International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi

Mu Pi Chapter

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

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Taking Care of Business

Renee Staul ♦ Mu Pi #301

The Mu Pi Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi has had an excellent start for the new school year. We have set out to assure Mu Pi receives 100 CEI points this year, to win the pop tab competition at Provincials in Providence, as well as to send more brothers to national events. In the last few months we have already had quite a number of recruiting, community service, and professional events.

The chapter has really made an effort to give everyone a chance to make a contribution to the progress of the Fraternity. Committees have been very active planning events. This year a couple of hardworking brothers who do not hold an officer position were assigned to the head of a few committees to allow a greater number of brothers to serve the Fraternity. The results have been great, and the success has been impressive.

Fundraising has a fresh outlook, and its members are always thinking up new, original ideas. They put together a table to paint faces during Parents and Families Weekend and are currently planning a bake sale competition where the Fraternity will form three groups and each group will be stationed at a different area trying to sell goods and sweets baked by members of the chapter.

Social committee has been busy arranging some new events. For example, in the upcoming months Mu Pi will be hosting our first-ever paintball tournament. Also on the agenda for sometime this year are a bowling tournament and ice skating.

Faculty Relations is looking forward to planning a couple of faculty luncheons and putting together holiday treat bags.

Formal Committee is already underway with their plans for the formal this Spring. They hope to make formal in a location that would better suit our alumni and if that is not possible, they will attempt to arrange a shuttle service to and from the hotel.

And, as you have noticed, the newsletter and awards committee decided to send out an additional, less formal newsletter to inform all the alumni of what is happening this Fall semester. Everyone will still receive their traditional formal newsletter in the Spring. We hope to see you at our upcoming events! ♦

Mu Pi Wins Outstanding Alumni Relations Award

Amy Graeca ♦ Mu Pi #298

This has been an exciting few months for Alumni Relations. Events got off to a good start at the end of July with our Annual Deltasig Picnic. Brothers and friends attended an Erie Seawolves Game at Jerry Uht Park, followed by a picnic at the Cookhouse pavilion on Presque Isle.

LEAD School in Harrisburg offered brothers the chance to talk to other collegiate brothers as well as alumni. Renee Staul, JR Wilfong, Katelyn Clark, and myself attended this Fall's LEAD. At the awards presentation during Saturday's lunch, the Mu Pi chapter was presented with an Outstanding Alumni Relations Award for the Steel Valley Region.

Central Office is hoping to find brothers considered to be lost *(continue to page 2)*

(*continued from page 1*) and has asked our chapter to find any Mu Pi's with that designation and update their contact information. We currently have two brothers that are listed as "lost". Mu Pi ranks in the top 15 of 186 for having the fewest lost brothers.

The ListServ that is used to send news to the alumni saw an increase of 94 email addresses this summer. Also, a big thanks to everyone who has submitted their updated contact information to me either through the Mu Pi website or through email.

Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter held a tailgate for the Pirates game on September 30, which was attended by two collegiates. Katelyn Clark and I won the "mileage" award, making the 130 mile trip (one way) to Steel City for the festivities.

I hope that the fraternity's new inCircle site will continue to be a valuable tool to keep communication flowing between collegiates and alumni.♦

Going For The Gold

Emily Keith ♦ Mu Pi #381

The Brothers of the Mu Pi chapter are participating in Golden Rose once again. The first time Mu Pi participated in Golden Rose was Spring 2005. This is a program for brothers who "go over the top" to participate in the chapter. If they achieve this award, they receive a golden rose pin. In order to achieve the Golden Rose, brothers must get 1991 points. The 1991 points needed represents April 1991, the date in which Mu Pi was founded. The point system is broken down between recruiting events, meetings, fundraising, community service, professional events, pledge activities, LEADs and Provincials. There are a number of mandatory requirements as well as the points. As of right now there are around 10 brothers in the running to receive the Golden Rose award for this semester. ♦

The Big Green

Katelyn Clark ♦ Mu Pi #279

It's all about the green, and Mu Pi wants a chunk of it. The chapter kicked off the Spring semester's fundraising activities at the Parents and Families weekend held the weekend of the 21st. Kristen Rugg was in charge of the table and painted Penn State Nittany Lion paw prints on everyone's faces. The cost was $1 for two paw prints, but if the kids did not have any money they still were able to get their faces painted. From the fundraiser Mu Pi made a profit of $36.

As always, the chapter is working the Cleveland Browns football games. We as a chapter have not gone to as many games this season, but we have made a considerable profit once again. There are, however, still five home games left, and plenty of time to make more money!

Our next fundraising event will be a bake sale on December 2nd from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. outside of Giant Eagle, Walmart, and Sears (inside the Millcreek Mall). There will be three different teams competing to see who can earn the most money! So if you are in the area stop on by and help out the Mu Pi chapter!!!

Last spring we unveiled a signed Joe Paterno Penn State jersey that was to be raffled off the Spring 2007. Do not worry, we have not forgotten about it! It is tucked away safely where it is still in mint condition waiting for one lucky person to place this on their wall! We will let you know when you will be able to have your chance at winning this pristine, mint, one of a kind signed jersey!

If you have any questions about the Penn State jersey, or any other fundraising activities feel free to email Katelyn at kmc333@psu.edu. ♦

Making A Difference

Tony Iesue ♦ Mu Pi #280

It has been a very busy semester for community service. We have completed five events so far. We helped at the Juvenile Diabetes walk by making lunches for the runners. We have participated in national events such as the penny war and sponsoring Brother McGravitt. Mu Pi plans to compete in the pop tab collection this coming spring. The other two events we have participated in were the Collegiate Food Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank and a spaghetti dinner to raise money for the Gertrude Barber Center. The last two events we have planned for this semester are sponsoring a child for Christmas and picking up litter on the roads for Adopt-A-Highway. I think it has been a very productive semester for community service thus far, and I hope we can have another successful semester in the spring. ♦

Welcome Alpha Eta

Lindsay Porter ♦ Mu Pi #309

The 2006 Spring semester pledge class consisted of Daniela Campana (#303), Trevor Dougherty (#304), Amy Johnston (#305), Tom Kitson (#306), Ashley Magee (#307), David Mazur (#308), Lindsay Porter (#309), Staci Roland (#310), Stephanie Roland (#311), and Lindsay Wiley (#312). Along with the ten student initiates, Professor Phil Iobst was a faculty initiate. They were initiated on April 1, 2006.

The professional event that the Alpha Eta pledge class held was "How to Become a Millionaire," a presentation given by Mr. Ed Miseta, an economics professor on campus. Mr. Miseta spoke of ways to spend and save money wisely. The fundraiser the pledge class held was a raffle to win a $50 Best Buy gift certificate. Tickets were sold for one dollar each for a chance to win the gift certificate. The winner was Sam Delverne, a friend of one of the pledges. The community service event that the pledge class organized was to volunteer at Brevillier Village Housing & Health Care. Brothers and pledges assisted the residents in playing Bingo. Brother Amy Caskey called out the numbers while the other brothers tried their luck with their own Bingo boards.

On initiation day, the new brothers presented the chapter with an adorable stuffed teddy bear wearing a t-shirt with the pledges names and pictures. They were also very excited to present Courtney Kaplin with the "Outstanding Brother Award".

They are now all active members of the Mu Pi chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, and ready to welcome the new pledges into the chapter. ♦

Mu Pi collects over 15 bags of groceries supporting the Second Harvest Food Bank.

The Alpha Eta pledge class. From left to right, Tom Kitson, Lindsay Porter, Trevor Dougherty, Daniela Campana, Staci Roland, David Mazur, Amy Johnston, Lindsay Wiley, Stephanie Roland, and Ashley Magee.

December Graduate

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