Pi Tau Sigma Annual Chapter Report
2014-2015
Rhode Island Sigma Phi

A. Initiations

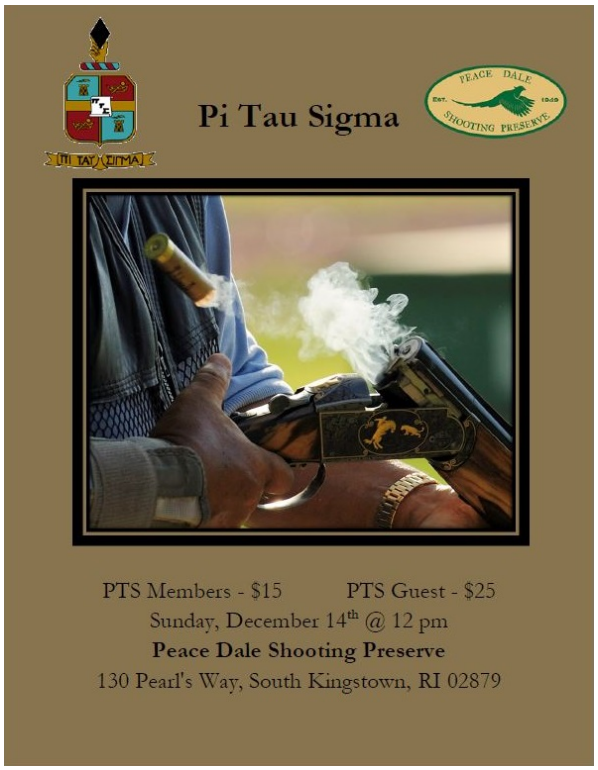
Initiations were held on November 25th, and December 9th both in Gilbreth Hall. Two initiations were held specifically for those who could not make the first date. Membership was extended to the top 25% of the junior mechanical engineering class and the top 35% of the senior class. Between the two initiations, a total of 20 new members were initiated. Before the initiation began, dues were collected from the initiates.

The ceremony was conducted according to the way in which it is represented in the chapter guide, and held in confidentiality. The initiates were instructed as to the mission and ideals of the chapter by the officers. Once they understood the goals and agreed to uphold the values, all initiates were inducted as members.

B. Chapter Activities

Several meetings were held throughout the year to discuss what the members had interest in pursuing. The majority of the members present were from the senior class, with low attendance from the junior class. Meetings were held somewhat sporadically throughout the year.

The chapter participated in a few major activities, with some small gatherings on the side. After polling interest, it was arranged to go trap shooting at a local range. The following image shows the email advertisement sent out to the members.



Before notifying the members of this event, all safety precautions were investigated, and an inquiry was made to the University of Rhode Island Safety and Risk offices to check any and all the necessary paperwork or feasibility of holding such an event. All attendees were required to

sign a waiver. At the range, all members and guests were provided with the appropriate equipment, such as ear and eye protection, and given a safety tutorial before beginning. A range staff member was present at all times to supervise the event. The event proved to be very popular, with high attendance and verbal interest.

Other events included a game night, held in the beginning of the spring semester. The event was mainly used as a way to start off the spring semester to get to know the new members and to see where their interests lay. There was medium attendance overall, but mostly from the junior class. The last event held was a Super Smash Brothers video game tournament in the auditorium of the engineering building. Attendance seemed to wain as the semester progressed.
Elections were held at the end of the semester.

In addition to these activities, our chapter designed PTS sweatshirts that were sold only to members on campus at the University of Rhode Island. Each sweatshirt cost $35. Cost was calculated to only regain the amount it took to have them printed.

Left: back.
Right: front.

C. Other

The chapter continues to try to make itself better known on campus, between events and meetings, among other things. With the next coming year, it will hopefully continue to grow in membership and become better known.