



Sigma Chi

Iota Pi

Fall 2010 Newsletter

Chapter Update

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With the Fall 2010 semester upon us, our Chapter is rejuvenated by vacation and Balfour Leadership Training Workshop. Iota Pi chapter sent 9 of our brothers to BLTW where new, refined goals for our chapter

were produced, and our quality of leadership was improved.

Of course with a new semester comes recruitment. Our fall rush chair, Chris Mason '12, conducted a week's worth of commendable events including our Open House and "Steak and Cigar Night." A phenomenal Rush Week concluded with the pinning of seven new pledge brothers. Enthusiastic Magister, Brian Niccum '10, has reformed Iota Pi's pledge process which includes the strengthening of the "Big Brother" program. Saturday, November 20

marked the initiation of the seven new brothers, a special number in Sigma Chi tradition. Current Brothers and Alumni attended the ceremony to make for a great weekend. David Kuester, Mike Scotto, Max Michelson, Jason Raymond, Nick Hogen, Klodian Mitri, and Joe Kirchoff are the seven proud newly initiated. While pledging has ended this semester, Pro Consul, Bob Yovino '12, conducts Post Initiate Training to orientate the Newly Initiated Brothers.

This Fall Iota Pi works to make it our most prolific semester of philanthropy in chapter history. Straying from traditional practices and, with great inspiration from Adam Rilott '10, Iota Pi has decided to focus our charity on the "Be Perfect Foundation" for spinal injury. This year, at the request of MU sororities, we conducted our annual Derby Days philanthropy event October 11th through the 16th. The "Derbyfest" theme was modeled after the favorite Milwaukee music

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(Right)
Brothers Junior Brad Tharpe and Sophomore Zach Johnson lose gracefully at Brats 'N Bags in October.



(Below)

The brothers stretch their legs at the Milwaukee favorite, "Al's Run," benefitting Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.



Consul's Corner

Consul, Sean Halley



This summer, House Managers Nick Fanelli and Guillermo Contreras led the charge on renovating the interior of the house. Our overall goal was to accomplish various small projects yielding a big difference. Such projects included reorganizing and leveling all of our composites and awards, rearranging the common areas, and intense cleaning. I encourage

everyone to come by and see the house; it has gained a new luster from these efforts.

This fall we have 40 active brothers. We currently have a very young Chapter due

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to the initiation of the Alpha Phi pledge class, comprised of 18 freshmen in the spring. Our fall recruitment this semester

had a great turn out, and we pinned 7 outstanding pledges. The Alpha Chi pledge class consists of 6 sophomores and 1 junior. Each individual exemplifies all the qualities of the Jordan Standard. Magister, Brian Niccum, who is in his third active semester, guides the Alpha Chi pledge class through their semester of pledgship. As a whole, the Iota Pi chapter is working to instill good habits and relations to ensure a thriving future. Taylor Wike has revitalized our financial records and converted our budget to maximum efficiency. Our entire chapter is taking large steps to become the elite chapter on campus and throughout the nation.

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 festival “Summerfest.” A phenomenal week of activities produced an Iota Pi record amount of charity. Sign-a-Sig, Rock Band, Cook-off, basement painting, Penny-Wars, and our sorority brunch were among the activities comprising our best Derby Days to date. Under the supervision of Colin O’Meara ’12, we raised over \$3,000 in charitable proceeds.



Brothers greet potential pledges to start off Rush Week with an open house.

In other philanthropy news, the “Brats and Bags” event with Pi Beta Phi went well for another consecutive year. Benefitting the Hunstman Cancer Institute and First Book scholarships, the event was a great display of Greek unity on campus while benefitting two great causes. Iota

Pi’s attendance at Al’s Run, Make-A-Difference -Day, and Kick-for-Kenya was superb as usual.

Lastly, the Iota Pi Sweetheart competition is wrapping up. Young women all over campus have submitted applications to earn the title of Sigma Chi Sweetheart. The Sweetheart committee judges the applicants on a number of various aspects. Personality, campus involvement, and Sigma Chi participation are among the criteria evaluated for the coveted award.

As Iota Pi works hard for final exams, we would like to wish you a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year.



(Above) Sororities compete to decorate the Iota Pi basement during Derby Days.

(Below) Worthy Consul Sean Halley grills up some food for Brats N’ Bags.



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Newly Initiated News

Mike Scotto



Every man benefits differently from pledging. Some of us can recall our pledging semester vividly, while to others it has faded from memory. Nevertheless the trans-

formative power of pledging and Inauguration Week cannot be denied. If one was to ask the newly initiated brothers of the Alpha Chi class, we would fittingly respond using verbs like “shaped,” “developed” and “changed.” Significantly less cliché, we would also explain the awareness we all gained of our self and our actions. The responsibility we were given as pledges, to make our dealings reflect positively on Sigma Chi at all times, made us think about our actions more thoroughly which lead us to become more outstanding gentlemen. Throughout

pledging we grew together as a class, but more importantly we learned how to dedicate ourselves to the ideals that form the foundation of our brotherhood. The two months of reading and learning material from the Norman Shield was but a formality in our journey from a mere Marquette student to a proud man of Sigma Chi. The real education came from the brothers of Iota Pi. Through pledging we were taught many things but it was seeing Sigma Chi’s ideals in the everyday actions of our soon-to-be brothers that made the difference. Indeed it was only through these intangibles that allowed us to gain a deeper appreciation of the seven ideals. For that, we are all thankful and I can confidently speak for the men of Alpha Chi when I say becoming a Sigma Chi is one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.



(Above) Led by Magister, Brian Niccum the Alpha Chi pledge class learns the true meaning of friendship, justice, and learning over their two months pledging. Sophomores Max Michelson, Joe Kirchoff, and Jason Raymond enjoy the fresh air of an outdoor philanthropy event.