Rho Aids Sam Spady Foundation

By Ryan Kirkendall

Raleigh, NC- On September 14th, Rho chapter represented Sigma Pi and Greek Life from NC State by attending a presentation by the Sam Spady Foundation about the dangers of alcohol poisoning.

Samantha Spady, a 19 year old student of Colorado State University died of alcohol poisoning on September 5, 2004 in the house of the Eta-Sigma chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity International. While her death was not caused entirely by the alcohol she consumed at Eta-Sigma's house, Nationals was forced to revoke their Charter due to their violation of risk management procedures. Samantha had consumed around 40 alcoholic drinks that night at various parties before she ended up on the Sigma Pi porch. After she passed out from the alcohol, her friends left her and the brothers of Eta-Sigma placed her inside the house to sleep off her rough night of binge drinking. Samantha never woke up the next morning.

Since her untimely death, Sam’s mother, Patty Spady has set out to inform college students around the nation of the symptoms of alcohol poisoning, in hopes that their awareness will help to save lives. In a presentation organized by Chi Alpha Omega, a Christian Fraternity here at NC State, Greek Life was supposed bring out a large group in support of the Foundation. When the 7 PM starting time rolled around, there were about 30 audience members in a vacant Stewart Theatre. 15 of these members were brothers of Rho chapter, block letters distinguishing us from the rest of the crowd.

Before the talk began, one of the facilitators came out on the stage and sincerely thanked us for showing our support for Sam Spady and for Sigma Pi as well, informing us that Mrs. Spady wanted to talk to us personally after the presentation was over. The presentation stressed the distribution of the “Sam Spady Card,” pictured above. These cards have Sam’s picture on the front with the symptoms of alcohol poisoning on the back. National’s has also created similar cards for distribution, however, the front of the Sigma Pi cards look like the “Ace of Spades” playing card, with the symptoms of alcohol poisoning on the back.

Mrs. Spady supplied Rho chapter with 1,000 of these cards, which are being distributed across campus. After the presentation, she talked with the brothers of Rho chapter for over 45 minutes on what it could do to support Sam’s legacy and how that would support Sigma Pi in the process. As a result of this presentation, Rho is looking into organizing a “Sam Jam” at NCSU, a philanthropic event that will give the students of NC State an opportunity to party on a Friday night without the use of alcohol. Initial ideas have included things such as a live band, carnival games, and a keynote speaker. The goal of the event is to increase awareness about alcohol poisoning, making sure that Samantha’s death was not in vain. Look for more info about the “Sam Jam” in future publications from Rho.

For more info on Sam Spady, go to: www.samspaydfoundation.org
Land Financial Situation

By Alumnus Chis Albers

I am sure you remember the financial situation when you were in college - all we were concerned about was whether or not we were going to have a 10 keg Girls, Girls, Girls Party or a 10 room Hotel Party. These days, it is not quite that rosy.

Although we only have about $40,000 outstanding on our loan for the land on Greek Way, we only have about $9,000 in cash reserves. Accounting for property taxes, and a $1,600 monthly payment, we had only about 6 months left before our loan account would be in default. Last month, Stew Chambers, Tim Weidner and myself were able to convert our loan to an interest-only loan. This will give us about 12 months of life to either obtain additional funds to put towards 2 options: 1. begin construction on Greek Way, or 2. sell the current land and use the proceeds in addition to the newly contributed funds and locate another existing property ready for immediate move-in.

In the hopes of beginning the next phase of the Sigma Pi Fraternity, Rho Chapter, we are again asking for contributions and ideas to find a new place our current actives can call "the house". If you are at all able to help in any way, please contact me via e-mail or send your contribution to the address below. We all appreciate anything you can do.

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 Alumni Announcements

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On June 7, 2005, Brian and Lisa Mills became the proud parents of a baby girl, Delaney Mills. Baby and mom are doing great. The Active Brothers of Rho Chapter congratulate Brian and Lisa on this momentous occasion and wish their daughter and them good health and prosperity.

Rho would also like to congratulate Alumnus Rob Sisson on becoming the Province Archon for the North Carolina province of Sigma Pi.

Good one, Nationals. Do you see anything wrong with this picture?
By Brandon McPherson

Nashville, TN— How often does a Sigma Pi get to hang out with over 300 other Sigma Pi’s from around the world? During the weekend of July 28-31, 2005, I was given this opportunity as Fred Duyck and myself traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for Sigma Pi University. Held at Vanderbilt University, Sigma Pi University is an event provided by the Sigma Pi Educational Foundation and Alumni members committed to bringing together brothers from all walks of life to spend a weekend learning more about each other and Sigma Pi. The program was started in 1999 and has been held every odd numbered year since then.

One of the things that makes SPU so special is that the program is open to any interested undergraduates and any interested alumni. Even pledges can attend the weekend long event. The program is set up to dive into many of the issues facing Greek Life today, such as but not limited to: financial management, risk management, public relations, recruitment, leadership, philanthropy, community service, and personal development. Most importantly, SPU provided an informal setting for Sigma Pi leaders from all over the U.S. (and Canada) to share ideas and express concerns.

During this weekend we participated in many forums and activities that will undoubtedly help Rho thrive in the future. The notable forums included Recruitment and Risk Management. The weekend was also filled with organized dinners and formal ceremonies. The trip wasn’t all meetings and seminars; attendees were also permitted to have some fun during their stay in Nashville. The event programmers organized a fully catered trip to a minor league baseball game and also provided bus services to and from Downtown Nashville on Saturday night. According to Nationals, “Attendee’s of this conference have consistently praised its value in helping them understand what is necessary to be successful on campus, in the community, and in life after college.”

This statement could not be more true, and the experience was most definitely uplifting and extremely beneficial. When Sigma Pi’s can get together on a scale larger than your normal, individual chapter meetings, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

One of the Forums held at Sigma Pi University

By Alumnus Stuart Chambers

Dan Patrick: “Let’s go live to Sal Paolantonio who is a Sigma Pi Alumni football training camp in Raleigh, NC”

Sal: “Well, Dan, it was mismatch city here last night in Raleigh at the legendary *Miller Fields*, once famed home of Kerm Suther, touchdown magnet and heckler extra or din a ire. The final score of last night’s game was 62-24 ALUMs! Yes, you heard that correctly ALUMs 62 and lowly *actives* 24.

Dan Patrick: “What were some of the key plays?”

Sal: “Well, everyone knows the ALUMs crutch play that has been used to embarrass many opponents. Yes, the play perfected so many times, by the great former center/receiver Brent Brewbaker...well, as it would have it, he was holding on with the much-discussed contract negotiations...so, in trotted his replacement, un-legendary center/receiver Shane *Flop* Ireland. The ALUMs were well on their way to a decisive victory, when Chambers when to play # 14 in the scripted plays...Yes, we have the *FALL DOWN PLAY*. Ireland’s eyes perk up, and everybody in the huddle tense up a bit with anticipation. Everybody lines up, SET, HUT! The snap is perfect from *Flop* Ireland, the blocking is solid from Miller and Butts, Chambers buys time...Ireland cries out, OOOUUUCCCCHHHH and does a “Brad Pitt” worthy acting performance as he completed 4 FULL rolls on the ground (cont.) Chambers continues to buy time...all the decoy receivers do their job and cross to the left side of the field...Chambers rolls left, out of the corner of his eye (think Terry Gannon seeing Lorenzo Charles catching the Whittenburg pass) Chambers seer *Flop* Ireland streaking open down the right sideline...Chambers airs it out across the field from the left hash down field hitting a streaking *Flop* Ireland 40 yards down field, the ball hangs in the air for countless seconds, it clears the defenders perfectly. It hits *Flop* Ireland right between the numbers, he jugs it, then he tips it to himself, as he continues to make steps towards a given touchdown, he then jugs it once more, then drops it!

Dan Patrick: “What? That play has never failed. Did I hear you correctly?”

Sal Paolantonio: “Yes, Dan, you could hear the Sigma Pi ALUMs faithful fans chanting in the background...Flooooooopp...He likely will never live this down and we all know how the memories of fans at *Miller Fields* can be. They will never forget.

Dan: “Well, that is very tough from those fans considering the utter domination of the ALUMs win.”

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Rho Takes a Trip to Charleston for 2005 Orchid Ball

By Travis Ballenger

Charleston, SC— It was a Friday evening, in the spring of 2005. After attending classes, the brothers of Rho chapter had picked their dates up at their homes. The brothers had prepared for something on a scale far greater than anything they had yet experienced. This evening, the brothers were driving down I-95 S toward Charleston, South Carolina for Rho chapter’s first Orchid Ball in six years. Therefore, not one active brother had ever attended an Orchid Ball prior to this year’s in Charleston, South Carolina. Naturally, the brothers had no idea of what to expect; thankfully, their expectations were doused in a weekend of wonderment, not to mention, phantasmagoria.

The brothers gradually trickled into the Holiday Inn at Patriot’s Point throughout the night, where the festivities had begun early in the afternoon. Many brothers and their dates spent the night out at dinner, while others relaxed at the hotel after their long drive. The conglomeration of thirty-four brothers and guests shared stories and laughter until the time came to prepare for the following day’s activities.

The following morning, the group split into smaller subsets that left for downtown Charleston at various times in the morning. The groups visited different attractions throughout the city of Charleston. A large group of brothers visited Fort Sumter, known to many as one of the most significant symbols of the Civil War. Many others visited multiple other historic homes, buildings and houses of worship. The Battery, Old City Market and Rainbow Row were also sites of great interest to the brothers and their dates. As the afternoon approached, many brothers of Rho stumbled upon one another, by chance. The odds were clearly in Rho’s favor, because the brothers desired food at this time, as well. Therefore, groups of brothers and their dates decided to dine at a number of the restaurants in the near vicinity, such as: Sticky Fingers, Bubba Gump Shrimp Company and Hyman’s Seafood Restaurant. After lunch, groups split once again for an afternoon of shopping for antiques, apparel, collectibles, specialty goods, liquor and jewelry. As evening approached, the groups returned to the Holiday Inn in preparation for Orchid Ball.

As the men straightened their bow ties and the women got out of the shower, in true fashion, the Brothers and their dates arrived fashionably late for a magnificently prepared 5-course meal from the kitchen of the Holiday Inn. The awards ceremony immediately followed and the major accomplishments of Rho’s finest were celebrated true to form. Ryan Kirkendall clenched the Best Pledge of 2004-2005 award, giving an emotional speech that would have went on to the wee hours of the morning had the microphone not been taken from him.

Soon after the awards ceremony, the Brothers of Rho could be seen dancing the night way to the sound of Alumnus DJ David Chapman. DJ Chapman kept the party rolling, playing such timeless classics such as “Carolina Girls,” and the ever popular “Ice Ice Baby.” The festivities steam rolled late into the night, until angry hotel guests had the music shut down a little before 2 am. The 2005 Orchid Ball brought back a timeless tradition, one in which Rho will look forward to once again every spring. Stay tuned for details on the 2006 Orchid Ball in the next issue of “The Rhoar.”

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Yes, Trevor Israel is sporting an all-ivory Tuxedo

The view down “Rainbow Row” as the ladies of Orchid Ball 2005 enjoy an afternoon of shopping in downtown Charleston
By Fred Duyck

Raleigh, NC- Fall semester has seen many exciting changes. First of all, we are trying to revamp the pledge program to include more education and campus involvement. Secondly, we are examining the infrastructure of the Fraternity and trying to identify and correct any organizational problems we see. Finally, we are becoming more involved with Greek life, adopting the new standards program to help improve the chapter.

With a new pledge class comes new ways to look at pledging. In order to build our relationship with the university and Greek life, we are trying to focus the pledge program increasingly on education. We want the pledges to have an in-depth knowledge of our local and national history. Also, we are putting added focus on academics in an effort to boast one of the top GPAs in the Greek system. Furthermore we are encouraging Brothers and pledges to join at least one other student organization. This will not only increase our presence on campus and be used as a recruiting tool, but will help Brothers and pledges professionally. The challenge for us is to keep the traditions of Rho alive, while changing the pledge process to meet the new qualifications.

I believe that if the Fraternity has a solid foundation any problems which might arise in the chapter can quickly be remedied. This is why one of my main goals of the semester is to look at the infrastructure of the Fraternity and improve where we see problems. Physically, the house is in good condition.

Before school started this year we had what I thought was a very successful Brother’s retreat where we not only thoroughly cleaned the house, but we painted much of the inside and landscaped a good deal of the outside. We do need, however, to revise the Brother’s handbook to reflect the current state of the chapter. Also, we need to make sure all new Brothers are made aware of the policies in the handbook so they can be better and more informed Brothers.

Finally, I want Rho to become involved in the new Greek life standards program. Essentially, the standards program allows Greek life, as well as any rushees, see where each Fraternity stands in relation to all the others on campus. The major areas the standards program focuses on are Alumni relations, campus leadership and involvement, council involvement, educational programming, leadership training, membership, and philanthropy. All of these components, including athletics and academics, are now the major factors determining which Fraternity receives the Caldwell Cup. So far this semester we are doing very well in the program. We have worked with CERES to raise over $400 for hurricane Katrina relief, we have taken active roles in IFC, and have participated in educational programming. Also, we have been involved in intramural flag football (should have used the fall down play) and have been trying to put the ideas we learned over the summer at Sigma Pi University to use in our leadership roles. I believe that our adoption of the standards program, as well as campus involvement, will not only strengthen the Brotherhood, but will also bring the benefits of even more pledges next semester and in years to come.

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Homecoming 2005

By Ryan Kirkendall

Raleigh, NC- Alumni, Homecoming 2005 is almost upon us; the weekend of October 28th is fast approaching. We have a weekend packed with wonderful opportunities for you and hope you will be able to attend. Currently, I am working with Alumnus Shane Ireland to organize a golf outing on Friday, October 28th at Eagle Ridge in Garner. If you are interested in participating in the golf outing, please contact me (info below). Ideally, we'd all head out to the course Friday morning, enjoy 18 holes in the nice cool weather, and even perhaps pair an Active with an Alumnus and get a little Captain's Choice tournament.

As far as the rest of the weekend goes, Friday night, we will be having a "House Party," similar to what Rho used to have for homecoming. The party is BYOB, open only to Actives and Alumni and their dates. The Active's will provide the mixers and the bartenders, so make sure you and your wife/girlfriend will be able to make it out sometime after 7:00 PM. Saturday, we will be tailgating for the Southern Mississippi game with the regular Alumni crowd. Homecoming committee is working with Alumnus Greg Gmyr to work out the minor details. Later that night, we have a room reserved in the South End Brewery for a semi-formal from 10 PM - 2 AM. Alumnus DJ David Chapman will provide music for the dance. Transportation will be provided from the House to downtown Raleigh by a fleet of taxis, so make sure you have a few spare dollars to pay for the cab fare.

Flag Football Recap Continued...

Sal: “Yes, it is harsh, but those fans expect excellence. Brewbaker certainly has the upper hand in contract negotiations based on that play alone."

Dan: “Thanks Sal. Even despite three serious injuries to Chambers (2nd play -torn hammy), Gmyr (3rd play - pulled muscle), and in the 2nd qtr, Drunk Bob (pinched beer nerve in his lower back) the ALUMs overcame a full two-deep roster of 14+ 5 extras to clearly dominate this affair. Now on the state #46, Oklahoma, where we will be live at the drunk cowboy calf roping festival.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni/Active Dinner
When: October, TBA
Where: TBA
Time: 7:30 PM
Contact: Ryan Kirkendall at rskirken@ncsu.edu or (910)-280-3278
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Homecoming 2005
When: October 28-29
Where: Raleigh
Time: See Back Cover
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Alumni/Active Dinner
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Where: TBA
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Alumni/Active Dinner
When: December, TBA
Where: TBA
Time: 4:00 PM
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If you have any event you wish to have listed in this space, please contact first counselor Ryan Kirkendall at rskirken@ncsu.edu
Fall Semester off to a Great Start

By Ryan Kirkendall

Raleigh, NC - Well, as the convention for standard, boring, introductory sentences goes, Fall Semester is off to a great start for Rho chapter. 3 pledges were secured in a successful first Rush, and a second Rush period looks promising as we work on rebuilding the chapter up to a healthy size. For those of you who may not know, I would like to take this opportunity to outline some of the great Alumni involvement we’ve had this past year.

We started monthly Alumni/Active dinners at various places around Raleigh last spring. The initial dinner took place at Two Guys on Hillsborough Street and there was a large Alumni presence to complement the hearty meal. The dinner was a great opportunity for many of us Actives to meet the local Alumni with whom we never had a chance to associate. We held another dinner in April, however, due to conflicting schedules, attendance was not as great as the previous outing. I’ve kind of dropped the ball this semester; but rest assured, these dinners will become a monthly occurrence.

In case you didn’t see any of the discussion floating around in the list-serv, you missed a real gem at the Active/Alumni flag football game. We (I speak for the actives) were totally outclassed and outplayed by an Alumni squad destined for nothing less than the Flag Football Hall of Fame. Full credit for the organization of the game must go to Alumnus Stuart Chambers. The event was solely his idea and he is also responsible for organizing the Alumni team. Hopefully, in the future we will be able to have some more athletic based events, such as flag football, or perhaps softball, as I think all who were there would agree the football game was a blast.

After the game, a few of us Actives and a few Alumni headed over to the Village Draft House down in Cameron Village for dinner and a few drinks, taking a more relaxing approach to celebrating the night’s event.

A few of us Actives have also started trickling over to some of the Alumni tailgating before football games. The atmosphere is always welcoming and everyone there is always making sure all the Actives are well taken care of. Pledges can be seen throughout the area, running back and forth between Alumni, getting pages signed and hearing about some of the ridiculously funny stories from Rho’s past. Alumnus Sam Hershey has also frequented the house this semester, enlightening us to some of Rho’s old traditions that we had been neglecting simply because no one was really aware of them.

It is with your continued support that we rebuild Rho chapter, striving to establish it as the premier men’s fraternity at NC State. I hope these past few semesters are only signs of the great things to come in the next few years for Rho. We are the oldest fraternity at NC State and we have the pride and prestige that comes along with our heritage. If you are able to make it out to any Homecoming events this year, please do, it will be another wonderful opportunity for the Actives and Alumni to get together, to celebrate our history and look towards our great future.

In The Bond,

Ryan S. Kirkendall
Fall 2004
**Friday, October 28th**

- **Golf Outing**
  Eagle Ridge, Garner NC

- **Drinks at the House**
  7:00 PM - Until
  BYOB, Bartenders will be on hand!

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**Saturday, October 29th**

- **NCSU vs. Southern Mississippi**
  8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
  Early Morning Tailgate and then the Game!

- **Semi-Formal**
  10:00 PM - 2 AM, South End Brewery, Raleigh NC
  Bring a date and dance the night away to the music of Alumnus DJ David Chapman

*A golf outing for Friday, October 28th is being organized, however, the details of the event have not been confirmed. An e-mail announcement will be sent out as soon as the specifics of the event are established. For more information, see the article on p.6. Please contact Homecoming chair Ryan Kirkendall by e-mail at rskirken@ncsu.edu, or by telephone at (910) 280-3278.*