



NEW YORK EPSILON CHAPTER of SIGMA PHI EPSILON FRATERNITY

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Awarded the "Benjamin Hobson Frayser Chapter Publications" citation at the 2005 and 2007 Grand Chapter Conclave!

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**ALUMNI NEWSLETTER WINS
CONCLAVE AWARD - AGAIN!**

This alumni newsletter was chosen among alumni newsletters from across the country and awarded the "Benjamin Hobson Frayser Chapter Publications" citation at the 50th Grand Chapter Conclave in Atlanta, GA, for a second consecutive Conclave.

Holding the award in the picture below, are brothers outside the Temple Arena, in Atlanta, GA. Temperatures that week reached 106. Br. Ron Sigeti sends out 3-4 alumni newsletters every year to keep alumni that might not have contact with the chapter in Buffalo, NY up to date on things going on with the chapter and with the University at Buffalo.



**10 BROTHERS TAKE THE 2007 GRAND CHAPTER
CONCLAVE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA BY STORM!**

From Wednesday to Sunday, August 8-12th, ten New York Epsilon brothers attended the 50th Conclave in Atlanta, GA. Chapter President, Colin Kelley and VP of Programming, Julio Moreno were the chapter delegate and alternate respectfully. Our newest brother, Dan Potter was given a scholarship by Br. Ron Sigeti to attend Conclave, which included registration fee and room and board, based on his diligence during his solo pledge period and his spring 07 GPA, which was above a 3.70. Alumni brothers Hannibal Hervey, Anthony Huskisson, Jason Martin, Steven Otterman, Paul Sciaratta, Geoff Sherman, Donald Taylor, and Ron Sigeti also attended.



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**HAPPY FOUNDER'S DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 1901 – 2007
CELEBRATING 106 YEARS!**

NEW ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEER CORPORATION PRESIDENT APPOINTED

Br. Geoff Sherman has been appointed the new President of the AVC by its Board of Directors. Br. Ron Sigeti nominated Geoff to the AVC Board of Directors, where his nomination was unanimously approved. Geoff will become the 2nd AVC President.

When asked, former AVC founder and president, Br. Sigeti said “When I accepted the position as AVC president, the first task I undertook was to work on seeking my successor. Geoff has been a front runner on my list of successors for a long time. Based on his long time dedication to the chapter, his successful completion of countless tasks, and ever increasing responsibilities that he has taken on for the chapter and the AVC, I feel that he will make an excellent AVC President.”

Br. Sherman (“Reuben”), a member of the Omicron pledge class, became a brother in the Spring of 2000, and has been an active member of the AVC for the past 3 years as Webmaster, and was the creator of the SigEp Merchandise section on the website, where alumni brothers may purchase chapter merchandise.

Geoff is currently employed at RVM Inc. (www.rvminc.com), a Manhattan based Litigation Support Company as the Information Systems Administrator. He has had the opportunity to progress greatly and impact his organization with admirable results. Currently he holds certifications of CompTia A+, CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate), TAT (Toshiba Authorized Technician), DCSE (Dell Certified Systems Expert), and Panasonic High Speed Scanner Technician. Geoff was also recently featured in the “connections people” section of Law Technology News (www.lawtechnews.com). He lives in a beach side bungalow on East Atlantic Beach in Long Island, New York.



BROTHER NICHOLAS EVANS GETS MARRIED!!

Brother Nicholas Evans and his lovely bride, Brittney, got married in Kentucky, on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Nick (“Huey”) became a SigEp brother at UB in the Fall of 2000 and is a member of the Pi pledge class. Nick and Brittney, after honeymooning in Cancun, Mexico, will be at home in Kentucky. Nick works as an executive consultant for an international utilities company with offices all over the world. Several brothers attended Nick and Brittney’s wedding. All of your brothers wish you the best in your new life together and hope your marriage is filled with happiness and future SigEp’s.



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PICTURES FROM OUR 50th GRAND CHAPTER CONCLAVE in ATLANTA, GA.



Brs. Colin Kelley, Julio Moreno, and Anthony Huskisson after an etiquette seminar with Mom Nonnie, SigEp's National Etiquette Expert.



Brs. Huskisson, Jason Martin, and Hannibal Hervey enjoy the Educational Foundation Lunch where \$15 Million in Scholarship money was pledged by alumni in a record 35 minutes.



Brothers renew friendships after Conclave check-in.



The Three Horsemen of the Apocalypse.



Brs. Steve Otterman (*Dilbert*) and Geoff Sherman (*Reuben*) ask "What do you mean we don't get mileage?"



Brothers Paul Sciarratta and Hannibal Hervey wait for lunch, while Br. Don Taylor asks "Where is the list of single malt scotches?"

CHAPTER UPDATE

As you may recall from the two update alumni letters that were sent out in the past few months, New York Epsilon has been through some trying times this year. Again we must restate, that without significant, demonstrative improvement in chapter operations and programming, New York Epsilon would have been closed at the end of the 2008 spring semester. Due to the undergraduates’ actions and absolute unwillingness to change, the AVC was left with very few options.

Because New York Epsilon’s AVC has a responsibility, not only to the current undergraduate brotherhood, but also, more importantly, to every one of the more than 800 NY Epsilon alumni brothers to ensure that the chapter did NOT close, the AVC felt that drastic action was warranted now.

It is because of that responsibility to you, the alumni brothers, that a membership review of the current chapter undergraduate members was completed on October 20th, and a new program was implemented under the direction of the AVC that will be used by the chapter going forward for its overall brotherhood development.

This was the most difficult decision that we, as brothers, have ever had to make. However, it was an easy decision in light of the consequences. It is our hope that you understand that we, as alumni brothers of the AVC, did everything we could to avoid this situation. However, it was clear, notwithstanding all the warnings, the alumni resources devoted, and the time and effort committed, that the undergraduates simply did not want change.

New York Epsilon will remain open, and is now on a new path. The chapter is now an official Balanced Man Program (BMP) chapter. What does that mean? The BMP is unique among college fraternities, and was established with Grand Chapter legislation in 1991. The BMP is a no-pledging, no-hazing, four-year, continuous development program centered on the Balanced Man Ideal of “*Sound Mind, Sound Body*”. The BMP seeks to build positive habits and key life skills through mentoring and experiential learning, and it matures and builds upon itself as the student’s needs change and progress throughout college. Using self-reflection, discussion, evaluation, and personal written goals, SigEp created the BMP to bolster the self-esteem and overall quality of life of its members. The BMP is designed to enhance a young man’s experience in Sigma Phi Epsilon. It is a personal journal and guide that focuses on each individual member of SigEp and his ability to achieve a Sound Mind and Sound Body. This program will be used to enhance and complement the academic experiences of students, by providing resources for activities and events beyond classrooms, laboratories and other traditional learning environments.

New Members will utilize *The Quest*, a written, personal record of where they came from, where they are going, and how they are going to get there through a series of challenges and opportunities within the BMP. *The Quest* will guide these young men through the changing needs they will have in college as they grow and mature as leaders. Each challenge is self-paced, self-determined, and emphasizes three specific areas in their lives: Self, Chapter, Community.

We expect that some of you will have questions and concerns, or may wish to offer your assistance. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you. We will continue to keep you apprised with any new developments as they occur.

Br. Ron Sigeti – Chapter Counselor
 NY Epsilon



GRADUATING BROTHERS RECEIVE HONORS FROM CHAPTER AND HEADQUARTERS

Br. Graham Woodring received the *Clifford B. Scott Key Award* for obtaining the highest GPA for the 2006 – 2007 academic year. His average in both the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semester was above a 3.83/4.00. Br. Graham is currently a graduate student in a Masters of Electrical Engineering program at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

Br. Nicholas Licciardi received the *Ulysses Grant Dubach Award* for showing a greater improvement than any other undergraduate during the fall 2006 to spring 2007 semesters. Br. Nick accomplished a 1.29 increase in his GPA between fall 06 and spring 07. He is currently working as an analyst for Oppenheimer Funds on Wall Street.

Congratulations to both brothers on a job well done.

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