Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi in the News

The Interfraternity Council at Dickinson has spearheaded a street cleanup in Carlisle starting this year. Brother Will Goetschius ’07, also IFC President, helped organize and sponsor this effort. SAE was the first of the six fraternities on campus to participate.

On Sunday, September 17, thirteen of the chapter’s brothers took to the streets of Carlisle. They cleaned up trash from the town square on High Street and worked their way to Cherry Street at the far end of campus near the Kline Center. The chapter was joined by Dickinson College’s President, William G. Durden ’71.

The chapter received media coverage, being featured on the Dickinson College Web site and on the 11 o’clock nightly news on WHPTV Harrisburg.

In the news broadcast, Charlie Tricomi ’08, said of the one-hour cleanup, “Cigarette butts, litter here and there, a few pieces of paper, nothing too bad…”

Will Goetschius ’07 stated, “Streets get dirty and people need to clean them up. The community at this point does not pay for somebody to come out here and clean it up on weekends so this is a need that needed to be addressed and we can fill it. We have the numbers and we want to be out here and help.”

Later, the brothers currently living in the on-campus house located at 527 W. Louther Street let the news crew into their house. The reporter seemed shocked that a fraternity house should be so clean.

“We know they’re good at cleaning their community,” she said, “but we wanted to see if that cleaning ability made it inside their fraternity house. By the looks of it, either they’re really fast cleaners or, it does.”

President Durden wrote in an e-mail following the event: “I would like to thank the entire SAE brotherhood for their efforts.”

The chapter finished their second cleanup of High Street in November.

Charlie Tricomi ’08 doesn’t mind picking up a few cigarette butts and some litter.

Dickinson College President William G. Durden ’71 with the SAE brothers of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi after a street cleanup on Sunday, September 17.

Nick Mallos ’07 and Jack Sinchak ’07 enjoy being the first fraternity to take part in the High Street cleanup.
LETTER FROM THE EMINENT ARCHON

To the Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Alumni:

The Chapter has recently found much success – most notably in recruiting a large Spring 2006 pledge class, which consists of 11 new members. Beyond this success, though, there has been a large change in Dickinson College’s Greek system.

With the recent departure of two fraternities – Sigma Chi and Kappa Sigma – in 2004 due to disciplinary issues, I have come to understand that Greek Life in general, and not just at Dickinson College, needs to be redefined in the 21st century.

For a successful future the brothers have come to realize that we must no longer live by the “Animal House” ideal, which is how most non-Greeks view fraternity life. Making this change has not required a lot of effort.

Though I can’t say our chapter is perfect, we do have a group of great guys that care a lot about the fraternity and, well, are all about “keeping the dream alive.”

We have very involved brothers: one is IFC President; another is IFC Public Relations Chair; others participate in The Octals, the choir and the Concert Committee; and others play on the varsity soccer, varsity baseball, varsity tennis and club ice hockey teams. By participating in these extra-curricular activities, brothers have been forming bonds with other non-SAE’s on campus, thus demystifying the age-old myth of pompousness and “elitism” in fraternities.

And by taking an active approach to fraternity life – supporting brotherhood, social events, philanthropies, and scholarship, among other things – PA Sigma-Phi is not simply the premier fraternity on campus but also one of the most involved.

I know and trust that the chapter will continue to succeed on Dickinson’s campus. And though I will likely remain Eminent Archon this spring, I look forward to watching the next wave of brothers step up and prepare the chapter for an even more positive, healthy future.

Best and Phi Alpha,

Spencer C. Bailey ’08
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Brothers’ Summer 2006 Internships

Spencer Bailey ’08 (Eminent Archon)
Major: English; Minor: Creative Writing
Hometown: Englewood, Colorado

William Goetschius ’07 (Past-Eminent Treasurer)
Major: International Business & Management, Economics
Hometown: Severna Park, Maryland
Internship: Brown Advisory Securities, Baltimore, MD

Martin Maisonpierre ’08 (Past-Philanthropy Chair)
Major: Law & Policy
Hometown: Redding, Connecticut
Internship: New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), New York, NY

Justin Osler ’08 (Eminent Treasurer)
Major: Law & Policy, Philosophy
Hometown: Lake Forest, Illinois
Where: Merrill Corporation, New York, NY

Charles Tricomi ’08 (Eminent Chronicler, Past-EDA)
Major: International Business & Management
Hometown: New Canaan, CT
Internship: Rucci Burnham Law Firm, Darien, CT

Martin Maisonpierre ’08 (first row, second from left) “rings the opening bell” of the NYSE on Thursday, July 20.
A History: Housing of the Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Chapter

1900-1914: The fraternity purchased a three-story building located just off of the northeast corner of West and Louther streets. Red brick with white trim, their home was a simple building constructed in the "old style." They lived there until the house was commandeered for military housing following the outbreak of the First World War. This house has since been expanded and is currently used for a private residence.

1914-1922: The fraternity moved into the eastern section of East College for five years before purchasing its second house.

1922-1928: The fraternity purchased the former home of Wilbur Fisk Sadler. It was a large, ornate three-story Victorian house situated on the southwest corner of College and Louther streets.

1928-1941: The fraternity remained in the Sadler house. It was remodeled in 1928 to better accommodate the chapter. When the Second World War caused the numbers and support from their alumni to dwindle dangerously low, the fraternity was forced to sell the house. The number of members still at Dickinson remained so low for the next few years that a chapter house was not required. The former Sadler house was later demolished. The site is currently occupied by the Holland Union Building.

1942-1946: No housing because of the Second World War.

1946-1964: The fraternity had recovered sufficiently to warrant the purchase of their third house. After some renovations, the brothers were able to move into their new home in the spring of 1947. The house was located at 200 South College Street and was a three-story red brick house with white trim and a large front porch with double white columns. The house was then sold to the Dickinson School of Law and was later demolished. The site currently serves as a parking lot.

1964-1981: The fraternity moved into Quad 5, now part of Baird-McClintock Hall, in the Fraternity Quadrangle.

1981-1990: The fraternity moved into Biddle House in 1981. The residence later became the Arts House residence and then the home of campus offices and departments such as Religious Affairs and the Counseling Center. It now serves as the Registrar’s Office, the Career Center, and Academic Advising offices.

1991-1998: The fraternity moved to 424 W. Louther Street, which later became the Theta Chi house and was demolished in the summer of 2006. The site currently serves as an outdoor volleyball court.

1999-present: The fraternity moved to 527 W. Louther Street. The house is a white duplex shared with the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, which is in the adjacent quarters.

Note: If you see any incorrect dates, please send corrections to baileys@dickinson.edu so that we can fix them in our records.
Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Officers: Fall 2006

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Eminent Deputy Archon/IFC Representative: Danny Leavitt ’09; leavitt@dickinson.edu; Key Biscayne, Florida (Ransom Everglades High School)

Eminent Chaplain: Martin Maisonpierre ’08; maisonpm@dickinson.edu; Redding, Connecticut (Joel Barlow High School)

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Eminent Recorder/Scholarship Chairman: Paul Patek ’09; patekp@dickinson.edu; Sewickley, Pennsylvania (Sewickley Academy)

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Social Chair: Luke Jubinski ’07; jubinskl@dickinson.edu; Doylestown, Pennsylvania (Central Bucks High School – East)

Engaged: Brothers Abroad in 2006 - 2007

Traditionally at Dickinson the number of fraternity men who choose to go abroad is fairly low. Last spring, only four men in all six of Dickinson’s fraternities went abroad. In SAE, and especially this year, there has been an unusually large number of brothers to choose the option of Global Education, perhaps realizing that they can bring their experiences in the chapter with them to other locations around the globe.

This fall Martin Maisonpierre ’08, a law & policy major, and Bradley Schaffner ’08, a political science and philosophy double-major, both chose to study through The Washington Center in Washington D.C. In their program, they intern while taking courses for academic credit. Both plan to return to campus for the spring.

Aaron Nelson ’08, a political science major, chose to study abroad in Bologna, Italy for the entire academic year. Nelson is unusual in that he chose to pledge SAE as a sophomore and still decided to take a year abroad before becoming involved on-campus with fraternity life; perhaps serving as Philanthropy Chair next year. While abroad in Italy, Nelson plans to take advantage of the cultural hub that is Bologna, though he admits that he is missing out on some aspects of SAE-life. “I think the fraternity social dues should go to flying all of the brothers out here for spring break,” he jokes. Previously this program has been popular with SAEs; two recently graduated brothers went to Italy as well (John Holland ’05 and Michael Fienman ’06).

Charlie Tricomi ’08, an international business & management major, currently plans on studying abroad this spring. He has applied to go to Wellington, New Zealand. In fall 2005, Luke Jubinski ’07 chose to go abroad to a similar location – Brisbane, Australia. Justin Schaeffer ’08 plans to participate in the Australia program as well.

Spencer Bailey ’08, an English major, plans to study abroad in summer 2007. He is applying to go to London, England to participate in Boston University’s Summer Internship Program for journalism.

SAE Alumni Weekend 2007
Reunion Open Bar & Sit-Down Dinner

Location: Comfort Suites; 10 South Hanover St., Carlisle, PA
Date: Saturday, June 9, 2007
Time: 6 PM

For more information or if you’re interested in participating with planning this event, please contact Steve Busterna ’79 at: sbusterna@cs.com
Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Athletics

Varsity Baseball:
Jamie King ’07, RHP/Captain, New Milford, DE (St. Andrews, DE), 3 Varsity Letters
Dan McAlaine ’08, OF, Bryn Mawr, PA (St. Andrews, DE), 2 Varsity Letters Baseball, 1 Varsity Letter Football
Aaron Nelson ’08 – ABROAD – Elizabethtown, PA (Elizabethtown Area High School), 1 Varsity Letter

Varsity Tennis:
Eric Schroeder ’07, Acton, MA (Governor Dummer Academy), 3 Varsity Letters

Varsity Soccer:
Nick Mallos ’07, M, Harrisburg, PA (Central Dauphin High School), 3 Varsity Letters

Club Ice Hockey:
Phil Marchessault ’09, Topsfield, MA (Brooks School)
Jason Makar ’09, Sewickley, PA (Sewickley Academy)

Varsity Football:
Danny Leavitt ’09 – INJURED - Key Biscayne, FL (Ransom Everglades High School), 1 Varsity Letter

Varsity Lacrosse:
William Goetschius ’07 – Severna Park, MD (St. Mary’s School), 2 Varsity Letters
Justin Schaeffer ’08 – Essex Falls, NJ (West Essex High School), 1 Varsity Letter

The chapter was also the recipient of three Province Awards: the Most Improved Chapter Award, the Risk Management Award, and the Scholarship Award.

Other schools in Province Rho-Eta include Bucknell University, Princeton University, University of Delaware and Gettysburg College.

SAE Spring 2006 Fast Facts
- Men’s All-Colllege GPA Average: 3.02
- All-Fraternity GPA Average: 2.90
- SAE All-Member GPA Average: 2.87
- SAE Pledge Class GPA Average: 2.88
- # of Total Members: 30
- Average # of Total Members in a Fraternity: 43
- # of Total Pledges: 11
- Average # of Pledges in a Fraternity: 13
- SAE # of Community Standards Violations: 12
- % of Violations Compared to Fraternities: 12%
- % of Violations Compared to Rest of College: 7%

Pi Beta Phi carved a pumpkin for SAE on Halloween this fall.

Intramural Sports: Dickinson College’s Fall 2006 Intramural Soccer Champions and Fall 2006 Intramural Flag-Football Champions!

Province Rho-Eta Convention
Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Recipients of Three Province Awards

On October 29 eight brothers traveled to the Province Rho-Eta Convention held at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania.

There were break out sections that allowed Eminent Archons, Treasurers, and Rush Chairs, among others, to get together and share ideas on how to run a chapter more smoothly. Many of the common problems that seemed to plague other chapters were minor or nonexistent in our own. And we got a few great ideas, too.

Visit the new Chapter Website at: http://www.dickinson.edu/storg/sae

Look for Pa Sigma-Phi in The Record: Spencer Bailey, the Eminent Archon of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, will appear in an issue of The Record. Brandon Weghorst and Nick Zeigler, who are in charge of media and publications at SAE National Headquarters, drove from San Francisco to Boston interviewing various brothers. Bailey was one of few undergraduates chosen and was the only brother representing Province Rho-Eta. He spoke of his life prior to Dickinson, his time as a student and member of SAE on campus, and his experience as Eminent Archon.

Dan McAlaine ’08 (above) has played both Varsity Baseball and Varsity Football at Dickinson.

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Chapter Management Changes

Fall 2006 has introduced many new important aspects of chapter organization. We have started a Judicial Board to handle disciplinary cases regarding outstanding dues and anything else that may be a hindrance to the overall quality of brotherhood and chapter well being. We have also adopted a Pledge Education Committee. This committee oversees the Ritual and the ultimate management of the six-week pledge period. Along with teaching the pledges The Phoenix, the brothers will require them to study local chapter history.

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By studying this history, it is our hope that it will make pledges excited to be a part of the rich, long lasting local, and not just national, history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Social and Philanthropy Events: Fall 2006

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi had several social events with sororities this fall. We had two with Pi Beta Phi. Another was with Kappa Kappa Gamma. We are working on setting up events with the other two sororities, Delta Nu and Kappa Alpha Theta.

For philanthropy, the brothers have been trying to get more involved on campus. In September we held our annual blood drive with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank. The turn out was larger than expected.

We also participated in IFC’s High Street clean up. Currently, we’re working with PennDot’s Adopt-A-Highway/Beautification program to sponsor our own stretch of highway in the Carlisle area.

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