHER RECEIVES "PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP" SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK**



Former chapter president, Br. Jason Fuller was honored at a reception on Wednesday, May 4 at the PILLARS OF LEADERSHIP Ceremony at the University at Buffalo.

Jason received the Dorothy M. Hass Scholarship Award, awarded to him by Vice President for Student Affairs Dennis Black. Br. Fuller has been instrumental in raising the bar when it came to the chapter helping out the University Heights District and narrowing the gap between UB and the University Heights District. He developed a fall and spring "Clean-Up University Heights" campaign in which the brothers of the chapter filled 75 bags of leaves and garbage in the fall and shoveled snow in the spring from sidewalks in the community.

The Pillars of Leadership reception was created to recognize those students, who, through their leadership and commitment, have made an exceptional difference to the campus community.

Congratulations to Br. Jason on this prestigious honor and for getting that message out that SigEp's are simply the best.

Dear Alumni Brothers,

This has been yet another great year in New York Epsilon's history. This past spring semester has been highlighted by the initiation of the Alpha-Alpha pledge class! This marks a landmark in NYE's history and shows nothing less than the foundation of a strong past as well as a bright future for the chapter.

Many of our undergraduate brothers attended the new member Edge Camp where NYE showed up in numbers greater than any other chapter attending. Just another example of the chapter's drive and direction. The brothers in attendance gained skills, which will assist them through out the years in college as well as through the halls of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

UB as well as the University Heights community for their growing effort to selflessly improve the community in which many of us reside have recognized the brotherhood, led unwaveringly by Chapter President Jason Fuller. This action within the community furthers the fight against the sweeping stereotype of a "frat" and supports the foundation of why we are distinguished as gentlemen of a great Fraternity.

New York Epsilon has again raised tremendous funds for "The Teddy Dance for Love" charity. This is an annual event held at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, which raises money for children afflicted with cancer. For the past three years, New York Epsilon has raised more money than any other participating organization.

Dr. Peter Nickerson, NYE's faculty advisor, has been invaluable to the brothers of this chapter. Along with NYE's Resident Scholar, Br. Dennis Wiley, the chapter is on track to improve in overall GPA over any previous year on record. Their effort and unwavering dedication to this cause epitomizes the cardinal principle of Diligence.

The formation of the Alumni Board this year is expected to be a great asset to the undergraduate chapter. This will no doubt improve the quality of the undergraduate chapter as well as strengthen the communication and bonds among alumni. This will be a great organization in its own right and will set a strong precedence to ensure the longevity of New York Epsilon.

The new Executive board, led by Br. Nicholas Licciardi (President), is ambitious and dedicated to fulfilling the aspirations of our chapter.

HFF,  
Br. Daniel Stolzberg – '00  
Alumni Relations

**EDGE CAMP – LEADERSHIP in ITHACA, New York**

NY Epsilon was one of 5 chapters that attended the 3 day leadership building EDGE camp on the weekend of April 1, 2005 near Ithaca, NY. The brothers practiced and developed their leadership skills as well as survival skills in a ropes course and many other team building events and exercises. It was a wet trip but...



as you can see, the rain did not stop the brothers from finishing the course. However everyone was glad to get out of the rain and relax for a little while.

**NEW YORK EPSILON BROTHER IS NAMED “RUCK SCHOLAR”:**



This summer one of our brothers earned the designation of Ruck Scholar, **Brother Rodolfo Garcia – ‘02. For the past three consecutive years, brothers from NY Epsilon have been awarded this honor.** Only the top scholars are chosen for the Ruck leadership Institute, held every summer. This is truly an honor that has been bestowed upon Br. Garcia and his chapter, NY Epsilon.

The Ruck Leadership Institute was originally conceived in 1998 at a meeting of the Balanced Man Development Committee, shortly after the death of committee chairman, Frank J. Ruck, Jr.

The Ruck Leadership Institute was established and continues to be a dynamic, high level, leadership development event furthering Frank’s passion of not just challenging, but enabling all SigEps to realize their full potential as leaders and Balanced Men. The Fraternity believed strongly that the only fitting tribute to Frank would be a living and lasting one; one that honored Frank through the betterment of others’ lives as he did throughout his life.



At this four-day, high-intensity leadership development experience, undergraduate brothers from across the nation gather at the University of Richmond, where they walk through the paths of our founding fathers, and see the vision “that this Fraternity will be different” come to life before their eyes. Taking place at the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, this advanced program focuses on teaching the Few to Impact the Many.

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Website coming soon!



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