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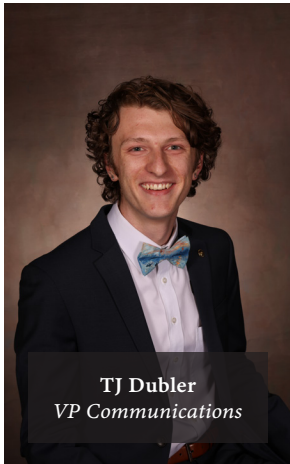
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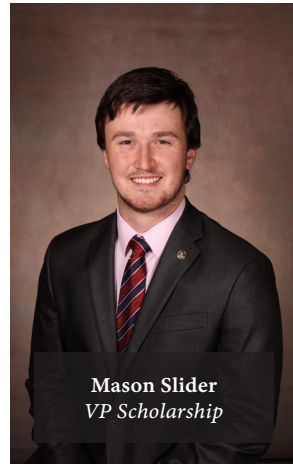
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This fraternity is different. The challenge to present ourselves without sounding cliché continues. Where else can you find a group of men who stand up for their values, approach the world passionately and lovingly, and regularly practice respect and healthy masculinity?

Virtue. We hold the profound, humanitarian belief that our lives have a purpose. **Diligence.** We strive for excellence in all endeavors. **Brotherly Love.** Unconditional trust and support. **Balanced men.** We prioritize health and academics, remaining **substance & hazing free.**

Balanced Man Scholarship Week

by Aiden Christy

Recruitment this spring was an outstanding success, we were able to recruit ten bright, motivated, and kind individuals. We successfully bid all four of the scholarship recipients as well as many of the applicants. I am proud of the work we did this spring and even more excited for the upcoming BMS cycle.

Recruitment is not just about numbers. It's vital to find men who will pass down our virtues for generations to come. An altered version of our fraternal culture is created with uniquely diverse minds every recruitment cycle.



Sigma Class, Spring 2023.
10 new members.



Warm company in a cold world
underneath Hyalite's stars.



Payton Weaver looks cute on the ice during BMS week.



Max Pizzica cannot believe the massive Hot Spring attendance.



Brett Loftin and Owen Cool are unintentional Casino Night twins.



Broomball is one of our favorite BMS week events.

Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet

by Mason Slider

We pulled off a successful Balanced Man Scholarship session this spring. There were over 30 applicants that exemplified our cardinal principles, making it difficult to select our scholars. Our winners, Cody Berry, Asher McWilliams, Henry Hamp, and Gabe Felton, are now outstanding additions to our chapter. We held the banquet on February 9th at the Strand Union Building. The event itself went very well, from the delicious food that MSU catering provided to the knockout speeches that Peter Pfankuch and Trevor Sullivan delivered. It was highlighted that the way you spend your days is the way you spend your life. We experienced the value of balancing professionalism with a well-rounded lifestyle. SigEp is grateful to have so many wonderful men in the same place. All in all, the whole event was a great success and I can't wait for an even better turnout in the fall!



Mason Slider hosting our significant BMS Banquet.



Peter Pfankuch, President of AVC gives a speech at BMS Banquet.



Trevor Sullivan, SigEp MTs Regional Director follows.



Gabe Felton, Asher McWilliams, Cody Berry, and Henry Hamp accept their scholarship with Mason Slider and Payton Weaver.



All BMS finalists.

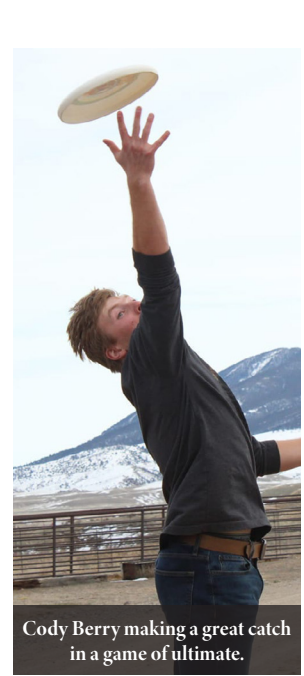
Retreat

by TJ Dubler

SigEp's semesterly retreat is as wholesome as it gets. It was a weekend of timeless memories and deep reflections of our similarities and differences. Everett Quissek (VP Member Development) planned our itinerary. Sam Stalnaker (Sound Mind chair) led us in meditation and Colby Fetterhoff (Sound Body chair) took us for a run. Many of the other activities such as "love webs" or "walk and talk" left our hearts warm, reminding us that we are deeply loved and never alone. Throughout this, there was never a phone in sight: a rare and refreshing occasion amidst a hectic semester. We also prioritized time to give back to the ranch hands by moving logs into piles for controlled burning. We held the "Burning Heart" ritual for new members and incoming alumni. We are thankful for the impactful senior goodbye speeches that safely invited emotions and tears.



Our brothers assisted ranch hands by creating controlled burn piles.



Cody Berry making a great catch in a game of ultimate.



Our camp fire directly after the Burning Heart ritual.



Group photo atop our burn pile we created for the Ranch Hands.



Andrew Spencer entertains.



Walk and talk on the ranch.



Morning meditation laughter.



Aiden Stroman cooked us some amazing meals.



We are fortunate to use Steve's (alumni) breathtaking ranch.

Carlson Leadership Academy

by Andrew Spencer

Andrew Spencer had the opportunity to attend Carlson as a “rising leader”; everyone else who went was a member of the Executive Team. He says: *“Having the opportunity to go to San Francisco for the Carlson Leadership Academy was an experience I’m very grateful for. Getting to explore the city with my brothers is a core memory that I will keep forever. Attending the conference as a Rising Leader was great because I was given the tools necessary to effectively build and lead a hardworking team. These are now tools in my arsenal that I will utilize for the rest of my life.”*



The exec team and alumni Connor Hoffman (upper left) after a show.



Having fun on the way to Carlson in San Francisco.



An immaculate dinner after our leadership sessions ended.



Immersed in a big city, contrasting to the quaint streets of Bozeman.



Payton Weaver keeps smiling.



A mesmerizing building for TJ Dubler, an architecture major.



Payton Weaver and Jack Larson appreciate the city together.

Tragos Quest to Greece

by Jack Larson

This summer I have the incredible opportunity to embark on the Tragos Quest to Greece with other brothers and mentors of SigEp. In addition to enhancing my understanding of Greek history, philosophy, and art, I am ecstatic to journey alongside some of the brightest minds our fraternity has to offer. I am eager to embrace the rich heritage and traditions of Greece – which will be an interesting change of pace from Gallatin Valley for 10 days.

Montana Beta has a history of sending a brother on this trip each year. In fact, we have sent 6 scholars in total (so far!) which places us in the top 10 for “most brothers sent to Greece”. Similarly, Montana Beta had 4 finalists considered out of a general pool of over 260 applicants. Our brothers who were finalists this year included TJ Dubler, Payton Weaver, and Cole Shultz. Not only do we send scholars consistently, but for the first time we are sending a mentor as well this summer – our very own, Brian Kassar!

In short, BK and I are traveling across the pond together in an endeavor to “Know Thyself” – stay tuned for updates!



Jack Larson receives the news he's been selected to go to Greece.



BK and Jack are two Greece-bound SigEps.

Fraterni-TEA Time

by Cole Shultz

Warm mugs, wide smiles, and brotherly love. What better way to spend a Tuesday evening?

That's the question asked by TJ's Tremendously TasTeful Twice-monthly Two-hour TeaTime, hosted from TwenTy:TwentTy-Two To TwenTy-Two: TwenTy-Two (8:22-10:22 PM). Also referred to as TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT (20 Ts!) or TeaTime by the brothers. The search for a better way to spend Tuesday evenings continues.

Any good social event has to have something to offer participants, and the \$80 of quali-tea purchased fill that role. Brotherly love and boiled water keep us warm when Old Man Winter rolls into town, and the snow he pelts down on us only make the view from our windows even nicer.

The hospitality of the Lodge brings an environment of relaxed exuberance to life, brothers buzzing like bees in the hive. These vibes allow conversation to flow like honey, letting us all catch up while slowing down. Cordial discussion is the purest way to grow one's mind, and there is no better way to carry on such dialogue than over tea.

This gracious atmosphere was enhanced on last Valentine's Day, as the romantic love brothers felt in their personal lives served as a cozy backdrop to the warmth typical of teatime. Regardless of whether any individual member did or did not have a significant other on that evening, brotherly love was in the air at Sigma Phi Epsilon.

So next time you catch yourself looking at the ceiling on a Tuesday night, yearning for pleasant company to lighten up a dull evening, look no further than 1717 Greek Way, Bozeman, Montana. If you show up anytime from 20:22 - 22:22, you'll be welcomed to a nice glass of tea and delightful conversation.



Asher McWilliams provides hospitali-TEA.

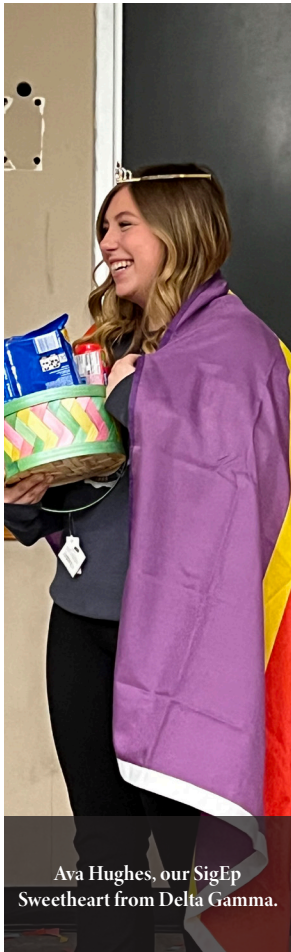


TEA-J Dubler, host of TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT.

SigEp's Sweetheart

by Camden Sparkes

SigEp Sweetheart is an annual contest where sorority members compete in a series of challenges. The goal of the competitions is to raise money and awareness for our philanthropy, Eagle Mount Bozeman. AOII, Chi O, DG, and Pi Phi all participated. Read Ava Hughes's (our winner from DG) bio: *"Hi guys! I'm Ava and I'm from Philadelphia, PA! I'm super excited to represent Delta Gamma in the SigEp Sweetheart Competition! These boys have found a special place in my heart and I'm so happy to support such a great philanthropy like EagleMount! Can't wait to see you all there!! <3"*



Ava Hughes, our SigEp Sweetheart from Delta Gamma.



Ander Streuli hosts SigEp Sweetheart in Barnard.



Ava Hughes (DG), Heighlee Mosher (Pi Phi), Madeline Crandall (AOII), Anna McDonald (Chi O, not present).

Philanthropy

by Alexi Panos

SigEp volunteered with the Family Promise Spring into Action event helping bring in over \$15,000 in impact to better individuals experiencing homelessness in the Gallatin valley. Additionally, multiple SigEps volunteered with the Eagle Mount adaptive sports program this season. These members shared their love for the outdoors with individuals who may not have been able to without Eagle Mount's program. SigEp also ran a fundraiser to benefit Eagle Mount this year as part of a SigEp sweetheart competition. We continue to prioritize philanthropy and are excited to grow close with Family Promise.



Alexi Panos and Camden Sparkes collect items for Family Promise.



Sigma Chi and SigEp volunteer at Gallatin Valley Food Bank.



Payton Weaver, Aiden Christy, and Connor Munson raise money.

End of Semester Banquet

by Ander Streuli

The End of Semester Banquet (Spring 2023) was held in the Rialto theater on Main Street. The venue was amazing, the catered food was delicious, and the speeches, awards, and roasts were all very entertaining. We are proud to recognize three brothers who go above and beyond with our values: Jack Larson for Virtue, Cole Shultz for Diligence, and Anthony Battaglia for Brotherly Love. We had around 80 guests in enthusiastic attendance. We can't wait to see what banquet will look like next semester. Banquet was an excellent event and a great way to give our seniors the sendoff they deserved.



Jack Larson
Virtue Award



Cole Shultz
Diligence Award



Anthony Battaglia
Brotherly Love Award



Michael Menuey leads the post-banquet dance.

MSU Awards

by Payton Weaver

This year, through the Dean of Students Office and Fraternity and Sorority Life, we are honored to have received the **Fraternity Chapter of the Year**, **Academic Excellence**, and **New Member of the Year** (TJ Dubler). Among these awards I also believe it worthy to note that the members of the Montana Beta chapter aggregated 1,617 hours of community service and 409 hours of philanthropic service all the while holding membership in over 31 different organizations across campus and leadership roles in 10 of those organizations. The men of SigEp are passionately integrated with Montana State University.



Displaying our awards after MSU's Fraternity/Sorority Life ceremony.

Incoming Alumni

Graduating Seniors & Early Alum

“The friends thou has and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel.”

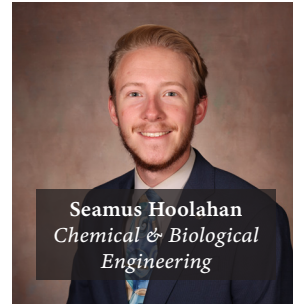
Excerpt from the Hoop of Steel Ceremony



Dylan DeLay
Education



Nicholas Fitzmaurice
Industrial Engineering



Seamus Hoolahan
Chemical & Biological
Engineering



Cole Kennebeck
Health & Human
Performance



Beck Moniz
Photography



Cole Shultz
Geography



Christopher Timm
Electrical Engineering



Ryan Williamson
Chemical Engineering

In Loving Memory of Saunder Strong

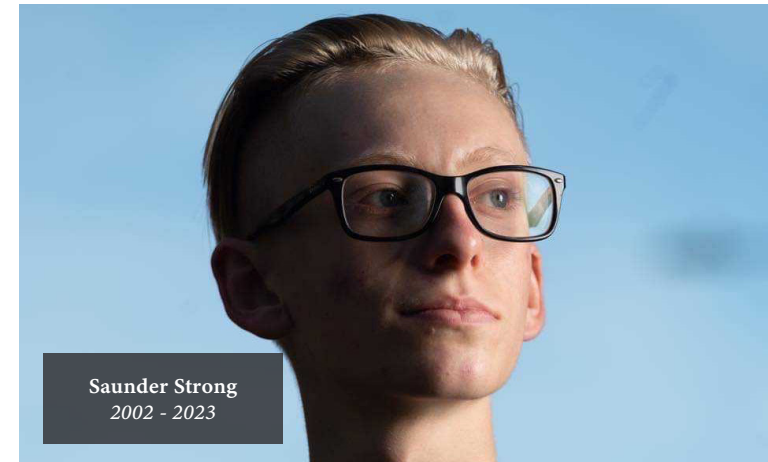
by Kevin Trefry & Anthony Battaglia

“Saunder was an absolute joy to be around at all times of the day. He could always make everyone in the room smile, laugh, and enjoy life just a little bit more. He was an amazing roommate, friend, and brother and I wish I could have seen him more after he left MSU to pursue his dreams. But I will always remember how he was the first one there to cheer me up and give me the best college experience he could. Saunder truly made my life better and I will cherish every memory I had with him.”

Kevin Trefry, Saunder’s College Roommate

“Saunder had an air only those close to him could describe. Whether it be his wonderfully decorated dorm room, his numerous and introspective photos, or even stealing your phone for a surprise selfie rampage, he held himself with a respect anyone could admire. I had the privilege of getting to know him through SigEp as both his Sigma Coordinator and his Big Brother, but my time with him was too limited. Running a 5k fundraiser with him (and watching him easily beat me) was one of my favorite memories, yet there should have been many more. He was in college for only a semester, and while I was saddened to hear he would not be continuing with Montana State, I am more happy that he chose to pursue what he loved. You left an impact on more than you know, Saunder.”

Anthony Battaglia, Saunder’s Big



Saunder Strong
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