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The Jordan Standard

A Man of
Good Character.....

A Student of
Fair Ability.....

With
Ambitious Purposes.....

A
Congenial Disposition.....

Possessed of
Good Morals.....

Having a
High Sense of Honor

And

A Deep Sense of
Personal Responsibility.

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Joseph Pumper '13—Our New Consul

Growing up in Minnesota, the coming of the spring months always marked the beginning of a new year more so than the December 31st celebrations ever could. As the snow melts and the temperature rises, new life in the world around us is mirrored by a rejuvenating enthusiasm in demeanor and attitude, which is seemingly just as contagious as the common cold in a fraternity house.

Delta Psi is no exception to this trend. The spring semester is marked by the election and installation of the future leaders of the chapter, who enter their respective positions with a zeal and eagerness to effect change and positively influence the direction of the chapter. However, as we look toward the future, it is important that we pause and reflect on the accomplishments of the chapter over the last year.

Under the leadership of Consul **Ken Sobel '12** and Pro Consul **Michael Cunningham '12**, the chapter has achieved heights it has not seen in many years.

Highlights of the past year include the recruitment of a historic sized pledge class, orchestrated by **Recruitment Chair Brian Allen '12**, increasing our chapter's membership to the largest it's been in over a decade. Special recognition also needs to be given to **Scholarship Chair Jameson Price '12**, who built on the successes of last year, increasing our term GPA to a **3.07**. This places us **12/31** out of Greek organizations on campus and above the all-Greek average. A completely revamped public relations program, headed by PR Chairman **Vincent Kocher '14**, served well to increase our reputation within the community, Greek system, and on campus.

More important than any metric is the new attitude of accountability and desire for both individual and chapter improvement reflected in the current outlook of Delta Psi. As we grow in size and reputation, our reach extends even higher.

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In Hoc Signo Vinces

Joseph Pumper '13—Our New Consul (cont.)

We currently have brothers involved in nearly every aspect of campus life, including several presidents of union-funded clubs, members of the Inter-Fraternity Council Executive Board, a class president, and members of the Student Senate. Within our own chapter, we are seeing a renewed excitement to hold and improve chapter offices, and the bravado to implement fresh ideas. This reflects a trend at 58 Pinewoods – one that will undoubtedly result in becoming the premier leadership organization on campus.

I am proud to report that the state of the Chapter is extremely strong. However, it is exceedingly evident that our current membership is not satisfied – rather, we are constantly striving for new opportunities and chances to bring honor and distinction to our Fraternity. I extend an open invitation to any and all alumni to come visit the chapter house. Our recent successes are a reflection of the legacy left before us, and we would love any chance to show off how far we've come. Our doors are always open – and, to quote my predecessor – “We look forward to seeing you!”

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Joseph Pumper '13
Consul

Community Service Update

Spring has started and with that comes a slew of philanthropy and community service events. Recently, Delta Psi took part in a spring clean-up of the Susan Odell Taylor School on Pinewoods Avenue. Ten brothers volunteered their time to do raking and other grounds work for the grade school. Delta Psi also took part in an Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Inter-Fraternity Council. Brothers Oskari Rautiainen '15, Reeve Fernandez '15, and Vincent Kocher '14 helped set up and coordinate the event. About 150 Troy youths, aging from four, to twelve raced across the fields in search of Easter eggs.

This month will see more Sigs reach out to the community. On April 14th, brothers will assist at Accepted Students Day to give a warm welcome to our future classmates. We will also participate in the Relay for Life on April 27th, at which Sigma Chi will co-sponsor our annual “Pie a Sig” event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. We are proud of our participation in any and all events that arise in order to show our commitment to RPI and Troy.

In Hoc,
Jay Cady '14

Outgoing Philanthropy Chair



Consul's Corner

Year in Review



Previous Consul Ken Sobel '12

Every March, like clockwork, we entrust the stewardship of our chapter to a new group of leaders – leaders who are eager to apply their ambitions to the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. We continued this tradition recently with spectacular results. Led by Consul Joe Pumper '13, the eight new officers installed to the Executive Committee have the drive to push our beloved fraternity to new heights. Equally impressive are the two-dozen additional brothers who occupy the chapter's remaining positions.

The men of Delta Psi, many of whom new initiates, are both enthusiastic and industrious. Altogether, these men will strive to lead in a manner worthy of the ideals for which we stand.

As our new leadership begins to set goals for the upcoming year, I am proud that they can look back at the past year's achievements for direction. In many ways, the past has been a terrific journey for Delta Psi. We started last March with three umbrella goals for our chapter: improved academic achievement, stronger public relations, and renewed brotherhood – between actives and alumni alike.

Significant progress was achieved in each of these areas. Most notable was our progress in academics; our 3.07 GPA last fall was Delta Psi's highest average in almost seven years. We made equally big strides in public relations, taking every opportunity to demonstrate our dedication to school spirit and community service to the RPI ecosystem. Examples include winning Judges' Choice at the 6th Annual Greek ChowderFest, winning the best attendance rate at Greek Hockey Night, touring 500 guests through Haunted House, and raising \$1000 with a Derby Days program at which five sororities participated.

Last but not least, brotherhood thrived at our chapter stronger than ever. During Reunion & Homecoming Weekend, more than 50 alumni and guests returned to their home at 58 Pinewoods – a record turnout in recent chapter history for an off-anniversary year. And on December 3, twenty-two new brothers were initiated into our fraternity – the biggest initiation class ever. These men will transform the chapter into something greater than it has ever been. Along the way, they will pick up the experience and strength of character to one day venture into the real world and transform their communities at home.

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It was a successful year, but only the beginning of what a new Delta Psi can achieve. I plan to join the ranks of Delta Psi's alumni soon, and I urge my alumni brothers to continue to invest their wisdom and mentorship in the chapter. It's the best investment you'll ever make, and you're sure to make new friends along the way.

In hoc signo vinces,

Ken Sobel '12

Spring Alumni Weekend

Alumni weekend is upon us! We will host alumni weekend on April 13th and 14th. We are looking forward to welcoming our graduated brothers back at the end of our spring semester at the Delta Psi chapter. The weekend will begin on Friday the 13th (it's just a coincidence!) in the evening when the brotherhood will play some games and socialize. On Saturday the 14th, we have our annual clambake starting at noon, assorted games and activities outside during the afternoon, and dinner which will be cooked by our won-

derful chef Chris. After dinner, our Consul will give his state of the chapter address, and we will spend the rest of the evening relaxing with more fun and games. The Sigs at 58 Pinewoods love having alumni come back, so I hope that if you cannot make it this weekend, you can attend the next fall or spring Alumni weekend!

In hoc,

Andrew Greenstein '15

Alumni Tribune

Schedule

Friday 13th

- ◆ 8PM: BYOB Social and Games at the house

Saturday 14th

- ◆ 12PM: Clam Bake
- ◆ All Afternoon: Outside events
- ◆ 1:30PM: Whiffle Ball
- ◆ 3:00PM: Football
- ◆ 4:30PM: Kan-Jam
- ◆ 6:00PM: Dinner (Polo & Khaki)
- ◆ 8:00PM: BYOB Social and Games at the house

Delta Psi Pinewoods Dinner

Honoring Academics with the Community

On February 22nd, Delta Psi continued its good relations with professors and community by hosting the Semi-Annual Pinewoods Dinner. Pinewoods Dinner hosts both our neighbors on Pinewoods and RPI's faculty. The guests ranged from Greek Dean Matt Hunt, to Dr. Jim Napolitano (professor of physics, chapter adviser to AEΠ), to our next-door neighbors, the Bells.

Of particular note at the dinner was the expanded repertoire of awards given to recognize the brightest

scholars in the chapter. **Andrew Stevens '12** was recognized for the highest graduating GPA, **Philip Maas '13** for the highest GPA in the class of 2013, **Chris Heinbokel '14** the class of 2014, and **Nick Marcaurele '15** the class of 2015. In addition, **Charles Carletta '14** was recognized for his intense involvement on RPI campus and **Nick Hyman '13** was recognized for the most improved GPA. Delta Psi wholeheartedly congratulates these Sigs for outstanding scholastic dedication— every active strives to thrive at the Institute!

In hoc,

Stephen Sobel '14

Outgoing Awards Chairman



Former scholarship chairman Jameson Price '12 addresses neighbors and faculty

Spring 2012 Pledges

The Spring semester rush has brought forth three new pledges for the Delta Psi chapter! They are:

♦ **Brandon Phyo Win '15**—Wappinger Falls, NY —
Biology / Psychology

- ♦ Born in Myanmar and immigrated to the USA at the age of 5
- ♦ Freshman class president
- ♦ Stars Wars, Pokemon, and Harry Potter fan

♦ **Joseph Brent Kalina '15** — Berne, NY — Chemical Engineering

- ♦ Born in New Jersey, moved to New York in the 8th grade
- ♦ Plays the guitar

♦ **Anthony James Maiello '15** — Mechanicville, NY — Undeclared Engineering

- ♦ Plans on declaring mechanical engineering
- ♦ Loves sports, especially soccer, basketball, and hockey

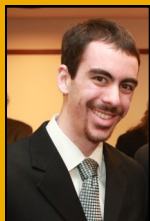
Delta Psi's New Executive Committee



Joseph Pumper '13
Chemical Engineering
Consul



Nicholas Fortune '13
Mathematics
Magister



Jay Cady '14
Electrical / Comp. Syst. Eng.
Pro Consul



Vincent Kocher '14
Games and Simulation Arts & Sciences
Recruitment Chairman



Jabari White '14
Electrical / Comp. Syst. Eng.
Annotator



Jonathon Spangenberg '15
Electrical Engineering
Scholarship Chairman



Joseph Chandler '14
Materials Science Engineering
Quaestor



David Dausman '13
Environmental Engineering
Risk Manager

Delta Psi's New Officers

- ◆ Consul — Joseph Pumper '13
- ◆ Pro Consul — Jay Cady '14
- ◆ Annotator — Jabari White '14
- ◆ Quaestor — Joseph Chandler '14
- ◆ Magister — Nicholas Fortune '13
- ◆ Recruitment Chairman — Vincent Kocher '14
- ◆ Scholarship Chairman — John Spangenberg '15
- ◆ Risk Manager — David Dausman '13
- ◆ Public Relations Chairman — Oskari Rautiainen '15
- ◆ Social Chairman — Connor Tighe '14
- ◆ Social Chairman — Stephen Cale '14
- ◆ Alumni Tribune — Andrew Greenstein '15
- ◆ Philanthropy Chairman — Zackary Reed '15
- ◆ Derby Daddy — Blake Torres '13
- ◆ Webmaster — Nicholas Pitt '15
- ◆ Chapter Editor — Stephen Sobel '14
- ◆ Historian — Drew Kopicki '15
- ◆ Awards Chairman — Raymond Kowalski '14
- ◆ Nolan — Michael Greenberg '15
- ◆ Brotherhood Chairman — Joseph Karpie '14
- ◆ Ritual Chairman — Benjamin Richardson '15
- ◆ Kustos — Christopher Lee '15
- ◆ Sports Chairman — Max Jablow '15
- ◆ Games Chairman — Gary Krivo '14
- ◆ House Manager — Christopher Heinbokel '14
- ◆ Steward — Brendan McLaughlin '14
- ◆ Network Chairman — Michael Villeneuve '13
- ◆ OBD — Michael Villeneuve '13
- ◆ Groundskeeper — Colin Burbage '15
- ◆ Eco-Conservation Chairman — David Dausman '13

Relay for Life

Our next big fundraising event is Relay for Life. The chapter is committed to expanding its philanthropic contributions to demonstrate to the community that Sigma Chi can make a positive impact on the world. Relay for Life presents the perfect opportunity. However, we need your help. Just visit [our team's website](#)* and make a donation! Delta Psi appreciates any and all generosity.

In hoc,

Stephen Sobel '14

Chapter Editor



Upcoming Events

Upcoming Delta Psi Chapter, Alumni and Sigma Chi Events

- April 13-14:** Alumni Weekend
- April 13-20:** GM Week
- April 27:** Relay for Life
- May 26:** Commencement
- June 29-July 1:** Grand Council
- August 2-5:** Balfour Leadership Training Workshop
- August 17-20:** Summer Work Party



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