

THE FRONT RHO



Alpha Epsilon Pi, Beta Rho Chapter



Happy Halloween, Beta Rho!

Highlights of the semester:

- Body Chemistry IX
- 3 successful cocktails
- Inaugural "Oktoberfest"
- Sukkah built on our porch
- Pane e Vino's Semi-Formal
- All New Alumni Weekend
- Website Advances Dramatically

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Greetings from the Master



Dear Friends and Alumni,

As the fall semester draws to a close and I have time to reflect on where Beta Rho has come in the past few months, I am pleased to report on our chapter's continued growth and accomplishment. It has been an incredibly fun and productive semester for all of us.

As early as orientation week, the brothers of Beta Rho have been breaking new ground. Representing one of the most well-populated houses on campus, we returned from the summer eager to kick off the year with our annual charity furniture sale. When the tragedies of hurricane Katrina hit the nation, the brothers responded with unrivaled passion, orchestrating the most successful charity fundraiser any of us have seen.

Campus-wide events this semester have seen equally dramatic improvements under the creative insight of social chair Chris Schmitt. After the university realized it would rather preserve the priceless portraits and world-famous pipe organ housed in Sayles, we welcomed Body Chemistry back into our house for its ninth incarnation. The brothers also organized a revolutionary celebration of fall with *Oktoberfest!*, a truly festive event in a heated tent on Wriston Quad co-sponsored with our neighbors in Zeta Delta Xi. *Oketerberfest!*'s sheer originally drew campus-wide attendance as we inaugurated an AEPi tradition that will hopefully persist for years to come.

In November, we had the privileged opportunity to reach toward our past and welcome our alumni back to the house to enjoy a first-ever independent AEPi alumni weekend. Thanks to all the brothers who were able to come back and hang out at the house, share stories,

enjoy tailgating and football, dine on Apsaras's famous nime chow, and relive the days at Beta Rho.

As we head home for the winter, we are all looking ahead towards a rigorous and thriving rush, overseen by Rush Chair Jon Levin. We have the utmost confidence in our success, as the bonds our brotherhood has forged this semester have filled us all with enthusiasm and excitement. From sports to dinners to house improvements to our semester's formal at the renowned Pane e Vino, the brothers have focused on a commitment to continue building on the growing history of fun, friendship, and brotherhood set before us.

As you read through our achievements this past semester, I hope you get a sense of what a great place Beta Rho is in right now. It's been a pleasure serving as Master this fall; enjoy the update!

Fraternally,

Brother Master Kenny '07



Brothers preparing for Body Chemistry IX.

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AEPi goes to Washington, D.C.

On August 10, 2005, I attended the 93rd Anniversary Convention in Washington, D.C with fellow Beta Rho brother Mike Morgenstern. The event took place at the Renaissance Hotel and lasted until August 11. Throughout the course of the event, I was able to meet a number of the hundreds of other brothers that attended from chapters all across America, as well as learn about many of the important values of being in a fraternity like Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Being a rising sophomore at convention, my previous exposure to the fraternity as a brother had been



Jon Levin (L) cheers with Master Dave Guttmann.

minimal up until that point. Therefore, in one sense, convention overwhelmed me with “AEPi.” There were so many brothers vibrantly passionate about the fraternity there, as well as many adults and alumni who spent their lives for the benefit of AEPi. Watching the incoming Supreme Board’s induction certainly reaffirmed the idea that AEPi is a “commitment for a lifetime” for many.

Convention also featured various workshops, speakers, and seminars. Highlights include a motivational speaker who talked about the value of brotherhood and friendship within the fraternity, Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of the Facebook and an AEPi from Harvard University, seminars on public relations, risk management, and leadership, and a workshop on rush. These events distributed useful knowledge that I will hope to apply here at Brown.

There were many memorable and fun aspects of convention as well. The Supreme Council, while very long, was also a great opportunity to be involved in the business of AEPi on a national level. I certainly felt a sense of pride every time they called from the microphone “Beta Rho” to submit a vote. The awards gala was an exciting event, and many of the older members of AEPi at that time told stories of their days in college and the work they had done throughout their life for AEPi. In addition, being given the opportunity to meet so many brothers was a memorable experience. I was able to connect close with some brothers from the Cornell colony and some of the older alums who helped our own chapter come into being, including David “Godfather” Bacharach. Finally, I was able to see many other Beta Rho brothers during my trip that lived in the D.C. area – a great way to reconnect after a summer. Overall, convention was a tremendous experience and a great way to jumpstart my experience as a brother.

Jon Levin ‘08
 Brother Big Al
 Rush Chair



Beta Rho Alum and Chapter Adviser Tucker Peck ('05), hangs out with the Brown Band and another AEPi brother, Stuart Schussel.



Rich Gottesman and Steve Beckoff prepare for Oktoberfest.



A cookout on the front porch.



AEPi on Ice: Intramural Hockey Team.



Jesse Boodoo, Nate Cohen, Dan Teitelbaum, Mark Grabiner, and Mike Gladstone at Oktoberfest 2005.

AEPi and Hillel Come Together: Sukkot-Style

Brown has a vibrant Jewish student body, and both AEPi and Hillel are symbols of Jewish life on campus. However, the Beta Rho chapter of AEPi has often operated independently of Hillel – until this semester. This past fall marked the blossoming of a solid relationship between our Jewish fraternity and Brown’s Hillel.

First year students make an annual First Year Students of Hillel (FYSH) retreat for apple picking for Rosh Hashanah. This October, we were able to integrate with Hillel and hold a very successful apples-and-honey study break – a pleasant break from the rigors of a tough first month of school. L’shana Tova indeed!

This Yom Kippur also marked the first time that our break-fast was advertised to the larger Brown student body. Despite dozens of bagels, pounds of cream cheese, packages of lox, and boxes of veggies, neither Hillel nor AEPi could keep up with the break-fast demand. For next year’s High Holidays, we anticipate continued popularity of our break-fast.

As the food settled in our stomachs and the leaves began to turn colors, football season kicked-off the start of Hillel-sponsored study breaks in our lounge. Pig may not be kosher, but watching the ‘ole pigskin has certainly been fun!

Finally, Hillel donated Sukkah materials that we were honored to erect in front of our house. A symbol of the harvest, the Sukkah is yet another facet of our budding relationship with Hillel. These are promising signs of great things to come!

Jay Levin ‘08

Brother “Tinky-Winky”

Jewish Affairs Chair



Matt Drooyan stands next to AEPi’s newly-constructed Sukkah.



Sam Edwards and Mike Field share a moment of deep reflection.

Reaching Out to the Community

I’m proud to say that the brothers of Beta Rho continued to actively perform service to their community this semester.

At the beginning of the year, the fraternity held an annual furniture sale in which half of the profits were donated to charity. Because of a very successful furniture sale this year, the brotherhood was able to donate over \$1000 to the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans.

The brothers also sponsored and helped execute two blood drives this semester for the Rhode Island Blood Center. In the two drives combined, over 500 pints of blood were collected, positively impacting more than 1500 lives.

Furthermore, the brothers volunteered their time



Joe Austerweil and Richard Gottesman help provide a Halloween experience for local children.

to help with a canned food drive. Brothers distributed flyers to select neighborhoods in the surrounding Providence area for a large-scale food drive before the Thanksgiving holidays. The food was collected and then donated to the Rhode Island food bank. The drive was definitely a success, especially considering it was a new community service project for Beta Rho.

As Community Service Chair, it has been a pleasure working with my fellow AEPi brothers to reach out to our community, and I want to compliment my fellow brothers on their wonderful contributions to the community.

Michael Field ‘08

Brother “Professor X”



AEPi's Oktoberfest Event drew large crowds of hungry people.



Dave Guttman and Chris Schmitt flexing for Body Chemistry IX.



House Renovation Day: making our house better and cleaner.

AEPi's Expanding Website... Technologically Advancing

I'm grateful to be a part of Alpha Epsilon Pi, and even more so to have a hand in shaping its future. The website, as a reflection of us on the internet, is a vital channel of communication towards the outside world and within the fraternity. A website that functions well can become a locus of community involvement and action, which I hope to create with this one.

In a few months, you won't even recognize the AEPi website. I've already added some exciting changes, and the entire website will be redone soon.

You may remember the website as an extremely detailed resource full of information. However, it was sometimes hard to get to the information. And when you finished reading, the site didn't do anything. That's all changing—here's what different:

The brothers' info is now stored in a database. That means you can open your

brother profile and edit it to your heart's content, and the changes will show up on the site right after they are approved. That way, you can use the site to share what you're up to and where you're going in life.

Even more useful for that purpose is the Brothers' Map—a google map connected to the database. It shows each brother as a pushpin, wherever you have listed as your zipcode. Click on a brother to see their picture and find out what they're doing. Wherever you are going there's an AEPi, and we want to make sure those connections are made. Most of the brothers are in the Atlantic ocean because we don't have location information—so go on and update your profile!

The great part of the new interactivity is, once you login, every part of the website suddenly displays the confidential information you are looking for. Brother names, emails, etc. are available once you enter your login and password. Con-

tact me if you don't know your password!

In the next month we will have a completely new website just in time for Rush. It will be beautiful and reorganized around the people who use it—rushes, alumni, and active brothers. All the information will be easier to find, and the website will rush someone immediately on viewing it.

We will also have tons more ways to interact with brothers you have met or haven't met. There will be forums, wikis, and any creative ways of sharing information that we can find.

It's also your website, so let me know what changes you are looking for and I will be sure to implement them. I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this fraternity, and I hope to meet many more of you in the coming years.

Mike Morgenstern '08

Brother Jaws, Webmaster

Alumni Wrap-Up: Football, Fun, and a New Weekend Specifically for Alums

Once again, it has been a great semester for the Alumni of Beta Rho. Beginning last May, the brothers and alumni wished the Iotas well on Commencement Weekend with a lovely party on our porch. It was a great opportunity for the new brothers of the Nu pledge class to meet alumni and for all to say a final goodbye to the recently graduated brothers of 2005.

Throughout the beginning of the semester, Alums were continually dropping in to say hello, see the improvements to the house, and sit in on a meeting or two. For some, the house had changed radically; for others, they were pleased to see the little details that had

been added and improved upon, such as our new gas grill.

On the weekend of November 11th-13th, we hosted a number of Alumni for the first annual Beta Rho Alumni weekend. Friday night consisted of music, drinks, and a relaxed evening in the house. Saturday morning started off right with a Bar-B-Q on the porch that was enjoyed by all. Afterwards, a group of us trekked out to the stadium for some fabulous Brown football. The alumni and brothers braved the wind and the cold to watch the Bears maul the Big Green of Dartmouth to take first place in the Ivy League. Post-game, the Alumni and brothers went out to dinner at Apsara's for a

traditional Beta Rho feast. It was a great opportunity for many of the brothers in the Nu pledge class to meet and talk with older alumni and for everyone to sit and chat. Saturday night capped off a great day with a fierce alumni and brothers poker game and a fantastic party. A Sunday morning breakfast of bagels and lox was devoured as we held our weekly brothers' meeting. The weekend was an opportunity for the alumni to reconnect with their college friends and for the brothers to meet more alums. All in all, it was a great weekend and a tradition we plan on continuing for years to come.

So, what is next for the Alumni of Beta Rho? Well, I will be studying abroad for the spring semester and Steve Beckoff, Brother Babar of the Nu pledge class will be taking over in my stead. Steve, and our new master, Chris Schmidt will be planning events for next semester shortly. Please look for an e-mail shortly concerning winter gatherings and throughout the spring. We hope that all of you are doing well and I invite you all to come visit the new and improved Beta Rho. See all of you soon!

Michael Gladstone '07

Brother "Bait"

Alumni Relations Chair

ALUMNI, VISIT THE WEBSITE:
SUBMIT EVENTS; CREATE A PROFILE;
UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO!

Hockey Madness

This fall semester, as winter transcended and New England transformed into tundra, AEII left its mark on the ice. Our lack of experience notwithstanding, several brothers lent their efforts to form a Lions intramural hockey team. Despite our winless efforts in our inaugural season, I could not be prouder of Lions hockey.

Brothers contributing to Lions hockey included Steve Beckoff, Nate Cohen, Alex Levi, Jon Levin, Scott Seiver, Dan Teitelbaum and myself as captain. An injured Phil Kalisman made his presence felt behind the bench, joining the likes of coaches such as Vince Lombardi and Herb Brooks. Whether it was through a dive for the puck, the blocking of a shot, or pure intimidation, each brother contributed an effort worthy of recognition. It is these combined individual efforts for the "team" that initially prompted me to seek membership in AEII. It is also these efforts that are rewarded with immeasurable bonds between men and lasting experiences that we will undoubtedly associate with college.

Serving as captain to the Lions hockey team was an experience marked with pride. The coherency with which our team played was unmatched by any other team. I feel that despite winless games thus far this season, we are still without a loss. Being members of AEII is a victory within itself. Taking leave next semester, I am stepping down as captain and player for the remainder of the season. However, I look forward to hearing the resulting stories from each game and returning to the team next year.

Best of Luck,

Brett Cropp '08

Brother "Baghdad"



The Brotherhood at Pane E Vino Formal.



Justin Markovits and his formal date.



Steven Beckoff and his formal date.

Fast Times At AEPI

This past Fall Semester has seen a sensational social scene, though I do not say that simply as Social Chair. We kicked off the semester with a smashing success, Body Chemistry IX, a true hit among the incoming freshmen class for their first weekend at college. Besides a hearty attendance, rave reviews, and tons of left-over supplies, we made almost \$500! In this vein, we also had a landmark 'Oktoberfest' event in conjunction with Zeta Delta Xi for a newly developed 'Fall Weekend.' Our epic event was held in a 500-person heated tent on Wriston quad and included hot dogs, grilled bratwurst, and refreshments! The event was fantastic; everyone had a spectacular time and went away sufficiently stuffed. This event promises to be huge success as a future tradition, both socially and financially.

Additionally, we also had two mixer parties this semester. The first had a jungle theme, titled 'Bungle in the Jungle,' and even involved an ape costume! The second was semi-formal coined 'Corporate \$candal' notable for its innovation. Finally, we were proud to close the semester with a phenomenal formal at the renowned Pane e Vino, orchestrated by Lieutenant Master Isaac Haxton. This semester has certainly been a strong one socially, and this trend is sure to continue.

Chris Schmitt '06

Brother "Walrus"

Social Chair

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Rob Lazerow, Tal Itzkovich, Phil Kalisman, Chris Schmitt, Dave Guttman, and... A Very Special Guest.