



EMU REVIEW

Events:

Over this past summer, Epsilon Mu has been busy! Two members, Matt Swanhorst and Ryan Billingsly, attended Pi Kapp College (a week-long leadership camp in South Carolina), which was an absolute blast! Ryan and Sam Sorkin then went on to complete Build America, where they spent six weeks at various camps, constructing decks for disabled people. On their route, Ryan and Sam met up with Alan Lam and Keenan Irish, who were Epsilon Mu's representatives at Supreme Chapter. There, we received the Retention Excellence Award and the Champion Master Chapter Award. Additionally, PUSH America has now become The Ability Experience. The Ability Experience has a new logo, and the starshield now has a gold star inside the pentagon. Additionally, Risk and (formerly) PUSH chairs are now on exec.

Officers:

Archon – Pat McGehee, #474
 Vice Archon – Jordan Morris, #490
 Treasurer – Sam Sorkin, #478
 Secretary – Ryan Billingsly, #509
 Warden – Danny DeGirolamo, #505
 Historian – Matt Swanhorst, #503
 Chaplain – Jordan Thomason #477

House:

The past few semesters, we needed to put up a support beam underneath the party room to keep the floor from sagging. When we came back from summer break, Bradley had bolted down our support beam and it is now permanent. Hooray for safety!

Additionally, we got a new stove with all four burners working. I believe I've heard stories of a questionably installed dishwasher that has been broken for some time, which Bradley also has replaced.

During work week we repainted walls a nice light grey, and painted all the doorframes blue. We have also painted the front room so that it now has a horizontal stripe of blue with two smaller stripes of yellow beside it. We have painted a large updated starshield in there, too. On top of that, we are working on building new tables for the party room. Come by and check them out!

New Initiates:

Because the last newsletter I can find is from Spring 2013, I will include all Initiates since then. Spring 2013

Matt Wiesehan, #497 (ΒΞ)
 Mitch Moushon, #498 (ΒΞ)

Fall 2013

Jim Wells, #499 (Alumni)
 Nick Pratt, #500 (ΒΟ)
 Sam Kleinman, #501 (ΒΟ)
 Keenan Irish, #502 (ΒΟ)
 Matt Swanhorst, #503 (ΒΟ)
 David Green, #504 (ΒΟ)
 Danny DeGirolamo, #505 (ΒΟ)
 Dave Bechdolt, #506 (ΒΟ)
 Steven Kellerhals, #507 (ΒΟ)
 Drew McAllister, #508 (ΒΟ)
 Ryan Billingsly, #509 (ΒΟ)
 Jake Camara, #510 (ΒΟ)
 Trevor Rice, #511 (ΒΟ)
 Matthew Kolakowski, #512 (ΒΟ)
 Michael Stanczyk, #513 (ΒΟ)
 David Quitschau, #514 (ΒΟ)

Spring 2014

Nick Scheuer, #515 (BO)
Craig Collinson, #516 (BP)
Nick Lenkaitis, #517 (BP)
Stefan Miller, #518 (BP)
Nick Luciani, #519 (BP)
Jake Pettes, #520 (BP)
Frank Licka, #521 (BP)

Frank:

Brothers, I have unfortunate news; on June 17, 2014, Frank Licka, #521, passed away. Although Frank was just initiated this past spring, we could already tell he was a true Pi Kappa Phi. At Bradley, Frank was involved in Ballroom Dance Club and played many intramural sports. He loved 50s and 60s music and always had a smile on his face. He will sorely be missed.

Alumni Spotlight:

James Sapp, #464 (Beta Iota)

James is currently a Research Assistant at Northwestern University, where he creates educational tools for students learning to design steel buildings. Additionally, James has an internship with EJM Engineering in Chicago, where he designs bridges and retaining walls. He has a girlfriend, Christyne, and lives in Bartlett, IL. To their dismay, they do not have any pets (however, they will take donations!).

Back in his days as an active Pi Kapp, James held quite a few chair positions, including Archon, Brother Act, Risk Chair, and Social Chair. PUSH Chair was his favorite, though, because PUSH itself was a large factor in James' decision to rush Pi Kapps. On top of that, he loved organizing everyone and giving back to the community was a great feeling for him. Outside of Pi Kapps, James was a Civil Engineer with an emphasis on Structural Engineering. He also played piano

(even playing a few performances), was a member of the fencing club, and served as the IFC's Philanthropy and Community Service Chair. Today, James plays the piano, reads, works out, and still loves to learn.

Even through his busy life, James still tries to find time to keep in touch with other Pi Kapps. He last visited Peoria this summer for Grant Mooney's (#469) wedding, and before that for initiation. He loves to meet the new initiates and telling old stories, including fun memories like his Pledge Political Party and playing room volleyball. Since graduating, James has seen a different side of the lifelong brotherhood we all strive for. No matter where he goes, James always feels comfortable and at home with his fellow Pi Kapps.

Finally, some advice:

"I have two pieces of advice for those still in house. The first would be to enjoy everything and be open to making as many memories as possible. When I look back on my time at Bradley, a lot of the stuff that really stuck was stuff that I never planned. Time in college is short and you never know what you might miss if you don't put yourself out there for new experiences.

"The second would be to stay actively involved even if you're a senior or don't have a position. You don't have to have a nice title to put on your resume to make things better. All of us, individually and collectively, have so many ways to improve that too much is given up by just accepting the status quo. Traditions have their place. For example, the ROI is the way it is and has been that way for good reason but much is open for us to make of it what we will. Be willing to sacrifice your time and energy to make our brotherhood an ideal one."

Letter from the Archon:
Greetings, Brothers!

This year is shaping up to be a great one for Epsilon Mu. We've had involvement in national events, our grades are right at the top of all IFC fraternities on campus, the look of our house has been steadily improving, and recruitment is already off to a great start. We're determined to continue these trends and take our place as the best fraternity on campus. And I couldn't be more excited!

I'd like to take a moment to recognize a few of our active brothers for their involvement in summer events. Congratulations to Matt Swanhorst and Ryan Billingsly for attending Pi Kapp College this summer in South Carolina and another huge congratulations to Sam Sorkin and Ryan Billingsly for taking part in Build America this summer. I am extremely proud to have had three of our members representing our chapter on a national level!

Finally, it came as quite a shock to me to hear of the passing of our brother, Frank Licka. Frank was initiated just this spring but anyone could tell you that he was dedicated to everything he did. He was a leader in his pledge class and had the courage to stand up for what was right, even when it was not the most popular thing to do. The reality of his passing is heavy on all of our hearts, but I urge all of you to let this remind you that our time together is fragile. Let this bring us closer as a brotherhood. Nothing Shall Ever Tear Us Asunder.

I am thrilled to get the ball rolling once again into the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015. Here's to what will certainly be a fantastic year for Epsilon Mu and Pi Kappa Phi!

Fraternally yours,

Patrick McGehee
Archon

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Want to continue being the awesome alumnus that you are? Get in touch with current actives! Yes, we will accept money, but we love to see you guys visit us too!

Does this newsletter look funny? This newsletter was actually designed exactly like the newsletters in 1986!