



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Summer 2010



Sigs reunite for the wedding of Paul Cosgrave '72; see page 5 for more updates about your fellow alumni.

House Corporation Plans Future of Delta Psi

Today's Students Have High Expectations for Housing Facilities

The brotherhood is flourishing at Delta Psi, as evidenced by the great alumni turnout and warm reception by the undergraduates at the Alumni Clam Bake in April. No matter our background, age, or career, it is clear our common bond and principles transcend time and geographic location to create a truly remarkable Sigma Chi brotherhood.

Our undergraduates are thriving on the RPI campus and exemplify our Fraternity's values. Since 2006, the Sigs have attended not

one but two Mission 365 events hosted by our International Fraternity. Mission 365 is a retreat that leads undergraduates through reflective and interactive exercises that teach a values-based, year-round recruitment method. The successful recruitment the last few years can, no doubt, be traced to Mission 365.

In parallel, the Sigma Chi House Corporation has hosted an annual alumni-active August work party since 2006. The work parties are beneficial to alumni who have reconnected with brothers from their era and established a new connection with the undergraduates. If you haven't experienced one yet, consider returning August 20-22. Better yet, convince some of the brothers from your year to come with you and make it a mini-reunion.

While these work parties are extremely helpful in preparing the chapter house for the upcoming academic year, we have recognized that our facility does not meet safety standards or our members' needs. The addition, built almost 40 years ago, has structural deficiencies that cannot be easily remedied. Both buildings, built in an age when energy was cheap, are cold and drafty in the winter and exceedingly hot in the warmer months, the latter especially aggravated by today's technologies, as multiple computers and other electronics exist in each study room. Also, although we have a complete fire and

smoke detection alarm system, the lack of sprinklers raises life-safety concerns and contributes to higher insurance premiums.

These challenges make it difficult for our facility to compete with the other housing options available to RPI students. Off-campus apartment complexes are growing in number and offer many of the amenities students look for in housing, including conference rooms, pools, exercise facilities, and clubhouses. We realize that today's students and their parents demand a lot for their housing dollars. They require privacy and updated amenities, including state-of-the-art technology and comfortable, spacious living spaces.

To address these challenges the Sigma Chi House Corporation is planning for the future and is dedicated to providing a safe, modern housing facility that will serve our members well for years to come. We are fortunate to have many alumni to lean on for advice and expertise in maintaining and improving the chapter house. I look forward to updating you as our plans progress.

In Hoc,

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Since our first alumni-active work party in 2006, Delta Psi's chapter house has received several improvements, including a ceramic tile floor in the kitchen, new wainscoting and vinyl tile in the dining room, exterior house painting, and a ceramic tile floor in the second floor bathroom.

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Undergraduates Set Academic and Recruitment Goals for Upcoming Year

Alumni Invited to Delta Psi for Our 60th Anniversary

I would like to thank our alumni for your tremendous dedication to our chapter. It is because of strong alumni support that we are able to expand our brotherhood. Every duty you have performed does not go unappreciated.

I would like to share the goals we have set for our chapter in the upcoming academic year. First, we need to enhance the scholastic atmosphere in the chapter. It is my aim to improve our GPA to 3.0 by next spring. Every one of us leads a busy life, but we realize our primary focus should be academics. Our brotherhood must do what we can to help each other succeed in the classroom.

I also want to follow up our successful recruitment year with a pledge class of 20. This year we are losing many valuable seniors, so it's imperative that we fill our chapter with solid candidates who exemplify the Jordan Standard. This spring we had the opportunity to attend Mission 365, which was a great success. If you would like to recommend someone for membership, please contact us.

Desiring to celebrate the history of our chapter, we will host a 60th anniversary on October 15-17 to honor the tradition we have here at Delta Psi. Please join us to reunite with brothers from all generations and relive the days when



This spring's Derby Days philanthropy raised more than \$750.

you were an active member. Together, we will celebrate our brotherhood during what is sure to be a memorable weekend!

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Brian Wallace Allen
Worcester, Mass.

Philip James Maas
Allentown, Pa.

Joseph Salomone
Wilbraham, Mass.

Alexander Jon Klafehn
Hilton, N.Y.

Jameson MacLean Price
Springfield, Mo.

Aaron Henry Squier
Santa Monica, Calif.



Top-bottom, left-right: Nate Pelletier (not initiated), Justin Luzina (not initiated), Phil Maas, Evan Dudla (not initiated), Jameson Price, Aaron Squier, Brian Allen, and Alex Klafehn were recruited to join Delta Psi this spring. The chapter is focusing on year-round recruitment, as outlined in the International Fraternity's Mission 365 program, and is searching for new members who exemplify the Jordan Standard. Alumni, if you would like to recommend someone for membership, please contact Isaac Nault '12 at isaac.nault@gmail.com.

Facility Operations Improve with Undergraduate Input

I am pleased to report that we have concluded another successful year at Delta Psi. The highlights that we are very proud of include:

- ✦ A successful yearlong recruitment program, which resulted in two initiation ceremonies and a total of 18 new brothers—a net increase (after the seniors depart) of six men for Fall 2010.
- ✦ Use of last year's \$5,000 Risk Management Foundation Award to install additional alarm components, emergency lights, state-of-the-art, battery-operated exit signs for the entire chapter house, and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ✦ The decision to hire a house cook in the fall to prepare all weekday dinners (these tasks are currently performed by brothers in the chapter) and assist the steward in menu planning with good nutrition as a major component. In addition, we developed a job description for the cook and researched and established an acceptable pay scale, which fits within the chapter budget.
- ✦ Our successful continuation of the Bursar Billing Program with RPI. Under this program the chapter's budget and

facility maintenance plans are reviewed by RPI to ensure their viability and, upon acceptance into the program, RPI agrees to issue house bills on behalf of the chapter, accept and process payments by the brothers, and pursue delinquent accounts by denying registration or graduation to delinquent members.

- ✦ The closing of the chapter house for the summer, allowing us to maintain the house in tip-top shape.

Thanks to our work parties, the Delta Psi Chapter house is one of the best maintained Greek housing facilities from the viewpoint of the exterior of the structure and the condition of the yard. We are certainly doing our part to remain good neighbors on Pinewoods Avenue. We welcome all alumni to visit 58 Pinewoods for the August work party and the 60th reunion in October!

In Hoc,
Bob Eckart '73
Chapter Advisor

DELTA PSI HONORED WITH NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE

HOUSE CORPORATION EXCELLENCE

At the 2009 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in Durham, North Carolina, Delta Psi was recognized as one of 17 outstanding Sigma Chi house corporations. This marks the second consecutive year that the Sigma Chi House Corporation was honored. The award recognizes overall excellence in house corporation operations. The feature of Delta Psi's award-winning application was the ongoing August work parties, a cooperation between the Sigma Chi House Corporation and the active members that began in 2006 and has continued into 2010. Mark your calendars for the weekend of August 20-22, 2010, and join in the hard work and great fun!

RISK MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION AWARD

Also at last year's Balfour workshop, Delta Psi was one of eight chapters to win the annual Robert E. Joseph Risk Management Foundation Award. The award was created in 1988 to recognize chapters with outstanding risk management programs. Recipients are granted money for the purpose of performing life safety upgrades to their physical plant and providing risk management education to members. Delta Psi was one of three chapters to win \$5,000—the top prize.

Since winning the award, the chapter has used the grant in its entirety. A large portion was spent on self-luminescent exit signs, a needed improvement for the chapter to comply with New York State Fire Code. Other upgrades include the addition of three emergency lights,

two fire horns, and three carbon monoxide detectors. The installation marked full compliance with state fire code.

FIVE-STAR STATUS AT RENSSELAER

For the first time in several years, Delta Psi achieved five-star status in the school's Greek community. Fraternities and sororities are evaluated each year by the dean of students office and ranked on a scale of one to five stars. Of the 30 fraternities on campus, only six received five-stars: Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Delta Phi, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Theta, and Theta Xi. Sigma Chi also won a special award for excellence in Chapter standards and membership accountability. The chapter's performance in Greek relations warranted honorable mention.

The expansion of the chapter's campus involvement was essential to winning five-star recognition. Three brothers were inducted into the Order of Omega honor society, and **Isaac Nault '12** was recently elected vice president of the Order, demonstrating Sigma Chi leadership within the chapter and in the Greek community. In addition, **Arunesh Ghosh '12** worked as a student orientation advisor last summer and served as co-president of the Indian Dance Team, and **Seth Wagner '12** served as vice president of the Paintball Team. These brothers, in addition to others, serve as role models in the RPI community. They help cast Sigma Chi in a more positive light each day. Winning the award was a team effort. Now we must begin work on winning it again.

ALUMNUS STRIVES TO FULFILL LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO SIGMA CHI

Spotlight on Robert H.W. Jones III '73



"The experiences and lifelong friendships I gained guided me through some harsh realities and taught me to confront challenges with diplomacy and tact rather than a frontal assault."

In 1969 **Robert Jones '73** began what has become a lifelong Sigma Chi journey at Delta Psi. "I came through the doors at 58 Pinewoods Avenue a boy, with all the insecurities and fallibilities of youth. The experiences and lifelong friendships I gained guided me through some harsh realities and taught me to confront challenges with diplomacy and tact rather than a frontal assault. I walked out the same door a man."

Bob has many lasting memories from his four years in Troy, and some of his favorites include co-chairing (with **Paul Malmrose '72**) the committee that succeeded in getting the Love addition built; learning, sometimes grudgingly, from **Arch Love '42** how to give back to Sigma Chi; and the passion for winning for Sigma Chi, not for himself.

The legacy of Sigma Chi and the Delta Psi brothers had a lasting effect on Bob during a formative time in his life, and he believes it is important that today's undergraduates have the same opportunities for growth and learning. He advises the active members "to not sacrifice your undergraduate experience with total immersion in hard work. Learn to balance work and play, and even turn work into play where you can. Work as hard on relationships as you do on calculus—both will pay you great dividends."

Because he gained so much from Delta Psi, Bob has dedicated much of his life to serving Sigma Chi. "My Delta Psi experiences set me on a path of service to the Fraternity. I learned early on the relationship of chapter to the General Fraternity."


Following graduation in 1973, Bob spent four years working for Grand Praetor **Barr Morris** in Lake George before returning to his home state of North Carolina. He became the house corporation president for the Alpha Tau Chapter (UNC Chapel Hill), where he served for 12 years. In 1989 he was appointed Grand Praetor for the Carolina Province and was responsible for eight active chapters and four alumni chapters. In 1993, Bob was honored for his years of service with induction into the Order of Constantine. He was re-elected Grand Praetor four times before being elected as Grand Trustee in 1997.

More recently Bob was elected to serve on the fraternity's executive committee from 2001 to 2005 and Grand Pro Consul from 2005 to 2007. He was honored to serve as Grand Consul, the Fraternity's international president, from 2007 to 2009 and during his tenure installed 13 new Sigma Chi chapters, the largest number ever chartered in a single term. Undergraduate membership grew from 10,000 to 13,000. "It has been the honor of my life to serve as your Grand Consul."

His duties as Grand Consul required Bob to spend many weekends away from home attending fraternal events. Even with this busy schedule, Bob manages to attend Delta Psi initiations and returns for the annual August work party at 58 Pinewoods.

He lives in Charlotte and owns a small computer network support company, where he designs, implements, and maintains networks for small businesses. In his free time, Bob enjoys water sports and spending time at the beach.

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LOYAL SIGS HELP BROTHER IN NEED

Chris Gibbin '00 served as chapter advisor for six years and was forced to step down when he developed medical problems. Under the initiative of **Tom Hey '72**, Delta Psi brothers contributed \$10,777 to help pay for Chris' medication and other needs. Nearly a dozen Sigs went to Chris' home in April and spent the better part of a day performing yard work and home repairs. Thank you to those loyal Sigs who contributed their resources. You epitomize our Delta Psi brotherhood!

ALUMNI UPDATE

Chapter Eternal

Richard R. Staebler '50 passed on to Chapter Eternal on March 28, 2010.

Alumni News

C. Stuart Nahles '50 retired from Stride Rite after 42 years and bought and ran a store for six years. Since then, he has been playing bridge and is a silver life master with quite a few awards. Stuart and his wife, Joan, live in Manhasset, N.Y., and have three daughters.

John H. Jacobs '63 is loving retirement on Florida's north Atlantic coast in Ormond Beach. He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren in Denver, Colo. E-mail: jhjacobsmindspring.com

Dennis W. Powers '63 works for Nova Capital Management, a London-based private equity firm. He is an operating partner, responsible for North American activities and travels across the U.S., Europe, and Asia. He still sails as he did at RPI on his boat, Quest, a Cambria 40 cutter. Dennis raced Quest to Bermuda in 2008 and to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 2009. He and his wife, Verity, live in Essex, Conn., and have two children and three grandchildren. E-mail: dennispowers@snet.net

Bruce S. Allen '65 sold PakNetX, an Internet business he founded, in 2001 and retired. He is a sports car racing instructor and contributes to several boards of directors. Bruce lives in East Kingston, N.H., and has four grown children who all live in Boston. E-mail: bruce@bruceallen.com

Jonathan M. Oram '67 writes, "Life is good! I see other Delta Psi brothers occasionally." Jon plans to retire in May 2011. He and his wife, Virginia, have two children, Thomas and Sarah, and live in Valparaiso, Ind. He is the technical group manager and chief metallurgist for Steel Warehouse. E-mail: j_oram@comcast.net

Paul J. Cosgrave '72 retired as commissioner of the City of New York's Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications at the end of 2009. He subsequently moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where he and Charlene Ruhlman were married (Paul and the Sigs are pictured on page 1). In addition to being recognized as a Significant Sig in 2009, Paul earned a number of awards in the field of information technology, including most recently being named to Computerworld's Premier 100 at the conference in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 9. Paul runs his own consulting business and serves on the board of three non-profit organizations. He was nominated to be the president-elect for the Rensselaer Alumni Association and will serve as president from 2011 to 2013. E-mail: cosgrave@aol.com

Lourens VanDerJagt '76 spent 10 years in the process control industry following graduation then started a consulting firm, Knowledge Implementations Inc. Over the years he has done a variety of projects, including spending the late '80s and '90s as a founding member and chairman of the Physical Layer Subgroup of IEEE 802.11, the standards group that brought

Wi-Fi into the world. Much of his work has centered on developing a detailed understanding of RF propagation and troubleshooting issues impacting the operation of specific RF hardware and software devices. Lately Larry has been working on putting public safety radio systems into some of the landmarks, buildings, and tunnels in the NY metro area. He lives in Ramsey, N.J., with his wife, Beverly, and has three children: Lar, Diana, and Rebecca. E-mail: Vandel@ki2.com

Kevin R. Casey '79 was named the Best Lawyers 2010 Philadelphia Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year. He works at Stradley, Ronon, Stevens & Young as the chairman of intellectual property group. Kevin and his wife, Betty, live in Malvern, Pa., and have two children, Andrew and Katherine. E-mail: kcasey@stradley.com

Mark A. Lembo '82 is proud to report that his daughter, Uryua, is a sophomore at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon. He and his wife, Michelle, are looking to move back east to Florida, Texas, or North Carolina. They live in Arcadia, Calif. E-mail: manzolembomindspring.com

Craig A. Wilcox '89 is stationed in Germany and has been promoted to colonel. He is enjoying military life and has earned two bronze stars serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. E-mail: craignaspen@gmail.com

Victor P. Avelar '95 is a senior research analyst for APC by Schneider Electric in West Kingston, R.I. He and his wife, Christine, have two children, Celia and Marcus. They live in Lincoln. E-mail: vavelar@gmail.com

Rui G. Soares '95 lives in Rye, N.Y., with his wife of one year, Jennifer. He is a manager at Deloitte Consulting and spends most of his time in Washington, D.C., supporting the Department of the Navy. E-mail: rgsoares@opotonline.net

Michael A. Holtzman '02 and his wife, Melissa, were married on May 1 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Melissa is a studio coordinator for Vicarious Visions, a video game studio that has developed games such as Guitar Hero and Band Hero. Michael is president of Gavant Software. They reside in Rensselaer. E-mail: mholtzman@gmail.com

Gary B. Artinian '05 plans to attend Duke University next year and receive an MBA. He resides in Somerville, Mass. E-mail: Gary.Artinian@gmail.com

Benjamin J. Tashjian '07 lives in Baldwinsville, N.Y., with his sweetheart, Rebecca Button. Ben works in Syracuse as an energy engineer for C&S Engineers Inc., a mid-sized consulting firm. In February Ben, **Scott Mitchell '07**, **Jonathan Sullivan '06**, **Anu Srivastava '07**, **Jeremy Surprise '07**, and their significant others went to Las Vegas to escape the miserable snowstorm burying the east coast. The trip was a surprise planned by Scott's wife, Lis, for his 25th birthday. Scott did not know the rest of his brothers would be there until they all met in the bar at the Mirage. E-mail: BJTashjian@gmail.com

Delta Psi Launches Combined Undergraduate- Alumni Newsletter

I hope you enjoyed the first edition of the combined undergraduate-alumni newsletter. The undergraduates have maintained a quality newsletter for several years. The most recent editor, **Matthew Karnick '12**, does a superb job (past editions are posted at the Web site, www.sigmachi-rpi.org).

In consideration of the upcoming 60-year reunion, the House Corporation wanted to expand the newsletter: first, to ensure that we include more information about alumni you know; second, to ensure that the information arrived at both the electronic and physical mailbox of every brother.

With this in mind, our annual alumni relations program is designed to help our members stay in touch and to cultivate awareness and involvement in Delta Psi. There are several elements that are key to the program's success.

We will mail two newsletters each year containing alumni news, information on upcoming events, reports on various chapter activities, and current lists of undergraduate and alumni officers.

We hope you received the biographical update in March; we sent this in an effort to update U.S. Postal Service addresses and gather information for our alumni news. Thank you to the more than 120 brothers who returned their information. If you would like to submit news or photos, please e-mail them to 58pinewoods@gmail.com.

Once a year, we will send out a biographical update that allows alumni to update the information we have on record. These updates also provide information for the Alumni News section. Altogether, the updates are a vital tool in maintaining our records and our ties with one another.

We hope you enjoy our soon-to-be traditional, semi-annual, paper newsletter. It will also be available electronically on the chapter Web site.

In Hoc,
Bob "Barney" Shortle '74
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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents.

If your Sigma Chi son is still attending RPI, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

REUNION 2010

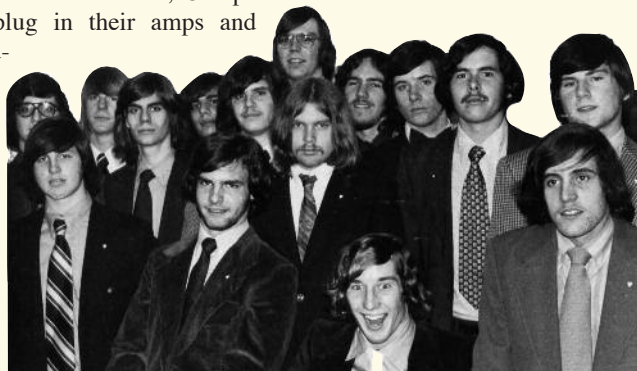
Celebrate 60 Years of Delta Psi!

Join us at a reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Sigma Chi and 90 years since the founding of Phi Epsilon Phi at RPI!

The Sig reunion will be held on October 15-17 in Troy, the same weekend as the RPI Alumni Weekend.

Activities will include a casual gathering on Friday evening, a Saturday morning ritual exemplification, school activities (including RPI football), and an evening cocktail party and dinner banquet at the Troy Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick Street. Following dinner, the Sigma Chi house band from the '60s, Oedipus and the Mothers, will plug in their amps and pacemakers and revive old-time rock and roll that makes you want to shout!

Check the 60th anniversary tab on our Web site, www.sigmachi-rpi.org, or contact **Scott Mitchell '07** at scottmitch@gmail.com or (914) 388-9643 for more information.



The class of 1977 receives pledge pins.