



THE LODGE LETTER

ALPHA SIGMA DELTA

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2009

A Chi Psi is first and foremost...a Gentleman.

Remarks of the President



Greetings from the Lodge,

Somehow the time has flown swiftly to halfway through our fall semester here in college, but for myself and hopefully for all the other undergraduate Brothers, it has been well spent by virtue of being part of Chi Psi. Alpha Sigma Delta has stayed busy, and the articles in this *Lodge Letter* reflect successes and achievements in which we can all take pride. To our alumni, I hope that taking a few moments to read through the words of the Brothers who have contributed to this letter takes you back to good memories of your time in college and reflects well upon the younger Brothers who carry on the legacy of Alpha Sigma Delta.

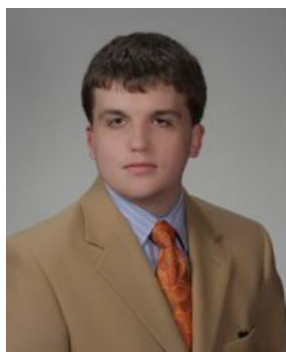
As so many of us who were there, actives and alumni alike, can attest, this academic year was preceded by a fantastic Annual Convention in our Gothic Wonderland. The work done by the alumni who poured their time and energy into organizing and hosting the proceedings cannot be overestimated, and we thank them for that.

We have always prided ourselves on being more than the common or typical fraternity, on being a group dedicated to higher ideals, deeper friendships, and true brotherhood. With every pledge class, I am delighted to see our group joined by more men who will embody and pass on these qualities, and despite the departure of the seniors at the end of every year, I believe our bonds truly do extend beyond our four years of college life. Enjoy then the articles describing our recruitment, our social life, our community service, all our other successes, and our future plans, and know that the Brotherhood of Chi Psi continues to thrive at Duke.

Yours in the Bonds,

Thomas Grothe
President, $\Sigma\Delta$ '10

Remarks of the Recruitment Chair



Here at Duke, the men of Alpha Sigma Delta have been hard at work helping to grow our circles of brotherhood. Already this fall, we have rushed and bidden three outstanding gentlemen. While we rejoice in our successes, we now turn our eyes toward spring rush and the recruitment of freshmen.

We have spiced up the recruitment scene this year with a mix of old and new rush events. The annual classics such as broomball remain the highlights of our rush calendar, but we have also begun several new events, such as homemade dinners, baseball games, pickup ultimate frisbee, and student-led "crash courses." With such a diverse base of events, we've had little trouble attracting potential recruits.

It is this recruitment chair's ambitions to pledge ten men in the spring, along with the three outstanding men we are pledging right now. Alpha Sigma Delta is taking off in so many ways—socially, scholarly, and brotherly—that it seems only natural that we expand to help further reach these goals. With the help of all actives and our firm alumni base, we can achieve these goals and help make Alpha Sigma Delta a paragon of fraternal values to the campus of Duke University.

Yours in the Bonds,

Daniel Simpson II
Recruitment Chair, $\Sigma\Delta$ '11

EVENTS @ A GLANCE

October 9:
Chi Psi Broomball
@ The Ice House

October 16:
Semiformal
@ Mt. Fuji

October 23:
Wine & Cheese
@ The Lodge

October 30:
Cocktail
@ The Lodge

November 6:
Section Party
@ The Lodge

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Meet the Pledge Class of Fall 2009!



Matthew Ryan Straus

Class: 2012

Major: Statistical Science, Mathematics & Modeling Biological Systems

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

"I'm a sophomore at Duke who keeps busy with managing the Duke Men's Basketball Team and acting as Chief Justice for DSG. When I'm not working on homework or doing something basketball related, I'm usually working out, reading Stephen King, or cooking with friends."



Peichun Wang

Class: 2012

Major: Mathematics & Economics

Hometown: Beijing, China

"As a math major, I enjoy different forms of math — problem solving, modeling, research, and even teaching math. Other than that, I play sports like basketball, tennis, table tennis (yeah, I'm from China), etc. Also, I have been doing a bit of consulting work at Duke."



Harrison Sahng-Hoon Lee

Class: 2011

Major: Information Science and Digitally Mediated Experiences

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

"I'm a practicing Christian, a Program II student, and spend a lot of time at UNC for the Robertson program. I enjoy writing, videogames, watching sports (especially football), eating good food, ultimate frisbee, film and pop culture, and improv comedy."

Brother-in-Profile #1: Jacob Harer



Full Name: Jacob Alexander Harer

Class: 2011

Concentrations: Electrical & Computer Engineering, Computer Science

Hometown: Blacksburg, Virginia

Pledge Year: Spring 2008

Current Position: Social Chair

Jacob Harer enjoys playing percussion and is a drummer for a local rock band. He also enjoys the sport of paintball and is a member of the Duke club team. He is an engineer who loves building things and hopes to put his knowledge to use in the future to make some really cool stuff.

In each Lodge Letter, a randomly selected active Brother will be featured as the issue's "Brother-in-Profile," with the hope that it will facilitate an understanding of who the current Brotherhood is and introduce the individuals who make up Alpha Sigma Delta of Chi Psi. Enjoy, and look for more Brothers featured in the future!

-David Song, Alpha Editor

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE: PHOTOS



Brothers, recruits, and friends play a friendly game of cornhole at Chi Psi's first recruitment barbecue.



Recruits meet Brothers, socialize, and enjoy food at Chi Psi's first recruitment barbecue.



Brothers Robert Owen and Steven Zhou at Chi Psi Cocktail.



Brothers, alumni, and friends meet outside The Lodge at the alumni barbecue on homecoming weekend.



Brothers and pledges gather for a midnight meal at Honey's.