



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Spring 2013



Winter Weather Doesn't Delay Construction of Pomeroy Chapter House

Work on the Pomeroy Chapter House is progressing well and is on schedule in spite of some winter storms. By March, the new structure should be fully framed and closed in with temporary heat so that work can continue without significant weather impacts. Meanwhile, work has begun on the installation of the critical systems: HVAC, fire protection, electrical, and plumbing. The steel stairs in the two new stair towers were installed during the week of January 14. With special help (including the provision of cable and networking equipment) from **Bill Pomeroy '66** and his company, CXtec, we are installing a state-of-the-art, high-speed and high-capacity wired/wireless network, matching or surpassing anything currently available to other fraternities.

You may notice a few other important features of the renovation. The first is the relocation of the driveway to the north side (toward campus, and on the right as you are looking at the house from the street). This will move noise away from the Bell's property (on the south side where the Lewises used to live), and provide better truck access for delivery and dumpster pick-up. It is also a part of the significant expansion of the parking area to accommodate over 40 cars.

The second thing you may have noticed from the pictures is the masonry stair towers at the rear corners of the house, with the steel stairs being installed. This will provide a fire-resistant escape route from all four

levels of the structure. Once construction is finished, the exterior will look like the rest of the original house. It will then be sheathed in shingles and clapboard to be consistent with the classic Victorian architecture of the main house.



Stair towers at the rear corners of the house were installed, complete with steel stairs. This will be a fire-resistant escape route for all four levels of the facility.



In March, we'll see the completion of the major systems, siding, and porches. In April, wall and ceiling insulation will be completed and interior wallboard installed, with finish work in earnest during May.

Special thanks go to **John Pfaff '71** for heading the team to select the new kitchen appliances, **Eric Pulvino '09** for designing the house communications network, and to **Larry Frey '71** for his efforts in leveraging his business connections to achieve thousands in cost savings for the procurement of electrical and plumbing equipment.

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Photos above: Renovations on the Pomeroy Chapter House are still underway. Once construction is finished, the exterior will be consistent with the classic Victorian architecture of the main house.

POMEROY CHAPTER HOUSE DEDICATION OCTOBER 5



PINEWOODS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

ALUMNI FOCUS ON PROGRAMMING FOR 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEYOND

With *The Campaign for ΣXcellence* exceeding its stretch goal, raising over \$1.5 million, and the Pomeroy Chapter House renovation well on its way, the Pinewoods Educational Foundation (PEF) is now focusing on its educational mission. As an IRS 501(c)(3) designated entity, and with the tax advantaged status, there comes an educational responsibility. As stated in the Charter of the Foundation, "The Pinewoods Educational Foundation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code." This provision was required in our application to the IRS in order to ensure that we are engaged in more than simply trying to get around IRS regulations that normally do not allow fraternal house corporations to be tax exempt.

We began last year to meet these responsibilities

by providing scholarships and grants both to deserving active brothers and to the fraternal organization on campus with the highest overall G.P.A. ranking. In addition, we held our first on-campus educational session with Brothers **Bill Pomeroy '66**, **Robert Bedard '75**, and me leading a seminar on entrepreneurial career paths.

Next year we intend to significantly expand the scope of such education-related offerings, and we are forming a program planning committee that is being charged to develop a detailed calendar of activities for the 2013-14 school year similar to the seminar we led last year. In addition to programs focused on entrepreneurial development, we intend to have programs focus on topics such as the legal profession (**Larry Mentz '68** and **Foss Hooper '66** are taking the lead), sustainability, and other areas of interest. Our goal is to publish our calendar and have it

available in a marketing-oriented format for recruitment activities at the start of the 2013-14 school year.

This is a call to anyone who is interested in getting involved and helping develop the Foundation's educational programs. Whether you are interested in helping out and developing one of the above mentioned topics, or you have a totally new idea, let us know of your interest. All we are asking today is for your time. Your payback will be significant as you will get to work with and meet today's highly motivated students. Contact me at cosgravep@aol.com and let me know of your interest.

Respectfully submitted,
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Renovations Continue as House Corporation Welcomes New Officers

Greetings, brothers. I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying 2013. The House Corporation has been quite busy since construction began in September. With no one living in the chapter house, I bet you thought we wouldn't have much to do, but it's quite the opposite. Brother **Jim Manocchi '75** is doing a superb job of overseeing the renovation project. We are trying to determine what a fair and reasonable rent should be for the newly renovated building, while at the same time making sure that we remain competitive with the market. Equipment for the new kitchen and furniture for the new bed/study rooms are just a couple of additional items which have occupied the time of your board.

The apartments we rented for the undergraduates on 10th Street also required some attention last fall. All of these issues were resolved without the board's direct involvement due to the able leadership of house manager **Chris Heinbokel '14**.

Join Sigma Chi for the August Work Party

With a brand new chapter house, you might think there isn't a need for the August Work Party, but you would be mistaken. As with any new house, there are a host of little items that will need attention to making the house a home. A big item this year will be landscaping, and we can expect a large crew will be assigned that detail. Then, of course, we will move all of the furniture and equipment out of storage—much of it in the garage—back into the house. So if you can't wait until the dedication on October 5 to see Delta Psi Chapter's new home, come also to the August Work Party, join in the camaraderie, and lend a hand. You'll be glad you did.

HCB Welcomes New Members

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the membership-approved bylaw changes in June required changes in the makeup of the board. With chapter advisor and Phi Epsilon Phi Treasurer **Bob Eckart '73** and the undergraduate representative no longer able to serve, two new alumni came onto the board. Please join me in welcoming **Ken Sobel '12** as our new treasurer and **John "Leroy" Pfaff III '71** as our director. For those of you who don't know John, he goes by Leroy, but John will get his attention also. Both have already contributed in many ways, and we look forward to working with them in the months ahead.

Should you be passing through Troy and wish to inspect the progress on the new chapter house, please contact Brother Manocchi at jmanocchi@deloitte.com ahead of time and he will try to make arrangements with the general contractor. The building is officially listed as vacant with the City of Troy (we had to do this to discontinue our fire alarm service), and we wouldn't want you to get in trouble by entering the property after normal working hours.

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UNDERGRADUATES HAVE OUTSTANDING SEMESTER OFF CAMPUS

Actives Display Strong Bonds, Grades, and Recruitment during Pomeroy House Renovations

Greetings from beautiful Troy! As I write this message in late January, temperatures have risen to a toasty 5° F, and the pipes in our 10th Street apartments are just beginning to thaw. With the new chapter house nearly framed, it's no wonder the active chapter is itching to move back to 58 Pinewoods next year. In our year away from home, the chapter has yet again exceeded expectations. Our brothers are as active on campus as ever, holding leadership offices in various clubs, student government, and residence life.

Active Chapter Boosts Leadership on Campus

Delta Psi took this year as an opportunity to promote relationships with other Greek organizations. In October, we kept our haunted house tradition alive, cooperating with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter to raise money for Children's Miracle Network. Additionally, we congratulate brothers **Oskari Rautiainen '14**, **Joseph Karpie '14**, **Mackenzie Ott '14**, and **Christopher Heinbokel '14** for their successful election to IFC officer positions—another indication that Delta Psi is emerging as a leader in the RPI Greek community.

Recruitment Surges Despite Out-of-House Status

Our recruitment program proved to be extremely effective, despite not operating in the chapter house. Following a remarkable pledge education program led by Magister **Nicholas Fortune '13**, December was highlighted by the initiation of 22 young men into our order. These students are already campus leaders and well respected by their peers and are excited to bring honor and distinction to our fraternity.

Sigma Chi Raises the Academic Bar

Academics are again headed in the right direction. This fall, we posted a 3.05 G.P.A., placing us above the all-Greek average. Recognition should be given to Scholarship Chairman **John Spangenberg '15** for implementing a number of programs to help achieve this goal.

While we do not have any formal alumni events this spring, plans are already underway for October's Homecoming dedication celebration. We look forward to seeing you then!

Fraternally,
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December 2012 Initiates

WELCOME, NEW INITIATES

Leo Antelyes
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Evan Kaiser
Auburn, Calif.

Christian Avarella
Fredon, N.J.

Ian Lahiri
Chesterfield, Mo.

David Cecchini
Hauapauge, N.Y.

Nikolay Liharski
Billerica, Mass.

James Crist
Corinth, N.Y.

Frank LoPinto
Mount Laurel, N.J.

Kyle Dinsmore
Los Angeles, Calif.

Kevin Marvin
Tully, N.Y.

Andrew Ehlers
Monroe, N.Y.

Marshall Shortledge
Silver Spring, Md.

Terence Farrell
Hingham, Mass.

Lucas Silva
Framingham, Mass.

Daniel Hernandez-Martinez
Hanover, N.H.

Don Stimpson
Fairfield, Conn.

Christopher Higley
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Erik Vink-Lainas
Wynantskill, N.Y.

Robert Jacoby
Smithtown, N.Y.

James Weislogel
Evanston, Ill.

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Join Sigma Chi for the Bill Pomeroy Chapter House Dedication

With the \$2.75 million renovation project at 58 Pinewoods on schedule for completion this summer, we're looking ahead to the formal dedication of the Bill Pomeroy Chapter House. The dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013, during the RPI Homecoming weekend. Event Chairman **Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71** and Undergraduate Coordinator **Nick Fortune '13** promise a great weekend of festivities and are asking for committee volunteers. An RPI football game is also scheduled for that afternoon. Look for more information in future e-mails, Facebook, Twitter, and website updates.

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Keep up with Delta Psi online through our website www.sigmachi-rpi.org. If you have any questions about this publication or would like to submit news, please e-mail 58pinewoods@gmail.com.

Save the Date for 2013 Events

April/May 2013

Alumni Great Southern or Western Trip (TBD)
Contact Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71 at bobhutnick@gmail.com

June 8, 2013

41st Annual Sigma Chi Belmont Stakes, Elmont, N.Y.,
with golf on Friday

June 28-30, 2013

Grand Chapter in Washington, D.C.

August 16-18, 2013

8th Annual Alumni/Undergraduate Work Party,
with golf on Friday

September 14, 2013 (tentative)
Alumni Recruitment Banquet

October 4-6, 2013

Pomeroy Chapter House Dedication &
RPI Alumni Homecoming

December 7, 2013 (tentative)
Fall Initiation