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AEPi PULLS RECORD 27 PLEDGES



Brothers and pledges enjoy a beautiful Saturday afternoon at Smoke Rise camp site.

If you can sense exuberance flowing from the brothers of AEPi—it's because they are chock full of it. The brothers of AEPi are very proud to announce their successful Fall rush. Epsilon Deuteron, the newly initiated pledge class, is comprised of 27 eager new members. Freshly initiated, our sights are set high for this group. They enter our ranks with a plethora of leaders who will, together, help to strengthen our brotherhood even further.

Just a few weeks into their pledge process, progress was imminent as their blood began to run rampant with blue and gold. "Coming into Ohio University, I knew I wanted to rush AEPi, but now that I'm actually in the process of becoming a brother, it's so much more real and exciting. I can tell that myself, along with the 26 others, will do anything to join the brotherhood," exclaimed Pledge Class President Jake Resnik.

"It's such a rewarding feeling to see the results of all of our hard work," stated Rush Chairman Adam Levine. Levine has headed the rush process since Spring quarter last year, and has devoted countless hours to producing the results. "To get a number like 27—the largest in OU AEPi history, is definitely an accomplishment, but my work is just beginning." Although the pledges just got finished with the 6 week pledge process, sights are already set on the winter rush, "It's a continuous process, you don't just get numbers like these by sitting idle," added Levine.



HELP WANTED!

We are very eager to continue our success of adding quality brothers to our fraternity. As we approach the winter quarter, we are anticipating a very strong winter rush. If you have any names and recommendations please send them to our Rush Chairman Adam Levine at a1870106@ohio.edu.

AEPi National Convention



From left: Brothers Mark Bloom and Shawn Mestelske at the National Convention in Las Vegas.

What happens in Vegas usually stays in Vegas, but this time around it was too good to keep a secret. The Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi was wonderfully represented this summer at the National Convention. Chapter Master Mark Bloom and House Manager Shawn Mestelske traveled to Las Vegas to represent the fraternity and to take part in workshops for their respective positions. "It was a valuable experience in which I learned ways to better myself and my chapter," commented Bloom, "it was an amazing opportunity to prepare myself to be the Master of the fraternity."

In Las Vegas, the brothers were awarded the Philip H. & Susan Cohen Award for Jewish Communal Service. On top of this achievement, the fraternity was a part of the Millennium Club for donating over \$1,000 to the official philanthropy. "The trip was one I'll always remember. While it was a lot of work and it was very useful for the fraternity, it was also a great trip that was a lot of fun," added Mestelske.

This upcoming summer, the brothers hope to have similar if not better news to report from the National Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Homecoming with Chi-O



CELEBRATION!: AEPis and Chi-Os celebrate during the homecoming week festivities.

Highly regarded as one of the most exciting weeks of the year, this year's homecoming didn't fail to live up to its reputation. Homecoming is the pairing of a fraternity and sorority, and the 'team' competes in events throughout the week. The men of AEPi were paired with the sorority Chi Omega. All week, the pledges and brothers exerted all of their energy and hard work showing the rest of the Greek World what they are made of. They dodged hard in dodgeball, danced their way into 3rd place in the 'Omega Mouth' lip-sync and dance routine, and were highly spirited when it came to their nightly socials. The brothers dressed up in style, from Lee Axelband's cupcake pajamas to Max Resnik's extremely nerdy attire. It was certainly a week to remember, leaving everyone waiting for next year.



LEVINE

Rush Report '09

A common adage among our fraternity brothers is that rush is the “lifeblood” of our organization. In that, it is with great honor that I can report that this year we were highly successful in our rush and pledging processes. After plenty of hard work by the brothers and myself, we were able to attain 27 new pledges. Not only is this a record for our chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi, but also it is the largest pledge class taken in by any fraternity chapter at Ohio University in 2009! I am very confident that these pledges will exceed our greatest expectations, and truly make the fraternity one that they can call their own. AEPi has the capacity to mold the leaders of the future, and within this pledge class I see nothing short of limitless opportunity for each and every one of them. Also, this could not be possible without the help of all of the brothers, AEPi alumni, parents, siblings, and anyone else who had an eye out for our organization. Thank you all!

Adam Levine
Rush Chairman
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity
Omicron Upsilon Chapter

Big/Little Retreat

Article by Willem Holzer (Epsilon Deuteron)



Tyler Bilfield hands the ball off to fierce ball carrier Lee Axelband.

A couple of weeks into pledging, the class of Epsilon Deuteron was already on a great start. We began really learning the duties of a fraternal brotherhood and responsibilities of AEPi members. One of the responsibilities of a brother is to have a pledge as your younger brother and instill these characteristics of brotherhood in him. We found out who are big brothers were soon after that and the outing to Smoke Rise campgrounds we would have with them. We as pledges were excited to have a bonding experience with our big brothers. The retreat at Smoke Rise campgrounds was an eye-opening experience not only about the past of brothers, but also our fellow pledges.

We drove out to the campgrounds the following Saturday and began to prepare a fire and begin to reveal who we were? And where we were from? We discovered the aspirations of everyone, not only of big brothers. We began to appreciate our prospective brothers and how they can also help us achieve our goals in life. We also gained the knowledge of several brothers sharing our academic studies and learned about how they help each other study for each scholastic obstacle (a very vital piece of information).

The Smoke Rise retreat was truly a great experience. Future pledges and brothers should continue this annual tradition in the hopes of better understanding each other as AEPi brothers. I truly learned a lot and I know my fellow pledges did too.



Senior Spotlight



Quick Facts

Full Name:
Max Evan Resnik

Birthday:
October 3rd, 1987

Hometown:
Orange, OH

Major:
Broadcast Journalism

Hobbies:
News Junkie

Favorite Movie:
Goodfellas

“Like the individual who is unique, so is their experience.” Those are words that Max Resnik lives by--and they’re his own. A unique individual is a good way to sum up Resnik, he has a goal, and he knows how to obtain it. This is why if you were to ask around the fraternity, they would tell you that if there is anyone who is respected most--it’s him. Resnik was Master of Alpha Epsilon Pi in the 2008-09 academic school year. He now serves as Vice President of the Bobcats for Israel here on OU’s campus. He is also finishing up his studies at Ohio University as a Broadcast Journalism major, hoping to pursue bigger and better things following graduation. There is a lot more to Max though, and after sitting down with him, this is what I got:

Lee: I’m aware that you are a broadcast journalism major. What exactly are you doing for your major right now?

Max: Well, I’m currently in a class right now that is essentially the ‘final step’. What they do is give us a story, and then make up go out and shoot it, write it, and cover it. All the business that goes into a news story--we do.

Lee: That sounds really cool--what about jobs/internships?

Max: I had an internship with Channel 5 in Cleveland. When I was there I helped write stories, I helped report, pretty much I did everything. I highly recommend internships to everybody. It’s the most beneficial thing to do--you learn so much.

Lee: I see where you are now, but where do you hope to be one day? What’s your DREAM job?

Max: I want to have my own nationally syndicated political show, like Anderson Cooper or Peter Jennings--they’ve really inspired me.

Lee: Those are some huge dreams--good luck with that. Now, looking back, being Master of the fraternity, what was it like and how has it shaped you today?

Max: Being master was interesting. That is the best word to describe it. It was fun though; there was a lot of responsibility and a lot of stress. Being master was like a 24/7 job--you never knew what was going to happen and when it was going to happen. It allowed me, as master, to instill my ideas into the fraternity which was something that I really enjoyed. The job requires a lot of passion and dedication, but if you have it, it’s definitely worthwhile. It’s shaped me in many ways today. I don’t get stressed out as easily and I am a much more patient person.

Lee: Seeing where the fraternity is now and since you’re almost out the door--do you have any advice?

Max: Tradition. Stick to it. That’s what links all of us together--tradition. The other thing that I find a beneficial piece of advice is to not grow beyond your means or you will receive diminishing returns.

Lee: So looking back on college as a whole--as a college senior, did you get what you came to OU for?

Max: You know, there’s always going to be those things I wish I would have done. I wish I would’ve gotten a little more involved in certain areas, but I did get what I came for.

Lee: What was the best moment of your college career?

Max: Becoming a brother. Hands down.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, a historic and exhilarating Fall quarter is winding down for the Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi. We had a tremendous start to the year, from a great homecoming to the largest pledge class this chapter has ever seen. Hopefully, this will become the perfect building block as we look forward to the rest of the year.

This fall quarter has been historic in terms of Fall Rush. I am proud to report that we have attained 27 promising young men to become faithful and outstanding members of our fraternity. Each one of them is eager to contribute and we are all looking forward to seeing them grow as men and valued community leaders. While mentioning the pledges, it would be unjust not to congratulate the man who brought them all here, Rush Chairman Adam Levine. As previously stated, this pledge class is the largest we have ever taken in, and a vast majority of the credit must go to Adam Levine. His countless hours of dedication and hard work have put us in the position to become not only the strongest, but also the largest brotherhood on campus in the coming years. Levine not only helped facilitate the rushes through the laborious school-mandated rush process, but he was also there every step of the way for the brothers. Whether it was setting up impromptu emergency meetings or, along with 5 other fraternity brothers, lending his house for the vast majority of rush events, Levine truly did all he could for the fraternity this quarter. I want to thank him for all of the hard work, and to remind everyone that without him this historic rush would never have been possible.

Along with a highly successful rush, the fraternity is looking ahead to a great winter quarter. We are currently in the process of planning a massive philanthropy which will include a fun and creatively coordinated clothing drive for Athens County. In addition, I will be traveling with members interested in running for executive board next term as well as current executive board members to Drexel, Pennsylvania to participate in our regional convention. We plan to make a strong showing at the convention, hopefully putting us in the position to host one in the very near future, a personal goal of mine. In addition to the convention, we will be focusing hard on solidifying a quality Winter pledge class. I, along with the rest of the executive board, firmly believe the fraternity can surpass Winter classes of the past by putting forth the same effort and dedication needed for a successful Fall rush.

Next, I would like to offer credit where credit is due. First I would like to thank our alumni who came down for Homecoming in tremendous numbers. It was great to see the men who paved the way before us, and as usual, with their involvement it's like they never even left. I would also like to thank the brothers for working so hard this quarter, pushing us to become one of the dominant forces on campus pulling in the largest pledge class of any fraternity, Jewish or not. In addition, I would like to thank my executive board for continually making my job easy. Their strength and emphasis on communication truly makes this experience one I wouldn't trade for the world. Lt. Master Ryan Lash has done an amazing job organizing the majority of our events and maintaining the strongest brotherhood on campus, so for this, I am also thankful. Lastly, I would like to thank the parents, friends, and families who help support this great fraternity year in and year out. As I have said before, we would not be anywhere near where we are today without your support. On behalf of the fraternity as well as myself, I thank you.

Fraternally,

Mark S. Bloom

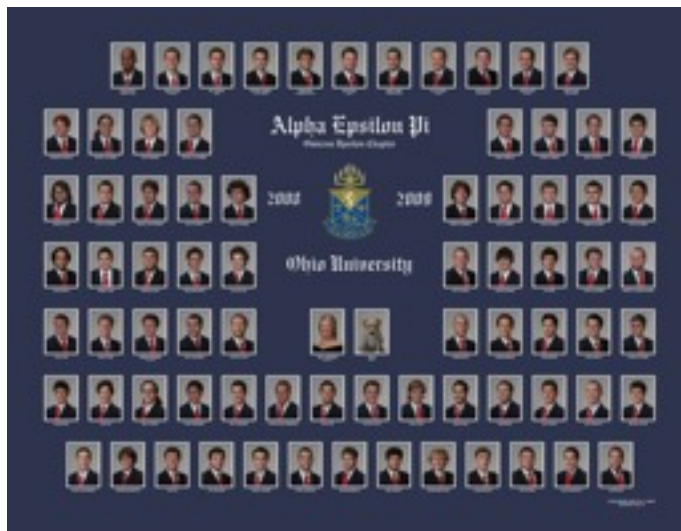
President, Omicron Upsilon Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity.

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