

The Iota Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity  
at the University of Iowa, Iowa City

## Letter From the Editor

Fellow brothers, this is my first shot at an alumni newsletter, as well as the chapter's first in a while. We look forward to re-integrating a newsletter into our chapter in order to promote alumni relations. I served as the Rush Chair for my first term in the chapter, and am now the Philanthropy Chair, as well as a dedicated brother looking to further engage alumni old and new.



I am very excited to have been getting in touch with many of you, and look forward to your continued relationship with the chapter. Even though it has been awhile for many of you, once a Pi, always a Pi! I hope you enjoy our long awaited chapter newsletter!

Fraternally,

Ben Udell '20



2017 Fall Pledge Class on Initiation Night

## Rush Rush Rush!

During the Fall of 2016, Rush Chair Bennett Shapiro '19 and Master Jason Kowitt '17 led our chapter to recruiting **18 fine young men**. Followed by **one** more spring initiate. This Fall, myself, Ben Udell '20 and Master Alec Deer '18 followed up with a **13 man pledge class** to continue our recent success in recruitment. We recently signed **two** more new member's for this Spring's 2018 Rush Class under Rush Chair, Meier Lipman '21. This brings us to a total of **47 brothers**, almost 70% of whom are underclassmen! We look forward to our continued success as we work to accomplish one goal of growing our chapter to develop leadership in the Jewish community!

## AEPI Midwest Conclave, 2018

March 1, 2018

Late in January our brothers drove off to Purdue University for the Alpha Epsilon Pi Midwest Conclave. Our newly initiated brothers further learned the mission of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity. For the second year in a row, our chapter received the **Award for Most Outstanding Delegation!** From last year at University of Kansas at the Central Conclave all the way to this year's Midwest Conclave. The Iota Upsilon chapter is very proud of our achievements.



### Brotherhood and Social Life

**Brotherhood-** Our wonderful Brotherhood Chairs have coordinated a variety of great events over the past couple of semesters. We most recently had an awesome Super Bowl Brotherhood catered by The Airliner, which was a phenomenal success!

**Athletics-** AEPI Athletics are also accomplishing quite the feat, we are currently ranked the #3 overall intramural team, thanks to our committed brothers who dedicate their time to compete in several different intramural sports leagues. We have had a solid season in Football making it to the playoffs, and also made it to the semifinals for Volleyball. We are currently competing in Intramural Basketball which has been a blast. Softball is rapidly approaching, we look to surprise Greek Life with a championship caliber team!

**Social-** Social events have been great thanks to our hard-working social chairs, over the past few months we have had events with ADPi, AEPhi, Delta Zeta and Zeta. This spring we will be heading to Hotel-Vetro for our in-town formal and are looking forward to a variety of exquisite culinary creations.

## Philanthropy and Tikkun Olam!

March 1, 2018

This spring, we look to bring in \$10,000 for the AEPi Repair the World Fund. We started off the campaign strong in receiving a pledge for a donation of 2000 hot dogs from Vienna Beef, for our annual AEPi Dog Days event. Our newly initiated brothers fundraised over \$1,500 in our New Member's Phone-A-Thon. We will be running Dog Day's event from April 16th to 22nd.



New Members Phone-A-Thon

We also are hosting a fundraiser with Chipotle on March 5th, and also expect fundraisers with a few other Iowa City businesses. For donations, please follow the link titled "Philanthropy" on the left side of the last page!



## Jewish Identity

Our Jewish Identity is as strong as ever, we recently collaborated with Iowa Hillel in the Shabbat for 100 event. In the fall of 2016 we also held an honorary initiation for the Hillel Director, David Weltman, as a thank you for all of his help and support.

Two brothers, Keenen Valdivia and Kameron Valdivia also became b'nai mitzvahs on 2/24 in collaboration with Iowa Hillel. We are looking forward to the rest of the semester as our brothers continue to volunteer for Hillel and give back to the Jewish community.



The Brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi at Shabbat for 100

## New Chapter Room!

March 1, 2018

This past summer we completed our new chapter room area, as well as our Pi Yard, located at the Iowa Hillel. Brothers came together a week early for a work week where we painted our room, hung up composites as well as decorate it with gold and blue accessories! We also installed a stone patio in our yard to pair great with our grill, firepit and fencing. This has acted as a great new home for the brothers, especially freshman in the nearby dorms. We host chapter here, as well as brotherhoods, rush events and normal hangouts whether watching a game or playing on our PlayStation or Wii. This has been a great recreational area and we are very thankful for the generous donations from many of our alumni!

Chapter Room at Iowa Hillel



## Alumni Spotlight

Brother, Gene Wilder passed away over one year ago. Brother Wilder did many great things for our chapter, and was a great leader in the Jewish community. We look forward to honoring his legacy in continuing our annual Gene Wilder Scholarship for incoming freshman! This scholarship is awarded to incoming freshman who show the values of AEPi through involvement in the Jewish community.

“Time is a precious thing, never waste it.” -Gene Wilder



Brand New Pi Yard



## We look forward to Alumni Weekend!

March 1, 2018

The Men of the Iota Upsilon Chapter would also like to invite you all to our 2018 Alumni Weekend from April 13th-15th. We will be sure to keep in contact with another newsletter soon! This will be a great opportunity for alumni to once again connect with the brotherhood. This is an exciting time for the brothers of the Iota Upsilon chapter, we cannot wait to meet you there!



**For questions, any ideas for an alumni spotlight, a recent accomplishment, engagements, births, career changes, or passing of any alumni, please contact me for consideration on the next newsletter!**

*The Men of the Iota Upsilon Chapter  
of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity  
cordially to invite you to  
**Alumni Weekend 2018***



*Please join us for the following events...*

**Friday April 13th, 2018**  
*Shabbat Services and Dinner*  
5:30pm, 122 E. Market St, Iowa City IA  
*Open House*  
8:00pm, 315 S. Dodge St, Iowa City IA

**Sunday April 15th, 2018**  
*Brunch and Good & Welfare*  
10:30am, 122 E. Market St, Iowa City IA

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**Saturday April 14th, 2018**  
*Lunch at Airliner*  
12:00pm, 22 S. Clinton St, Iowa City, IA  
*Brothers vs. Alumni Football*  
3:00pm, Hubbard Park, Iowa City, IA  
**Grill Out**  
6:00pm, 122 E. Market St, Iowa City, IA

**Housing Information**  
*We recommend staying in the new  
Hilton Garden Inn hotel, located at  
328 S. Clinton st, Iowa City IA. We will  
have a few futons available to alumni,  
please contact us to request a spot!*

*Please RSVP at [iowaaeppi.org/alumniweekend2018](http://iowaaeppi.org/alumniweekend2018)*

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## A Letter From the President!

Dear Iota Upsilon Alumni,

I feel incredibly proud to be sending you all an update on the state of our chapter right now. In my three years at Iowa, I have never seen such high morale and pride in the men of this chapter. Alpha Epsilon Pi is gaining more of a presence on campus than we have ever had, as all of our forty-eight members proudly represent AEPi around campus, in classes, and in a variety of other student organizations. After winning the "Delegation of the Year" award for the second year in a row at our regional conclave, I was assured that it was not only our brothers who noticed how well we were doing.

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for all of our major events this spring. April is a big month for our chapter, as we will be hosting our week-long philanthropy event called Dog Days. We will also be hosting our spring formal and alumni weekend that month! I sincerely hope that I can have the pleasure of welcoming **you** back to Iowa City the weekend of April 13th for a few days full of reminiscing with old brothers, as well as meeting our current active brothers. The schedule is posted above. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or messages you'd like me to pass along to your active brothers.

Fraternally,  
Bennett Shapiro  
Brother Master (AEPi IY '18)