

ALUMNI

As you well know Delta Chapter of Theta Chi is no ordinary fraternity chapter. The special feelings which the actives as well as the alumni hold for it has made Theta one of the best fraternities on campus. This spirit of unity which continues to drive our chapter also has a profound effect on each and every one of us. This year there were 40 very different people living together each channeling his own energies to that common good of brotherhood.

It is my wish that every active brother and Alumni get the chance to visit other chapters of Delta Chapter Theta Chi. Only then can you appreciate what Delta has had to offer you during four (or more) years here at RPI. This experience is all to often taken for granted. The bonds which we have formed with one another are very close and should be cherished forever.

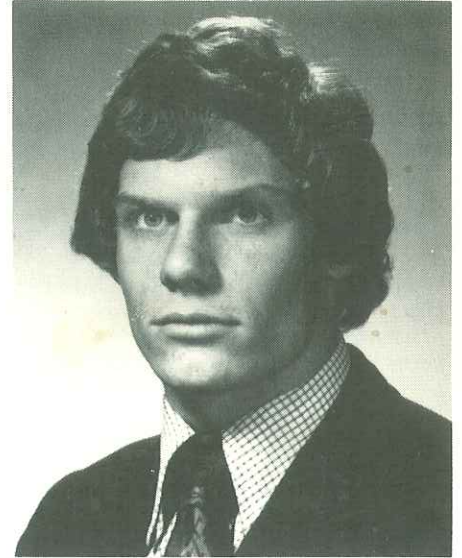
This unity is experienced everyday by the brothers whether by studying, working or parting together. I truly hope the friendships made, experiences

taken part in and the maturity gained will help all the brothers achieve (greatly) for themselves and Theta Chi after graduation.

As was the case in past years there have been a few men who have found it impossible to afford the financial burden of "living in". It is very unfortunate that someone could not share in our brotherhood because of something like this. That is specifically why the Helen & Dusty Rhodes loan-fund was established. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to us at Delta Theta Chi, 2100 Burdett Avenue, Troy, N.Y. 12180. Checks are payable to the "Foundation Chapter," and marked with an attn. to "Helen & Dusty Rhodes Loan Fund".

This year Alumni Weekend will be held on October 15th. Notices will be sent out during the summer months. A prompt response to these letters would serve very helpful in planning the weekends events. See you there!

Paul Kiely



PAUL W. KIELY

Delta Dial

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R.P.I. FOOTBALL: 5-4-0

The 1976 Varsity Football season was one filled with many ups and downs, but it ended on an unfamiliar note. That illusive winning season was finally grasped. With wins over Swarthmore, Canisius, Plattsburgh, W.P.I., and R.I.T., the team ended up with a 5-4 record, the first winning record in ten years.

As in years past, Theta Chi was well accounted for on the gridiron, with 38 brothers on the fifty-six man roster. The brothers who played their last game this year were Mike Carbone, Frank Godispoti, Kevin Gleason, Paul Kiely, Frank Kruse, George Panasuk, Stoyan Lokar, and Karl Wideberg. Mike Carbone was one of this year's co-captains, while Brothers Bob Lehnecker and Bob Shober were elected to captain of the team for next year. Of the



eighteen freshmen on the team thirteen were initiated as brothers over the past year.

All in all, the season was a success, but all eyes look ahead to next fall with anticipation. With a good crop of incoming freshman to help fill the void left by this year's seniors, next year could be even better.

Bob Shober '78

R.P.I. — HOBART

DELTA SOCIAL

This year, while not having as large a social budget as in recent years, ol' TC still managed a full social calendar. There were the usual band parties, cocktail parties, and rug parties. These were also assisted by various (congratulations, Brers!) "surprise" kegs. The first BIG party was Alumni Weekend. Again, this year, the house was packed with returning alumni, wives, and guests, resulting in a very enjoyable weekend.

Following this was the U-Haul Truck trip to Union to watch the football feud. (The trip was definitely better than the game!) Then came the annual 3-3 party in November. After that and Thanksgiving break, just before Christmas there was, of course, a Christmas party. This year the lead role was (unanimously) ("I'll be awright, just gimme another shot & carry me down!") Great 'job, Shoo.

After our return from Christmas break, there were elections. Shobs, Willy, BO, Fred, Paul, Hud & Beef led us all in celebration down at the Stagger Inn. Details are tough to recall.

Following an unscheduled round at snow-diving, there was a combination cocktail party, room party, and rug party to help ease the drudgery of winter. Coming next was "?" Weekend. (If you have a better name, why didn't you say so?)

Parent's weekend was a big success with 180 attending a formal cocktail party. London Broil dinner and casino night. Immediately following came GM week (Party Week) which revealed new two activities: The "Mr. RPI Pageant" and the "Gong Show", both of which were a success. Two chariot teams



THE BOYS — BACK IN TOWN. This year's Alumni Weekend is October 15th.

were entered from the house. The defending champion feel victim of a sheared axle, while the B team led by Frank Kruse and a borrowed chariot gave Theta Chi a second place (34.0 sec.) losing the finals to the Track-men's team (31.2 sec.). The Tug-O-War as expected was won by the Football team (50% brothers) who defeated the Theta Chi freshmen in the finals. Politically Quentin Young lost to Becky Mathews by 27 votes in his bid for class of '78 President while Karl Schoenleker and Brian Freer were victorious in obtaining class representative.

Quentin Young '78
Pat Hassett '77

ENGAGEMENTS

The Delta Chapter of Theta Chi would like to extend their congratulations and best wishes on the engagements of the following brothers:

Paul Kiely (C.E. '77) to Joanne Schwegler - Wedding 6/11/77

Carl Wideberg (Mgt. '76) to Dawn Ferrer - Wedding 8/77

Mike Carbone (Mgt. '77) to Mimi Shanklin - Wedding 8/26/77

Karl Schoenleber (C.E. '78) to Dawn Cherry - No Date

Kim Carrara (Mgt. '77) to Cindy Alessi - No date

Robert Lehnecher (Mgt. '78) to Tracy Koch - No date

Glenn Mehaler (EE '76) to Jo Ann Kubis - No date.



LAST YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP CHARIOT TEAM. This year Theta Chi could do no better than a second.



LOKAR SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE. Swimming lesson have officially replaced the flag pole.

DELTA SPORTS

The fall IFC sports saw TC red with a traditionally strong finish in football and surprisingly enough in softball.

The football team, composed of the experienced veterans of Paul Farrar (QB), Rick Rice, John Lippold, Tim Merrich, Ron Russ, and Gregg Porter along with the outstanding rookies of Joe Schewe, Fred Stametedes, Willy Gestal, and Bill Connors were overpowering during the regular season only to lose the disappointing IFC championship game to Chi Phi (26 to 14).

In softball a dark horse team led by the experience of Paul Farrar and the pitching of Paul Barret went through the regular season undefeated only to lose against Sigma Chi in a questionable 15 inning game.

Soccer fell victim to lack of participation and overall talent. The team was 0-5 come the end of the season.

As usual ice hockey was again the most popular intramural sport. As a result of some regrouping of talent, the "C" and "D" league teams finished off the season in first place. The "A" league team could only hold on to a third place due to a lack of ringers.

The "D" league scoring was led by Karl Schoehleber, followed closely by Brad Petrus and Jim Ryhannen. Russ showed good potential in the nets for the first half of the season, but due to an ankle injury was replaced by Paul Kiely who led the team to the play-off crown and a Trophy. (Record 13-1-2).

The "C" league was led by the scoring of Frank Kruse followed closely by Jim Merrick. Pat Hassett gave consistent performance in the goal giving the team



JOE SCHEWE SNOW DIVING. Diving head first from the second floor into 10' deep snow drifts.

on a regular season recording of 13-3-0. However, went on to lose 2-0 against Delts in the first round of playoffs.

The "A" team saw good performances by Don Brennan, Dave Edwards and Steve Petto with Pete Roberts in the nets.

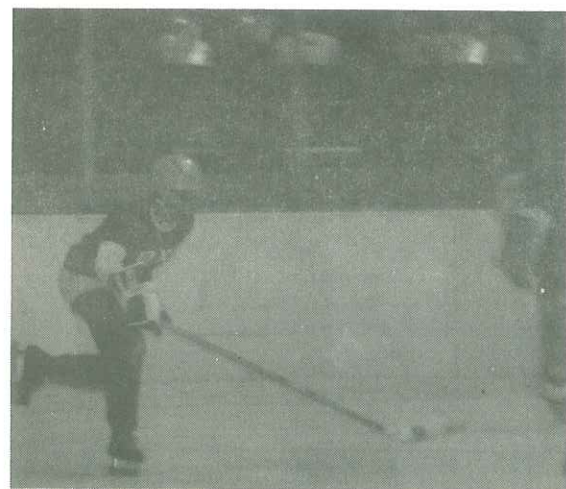
In IFC Basketball, the team took 3rd place in overall standings with a 4-2-0 regular season record and a 2-1 playoff record, losing against the TKE in the semi finals.

In the IFC Swim Meet a surprising 4th for the Theta Chi team came about with the strong effort of Jim Merrich, Ron Russ, Pat Abercombie, Mark Swomley, and Freshman Paul McDonough and Mike Miller.

Theta Chi took 1st again in the Spring Track Meet with 35 points. Brad Petrus and Jim Merrich put in an extraordinary effort in their events contributing considerably to the victory.

On the Intercollegiate level this spring here at R.P.I., Ron Russ, Niel Carney, and freshmen Todd Huesner, Doug McCurly, Fred Flint and Paul McDonough are participating in baseball under the fine first base coaching of Paul Farrar. Steve Pette and Paul Herbert are still hoofing it in track with freshman Mike Lalihos throwing the shot. In lacrosse Jim Merrick has bowed out for the season leaving freshman Ken Switay to represent us on the lacrosse field with defensive coach and scout Jim Brock.

Pat Hassett '77
Rich Danielson '78



BRAD PETRUS WORKING TOWARDS A "D" LEAGUE VICTORY. This season "D" League won their division with a 13-1-2 record.



COLLAPSED GREEN ISLAND BRIDGE. Luckily an early Pledge week saved this year's Bird Walk.

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THIS IS THE OFFICIAL
FORMAL NOTICE OF THE
MEETING OF THE
DELTA THETA CHI
CORPORATION
TO BE HELD IN
CHAPTER HOUSE
AT 5:00 P.M.,
SATURDAY, MAY 21

Earl D. Rhodes, Secretary

BERNARD — GUILTY

Bernard, long time mascot of the Delta Chapter of Theta Chi, was found guilty last spring ('76) on 3 separate charges stemming from an incident at the R.P.I. Union. He is presently serving a life sentence, handed down by a jury of 43 brothers, at the Thomas V. Lowell Penitentiary, Maine.

According to an eye witness, an R.P.I. Coed was enjoying a ham sandwich in the R.P.I. Union Rathskellar when she caught the attention of Bernard. Driven by drooling hunger, the 200 lb. St. Bernard leaped forth engulfing the sandwich. The enraged coed then pursued the assilant in an attempt to recover the stolen property. The ensuing struggle ended in a torn dress, a consumed sandwich, and excretion on the floor.

Bernard was quickly apprehended and taken to the Troy City Pound where he was charged with assault & Battery (Barking & nipping), attempted rape (later dropped when determined the ham sandwich was more desirable than the coed), consumption of stolen property (ate the ham sandwich), and littering (excreting on the floor).

Upon payment of the custody fee and damage fee to the coed, Bernard was released into the custody of Delta Chapter of Theta Chi who were granted full jurisdiction over the case. Presiding over the proceedings, Judge Paul Kiley (President) directed the jury of 43 brothers to deliberate over 3 possible sentences: The Death sentence (put to sleep), the Life sentence (sent to a home to live), or put under observation (a kennel for breeding).



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AND A DEJECTED BERNARD. Bernard is now serving a life sentence at the Thomas V. Lowell Penitentiary.

Returning with a 43 to 2 vote, the jury sentence Bernard to serve a Life sentence at the Thomas V. Lowell Penitentiary beginning as soon as possible.

No replacement mascot has been considered since.

Pat Hassett '77

DELTA SHORTS

CAGE HAS BECOME A KNURD

RAT TO FINALLY BITE THE CHEESE.

WILL LIP EVER LEAVE?

PETRUS PLANS TRIP TO EUROPE

BIG WALLY — FINALLY WORKING

LYNX — DIGGING ROCKS IN MAINE

REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD HERE NEXT SPRING

THE GREEN ISLAND BRIDGE COLLAPSES UNDER FLOOD WATER STRESSES — 1 1/2 WEEKS AFTER BIRD WALK (NEXT YEAR?)

JOANNE SCHWEGLER — '77 SWEETHEAT OF THETA CHI

86' FIELD TO BE PLAYING FIELD AGAIN — NOT PARK

WHO WILL BE NEXT TO BITE THE DUST? POSSIBLY LOKAR.. OR SHOBER (WHAT ABOUT PETRUS?)

Pat Farrar '76
Pat Hassett '77