



# THE DELTA DIAL

Theta Chi Fraternity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

TROY, NEW YORK

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Theta Chi Brian Wojton, senior fullback, is attended to on the sideline (see story on RPI football, page three).

## Delta Chapter Enjoys Successful Rush

Rush '89 was held from September 5 to October 6. Although rush at Delta Chapter was a little slow at first, everyone settled down, and it was very enthusiastic and successful.

With a plethora of cookouts and Monday night football events, we were able to choose men who could uphold Theta Chi's high standards. The same enthusiasm that the brothers had was shown by the rushees. We saw them at the house constantly, meeting brothers and asking questions about the house and the fraternity system, making my job more enjoyable and easier.

We handed out 30 bids and received 28 back. We had the second highest return of bids and by far the best bids-handed-out to bids-turned-in ratio. From the viewpoint of rushing, the future of the Delta Chapter of Theta Chi looks bright.

Additional dry rush rules of 1989 were as follows:

- A fraternity or any of its members may not fraternize with a rushee while the fraternity brothers are consuming alcohol. This includes but is not limited to fraternizing with a rushee in an apartment, dorm, bar, or automobile while alcohol is present.
- At no time may a fraternity or any of its members accept alcohol from a rushee.

Yours truly,  
Ray Moran  
Rush Chairman

## President Bids Farewell

In my farewell address, I would like to express my thanks to those individuals who have helped in the smooth operation of Theta Chi. This year's officers all did an excellent job in assuming their roles. There were many individuals who donated much more time than expected. Scott Clough, in addition to being an excellent treasurer, helped in house maintenance and alumni relations. Jeff Bilco, a football co-captain, was an outstanding leader within the fraternity and served as social chairman. Other individuals who stood out were Chris Mattei, vice president; Ray Moran, rush chairman; Brian Hoarle, kitchen manager; Sean Rodwell-Simon; and Don Hubert, who was a role model for all brothers.

Jim Bryce and the rest of the alumni corporation provided a smooth blend of advice and assistance. After seeing other fraternities suffer with inactive or nonexistent alumni organizations, I realize how lucky we are having such a strong group of alumni. The dean of students office at Rensselaer has done an excellent job of working with us and has provided help whenever asked.

Although I am relieved to end my presidency and the headaches that accompany the position, I have enjoyed every minute I have served. I have tried not only to operate the fraternity, but to make improvements during my term. Looking back, I think my efforts have paid off, and I encourage the future leaders to continue working hard.

Scott Campbell '90  
President

### Corporation To Meet May 20, 1990

2100 Burdett Ave., Troy, NY 12180  
518/273-9667

The annual meeting of Delta Theta Chi Corporation will be held on Sunday, May 20, 1990, at 11:00 a.m. at the chapter house. We encourage any Theta Chi alumni who will be in the Troy area that weekend to attend this meeting.

**Nominations:** In accordance with the bylaws of Delta Theta Chi Corporation, the nominating committee has submitted the names of the following alumni for election to the board of directors. Their three-year term will end in May 1993.

Mark Rice '71

Bill McIntyre '74

# Our Alumni Write

"I suppose I am surfacing after 49 years of silence," writes H. ESPE DREW JR. '40 (Post Office, Cowaramup, W.A., AUSTRALIA 6284), "and although I'm in the retired category, I seem to be busier than ever with a hobby farm and more recently a big band in which we play the same music that we were crazy about back at RPI. Right now we are working on Glenn Miller's arrangement of 'In the Mood.'" "Little Ape" sends greetings to FRANCIS "Dutch" BODENHEIM '40, RICHARD "Ape" MARKS '40, and SEYMOUR M. BRADLEY JR. '40.

Send best wishes to ALAN S. CORRELL '45 at 14506 Oak Bend Dr., Houston, TX 77079. He reports that he got together with GRANGER "G.B." THURSTONE '45, BRUCE H. KINLOCH '45, and NORMAN F. PAULSEN '47 and their wives in Vermont in June. "First time we've all been together since post-war graduation, about 1948. Catching up took us into the early morning hours."

ALAN D. BURKE '53 informs us that he and his wife, Ginny, retired from their respective jobs (he from Rockwell International, she from Robinson's) in June 1988, sold his family home in Newton Center, Massachusetts, made some improvements to their home in West Hills, and have begun to prepare for a summer home in Boothbay, Maine. Their daughter was to be married in September. Alan hears regularly from MILT BENSON '53, who lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife. Write to Alan at 8345 Starkland Ave., West Hills, CA 91304.

The president of Specialized Systems, Inc., BRUCE J. WOODEN '53 resides at 20401 Peach Tree Rd., Dickerson, MD 20842.

Send greetings to DANIEL F. LEARY '60 at 128 N. Warren St., Syracuse, NY 13202. Dan reports that he and Gretchen planned a reunion for brothers who had lived in the house on Second Street. The reunion was held this past fall, and 21 brothers (from classes '58 through '62) met in Syracuse, New York, having come from as far away as California, Florida, and England. In greeting the alumni, Thomas G. Young, the mayor of Syracuse, wrote, "It's certainly amazing testimony to your loyalty and affection for one another that you'd travel across continents and oceans for this first annual reunion." It is expected that future reunions will be held in various parts of the country in an effort to encourage even greater interest. Dan summarizes the weekend in this way: "Those who were there know, those who have had equal experiences may sense what we enjoyed, those who have yet to understand all that it means to be a brother of Delta Chapter may one day know, but it is my fervent hope that every brother achieves at least a small part of what we have been privileged to share."

Writes W. ROBERT McINTOSH '60, "My Jane and I had the pleasure of meeting WILLIAM E. BROOK '50 and his wife, Sally, on the Rensselaer Alumni Association's 'journey of the czars' trip to Russia in July. Bill and Sally reside in Anchorage, Alaska." Bob is senior vice president of operations for Omni Hotels. His address is 22 Calumet Rd., Winchester, MA 01890.

Drop a line to WILLIAM H. MUEFFELMANN '62 at 10 Riverside, Wheelers Point, Gloucester, MA 01930.

The president of Materials Recovery & Recycling, NICHOLAS HUMBER JR. '63 reports a new address of 68 Day St., Newton, MA 02166.

"After 10 years of marriage," writes JAMES H. FRIAR '64, "Jane and I had a little girl last year." Send congratulations to 16 The Crescent, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

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### Undergraduate Officers

Paul Dichristine, President      Rob Kregenow, Vice President  
Brian Hoarle, Treasurer          Tom Patterson, Secretary  
Ray Moran, Pledge Marshal      Rip Patten, Rush Chairman

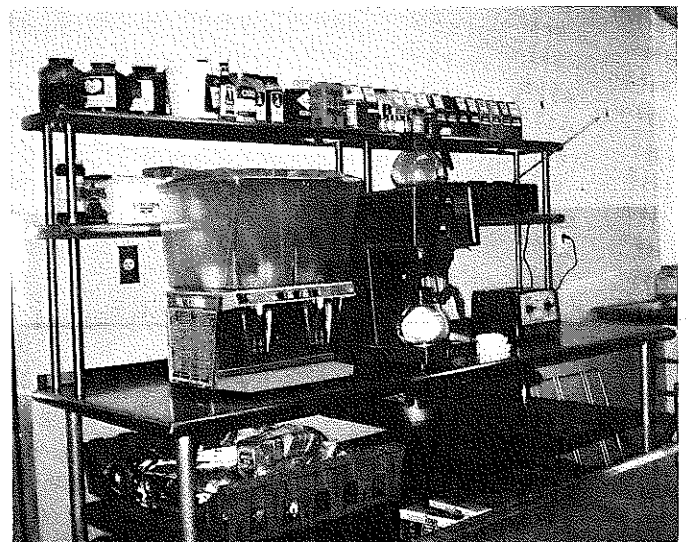
## Social Chairman Reviews Fall Term

Theta Chi's social calendar took a few new twists in the fall semester. Alumni Weekend started things off for the fraternity this year. It was a little earlier than usual—September 22—but everyone had a great time and once again seemed to enjoy the newly adopted buffet format. The RPI football team topped things off with a win over Siena.

Parties were few and far between. This was mainly due to football and, of course, the strict enforcement by RPI's Interfraternity Council of the new closed-party policy. Although being very careful to follow all of these rules, we were still able to have our share of fun. We even finished the semester off with a Christmas party.

This semester looks to be much busier. Already in the making are Sweethearts Weekend, Parents Weekend, and, of course, Springfest. We also hope to have parties on a more regular basis, returning to the once-proud Theta Chi tradition. Hope to see you at a few.

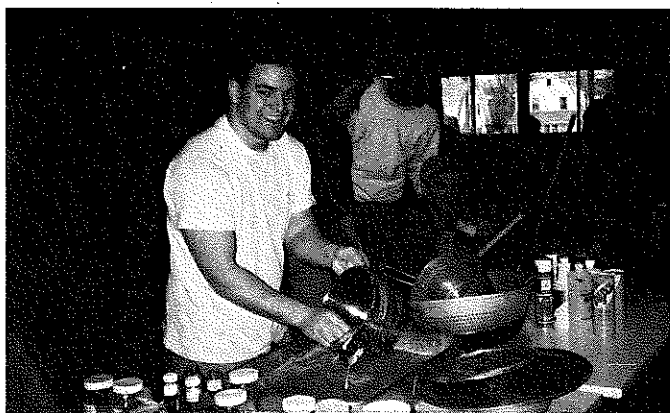
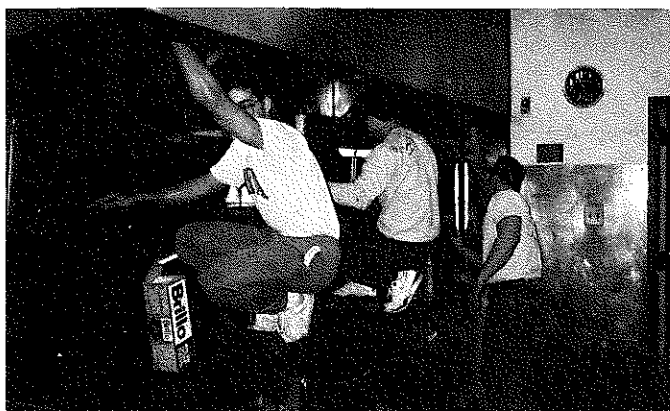
Jeffery Bilco  
Social Chairman



*A result of the January work party (more pics on page three).*

Reports RICHARD D. MOWREY '68, "After 14 years as general manager of the Standard Pennant Company, Inc., I have started a consulting business centered on business valuations and brokerage of manufacturing business in the Northeast." Richard resides at 103 Carmalt Ave., Punxsutawney, PA 15767.

Boasts JOSEPH P. CASTELLANO '71, "We welcomed our fourth child, Kirkland Leland, on May 1." Joseph now has two boys and two girls. He is a physician/ophthalmologist and lives  
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*The chapter held a work party on Saturday, January 20. Top: House Manager Joe Knapik '92 (left) was behind the project. Center: Theta Chi's clean stoves, ovens, and shelves. Bottom: Steward Wood '93 and Billy Orr '93 scrub kitchen pots.*

## Injuries Plague RPI Football

Just one season ago the RPI Engineer football team posted its best mark in 40 years and narrowly missed a bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs. This season, under the reign of first-year head coach Joe King, last season's offensive coordinator, the Engineers posted a 3-6-0 record. Injuries to several key players and the loss of a good number of starters on defense led the team to a disappointing season.

Injuries hit the team hard at nearly every position. Senior co-captains Randy Romer (defensive back) and Jeff Bilco (wide receiver), were badly needed and sorely missed. Romer missed all but two games due to a back injury, and Bilco played in only four games due to an injury to his right foot. Other key injuries included junior tailback Scott Milne's severe ankle sprain and junior offensive lineman Tom Anderson's fractured ankle. Milne missed the final six games of 1989, while Anderson was out for the final three.

Despite the injuries, the Engineer defense played well for most of the season. Junior Todd Wojtowecz was a team leader as he made 76 tackles and led the team in sacks with 10. Wojtowecz is now second on the RPI all-time sack list with 18½, only one behind Tom Pond, who set the record in 1984. Other defensive standouts were junior defensive lineman Murat Aslansan, who had 60 tackles and four sacks on the season, and junior linebacker Ray Moran, who made 79 tackles and had two sacks.

On the other side of the ball, the offense was nothing more than inconsistent, scoring over 30 points in games against Siena and Marist, yet being stifled during the other contests. There were some surprising performances, though, mainly in the backfield. Sophomore tailback Rip Patten led the team in rushing with 574 yards and five touchdowns, and freshman Kurt Stapleton, a 5'10", 220-pound fullback, rushed for 301 yards and four touchdowns. Also in the backfield, junior fullback Kevin Knox returned from a fine season in 1988 to rush for 500 yards and two touchdowns. Although Scott Milne missed most of the 1989 season, he compiled 165 yards and scored a touchdown. Milne now has 1,522 career rushing yards, 916 shy of the RPI record set by Dean Armstrong in 1948.

Looking ahead to 1990, the Engineers lose only a handful of seniors, including Romer and Bilco, Mark Schroeder, Jim Franz, Rob Gray, Chris Mattei, and Tom Cogswell. Key returning players on defense—Wojtowecz, Aslansan, and Moran—are joined by defensive backs Keith Sheridan and Adam Grant-West. The offense will return with the four backs—Patten, Knox, Milne, and Stapleton—as well as a strong line consisting of Anderson, junior Eric Norton, and sophomores Sean Rodwell-Simon and Shawn Christensen. The receiving corps can also look to junior Brian Hoarle for leadership. With these players and coach King returning for a second season, the Engineers can look for a good season in 1990.

Randy Perillo  
Historian

## Theta Chi Initiates New Community Relations Program

Community relations at Theta Chi have kept up with the pace we set last spring. The brothers have participated in many on- and off-campus events. We started a new program, the sophomore community service project, to assure that Theta Chi remains active in community events in the future. Through this program, we participated in three major service projects this semester. These were the Menants Community Playground Construction Project, the Frear Park Cleanup Project, and the Clothe-a-Child campaign.

Many brothers also participated in individual projects. Ray Moran '91 joined the Big Brother/Big Sister program and should receive his little brother early in the spring semester. Others

worked to organize a chapter of Governor Mario Cuomo's Athletes Against Drinking and Driving here at Rensselaer. This will be the first such program at the college level in New York. Moran, Moe Aslansan '91, Kevin Knox '91, and Eric Norton '91 will visit grammar schools in Troy and show students that there are positive alternatives to alcohol and drugs. These projects will help to enhance Theta Chi's image on campus.

Overall, this semester our community service efforts have been very successful and have helped to maintain Theta Chi's fine reputation among the Rensselaer and Troy communities. We are looking forward to this spring semester to continue to become a campus leader in community service.

## Our Alumni Report

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at 37 Brace Terrace, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.

"This is my third time back at RPI," writes MARK P. RICE '71 (1614 Peoples Ave., Troy, NY 12180). Mark is director RPI's incubator center. He has seen GLENN D. TAYLOR '74, JOHN E. SORON '71, ROBERT J. BARON '72, and GREGORY J. SELEMAN '72. He and wife Lisa celebrated their 10th anniversary in August and have two children, Lia (5) and Katie (4).

Write to PAUL H. SILHAN '71 at 4 Blue Ridge Way, Ridge, NY 11961. "After seven years as general counsel of NEC America, I've left to become vice president and general counsel of SEC Online, Inc., an electronic publishing company. At home, our three-year-old, Tyler, keeps Debbie and me hopping. There seems to be no limit to the energy of a pre-schooler. If he were in college, he'd no doubt be a Theta Chi!"

Pens JOHN E. SORON '71, "After leaving Robotics, Inc., in 1987 to start up a geothermal energy company, I returned to Robotics, Inc., in 1988 as president and CEO." Keep in touch with John at 1323 Fox Hollow Rd., Schenectady, NY 12309.

Send correspondence to CHRISTOPHER P. VASIOFF '73 at a new address of 12 Peel Rd., SINGAPORE 1024.

STOYAN LOKAR '77, a technical engineer with Procter & Gamble, lives at Beuerlbacher Strasse, 88, 7180 Crailsheim, WEST GERMANY. "Our European 'tour of duty,' lasting almost five years now, will be over sometime in early 1990. While we'll surely miss the European experience, we have many wonderful memories to bring home and share with family and friends. But it'll be great to be back home again and especially to catch up on the lives of our college friends."

Stay in touch with J. CRAIG EOSEFOW '79 at 378 Tremont St., Rehoboth, MA—telephone: 508/222-0925. He writes, "My wife, Sally, and I spend most of our time raising (chasing!) our two boys, Sean (3½) and Brett (2). Can't wait until they're old enough to take camping and fishing." "Foe" has a new job with Texas Instruments as a process engineering manager.

"My wife, Maria, is a branch manager of Fulton Bank in Lancaster, Pennsylvania," reports MARK M. SWOMLEY '79 (3366 Barwood Rd., York, PA 17402). Mark and Maria have a son and a daughter. Mark is now manager of systems support for BMY Combat Systems. "I am responsible for all of the company's technical (engineering analysis and CAD/CAM) computer systems as well as network management and telecommunications."

We congratulate KENNETH J. GIACHETTA '81 on his September 3, 1989, marriage to Virginia Gentile. They invite brothers to visit them at 112 Vincent Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Ken is a project engineer for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

A senior logistics engineer for Dynamics Research Corporation, CHRISTOPHER M. HAFTEL '83 announces the birth of his first child, Elizabeth Jude, on June 6, 1989. "And she eats like her father!" He adds that "mother Patti and daughter are doing fine." Send them congratulations at 16 Webster Court, Merrimack, NH 03054.

Visit WILLIAM C. PENCOLA '83 at 1217 Polo Run Dr., Yardley, PA 19067. William is a cost/schedule engineer for Ebasco Services, Inc.

Electronics engineer JEFFREY A. REGELMAN '83 reports

that he is still with the government but has a new job and will be working in Germany for three years. "I'll be right near Munich or southern Germany, which is centrally located for travel throughout Europe. All brothers should feel free to use my house as a base for their travels. I'll be right near the Alps for a lot of great skiing close by. Just drop a line with travel plans." Send correspondence to Box 634, Bad Aibling Station, APO New York, NY 09098-4812.

"In February 1989 we gave birth to our second baby, Katherine Frances," boasts Mary and RECE S. ROEHRENBECK '83 (815 Main St., Bethlehem, PA 18018). Rece is a systems analyst for Day-Timers.

Drop a line to BARRY ESSIG '85 at 81 A Ocean Ave., Massapequa, NY 11758. Barry is a software engineer for Grumman Corporation. He received his master's degree in computer science in May 1989 and has received his black belt in Chinese kenpo ("an Americanized form of kung fu"). "Last, but certainly not least," he is engaged to his college sweetheart, Romina Russell. "Our wedding is scheduled for October 1990."

MATT SIEGEL '85 has a new position in the Pittsburgh Building at RPI: He is development officer for Rensselaer. He also coaches the defensive backs on the football team. "I saw WAYNE M. BRUHN '84, MICHAEL S. BARTIKOSKI '84, PATRICK S. WILL '84, and WILLIAM C. PENCOLA '83 at the Bruhns' home in Columbia, Maryland. Betsy's expecting, and soon we will be calling Wayne 'Daddy Du.'" Drop Matt a line at 20 B Pheasant Lane, Wynantskill, NY 12198.

Clinical test engineer JOHN F. BRENNAN '86 reports a new address of 140 Country Lane, Apt. #3, Orchard Park, NY 14127. John received his MBA in finance and accounting. He passes along news that PHILIP C. THEILLER '86, TODD T. B. SNELSON '86, and CRAIG C. WOOLHISER '86 are all getting married in 1990. "Hope to see old friends at these weddings." At the wedding of DOUGLAS A. HODGSON '85, he saw ERIC S. McMAHON '83, ANTHONY J. URILLO '83, and VINCENT DeROBERTIS '86.

"I'm engaged," announces GREGORY K. WILLMOTT '87 (107 Arrowwood Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020). "My fiancée's name is Karen Lavery. She's from Ballston Spa and a 1988 graduate of Syracuse University. We are planning a fall 1990 wedding." Greg has a new job and is working for Laboratory MicroSystems, Inc., as a Midwest regional field sales engineer. He adds that at CHRISTOPHER C. COONEY's ('87) wedding, he saw many Theta Chis. "It was a party—Theta Chi style."

GERALD E. DUFFY '88 is an engineer with GE Lighting Business Corporation. Write to him c/o GERALD A. DUFFY, 21 Forest Court, Medford, NJ 08055.

Our most current address for KIRK D. SCHELL '88 is 719 Bellevue Ave., Unit #5, Newport, RI 02841. He expected to finish surface warfare officer school in Newport and head for Newport News, Virginia, in January.

Mechanical engineer DAVE THURSTON '88 works for the Naval Air Engineering Center and receives mail at P.O. Box 440, Lakehurst, NJ 08733.

### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

J. EDWIN BEEHLER '29, August 4, 1989  
ROBERT J. OPIELA '69, June 29, 1989  
CHARLES M. READ '41, November 6, 1989  
WILLIAM J. RICE '41, August 9, 1989