

The Rhoar

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Letter from the President

Dear Rho Alumni,

First I would like to introduce myself to those of you who I have not had the pleasure to meet. My name is Joe DeVane and I am a sophomore in Business Administration. After finishing up being recruitment chair in the fall of 2010, I was elected as the new Sage of our chapter. Needless to say I am very excited about this upcoming semester.

We finished the fall semester with 10 new initiates who are ready and willing to get involved. Now, we have just finished spring recruitment for 2011 and have a group of 6 quality pledges. While this number may be smaller, as expected in the spring, I believe the amount of quality can really help us with next fall rush. This semester, we will really be focusing on scholarship. We have been meeting our campus requirements over the last few years, but we intend to strive for even higher levels of scholastic achievement. With the improved study halls for our pledges, and also our brothers, I believe we will see improvements and continue to be a really well rounded group of guys.

The brotherhood is currently sitting at 50 brothers plus the new pledges. I believe with this much man power we will be able to accomplish a lot this semester. The Executive Council has already been doing a lot of planning for the spring semester. Some of our programming will include risk management, financial management, study techniques, brotherhood, athletics, philanthropy/service, and of course, social events. These are just a few examples of the things we plan to do this semester.

Another improvement our E.C. is making is on standards. We will definitely be focused on continuing to meet North Carolina State's requirements and also Sigma Pi Fraternity International's expectations. With this being said, we have already been planning for the fall semester so we will be even more prepared. I have great confidence in the new Executive Council and have already noticed that we work really well together.

We have also been making improvements to the fraternity house which include work in the bathrooms, house lighting and building a fence in the front lawn. I am also pleased that we have just signed another lease and we will have the option of staying on Hillsborough street for many years.

I appreciate your continued support of this great organization and I look forward to seeing you all on Founder's Day.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph DeVane
Sage, Rho Chapter

Housing

As many of you may know, Rho chapter moved into the house at 3414 Hillsborough St in March of 2009. The new house allows for a maximum of 14 tenants, which is double the capacity of our previous house. The location on Hillsborough St is prime real estate for an off-campus fraternity as it is visible for students in the NC State area and close enough to campus for our brothers to walk to class.

I am a 2nd year veteran of living in the fraternity house, and must say that it has been a fantastic living experience. We have had steady tenancy ever since I moved in, with 11 to 14 brothers living in the house at all times during the school year. With over one quarter of the active brotherhood living in the fraternity house and its great location, we have seen a rise in brotherhood activity ever since moving in. Our glass study room is a perfect substitute to the library when cramming for exams, and our large chapter room coupled with large adjacent rooms and ample garage space makes the house a great venue for any fraternity related activity.

Our lease is structured as a three-year lease from March 2009 through March 2012, and we are working closely with the Alumni Association in order to make sure that it is extended. We have not had a pledge class under ten members since moving in, and look forward to continual growth in membership as long as we are in the Hillsborough St house.

One thing that is easily noticeable by anybody that sets foot inside the house is that it is a little old. The house was sold to our present landlord in 1976 and was built much earlier than that. Although it has received renovations since it was initially built, it has been awhile since these renovations were performed. The active chapter has started a housing fund for improvements to the house that is saving for new lighting fixtures, weatherproofing materials for house to save on energy, and new furniture for the house. Monetary and time donations are always welcomed to help improve the house, even if it involves us picking up an old piece of furniture from an Alumnus' home!

ITB,
Caleb Lloyd
Treasurer and Webmaster

Website

Rho Chapter launched a new website in Fall of 2009 which can be found at **www.ncsusigmapi.com**. The new website includes updated information for the active brotherhood, the Alumni Association, and parents and prospects of Rho Chapter.

Most of you Rhoar readers will be interested in the Alumni section of the website, which can be found at **<http://www.ncsusigmapi.com/alumni>**. This section contains all of the information about the Alumni Association including contact information for the Alumni Association's Board of Directors, current and past Alumni Association newsletters, and an online payment section to pay your annual Alumni Association dues. Please check the Alumni page frequently for the latest updates on what's been going on in the Alumni Association!

One big improvement that the new website brought to the active chapter is an integrated online billing system that replaced our third-party billing system. Running the billing system on our own website has saved the active chapter over \$2,000 per semester in fees! This is another step in the right direction as Rho Chapter increases in size while maximizing efficiency.

Hope to see you online!

Caleb Lloyd
Treasurer and Webmaster

Pledgemaster Update

As Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi International as expanded in the past few years, I have had the pleasure to see many pledge classes come through this fraternity. My last semester here at this esteemed university I have the honor to be Pledge Master of Sigma Pi. This semester has meant a lot to us, we have been building upon a foundation of brothers and their ideals for years. As a group, the alumni and brothers have brought this fraternity to the top tier at North Carolina State University. I believe we can say that we have instilled the teachings of Sigma Pi in all our members and the pledge class of Fall 2010 has also had this honor. As a chapter this semester we have setup multiple study halls so that the pledges can excel in their studies. Along with academics they have volunteered their time cleaning the local community around the Sigma Pi Fraternity house and working at the Wilmington Street Mens Shelter. They have also completed their class project where they built three sets of corn-hole boards for the fraternity, which we all love to take part in. during this semester they have had two successful fundraisers, as well as a social mixer. Coming to the end of their process we had a set down with each individual pledge and asked him why they wanted to join Sigma Pi. The one response which all of them gave was one that this fraternity has been built about, and that is family. Each one said that they feel that they have become part of a large family; some couldn't put it into words but explained that friends they have known for years are not as close as their pledge brother and brothers are to them now. I have the honor and privilege to introduce the Fall 2010 Pledge Class:

Brandon Jones
Hough Price
David Myers
Michael House
Malcom Huntington-Meath
Ryan Dickerson
Mike Morton
Matt Braswell
Cj Evans
Chris Akerman

Pledge Master Sigma Pi
Johnny C. Ledford

Athletics

What can I say about the state of Sigma Pi athletics other than the fact that currently our intramurals performance is at the best since I have been a pledge. I pledged Fall 08 and can remember winning one game in flag football as well as none in basketball. Now compare that to this year where we were one 2-point conversion away from reaching the semi-finals of the playoffs in flag football. Our basketball season is still in progress but already we have mercy ruled a team and we have a great core of players on the team. Softball season is not here yet but if we do play I have great confidence in our fraternity in not only fielding a competitive team but a team that can win every time out. Additionally we had our first soccer team this past fall in years as well as fielding a team for wiffleball.

The motto of our fraternity is the idea that progress is an act that is characteristically and definitively human. The progress that our athletic teams have made over the past couple of years is symbolic and indicative of how the motto rings true not only in our own lives but also in our shared brotherhood and fraternal bonds as Sigma Pi's.

ITB
Chung Li
Past Athletic Chair