



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Summer 2013

HELP US CELEBRATE HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION OF \$2.8 MILLION POMEROY CHAPTER HOUSE

We are anticipating Homecoming 2013 and, more SIGNificantly, the dedication of the Pomeroy Chapter House. Ceremonies will take place on Saturday, October 5, at 58 Pinewoods Avenue. The construction of the Pomeroy Chapter House is nearing completion, and it is going to be a great fraternity house for our Delta Psi brothers. They have spent the last year living in apartments and dormitories provided by RPI, which enabled them to live near each other. The renovated Pomeroy Chapter House will enable 50 undergraduates to live in either one- or two-man rooms. The driveway has been moved to the west side of the house, and the whole structure has to be seen to be believed.

Alumni undergraduate work sessions begin on August 16, and if you can make it to Troy we'd appreciate your help. Truck delivery of furniture takes place on Thursday, August 15. The next few days will be spent putting the furniture together in the individual rooms. Saturday, August 17, will again be the highlight of work sessions as we have our massive alumni undergraduate ritualistic house meeting this year with 60 undergraduate brothers and, most likely, 40 alumni. Yes, Delta Psi is back!

Registration for Homecoming/Dedication Weekend will soon be available on the RPI website, www.alumni.rpi.edu/reunion. We will send you additional information on registration and the weekend by mail and e-mail as well.

The weekend will kick off Friday, October 4, for the early golf arrivals to hit Frear Park for a round of golf at 11 a.m. Weather has not been too welcoming for this event in the past, but you never know. No reservations are needed.

You should also make sure that you pick up your registration packet at the Heffner Alumni House, 1301 Peoples Avenue, on Friday. You can also pick up your packet on Saturday morning prior to 9:30 a.m. After that, your packets will be brought to Delta Psi.

Friday night will be a welcoming alumni celebration at the Pomeroy Chapter House with drinks. Parking will be restricted to street parking for undergraduates and alumni not in possession of handicap plates/stickers. We will try to keep parking behind 58 Pinewoods for those who require handicap parking. Friday night will also feature an Oedipus and the Mothers rehearsal as they prepare for the main event, the Band Party, on the following night. There will be no food served on Friday night so make plans accordingly. The reception will run from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Although we are having official tours on Saturday of the Pomeroy Chapter House, we will encourage the undergraduates to be available for tours Friday afternoon and evening, too.

On Saturday, October 5, the public dedication of the Pomeroy Chapter House and Pomeroy Anvil will commence at 10:30 a.m. It will run one hour and the mayor of Troy will be a featured speaker. Lunch will be served in the tent adjacent to the Pomeroy House from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tours of the Pomeroy House will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the undergraduates will conduct seminars on recruitment, pledging, and fraternity life. At 3:30 p.m., the Sigma Chi ritualistic dedication service of the Pomeroy Chapter House will begin. RPI President Jackson will be the featured speaker. At 5:30 p.m., the refreshment hour will begin in the Pomeroy Chapter House in the Rusty Potts library. Dinner will commence at 6:30 p.m. in the tent with the Band Party following at 9 p.m.

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the building of the Pomeroy Chapter House. We sincerely hope that you put this Homecoming/Dedication date on your calendars and make the trip to Troy to celebrate with your brothers this outstanding culmination of our three-year effort. You'll be glad you did. Hope to see you there.

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Brothers take a break during Work Party 2007.

Work Party 2013 – Just Around the Corner!

Mark Your Calendars for August 16-18

The eighth annual Delta Psi Work Party will be held August 16-18. Once again, alumni brothers will converge in Troy for a weekend of work, fun, and camaraderie as we help the active brothers prepare the chapter house for the upcoming school year. This year, however, will be like none other! In previous years, we all have worked like dogs to repair and prepare the house for the upcoming school year. This year will be different. We will still work like dogs, but our focus will be on settling in to the soon-to-be-completed, new Pomeroy Chapter House at 58 Pinewoods Avenue.

We won't be rebuilding porches, stairs, and room racks; or repairing floors, ceilings and walls; or refinishing the bar top in the (now gone) party room for the umpteenth time; or doing major plumbing and electrical projects; or constructing a study room, patching, and painting things.

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MAJOR RENOVATIONS ALMOST COMPLETE



Construction work has gone well and has remained on schedule for the new Pomeroy Chapter House. The construction is nearly finished, and we are in the final stage. With the undergraduates arriving in just a couple of weeks, only the finishing touches remain. Curtains, blinds, and shades need to be installed; some old furniture and a whole lot of new furniture needs to be moved back in; the kitchen and baths need to be set up for move-in; and a whole lot of composites to be hung in the half mile of new hallways! (Well, it seems like a half mile!)

We also have some landscaping to complete during the pre-semester work party this year. The lawn was planted in early summer, but foundation plantings and other things to dress up the yard are awaiting the return of the undergraduates for completion.

With an August move-in, I'm sure the actives will appreciate some of the new amenities such as the nine separate AC zones, the new bathrooms with circulating instant hot water, the new furniture and TV and sound system, the new kitchen appliances and utensils, and the super local network with 11 miles of internet cable (yes, really, 11 miles.)



Renovating a house that is 110 years old is bound to uncover some surprises, such as a lot more asbestos abatement than we expected, numerous structural issues, plus plumbing and electrical issues. Between those surprises and a few upgrades that we decided we should make, we are running within the contingency we established, so we are still in solid financial shape.

In all, we are happy to report that we will have completed the construction project on schedule, within our budget, and with more functionality and amenities than we had hoped for. I think you all will be excited and pleased with the result of all of your contributions and efforts to make this a reality. Now I want to go back to school!

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Work Party 2013 – Just Around the Corner!

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We will be doing post-construction landscaping, assembling furniture, hanging composites, preparing the kitchen, and general cleaning and prep for the upcoming year. Perhaps some work in the garage too – it's a tradition!

There will be golf on Friday and the alumni/undergraduate dinner that evening, followed by a house corporation meeting. There will be work on Saturday and the ritual chapter meeting that evening, and more work on Sunday, as needed. Best of all, there will be a ton of catching up, storytelling, reminiscing, connecting, and brotherhood growth throughout the entire event. You don't want to miss it! The intergenerational bonds that have formed through these work parties have amazed and delighted everyone. Active brothers have come to know many of the "old guys" (you know who you are) and vice versa.

After a year away from home, in which the active brothers did an outstanding job of staying connected to one another and maintaining the momentum with a great recruitment, it will be nice for us to be back at 58 Pinewoods at last!

If you are planning to attend, please e-mail me at tkouletsis@comcast.net so we may plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

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PINEWOODS EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOCUSES ATTENTION ON CONTINUED MISSION

With construction of the Bill Pomeroy Chapter House to be completed this month, property ownership transferred from the house corporation to the foundation earlier this year and the dedication ceremony was set for October 5. The Pinewoods Educational Foundation (PEF) is now setting its attention on the other educational goals within its mission. These goals emphasize scholarship and learning.

PEF Rewards Individuals for Outstanding Scholarship

On the scholarship front, the PEF awards two types of scholarships each year. The first, named for its founding contributor, Arch Love, recognizes one or more undergraduates each year based on an application contest that is held in the middle of each school year. The scholarship will offset a portion of the recipient's spring tuition. The number of recipients and the amount of the awards varies each year based on the quality of the applications and the amount of funding available each year based on income received from an endowment that Arch created and set up through the Sigma Chi Foundation. This year we awarded two scholarships to **Jay Cady '14** and **Nick Fortune '14**.

Jay is starting his senior year and has served Delta Psi as Pro Consul and as Derby Day chairman, as well as having attended the Sigma Chi Horizons training program. He is working on a dual degree in both electrical engineering and computer/systems engineering. Nick just completed his senior year and is studying in a five-year combined BS/MS program in applied mathematics. He served Delta Psi as Magister and is currently serving as the student chairman for the fall reunion event. Both have a G.P.A. above the all-men's average and have contributed to the outstanding performance of helping raise Delta Psi's overall G.P.A. to 3.22, the fifth highest among all fraternities on campus.

The second scholarship award is given to the outstanding pledge member each year. This award was funded by the house corporation in the past, but is now supported by the foundation. This year's recipient is **Louis Zanette '16**. His registration and travel have been funded to attend the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in the "Emerging Leaders" program. While the scholarships are currently provided with modest gifts, it is the foundation's goal in the future to increase the amount of the awards.

Educational Programming a Priority

The second goal of the foundation is to improve overall learning opportunities in line with RPI's CLASS (Clustered Learning, Advocacy, and Support for Students) initiative. This is a program encouraging learning in the residential facility that has become a critical factor in RPI's plan for more well-rounded education over the next 11 years leading up to 2024, the Institutes' 200th year. As the first fraternity house to be built with CLASS in mind, the foundation is committed to running and funding educational programs at the house open to both members of the fraternity and other interested parties. Programs will focus on educating students on diverse career opportunities (consulting, legal, entrepreneur), and educating the actives on basic facets of managing a fraternity (house management, steward, risk management, financial). Based on alumni participation (financial and time commitments) a specific schedule of events is being planned for the school year and will be released prior to the reunion.

If anyone wishes to contribute to these goals, please let me know.

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Actives Anticipate Fall Semester

The typical summer break seems to zip right on by but this summer seems to have dragged on. Everyone here in Troy has just been too excited for this summer to end so we can move into the renovated Pomeroy Chapter House. We all try to find whatever excuse we have to get a chance to stop by 58 Pinewoods just to get another look. The whole chapter is gearing up for this coming year. Just like the renovated chapter house, all of our plans for next year are bigger and better than ever before.

During the first weekend of August, Pro Consul **Ben Richardson '15**, Quaester **Mike Greenberg '15**, Magister **Vincent Kocher '14**, Risk Manager **Chris Heinbokel '14**, Recruitment Chairman **Jabari White '14**, Public Relations Chairman **Louis Zanette '15**, and I (as Consul) attended the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at Purdue University. With the help of a series of seminars, we are finalizing our mission statement and goals for the next year. Plans are being set for our events for the coming semesters including the Halloween Haunted House and a James Bond-themed Derby Days. We have also planned a handful of seminars to teach us about things such as recruitment techniques, fire safety, and strategic planning.

We are fostering our leadership skills within the fraternity but also throughout student government. **Gary Krivo '14** is a member of the Student Senate, **Mack Ott '14** is a member of the 2014 Class Council, **Brandon Win '15** has been reelected as 2015 class president, and **Charles Carletta '14** was elected as the grand marshal. These brothers, plus brothers serving on the executive board of the IFC, have been demonstrating commitment our chapter has to the RPI community.

Congratulations to our graduates who all received their bachelor's degrees this spring: **David Dausman '13**, **Alexander Devik '13**, **Dennis Dominguez '13**, **Chaz Goodwine '13**, **Nicholas Hyman '13**, **Timothy Loh '13**, **Philip Maas '13**, **Joseph Pumper '13**, and **Michael Villeneuve '13**. David Dausman has also received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Congratulations to all brothers for our scholastic achievement. This past semester the chapter had its highest average G.P.A. Sigma Chi had an average G.P.A. of 3.22, fifth highest of the 29 fraternities on campus. This is well above the all-Greek, all-men, and even all-campus G.P.A. A lot of credit goes to Scholarship Chairmen **John Spangenberg '15** and **Cameron Molloy '15** for their hard work.

With another successful academic year under our belt, we are all excited to be moving into the new house at Work Party. We all hope that you can join us for the Work Party August 16-17 or the dedication ceremonies in October.

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SAVE THE DATE

Notice of House Corporation Annual Meeting

Friday, August 16, at 8 p.m.

58 Pinewoods Avenue in Troy

For those unable to attend, proxies may be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/kqa215s>. Proxies may be returned via e-mail to Secretary **John Murray '07** at johnmurray@gmail.com or via postal mail to Phi Epsilon Phi Corporation, P.O. Box 494, Attn: 2013 PROXY, Averill Park, NY 12018.

*Your vote is important and counts
toward meeting a quorum!*

POMEROY CHAPTER HOUSE WIRED FOR SPEED

Hidden inside the renovated Pomeroy Chapter House at 58 Pinewoods will be an enterprise-grade, computer data network more advanced than the networks found in on-campus dorms. The new network was built with donations from Significant Sig **Bill Pomeroy '65** with design expertise and equipment donated by Cisco Systems employee **Eric Pulvino '09**. The new network will support at least two gigabit Ethernet connections to each room and multiple internet connections coming into the house for additional bandwidth.

During the renovation, all previous cabling was removed and a new design was installed unlike any other fraternity or dorm on campus. Multiple cable backbones traverse the floors of the house for maximum redundancy and bandwidth. Brother-to-brother data transfers will be faster than ever with Cat-6 gigabit cabling utilized throughout the house. Wireless connectivity will also receive a tremendous upgrade with the inclusion of multiple commercial wireless access points. The new Wi-Fi network will support wireless-N using both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands. Going a step above most Wi-Fi deployments, the use of 5 GHz bands is not a common choice. Leveraging the 5 GHz frequency spectrum will absorb additional load off of the more commonly used 2.4 GHz spectrum (which will provide better performance for users of 2.4 GHz) and offer faster connection speeds for those requiring 5 GHz.

Long-term plans for the network are still in exploratory stages and may include linking the Sigma Chi chapter together with other east Troy fraternities out Pawling Avenue to the RPI backbone for increased access to Internet bandwidth and campus resources.



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Monthly Donations Make Big Impact on PEF

The article on the new chapter house network was provided by **Eric "Vino" Pulvino '10**. Vino serves as an outstanding example of what our alumni, no matter what age, can do to remain an important part of our fraternity and help those who come after them. Not only has Vino volunteered his time, expertise, and resources to address technical projects in the Pinewoods Avenue facilities, but he has also made a financial commitment to our foundation in a way that will have minimal impact on his financial situation, while providing PEF with the resources it needs to carry out its programs.

In March of his senior year, Vino made a simple pledge: he would donate \$50 per month (roughly equivalent to one dinner and two drinks) for five years once he started employment. When he landed his first position

in October 2010, Vino followed through on his commitment and initiated an automatic monthly payment to PEF. It continues to this day. Not only will his donations go toward our facilities, but they can be used for funding academic and leadership training efforts as well. In a similar manner, almost all our undergraduate Sigma Chi members are making pledges to help PEF financially upon their graduation and employment.

If you have not made a pledge or a one-time donation but would like to do so, please contact PEF President **Paul Cosgrave '72** at cosgravep@aol.com. If you have made a pledge, why not consider using an automatic monthly payment plan to address your donations? It saves time and expense for both sides.

Congratulations, 2013 Graduates



Back row, from left: Chris Roche '13, Nick Hyman '13, Alex Devik '13, Aaron Squier '13, Joe Pumper '13, and Phil Maas '13. Middle: Mike Villeneuve '13, Tim Loh '13, and Alex Cai '13. Front: Chapter Advisor Bob "Justa" Eckart '73, Dave Dausman '13, and Nick Fortune '13.