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## Consul's Corner

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Brothers,

Anticipating a semester filled with milestones for The Delta Psi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, I write this letter with humility and great excitement. I see no bounds for our chapter in upcoming years, and I am blessed to be involved in an organization that only exists and thrives because of your continued support. From October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our 60th anniversary, an event celebrating this chapter's rich history. During this monumental event, we will continue to strive forward to show alumni the dedication of our actives to the chapter. This summer our chapter was awarded The Peterson, a 5-Star, and the first place Risk Management Foundation award for outstanding risk management for

the second year in a row!

As Consul, I would like to outline a few goals that I have set for our

***Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion a hint of the resurrection.***

-Arthur Schopenhauer  
(1788-1860)

chapter in the upcoming calendar year. The Chapter is well aware of these objectives, and we will show our ambition by reaching these goals with a cooperative effort. First, we need to enhance the scholastic atmosphere of the house. During this year's pre-semester work party, we turned the "network closet", a large room in our basement, into a fully-finished study room. It is my goal to surpass the all-men's campus average by next spring. Each one of

us leads a busy life, so our brotherhood must do what it can to help each one of us succeed in the classroom. Additionally, I want to follow up our successful recruitment year with a pledge class of 20. This past year we had the opportunity to attend Mission 365, which was a great success. I look forward to reaping the rewards of this program. Lastly, I want to host a 60th anniversary that blows your minds, and we want you all to join us! This weekend will bring each one of you back to the days when you were initiated. Together, we will celebrate our brotherhood during what is sure to be a memorable weekend!

In Hoc Signo Vinces,  
Adam Weltz

# Peterson and Risk Management Award

The 2010 Balfour LTW awards ceremony capped a historic year at Delta Psi. The General Fraternity awarded the chapter its first Peterson Significant Chapter Award in thirteen years and sixth ever. Headquarters revamped the Peterson this year, splitting the award into "Blue" and "Gold" categories. Delta Psi was one of 35 chapters to win the Peterson Blue Award, given to those achieving 90-96% on the Peterson application. The Peterson Gold Award was given to the three chapters this year, each of them achieving greater than 96%. Given 38 Peterson winners and 236 chapters in total, Delta Psi now ranks among the top 20% of Sigma Chi!

The chapter also earned praise for its risk management program, winning the Risk Management Foundation Award for the second

year running. As you may recall from prior news, the award comes with a \$5000 stipend that may be used to fund life safety improvements in the chapter house and general education in risk management. A portion of

terrific, but it provides a much higher level of security to the front entryway. The chapter plans to spend the rest of the grant on improvements to the fire notification system and life-safety-related repairs to the physical plant.

In spite of the success of 2009-10, Delta Psi has room to improve. We begin the upcoming year with a renewed commitment to scholastic achievement and a heightened ambition toward philanthropic cause. We have every expectation that greater things will come of the year ahead.



this money has already been spent outfitting the front doors with new locksets and bolts. Not only does the new hardware look

In Hoc Signo Vinces,  
Kenneth Sobel '11



## Philanthropy Update

On Sunday, September 19, our chapter volunteered at the Fifth Annual Saratoga Palio Melanie Merola O'Donnell Merola 5K and Half-Marathon. Seven brothers woke up at 5:30 am to help direct the race. We helped direct and encourage runners along the course, and directed traffic to keep the course clear. Some brothers also helped distribute water and snacks to the run-

ners. The race ran very smoothly, and the race coordinators were very grateful for our assistance.

Halloween is coming soon, and preparations have started on our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Haunted House. In the past, this event has been incredibly popular, and we're working to make this year's haunted house better than ever. We have changed the path around our house, we

are adding a room, and adding a photo booth to raise even more money for the Huntsman Cancer institute.

Our next event planned is our annual neighborhood leaf rake is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>, and we are looking into more events throughout the year.

In Hoc,  
Aaron Squier '13

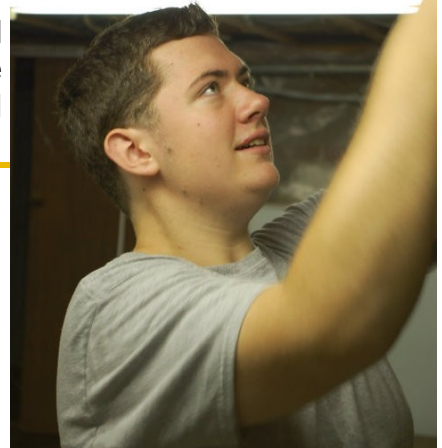
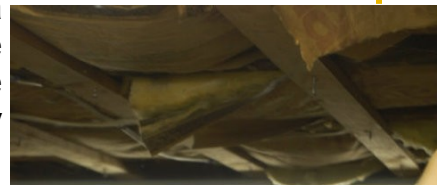
# Fall 2010 Work Party



The weekend of August 29-31 was as busy and hectic as it was rewarding for all of the brothers who were involved. Some of the major projects that were undertaken include: renovation of network room into a study room, renovation of the guest bathroom, rewiring of the chapter room, some cosmetic changes on the outside of the house, and plenty of little tasks that will help the chapter house look phenomenal for the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Our biggest project was the creation of a study room in the basement. The reason for this addition to the house was to create a quiet, focused environment in which brothers can study, share ideas, and relax. Hopefully, with this new addition, we will see a significant increase in the Chapter's GPA. Since its construction, I have personally seen a large portion of active brothers utilizing the study room, already proving it a success.

In Hoc Signo Vinces, Michael Hanson '12 House Manager





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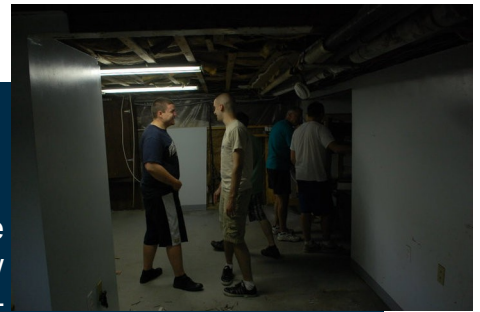
**Alan "HJ" Hanbury** for providing tools, knowledge, and technical know how

**Bob "Beo" Bedard** for once again taking point as the manager on site

**Bob "Barney" Shortle** for giving the workers all the steak and corn they could eat along with a surprise thorough cleaning of the kitchen.

**Ken Sobel** for his hours of work in making the ladies head what it is now

And last **Bob "Justa" Eckart** who continues to show up after pre-semester and find tasks for brothers to do and in his honor the study room will be called, "The Bob Eckart Memorial Study Room: Just in time for the semester"



## Fall Rush

Brothers,

As our rush program is almost over, we have begun to see the results of trying some new practices. Last semester, the chapter underwent a Mission 365 training session put on by the general fraternity to prepare us for rush. Brothers learned how to better communicate with rushees and reflect the attributes of our brotherhood that attract new members. This semester we have applied those practices to enhance our rush efforts. In addition to these changes

to our rush mentality, we have also tried some new events and a few twists on old events. For the second straight year, our signature event was the Band/Bonfire/BBQ event. This year, Brown Note and Friend, a band founded by two of our own brothers played at the event. Unlike previous years when we went camping for our weekend trip, this year we went to Six Flags for a fun-filled day. The new trip was overall very successful. Finally, the alumni rush dinner was moved to a new restaurant, Nichi's.

We believe that the new location created a better environment for the dinner than in previous years. Like always, we kept traditional events such as the opening Steak BBQ, Valenti's wings, and Chicken Parmesan dinner. We hope that our new efforts will lead to an outstanding class of young men!

In Hoc,

Isaac Nault

Recruitment Chairman





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# Upcoming Events

October 5<sup>th</sup> — Fall Pledge Class Pinning

October 6<sup>th</sup> — Risk Management Seminar lead by local Sig Chuck Wilcox

October 12<sup>th</sup> — Mixer with the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority

**October 15<sup>th</sup> — The Delta Psi chapter's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, be sure to register and contact Scott Mitchell at [ScottRMitch@gmail.com](mailto:ScottRMitch@gmail.com) with any questions**

October 31<sup>st</sup> — The 51<sup>st</sup> annual Delta Psi Haunted House at 58 Pinewoods Ave

November 13<sup>th</sup> — Leaf Rake, our annual community clean-up event