

Sigma Delta

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A really inspirational weekend filled with a lot of fun and knowledge that brings everyone together.

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State of the Union

Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 have been great semesters for us. We have excelled in various aspects of Greek life on campus and increased our brotherhood among other things. We have been more active in participating in philanthropies, getting involved in Greek Week (which we won first place in the talent show), and above all being active executive members in campus organizations for Israel, Hillel and much more! We have achieved great stature in the Greek community all while being on our 4th consecutive semester of Honor Roll. We have also been more active in the community this semester; we have volunteered for various community service events and are looking forward to what next semester has to offer. Each brother is required to have 4 hours of community service on top of what is required by the school. Beginning next semester there will be monthly updates to all of our parents, alumni, and National Fraternity to keep you in the loop of what we are all doing. I look forward to another great semester at AEPi, and hopefully meeting you all at Parents weekend next semester. Proud to be a Pi!

Name: David Adato

Major: Business Marketing



Favorite Memory:

After doing a lot of hard work as house manager and social chair, it was really rewarding being elected president. It was a great feeling once being elected, and it's really an honor being the president of such a great fraternity.

Happy Mother's Day!



I'm happy you're my mom,
'Cause you take good care of me.
You love me and you show it,
So I'm as happy as can be!

I love you very much,
And so I want to say,
Thank you for all you do,
And Happy Mother's Day!

Sharsheret

Sharsheret, Hebrew for "chain", is a national non-profit organization supporting young women and their families, of all Jewish backgrounds, facing breast cancer. Their goal is to offer a community of support to women diagnosed with breast cancer or at increased genetic risk, by fostering culturally-relevant individualized connections with networks of peers, health professionals, and related resources. The brothers of AEPi are educated about the increased breast cancer risk for Jewish families and have been raising awareness in the community. The funds donated by AEPi will directly support Sharsheret's national breast and ovarian cancer programs. With AEPi's help, Sharsheret will continue to expand and strengthen its core programs reaching thousands of Jewish families facing breast cancer.

If you would like to donate to this cause, go to our WePay.com account at <https://www.wepay.com/aepisdsu> and specify that you want your money to go to "Sharsheret". For more information, visit their website at www.sharsheret.org.



Brotherhood at its finest

This year our Western Region Conclave was held at the beautiful campus of Cal Poly SLO from February 10-12. This weekend offered an amazing opportunity for Brothers from Oregon to Arizona to come together and create unforgettable memories and experiences. Featuring officer breakout seminars, leadership training, and social opportunities, these events exemplify what it means to be a part of such a unique Brotherhood. All our brothers in attendance gained knowledge in all aspects of being a responsible and contributing member of the community.

However, Conclave wasn't all spent inside seminars. At night, there was a concert that brought together every single chapter, and we all had a great time. "Anytime you go on a trip with your best friends, it's going to be a great time. But when you also learn valuable information on how to be a better person, it becomes something truly special," says fellow brother Jason Brandel. In the end, Conclave was proof that brothers from all over the region can get together, exchange ideas, and have a great time all in the matter of one weekend!

As Our Chapter Continues To Grow...

We were able to successfully initiate 13 new brothers into our house between Fall and Spring semester. Our new members were chosen based on the quality of their character. The new brothers of the house are already starting to show their brotherhood involvement by taking on Executive Board, minor board, and other household positions, including:

Minor Board, Glab/Greek Week Chair: Tomer Gev

Minor Board, GAMMA: Kevin Weibezahl

Minor Board, JIFC Delegates: Tomer Gev, Eric Slamovich, Kevin Weibezahl

Pledge Committee Members: Zac Boiskin, Nick Dossegger

Rush Committee Member: Tomer Gev

Social Committee Member: Tomer Gev

And congratulations to new member Zac Fagelson for being elected on Executive Board as Scribe for Fall 2012!

Look At Us Now!



AEPi Can Dance?

Greek Week is one of SDSU's largest student-run events! Members from each fraternity and sorority work together for six days of fun and excitement. AEPi, led by Brother Tomer Gev, was lucky enough to be paired with the lovely ladies of Gamma Phi Beta and other cultural sororites. The purpose of Greek Week is to raise money for an organization, and this year SDSU has chosen to support C.U.R.E Africa. C.U.R.E Africa was created by two SDSU students in hopes to raise awareness and money in both the SDSU campus as well as the San Diego community to help the starving children in East Africa. The Greek community raised about \$20,000 for this cause!



By far the most exciting day of Greek Week is the talent show. This event is a spectacular show of talent combining acting, dancing, costuming and prop design to create a professional and entertaining production. Through many weeks of tough practice, every team takes this seriously. But with great leadership from Tomer Gev and the determination of Gamma Phi Beta, our team won first place! Check us out! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNdFP3WmFvo> Special thanks go to our performers: David Adato, Zacary Boiskin, Jason Brandel, Tomer Gev, Joseph Hakim, and Brendan Lewis!





Jared Belsky



Guy Harel



Gabriel Benji

IFC Dominance Yet Again!

Once again, some of the great leaders in our house are ruling IFC (Inter-Fraternity Council). Jared Belsky has been on IFC for 3 years, and Guy Harel have been on for 2 years now. After serving 2 terms as secretary, Jared Belsky has been doing an astonishing job as Vice President this year, and IFC could not ask for a better treasurer than our own Guy Harel. It is unfortunate that these two great leaders will be graduating soon. They will be deeply missed, and we all appreciate all the hard work they put in.

However, this semester there was a new AEPi face on IFC. Gabriel Benji was elected as IFC Secretary, and with 3 members from our chapter on IFC, we reached the maximum amount of members allowed on IFC Executive Board! Gabriel is keeping up his hard work as he just became elected as IFC Judicial Director for the Fall 2012 semester! Go Gabe! We hope to see more young brothers becoming more involved in IFC so we can continue our dominant leadership.

AEPi Expanding Globally

After establishing the Aleph chapter in Israel, located in the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliva, during the Spring of 2009, it has since expanded to other Universities in Israel. In 2011, the fraternity expanded to the United Kingdom establishing a colony at St. Andrews in the Spring, followed by Leeds then Birmingham in the Fall. After inducting Birmingham, we are now the largest Fraternity in the UK!

Good Deeds Everywhere!

Mitzvah Day, hosted by the Jewish Student Union and Hillel, is a yearly service day hosted to give back to the community. "Mitzvah" means "good deed," and on Sunday November 16th, 2011 Alpha Epsilon Pi did a great deed. Over 20 members went to Mission Bay Cove for beach cleanup and had several other members at other community service organizations around San Diego. Over 140 community service hours were completed in a single day! At both the beach cleanup and also clean up at Pasa Tiempo, Sigma Delta picked up trash for multiple hours to keep our community as clean as possible. Also, a few members tended to the sick and elderly at Jacobs health care center by making posters and cards. By doing this event we helped out Hillel, JSU, the local community, and the Greek system. The efforts we put in on Mitzvah Day would have taken the people weeks to accomplish on their own but with our help did so in a mere few hours.

Additionally, our chapter gains a greater sense of brotherhood by going out and working together on a meaningful project. Our other efforts for the Jewish Community include helping Chabad with set up for Shabbat dinners and their annual Purim and Hanukah parties. Individual efforts by brothers volunteering to mentor younger Jewish men have amounted up to over 350 hours. We are proud of our Jewish identity and always give back to the Jewish community here in San Diego.

We participated in 3 Panhellenic philanthropies this past year, which included weeklong events of community service, fundraising, and then a main event. Gamma Phi Beta's philanthropy, "GPhiJoe," consisted of several physically enduring Crossfit workouts. Our team competed against other fraternities, but sadly lost in the second round. However, in Delta Zeta's philanthropy, "Ultimate Throwdown," we had an ultimate Frisbee tournament where we made it to the semi-finals

but fell short in a very tight game and lost by 1 point. We did however place 3rd! Lastly, in Pi Beta Phi's philanthropy, "Arrowjam," a few of our brothers dedicated countless hours to

practicing and perfecting a 6-minute dance and skit and performed it in front of a majority of the Greek community. We did not place, but we all had a lot of fun spending time together and being up there on stage. Also, more than half of our brotherhood went over to the Pi Phi house earlier that week and wrote letters for a couple of hours to students of all ages telling them why they should attend college!

Philanthropies are a great way of not only bringing our brotherhood closer, but also brings us together as a Greek community to help raise money and awareness for different causes.



LET'S GO LIONS!



With Simon Rosenberg (Fall 2011) and Steven Goellnitz (Spring 2012) as our past two sports chairs, our athletics have definitely been going in the right direction. As our chapter continues to grow, we as a team are certainly more athletic. In our Fall 2011 semester, our chapter participated in flag football against other fraternities on

our campus. We certainly have

improved in this sport this year with the help from quarterback Blain Katz and Wide Receivers Joseph Hakim, Lev Mizan, and Leeran Barzilai. We tied against both Sigma Nu and Gamma Zeta Alpha and then lost a close game in the first round of playoffs. The sports we participated in this past spring were basketball and co-ed volleyball with Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Zeta on our team. Our basketball season started off great with a 21-point blow out, but ended in disappointment as we lost our next 3 games by very close margins. However, our volleyball season went extremely well as we went 3-1 in the regular season, but unfortunately lost in the semi-finals of playoffs. As long as we continue to practice hard, athletics is certainly headed the right way!

All Alumni and parents are welcome to come to the games! Basketball and volleyball games take place in the Aztec Recreation Center, in which you have to have a membership but AEPi ARC members are able to swipe you in. However,

football games are easier to come to because all games are played on the fields near the ARC. It would be really nice to see familiar faces at our games! If you have any questions regarding our sports and/or sports schedule, please contact Evan Leib at (310) 430-1121



Meet Your Other Executive Board Members!

Lieutenant Master—Evan Leib

Major: Business Management
(entrepreneurship)

Favorite AEPi

Memory: “The day I got initiated because I truly felt connected to the brotherhood, which is unlike any feeling, I had felt before.”



Scribe—Joseph Hakim

Major: Business Management

Favorite AEPi Memory:

“Getting together with some of the brothers and heading to Gphi to practice the Greek Week dance. We put in a lot of work and had a great time doing so and was really rewarding when we won first place.”



Exchequer—Jesse Kent

Major: Sociology

Favorite AEPi Memory:

“I've always said that I would never move into the house for various reasons. However, now that I've lived here for a semester, I've fallen in love with all the memories I've shared here. Living in has created so many bonds that I will forever cherish.”



Lt. Master of Rush—Brendan Lewis

Major: ISCOR

Favorite AEPi

Memory: “My pledge brothers and I had to carry backpacks filled with weights up Cowles Mountain at 7AM. This exercise sparked a sense of



Pledgemaster—Kenny Rose

Major: Financial Services

Favorite AEPi Memory: “I was at a coffee shop in Israel wearing AEPi letters and someone approached me and said, ‘AEPi?’ He was a brother at UCSB!

We continued to talk about our lives. It amazed me to see that this brotherhood had no bounds and reminded me I had a home and family wherever there are brothers of AEPi.”



brotherhood among us and increased the unity in our class as we all had to work together, as a pledge class of one, to get the heavy backpacks up the mountain.”

Brother-At-Large—Jason Brandel

Major: Film

Favorite AEPi Memory:

“Late night spontaneous adventures with my pledge bros and serenading sorority girls on a regular basis.”



Donations!

Special thanks go to the parents of Simon Rosenberg and Eric Slamovich for each donating \$300 towards the house, which helped us get rush shirts and basketball jerseys. You could help out too! Our chapter is always striving to make ourselves better in the sense of keeping our house up and running and in order to do that, we need resources (not only money!). This is where you come in! The following is a list of ways that you can help:

Donate:

- (1) Working vacuums
- (2) Couches (for inside and outside the house)
- (3) Fans
- (4) DJ Equipment
- (5) Good-condition wood for building
- (6) Refrigerators/Freezers
- (7) Clean carpet

Make a Monetary Donation:

Our chapter has a WePay.com account! The link to make donations to our AEPi fund is the following: <https://www.wepay.com/aepisdsu/>

*You're able to specify where you want your donation to go!



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<http://www.aepisd.com/>



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