



THE DELTA DIAL

Theta Chi Fraternity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Good Times Reign At Delta Despite New Drinking Age

As everyone knows, the New York State drinking age has risen to 21. In response to this new law, RPI has established certain policies on the use of alcohol on campus, and an IFC review committee has been created to monitor all social functions. We were able to get two brothers on this committee. The new policies, which demand strict adherence to pre-existing rules, also require that a host remain abstinent and that food be made available whenever alcohol is served.

Despite all of this, Delta Chapter has continued to be a dominant social force on campus. The success of last semester's beer blasts allowed us to finish the semester \$2,000 below budget. This semester, our first party brought a staggering profit of \$482.

The social schedule is packed; nearly every weekend includes a beer blast. If they remain successful, we may consider having more cocktail parties, such as the one last semester with singer Ronny Morris. This year's Springfest will be on April 5 and will include, weather permitting, an outdoor band party during the day and a bonfire and beer blast at night. Other events planned for the spring include the traditional toga party, a "21st amendment party," and a cookout and bonfire.

Fraternally,
Alan P. MacQuoid
Social Chairman

Theta Chi Welcomes 26 Pledges

Once again, Delta Chapter has produced another outstanding pledge class. These 26 young men began pledging in November, and they are progressing well.

The weekly pledge meetings are well under way. The pledges have been learning the creed, objectives, national organization, and history of Theta Chi; they've also received a tour of the career center, a brief from the Troy Police Department on DWI laws and penalties, and a presentation by the learning center on time management and study skills. We hope that these additions to the program will give the pledges an edge on students who live in the dormitories.

As usual, this pledge class is very athletic. Of the 26 pledges, 25 played varsity football this past fall. Several are outstanding athletes in other sports as well. The pledges are also very conscientious about maintaining their grades, and five of them did well enough during the fall semester to make dean's list.

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Wes Kern (left) and Bill Beisner (right) flank National Secretary Dick Meyer at Regional.

New Chapter Officers Plan House Improvements

With elections behind us, the new officers have already begun to take over where the past officers have left off. The main concern of the officers at this time is improving the condition of the house. We are hoping to undertake a renovation of the kitchen and also to improve the lighting throughout the living room and dining room.

In the restoration of both the kitchen and the lighting, we are not exactly sure what can be restored and what must be replaced. We feel that it would be best for us to bring in a consultant and to work directly with him. If it does turn out to cost more than we have anticipated, we will consider having the work done in phases.

Other smaller projects, which will possibly be done this summer, are weather stripping and caulking all the windows as well as cleaning and sealing the brick floor. These may be fairly small projects, but they have a high priority with us.

With proper planning and financial backing from the alumni corporation, the Delta Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity will continue to strive toward becoming the best it can be.

Fraternally,
Rob Sacco
Vice President

Committee Revises By-Laws

Our committee for revising the by-laws of the Delta-Theta Chi Corporation (commonly referred to as the alumni corporation) has been working for nearly two years. It consists of Bob Ross '53 (chairman), Grant Lennox '44, Jack Foehl '53, Robert Vetere '72, and Rich Boroway '73.

This revision became necessary to clarify original by-laws that dated back to 1915 and especially amendments that were poorly recorded in the corporation minutes book. It does not introduce any major changes to what was practiced in the Dusty Rhodes era and is consistent with the Grand Chapter Manual (Section B300—The Alumni Corporation).

The significant changes are: 1) board of directors members cannot be reelected until one year following expiration of a term; 2) the treasurer need not be a member of the board of directors, which permits his tenure to be uninterrupted by above one-year rule; 3) all vouchers are to be co-signed (rather than signed only by the treasurer), which enables bonding through Grand Chapter insurance policy; 4) the number of directors is increased to nine, three of whom shall be undergraduate members, which facilitates improved representation and functioning of our board of directors.

Please consider the proposed by-laws on the facing page and mail your vote (on the enclosed ballot) or vote in person at the May 17 corporation meeting.

Theta Chi Welcomes, continued

The 1986 Theta Chi pledge class comprises:

Steve Beldy — Kings Park, NY
 Mark Clark — Stafford, NY
 Tom Clark — East Weymouth, MA
 John Connery — Troy, NY
 Matt Doucet — Nashua, NH
 Matt Douglas — Red Hook, NY
 Chris Drummond — Dixfield, ME
 Marco Gargurevich — Elmont, NY
 Joe Hoose — North Babylon, NY
 Bill Ippolito — Lincroft, NJ
 Jim Konstanty — Oneonta, NY
 Mike Maiese — Pittsburgh, PA
 Andy Martin — Nashua, NH
 Chris McCrac — Red Bank, NJ
 Randy McHale — Troy, NY
 Charles Moran — Rockaway Beach, NY
 Steve Naegele — Herkimer, NY
 John Normile — Watervliet, NY
 Mark Riggs — Clifton Park, NY
 Chris Robinson — Melville, NY
 Chris Sciortino — Floral Park, NY
 Ethan Shea — Miami, FL
 Kevin Uram — New Castle, PA
 Craig Verzone — Westford, MA
 Dave Williams — Brooklyn, NY
 Brian Wojton — Cranbury, NJ

I am confident that these 26 young men will become fine brothers and will continue the outstanding tradition of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Fraternally,
 Craig C. Woolhiser
 Pledge Marshall

Corporation To Meet May 17, 1986

The annual meeting of the Delta-Theta Chi Corporation will be held on Saturday, May 17, 1986, at 4:00 p.m. at the Delta Chapter House.

The time chosen (with the help of the RPI Alumni Affairs Office) avoids conflicts with scheduled reunion activities. Also, this is an opportunity to meet with your brothers and to help direct the future of Delta Chapter. We are still a significant part of the RPI family and, with the encouragement and guidance of our concerned alumni members, hope to always be proud of Delta-Theta Chi.

Former Chapter President Bids Farewell

The spring semester is well under way, and, once again, the undergraduates are finding themselves quite busy. The biggest news at the house is the election of the 1986 officers of Delta Chapter. The new officers are: Chris Shefelton, president; Rob Sacco, vice president; Bill Beisner, treasurer; Tim Carroll, secretary; and Greg Willmott, assistant pledge marshall. So far these officers have done a tremendous job of keeping everyone happy, "psyched," and out of trouble. I wish them good luck in the months that follow.

The spring semester always means a feverish search for jobs by all seniors. So far we're doing pretty well, with the electrical engineers leading the pack. We should keep our eyes on this year's graduating seniors, for surely they will be making many significant contributions to technology in the years to come.

Delta Chapter has 26 fine pledges to make up the 1986 pledge class. Pledge Marshall Craig Woolhiser and Assistant Pledge Marshall Greg Willmott are "bringing them up to speed" in Theta Chi history, Delta history, and active Theta Chi information.

In other news, the all-senior basketball team has challenged the all-junior team to a "see-who's-best" grudge game. Thus far, the juniors have not agreed to the challenge—a definite sign of fear. The all-star/all-senior team is lead by Phil Theiller, Billy "Earth" Windle, John Brennan, and Dave Smith. Definitely the favorites, the seniors are prepared to take on the sophomores and freshmen should the juniors succumb to their fears and forfeit.

Probably the best news of all is that our newly invented Saturday beer/dance party has been a huge success; we've made roughly \$1,000 on the idea so far. What a concept: getting paid to have a party!

Finally, I would like to say my goodbyes as ex-president and ex-active. It's been a tremendous learning experience for me. There's no other way I would have rather gone through school at RPI. If I gave back 10 percent of what I got out of Theta Chi, then I did a tremendous job as a brother.

Dave Smith

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By-Laws of the Delta-Theta Chi Corporation

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of the Delta-Theta Chi Corporation shall be: Members of Delta Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity who have graduated from or discontinued their studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and who have not subsequently become members of any other active chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity ("Alumni" members).

Section 2. Membership in Delta-Theta Chi Corporation may be terminated by the voluntary withdrawal of a member, upon presenting to the Directors, in writing, reasons for such withdrawal, which said Directors may, by unanimous vote, deem acceptable. Membership in Delta-Theta Chi Corporation may be terminated by suspension or expulsion by the Corporation; but no member shall be suspended or expelled from the Corporation except by a three-fourths vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting (upon resolutions that shall have been presented at the previous Annual Meeting), nor until the accused shall have had reasonable opportunity for defense.

ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of nine members, three of whom shall be Undergraduate members and six of whom shall be Alumni members.

Section 1. Two of these Undergraduate members shall be the active President and Treasurer of Delta Chapter, Theta Chi Fraternity, and the third Undergraduate member shall be elected by the Undergraduates at their annual election for a term of one year.

Section 2. The Alumni members shall be elected as follows:
(a) At the Annual Meeting in 1985, two shall be elected for a term of three years, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of one year. Thereafter at each Annual Meeting, two members shall be elected for a term of three years with the stipulation that any person whose term shall expire in a given year cannot be re-elected or reappointed for a period of one year following the expiration of said term.

(b) The President of the Corporation shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members who shall nominate two members to be elected as Directors. The results of this nomination shall be submitted to the membership at the same time that notice of the Annual Meeting is sent to them. Each member shall then have a right to forward his ballot accepting or rejecting the nominees by mail at any time prior to the Annual Meeting. Any member may be nominated in the open Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall all be elected by the Board of Directors from among the Alumni members after the election of the Directors as set forth herein. The President, Vice President and Secretary must be members of said Board of Directors. Each officer shall serve for a period of one year and may be reelected.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held in connection with the annual commencement of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, after written notice has been given to each member at least thirty (30) days in advance.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Corporation can be called at any time by the President or a majority of the Board, after written notice has been given to each member at least ten (10) days in advance.

Section 3. Twelve (12) members shall constitute a quorum for either the Annual Meeting or special meetings of the Corporation.

Section 4. Notice of meetings of the Corporation shall be mailed to the last known address of every member.

Section 5. At the time of the election of the Officers by the Board of Directors, said Board shall fix the times for its regular meetings during the year.

Section 6. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President upon three (3) days notice or by verbal request of three (3) members of the Board.

Section 7. For purposes of meetings of the Board of Directors, whether regular or special, five (5) members, at least three (3) of which are Alumni members, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. The authority in all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors shall be the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

ARTICLE V: GRAND CHAPTER

Section 1. All provisions of the By-Laws shall conform to the latest edition of the By-Laws of Theta Chi Fraternity, published by the Grand Chapter, Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. In the event of conflict, the By-Laws of Theta Chi Fraternity shall be controlling.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and in his absence, or in the case of death, disability or resignation, he shall perform all the duties of the President (including the ability to co-sign vouchers with the Treasurer) until a successor is elected.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors in a book for that purpose, issue all notices of the meetings and attend to such correspondence of the Corporation as may be necessary. He shall have all the books and papers pertaining to his office under his personal care and attend any meeting of the Corporation or Board of Directors; in the event of his absence, he shall cause all necessary books and papers to be conveyed to such meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall co-sign all vouchers (with the President); he shall make a correct report of the finances of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting and more often when called upon by the Board of Directors; and he shall deliver all monies and property of the Corporation in his possession to his successor in office. The Treasurer shall be bonded; the Corporation shall, if necessary, pay for such bonding.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall be the custodian of the property of the Corporation. It shall purchase all supplies, enter into all contracts and generally transact all business of the Corporation wherever advisable. The purchase and/or sale of any real estate, including, but not limited to, the existing Chapter house, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those responding in writing within 90 days of a posted (mailed) notice.

Section 6. The Board of Directors will appoint a Financial Advisor to assist the Treasurer of Delta Chapter, Theta Chi Fraternity and will report such appointment to the Executive Office of Theta Chi Fraternity.

ARTICLE VII: VACANCIES

Section 1. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any office or on the Board of Directors other than herein provided, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors by a majority vote for the unexpired term of the said position.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any By-Laws of the Corporation may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present, provided that statement of such proposed amendment shall have been submitted to each member of the Corporation in writing at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting.

ALUMNI SEND US THEIR NEWS

G. STANLEY SANGDAHL '43 is retired from the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, and he and his wife now live in Vancouver, British Columbia. "We visit the mountains and walk along the shore, ski, play tennis and duplicate bridge. We will spend the summers traveling in the mountains in our motor home. A great life!" Stan sends his hellos to JAMES E. BRYCE '44: "I'm glad to see that someone I know is still with the fraternity. How have you been, and what do you hear from other brothers from our era?" Write to Stan at 410-1125 Gillford St., Vancouver, B.C., CANADA V6G 2P7.

Skiing and sailing are the favorite pastimes of DAVID W. BOEHM '70, who lives with his wife, Joni, and their two children, Julia and Eric, in northern Vermont. David owns and manages Boehm Associates, Inc., a five-person consulting and engineering firm in Burlington. He reports that Jackie and LAWRENCE J. GOULD '70 are expecting their second child this spring and that Ronnie and ROBERT W. ZAIST '70 are on temporary assignment near Galveston, Texas. The Boehms reside at 26 Elsom Parkway, South Burlington, VT 05401.

Boy, were our faces red when we received the latest newsform from J. CRAIG EOSOFOW '79 and read his postscript: "Todd did not move in with my wife as you previously reported!" We had, of course, meant to say that Craig and Sally had moved into their first house. Sorry, Craig! He also shared with us the happy news that Sally gave birth to their first child, Sean Craig, on Christmas morning. "It made for a long Christmas Eve! All three of us are doing super. What a Christmas present!" Craig is a senior engineer for Texas Instruments, and he and his family live at 378 Tremont St., Rehoboth, MA 02769.

Contractor ROBERT E. MILLER, JR., '65 reports an address of 8430 Stable Glen, Dallas, TX 75243.

When he wrote to us in January, CHRISTOPHER HAFTEL '83 reported that he's pursuing a master's degree in engineering management and that he hoped to do some skiing with wife Patti and some Theta Chi alums. "I encourage any brothers to drop in when they're in the New England area!" He occasionally sees PAUL P. YONKERS '83 and DAVID SCHAFFER '83, and he adds that MICHAEL D. "Richard" CORY '83 seems to be "getting serious" with his girlfriend, Sarah. Chris is a logistics engineer with Dynamics Research Corporation and lives at 16 Webster Court, Merrimack, NH 03054.

Reporting a new address is JAMES J. DeFILIPPO '65. He now can be reached at Box 435, RD #5, Brusck Dr., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

"Twice blessed" are Laura and STEVEN M. SCHRIBER '80, who welcomed twin daughters, Katharine Grace and Leah Elizabeth, on November 11, 1985. Send your best wishes to the Schribers at RD #2, Box 159, Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

LOUIS A. TAKACS '57 traveled back to Delta with his wife, Nancy, and his son, Sandy, for Homecoming '85. While there he ran into Betty and ROBERT L. STALEY '56, whom he hadn't seen in 29 years. "Bob was my 'big brother' back in Delta's 'good olde days' on Second Street." Lou was also pleased to note that the dinner, the party, and the conduct of the active brothers was "certainly up to Delta standards!" Our address for Lou is 18 Woodmere Rd., Framingham, MA 01701.

"Contrary to popular belief," writes RUSSELL O. PAIGE '81, "I am not the 'lucky bro' getting an icy bath as pictured in the fall '85 issue of *The Delta Dial*. It is, in fact, PETER J. 'Kat Man' LEONARD '81, performing his uncanny impersonation of KEVIN D. 'Horney' HORNE '81 during a special commemoration ceremony of Horney's inauguration as chapter president." An energy management engineer, Russ keeps in touch with RONALD A. PAIGE '81 and MICHAEL R. "Ike" TURNER '81. His address is 1697 18th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122.

Proud papa ANTHONY G. DOMENICUCCI '72 reports that his wife, Judi, gave birth to a baby girl, Sergene, on November 22, 1985. Address your good wishes to them at RD #8, Box 95, Peters Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.

Retiree DONALD G. RADWAY '37 makes his home at 6908 Eighth Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 33529.

We'd like to congratulate EDWARD BELL '68, who, when he wrote in January, was about to become a father for the second time. Since July '84 the Bells have lived in Columbia, South Carolina, where Ed works as the director of structural design for the LPA Group, Inc. Their address is 21-3 Wellesley Place, Columbia, SC 29206.

Business broker MARK P. RICE '71 is enjoying life in sunny Corpus Christi with his wife, Lisa, and two young daughters. A restaurateur, Lisa keeps busy with the four restaurants that she owns (Mark sold her the first one), and Mark gets a kick out of playing "Mr. Mom." Mark writes that JOHN E. SORON '71 is "doing super in management of a robotics company in Schenectady. He recently bought a neat old farmhouse; we stopped for a visit in summer '85." The Rice family lives at 3309 Austin St., Corpus Christi, TX 78411.

Recently promoted to process engineer at General Motors, MICHAEL P. MANNING '85 is thinking about going back to school to pursue a master's degree in industrial management. He welcomes mail from his brothers at 1926 Washtenaw, #242, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

"My wife, Cathi, just gave birth to our third daughter in December," writes JOHN T. MABON '78. An insurance agent with Metropolitan Life, Jack keeps in touch with old buddies KURT E. OBERLY '78 and GARY T. MARKHAM '77. Theta Chi visitors are welcome at 37 Dufton Rd., Andover, MA 01810.

E. RIDLEY SMITH '72 is a purchasing manager for the firm of Roy M. Huffington in Houston. He and his family live at 423 Wycliffe Dr., Houston, TX 77079.



DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following alumni:

EDWARD G. BRINK '34
JOHN J. VAN ALSTYNE '33