



THE DELTA DIAL

Theta Chi Fraternity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Alumni Weekend Highlights Fall Semester At Theta Chi

Greetings to all Deltas out there! With the fall semester well under way, there is much news to report about the chapter house. Our biggest event thus far in the semester most certainly was the recent 1985 Alumni Weekend. A strong showing of Delta alumni were welcomed at Theta Chi for a weekend that proved to be a big success.

Due to diminishing interest in recent years, the annual alumni hockey game was canceled. Let's get psyched and get a game together for next year. I know that "Bummy" (Doug Hodgson '85) was upset to find out that the game had been canceled.

The rest of the weekend was run very traditionally, with everyone giving the Carpenter Award their best shot. I would especially like to thank all of the alumni who told jokes at the formal dinner—they were funny and in good taste.

As the term of the current officers draws to a close, I look back on our involvement in the administration of the chapter house. I believe that our major contributions included establishing a definite method for determining what financial status is or isn't acceptable for activities in the house. The money must come in so that the bills get paid. Another of our accomplishments involves keeping officer log/responsibility books. Each year, too many of the administrative points of order are passed from one class to the next solely by word of mouth. The new books have resulted in an efficient organization and leadership by key house officers. Approximately every four or five years, the same rushing and financial problems recur as a new undergraduate membership evolves. I feel that the log books will help eliminate many of these problems.

The final point I would like to address is alumni involvement in chapter house affairs. It seems that at each alumni corporation meeting, the same alumni are present to take charge of the corporation. These few brothers have donated an awful lot of time and energy for the house—well above and beyond the call of duty. It would be nice to see some new faces at the next meeting to offer support to these overworked brothers. They deserve some help from other alumni, both young and old.

In particular, there is an opening for an alumni financial advisor. The current advisor has submitted his resignation,
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Delta Chapter Welcomes Fall Pledge Class

Rush, the backbone of the fraternity system, is very important to every house. Every brother should give his 100 percent effort for rushing events in order to ensure a strong pledge class comprising people of quality. The Delta Chapter of Theta Chi put forth that effort and found 42 people with the individual merit that warranted a bid of invitation to join our brotherhood. We were able to meet and band a friendship with these young men—not only on the football field, but also at several rush functions.

We held a number of non-alcoholic rush events in order to prepare for "dry" rush, which went into full effect on December 1. These events included a poker tournament, a Monday night football party, and a Saturday afternoon picnic and cookout. All of these events were held without beer or alcohol of any kind. They, along with other rush parties, were successful and turned out to be a lot of fun. I feel that we chose 42 of the best young men we could find at Rensselaer, and we view this group as having great potential to become one of the best pledge classes in recent Theta Chi history.

Fraternally,
Robert Gaito
Rush Chairman



A Saturday cookout in freshman dorms.

Review Of Semester In Sports

With all of the fall IFC regular seasons over and the playoffs just around the corner, it is time to look back at the season's accomplishments.

Football

The football team began the season strongly by shutting out RSE and TKE, 33-0 and 32-0, respectively. Then, after a hard-fought loss to Phi Tau, 24-13, the Theta Chi team rebounded for two thrilling wins. First, the team beat Chi Phi in overtime, 12-6, on a 40-yard pass from Chris Cooney to Eric Jacks. Then, we came from behind to defeat Delta Tau Delta, 26-25, in a very aggressive game. The winning touchdown came with just three seconds remaining in the game. Chris Cooney hit Chris Shefelton over the middle as the rest of the house charged onto the field in celebration.

The offense was anchored by the line consisting of Rob Sacco, Bill Beisner, and Chris Shefelton. The line gave quarterback Chris Cooney plenty of time to hit the long bombs to Eric Jacks and the short-outs to Bob Gaito and Tony Veraldi.

On defense, the line comprising David James, Vinnie DeRobertis, and Eric Bluth put constant pressure on opposing quarterbacks. This pressure caused many errant passes that were skillfully picked off by Rich Amirault, Bill Windle, Alan MacQuoid, and Lenny Giannetti. Others contributing were Pete Kelly, David Smith, and Tim Grewe.

With the playoffs starting, the football team, seeded no. 2, is looking forward to a rematch with Phi Tau.

Softball

The softball team made the playoffs this year with a 4-2 record. As one player described the record, it was a "total team effort, with few standouts." With the pitching of Rob Sacco and the solid defense behind him, the team lost only two games, both by one run. Asked to describe the big hitters on the team, another player confessed, "We really didn't have any, but you could always count on Vance, Vinnie DeRobertis, to hit into a long out."

The softball team is enthusiastically looking at the playoffs and a chance to earn more valuable Barker points for Theta Chi.

Golf

The golf duo of Chris Latran and Scott Hobbs finished in fifth place in a 24-team field. Scott was the low man, with rounds of 88 and 81, while Chris shot a 97 and a 93.

Soccer

The soccer team started the season with high expectations, but finished a disappointing season by missing the playoffs. The team finished with a 2-4 record. The few bright spots of the season were the goaltending of Lenny Giannetti and Rich Amirault and the scoring prowess of Chris Cooney, Jeff Masucci, and Dave Smith.

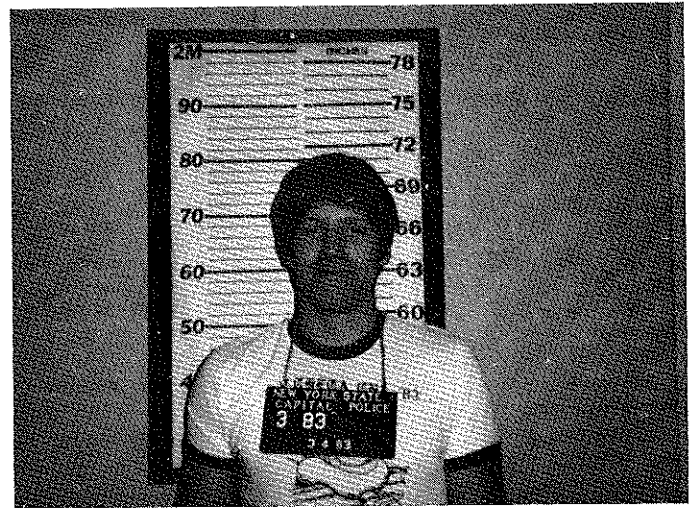
Tennis

The tennis team, after a championship season last spring, was eliminated early this year in the double elimination tournament. The team—consisting of doubles partners Matt Seigel and Bill Windle and singles player Bob Gaito—never seemed to get untracked.

Varsity Football

The varsity football team is 2-4 so far this year after a come-from-behind victory over Marist, 15-14. A capsule summary of the season is listed below:

Coast Guard 30, RPI 6
Albany State 40, RPI 7
Lowell 28, RPI 6
RPI 30, Iona 7
Union 35, RPI 6
RPI 15, Marist 14



Pledge trip 1983: Snelly's seen better days since then.

Fall Semester, continued

effective this spring. Distance from the chapter house is no longer a constraint for eligibility. We simply need someone with the energy and enthusiasm to help monitor the chapter's financial status. I'm sure that many of you would enjoy getting involved again in Delta, your Delta.

Let's see some psych for Alumni Weekend '86. Try to get in touch with other alums in your graduating class, and get it together for our 130th anniversary—and the best celebration this fraternity has ever seen.

Fraternally,
David Smith
President

There are three games remaining in the season, and these are against WPI, St. Lawrence, and Hobart.

There are 30 brothers living in the house who play football this year, with two elder statesmen, Tony Urillo and tri-captain Todd Salvagin, completing their eligibility.

On offense, eight of the 11 starters are from Theta Chi. Tri-captain Tom Wood leads the team in rushing, pass receiving, scoring, and return yardage. The receiving corps is led by Tim Carroll, John Kistner, and TE Kevin Robinson. The line is anchored in the middle by center Jim Miller and guards Andy Manning and Hal Turner. The quarterbacking duties have been shared this year by Jeff Breen and Scott Hobbs.

On defense, the "Red Swarm" is led by the outstanding line-backing corps of Ryan Fischer, Greg Willmont, Tom Plant, and Mike White. They are ably backed up by the secondary, which consists of Phil Theiller, Peter Gillies, and Scott Virkler, with Craig Woolhiser filling in. Up front, the defensive line is anchored by tri-captain Todd Salvagin, Will Headen, and Tony Urillo, with Brian Goguen subbing in. As you can see, 10 of the 11 starters on defense are from Theta Chi.

On the whole, Theta Chi has made a great impact on the varsity football team. And we are aiming toward another winning season.

As the house concludes its fall season, it looks toward the winter season with high hopes and great expectations.

Fraternally,
Scott Hobbs
Sports Chairman

Chapter Takes Steps To Eliminate Deficit

As many of you know, the house had a debt of \$22,000 from last spring. There were many causes for the debt, but the major portion of it was caused by delinquent house bills and an unexpected decrease in house income.

Due to problems in the FMA's new computer system, we became aware of the problem too late to be able to do anything last semester. To combat this problem, the Executive Board formed a committee to study the budget, examining everything in an effort to see where we could reduce it. The E-Board also took a long look at our billing process and other monetary matters.

The changes that both groups made should help keep problems like this from recurring. It is our hope that these changes, which include increased penalties for delinquent house bills, will completely eliminate the consequences of debt by the end of the school year.

Fraternally,
James Miller
Treasurer

Delta Enjoys Active Social Calendar

As usual, Delta Chapter is enjoying an active social calendar. We started the year off with our fall semester room party, which lasted well into the night. At the next party a favorite local band, "Joey and the Nightrains," performed at the house. Band parties at Theta Chi are always well-attended, and this one was no exception. The wood from construction made an outstanding bonfire for the evening. Our infamous Theta Chi punch made its fall debut, and the harmless fruit proved effective for making it a fun night.

In order to keep a normal social schedule with a decreased social budget, an old theme has been brought back. The old beer blasts have proven to be successful again. Using combined stereo equipment, we now "DJ" our own parties, and this also eases the strain on the budget. Plans for the rest of the semester include a semi-formal cocktail party with folk guitar-player and singer Ronny Morris, followed by a band party with the "Chaser Band."

As everyone knows, the drinking age in New York state changed from 19 to 21 on December 1. This will have a large impact on the RPI community. We will hold more invitation-only functions, such as cookouts and small cocktail parties. Although RPI's policy on alcohol is yet to be determined, the active brothers at Delta Chapter will handle alcohol responsibly and will abide by the new guidelines set forth by the Interfraternity Council.

Fraternally,
Alan P. MacQuoid
Social Chairman

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Theta Chi Alumni Send In Their News

RAYMOND G. HILTZ '79 has been back home in Maine for the past three years working for Scott Paper in Skowhegan, Maine. He and his brother, Rod, share expenses on a place on the lake between work and Sugarloaf Ski Resort. Ray reports that they have plenty of room for visitors. His side business, Moose Trails Training Camp, has expanded recently with the addition of a new counselor, RICHARD L. FRICKER '81. Ray writes, "The Clam" will be assuming mostly janitorial duties at first, but he shows great potential!" Ray's mailing address is RFD #1, Box 830, Madison, ME 04950.

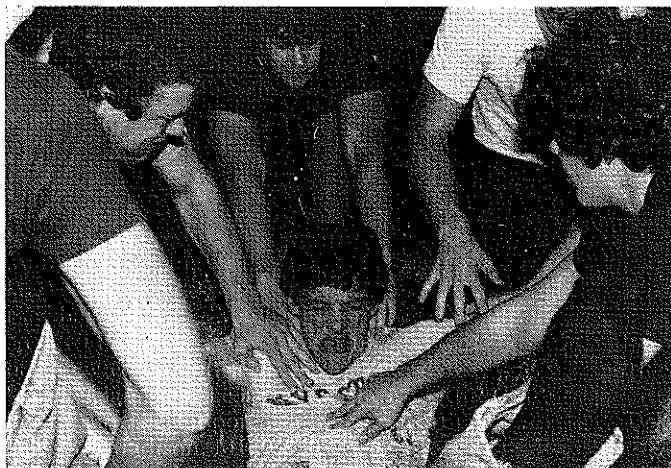
Lawyer DANIEL PEABODY '76 reports that he is still single and flies part time for the Connecticut Air National Guard. Dan has been admitted to both the Massachusetts and Maine bars and is a registered patent attorney. He opened his own law practice in May. Anyone in the Lake Region is invited to contact Dan at P.O. Box L, Naples, ME 04055.

Congratulations to KEITH A. KAMMERER '81 on his marriage to Cari Harris on June 29. Keith has a new job as the staff civil engineer at the Naval Hospital in Long Beach, California. He also reports that he recently ran and finished (barely) in the 1985 Long Beach Marathon, although he writes that he "couldn't walk right for months afterward." Wife Cari is studying mechanical engineering at Cal State-Long Beach, and they reside at 6540 Glorywhite, Lakewood, CA 90713.

Electronics engineer JEFFREY REGELMAN '83 is employed by the US Department of Defense. He reports that he is still running races and doing some triathlons. Jeff's new address is 5478 Cedar Lane, #B4, Ft. Meade, MD 20755.

Congratulations to JOHN BIDOSKY, III, '75 and his wife, Karen, on the birth of their first child, daughter Mikki Ann, on July 27. John is a project engineer for United States Steel Corporation, American Bridge Division. That company is currently finishing up the George Washington Bridge project and will soon start rehabilitation of the Riverside Drive Viaduct on the west side of Manhattan. John receives mail at P.O. Box 4303, New Windsor, NY 12550.

DAVID S. COONS '78 reports an address of 6303 Prospect, Dallas, TX 75214.



The terror continues! Who's this getting tubbed (1980-'81)?

We Hear From More Delta Alumni

J. CRAIG EOSEFOW '79 reports that some terrific changes have happened in his life lately. He was married this summer to Sally Ann Schmoyer, an engineer for Texas Instruments, and they are now expecting their first child. Craig writes, "Todd, Ram, Fred, and Cookie all showed up for the wedding. What a party! Thanks for coming, guys." Todd and Sally have moved into their first house, and you can write to them at 378 Tremont St., Rehoboth, MA 02769.

When he wrote in July, JOHN M. HART '69 reported that he had recently moved to the Chicago area to take a job as senior vice president, human resources, for Heller International, Inc. The Harts welcomed a new addition to their family last year. Daughter Samantha has one older brother, 11-year-old Jeffrey, and one older sister, 9-year-old Courtney. The Harts make their home at 191 Pembroke, Lincolnshire, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

A professor of architecture at RPI, GRAHAM WILLIAMS '52 was delighted to hear that Peter Gillies, an architecture student and outstanding athlete, became a pledge recently. Graham writes, "Let's get more 'archies' in Theta Chi." He and his wife, Patty, spent two weeks in England recently, and he will also be in Rome for the spring term, leading 10-15 students through the architectural program there. Graham reports, "RAYMOND M. BARTH'S '52 personal crusade to restore the approach has become a reality—at least it's started with Troy and RPI pledging to complete the project. Ray's idea to name it the George Low approach would signify a better connection between town and gown—something George has worked hard for." Get in touch with Graham at 4 Bolivar Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

JOHN C. LIPPOLD '73 is a manager, materials department, for Edison Welding Institute. John left "sunny" California and has taken up residence in "overcast" Columbus. He also has a joint appointment at Ohio State University, where he is teaching and supervising graduate students. Wife Mary is enrolled in the Ph.D. program in metallurgical engineering at Ohio State University. John is in touch with RICHARD C. TARNOW '73, and he reports a new address for them of 11243 W. 28th Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215. John also hears from MILES A. DAVIN '73, and he writes, "Miles has forsaken all worldly possessions and moved to Oregon to take up residence on the Rajneesh's commune!" Write to John at 1925 Concord Rd., Columbus, OH 43212.

Congratulations to STEVEN R. PETTO '78 on his marriage to Kathleen Ann Ruehl on April 20. Steven is a manager for Yarway Corporation. He keeps in touch with PAUL F. HERBERT '78, who has three children, KENNETH A. SCHMALZ '76, and PETER T. ROBERTS '80. Steven resides at 1601 Lincoln Way, #101, San Francisco, CA 94122.

THOMAS M. KEARNS '80, an engineer for General Dynamics, writes, "Not much news to report. I am just trying to avoid the government auditors, who are trying to uncover fraudulent defense contractor spending. Anyone wishing to buy a \$9,000 wrench, contact the US Air Force." Tom adds, "JAY C. SUGAR '82 plans to marry Sue Kryschak on August 17. Jay further plans on leaving General Dynamics to pursue a masters degree in production management at Carnegie Mellon (Pittsburgh). Also, Moby's liver is terminally ill in Houston and is not expected to survive another four kegs of Budweiser. The funeral will be at Suiter's this Alumni Weekend." Send Tom your news at 4838 Pershing Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76107.

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Reporting a new address is RICHARD L. FRICKER '81. Richard is a process engineer for S. D. Warren Company, and he now resides at 82 West River Rd., Waterville, ME 04901.

When he wrote in July, ANTHONY G. DOMENICUCCI '72 sent along the good news that he and his wife, Judi, were expecting a child in October. Tony is employed by IBM, and the Domenicuccis make their home at Peters Rd., RD #8, Box 95, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

ROBERT F. SKELLY '81 reports that he is alive and well and is still living in the Virgin Islands. "Skell" was promoted last year to operations manager of St. Croix Petrochemical Company, a joint venture between Hess Oil and Hercules Company. He completed 11 months of strike duty last March, several months of which FRED A. FLINT '80 was also assigned to. Bob is enjoying the abundance of water down there and encourages any brothers to visit. Write to "Skell" at P.O. Box 127, Kingshill, St. Croix, USVI 00850.

Technical engineer STOYAN LOKAR '77 is employed by Procter & Gamble. He and wife Barb have been living in Belgium for about six months now, and they report that they are finally settled in and know their way around pretty well. They have had a chance to see quite a bit of Europe already and plan on doing a lot more traveling in the two to three years they expect to be in that area. Stoyan writes that they have a nice penthouse apartment just south of downtown Brussels with a guest room for any brothers passing through. He keeps in touch with FRANK B. CODISPOTI '77, who has three beautiful daughters and lives in New Orleans. Get in touch with Stoyan at 11 Ave. Winston Churchill, Boite 26, 1180 Brussels, BELGIUM.

Unfortunately, the news we hear from ROBERT C. ALQUIST '27 is not good. Bob suffered a stroke in 1979 and has had several setbacks since, and he still has difficulty getting around. Wife Louise has also had some health problems, including a heart attack in 1982. Bob enjoys receiving *The Delta Dial*, although he misses being a part of all the good times they used to have. He writes, however, that they have some wonderful memories, and he sends his regards to all. Send Bob and Louise your best wishes at 805 Linwood St., New Cumberland, PA 17070.

When he wrote in August, FRANK J. POTTER '49 reported that he and his wife, Margaret, were planning a move to North Carolina at the end of that month. Frank retired from Xerox a few years ago and has since been working as a bio-medical engineer doing performance and safety testing and repair of electronic medical equipment. Drop Frank a note at 7063 Oak Rd., Carolina Trace, Sanford, NC 27330.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following alumni:

KENNETH R. BRITTING '62, February 18, 1985
ELBERT S. OVERBAUGH '11, January 27, 1983
GRAEME REID '26, June 9, 1985