



Sigma Pi, Epsilon Rho
Alumni Newsletter
Spring 2006

A Piece of the Pi

QUICK STATS

- Sigma Pi is the second largest fraternity on campus with 57 chapter members who make up 8.6% of the campus male population.
- We've had the highest GPA for the past two semesters with a 3.16 in Spring of 2005 and 3.28 in Fall of 2005, which both surpass the all-male average at Drury of 3.12.
- Fourteen men pledged and twelve initiated in Fall 2005.
- Six new men pledged and initiated this Spring, creating the largest Spring pledge class in recent history.
- Eight Sigma Pi's (more than any other chapter) were recently inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha, a new honor society for Greek students at Drury.
- Our house is filled to capacity (26 residents) for the Fall 2006 semester.

awordfromthesage



Kent Otto

The brothers of Sigma Pi have continued to lead and achieve within our classrooms, campus, and community. As Sage, I am very excited to help continue this tradition of success while working hard to foster positive change throughout our brotherhood and keeping a strong commitment to our values and traditions as Sigma Pis at Drury.

As our semester comes to a close, we look with great excitement towards the summer as we kick off another summer recruitment schedule and gear up for National Convocation in New Orleans this August.

I hope this newsletter will give you better insight into the current operations of the chapter, our recent achievements, our goals, and upcoming events. We would like to make this newsletter a semester recurring mailing, in addition to monthly e-mail updates. If you have not received the e-mail newsletter, please let us know!

If you have questions or concerns with the chapter or would just like to stop by and visit, feel free to contact me at any time via e-mail at kotto@drury.edu.

chapter leaders



Adam Bland
Second Counselor



Jon Marrs
Third Counselor



Joe Sturgis
Fourth Counselor



Chris Hunter
First Counselor



Kyle Springer
Herald



Cymon Kimmel
Pledge Educ.



Exemplifying Greek Excellence

Sigma Pi took home four out of the five awards given at the first annual Greek Excellence Awards on April 7, 2006. Pictured left to right is freshman Nic Zweifel, sophomore Stuart Morris, sophomore Adam Bland, senior Zach Corr, freshman Jayshal Patel, senior Rick Seagrave, senior Adam Kreher, junior Kent Otto, and junior Cymon Kimmel.



greekweek

Partnered with the women of Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Pi took home the Greek Week trophy for the third consecutive year. A ceremony was held at the end of the week to announce the winners listed below.

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- Greek Week 2006 Champions - Sigma Pi
- Outstanding Fraternity - Sigma Pi (voted on by all sorority members)
- Outstanding New Member - Stuart Morris (nominated by chapter & selected by panel of judges)
- Outstanding Fraternity Member - Kent Otto (nominated by chapter & selected by panel of judges)

communityservice

To date, we've invested nearly **1,213** community service hours this academic year. Here's how:

- As part of our ACE (Altruistic Campus Experience) campaign, we organized a **hygiene kit** collection project for **Katrina victims**. The school found our project so effective that they helped us recruit other organizations to join in on the effort. Collectively, we assembled and shipped over 240 hygiene kits.

- We also helped renovate two otherwise unused Drury houses that now house **Katrina** victims. Several brothers also traveled to New Orleans over Fall & Spring Break to help rebuild.

- In March, we held our annual Red Cross **blood drive** that attracted 70 donors who contributed 64 units.

- During Greek Week, we volunteered time at **Boyd Elementary** and the **Ronald McDonald House**. We also won the "Penny Wars" competition, which allowed us to contribute around \$450 to our **Relay for Life** team.

- Other activities that we've contributed time or money include Adopt-A-Street, the MS-150, AIDS walk, Boyd digestive system, IFC service project, Pi Beta Phi's Puttin' on The Lips, Zeta's Think Pink Week, Zeta Golf Tournament, Kappa Delta's Shamrock Football Tournament, and Greek 101.



Sigma Pi brothers helped construct and lead a walk-through digestive system for students from Boyd Elementary on February 10, 2006.



Katrina house renovation



Blood drive

“The men of Sigma Pi really have a great **respect** for their chapter and this campus. Many of their members are **active** leaders on campus, **focused** on making a positive difference in the entire Drury and Springfield community. It has been a **fantastic** experience to work with this chapter.”

- **Andrea Battaglia**
Advisor of Fraternity & Sorority Life



Epsilon Rho to celebrate 25th Anniversary in 2007!

"The Sigma Pi Fraternity of the United States by its grand council representatives does grant and confer unto them and their duly initiated successors this CHARTER by virtue of which an active chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, duly organized and to be known as Epsilon-Rho Chapter shall be maintained at the aforesaid Drury College this 17th day of April, 1982."

Next year will mark our 25th anniversary as a chartered chapter. We have a rich history and this landmark anniversary serves as an excellent opportunity to unite as alumni and active members to celebrate, reflect on the past, and look with anticipation towards the future. We have begun compiling information for a commemorative "Our First 25 Years" book and will be forming a committee of actives and alumni members to plan a celebration next April. If you'd like to be part of the committee, please e-mail kotto@drury.edu. Look for details in future monthly e-mail updates.

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Want to **catch up** with a long lost brothers?

Want to **stay current** with the active chapter?

Have **internship or career** opportunities for fellow fraternity brothers?

Join Epsilon Rho's new Online Alumni Connection!

<http://www.drurysigmapi.com>



We've talked about it for years, now we're doing it. Just visit our website at <http://www.drurysigmapi.com>, click on Alumni and follow the instructions to submit your information to our new career and networking database. Now you can get in touch with brothers who share a career field or geographical region with you. We need your participation to be successful, so please take a few minutes to visit the new site and submit your information.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The following brothers have been recognized for their scholarship excellence during the **Fall 2005** semester. The members who receive the highest overall and most improved GPA receive a \$100 scholarship. If there is a tie, the scholarship money is split between all recipients.

Highest Overall GPA Award:

Zach Seagrave
Scott McMurray
Komal Rastogi
Zach Corr
Dustin Underhill

Highest GPA Per Class:

Freshman - Ben Prueett
Soph. - Zach Seagrave & Scott McMurray
Junior - Komal Rastogi
Senior - Zach Corr & Dustin Underhill

Most Improved GPA:

David Buchta

Big Brother/Little Brother Best GPA:

Zach Corr/Komal Rastogi