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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.

# The Delta Psi Sig

### Consul's Corner

Five-Star Status Achieved for Second Year

elta Psi won Five-Star recognition for the second year in a row last month, marking our continued ascent in the Rensselaer Greek Community. The Office of Residence Life annually ranks fraternities and sororities on a scale of one to five stars, one star representing poor standing and five stars representing excellent standing. Sigma Chi was one of thirteen fraternities to win Five-Star status this year out of twenty-nine total fraternities

Sigma Chi also won awards for specific areas of chapter operations. Of the twelve categories that compose the Five-Star Accreditation application, Sigma Chi was recognized as the campus leader in two of them: "Chapter Standards and Membership Accountability" and "Housing." This is the second year running that Sigma Chi has led the former category, whereas we have won the latter intermittently since the establishment of the Summer Work Party in 2006. The construction of a study

room in the basement as well as our plans to renovate were pivotal in making Sigma Chi stand out in the "Housing" category. All in all, Sigma Chi was the only fraternity to win two best of category awards.

These acknowledgements would not have been possible without the leadership of our outgoing Consul, Adam Weltz '11. As such, it comes as no surprise that Adam won the Province Balfour Award for the Hudson Valley Province of Sigma Chi. This gives him the impressive title of most outstanding senior in our province, which consists of Rutgers University, Columbia University, Farleigh Dickinson University, and Union College. He will go on to compete for the International Balfour Award, and the selection committee

is sure to look favorably upon his application.

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In Hoc Signo Vinces

# Congratulations!

To the Newest Delta Psi Sigs!

Congratulations to our newest brothers! On May 7, 2011 Delta Psi initiated its four newest brothers: (from left to right) Joseph Karpie '14, Devon Mancini '12, Andrew Stevens '12, and Jabari White '14. We were happy to have our

> alumni join us for what proved to be another great memory in Delta Psi's history. After the cer-





emonies, the new initiates and their families joined us back at the chapter house for a banquet catered by our chef, Chris. The afternoon was enjoyable and each new brother received letters compliments of our Sweetheart and lavaliers. We are certain these young men will further strengthen our brotherhood as we soon enter yet another semester at RPI.

# Consul's Corner

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One last indication of our chapter's success is the induction of two more brothers into the Order of Omega – a Greek honor society that recognizes the top 3% of campus Greeks. Last month, Brother Chaz Goodwine '12 and I were inducted into the Order, joining brothers Adam Weltz '11, Nate Murray '11, Isaac Nault '12, and Matt Karnick '12. These men give Sigma Chi a reputable name in the face of the Rensselaer Greek Community.

As we look back over the past year, it's easy to recognize that we couldn't have done it all alone. We owe our success to the hard work of our alumni, the comfort of our friends, and the encouragement of our families. Thank you for everything you have given us. In return, we promise to continue our relentless drive for a stronger and brighter Delta Psi.

In Hoc Signo Vinces, Ken Sobel '12 Consul

# Class of 2011

More congratulations are due to five of our brothers who graduated this past semester. We are thankful for there dedication to Sigma Chi while undergrads and we know their lifelong commitment has only just begun. Here is what our graduates will be doing as they each enter the next phase of their life. We wish them success and remind them that they are always welcome at 58 Pinewoods.



#### **Adam Weltz**

"I graduated in May with a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering, and I am pursuing my Ph.D. in the same field at RPI."

#### Sean Piela

"I am staying at RPI for at least two more years to earn an M.S. is Nuclear Engineering. My degree will be research based, consisting of the design and full construction of a fast-neutron producing target for the RPI Linear Accelerator. My education and stipend, during the school year, is being provided in the form of a fellowship from Knowles Atomic Power Laboratory. This summer, I have a research assistantship at RPI, during which time I will familiarize myself with the project and begin work."



#### **Joseph Salomone**

"I am continuing my education at RPI and getting a masters in computer science."

#### Sam Feldman

"After graduating with a dual degree with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and Design, Innovation, and Society, I will be returning to RPI in the fall to pursue an MBA."



#### **Chad Ruhle**

"I graduated with a M.S. and B.S. in IT, and now I am working for Cisco Systems in San Jose, CA."

# Summer 2011 Work Party

The annual Sigma Chi - Delta Psi Work Party will be held **Friday**, **August 19**, **2011** through **Sunday**, **August 21**, **2011**. (Monday, August 22, 2011 for those that can stay longer.) We will need painters, carpenters, plumbing experts, wiring skills, landscapers, and helpers of all sorts. Don't worry about your skill set; there will be jobs for everyone! We will be working side-by-side with the current active brothers, helping our House Corporation and Active Chapter prepare the house for another academic year. In addition to the perennial yard work, prep of the kitchen, and general maintenance of "this old house", a focus of this year's effort will be to prepare all rooms for double occupancy, as the house will be full this coming academic year - a testimony to the continuing resurgence of Sigma Chi at RPI.

This year, to allow sufficient time for the traditional **Saturday Night Ritualistic Chapter Meeting** while maximizing the Saturday work effort, the plan is to conduct the House Corp meeting on Friday, following the Active/Alumni Dinner and work assignments. The annual report of the Pinewoods Educational Foundation will be presented as part of the HC meeting.

#### The weekend will flow as follows:

- -Friday arrivals; work (for those who choose); golf
- -Friday night Alumni/Active Dinner; work assignments; House Corp meeting
- -Saturday work session and evening ritual chapter meeting
- -Sunday work session
- -Monday work session (for those that can)

If interested in the Friday golf activity, please contact Bob

"Ruff" Hutnick at vahuts@aol.com to let him know.

#### Twenty alumni already are planning to attend:

Foss Hooper '66	Bill Pomeroy '66
Jim Banghart '69	Jack Belletete '70
Jim Campbell III '70	Bob Hutnick '71
Bill Wurst '71	Tom Hey '72
Bob Jones '73	Bill Hanson '73
Bob Eckart '73	Alan Hanbury '74
Bob Shortle '74	Bob Bedard '75
Jim Manocchi '75	Paul Persico '75
Thom Kouletsis '76	Jon Merz '78
Josh Gilbert '09	Collin Hayes '10



If you need more information, contact Thom Kouletsis at tkouletsis@comcast.net or call 717-805-2618. If you are ready to sign up, please tell me when you can arrive, when you plan to leave, and what expertise you may have that we may tap, if anything specific.

Regardless of what class you're from (recent or distant) or how long it's been since visiting 58 Pinewoods Avenue, this event is guaranteed to leave you feeling fulfilled, refreshed, and renewed in the brotherhood that is  $\Sigma X - \Delta \Psi$ . Catching up with contemporaries, as well as meeting brothers from "other generations", is a great experience. The shared bond of brotherhood in Sigma Chi is palpable the entire weekend. Should you choose to attend, you will certainly be glad you did!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

In Hoc,

Thom "Klit" Kouletsis '76

## Rensselaer Red & White

Brothers, as you all know, friendship is one of the three ideals upon which Sigma Chi was founded. It is our commitment to friendship that keeps our relationships strong, even once we graduate and become alumni. However, there is much more to being an alumnus than just keeping in touch with old friends; it is about forming an appreciation for what Rensselaer, and Sigma Chi, has given to you.

This is one of the reasons I joined Red & White, RPI's Student Alumni Organization, during my sophomore year. Red & White is a group of students who serve as ambassadors of Rensselaer, representing the Institute to its alumni and campus community. As a member, I have had the unique opportunity to network with alumni, provide tours to visiting graduates, and participate in university, presidential, and alumni events, while also helping instill a sense of pride in the Institute. You may associate us R&W members with our red polo T-shirts that we wear during Reunion & Homecoming weekends and other alumni events.



Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson and Brother Andrew Stevens

Currently I serve as President of Red & White, a position that I believe warrants as much prestige as the Grand Marshall or President of the Union. As president, I oversee all of Red & White's alumni and student events and provide direction for the 80 member professional society, working under the direction of the Office of Alumni Relations. Surely one of the perks to the job is having the opportunity to serve on the Rensselaer Alumni Association's Board of Trustees, which will be led beginning in October by Brother Paul Cosgrave '72.

Overall, being a part of Red & White has given me some amazing opportunities to meet many of Rensselaer's prestigious Alumni, hear stories of Rensselaer's past, and provided me with the opportunity to form friendships with many of my fellow RPI, and Sigma Chi, beloved. If you would like to learn more about Red & White please visit our website for more information.

In Hoc Signo Vinces, Andrew Stevens '12



http://redandwhite.alumni.rpi.edu/

# **Upcoming Events**

Upcoming Delta Psi Chapter, Alumni and Sigma Chi Events

August 19-22: SUMMER WORK PARTY!

Contact: Thom Kouletsis '76 tkouletsis@comcast.net

September 17: Alumni Recruitment Dinner

October 5: Scholarship Dinner

October 21-23: Homecoming Weekend

Class of 1971 Reunion Party: Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71 vahuts@aol.com



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