2011 RPI Greek Chapter Eternal:

**Phi Sigma Kappa**

Dedicated to Michael T. Wolf ’85 – Phi Sigma Kappa

Though I cannot say that I personally knew Michael T. Wolf, his hard work and dedication to the Fraternity does not go unnoticed. Many alumni can give testimonials that Wolf helped the chapter through thick and thin. He and Paul Marano together helped this chapter persevere through the tough times and were both instrumental in the acquisition of the new chapter house. Wolf had a sad bout with cancer half way through the chapter house purchase process.

Without Wolf the modern day Phi Sig would not be what it is. He worked above and beyond the ordinary call of a chapter advisor. Serving as our AIGC representative the man was personable and made sure to attend whatever events were occurring at the local chapter, meeting and discussing the status of the chapter with the active Brothers.

The rectory of our new chapter house is dedicated to Michael Wolf. Michael is survived by his wife Susan.

**Rensselaer Society of Engineers:**

Henry Font ’34  
Charles Shoecraft ’46  
Frederick Fastenau ’48  
Gordon Knipel ’50  
Richard Wood ’73

Here is an excerpt from the most recent issue of our internal alumni publication the OverRSeer regarding the passing of Henry Font ’34 and his generosity toward his fraternity - the Rensselaer Society of Engineers.

In the fall of 2010, we learned of the passing of Henry “Hank” Font ’34. We also learned that in his passing, Hank had decided to include RSE in his estate planning. Hank was remarkably generous to RSE. To date, we have received $136,000 from Hank’s estate, and may possibly receive more in the future depending on probate matters. Needless to say, Hank’s decision to include RSE in his estate planning has made a significant difference in RSE’s financial health. One afternoon the Trustees were considering options on how to finance the new boiler purchase, the next afternoon the only questions were of maximum efficiency and the best value
for the money. Hank’s gift also freed up valuable resources for other important priorities such as scholarships.

**Delta Phi**

William Peter Rawson became a Delta Phi brother in 1963, graduated in 1966, and chose to remain at RPI to also earn his M.S. in Electrical Engineering. He held two U.S. Patents for circuit design. For the past two years, Pete battled the cancer that ultimately took his life. He was so strong physically and mentally that he was bedridden only one day. As a testament to his character, there were a number of his fraternity brothers who travelled thousands of miles to visit him near the end.

**Zeta Psi**

Pete Snyder (Long time advisor of Zeta Psi chapter and friend of the fraternity)
Arthur Douglas (Doug) Guydan, age 52, passed away suddenly on June 18, 2009. He is survived by his beloved wife Aggie and their three children - Michael, Amanda and David.

Doug was born in Bridgeport, CT on March 21, 1957. His family soon moved to nearby Stratford, CT where Doug spent his adolescent and teenage years. Like many other teenage boys he had a passion for cars and things of a mechanical nature. Also, like many teenage boys - girls were of interest. He met his future wife Agnes (Aggie) Papin at the age of 16 and it was quickly apparent that they were destined to spend life together.

After graduating from high school - Doug's interest in mechanical engineering took him to Rensselaer in September, 1975. Doug became an associate member of Lambda Chi Alpha (Epsilon-Eta Zeta) during the fall rush period - he was commonly referred to as "Tweedledum by many of the older brothers during the rush period; his close friend, Paul Babasick '80 was (and still is) known within LXA as "Tweedledee." Doug and the rest of the class of '75 were initiated the following spring. He served as High Alpha of the chapter during his sophomore year in 1976-77. Doug left RPI after his sophomore year and moved back to CT to finish his education. He and Aggie were married in June, 1978. During this period - Doug obtained his BS from the University of New Haven and his MS in Mechanical Engineering from the RPI - Hartford campus. Life's journey eventually took them from CT to stops in MN, WI and finally NC with children Michael, Amanda and David rounding out the family.

Doug was a great dad to his kids - he spent many days coaching and refereeing their soccer games. He developed a love for sailing as an adult - his sons Michael and David frequently sailed with him during races on Lake Geneva, WI. He also kept his passion for fast things - frequently enjoying riding his Triumph motorcycle. He was very proud of daughter Amanda's accomplishments: MN State Champion in gymnastics, H.S. valedictorian, University of Tampa graduate - Chemistry, now in Law School.

Doug was also known for his "Dougisms". Some of his favorites:

* Pick a lane, any lane
* Makeup... It's just dirt
* I goobered myself
* I'm only wrong once a decade
Acacia

Last year Rensselaer Acacia lost its founder George Dickie; he graduated RPI in 1950. He had remained active with our chapter until his death in April of last year, he was a great man and will be sorely missed. I've attached a picture of him that we had in our newsletter this winter, it’s of him shaking hands with, at the time, our newest brother at Acacia, Marty Papesh ’12.
Pi Kappa Phi


Alpha Epsilon Pi

Dr. Myles Brand ‘64

"It always amazed me how someone with such basic and earthy instincts could rise to such a level of achievement, without losing any of his simple down-to-earth modesty and sincerity. Some of the best of us do not have to flaunt their successes." – Steve Hass ‘64, chapter brother of Myles Brand.

Letter from Dr. Jackson noting the passing of Dr. Brand:

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of the passing September 16, 2009 of Dr. Myles Brand ‘64, a Rensselaer Trustee, a national leader in the worlds of academe and college athletics, and a loyal son and devoted friend of Rensselaer. A former university president, Dr. Brand became the fourth president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in 2003, the first college president to hold the title. Dr. Brand made academic performance by student athletes, recruiting restrictions, and the advocacy of collegiate sports his top priorities. He was known nationally as a champion of academic reform, fiscal responsibility, and student athlete well-being.

Dr. Brand was elected to the Rensselaer Board of Trustees in December 2004, and was inducted into the Rensselaer Alumni Hall of Fame on the same day. He is a recipient of the RAA Fellows Award, conferred by the (then) School of Humanities and Social Sciences in 1997, the Rensselaer Alumni Association Albert Fox Demers Medal in 2007, and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, conferred by Rensselaer in 1991. As a student, Dr. Brand was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi and the Transit Yearbook.

Dr. Brand was president of the NCAA during the deliberations on a proposal to eliminate the ability of Division III institutions such as Rensselaer to award athletic grants-in-aid to Division I student-athletes. In January 2004, delegates to the NCAA convention voted overwhelmingly to allow Rensselaer and seven other Division III institutions to continue offering athletic scholarships for their Division I teams. It was a great victory for Rensselaer, since it awards scholarships to student athletes in its men's hockey program. The decision also cleared the way for Rensselaer to fulfill its intention to advance the Division III women's hockey program to Division I, commencing with the 2005-2006 season.

From 1994 through 2002, Dr. Brand was president of Indiana University, an eight-campus institution of higher education with nearly 100,000 students, 17,000 employees, and a budget of $3.4 billion. He served as president of the University of Oregon from 1989 to 1994. At Indiana, Dr. Brand oversaw the largest single privatization effort in the institution's history--the consolidation of the IU
Medical Center Hospitals and Methodist Hospital to form Clarian Health Partners. He initiated an innovative marketing plan designed to tell more effectively the story of Indiana University's first-class programs and educational opportunities. He helped Indiana University become a national leader in information technology, and he led the largest and most successful endowment campaign in the university's history. Dr. Brand also was instrumental in initiating the Central Indiana Life Sciences project, with IU in the leadership role. He made national news when he fired basketball coaching legend Bobby Knight for the coach's profane tirades and physical intimidation of players and colleagues at IU.

Dr. Brand's other administrative posts include provost and vice president for academic affairs, Ohio State University, 1986-89; coordinating dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arizona, 1985-86; dean, faculty of social and behavioral sciences, Arizona, 1983-86; director, cognitive science program, Arizona, 1982-85; head, department of philosophy, Arizona, 1981-83; chairman, department of philosophy, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1972-80.

He began his career in the department of philosophy, University of Pittsburgh, 1967-72. His academic research investigated the nature of human action. His work focused on intention, desire, belief and other cognitive states, as well as deliberation and practical reasoning, planning, and general goal-directed activity. He wrote extensively on various topics in higher education, such as tenure and undergraduate education. Dr. Brand's nationally acclaimed January 2001 speech to the National Press Club, "Academics First: Reforming Intercollegiate Athletics," focused on how the disconnect between intercollegiate athletics and education "jeopardizes the essential mission of our universities."

Dr. Brand served as chair of the board of directors of the Association of American Universities (AAU), 1999-2000; as a member of the board of directors, 1992-97, and executive committee, 1994-97, of the American Council on Education (ACE); and a member of the board of directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), 1995-98. He served as a board member of the American Philosophical Association and of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development, the umbrella organization of Internet2.

He earned his B.S. in philosophy from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1964, and his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Rochester in 1967.

The news of Dr. Brand's passing comes at a time when we are preparing to celebrate the dedication of the East Campus Athletic Village, a project which Dr. Brand strongly supported, and in which he took particular interest and pride. Dr. Brand was an especially active volunteer for the recently completed Renaissance at Rensselaer: Campaign for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, serving as chair of the Athletics fund-raising initiative to support the new East Campus Athletic Village. At its groundbreaking in August 2007, he said, "The playing field teaches great life lessons - chief among them - personal commitment to excellence and the discipline needed to live up to that commitment each and every day."

Funeral arrangements are pending; we will communicate information as soon as it becomes available. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Brand's beloved wife, Margaret Brand, his son, Joshua, and the rest of the Brand family at this time of mourning.

Greek Leaders,

Myles Brand (AEPi) video as presented at Greek Awards
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkD2pWThcI
Theta Xi

Alpha Chapter lost a recent alum - Joshua Stimson in October 2010.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon

One of the most tragic losses that we as a brotherhood faced back in January, was the loss of alumni James Joly. ('98).

From our website:

James was a vibrant and passionate individual, with a broad range of intellectual and contemporary interests. James’ passion and zeal for his fraternity and fellow brothers was endless in nature. As an undergraduate, James served as an active leader in the Chapter and on Campus, having held the offices of Rush Chairman, Pledge Educator, and Eminent Archon (twice). James attended the SAE National Leadership School multiple times, as an active and alumni brother, and his experiences there helped shape him as the charismatic leader he was outside of the halls of RPI. James strongly believed in, and strove to the best of his ability to live by, the principles of a True Gentleman and a leader of men, exhibiting passion, honesty, integrity, compassion, loyalty, and generosity. He was a man who always lived to be his best, and asked others to do the same. It is fitting, then, that this award be created and utilized to encourage other persons to do their best, to lead others, and to live life with passion.


The "award" mentioned above is in regards to a scholarship fund that we have initiated in his name to
send an undergraduate to our national leadership school.