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new york alpha chapter of phi delta theta

President Reports on Another Successful Semester for NY Alpha



Patrick Roeschel

As the weather becomes nicer in Ithaca, the brotherhood celebrates another successful semester, marked by significant achievements in recruitment. To the credit of the leadership and hard work of the executive board, the brotherhood has made

tremendous strides toward advancing our chapter within the Greek and greater Cornell community.

We welcomed 17 new brothers into our NY Alpha Chapter this spring. Additionally, we had three transfer Phis affiliate with our chapter this semester, giving us a net gain of 24 members. These new brothers have many diverse interests, majors, and career ambitions, and they are consistently joining us for competitions in the fraternity sports league and for backyard barbecues as the

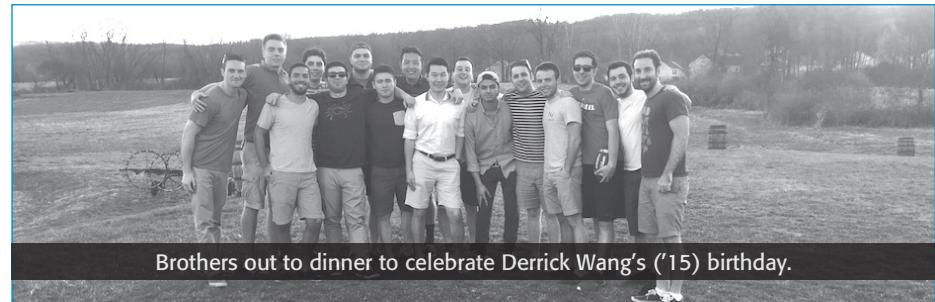
weather gets warmer.

Through generous donations from the New York Alpha Education Fund, Inc, we completely renovated our computer lab. We now have three brand-new desktop computers, a new printer, and a house laptop that is frequently used. In addition, we replaced the furniture in the great hall with new couches, tables, and chairs. The room truly looks fantastic, and I hope that you have the chance to come see it in the near future.

We are extremely proud of the many accomplishments our members have

achieved in recruitment and academics this year, working to truthfully embody our cardinal principals of friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude. I have recently finished my term as president and would like to thank all of the current brothers and alumni for their support and dedication. I am confident that the future leadership will continue to make Phi Delta Theta NY Alpha a prosperous chapter.

Patrick Roeschel '16
President



Brothers out to dinner to celebrate Derrick Wang's ('15) birthday.

NY Alpha Welcomes 17 New Members

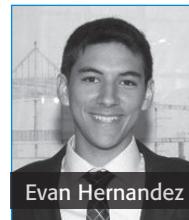


Rittik Rao

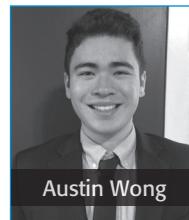


Anderson Koh

Rush 2015 for Phi Delta Theta was a phenomenal experience. Recruitment and Rush teams were hard at work to spread Phi Delt's name around campus, be it through campus connections, barbecues, and getting to know potentials on a personal level beginning in the fall semester. With the personal marketing finished in the prior semester, our house put on many quality smokers to meet all the potentials who came by our house. Motivated brothers answered questions about the house, talked about its



Evan Hernandez



Austin Wong

broadcast our brotherhood, from paintball, Greek Peak snow tubing, and a Chinese Buffet dinner. In each event, we looked for

history, and shared their experiences. We really aimed to market the strong brotherhood of our chapter and get to know each and every potential on a personal level. Overall, we had a 20-percent increase in interest this year, getting more than 120 unique rushes to the house throughout the week.

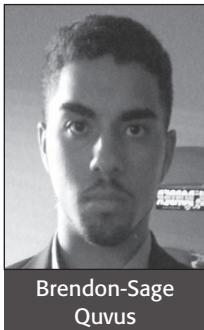
In addition, we had several events to

the qualities every potential would bring to the brotherhood, and what qualities we were looking for in our newest pledge class. In general, we sought brothers who would bring a passion for learning about the fraternity, and who would not hesitate to participate in all of our activities and be the best versions of themselves. At the end, we had 17 brothers in our newest pledge class, each of them just as eager to be a part of our historic fraternity and chapter.

Rush Chairmen
Rittik Rao
Anderson Koh

Recruitment Chairmen
Evan Hernandez
Austin Wong

Continuous Improvements Are Made to the Chapter House



Brendon-Sage
Quvus

As the end of the spring semester comes to a close, there have been several improvements made to the chapter house that have allowed us to maintain our high standards of beauty and comfort while also ensuring that we keep in touch with the modern age. One of the projects that began last year was the incorporation of glass panel windows in our library to replace the broken doors. To continue with this renovation, we are currently in the process of switching out the last of the middle doors with newer doors—modeled after the windows—that will provide better heat sustainability within our academic center.

Perhaps the biggest modification to our house this year, with the gracious help of our housing corporation, has been the remodeling of our great hall. After nearly 20 years of use, we said goodbye to our old great hall furniture and welcomed a new-age modern look. With several new couches, wooden tables, chairs, and an entertainment center, our great hall has abandoned its old rustic look and taken on a much more modern ambiance that promotes social activity. Whether it be watching a movie or a sports game, passing the time with friendly conversation, or playing an old-fashioned game of chess, our great hall has become a hub for our brothers to see one another and enjoy their years at Cornell together. We, at 2 Ridgewood Road, are truly thankful for the work and generosity of our alumni network for granting us these fine luxuries.

With all of that in mind, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta continue to find a home in the chapter house. With these new modifications, and more on their way, we have the great privilege of watching our house change for the better. We are excited to see what else is in store for us. Finally, with all of our fire and building codes properly attended to, everything is going well at 2 Ridgewood Road. As another year passes and the current tenants prepare to leave, the new and continuing members are evermore excited to spend their time living at Phi Delta Theta.

Brendon-Sage Quvus
House Manager

Alumni President Recaps the Year

Another academic year is coming to a close in Ithaca. As I look back on the year for the New York Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, I believe this was truly a marquee year! After managing a few challenges over the last year, the chapter has really solidified the brotherhood in all aspects of fraternity life.

This strong performance, particularly from a recruitment standpoint, has led to some generous alumni donations. These investments in the chapter have allowed for investments in several key areas of the physical plant. This year alone, we have replaced the 20-year-old great hall furniture, improved landscaping to increase access to the backyard and (thanks to the NYAEFI) upgraded the windows and doors in the library. Step by step, we are beginning to restore the house to its full glory.

Looking forward, we have a few major projects on the horizon. This summer, we will be renovating the outer kitchen cabinets to improve flow and cleanliness,

and beginning to put plans in place for the demolition and reconstruction of the kitchen entrance from the parking lot. The kitchen entrance project will be a major undertaking from a financial and time standpoint; Ithaca Preservation Committee approval is necessary. Our goal is to secure funding over the next 12 to 18 months and have the project completed in the summer of 2017.

I strongly encourage all alumni to come back and visit the house to meet the current brothers and see all of the improvements that have been made. A great time to stop by is for one of Cornell's annual Reunions in June of every year. This year, per tradition, we will be hosting our semiannual Housing Corporation meeting and a Saturday afternoon open house. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in the Bond,
Jon Bellante
NYA 1745

Learning & Living Our Cardinal Principles

Friendship, sound learning, and moral rectitude are the cardinal principles of Phi Delta Theta, passed down to us in the bond and forming the basis of any Phikeia education process. These are the tenets that guide our lives as college men and beyond, and as such, new members should grow to learn and respect them. Being at Cornell, the NY Alpha Chapter faces unique restrictions with regards to new member education, primarily in the form of the heavily enforced four-week pledge period. Any challenge can be overcome, though, and Beta Eta Class performed admirably in rising to the challenges they faced.

When it comes to friendship, I have never seen a pledge class as compatible and cohesive as Beta Eta. They solved problems through teamwork, supporting one another through the rigors of pledging. Their commitment to Phi Delta Theta can easily be seen through their commitment to brotherhood interviews; Beta Eta Class dedicated themselves to better knowing their future brothers, even going as far as to interview alumni and brothers who are currently abroad.

Beta Eta also exceeded expectations with regards to the principle of sound



Ian Cloutier

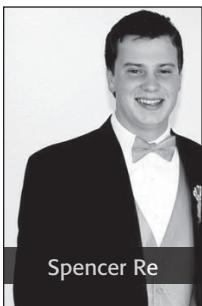
learning. In order to better assimilate them to the standards of the house, the Phikeia were assigned weekly study hours. By working among active brothers, they came to understand and appreciate the commitment to learning we all share. Additionally, they performed consistently well on chapter quizzes and demonstrated a strong understanding of the history of our fraternity.

Rectitude is arguably the principle hardest to define. Morrison's philosophy comes close, but ultimately it is a personal path that we all choose. While pledging, the Phikeia demonstrated their dedication to rectitude by demonstrating responsibility for their house and a commitment to the Cornell community. I'm proud to say our new class is involved in many different areas on campus ranging from their own startups to recreational groups such as the fishing club.

I look forward to witnessing their contributions to Phi Delta Theta going forward, and I'm proud to call them my brothers. Without further ado, here are our newest members, the Beta Eta Class: Paul Meisel, Mike Kalliotzis, Spencer Re, Jared Frank, David Rothstein, Connor Shannon, Connor Musick, Shane Lewis, Austen Rattray, Alex Strauch, Ryan Kishore, Jon Lee, Chris yoo, Troy Bridson, Arvin Jiang, Kevin Gu, and Phillip Li.

Ian Cloutier
Phikeia Educator

Connecting With Our Community



Spencer Re

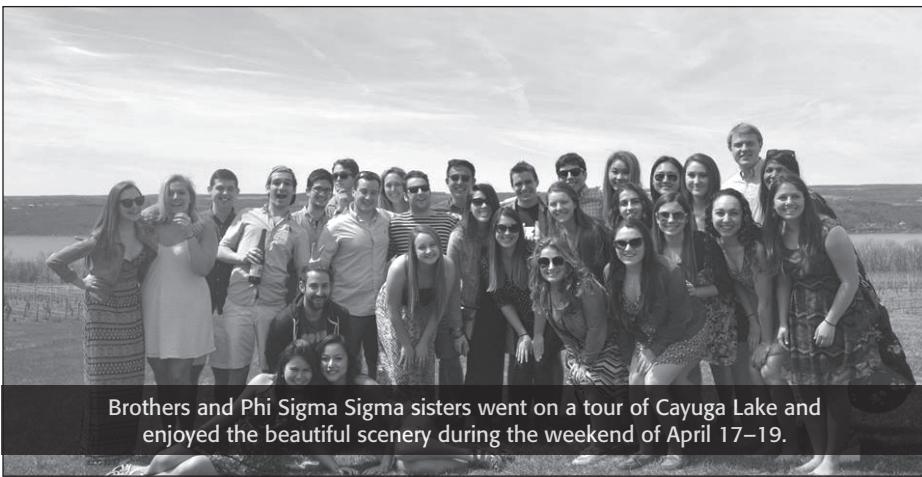
Philanthropy is a vital part of connecting Phi Delta Theta with other members of the Greek system and the greater Ithaca community, to produce a spirit of altruism and interconnectedness with our neighbors.

This semester alone, the brotherhood has participated in Relay for Life, providing its support in the fight against cancer, has pledged to help fight the spread of Meningitis by participating in the Krista Depew memorial softball tournament, and is supporting our brother Austin Wong in his journey to earn the distinguished title of Iron Phi. Austin will be running a half marathon and collecting donations to reach his fund-raising goal to fight ALS. The brotherhood is in full support of his mission.

Additionally, NY Alpha has plans to volunteer at a food bank in Ithaca to give

back to the community, attend various other Greek philanthropy events such as Alpha Xi Delta's Chill by the Grill, and possibly hold a philanthropy event in Ho Plaza. Looking toward the future, the brotherhood has some very large philanthropy events it would like to host, and each have the potential to bring in large amounts of donations toward our national philanthropy, fighting ALS. These events include a pig roast, in which we would spit roast an entire hog and sell tickets to the barbecue; a block party, to collaborate with our neighboring Greek organizations and have a large barbecue and field day in the street; and the possible sponsoring of two more Iron Phis. Overall, it looks like it will be an exciting year for philanthropy, and I'm proud to be able to participate in these exciting events.

Philanthropy Chairman
Spencer Re
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Brothers and Phi Sigma Sigma sisters went on a tour of Cayuga Lake and enjoyed the beautiful scenery during the weekend of April 17-19.



Brothers participated in the first fraternity paintball tournament and won! They are holding a new paintball gun, which was the prize for winning the tournament.



Ian Cloutier '16, Alex Zink '17, Derrick Wang '15, Evan Gao '16, Richard Branciforte '15, Sam Weintraub '17, and Jimmy Fera '16. These brothers traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, over spring break. They visited the Castillo San Felipe del Morro.

Remaining a Tight-Knit Brotherhood

As the 2014-2015 school year ends, it is important to take a moment to reflect on where we want our chapter to be moving, and align that with the direction the house goes. The year has been one of excellence, and we hope to continue this excellence in years to come. As membership has increased in the last few years, so too has the strength of our brotherhood. We have had many successful brotherhood events, which have helped us grow more closer as a chapter, as well as reaffirmed our commitment to the ideals of the fraternity, namely the ideal of friendship.

During the last few weeks of the school year, the brotherhood has taken advantage of the nice weather, frequently holding barbecues where food, fun, and good times were had by all. With the school year almost coming to an end, the brotherhood looks forward to our formal held at Taughannock Farms, as well as Cornell's Slope Day Concert. A highlight of our social schedule thus far has been a night of sushi and fun with Tri Delta. We as the social and brotherhood chairs look forward to helping the future social and brotherhood chairs plan fun and fulfilling events next year.

Social Chairmen
Zach Warheit
Sam Evans

Brotherhood Chairman
David Torres

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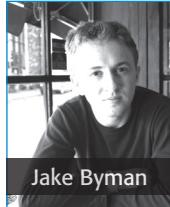
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House Technology Upgrades

My name is Jake Byman, and I am currently a sophomore majoring in information sciences with a minor in computer science, and I am the technology chairman of Phi Delta Theta.

This semester I lived in-house maintaining and improving sections of the house. This was a very busy semester for me, as I was faced with the task of redoing the network architecture. The network was broken between two malfunctioning DHCP servers, which caused some serious connectivity issues for the brothers. Thanks to the generous help of Phil Bartels, we managed to implement 2.4GHz and 5GHz wireless access points throughout the house and redo the entire architecture.

Similarly, there were some issues with the computer lab. When we looked at the upload and download rates of the network, it was found that there was a remarkably



Jake Byman

high upload rate. This was due to a potential virus that was polluting the network. In order to remedy the situation, we managed to obtain new computers in the lab. The lab is now also equipped with modern engineering software such as MATLAB and Mathematica, among many other components.

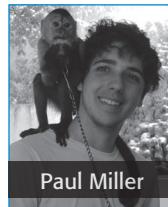
Now we have a fully functioning network and a brand-new computer lab, allowing for a strong work ethic across the brotherhood. As my term comes to an end, it is important to think about goals for the future. Next semester I would like to see an increased use of the Network-Attached-Storage (NAS) unit, as well as a potential change in our Internet Service Provider (ISP). I believe that these changes would further improve the technology in the house and benefit the brotherhood. I would be happy to work with the incoming technology chairman in order to smooth the transition and help make these changes possible.

Technology Chairman
Jake Byman



Winter Formal was held in the Phi Delt house this past December.

Phi Delt Dominates in Intramural Sports



Paul Miller

As the school year draws to a close, it is always important to look back on our academic performance and determine what we can do better next year. The same can be said of our athletic achievements as a house. We will be losing a valuable athletic asset this year, as sports juggernaut Dan Dworakowski will be

leaving us; however, we have gained many more new athletes this past year.

The most notable addition is that of Jason "McGoo" McGuire, who resembles a young Tom Brady on the football field. There have been numerous athletic achievements this past year, which include winning the first-annual IFC paintball tournament, winning the intramural championships in men's volleyball, and making the playoffs in nearly every sport

George Kelly '61 writes, "Geri and I spend six months in Florida and six months in New Jersey. Our son and daughter reside in New Jersey with our five grandchildren, and we spend a lot of our summer time in New Jersey with them. Florida in the winter is to escape the cold, and continue our golf games. Our home in New Jersey, which was demolished by Sandy, has now been rebuilt." Reconnect with George by writing to 416 Eisenhower Ave., Ortley Beach, NJ 08751; or by sending email to ghkelly5@aol.com.

"Some of my longest friendships trace back to my Phi Delt days at Cornell," reports **Richard Veith '62**. "Last summer, Carolyn and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with **Joe ('62)** and Linda FitzGerald, who live near San Francisco. For many years, we've celebrated New Year's Eve with **Don ('61)** and Siddy Serfass, at our homes, outside Philadelphia. We see **Jim ('62)** and Joan Moore frequently. Recently, Jim recruited me for a land conservation trust board, which he's served on for many years. **Bob Agnew '63** keeps in touch, as well. Carolyn and I are in good health and enjoy traveling to visit our three grandchildren who live in New York City and Los Angeles. Our door is always open to Phis traveling through Philadelphia. You can contact me at dick.veith@verizon.net."

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We regret to report the deaths of:

John Bourne '47
January 9, 2015
E. Ronald Milner '55
December 17, 2014
Evert Asies III '58
November 26, 2013

we participated in. Our goals for next year include being even more dominant in every sport and bringing home more championship trophies, as well as working toward getting a new basketball hoop for the house. I am confident that we can continue to achieve in scholastics and athletics for years to come.

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Athletic Chairman
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