

# SigEp News

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Texas Upsilon Chapter, Southern Methodist University

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## HOMECOMING A SUCCESS!!!

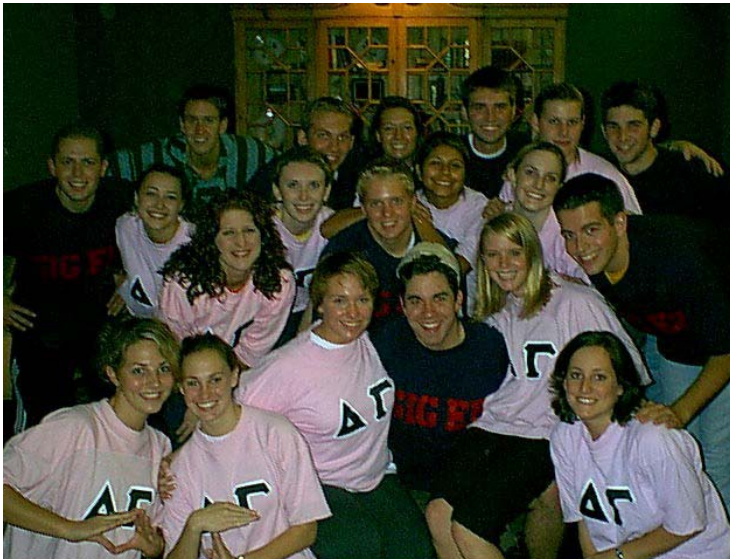
“All-American SMU” was the Homecoming theme this year, and the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon went all out to make sure they were competitive in their events. The chapter joined up with the ladies of Gamma Phi Beta to share the theme “Top Gun.” Brother Jon Neger was in charge of designing and building a scale replica F-14 for the parade float. In the float competition, SigEp and Gamma Phi Beta came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and everyone was excited for how well they competed. The chapter also came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the spirit competition. The float was designed to hold SigEp’s Homecoming King nominee, Chris Gerard. Chris is very active on campus as a business major and within SigEp as the Vice President of Member Development. Last year, Chris was one of the select few chosen to be in the Sigma Phi Epsilon “Quest to Greece” program. Chris felt honored to represent SigEp in a campus-wide event. Several SigEp Alumni were in attendance and enjoyed just hanging out with the brothers, especially at the tailgating/BBQ scene on the Boulevard.



SigEp and Gamma Phi Beta won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for their Float in the homecoming parade.

## Family Weekend Nov 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

This year SigEp is joining up with Delta Gamma and will put on a song and dance skit for Talent Show, similar to Sing Song in the Spring. After winning the Sing Song championship with Delta Gamma, they have asked SigEp to be their partners for Talent Show in a James Bond/Austin Powers themed skit. While Talent Show is not a competition, our brothers have enjoyed working hard with the DGs again to accomplish a common goal: be the best act again in Talent Show this Fall. Talent Show will be Friday night at 8:00PM in McFarlin Auditorium. After the show, the fraternity members and their parents, along with Delta Gamma, will head to the Green Elephant to socialize. Everyone is welcome to attend with or without family members. Saturday morning, there will be tailgating on the Boulevard before the 2:00 kickoff of the SMU-Nevada game. Saturday afternoon from 5:30-8:30 the chapter will hold an open house for families of members and non-members to come by the house for snacks and a tour of the house. Members will also be available to answer questions about the chapter.



The members of SigEp and Delta Gamma take a break from practicing for Talent Show.

## SigEp Alumnus Speaks on Risk Management

Earlier this month, the chapter was given the opportunity to hear an alumnus speak about risk management and the dangers of hazing. Judge Mitch Crane was invited to speak at the SMU campus by the ladies of Delta Delta Delta, but all Greek organizations were encouraged to attend. Judge Crane spoke about hazing incidents and how easily something that seems so innocent can get out of hand. His lecture touched on many of the reasons Texas Upsilon has adopted the Balanced Man Program: no hazing, no alcohol in the house, etc. After the lecture, Judge Crane came back to the SigEp house and had a one-on-one Q and A session with the fraternity members. His views and ideas were inspiring to the chapter in terms of eliminating the “Frat-Boy” stereotype.



The chapter members of SigEp finish up with discussions on risk management with Judge Crane.

## Breaking the Frat Guy Stereotype at SMU

SigEps are breaking the stereotypical Frat guy at SMU and people are starting to notice. Several articles have been in the Daily Campus, the SMU newspaper, **this semester** about some of the activities and differences SigEp offers to students. An article from the *Daily Campus* on October 16 states the goal for the SMU chapter is, "to help each member grow into stronger, well-rounded leaders that are prepared to leave SMU and SigEp and become leaders in their own careers and communities." The Chapter has also appeared several times in the national chapter newsletter called *The Journal*. Recently one of the brothers Allan Adami was featured in a newsletter spotlighting college athletes. Allan is on the starting defensive line for the SMU football team. The chapter also has redesigned the chapter website. The website is updated almost daily. Calendars, pictures and other information about SigEp can be found on the website. The address is [www.smusigep.com](http://www.smusigep.com).



The SigEps celebrate a soccer victory.

### Balanced Men Participate in Balanced Activities

On October 22, the chapter hosted an open forum on the discussion of the differences of Christianity and Judaism. Minister Creighton Alexander, Director of Wesley Foundation and Bruce Feldman, Director of Hillel House led the discussion. Members learned key differences and similarities of the two religions. The speakers and members also discussed questions and thoughts about Christianity and Judaism. Chapter members learned not only about Christianity and Judaism, but also about some of the beliefs of fellow brothers. Everyone left the discussion with a new understanding and respect for different beliefs than their own. This is just one of the many balanced activities SigEp at SMU participates in.

### Intramural Sports:

#### An Important Part of SigEp

SigEp believes in a Sound Mind and a Sound Body. To encourage a Sound Body, the SMU chapter of SigEp participates in ALL intramural sports. The SigEp intramural teams focus on not only winning, but on practicing good sportsmanship. Some sports include: softball, football, soccer, tennis, basketball, racquetball, billiards, volleyball, and dodge ball. All members participate in some intramural sport. Brotherhood is also developed through support for the intramural teams. SigEp intramural games often bring groups of brothers and friends to support the team.



SigEps and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority enjoy a night of bowling.

#### Interested in SigEp at SMU?

If you would like to talk to somebody about SigEp or would like more information about SigEp, please contact Justin Massimo at **214-676-6572** or by email at [jmassimo@mail.smu.edu](mailto:jmassimo@mail.smu.edu)

### Everyone is Encouraged to Attend all Events

#### Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

- **11:00 a.m.** – 20 minute information sessions about SigEp and the Balanced Man Program. Meet in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Common Area.
- **5:30 p.m.** – 20 minute information sessions about SigEp and the Balanced Man Program. Meet in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Common Area.

#### Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

- **12:30 p.m.** – 20 minute information sessions about SigEp and the Balanced Man Program. Meet in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Common Area.
- **7:00 p.m.** – 20 minute information sessions about SigEp and the Balanced Man Program. Meet in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Common Area.

#### Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

- **11:00 a.m.** – 20 minute information sessions about SigEp and the Balanced Man Program. Meet in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Common Area.

#### Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

- **8:00 p.m.** – Talent Show with Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Gamma in McFarlin Auditorium. All parents and family members are invited.
- **10:30 p.m.** – Family mixer with Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Gamma at the Green Elephant. All parents and family members are invited.

#### Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

- **12:00 p.m.** – Tailgating on the Boulevard before the SMU-Nevada football game. All parents and family members are invited.
- **5:30 – 8:30 p.m.** – Open house at the SigEp house. Come by for a tour, snacks and any questions you may have. All parents and family members are invited.