



# THE SPENDA

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## HOEVEN AT THE HOUSE

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### SigEp Fact:

- SigEp has the highest first year retention rate of any fraternity, over 90%

### Date to Remember:

November 21-  
Quad with Pike,  
Theta, and AXO



On Monday, Oct 5th Governor John Hoeven stopped by the house for a short speech and some Q & A. He was accompanied by Nate Martindale, Stacey Dahl, and Don Dietrich who are running for District 42 Representatives.

After the Governor and candidates left, the brothers conducted ritual as scheduled, here are the brothers who went through:

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Ace Boisjolie  
Mentor: Bryce Burkett  
Mike Walery  
Mentor: Paul Selid

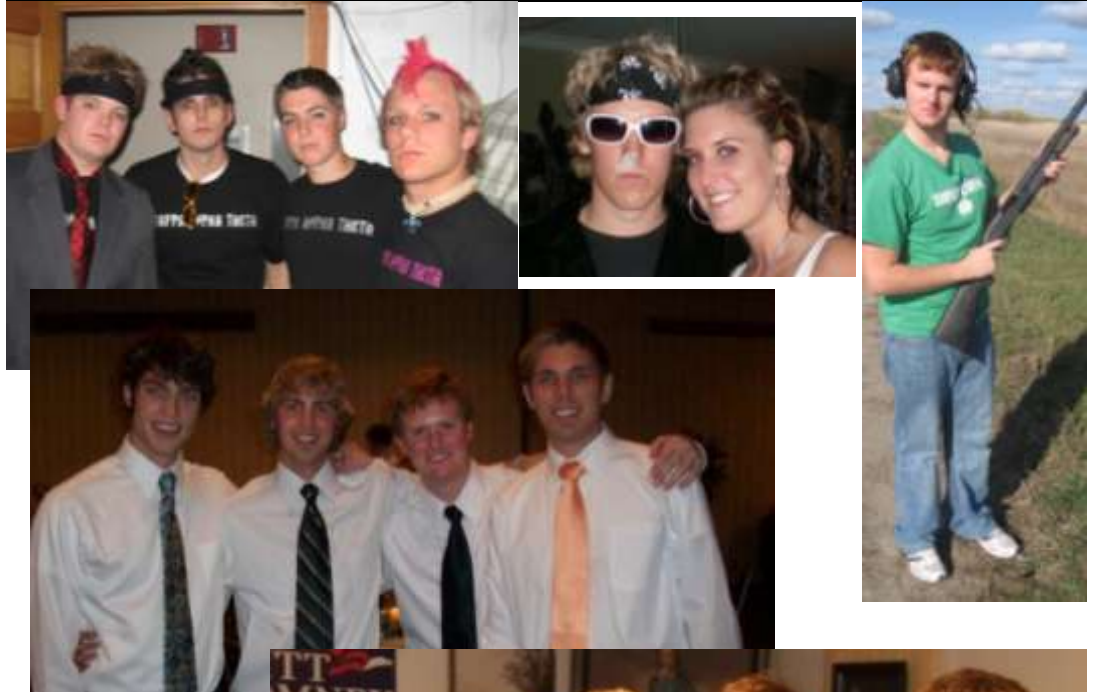
Brendan Jehlecka  
Big Brother: Jeff Wieser  
Elliott Bowman  
Big Brother: Mike Lough

Chris Femling  
Dan Harvala  
Jeff Wieser

Brother Mentor

Jon Voigt, Dan Krier, Jeff Baumgartner,  
Mike Larson, Paul Selid

## Pictures



### New Members:

Jared Anderson  
 Mark Becker  
 Ace Boisjolie  
 Mike Bracken  
 Elliott Bowman  
 Andre Thom  
 Will Johnson  
 Pete Lindh  
 Bill Scott  
 Scott Stilwell  
 Mike Walery  
 Alex Yakymi

### IM Hockey Schedule:

All games are  
 Wednesdays at the REA

Oct 15 9:15–  
 Vs. Get That Nut

Oct 22 10:15–  
 Vs. Tools

Nov 5 9:30–  
 Vs. Steel Ponies

Nov 12 10:15–  
 Vs. Can't Skate  
 Backwards

Nov 19 8:15–  
 Vs. Pikes

Dec 3 9:30–  
 Vs. The Danglers



## Intramural Report

By: Brian Harms

SigEp currently fields Hockey, Softball, and Basketball with members also playing on a Soccer team.

### Softball Comeback

**It's been a tough year for the softball team so far, they have gotten beat in their first two games, but during the third game the result was different.** They played an excellent game as a team with everyone on the team having at least one hit and scoring at least one run. Brian Harms went 4 for 4 with 6 runs batted in. Alex Kelsch pitched an excellent game with 2 strikeouts. The team was able to score ten more runs than the other, which ended the game. Hopefully they will be able to keep this up.



# New Members



Jared Anderson  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Home Town: Rochester, MN



Mark Becker  
Major: Commercial Aviation  
Home Town: Fergus Falls,  
MN



Ace Boisjolie  
Major: Political Science  
Home Town: Kindred, ND



Mike Bracken  
Major: Commercial Aviation  
Home Town: Chatham, NJ



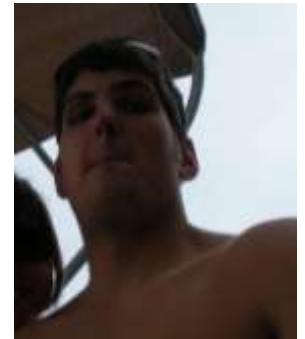
Elliott Bowman  
Major: Commercial Aviation  
Home Town: Seattle, WA



Andre Thom  
Major: Aviation, Business  
Home Town:  
Morgan Hill, CA



Will Johnson  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Home Town:  
Fergus Falls, MN



Pete Lindh  
Major: Marketing  
Home Town:  
Minneapolis, MN



Bill Scott  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Home Town: Duluth, MN



Scott Stilwell  
Major: Business Mgmt.  
Home Town: Rochester, MN



Mike Walery  
Major: Pre Med  
The Beast from the  
Middle East



Alex Yakymi  
Major: Commercial Aviation  
Home Town: Hillsboro, OR

# NFL Report

By: Tony Mitterling

It's that time of year again where the weather is getting colder and the leaves are changing color, and here we are back into the exciting season of football, and it has been an interesting season so far. It started with seeing the legendary Brett Favre go from wearing his usual green and yellow to wearing a New York Jets jersey. Then we got ready for the first week of the regular season and when it came down went Tom Brady, quarterback for the Patriots, get injured for the season with a knee injury and we saw Michael "Burner" Turner run for 220 yards and 2 touchdowns for the Atlanta Falcons. But now with the season approaching week seven here there are teams now fighting for the top spot in the league.

At the top of the NFC there are the New York Giants, currently 4-1, trying to defend their championship title and with their young quarterback Eli Manning leading their offense, some people are wondering if they can do it

again. Currently they lead the league in offense with 419 yards per game. Behind the Giants there are 6 teams with a 4-2 record including Tampa Bay, Arizona, Washington, Atlanta, Dallas, and Carolina.

Then at the top of the AFC is the Tennessee Titans which is the only team currently with a record of 5-0. Tennessee has also had a rough start to their season in the quarterback position with Vince Young have emotional and mental problems causing them to name their starting quarterback Kerry Collins and he has **740 yards passing and 3 TD's on the year so far.** The Titans are currently the 4<sup>th</sup> leading team in Defense only allowing 268 yards a game. Behind the Tennessee Titans are both Pittsburg and Buffalo with 4-1 records.

Its only half way through the season and there are plenty of games to go so it should be an interesting year of football to say the least.

"With each game I play, and each season I play, everyone would agree with me, I'm running out of chances."

-Brett Favre

## NFC North Standings- Week 7

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Net Pts	TD	Streak
Chicago Bears	4	3	0	0.571	196	150	46	22	1W
Green Bay Packers	4	3	0	0.571	194	159	35	23	2W
Minnesota Vikings	3	4	0	0.429	154	167	-13	15	1L
Detroit Lions	0	6	0	0	97	187	-90	10	6L



# The Back Page

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## Spontaneity: The key to Memorable Brotherhood

By: Mike Little

**F**rom Tradition to Tomorrow seems to be a fitting theme for this year's homecoming. Considering our University's logo will change within a few years and the plethora of Sioux traditions will probably go with it. While pondering these changes I can't help but think of how a really good tradition gets its start. What makes a tradition, well, a tradition? Does a group sit around a table and say, "This will be our new tradition from here on out"? Is a tradition thought out in great detail and then implemented according to a strict plan? I think not!

I believe a really good tradition starts out by being a spontaneous idea, unfettered creativity, and simply unadulterated fun. A tradition is not created to be a cumbersome task or a hollow ritual as it is often portrayed. A good tradition may be an event that was created to forge cohesive bonds for all participants, to provide a sense of continuity, and to include participants in something bigger than themselves. A good tradition is also a sort of reprieve from the ordinary; a source of structure to the average chaos. Most importantly, a tradition can only be viewed over time. Whether or not an activity is repeated over and over again is the true testament to a good tradition.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has a long lineage of excellent traditions. In this article I will discuss a newer tradition that I see having great potential to last well into the future.

It was a dark and stormy night three years ago during fall formal recruitment week and SigEp was hosting a Hawaiian Luau. It was the Friday of the formal recruitment week and since it had been nice out all week God decided to rain on our parade. Since a good Hawaiian night doesn't involve rain we decided to move the festivities indoors.

While everyone was socializing and enjoying themselves, Sam Lohstreter was being a pyro and burning small parts of leaves in the orange flame of the tiki torches. After having a mocktail I sauntered out to the front lawn to figure out why our newest member was off by his lonesome burning things in our front yard.

As I approached Sam I too caught a gleam in my eye and before you know it we were both setting fire to dead leaves! Somewhere in-between the merriment and ecstasy of the leaf-burning we both decided it would be a grand idea to round up the troops and go for a stroll with torches in hand. Thus the first annual SigEp Tiki Torch Tour was formed, (So far there have been three).

The Tiki Torch Tour consists of rounding up all able people, (Usually 20), who happen to be at our house on the Friday of Fall Formal Recruitment week. We gather together on the front lawn around 11:30pm and everyone grabs a Tiki Torch. We take a group photo, say a few introductory words, and then **BAM! We're on our way!**

Along the walk we stop in front of every Sorority house and **woman's dormitory to serenade the lovely women inside.** The songs range from *Jingle Bells* to *Sweet Caroline*. In-between destinations the group learns SigEp songs and various marching songs are invented. The tour singers are especially open to requests from the different audiences. One lovely lady in Smith declared it was her birthday. Therefore after a rowdy rendition of the birthday song we held up a torch for her to make a wish on.

After Smith hall the tour proceeds over the English coulee and pays a very special visit to the house of our esteemed University President. Usually a few rounds of *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow* are sung and all are happy to extol the **virtues of our University's leader.**

After much merriment the tour usually gets tired and makes the slow trudge back to SigEp. We have found that **the best route to take is actually University Avenue's median!** Except for the giant flowerpots this path is gold! If we: **don't get into a brawl with the Sigma Chis and Sigma Nus** for having too much pride, escape the mud drenched hug-wanting-girls of Kappa Phi, and stay together despite the belligerent and mind you angry Friday night drunks then we will have made it home scot-free!

What once started as just a spontaneous night has turned into a wildly successful SigEp tradition; one which will provide me with many warm and happy memories for a long time to come.