



# THE LION'S ROAR

NEW HAMPSHIRE BETA CHAPTER OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON



*The new members and their big brothers at the top of Mount Major after the annual Big Brother Hike.*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE BETA MEMBERS TAKE PRIDE IN CHAPTER HOUSE 45 MEMBERS CALL ΣΑΕ HOME

**A** new school year is underway at the University of New Hampshire, and the New Hampshire Beta Chapter has been fully rechartered since November 14, 2009. The alumni involved with New Hampshire Beta are very proud of the hard work and effort displayed by the undergraduate members in their mission to make Sigma Alpha Epsilon the number one fraternity on campus.

I serve as the chapter advisor for the New Hampshire Beta Chapter. My association with the New Hampshire Beta Chapter dates back to my undergraduate years at the University of Vermont from 1951 to 1955. After graduate school and Army ROTC active duty as Brigadier General, I became Province Archon of Province Alpha and served in that capacity as Archon or Honorary Archon from 1970 to 1990.

When New Hampshire Beta was closed in the late '90s, the chapter house was rented to Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. When their lease was not renewed, our house corporation was forced into bankruptcy and faced foreclosure. At that time, four undergraduate men formed an interest group with the purpose of recolonizing the chapter. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Financial & Housing (F&H) purchased the existing building and rebuilt a new house for these colony members to one day call home.

On November 14, 2009, New Hampshire Beta was rechartered. After the class of 2008 graduated (17 seniors), we still boast 45 members. The chapter had a successful fall recruitment and is look-

ing forward to helping those men develop into leaders on campus and in the community. The active chapter is involved in campus-wide philanthropy projects and is very active in the Interfraternity Council. The chapter strongly believes in the value of communication and chapter retreats, and executive council retreats are happening regularly.

With a newer chapter facility, chapter members take pride in the house. Each member has an assigned duty that is completed each week to help maintain cleanliness and the overall safety of the facility. The chapter also has a fulltime cook who runs our culinary operations. Because the building is owned by F&H, there is a fulltime house director who is employed by the Fraternity and lives in the building. As the chapter advisor, I meet with the undergraduates on a regular basis to oversee activities in the building. Along with the chapter advisor, the Alumni Association gives chapter support when collegiate officers need assistance planning events or finding mentors. Those members include **Mike Allen '10**, **Andy Bisson '10** and **Brett Conroy '10**.

Thank you for your support of the New Hampshire Beta Chapter. We look forward to what the year brings and hope to see you soon.

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## Chapter Thrives on Campus Actives Give Back to Community

The last few months have been a positive time in the chapter's recent history. Through triumphs and tribulation, chapter members have remained committed to New Hampshire Beta. Our chapter GPA is highly ranked among other fraternities on campus, our membership is increasing, our new member program is highly regarded, and we continue to serve our campus and our community through philanthropic efforts.

### Undergraduates Excel Academically

Last spring, our chapter GPA was a 3.03, ranking us third out of 10 IFC fraternities and above the 2.93 all-fraternity average. Last spring we implemented a new scholarship program that has continued this fall. Scholarship Chairman **Ian Burbank '15** was very happy with the academic performance. He and other chapter leaders are committed to holding brothers accountable and helping them in all areas of academics. "Our chapter GPA is great. I'm proud of our academic record, but some brothers fell short of expectations, and I will work to set them up with the help they need," Ian said.

### Philanthropic Events Raise Funds, Awareness for Cystic Fibrosis

New Hampshire Beta members strive to give back to the community and to promote a life of service. Last semester the chapter raised almost \$3,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation through our annual spring Dunkin' Donuts tagging event. At this event, chapter members spent time at local Dunkin' Donuts location asking customers for donations and talking with them about cystic fibrosis. In addition to our Dunkin' Donuts fundraiser, the chapter was required to complete 500 hours of community service. We decided to go above and beyond the required amount and completed 1,000 hours of community service last semester, including a semester-long commitment to volunteering at a local after-school program in Dover, New Hampshire. Community Service Chairman **Rishab Khanna '14** was proud of the work and the long-term commitment that chapter members had to the after school program. "The chapter was very happy to help the kids," Rishab said. "Most of our service events are usually on campus, so being able to reach out to a different area was a good change. The kids were always excited to see the brothers."

### New Member Program Educates Brothers

Since the recolonization of New Hampshire Beta in 2007, the chapter has focused on recruiting men who are committed to continuing the legacy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Our goal is to recruit quality men who have the same values we do. Our new member education program is highly respected by the university and the fraternity. New Member Educator **Nick Erickson '13** works closely with new members, as well as the active members, to ensure all are aware of the zero-tolerance hazing policy, which helps all members have a strong fraternal experience.

### Alumnus Honored with ROTC Award

Last spring, 17 seniors graduated. Many of those members were part of the Army and Air Force ROTC. **Matthew Marggraf '12** was selected for the Presidential Saber Award, which is given to the top cadet in the country for his involvement and leadership within AFROTC.

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*Eminent Warden Ray Miller '14, Eminent Archon Patrick Dodd '14, Nick Pizzi '14, Eminent Recorder Nick Morettin '14 and Chapter Adviser Dick Hooker '55 after the first initiation in the newly renovated basement.*



*The brothers of New Hampshire Beta on their annual trip to Montreal.*

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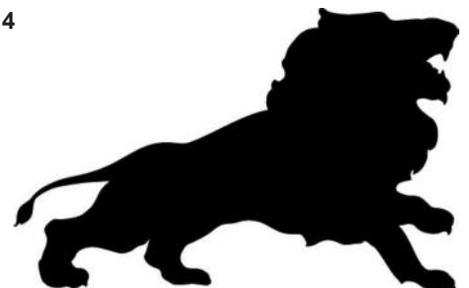
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## ENSURING YOUR INVESTMENT

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Financial & Housing Corporation empathizes and concurs with those who have expressed the need to ensure that our investment in New Hampshire Beta, at the University of New Hampshire, is carefully protected over the years. To ensure that our investment is secure, the “best practices” outlined below have been discussed by myself and other leaders at the national ΣAE Financial & Housing Corporation. Many are already being employed, and many will be implemented within the coming months.

1. We have developed policies and standards regarding property management and the appropriate/acceptable uses of the chapter house. At minimum, policies regarding social events and resident-initiated remodeling will be included. These policies will be adopted and enforced by the Financial & Housing Corporation and the undergraduate chapter.

2. House bills will be competitive with the other fraternities on campus. New Hampshire Beta has a premium facility and should plan to charge a competitive rent in order to live there.

3. We will continue to have undergraduate rent paid in advance, either on an annual or semester basis. Doing so helps New Hampshire Beta avoid potential collection problems and keep cash flow flush.

5. We will continue to charge and collect a “parlor fee” from any live-out members to help cover the costs of wear and tear, maintenance, and replacement for the chapter facility. This fee shall not be prohibitive, but will help to service some of the maintenance fund depreciation.

6. We will continue to assess a membership deposit and consider raising it from \$250 to a minimum of \$450. Contracts and membership deposits will be collected from each undergraduate before he is permitted to move into the chapter house. Refunds of membership deposits will not be made until damage and professional cleaning costs have been deducted, the member has property checked out and graduates.

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## Jack Smith '50 Recalls Fraternal Experience as a Returning Veteran

### *ΣAE Fostered Lifelong Friendships*



When **Jack Smith '50** joined the New Hampshire Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he already had a degree. After he graduated from high school, Jack joined the Navy, received a degree from Dartmouth University in Hanover, New Hampshire, spent some time at sea, and then enrolled at the University of New Hampshire.

“By the time I got there, I was a bit older. It wasn’t like going off to school as a freshman,” Jack said. “At that point, schools had a lot of returning veterans. A good percentage of the ΣAE brothers were older, around my age. They had been in the service and were coming back to use the GI Bill to get an education, which is what I did.”

While Jack was only an active member of New Hampshire Beta for two years, the time he was in the chapter was a positive experience. “I was a complete stranger and some of those boys had been there a few years. It was a good way to meet new friends and develop relationships,” he said.

Jack and his roommate, **Bob Taylor '51**, connected right away through their mutual love of sports. Bob was on the football and baseball team at UNH, but because Jack already had a degree from another university, he wasn’t allowed to play sports. Instead, he coached the freshman football and lacrosse teams. “There were a couple other brothers that were athletes that I spent a lot of time with,” he said.

After graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering, Jack worked for several companies in the engineering industry: starting as a development engineer and later owning his own company, which he retired from in 1985. Jack is still involved with the University of New Hampshire, serving on various committees, including the Presidents Council. He also served as a founder and chairman of the engineering school’s alumni society.

Jack lives in Scarborough, Maine, which is only about an hour from campus, so he is able to visit quite often. E-mail Jack at [jsmit26@aol.com](mailto:jsmit26@aol.com).



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## NEW HAMPSHIRE BETA RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Alumni, we value your referrals. If you know of any legacies or quality young men with ΣAE character heading to the University of New Hampshire, tell us about them. Send prospect information to Recruitment Chairman **Dave Harmon '13** at [dws22@unh.edu](mailto:dws22@unh.edu).

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## New Hampshire Beta Launches Alumni Relations Program

Upon graduating from the University of New Hampshire, we all leave ΣAE with high hopes of keeping our fraternal bonds intact. Unfortunately, we quickly find that many new interests—careers, families, and civic activities—can create valid diversions. The day-to-day activities of life take over and, before long, we fall out of touch and begin to wonder what happened to our brothers. Without a solid alumni relations program in place, our members lack the means for staying connected to the Fraternity.

With this in mind, our annual alumni relations program is designed to help our members stay in touch and to cultivate awareness and involvement in New Hampshire Beta. There are several elements that are key to the program's success.

We will mail two newsletters each year containing alumni news, information on upcoming events, reports on various chapter activities, and current lists of undergraduate and alumni officers. The fall and spring newsletter also contain a list of all those who have contributed to the annual appeals.

After the fall newsletter, we will send out an appeal to help support the chapter. The contributions received as a result of the annual appeal not only help sustain the alumni relations program but also provide funds for house maintenance and the New Hampshire Beta Chapter.

Once a year, we will send out a biographical update that allows alumni to update the information we have on record. These updates also pro-

vide the information for one of the most popular features in the newsletters, the Alumni News section. Altogether, the updates are a vital tool in maintaining our records and our ties with one another.

We hope that through the New Hampshire Beta annual alumni relations program your fraternal bonds are regularly renewed and strengthened. We are always interested in hearing from you, so if you have any suggestions, alumni news, or ideas for articles, please submit them to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, New Hampshire Beta Housing LLC, 1856 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201-3837.

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7. We will continue to review the building insurance and property taxes at a minimum of once every other year in order to see if either can be successfully lowered, and to make sure policies are adequate to cover any losses.

These steps and procedures are necessary to properly manage the facility and ensure New Hampshire Beta is a viable organization at the University of New Hampshire for years to come.

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