Meet the Spring 2006 Pledge Class

Our largest pledge class in several years, the spring class is proof that our rush efforts in February were a huge success. The pledge class consists of twelve new members from eight different states.

They are a group of academically involved Dickinson students with eight of the members achieving over a 3.0 GPA in the fall term of this academic year.

The spring pledge class is also comprised of athletes on the varsity football, varsity baseball, and club hockey teams. Two pledges are trying out for next year’s varsity soccer team as well.

Dickinson Hosts SAE Province Leadership School

Jason Feiner, the Greek Life advisor at Dickinson College, and brothers Jack Sinchak ‘07 and William Goetschius ‘07, helped host a very successful Province Leadership School with over 300 brothers registered for the event. It took place over the period of two days, starting on the night of Friday, February 24, and ending late in the afternoon on Saturday, February 25. With universities such as Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Carnegie Mellon, U. of Maryland, and Richmond attending, there was a strong feeling of brotherhood amongst the entire group.

Members from the National Headquarters and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon community taught the various breakout sessions. Some topics included Setting Goals, Pledge Education, Chapter Management, Setting Up and Conducting an Initiation Ceremony, How to Manage a Crisis Situation, Team Building, Philanthropy, and Job Interviewing, Networking, Resume Building.

The faculty included the SAE National Chaplain, Eminent Supreme Herald, the National Recruitment Chairman, SAE’s Director of Communications, and the Cook Regional Director. Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi Alumnus Brothers attending the Leadership School were George Grassel ’74, Kingsley Greene ’71, and Tom Hamill ’80. The event also included remarks from Bill Durden, an Alumnus Brother of the Theta Chi fraternity and the President of Dickinson College.
Brothers and Pledges Involved with Dickinson’s Athletic Programs:

**Varsity Baseball:**
Jamie King '07 – Milford, DE / St. Andrew’s School  
Daniel McAlaine '07 – Bryn Mawr, PA / St. Andrew’s School  
Aaron Nelson '08 – Elizabethtown, PA / Elizabethtown Area High School

**Varsity Football:**
Daniel Leavitt ’09 – Key Biscayne, FL / Ransom Everglades

**Varsity Tennis:**
Eric Schroeder ’07 – Acton, MA / Governor Dummer Academy

**Varsity Soccer:**
Nick Mallos ’07 – Harrisburg, PA / Central Dauphin High School

**Club Hockey:**
Phil Marchessault ’09 – Topsfield, MA / Brooks School

“Why did you join Sigma Alpha Epsilon?”

Spring 2006 Pledges explain why they chose SAE over other fraternities…

“...The main reason is that they are a great group of guys with whom I can relate, but also their cumulative GPA, one of the highest out of all the college’s fraternities. Pledging SAE allows me to socialize with a great group of guys, while at the same time keeping my school work a top priority.” – Paul Patek ’09 (patekp@dickinson.edu)

“It’s not a dream. It’s not bloated idealism. It’s a mission. It is for **this** reason that I chose SAE. It is a brotherhood explicitly focused on honor, valor and virtue for the purpose of promoting integrity within our nation’s leaders. From what I see within the hearts of the chapter is intensity and tenacity; that is what it means to be a gentleman. Only with this “family” can I maximize myself.” – Aaron Nelson ’08 (nelsona@dickinson.edu)

“SAE is the only fraternity on campus that I believe to have a down-to-earth group of guys. They also did an excellent job during the rush process. During the first night of rush, I realized that SAE was where I felt the most comfortable as the brothers were friendly and welcoming.” – Jonathan Danquah ’09 (danquahj@dickinson.edu)

“I joined because they are the most respected fraternity on this campus. They are not all on the same sports teams, and they all have different personalities. I have felt from the start that I fit in well at SAE.” – Phil Marchessault ’09 (marchesp@dickinson.edu)

“I came up to Dickinson to broaden my horizons, and to experience a life that I was not used to. When deciding between following my teammates and joining the “football fraternity” or joining SAE, I felt I should continue the trend of expanding the aspects of my life. SAE has given me the opportunity to meet people I usually would not have associated with, and is allowing me to form new, strong friendships with some truly great guys.” – Daniel Leavitt ’09 (leavittd@dickinson.edu)

“When I originally came to Dickinson, Greek-life was the last thing on my mind. I felt that I needed to find a balance of studies and social life. Originally I believed that no fraternity could meet my expectations. My opinion changed when I rushed and met the brothers at SAE. The Rush chair explained everything that SAE stood for. I knew that it would fulfill my needs for a brotherhood that still cared about academics and philanthropy. I look forward to growing as a **True Gentleman** in what I believe is the premier fraternity here at Dickinson College.” – Andrew Stiller ’09 (stillera@dickinson.edu)
Relics to the Chapter’s History Found

Alexandra Schott ’06 found two mementos that display the past existence of SAE at Dickinson in her house on S. West Street. She knew that she should give them to the chapter.

One item is The Book of the Eminent Correspondent, dated from November 1, 1916 to December 17, 1924. The book’s tattered brown pages show the names of pledges that signed into the Sigma-Phi chapter almost one hundred years ago.

Inside the book was the most remarkable find, a letter to the chapter officers about two Scholarship Report blanks. The letter was signed by William C. Levere, the Eminent Supreme Archon of the time, and is dated February 10, 1923.

A photo album, bound in wood, from the spring of 1975, was also uncovered. The book contains pictures of brothers by John Steele Taylor ’76, and is a parody on the Dickinson College admissions material for prospective students.

The chapter gave the first item to Dickinson’s Waidner-Spahr Library archives. Considerations for what to do with the photo album are to be determined by the Eminent Archon.


We have had a busy social schedule of events with all of the sororities since the beginning of the year. In September, there was a themed Cowboys and Indians event with Kappa Kappa Gamma, followed by others in October with Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi.

More recently, in February we had Eskimo Night with Delta Nu. Plans are in the works for several other spring events. The annual all-campus pig roast event, Bermuda Weekend, is scheduled as well.

This fall’s philanthropy schedule included two highly successful events: a blood drive, and a Fast-a-Thon fundraiser with the Muslim Student Association benefiting a Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

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BERMUDA WEEKEND

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BEVERAGES!
LIVE MUSIC!

A GREAT CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS
 AND MEET THE BROTHERS!