

AEPi Newsletter

A Letter from the Master:



There have been a lot of changes to the Phi Gamma chapter of AEPi. Whether you graduated five, ten, or fifty years ago, this chapter has changed and improved in a number of ways since then.

We are one of the largest AEPi chapters in the world, and our brotherhood is one of the largest on the UF campus. We now have over 100 active brothers, in addition to 52 members of the fall 2012 pledge class. Our beautiful, new fraternity house was opened just three years ago on our original lot at 14 Fraternity Row, and it has been a huge asset as we've built up our brotherhood since its opening.

Our most exciting recent achievement was this year's fall rush. Our Rush Chair Harry Dobkin did an amazing job over this past summer and the

beginning of the fall semester, and we recruited the largest pledge class of any fraternity in the IFC with 52 new members. This was an amazing accomplishment for our chapter, which will allow us to continue our growth in many ways.

We've had a number of impressive accomplishments as a fraternity, upholding our long-standing academic and athletic standards. Our intramural athletic teams have recently competed for championships in several sports. We have also consistently earned one of the highest GPAs of all IFC fraternities.

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Fall Rush Info

As the Rush Lieutenant Master for the fall 2012 semester, I am truly honored to announce our new, record-setting pledge class. With relentless hard work from numerous brothers, we were able to recruit a group that exceeded expectations in quantity and quality. The final tally was 57 pledges, as over 80% of bids were accepted.

I credit this major success largely to our exceptional presence this past summer as one of the only fraternity houses open on campus. We converted one of our double bedrooms into a common room, fit with two TVs and enough couches to fit over a dozen people. Many pledges told me that this environment became a safe haven for them within a new, unfamiliar campus.

We have been on the rise since we moved into our beautiful new house on fraternity row, but never as much as we are now. Between the quality of our current brotherhood and the new fall pledge class, it's clear that Phi Gamma has an extremely bright future ahead.

*-Harry Dobkin
Fall Rush Lieutenant Master*

SPOTLIGHT: PAST MASTER ALEX MASI

Meet Alex Masi- Alex is a UF senior studying public relations and political science. During his time on campus, Alex has been involved with many student organizations and also held many leadership positions, including past Master of the Phi Gamma chapter and a member of Florida Blue Key.

Recently, Alex has served as the co-Chair of Gators for Obama, a student group working to re-elect President Obama. Through this group he had the opportunity to introduce First Lady Michelle Obama when she visited UF earlier this fall in front of a crowd of over 10,000 fellow Gators in the O'Dome.

Alex has proudly represented our chapter on and off of the UF campus during his 4 years in Gainesville. During his sophomore year, he worked as the Chief of Staff for Student Government President Ashton Charles. This past summer, he worked in Washington D.C. for Debbie Wasserman Schultz's congressional campaign. Alex currently works at UF Hillel as a Programming Intern.

Alex has held a number of leadership roles within the Phi Gamma chapter, including Chair of the 2011 AEPi Bake Off, supporting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Last year he took on the most difficult and important job of all: Master. He urges all alumni to support the Phi Gamma chapter to ensure that future generations of AEPi's are able



to get the most out of their experience at UF. "It's important that we maintain our chapter for current and future students," Alex said. "Together we can make sure the great experience I have had as brother of AEPi is always available for Jewish men."

This May, Alex will be graduating and is looking forward to starting the next chapter of his life as AEPi and UF alumnus.

REBUILDING ALUMNI RELATIONS:

As our chapter continues to grow and improve, we hope to build a stronger relationship with our alumni. With this newsletter, we want to communicate with the vast Phi Gamma alumni network, and share all of our accomplishments.

Our biggest challenge will be contacting many of the past brothers of the Phi Gamma chapter. Please visit our new website, ufaepi.org, and check out the "Alumni" page, where you can find a form to update us with your contact information. Please also

submit any information you have about other alumni, so that we can expand our database and reach them as well.

We hope that this is the start of a new relationship with our alumni. If you are visiting Gainesville, please feel free to stop by our beautiful new house at 14 Fraternity Row and take a tour. Also, contact our Alumni Relations chair, Jonathan Blitman, at JBlitman@ufl.edu if you are planning a trip to the UF campus or have any general questions or ideas.



-Corey Flayman, Scribe

-Jonathan Blitman, Alumni Relations Chair

A LETTER FROM THE MASTER, CONTINUED:



A number of AEPi brothers served on the Homecoming & Gator Growl staff this year.

One area where our brothers really stand out is involvement on campus. A number of brothers hold leadership positions in Student Government, Florida Blue Key, Interfraternity Council, Jewish Student Union, Jewish Awareness Month, Homecoming, Gator Growl, ACCENT Speakers Bureau, and many other organizations. Corey Portnoy, a recent graduate from our chapter, was given the honor of UF Homecoming King last year.

It's a very exciting time for the Phi Gamma chapter. We hope that this newsletter will help to reconnect our alumni and keep everyone updated on our chapter's news. I encourage every AEPi alumni to come to Gainesville and visit our new, beautiful house and meet some of our current brothers. If you are planning a visit, or have any other questions or ideas, please contact me at noahpozin@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

Noah Pozin
Master



Upcoming Events:

If you plan to attend any of the following events or have any questions, please contact Alumni Relations Director, Jonathan Blitman, at JBlitman@ufl.edu.

October 19-November 10

UF Homecoming Week

November 9

Gator Growl - Don't miss performances by country star Josh Turner and comedian Tracy Morgan at the largest student-run pep rally in the world.

November 11

South Florida Alumni Chapter - Founder's Day Brunch. Visit aepisouthflorida.org to RSVP.

February 8-10, 2013

AEPi Southern Regional Conclave - Southern brotherhood convention at the University of South Carolina.

August 8-11, 2013

AEPi National Centennial Celebration - Connect with hundreds of brothers from around the world and celebrate 100 years of AEPi at the historic Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City.



Remaining Gators Football Schedule:

November 17

Gators vs. Jacksonville State

November 24

Gators at Florida State