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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

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Fall 2011 Initiation



Initiates Receive Their First Letters!

At the beginning of December, the Delta Psi Chapter had one of its largest initiation classes ever, with twenty-two fine young gentlemen joining our order in a momentous way. As Ritual Chairman, assisting Magister, Dylan Parker '14, we guided them through I-Week. It was an honor to instill in these men the ideals that we hold near and dear to our hearts and strive to attain on a daily basis.

When going through my own I-Week one year ago, I truly loved

the self reflection of what I have been, what I am, and what I can and am going to be throughout life as Sigma Chi. This was my main focal point: ensuring that these men looked deeply at themselves and realized how influential they are going to be in the world. They were given a strong foundation in Sigma Chi, which will prove to be a strong foundation for life.

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In Hoc Signo Vinces

Consul's Corner

Wow, have we been busy at 58 Pinewoods! Before the release of the last Delta Psi Sig, we had just pinned a historic pledge class of 23 young men. A lot has happened since, and in this issue, we're pleased to report that positive momentum continues to build in our chapter.

October was Delta Psi's biggest public relations month of the year. We sought to build rapport with the entire community: neighbors, professors, campus administration, sororities, classmates, parents, and most importantly, you – our alumni brothers. It was a remarkable success. Pinewoods Dinner, formerly known as Scholarship Dinner, came first, during which we hosted thirteen neighbors and faculty. From the 11th to the 15th, we hosted Derby Days, gaining us popularity with all five sororities while raising nearly \$1000 for Sigma Chi's charity.

Reunion & Homecoming occurred the third weekend, which received rave reviews from our alumni and guests in attendance. Not only were our chapter events enjoyable and well-attended, but we secured Judges' Choice at the 5th Annual Greek ChowderFest Competition. This win was yet one more demonstration to the Greek community that Sigma Chi is on the rise.

We closed the month with two more annual events: Parents Dinner and Haunted House. Both were fantastic successes, which you can read more about later in this issue. Our last community achievement of the semester came in early November, when Sigma Chi won the highest attendance rate at Greek Hockey Night.

Finally, I report our best news of the issue. On December 3, Delta Psi initiated twenty-two of its original twenty-three pledges into Sigma Chi, boosting our active membership to sixty-two brothers! The initiation was attended by twenty-five alumni, with large contingents from the 1970's and 2000's. We held a celebratory dinner at a local restaurant, during which we surprised the new initiates with visits from their parents. It was a memorable day that will have tremendous impact on the future of our chapter.

Everything we've done this semester points to a re-surgency Sigma Chi at RPI. Thank you for your help in getting us to where we are. For those of you who wish to reconnect, there has never been a better time to do so. Enjoy this edition of the Delta Psi Sig, and Happy Holidays!

In Hoc Signo Vinces,
Ken Sobel '12
Consul



Delta Psi Chapter and Pledges, November 2011

Fall 2011 Initiation (*continued*)

After initiation we had a large dinner at Nichi's in Wynanstkill where parents of newly initiated brothers surprised them and joined the entire brotherhood for dinner. We had numerous alumni come back for this as well, showing the lifelong commitment to Sigma Chi. We are ever grateful for our alumni. The room was so full, it simply took my and everyone's breath away.

These twenty-two new brothers are the future of our chapter and are going to do wonderful things with it. Great things have happened, are happening, and are going to happen.

In Hoc,
Nicholas Fortune
Ritual Chairman

Active brothers with new initiates following the Post-Initiation Banquet



Ben Richardson '15
receives top pledge
award from Bob
Eckart, Chapter
Advisor



Charles Carletta '14, Reevan Fernandes '15,
and Ben Richardson '15



Chris Lee '15 with his father



Oskari Rautiainen '15 with his father

Haunted House

This year on October 31st the Delta Psi chapter held its annual Haunted House. The brothers came together to transform the house into a spooky tour that was free of charge to all of RPI and the surrounding community. Brothers decorated ten rooms in specific themes including an insane asylum, torture chamber, and an exorcism. Lavalieres and girlfriends of the chapter guided guests through the house which ended in the chapter room where candy, donuts, and games awaited. We also had a donation bin set up to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The event was a huge success with over five-hundred people in total attendance and in excess of \$450 being raised in donations.

In Hoc,
Jay Cady
Philanthropy Chairman

Pinewoods Dinner



Jameson Price '12
discusses scholarship

On October 5th, we hosted our semi-annual Pinewoods Dinner at the chapter house. This dinner is a real public relations boon for us, and in attendance are many people from the RPI and Pinewoods communities. Brothers invite current and past professors, administrators from RPI, and our neighbors to join us for a semi-formal dinner prepared by our professional chef, Chris. At the dinner, we presented a brief state of the chapter address, a description of our strategic plan and how it relates to scholarship and community involvement, and an alumnus' perspective on what commitment to Sigma Chi means. Finally, we recognized the academic achievements of certain brothers.

We have had great success in the past two semesters, with about a dozen guests attending each, and this upward trend is one we hope to maintain as the premier Greek organization on campus. The dinner gives brothers and pledges a great opportunity to meet and mingle with members of the RPI community outside of the classroom in a more comfortable environment and thus make beneficial and productive relations with the guests. We hope that this grows into a trademark event for our chapter that the faculty and administration of RPI look forward to attending.

In Hoc,
Jameson Price
Scholarship Chairman



Phliip Maas '13 talks with Professor
Bill Puka, *Psychology and Philosophy*



Chaz Goodwine '12 talks with
Matthew Hunt, Greek Dean, RPI

Community Outreach



James Schneider '12 smiles as he rakes

October was a great month for our chapter, as we were given many opportunities to give back to the community. In addition to our annual Haunted House and Derby Days our brothers also participated in RPI's RSA Trick-or-Treating and Family Fall Fest events. Brothers Ray Kowalski '14, Jabari White '14, and I took children and parents of the Troy and RPI community on a tour of the five freshman dorms on campus. The residents of each hall decorated the hallways and had fun games for the children to play in the lounge of each building. The event was a lot of fun for both the children and the brothers that participated. During RPI's annual Parents Weekend Sigma Chi also participated in the Family Fall Fest. Brothers Chaz Goodwine '12, Brendan McLaughlin '14, and Christopher Heinbokel '14 engaged parents, answering questions about Greek life and encouraging them to play our two hole miniature golf course built during recruitment. We are proud to say that Sigma Chi

was one of only two Greek organization represented at the event, a testament to our dedication to RPI and the community. Lastly, Sigma Chi held its annual Leaf Rake at the beginning of November.

Brothers raked the leaves of our neighbors on Pinewoods Ave. and members of the community have expressed their gratitude. Through our contributions and commitment to RPI and Troy, the Delta Psi Chapter has exemplified itself as not only one of the strongest Greek houses, but also one of the most prominent leadership organizations at RPI.

In Hoc,

Vincent Kocher

Public Relations Chairman



Brothers hard at work raking leaves for the community



Greek ChowderFest

Check out this picture of Brother Paul Cosgrave, President, RPI Alumni Association, awarding Sigma Chi *first place* for their entry in the annual Greek Chowder-Fest. Brother Aaron Squier '13, Steward and first place chowder chef, poses with Ken Sobel '12, Consul, at this RPI Homecoming tradition.

Fall Alumni Weekend

October 21st and 22nd was the most recent Alumni Weekend at the Delta Psi Chapter House. This fall was a large anniversary for the classes of '61, '66, and '71. There was collaboration between the alumni and undergraduates to create events that worked with RPI's Homecoming weekend. What resulted was a magnificent success that brought many to the Chapter House to relive happy memories.

On Friday, there was a small gathering of alumni that came back to 58 Pinewoods Ave. to catch up on old times. On Saturday, the house was filled to the brim with Sigs. Everyone slowly arrived as our cocktail hour began and by the time dinner was ready to start, it was difficult to move anywhere on the first floor of the main house. The dinner was prepared by Chris Brunette, our chef, for just over one-hundred diners, and everyone raved about the quality of the food. The evening formally ended by introducing our most recent pledge class of twenty-two. Everyone joined in singing the Sweet-heart Song to all the ladies of Sigma Chi in attendance and the alumni treated the undergrads to some old favorite songs, such as The Souse Family and Twas a Cold Winter's Evening.

Many have called this the best gathering of alumni recently, save the chapter's 60th anniversary. Yet we plan for each Alumni Weekend to outdo the last. So keep an eye out in your inbox for news of the Delta Psi Chapter's next alumni weekend in the Spring 2012. We look forward to seeing you!

In Hoc,
Raymond Kowalski
Tribune & Alumni Chairman



Eric Kluz '66, Ed Kellogg '60, and Paul Cosgrave '72



Bill Pomeroy '66 and George Reynolds '66



Actives, alumni, and wives seated for dinner

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Delta Psi Chapter, Alumni and Sigma Chi Events

Jan 18-19: Alumni Telethon

Jan 27-Feb 10: Spring Recruitment

Feb 1: Alumni Entrepreneurship Panel

During this RPI event, a panel of Sigma Chi alumni will discuss their entrepreneurial experiences with the Rensselaer community

Feb 22: Pinewoods Dinner

April 13-15: Alumni Weekend



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