



## CORPORATION TO MEET

### JUNE 8, 1997

The annual meeting of the Delta Theta Chi Corporation will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the chapter house. We invite and encourage any Theta Chi alumni who live in or who will be visiting the area to attend this meeting.

NOMINATIONS: In accordance with the bylaws of Delta Theta Chi Corporation, the nominating committee has submitted the following alumni for election to the board of directors. Their three-year term will end in June 2000.

Rich Bollam '66

Paul DiChristina '91

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## A Note From The Alumni Board

This past February 1-2, the alumni board held its annual retreat. This event is timed to serve as an introductory meeting between the newly elected active officers, the previous active officers, and the alumni board. In addition to the board members, other alumni attending were advisers and prominent alumni who may wish to serve on the board in the future.

During the weekend, the alumni explained their role in operating the house. In these discussions the actives were exposed to the many resources available to them through the alumni. I feel that this interaction is the most critical part of the event. When I was walking in their shoes, I did not have the opportunity to fully understand the role that the alumni board served. This lack of understanding and interaction fostered a sense of fear and secrecy between the actives and alumni board.

A variety of issues were covered during the event. A discussion of the history of the house and changes throughout

the years was interesting since there were representatives attending from the '50s to the present. Other major issues discussed were the rush program, pledge program, house finances, alumni budget, and maintenance issues. The highlight of the meetings was introducing the new scholarship program, which Rich Bollam has been diligently working on. This gave both the actives and alumni an idea of the work that an active alumni organization can do to assist the current brothers.

The alumni board meets three times throughout the year: early summer, after Alumni Weekend, and at the annual retreat. The work load is minimal, and the involvement is as much as you make of it. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, contact me or any member of the board or drop a note to the *Dial*. You will not regret it.

Scott P. Campbell '90

President

Alumni Board of Directors

## Chapter Continues To Grow And Improve

During the past two years and especially during the past semester, Delta Chapter has worked very hard to improve its relations with the community, the school, and the Greek system. This was one of our major goals this year, and I feel we've reached it. Another goal was to increase the pledge class for this semester, and so far we have the biggest class in a long time.

Currently we have 26 pledges, which can be compared to an average of 20 every year. One of the biggest reasons

for this is the strong tradition that Delta Chapter has been building throughout the years. We have continued to build a good relationship with Katherine Swan, our new Greek adviser. Right after elections this year we invited her to dinner to meet the new officers and let her know that we are working to make Theta Chi a better place. She stated that she was very pleased with the meal, the company, and the appearance of the house. She has also been impressed with the discipline of the house and the

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## Δ DIAL

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## Grow And Improve

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improved relations with other Greek organizations. The actives are also trying to get more involved with the Interfraternity Council. We currently have three people nominated for positions in the IFC.

Community service is also something that Delta Chapter constantly strives to improve upon. Last semester we raised \$900 for Troy Pop Warner football by conducting a "liftathon." This semester we have participated in an alumni phonathon, park cleanup, food donation drive, and Youth Action, which is a club activity with RPI.

This semester Dave Westol, who is a nationally renowned speaker on hazing and Theta Chi's executive director, came to visit the house and speak to all of the Greek organizations on hazing. After the speech Mr. Westol came to visit the house and talk to some of the brothers. It is fair to say that he left with a positive impression of Delta Chapter and is very pleased with the way things are going here. We also had four brothers go to the national convention, which was held in Orlando, Florida. There, Delta Chapter was the oldest chapter in good standing at the convention, and since it is tradition for the oldest chapter delegate to lead the convention, I was notified on the day we arrived that I was the presiding delegate.

Currently there are 48 brothers living in the house, which is fewer than normal. This can be attributed to last year's small pledge class. However, with the large pledge class this year and the increasing visibility of Delta Chapter on campus and in the community, Delta will only continue to grow and improve.

Fraternally yours,  
Scott Ogeka '97  
President

## Alumni Send Us Their News

"I hope it won't be too great a surprise to some of the older members, but last year I became a Patrolon of Rensselaer!" writes CLIFTON W. BOLIEAU '25. "I am nearly 95; sing in the Episcopal cathedral choir; teach celestial navigation for the U.S. Power Squadron; maintain and sail my 29-foot auxiliary sloop; have a fine vegetable and flower garden and do all maintenance on our three hillside acres. Advice? Keep busy, and you will feel better and look younger." "Boley" makes his home at 3308 Timberlake Rd., Knoxville, TN 37920.

Writes ALBERT E. CAWOOD '34, "I regret to report that ARTHUR K. EVANS '34 died in a Clearwater hospital on June 26, 1996. I'm happier to report that my wife, Anne, and I celebrated 60 years of a wonderful marriage this month. A cruise across the Pacific and a visit with friends in the Hawaiian Islands is scheduled!" To hear more about their adventure, write to the Cawoods at 2701 Regency Oaks Blvd., P305, Clearwater, FL 34619.

Retiree CHARLES S. JEWETT '37 resides at 260 Hamburg Rd., Lyme, CT 06371.

Formerly employed by U.S. Steel, ROYAL J. SCOVILL '39 has kept busy in his retirement with a 42-acre real estate venture in Asheville, North Carolina. "Nine houses and 15 lots left!" He's also been inventing and building a "New Age helicopter," which he claims will be ready to fly "one of these days." Roy celebrated his 80th birthday last summer as well as 23 years of marriage to Frances Johnson Scovill. He reports that son Peter is a TV news VIP in Cape Coral, Florida; son Jay is an actor and entrepreneur in Atlanta; and daughter Rea is a psychologist and author in Seattle. Roy can be reached at 205 Gleneagles Ave., Atlantis, FL 33462.

Writes GRANT H. LENNOX '44, "We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 22, 1996, with Myna and NEIL MARSHALL '44 and Carol and JIM BRYCE '44. Great party out in Orient, New York. Unfortunately, my wife passed away on August 11, 1996, leaving me with a zillion wonderful memories." Send your condolences to Grant at P.O. Box 53, Glasser, NJ 07837-0053.

ROBERT B. ABERNETHY '52 enjoyed the last issue of *Delta Dial*, "as there was lots of news about the great classes of 1950-53. Ran into GORDON KILBY '53 in Albany recently. DREW AUTH '51 was at Avco Lycoming but retired. I am still on the

lecture circuit (Weibull Analysis). This has provided some nice trips for me and my wife to Sweden, Holland, England, Israel, China, Japan, and Australia." The Abernathys live at 536 Oyster Rd., North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

CONRAD K. EASTMAN '52 is the president/treasurer and majority owner of Western Maine Nurseries, Inc., the largest New England grower of evergreen seedlings and transplants for Christmas tree and landscape nursery growers. He was recently elected president of the board of trustees of Fryeburg Academy, a private boarding and day school. He also recently acted as the capital campaign chairman to raise \$1,000,000 for a science center at Fryeburg Academy, to be named in honor of his father, Harry K. Eastman, who passed away last year at the age of 90. Conrad's son, Peter, is starting his own human resources consulting firm, daughter Rae just completed her master's in education at New Mexico State University, and daughter Sandy was about to accompany Conrad and Sarah on a trip to Mexico. For more news, drop a line to Conrad at 195 Main St., Fryeburg, ME 04037.

After 36 years working in packaging and industrial polymers at DuPont, ALLEN J. SECKNER '55 has retired. "Freddie and I have found that we can have as much fun in retirement as working...maybe more!" Write to Al at 6607 Huntley Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

Please note this new address for RONALD W. SLAYTON '59: 33 Bridge St., Apt. A, Windsor, VT 05089.

Writes RICHARD O. BOLLAM '66, "As networking chairman for the class of 1966's 30th RPI reunion last June, I am proud to note that Theta Chi had far more alums in attendance than any other fraternity. Of 16 1966 graduates, 13 returned—specifically, JOHN BOSHAFT, AL BUDDE, BILL CULP, BILL FOLLIT, DUGAN GARLINGHOUSE, TERRY JONES, DEAN LATSCH, CHEEKO LEE, CHUCK ORAFTIK, TOM PAUL, BOB SCHUMM, VAN THOMPSON, and yours truly. We also invited 'nearby' classes and ended up with 11 more alums from our era: BRUCE JOHNSON and BILL SACK from 1965; HARRY CALHOUN, JOHN CASTERAS, KURT HOLLASCH, TOM JONES, CHIP LAWRENCE, DAVE ROBINSON, and NED VanHEUVEL from 1967; and BILL FERNANDEZ and RICH MOWREY from 1968. The festivities included a Friday night 'beer,  
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## Scholarship Fund Established

Last October, the Delta Theta Chi Corporation (the alumni-run not-for-profit organization that owns the land and chapter house at 2100 Burdett Avenue) worked with Rensselaer's development office and office of financial aid to establish the Delta Chapter Theta Chi Fraternity Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded annually to an active brother who has financial need and who has served as a mentor and role model for other brothers in academic and extracurricular areas. During the upcoming spring and summer we will be contacting all the alumni brothers to explain the details and to ask for their financial support of this new opportunity to give something back to their fraternity.

The seed money to get this program off the ground was provided by the following alumni brothers, to whom we extend our sincere thanks: Lou Takacs '57, Rob McIntosh '60, Everett Molony '63, Charlie Tracy '64, Stan Lewczyk '64, Joe Bonn '65, Rich Bollam '66, Bill Follit '66, Dugan Garlinghouse '66, Terry Jones '66, Chuck Oraftik '66, Harry Calhoun '67, John Casteras '67, Nick Donofrio '67, Kurt Hollasch '67, Greg Hughes '67, Tony Kane '67, Bill Fernandez '68, Rich Mowrey '68, Lee White '68, Sergei Yevich '68, Jan Pirrong '69, John Soron '71, Bob Wright '72, Rich Boroway '73, John Lippold '73, Ken Schmalz '76, Pete Gillies '89, and Scott Campbell '90.

## Delta Completes A Successful Rush

As in years past, fall rush began during the first week of school with our steak dinner. This year's speaker was alumnus and current Assistant Coach Will Headen '88. He spoke to the rushees about what the house meant to him and the experiences he gained by being a brother of Theta Chi. The excellent meal was prepared by Jim Markovich, Brian Pierz, and Mike DePietro. The event had an attendance of over 40 rushees and proved to be a success.

Our rush continued with Monday night football every week, at which wings and pizza were served. In addition, we held two cookouts, a clambake, two non-travelers' dinners, and a Tyson fight on our new big screen. However, once again our best method of getting rushees interested in the house was to just have them up for dinner. Speaking to them in the locker room, on the field, and in the weight room also aided in our rush.

Thirty-eight bids were given out at the end of formal rush. Delta Chapter has had 26 of those bids signed and returned. As a house, we are very pleased with the results of our fall rush, and we look forward to the pledging process in the spring.

Jim Markovich  
James Shertzer  
Rush Chairmen

## Annual Dinner Highlights Alumni Weekend

The highlight of Alumni Weekend, October 4-6, was unquestionably the annual alumni dinner of the Delta Chapter of Theta Chi. Brothers from far and near returned to reminisce about their past, making the evening a smashing success.

The evening began downstairs with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, while bartenders Nick Silvaggi '98 and James Shertzer '98 kept everyone's glass full. Gianfranco Moscolo '98 and William Herzog '99 prepared two exquisite entrees, chicken and London broil, leaving all alumni, family, friends, and active brothers satisfied. As dinner came to an end, there were only compliments for the chefs and the head

waiters, Greg Dineheart '97 and Tom Neilson '97.

Because President Scott Ogeka was not in attendance, Vice President Rocco Lauranzano had the honor of presenting the traditional joke and leading the singing of "Tis to Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi." Following the dinner everyone returned downstairs and continued to party well into the night. The evening was such a great success that most in attendance indicated that they plan to return next year.

Fraternally yours,  
Jeremy Robichaud '98  
Kitchen Manager



## Moving?

Let us know, too!

Our address  
is on page two.

*Despite our best efforts, it seems there are always a few checks that are still in the mail to us when we compile our year-end honor roll of donors. Therefore, we offer our belated thanks to these members:*

## FOR THE RECORD

Alan J. Bayley '55  
Kevin J. Beckwith '90  
William Beisner '87  
Edward Bell '68  
Thomas E. Boehm '68  
Thomas J. Bolam '55  
Joseph A. Bonn '65  
Richard A. Boroway '73  
Curtis A. Busch '76  
F. Wheeler Caney '36  
John Dec '93  
Christopher Drummond '89  
Matthew C. Dwyer '82  
E. Robert Eaton '40

Michael Emr '93  
Barry Essig '85  
Thomas G. Evans '50  
Paul A. Farrar Jr. '76  
Edson J. Ferrell '64  
Charles W. Gordinier Jr. '93  
Christopher M. Haftel '83  
David James '87  
Christopher J. Latran '86  
Richard Lehrer '73  
Francis C. Lukaczyk '82  
Gordon N. McIntosh '64  
Richard D. Mowrey '68  
Carl J. Nasca '73

Donald M. Peterson '55  
Joseph J. Razzano '93  
Paul R. Reynolds '73  
William L. Richmond Jr. '67  
Stephen R. Robichaud '76  
Donald S. Robinson '50  
Robert E. Ross '53  
Vincent A. Russo '52  
John P. Schmidt '55  
Martin A. Siegel '69  
Richard G. Stieglitz '67  
Louis A. Takacs '57  
Thaddeus W. Totman Jr. '40  
Thomas B. Walsh '81

# Delta Chapter Alumni Send Us Their News

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wine, and BS' party at the house hosted by SCOTT OGEKA '97 and the other active brothers who were staying in Troy for the summer. It was clearly the best reunion of a '60s class (so far), and we challenge the class of 1967 to raise the standard even higher in 1997! Stay in touch with Rich at P.O. Box 25, Slingerlands, NY 12159.

THOMAS A. JONES '67 can be found at 944 Main Rd., Granville, MA 01034.

A senior vice president at Ikon Office Solutions, DAVID M. GADRA '69 lives at 825 Dupontail Rd., Wayne, PA 19087.

"Our 25th reunion this past year was way cool," pens MARK P. RICE '71. "Thanks to the brothers for helping make it a success: JOHN SORON, reunion chair; PETE 'Mike Mechanic' WALLACK, networking chair; CHARLIE SARRIS, Friday night chair; JOE KILLOUGH, Saturday dinner chair. And thanks to DENNY ALLEN and MARTY STRAUSS for making the long trek from Virginia." Mark is a professor and assistant dean at RPI and can be reached at 1614 Peoples Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

Nuclear engineer DANA W. COVILL '73 recently accepted a corporate position in Parsippany, New Jersey, and has moved to 105 Tomahawk Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871.

STEPHEN R. "Mitch" ROBICHAUD '76 reports, "I've been in Midland, Texas, for 17 years with my wife, Chris. We have two sons, Nicholas (13) and Gregory (10). I'm a consulting petroleum geologist, and I have incorporated my oil activities into Echelon Exploration and Production Company. Chris is a physical therapist in a private practice. The oil business has been in a depression for the past 10 years, but we are now poised for the most severe oil supply crisis in history—thanks to Ronald Reagan—and this will make the '70s look like a cakewalk. I'm ready for it." The Robichaids are an active family: Mitch and Chris are avid cyclists, Nicholas swims, and Gregory is a soccer player. They enjoyed a brief visit from MIKE STAMATEDES '78 last summer, and they invite Theta Chi friends to pay them a visit at 3619 Imperial Ave., Midland, TX 79707.

"We'll be happy to see you."

A year and a half ago, KARL J. SCHOENLEBER '78 moved with his wife, Dawn, and three kids to Jakarta, where he works as a general manager for Chicago Bridge & Iron Company. Send e-mail to Karl at [schoenl@ibm.net](mailto:schoenl@ibm.net), and send "snail mail" to Lebak Bulus IV No. 39C, Jakarta, INDONESIA.

"With deepest regret I inform the brothers that on February 16, 1996, CHRIS 'Moose' MEHRMANN '81 passed away in a car accident near his home in Upper Marlboro, Maryland," writes THOMAS B. WALSH '81. "Moose is loved dearly by many of us, and we miss him every day. He had a sweet, gentle nature that I hope can be instilled in our children. With a few more like him, the world will truly be a better place. Chris is survived by his brothers, Michael and Mark, his wife, Michelle, and daughter, Tia, as well as an endless list of people who were deeply affected by his friendship." Tom is a senior project manager at Otak, Inc., and would like to hear from friends at 707 SE 73rd Ave., Portland, OR 97215.

DALE C. WIGGINS '85 and his wife, Amy, are pleased to announce the birth of their third daughter, Allison Teresa, on December 10, 1996. Allison joins sisters Shanna (5) and Jessica (3). Send congratulations to the Wiggins family at 53 River-view Ave., Methuen, MA 01844.

Get in touch with VINCE LIVOTI '89 at 14003 Wescott Court, Bowie, MD 20715.

BRIAN J. WOJTON '89 works as an engineer for Amerada Hess Corporation. In April 1992 he married Kelly Miller, a pharmacist at Princeton Medical Center, and they welcomed their first baby, Erin Morgan, in the summer of 1995. Brian and his family reside at 11 South Mill Rd., West Windsor, NJ 08550.

On June 22, 1996, BRIAN HOARLE '91 married Susan Russo of Clifton, New Jersey. He writes, "I was very happy to see fellow brothers PAUL DICHRISTINA '91 and MICHAEL RHODES '90 at the reception. Things were pretty crazy for awhile with the wedding and moving into a new apart-

ment (116 Alden St., Cranford, NJ 07016)—and just when I thought we would be able to relax for awhile, my employer, Ciba, announced a merger with Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. The uncertainty surrounding downsizing and mergers is not pleasant to experience. More changes may be in store for me." On a bright note, Brian concludes that he and Susan are very happy "and looking forward to the future."

Following his graduation from Harvard Business School last June, THOMAS S. PATTERSON '91 was planning to move to San Francisco to work for the fast-growing tech company PeopleSoft (4440 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588). He writes that he attended TOM McNAMARA's (91) wedding and saw SCOTT MILNE '91 at the Vineyard last year.

"I'm on my way to Korea to command a medical company," wrote JOHN ST. ANDREWS '91 last August. "I do not know my address, but you can e-mail me at [johnsaint@aol.com](mailto:johnsaint@aol.com)."

Last year was a busy one for RANDALL J. PERILLO '92: he married MICHELE T. FLORENT in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in June; took the CPA exam in November; and completed a BS in accounting at Salem State College in December. He was looking forward to beginning work as a staff accountant with Arthur Andersen early this year. Randy would like to hear from friends at 135 Franklin St., #304, Stoneham, MA 02180.

## DECEASED

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

ARTHUR K. EVANS '34  
June 26, 1996

EDGAR C. SCHNEIDER '50  
July 19, 1995

CARL J. SCHULTZ '36  
April 28, 1996

RUDOLPH R. SCHWARZER '63  
January 5, 1993

J. ROBERT WALGREN '35  
January 21, 1995

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