

Beta Data



The Official Newsletter of the Beta Colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi

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Beta Colony Re-Established at Cornell

Josh Nason —

After going through rush week last year, many of us were unhappy with what we found in the Cornell Greek scene. Though many of us looked seriously at various other fraternities, we felt strongly that Jewish fraternity life was lacking. Feeling that Cornell truly needed a return of Alpha Epsilon Pi, we started working on bringing it back to campus. A small group of us contacted one of the National office consultants and set up an initial meeting. Around 25 men attended the initial meeting with Jeremy Greenberg, a representative from the National Office, to find out what Alpha Epsilon Pi could offer. After interviewing and discussing AEPi with Jeremy over the next day, 20 bids were handed out.

On Wednesday, February 9, 2005, 11 men came together at the Holiday Inn in Ithaca for elections and to officially re-start the Beta Colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi. That night, our colony elected its first E-Board; Master: Josh Nason, Lt. Master: Aaron Feinberg, Exchequer: Will

Blashka, Scribe: Joe Vulih, Member at Large: Josh Bloom. Many of the candidates spoke passionately about the idea of creating something different on campus, making Alpha Epsilon Pi a true force among the fraternities on campus. Over the next few weeks, 3 more founding fathers were added to the colony, bringing our total to 14.

Despite the great start, difficulties arose with the Cornell administration regarding sanctions placed on AEPi at Cornell in the past. After a visit from AEPi Executive Director Marc Katz, a deal was struck that would allow Beta Colony to officially return to campus in time for Spring Rush in January 2006. Even with that slight setback, the Beta Colony worked hard to stay strong throughout our first semester. We continued to meet weekly for poker, dinner and to play football. While the process has been slow, Beta Colony has remained strong, and continues to look towards the future.

Master's Corner

Dan Isaac —

It is with great excitement that I write this, the first communication between Beta's new Master and its alumni, for whom perhaps in these past few years the Chapter had become little more than a memory. I hope and believe that, in the coming months, many of you will come to put your faith in us as we make our best effort to revitalize something that you were all once a part of - something that was once great. Without this, the new Beta colony may still manage, but it will have lost something exceptionally

important in today's world; its sense of history.

Maybe I can't speak the minds of all the new Brothers, but I feel that it is accurate to say that most of us made the decision to re-found Beta for two reasons: to make something exceptional out of nothing, and for that something to be Alpha Epsilon Pi. As Master, I certainly feel more pressure than ever to deliver on this. Not only am I counting on myself, but I am being counted on by fourteen Brothers, and, I hope, by all of you. In the coming months, Beta needs more help

than ever before if we are to create for it a new foundation on which to thrive for decades to come. The way that you can contribute to this is simple. Contact us. Let us know who you are, and that you're behind us. Send us pictures. Call simply to tell us how things used to be. Or better yet, come meet us, and do the same. The Brothers and I look forward to it. Thank you.



Honoring Michael Schwerner

Jared Hakimi —

Michael Schwerner (Beta '61), a Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) field worker devoted to integration, was murdered in Philadelphia, Mississippi by the Ku Klux Klan on June 21st, 1964 along with colleagues James Chaney and Andrew Goodman. Shot, killed, and buried in an earthen dam, Schwerner's body was defiled, but his memory was not forgotten.

On Friday, October 21st, 2005, brothers Aaron Feinberg, Ja-

red Hakimi, Dan Isaac and Josh Nason trekked from Ithaca to East Lansing, Michigan in order to honor the righteous man known to those close to him as Mickey. The brothers attended a dinner a dinner at Michigan State University hosted by the local Alpha Epsilon Pi chapter.

Inspired by both the younger and older generations present at the commemoration facilitated by Past Supreme Master Stephen Bernstein, Feinberg, Hakimi, Isaac, Nason and the rest of the Beta Colony are proud

as ever to be Cornell students, Jews, and most passionately, brothers of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity.

*"They shot my brother dead,
Because he hated what was wrong.
He was my brother,
And he died so his brothers could be free."*

*-- Paul Simon (Kappa Chi '63)
and Art Garfunkel (Iota '64)*

Philanthropy: Assisting the Ithaca Jewish Community



Aaron Feinberg and Lee Leviter

Lee Leviter —

On Sunday, September 25, six brothers from the Cornell AEPi Colony volunteered to help mulch the playground at Temple Beth-El, a local conservative synagogue. The project was a resounding success. Lee Leviter - the Philanthropy Chair, Joseph Vulih, Dan Isaac, Aaron Feinberg, Dan Wolpow, and Jared Hakimi

helped for approximately three hours, carting mulch to the Shul and wheeling it to the proper location in the playground. It marks the first philanthropy project for the group. This effort seemed to indicate a strong support for philanthropy, a devotion that seems to have increased with time.

More recently, Dan

Isaac, Ben Arfa, and Josh Bloom helped decorate the Temple's Sukkah on Sunday, October 16. Both of the groups efforts were very much appreciated. It is clear that a strong bond is being formed between the Ithaca Jewish community and Cornell's AEPi Colony. The future looks bright for us.

Beta Colony Victorious in First Athletic Competition

Dan Isaac —

The Beta Colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi was victorious in its first Cornell-sanctioned athletic competition on Saturday, September 24. The AEPi Lions defeated the Burning Soles in a decisive three-game series to earn the 2005 Men's Open Division Kickball Championship. Despite being prohibited from participating in the Fraternity Division, pending Inter-Fraternity Council approval, the team still made a bold effort in representing

the colony and coming home victorious. The squad exhibited exceptional teamwork as well as impressive defensive ability, earning both victories in come-from-behind fashion.

Highlights of the day included a strong triple-header pitching performance by Joe Vulih and home-runs by Andrew Chessen and Josh Podoll. Dan Isaac drove in the winning run to cap off a three run inning in the bottom of the ninth to take game one. And perhaps

most impressive was the team's stop-gap defense in game three, as it rallied around late-addition short-stop Aaron Leibowitz and held the Soles scoreless for the remainder of the game following a five-run first inning. Empowered, this allowed the Lions to surge back to victory.

Beta will look to continue its newly-obtained winning tradition in the coming weeks in sports such as Ultimate Frisbee and No-Tap Bowling.

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