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Brother Grant Woldoff takes one for the team at this year's AEPi In Your Eye event.

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## AEPi In Your Eye

*by Grant Woldoff*

If you ask any brother when is the best time of year, almost every answer will be spring term. There are three different reasons why spring term is the best time of the year: Greek Week, Formal, and best of all, AEPi in Your Eye.

Being the spring term Philanthropy Chair, I knew that I wanted to continue the tradition of hosting AEPi in Your Eye.

For those of you unfamiliar with this annual event, the concept is very simple. Anyone passing by just has to donate a dollar, and they receive a shaving cream pie where they can throw it in the face of a brother of their choosing.

Picking an organization to fundraise for was one of the many tasks

that I was in charge of. After spending countless hours of doing research on the many different philanthropic organizations, I finally decided that our philanthropic efforts would go towards "Save a Child's Heart".

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an Israeli-based international humanitarian project, whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries who suffer from heart disease and to create centers of competence in these countries. SACH is totally dedicated to the idea that every child deserves the best medical treatment available, regardless of the child's nationality, religion, color, gender or financial situation.

Our first philanthropic initiative was to hold a percent night at Landmark Americana located on the first floor of the DAC. 25% of the total bill was donated to AEPi, and eventually to SACH.

On May 16th, from 11am-3pm, brothers were getting pied left and right while Drexel students and staff passing by and enjoyed the spectacle in the Korman Quad. Music was being played, SACH brochures were being passed out, and everyone was having a blast raising money for those children in need.

After an exciting day, AEPi in Your Eye was able to raise over \$400 just from getting pied in the face! Including the Landmark percent night, as well as a few sponsors, we were able to raise \$650.

I had a blast planning AEPi in Your Eye. With the help of all my brothers, This spring term has brought many great things, including an outstanding initiative to help those children who need, as well as deserve, the best cardiac care.



### An Alumni Perspective by Jeff Ginsburg

Time flies. When you're having fun? Sure, I suppose that's true. When you're busy? That's probably true as well. But until I graduated, I didn't realize how much time flies after college. It seems like just yesterday I was a Senior at Drexel, having just finished my senior coursework and preparing for my family to arrive in town for graduation. Now, a year has passed, and I cannot believe it has been this long already.

To most people, a year is a fairly short time. It's 365 days, and generally speaking, many things happen on a yearly basis. Sports, holidays, birthdays and similar events. But in a fraternity, a year, any year, can be one of great change and one of monumental events within a chapter. A new executive board is elected, new brothers are brought in to the chapter through rush, just as the most senior members leave through graduation. The new board has different plans for the chapter than the one previous. Drexel policies may change, widely affecting how the fraternity as a whole does business and holds events. It is for the reasons above that every year of an Undergraduate time in a fraternity is an extremely important one, as they move from just joining the chapter to shaping the chapter for years to come.

When I was an Undergraduate, like most college students, I could not wait to be a Senior. I was excited to graduate and move on, excited to be a leader within my major, within the chapter and within the university. Graduation was a momentous time in my life, as it is in most college students lives. Now that I have been graduated for a year, I have gained perspective, the ability to look inside the fraternal bubble of Delta Rho and see it at least partially as everyone else sees our chapter. It has changed how I view in the chapter in a very good way.

Seeing things from a different perspective can be very jarring at first, but the more I see, the more I am glad I opened my eyes to what lies beyond my college career fraternally. Instead of seeing exactly who is planning events for the chapter, I simply see the end results. Delta Rho has raised \$2,500. AEPi held a very successful Fall rush and got 25 new members. Being an active member of both Delta Rho alumni groups as well as the more overarching Philadelphia alumni group, it is a very new and fun experience to branch out my fraternal experience and expand my own horizons on the matter. Instead of attending brotherhood events, I attend alumni events. Instead of talking with only brothers from my own chapter, I talk with brothers of 10-15 different chapters. Instead of talking about class, we can discuss what's going on with everyone's lives or how things differed in individual chapters during their times as an Undergraduate. It is, in every way, as unique and fun as my time as an Undergrad.

As this year comes and goes, I look forward to welcoming the graduating members of 2011 into the alumni groups, and continuing on my post-college fraternal path. When I joined AEPi, it was advertised as a commitment for a lifetime, and I've been very glad to have experienced the truth of this statement.

### Weddings

Ian Jacobson to Elizabeth Holody

### Engagements

David Litsky to Beth Cohen

### Births

To Jesse and Claire Carey, a son Max Reef  
To Joel and Liza Muderick, a son Eli David  
To Sam and Jackie Zitin, a daughter Devorah Channah  
To Erik and Randi Feldman, Twins Ellie Jake  
To Nuri and Stefanie Boardman, a daughter Rachel Elana



Alumni get together to catch up.

### Master's Corner by Jared Hurwich

The Spring term means two things to Alpha Epsilon Pi Delta Rho: a conclusion to the end of the academic year and a start to a new year for the chapter. In our 16th year on campus, things sure were sweet.

We were happy to report a chapter record for philanthropy money raised in a year! Thanks to three great philanthropy events: T24, AEPi Soupfest and AEPi in Your Eye, this record was met and passed. Because of the combined efforts of our brothers at these three events we were able to raise over \$3,700 which will be donated to our national philanthropies. In addition, we had our largest new member intake of 29 brothers, which has helped to build quite a strong brotherhood!



Brothers cheer on the chapter during Greek Week!

The term started off well with our executive board retreat to Atlantic City. With the goal of

### The Term in Review by Mike Shinbrot

Spring term is hard to forget as a member of AEPi, and this year was no exception. We have had a large number of events, be it socials, academic, or philanthropy; there is no shortage of something going on. As always Greek Week was one of the highlights of the year, including our second straight first place finish in talent show. Last year we shocked the crowd with Taylor Swift, and this year Jon Wolf brought us a surprise again with his original Dark Knight Musical. The post on youtube has well over 17,000 views and is a great look if you get the chance. With two victories we came in 4th place in flag football and had a great time

showing off our AEPi pride. In athletics we made our first soccer playoff appearance and played some very good softball. In addition the alumni won our yearly softball game, and all had a great time. With our largest spring class in a very long time, we initiated five brothers increasing our yearly numbers. It was truly a great spring to be in the chapter.

Lieutenant Master has been a very rewarding experience that has allowed me to work with many brothers. Our chairs this spring and fall have been excellent, increasing our philanthropy total for the summer by nearly doubling last years amount, and we fundraised over \$100 just with an event at Landmark Americana in the DAC. We held rabbi chats with three Rabbi's,

uniting the executive board and discussing some of the chapters most prevalent issues, the retreat was a success! In addition, we had a little bit of AC fun too. One quarter into the board's term and everything seems to be going well. We have implemented several new techniques, such as more active communication and planning events geared more towards the brothers.

In addition, AEPi has been improving its inter-greek relations by planning events such as our recent Six Flags trip with one of the sororities on campus.

including the new Hillel director Rabbi Isabel, as well as the new on campus Chabad Rabbi, Chaim Goldstein. With Scott Sugarman we have been working hard on following up spring's success. Drexel is having its largest fall class ever and we plan to take advantage. With several incoming freshman having contacted us before orientations, we have made contact with many people who we hope to initiate into the ranks of brotherhood. I hope to tell you about our largest pledge class come the next newsletter.

Until then I leave you with this; "It's a great time to be an AEPi" –Samuel Blustein.

### A Great Six Years

by Ben Perwien

It is very true that once you reach the end, you start thinking about the beginning. When I first arrived at Drexel University for freshman orientation, I thought that I was in over my head. I was meeting tons of new people and kept questioning what I was doing here. That very first night, I met Ely Lieberman. From first glance, I could tell he was Jewish. It wasn't the nose or anything subtle, it was the the Kippah on his head. Of course he did not tell me at that point that he was in a fraternity; that waited until Rosh Hashanah. At Rosh Hashanah, he was the group leader for getting to morning services at the University of Pennsylvania. On the walk down, I met another person in the fraternity. This was Brett Fischer. From that day forward, I had decided that I was going to be a member of a fraternity and that fraternity had to be Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Later that fall I was inducted as a pledge and then come January, I was initiated as a brother in this fraternity. That was my freshman year, the 2005-2006 school year. Now it is the 2010-2011 school year. Yes, this means that I have been at this school and an undergraduate member of this fraternity for 6 years. Over this time, I have seen the fraternity change in many ways. Not just in terms of leadership, this has

changed 7 times since I have been here, but also in terms of the brothers themselves. Yes, it is true that some people take after others, but they are never the same. They are an evolution of the other.

This fraternity has taught me much more about myself than I had learned in the 18 years prior. I attribute most of this to my brothers. When I entered the fraternity as a young freshman, I was immature and unsure of myself. My fraternity nickname says it all. It is Tommy Boy and if you have not seen the movie that I am named after, I would highly suggest doing so. However, over the years and through the guidance of my brothers I have grown into the person I am today. I am a confident person and I now know who I am.

For much of this growing process, I was a suspended brother. The reason for this is because of my grades. I had a horrendous sophomore year. This happened because most of the time I did not attend classes at all. Even though I had brothers around to say, "You should really go to class," I ignored them. This led to two terms where my GPA was a 0.56. I was kicked out of school, but they brought me back the very next term. Over the next two years, I was trying to get my grades high enough to allow me back to the fraternity. I really wanted to be back as a full brother. I had many other problems in my life at that time as well, but the term after I got everything in order, I got myself

on deans list. Since then I have not slipped back to my old habits, and now my average GPA, over the last 2 years, is now in the 3.2 range.

I attribute a lot of this to my brothers. My brothers have helped me grow up and have also given me confidence to believe in myself; as well as to truly believe that I can do anything. This shows in my recent achievements. Recently at the honors day for the college of arts and sciences, I was recognized as one of two recipients of the Cohen award for excellence in Judaic studies. Also, I am a civil engineer and I took the Fundamentals of Engineering test in April for the state of Pennsylvania and passed.

Now, I am graduating. This is a surreal time in my life because I didn't know if any of this would actually happen 6 years ago. I know that I can do anything and this was with a lot of support from my brothers.

This fraternity turned 16 this year, and I have to say that I am proud to be a part of this 16 year history. We may not have won Greek Week this year, or won the Dean's Cup, but our brotherhood is very strong, we truly are a family of brothers.



**A Special Thanks to all of our family, friends, sweethearts, parents and everyone else who has made our events fantastic this year!**