

SIGMA TAU GAMMA Linked By Pink

Brothers of Sig Tau raise breast cancer awareness



contributed photo
The crew relaxes after Linked by Pink.

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This Tuesday, while Greek Week was kicking into high gear, the Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma took some time out to show their support for a worthy cause. The fraternity sponsored a Linked by Pink event to support breast cancer research. The event was held Tuesday night in McGarvey Commons.

Linked by Pink, and national association for breast cancer survivors has chapters throughout the country to help raise awareness about breast cancer and researching a cure. The brothers of Sig Tau contacted the organization about holding a fundraiser on their behalf. Vicki and Melissa both breast cancer survivors spoke to an audience of about 50 people detailing their experiences and the importance of continuing research. Both are involved heavily with Linked by Pink and are trying to spread their message throughout the Erie area.

The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma, who could be seen sporting pink shirts during the event, also held a fundraiser. The brothers sold cookies with pink icing, cupcakes covered with pink frosting, pink lemonade and pizza slices. They also held a raffle. Winners were able to choose from 4 Erie Otter tickets, a Hungry Howie's Pizza meal deal, a pink Snuggie, and a fruit bouquet from Edible Arrangements. The brothers raised \$144, all of which will be donated to Linked by Pink.

The brothers had been working for some time to decide on what type of event hold during the Greek week activities. When they found the contact information Linked by Pink, they knew it was just what they were looking for.

"This is a really important cause, and I'm proud to have our name attached to something like this" said Sig Tau president Jon Alquist.

The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma hope to continue their work with the Linked by Pink organization for years to come.

"[Linked by Pink] is something that is great to be a part of. If we can continue to support them, we most definitely will" Alquist said.

Greek Sing

Various fraternity and sorority members competed in the annual Greek Sing, held like American Idol, with three panel judges.



Alpha Sigma Alpha beat out all other sororities in the annual Greek Dodge Ball event.

Greek Dodge Ball

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"If not, we will go back and evaluate to see if the first semester students should be allowed to join."

In order for incoming freshman to be part of Greek life, students must score a 2.8 or higher on their enrollment index.

"Every student enrolled in the university, is calculated by the enrollment index," Miller said. "This factors in high school grades and SAT scores."

To assist first year freshman students as well as new members, a program was added to this year's Greek life. The program is called the Fraternity and Sorority New Member Academy and is designed for new members to learn about the various aspects of fraternity and sorority life, as

well as student life. According to Hopkins Hall, the academy was created by the office of student activities, the Panhellenic Council, and the Interfraternity Council.

The academy is an eight week program which provides students with tools to help become successful. Topics include fraternity and sorority life 101, time management, test taking and study skills, personal finances, and involvement and leadership opportunities. The meetings occur once a week for 30 to 60 minutes.

Hopkins Hall said that some meetings run longer, for example the community service project held on Oct. 31 and the Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) on Nov. 3.

According to the TIPS website, the program helps students make sound choices when faced with difficult decisions about alcohol use.

A secondary goal for the academy is for students to establish relationships," Hopkins Hall said. "[Students] are starting to get to know each other already which is great."

According to Hopkins Hall, the academy was created in exchange for getting rid of deferred recruitment. "It stemmed from focusing on first semester students to all new members."

Both Miller and Hopkins Hall stress the importance of Greek students being successful academically and outside of the classroom.

"I want students to be successful in and out of class," Miller said. "But, I would never want a club to negatively impact their grades."

Hopkins Hall said that active members are assisting new members with academics. "That was something that they started and not something that I forced."

SIGMA TAU GAMMA Sigma Tau Gamma celebrates 20th anniversary with alumni, founders

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The weekend of October 2-4 marked an important milestone for Sigma Tau Gamma. The Delta Upsilon chapter celebrated its 20 year anniversary. The weekend was filled with visits from alumni and their families as well as plenty of brotherhood time.

The chapter, which is over 300 members strong, has been active on the Behrend campus since 1989. In January of that year, 27 men contacted the advisor the Sig Tau chapter at Edinboro University. After a very successful meeting, the men were initiated by nationals and became associate members of Sigma Tau Gamma.

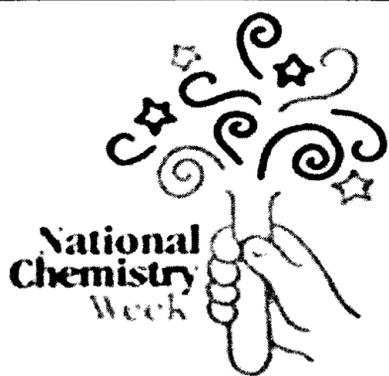
During the nearly three months that the men were pledging the fraternity, they wrote, revised and adopted a constitution that is still honored today. They also found a place to live, by renting a house on Station road that would become the new home for the chapter.

Although the house no longer stands, it was part of what helped the men make the transition from friends to brothers. In April, the associate members were initiated as brothers, and became the founding fathers of the Delta Upsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma.

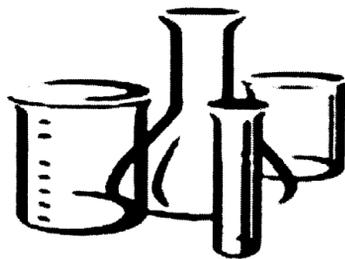
Even though the chapter was founded in January, the brothers chose to have their alumni weekend coincide with Behrend's Parents and Family Weekend. After 20 years, it is easy to understand how some brothers have lost touch with the fraternity that once was such a big part of their lives. The weekend saw active members laughing and sharing stories with alumni who are nearly twice their age.

"It's kind of cool to think that we have such a special connection with guys who have kids the same age as us. You can't get that just anywhere," said Brother Baron McDonough.

Founding father Christopher Dean and Alpha class member Tony Loupe traveled from Florida to attend the events. Brian Auth, a 2008 graduate of Behrend traveled from his new residence in Cincinnati. Although he has been living in Florida since the middle of the summer, Founding Father Richard Allan Britt found himself living in South Africa after his graduation from Behrend.



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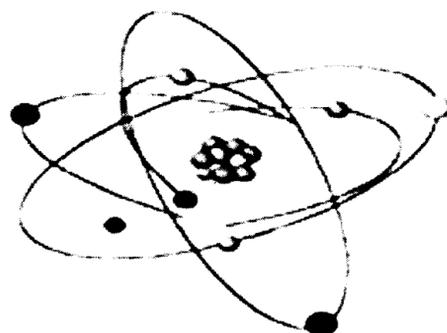


Demo Show!!

October 21

OBS 101

7pm



Open to all
Students

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