

ALUMNI WEEKEND 1996

October 4-6

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

Friday, the 4th

8 p.m.-Midnight, Reception
for returning alumni

Saturday, the 5th

1 p.m., Football game (*RPI vs. WPI*)

6-7 p.m., Cocktails

7 p.m., Dinner

Sunday, the 6th

10 a.m., Alumni board meeting

Noon, Brunch

Annual Delta Theta Chi Corporation Meeting Held June 9, 1996

The annual corporation meeting was held at the chapter house on June 9, 1996. This year's meeting was well attended, with about 20 actives and alumni taking part. During the corporation meeting, new board members Lou Takacs '57 and Pete Gilles '89 were elected to three-year terms, taking the seats of Jim Pirrong '69 and Rob McIntosh '60, whose terms were up. After the corporation meeting ended, a corporation board of directors meeting was held.

The current Delta Theta Chi corporation board members are as follows:

ALUMNI—

Scott Campbell '90, *President*
George Quigley '85, *Vice President*
W. Everett Molony '63, *Secretary*
John Soron '71, Louis Takacs '57, and

Peter Gilles '89

ACTIVES—

Scott Ogeka, *Chapter President*
Rocco Laurenzano, *Chapter Vice President*
Angelo Vissas, *Chapter Treasurer*

In addition to the members of the corporation board, the following alumni deserve recognition and appreciation for their efforts with the active chapter:

Corporation Treasurer—Bob Wright '72
Maintenance Adviser—Joe Knapik '92
Alumni Adviser—Ray Moran '91
Faculty Adviser—Mark Rice '71
Dusty Fund Coordinator—Rob McIntosh '60

Steve Schriber '80
Alumni *Δ Dial* Liaison

Editor's Message...

We would like to inform you that the date for Alumni Weekend is October 4-6, 1996. We hope that by informing you early we'll make it easier for you to make plans to come back and visit the house and your brothers. This is the weekend of the RPI vs. WPI football game. Delta Chapter is a powerhouse contributor to the team, with five of our fellow brothers team captains: Shane Dover '96, Glenn Arnold '96, Tony Klinowski '96, Mike

Mucci '96, and Angelo Vissas '97. Brother Dan McGovern '98 is the featured tailback; he set numerous school records last season.

The brothers of Delta Chapter are trying to return Alumni Weekend to its former greatness. Last year, the brothers did a wonderful job with the food and service. So, please, take time to come this fall and experience Theta Chi all over again.

Fraternally yours,
Jim Schertzer '98
Δ Dial Editor

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WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

Sweethearts...

This year's Sweethearts was a great success. It was kicked off downstairs with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. While bartenders Brian Coffin '99 and Christopher Brodeur '96 kept everyone's glass full, Matt Patricia '96 and Gianfranco Mascolo '98 prepared a delectable dish of chicken parmesan that was combined with pasta and a homemade sauce.

As dinner ended, there were only compliments for the chefs. President Scott Ogeka closed dinner with the traditional joke and the singing of "Tis to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi." Immediately following was a surprise appearance by a masked man who recited a romantic poem and then vanished into the night. Following dinner, everyone returned downstairs and continued to party well into the night. In all, the evening was a smashing success, with everyone looking forward to next year.

Parents Weekend...

Parents Weekend was held on Saturday, April 27. The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres downstairs. The drinks were served by Nick Silvaggi '98 and Christopher Brodeur '96. Dinner was prepared by Matthew Zaist '96 and William Lindheimer '96. For the main course there was a choice of either chicken or London broil, complemented by twice-baked potatoes and mixed vegetables.

Dinner was concluded with the president's joke and the singing of "Tis to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi." Everyone then moved downstairs, where there was soft music and merry company. In all, everyone had a great time, and we all await next year's dinner.

Fraternally,
Jason Molten '97
Kitchen Manager

Meet The New Delta Chapter Members

On April 13, 1996, 20 men were initiated into Theta Chi Delta Chapter. The men who make up this pledge class possess all the qualities that every brother of Theta Chi displays. Working with these guys and teaching them the ways of Theta Chi were well worth the effort. This group's co-

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| Mike Raimo | Ipswich, MA | Management |
| Tim Bamford | Rochester, NY | Mechanical eng. |
| Matt Dias | Tyngsboro, MA | Management |
| Jason Laver | Rensselaer, NY | Biology |
| Matt McCann | Ilion, NY | Management |
| Tom Frank | Mohawk, NY | Management |
| Jason LaTourette | Sidney Center, NY | Management |
| Morgan Hamilton | Diamond Point, NY | Engineering |
| Bill Herzog | Lake George, NY | Management |
| Josh Reilly | Mechanicville, NY | Management |

hesiveness and leadership abilities contributed to its enthusiasm and learning. We take great pleasure in welcoming the newest brothers of Delta Chapter Theta Chi.

Fraternally yours,
Tony Klinowski '96, Pledge Marshal

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| Mike Brandimarte | Leominster, MA | Engineering |
| Rich Coscia | Leominster, MA | Management |
| Jason Alonzo | Mechanicville, NY | Management |
| Rich Palumbo | Frankfort, NY | Management |
| Justin Alford | Leominster, MA | Management |
| Rick Barbera | Rivervale, NJ | Management |
| Mark Modakowski | Succasunna, NJ | Management |
| Brian Coffin | Topsfield, MA | Engineering |
| Pete Matte | Hudson Falls, NY | Management |
| Matt Knox | Lincoln, MA | Management |

DELTA CHAPTER ALUMNI NEWS

Although he retired in 1980 from Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation, ORVILLE W. REEN '38 remained active as a consultant. "After I became a widower in 1991," he explains, "I became much more active and am now the technical director for a small powder metal parts manufacturer. I would enjoy hearing from some of the 1934-'38 brothers." "Wally" can be reached at 224 Elmtree Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068.

"I attended my 50th class reunion in 1995 with G. B. THURSTONE '47," pens ALAN S. CORRELL '45 from 14506 Oak Bend Dr., Houston, TX 77079-6518. "We renewed many old acquaintances and also visited 57 Second Street where the Rensselaer County Historical Society is restoring the old fraternity house.

In 1986, G. KENNETH LEESON '49 lost his wife of 36 years and mother of their two sons, Jane, to cancer. Then in 1988 he had the good fortune to meet another Jane, and, following a brief courtship, they were married and moved to Florida (13124 SE Cypress Point Lane, Hobe Sound, 33455-7249) since Ken had also retired in 1988.

Correspond with DONALD S. ROBINSON '50 at 1066 Spanish Wells Dr., Melbourne, FL 32904. They moved to Florida three years ago after he retired from Bristol Myers Squibb Company.

Several brothers responded to our mystery 1952 *Transit* photo in the spring *Δ Dial* beginning with ALAN D. BURKE '53. "Your question about the identity of the Theta Chi brothers in the picture is answered as follows: from left to right, DICK LESLIE '53, JACK CARROLL '53 (deceased), LARRY PAINE '54, JOHN WARD '54, and ALBERT BIRKS '54." Alan can be found at 8345 Starkland Ave., West Hills, CA 91304.

WILLIAM G. MOLLER JR. '53 also answered

the mystery photo query from 14148 Hay Rake Hollow, Chelsea, MI 48118. "As a historical note, Theta Chi was located at 57 Second Street, and the photo was taken in the basement of the house."

"Thanks for keeping me up to date on chapter events and status," wrote ALBERT S. BIRKS '54 with his photo answers. He has visited the old house during reunions. "When I visited the 57 Second Street house in 1993, it was being converted into a museum by the Rensselaer County Historical Society. Surprisingly, they had very little history on the house when it was Delta's 'home' and were pleased to get information from me." To learn more, write Albert at Rt. 9, Box 198, Corinth, MS 38834.

"I enjoy receiving and reading the *Dial*," explains ROBERT J. HEINSOHN '54. "I recall my years at RPI and ΘΧ with great fondness. Both institutions convinced me I could do things I never thought I was capable of." Touch base with Robert by writing to Box 65, Penn Furnace, PA 16865.

Since he retired in 1992, STUART W. HORNE '54 has been involved in volunteer work in the community and the schools. He sent us his photo answers from his home at 178 Federal Hill Rd., Milford, NH 03055.

Our final response to the 1952 *Transit* mystery photo comes from LAWRENCE A. PAINE '54, who was pictured in the photo and now makes his home at 319 Oglethorpe Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32084. He remains very active in the engineering business he began 20 years ago, and he and Mimi will celebrate their 42nd anniversary in November.

WILLIAM B. FOLLIT JR. '66 sent this news from 72 Doral Farm Rd., Stamford, CT 06902:
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Scholarships For Theta Chi Undergraduates

During the past year while alumni of Theta Chi were contacted for the recently held RPI reunions for the classes of '66 and '71, several alumni raised the question of how they could further help the undergraduate brothers. These casual conversations inspired Rich Bollam '66 to contact the RPI development office and begin discussions about creating a program within RPI's existing fund-raising efforts to specifically earmark scholarships for Theta Chi brothers.

The initial discussions were fruitful, but it gradually became evident that this would be the first such program at RPI. Rather than recreating the wheel, the topic was raised at the annual meeting on June 9, and a decision was made to contact some other Theta Chi chapters that have existing programs at their schools in order to maximize the benefits of our program. The goal is to create a program whereby you can donate money (tax-deductible) to RPI, get full credit for such by RPI, yet earmark the money only to be used to

benefit Theta Chi brothers. We hope to have the program up and running later this year, and we will send you a full explanation of it at that time.

However, in the meantime we have discovered that the national office of Theta Chi in Indianapolis has embarked on a similar program, which will be outlined in the fall '96 issue of the *Rattle*. The details we have obtained from the national sound encouraging, but it may well turn out that the program we set up with RPI will be more beneficial. Therefore, we ask you to please wait until you receive information on the RPI program before you make any major investment decisions.

As always, we welcome help from any alumni who may have information on this kind of program. Please feel free to call or write **RICH BOLLAM** at:

BOLLAM, SHEELEY, AND TORANI AND COMPANY
26 COMPUTER DR. W.
ALBANY, NY 12205;
518/459-6700, EXT. 303 (W).

A View Of The Annual Retreat...

New met old as the annual Theta Chi Delta Chapter retreat took place on the last weekend of January at the Sagamore Resort in Lake George.

In attendance were all of the newly elected active officers as well as some of the old officers who had just stepped down. The meeting was hosted and conducted by the Delta Chapter alumni board.

The retreat started off with everyone getting acquainted with one another, including the members of the alumni board meeting the new officers. After that we sat down and received an introduction about the purpose of the retreat. Next the new officers were told

the role and responsibility of the alumni corporation

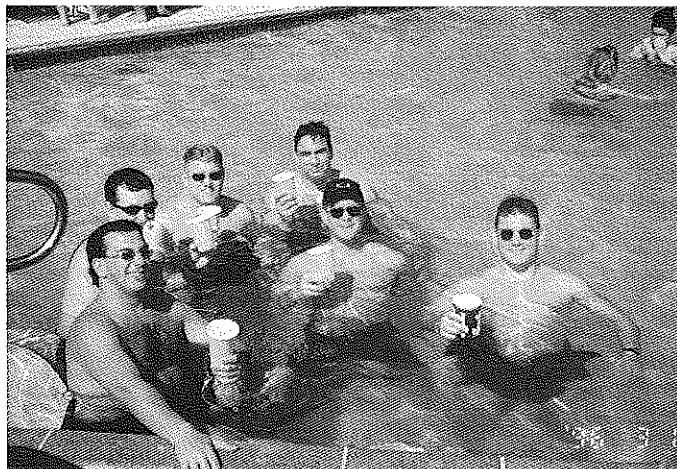
board of directors.

The meeting started light with a conversation on Delta Chapter history. We heard from alumni as well as active brothers about life in the house in the 1950s, '60s, '70s, '80s, and '90s. This served as a good icebreaker.

Then it was time for business. We discussed such things as rush, pledging, house finances, house maintenance, and social issues. Finally, we set goals and objectives for the new officers as well as determined whether or not the old officers had met their goals and objectives.

The meeting was followed by a semiformal dinner that was topnotch from beginning to end. After dinner the old brothers and new brothers exchanged memories, experiences, and laughter until the late hours of the night.

The next day everyone met for breakfast, and the retreat closed with a brief meeting. The retreat was a great experience for all who attended. It served to be extremely helpful to the new officers, and it kept the alumni board in tune with the people running the house.



Brothers enjoy themselves at their South Padre, Texas, resort over spring break.

President's Address...

So far in the spring semester of 1996, Theta Chi undergraduates have kept busy. New officers were elected on January 12. I am the new president, Rocco Laurenzano is vice president, Angelo Vissas is treasurer, Mike DePietro is marshal, Tom Neilsen is secretary, and Jim Markovich and Brian Pierz are rush chairmen. The day after elections we attended the annual retreat at the Sagamore in Lake George, New York. This gave us time to mingle with the alumni board and other alumni who attended. Discussion included setting new goals and assessing the goals set the year before.

Some of the goals set for the upcoming term were to improve campus, Greek, and alumni relations, as well as improve the maintenance of the house. Recently the house had a new hot water heater installed, and we are planning on getting other maintenance projects under way this summer, like a new tile floor downstairs, a central fire alarm system, and repairing some of the walls.

The house is also getting more involved in campus and community activities. Youth Action is one of these campus activities, and brother Ian Payner is the president. Youth Action takes underprivileged kids from Troy to different activities on certain weekends. Also, we are in the process of sponsoring a lift-athon, where brothers go around and get pledges per pound of weight they can bench press. The money is going to be donated to Troy Pop Warner teams; we hope to raise about \$1,000. We are also involved in the Red Cross phonathon.

Alumni Weekend will be October 5 when the football team will play WPI. Please join us for dinner on Saturday night.

Fraternally yours,
Scott Ogeka '97
President

Uplifting Philanthropy

This spring Theta Chi sponsored a lift-athon to benefit local Pop Warner football leagues. Each brother was required to go into the community to find people willing to support the fund-raiser. The supporters would pledge a certain amount of money for each pound the brother could max on his bench press.

The event went as planned and was a success. We were able to raise over \$700 to benefit the local Pop Warner league. We would like to thank all the brothers and sponsors who participated. The event demonstrates Theta Chi's commitment to philanthropy events and to our community.

Rocco Laurenzano '98
Vice President

Fraternally yours,
Tom Neilsen '97
Secretary

1995-'96 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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| Nicholas Donofrio '67 | Joseph A. Johnson '84 | William H. Mueffelmann '62 | Paul C. Sharp '32 | Michael J. Wollman '74 |
| Matthew M. Douglas '89 | Stanley Kaplita '84 | Stephen D. Myers '75 | Frank W. Shay '35 | Robert J. Wright '72 |
| Gerald E. Duffy '88 | John J. Kazmarski Jr. '64 | Steven M. Naegele '89 | Ethan Shea '89 | Robert W. Zais '70 |
| John J. Ecker '83 | Thomas M. Kearns '80 | William J. Nareski '70 | Martin A. Siegel '69 | Brian W. Zuerndorfer '75 |
| Rand J. Edwards '70 | | | | |

— MORE ALUMNI NEWS —

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"After 25 great years with IBM, I took advantage of their retirement bridge and began a new career with Aim 21, a little startup multimedia database company where I am director of professional services. Daughter Kristin is doing quite well as a high school freshman, wife Evelyn is winding up 12 years with Dun & Bradstreet, and my dear mother is still going strong after celebrating her 90th birthday in May."

"Boeing is doing well, and life is great," declares MICHAEL A. SKIBO JR. '66, director of engineering information systems for Boeing Commercial Airplanes, from 11218 81st Ave. NE, Kirkland, WA 98034. He has four children ranging in age from 22 to 12, and he plays lots of golf.

"After five years in beautiful northern California, Chevron made me an offer I couldn't refuse," explains hydrogeologist MARTIN E. EVANS Jr. '72 from his new home—3831 Lincoln Ave., Groves, TX 77619. The offer was to "move to sunny (read: hot and humid) Port Arthur, Texas, and help clean up 90 years of no environmental practices.

And surprisingly, I'm having a blast. No social life, and no time to notice."

Now that his "temporary" assignment with Advanced Reactor Corporation in San Jose, California, has concluded, DANA COVILL '73 is happy to be moving back east to Harrisburg (6240 Hocker Dr., PA 17111).

Send congratulations to Lynn and MICHAEL R. TURNER '81 on the birth of their first baby. Andrew Michael was born April 14, 1996 and joins mom and dad at 7305 Alamosa Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93309. "We enjoyed our visit back east last fall when we got to see many friends at Alumni Weekend." "Ike's" e-mail address is 74457.220@compuserve.com.

Make note of this new address for A. KEITH BELLAMY '84: 34 Lexington Circle, Holden, MA 01520.

More good wishes are in order, this time for Celeste and MARC D. DICKIE '88, whose third child, Erin Marie, was born May 26, 1996. Lots of changes for the Dickie clan—provided all went well, you can find them all at a new location: 7 Kristen Court, East Greenbush, NY 12061.

"Carolyn and I are both busy with our careers," explains MATTHEW M. DOUGLAS '89, a logistics manager at ADTRAN, Inc. whose address is 114 Simmons Dr., Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763.

ROBERT H. GRAY '90 spent Memorial Day weekend with brother VINCE LIVOTI '89 and his fiancée, Brandi. Catch up with Rob at 210 Ridge St., Glens Falls, NY 12801.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

- ARTHUR F. BARNES '51
- JOSEPH M. BOYD '62, March 5, 1996
- MALCOLM P. CAMPBELL '32
September 25, 1995
- JOHN N. EMORY JR. '40, July 28, 1995
- ROBERT W. FARREN '27, May 13, 1996
- FRANK L. GOETZ JR. '38, April 9, 1996
- LAWRENCE C. MILLER '24, December 3, 1995
- HAROLD T. SAWYER '35
- ROBERT D. VENNER '31
- DAVID D. WALKLEY '52, November 1995