

New kids on the block: I A Pi

Scott Lake is President General Managing Head Water Buffalo of the Toronto chapter of the Brothers and Sisters of I A Pi Fraternity. He submitted the following:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on the excellent job you have recently done reporting on the inside story of fraternities at York. I believe, however that you have overlooked probably the most important and influential fraternity on campus. This, of course, is the I A Pi (pronounced I Ate a Pi) fraternity, or as it's simply known to its beloved members, the Anti-Frat.

I feel that by overlooking us you have portrayed all fraternity members as whiners (for example see p. 6 of the last issue), which is accurate for all York fraternities except ours.

You don't see members of the Anti-Frat being forced by their "superiors" to write into *Excalibur* in support of fraternities in order to create a pseudo-front of public support. Well, as long as we are discussing the differences between the lowly York frats and the awesome I A Pi Fraternity, we can't go on without saying that we are the thinking students frat, and here are a few reasons why

First of all, to be in a York frat, you must pay a fee per term to belong, or something equally as absurd. So, for \$300 or so per term you get to be abused as a pledge then hang out with a bunch of guys who all look, act, dress, talk, walk and think the same as you. It's like paying \$300 to be your own best friend.

Well, at I A Pi we don't have to ask our parents for money so we can join our little clubs. We make it affordable — we make it free. Membership in the Anti-Frat is free. Things that are free generally attract people from all walks of life, therefore there is no typical I A Pi member. We're all different.

Also, by making it free you aren't paying for the privilege of hanging around with Biff, Chad

and Charles. At the Anti-Frat you can hang out with such righteous people as Scott, Brian and Steve, and on top of that you save cash which should be spent on important things like overpriced university textbooks.

Drop by the house sometime to see just how different we really are.

The reason the mighty I A Pi is not so visible on campus is that we have a slightly different dress code than the other frats. Most people have noticed the average York frat member is well dressed in the latest Junior Business Executive fashions. Well, wake up you dorks, because you're university students and your daddy won't find you a Junior Business Executive job until you graduate, so who are you trying to fool? The I A Pi dress code is much more conducive to student life.

A successful I A Pi fraternity member will dress in: pants of any colour, size or material, as well as a shirt, sweater, t-shirt or dress of any size, colour or material. As strict as this dress code may seem, we feel that it represents our needs other than the shirt and tie guys from Alpha Epsilon Pi.

As far as our policy on footwear, we don't care as long as you take them off when inside the Holy Temple of the I A Pi Anti-Frat house.

An important aspect of York frats is elitism. One believes that if one surrounds oneself with people who are as xenophobic as oneself, then outsiders will look up to him or her. I A Pi is made up of outsiders and we don't care who you are. Almost anyone can join. But, we do have a few rules, so to an extent we could be called elitists too. Sort of.

To be an I A Pi member, you must:

- 1) Not be a business or economics major
- 2) Not be sexist
- 3) Not be racist or homophobic
- 4) Not be materialistic
- 5) Not be more egotistical than us
- 6) Not buy cocaine on Bay Street

7) Not hang out in Central Square trying desperately to look cool and important.

As you can tell these rules keep anyone who is in another York fraternity from being eligible to be an I A Pi pledge.

While on the topic of pledges, I just want to say that no hazing takes place in our frat and our brothers and sisters to be are asked to abuse the permanent fraternity members. This practice keeps us on the straight and narrow. Besides, we don't get off on making other people feel inferior.

Also I'm sure that all of York was impressed at Allen Modonik's little A E Pi education programme for its pledges. I just want to take the time to showcase our I A Pi pledge programme.

1) Brother - Sister Interviews Purpose:

To get to know our pledges without having them ask us superficial pre-written questions. We are not above speaking to pledges first.

2) Study Sessions Purpose:

None. Because we don't have to tell our pledges what to do because they have minds of their own.

3) T-Shirts and Jeans Purpose:

Pledges are required on Tuesday to wear the same thing they wear every other day, most likely a t-shirt and jeans. Shirt and ties may also be worn because we don't care what our pledges wear. Nor do we feel we have to try and fool everybody into thinking we are "very nice" by dressing up in flashy business-like clothes.

4) Pledge Meetings Purpose:

To make sure everyone is alive (5 minutes)

In conclusion, if you agree or disagree with any of our ideas please let us know by giving your response into the production manager at *Excalibur*. He'll make sure we get it. Please include



Melanie Aguilera

I A Pi members outside the Anti-Frat house.

your phone number and name. Lastly, keep an eye out for our membership drive in Central Square, where you can sign up to get our newsletter and t-shirt.

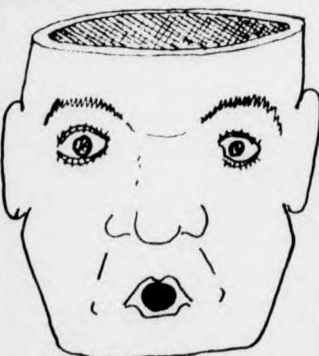
P.S. This isn't a joke. We do exist. Also if you absolutely must

phone us dial 1-976-9050 (\$3 per call). If I didn't say it before, females are also encouraged to join us. We only expect people from one race though. We only accept people from the human race.

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