



THE DELTA DIAL

Theta Chi Fraternity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Chapter President Reports

Active and Alumni Brothers:

The past semester has been quite a learning experience for me, but I feel the transition period from Kirk Schell's reign as president to mine went smoothly. Similarly, the semester as a whole proceeded without any major disturbances. This can be attributed to the outstanding leadership provided by the graduating seniors, especially the past officers. I would like to thank them here and wish them all great success as they enter the professional world.

With the addition of 28 new brothers, we will once again be at peak house capacity and continue to be one of the strongest houses on campus. All of the brothers are very excited about the chapter renovations scheduled to begin early this summer. I have taken part in renovation meetings with the other officers, and, thanks to generous contributions from alumni, some very exciting projects are to be undertaken to make the Delta chapter house one of the best facilities on campus.

At this point, I would like to thank all those alumni who helped to make the many years of planning and the vision of a "renewed" house a reality. Giving the house this "face lift" will not only increase the brotherhood's morale, but it will boost our ability to continue to rush as strongly as we have in the past.

In closing, I hope everyone has a very eventful, safe summer and enjoys the warm weather. Also, I would like to extend an invitation to any alumni who wish to visit and look over our remodeled house to do so this fall.

Fraternally,
Steven Naegele
President

Alumni Board Pleased With Progress Of Renovations

The corporation's annual meeting was held on May 22, and I'd like to welcome Mark Dore '75 and Paul Yonkers '83 to the board of directors for their three-year terms. In addition, any alumnus who knows Greg Seleman '72 will share my enthusiasm in congratulating him on being elected president of the corporation for the next year. Greg has most recently put in many hours on the house renovation project, but his service to the fraternity has been continual since he was president of the chapter in 1972.

The house renovations are now under way. We are all excited that this project is finally coming to fruition and that many of you can visit in the near future to see the results. Everything should be completed by the time school starts in September, and the board is planning an official open house/ceremony that month. Details will be sent to local alumni later in the summer. The renovations can also be viewed at Alumni Weekend, October 7-9.

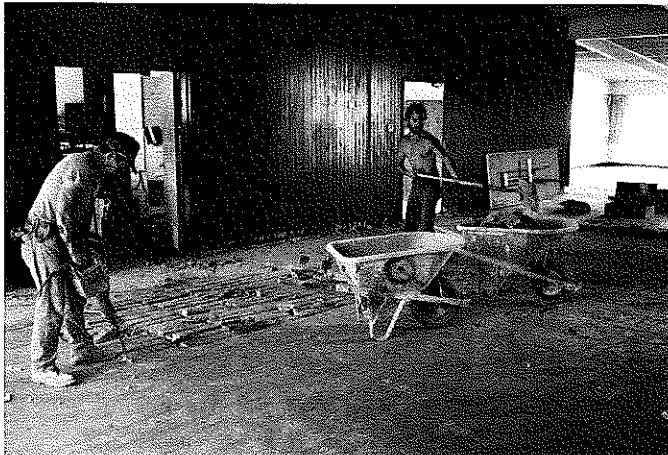
A project of this scope requires extensive planning and fund-raising, and we would like to thank all 200-plus alumni who have donated to date (see honor roll on page three). However, that leaves more than 700 of you who haven't yet answered the call. As we've mentioned in previous letters and phone calls, this kind of request hasn't been made of Theta Chi alumni in over 30 years, and there's no reason to suspect that it will be made anytime soon again. Latest estimates show that we are \$30,000 to \$40,000 short of our goal. Please take the time now to show your support for this critical project. Donations should be made payable to "Delta Theta Chi Corporation" and mailed to Bob Wright, 26 Denim Dr., Clifton Park, NY 12065.

Although maintaining the chapter house is a primary function of the board, we have also been active in other areas:

- Theta Chi's undergraduate brothers, along with other social groups at RPI, have been going through a painful adjustment period since the drinking age in New York State was raised to 21 several years ago. RPI and Sage students are increasingly attending parties on campus now, since most bars in Troy are inaccessible. It has taken awhile for the fraternities to realize that extreme measures must now be taken both in admitting people to parties and in observing them as they leave. Society in general and college towns in particular are becoming less and less tolerant of drinking-related activities, and the board has been working with the chapter to help it adapt.

On a brighter note, another successful pledging program has been completed, and the house will be full again next year. The undergraduates' financial picture is the best in Theta Chi history, and RPI varsity athletic

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Brick floor in dining room being removed.

Delta Chapter Initiates 28

This year's pledge class produced 28 new brothers. I feel that pledge education went well this semester, during which we picked up three new brothers through spring rush. Although we ran into some problems when the university deemed that wearing suits on campus and morning runs constituted hazing, this year's initiation was carried out successfully.

The brothers are to be commended on their administration of the rituals. I believe that initiation week was the best of the four in which I have been involved. The following brothers were initiated during the spring of 1988:

Bill Anderson	Syracuse, NY
Tom Anderson	Syracuse, NY
Moe Aslansan	Riverside, CT
David Beaudoin	Troy, NY
Chris Caron	Danvers, MA
Thomas Cogswell	Brookfield, NH
Paul DiChristina	White Plains, NY
Alex Gonzales	Amsterdam, NY
Edward Hantho	Fort Hunter, NY
Brian Hoarle	Nutley, NJ
Dan Hunt	Canajoharie, NY
Robert Jacobs	Cleveland, NY
Christopher Kahn	Lake George, NY
Brendan Keegan	Nashua, NH
Kevin Knox	New Rochelle, NY
Kenneth Koonz	Selkirk, NY
Tom McNamara	Cheektowaga, NY
Scott Milne	Lynnfield, MA
Raymond Moran	Amsterdam, NY
Eric Norton	Canton, MA
Dan O'Shea	Massapequa, NY
Joseph Paradis	Elmira Heights, NY
Thomas Patterson	Middletown, NY
Kenneth Potter	New Rochelle, NY
Bruce Quinn	Burlington, VT
Greg Sokaris	Albany, NY
John St. Andrews	Ticonderoga, NY
Todd Wojtowecz	Ballston Spa, NY

Fraternally,
Greg Palmer '88
Pledge Marshall

Plan To Attend Alumni Weekend On October 7-9, 1988

Please make note that Delta Chapter Alumni Weekend will be held the weekend of October 7-9. In an effort to relieve the active brotherhood of the fiscal and logistical burden of planning and putting on Alumni Weekend events, the alumni corporation has decided to take on that responsibility. This should have two major advantages: 1) event planning will be more in touch with the needs and preferences of a greater span of alumni, and 2) a good model of how to plan and run formal social events will be demonstrated for the actives. We are confident that the actives can learn a great deal by watching the alumni corporation coordinate the weekend's events, and we look forward to that opportunity.

A committee is being formed to handle the details of putting on the weekend this year. Steven Schriber has been named to head this committee. If you wish to help by serving on the committee, contact Steve at 518/882-9057. If you cannot serve on the committee but have some suggestions or preferences, any input you might have is welcome.



Alumni ski weekend at Mount Ascutney, February 25-28.

Alums Enjoy Ski Weekend

The alumni ski weekend was held this year at Mount Ascutney in Vermont on February 25 through February 28. Twenty skiers were treated to some great weather and good skiing. Seven of our more dedicated regulars came Thursday night to take advantage of Friday's uncrowded slopes. Saturday saw top nastar honors going to John Whitcomb '82, while Kurt Nordby '84 regained his beer slalom title with a valiant effort.

This year's attendees were Jeff Regelman, Mike and Theresa Alpaugh, Chris Haftel, Jack Brooks and Anita Murphy, Joel Rosenfeld, John Barley, Kurt Nordby, Steve and Laura Schriber, John Sausville and Donna Mitchell, Dave Schaeffer, Dom Conde, Bill Pencola, Kevin Horne, Jay and Sue Sugar, and Lisa Regelman.

Next year's weekend has been tentatively set for March 2-4. All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited to attend. If you are interested, please contact Steve Schriber at 518/882-9057.

Alumni Board Pleased, continued

- teams continue to be represented, if not led, by Theta Chi brothers.
- The FMA (the fraternity buying cooperative) has made tremendous strides in the last six months to extricate itself from the financial problems and mismanagement of recent years. There is good reason to believe that a healthy, fully functioning FMA will appear by the end of the summer. In the meantime, Theta Chi continues its "associate" membership status and is not keeping any funds on deposit with the FMA.
 - In response to the dues letters mailed in January, many of you have inquired how to order clothes with Theta Chi insignia. The board will be investigating this over the summer, and we hope to have an answer by the time the next issue of *The Delta Dial* goes to press.
 - Please join me in congratulating Sheldon Roberts '48 on receiving an honorary degree at RPI's commencement exercises in May. Sheldon has served RPI in many ways over the years, most recently as a member of RPI's board of trustees. We are all proud that he is a brother of Theta Chi.

Finally, I'd like to personally thank Bob Baker '73, Ken Schmalz '76, and Kevin Horne '81 for their counsel and encouragement during my two years as president. I'm glad to have had an opportunity to pay back some of my debts to the fraternity, and their help is greatly appreciated.

Rich Boroway '73
Past President
Delta Theta Chi Corporation

We Hear From Our Alumni

We enjoyed a newsy letter from the wife of ROBERT O. ALQUIST '27, who writes that she and Bob enjoyed an active retirement until Bob's stroke in 1979. Among her favorite memories is the annual summer vacation she and Bob took to Ocean City, Maryland: "We went crabbing in a creek a few feet from the cottage door, where we caught many blue crabs. We cleaned the meat out at night while listening to the baseball games on the radio, and the next day I made crab cakes." The Alquist still enjoy reading about Theta Chi alumni in *The Delta Dial*, and they receive mail at 805 Linwood St., New Cumberland, PA 17070.

We have a new address for JAMES H. PLATT '27: 4063 Daventry Lane, Palm Harbor, FL 34685.

WOODMAN PERINE '31 reports that he lives alone by the side of a stream at 69 Countryside Dr., Chatham, MA 02633, where he works on his "sizeable" woodpile. His family includes four grandchildren: His daughter lives with her children in Norway, and his son lives in the Hudson Valley with his. Woody adds, "I'm scheduled for an annual Norway visit (with colateral woodpile duty there)."

Retiree JOHN E. BELL '32 resides at 101 SW 58th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33914.

"We're still very busy in activities at Covenant Village," writes EDGAR HAMILTON '34 (Covenant Village of Cromwell, Apt. #4107, Cromwell, CT 06416). He also reports that he and Fran are enjoying good health—"better, as a matter of fact, than many of our age we see around us"—and that they were soon to leave on a trip to Scandinavia.

ROBERT N. CONWAY '39 reports that since retiring from NASA, he has been enjoying sailing (and maintaining) a cruising sailboat. "One of my Florida hangouts is a marina near the

Due to renovation work
there will be no summerfest
at the chapter house this summer

home of Merritt Preston (RPI '39), who was a stray Greek transfer from Ohio State. 'Pres' lived in the annex rented in the 57 2nd Street days for two years, dined with us, and played varsity basketball. He and I were aero engineering classmates and started work in NACA (pre-NASA) in 1939. I retired from Langley; 'Pres' retired from Cape Canveral." Write to Bob at 39 Hampton Roads Ave., Hampton, VA 23661.

FRANK POTTER '49 wrote to share with us the sad news of his wife's death in February, while on a visit to Texas to await the birth of their seventh grandchild. "Margaret died the morning our daughter went to the hospital. She had a heart problem, and death was caused by cardiac arrest. That afternoon, Rebecca Jean Phillips was born." Brothers can send their condolences to Frank at 7063 Oak Rd., Carolina Trace, Sanford, NC 27330.

Cruising in his sailboat is the retirement pleasure of HARRISON B. SOUTHWORTH '49, who provides an address of P.O. Box 159, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035-0159.

After 35 years with Westinghouse, WILLIAM P. WESTLAKE '51 retired on February 1, 1988. He makes his home at 514 Meadowbrook Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401.

JAMES W. MEAD '52 writes, "Since 1985 I have been an independent printing broker, having sold our newspapers in 1981. I specialize in four-color web and sheet-fed work. My wife, Jane, is editor of the Presbyterian Synod of the Northeast bi-monthly newspaper, *The Nor'easter*, a 120,000 circulation operation." (continued on page four)

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Alumni News, continued

tion. That's why we are living in the Syracuse area. Our four children are all educated and working around the country. We attended the 30th expecting to see more of the '52 gang, but there were only three of us. Hope more of our classmates will return for the 40th in 1992. By that time, almost all will be retired." Our address for the Meads is 7732 W. Seneca Turnpike-F, Manlius, NY 13104.

Emma Jean and EDWIN J. NELLIS JR. '55 have lived in Canoga Park for the last 25 years. Ed just completed 30 years with Litton, where he is the senior member of the technical staff of the guidance and control division, and he continues to provide technical support for new business activities. The older of his two daughters is a graduate of Utah State University and is married and living in Denver; his younger daughter is a sophomore at the University of California at San Diego. Ed further pens, "RPI is still considered to be one of the premier engineering schools and enjoys a good reputation on the West Coast." Drop Ed a line at 23681 Sandalwood St., Canoga Park, CA 91307.

An operations manager for Curtis Wright, RICHARD L. WILLIAMS '55 resides at 617 Mill Rd., East Aurora, NY 14052.

BYRON W. BUELL '59 recently moved from Rochester, New York, to Laredo, Texas, to start up a new manufacturing facility for Eastman Kodak. His new address is 325 Manor Rd., Laredo, TX 78041.

"Since October 1987 I have been the executive assistant and naval aide to the assistant secretary of the navy for financial management," writes FRANCIS T. JONES '66. "I work in the Pentagon during the week and commute every weekend to Connecticut, where Barb, Lauren (17), and Matt (13) have remained. During the week I reside in a small condo at 808 S. Arlington Mill Dr., #303, Arlington, VA 22204. This tour will probably last until October 1989, and that will have been long enough for Lauren to have graduated from high school. After that, who knows?" From the "it's-a-small-world" department, Terry sends us this item: "I met DAVE McNIERNEY '68 in the shower at the Pentagon athletic center after not seeing him for almost 20 years. Dave is a lieutenant colonel in the air force and works in the Strategic Defense Initiative office. He and his family also reside in northern Virginia."

Ophthalmologist JOSEPH CASTELLANO '71 reports, "All three of my children—Chelsea (5), Joseph (4), and Lesley (2½)—love to swing the tennis racquet!" He and his family reside at 37 Brace Terrace, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522.

Writes KENNETH A. SCHMALZ '76, "I finally escaped the rural South when I was promoted in July 1987 to plant manager for one of Kimberly-Clark's Wisconsin facilities. My new address is 2904 W. Seneca Dr., Appleton, WI 54915 (414/738-7721). Wife Susan completed the 1987 Hawaiian Ironman World Championship Triathlon in October; I can no longer keep up with her! TOM LOWELL '76 is now an associate professor of geology at the University of Cincinnati, and his address is 3253 Morrison Ave., #206, Cincinnati, OH 45220 (513-559-0807)."

Write to us with your new address! Our address is at the top of this page.



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WILLIAM J. GESTAL '78 and his wife, Sue, are enjoying rural western Pennsylvania, where Bill serves as pastor for the Bethel United Presbyterian Church. They are the proud parents of a one-year-old daughter, Laura Marie, and they can be reached at RD #1, Box 72, Enon Valley, PA 16120.

"Our second son, Brett, was born on July 28, 1987," writes CRAIG EOSEFOW '79. "He and our older son, Sean (now in his terrible twos), keep us busy but happy. Believe it or not, 'Foe' is now the domestic dad, keeping busy with projects around our country home." Craig is employed by Texas Instruments as a supervisor of engineering, and he makes his home at 378 Tremont St., Rehoboth, MA 02769.

RANDAL D. WEAVER '79 (Box 69, Mifflinville, PA 18631) is the manager of BJDS Insulation.

When he wrote in April, THOMAS B. WALSH '81 was about to start a new job with Rutherford & Chekene in San Francisco. "MATT DWYER '82 and I are getting a place in Fremont—phone 415/490-5105. If anyone swings by the bay area, drop in for several cold ones!" Our new address for Tom and Matt is 3941 Cosmic Place, Fremont, CA 94538.

Ann Marie and LEONARD S. FALSONE '82 welcomed a son, Andrew, on February 10, 1988. Andrew joins big sister Christina, who is two years old. Len is still employed by Shell Oil Company in New Orleans, and he and his family reside at 4224 Arkansas Ave., Kenner, LA 70065.

"I was recently promoted to production shift manager at Frito-Lay's Williamsport plant," writes JOHN T. LONATI '85. "Wife Marianne is a middle school English/theater teacher. Drop us a line at 1134 Towncrest Rd., Williamsport, PA 17701."

DANIEL J. FALTA '87 does management information consulting for Arthur Anderson & Company in New York City. "Dano's" address in the Big Apple is 55 W. 46th St., Apt. #5F, New York, NY 10036.

A marketing manager for Spancrete Northeast, Inc., PETER KELLY '87 recently bought a house at 24 McCulloch Ave., Ravena, NY 12143. He also informs us that he and JOHN BRENNAN '86 are planning a trip to Mexico in February 1989. "Anyone interested in coming should contact one of us."

"I am currently suffering through my first tour of duty on board a ship," pens naval officer ANTHONY S. VERALDI '87. "I usually pretend like I know what I'm doing all day long; so far I have everyone fooled." Send your regards to "TV" at 283 Parker Ave., Apt. A, San Francisco, CA 94118.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

JOHN L. GOFF '21, December 7, 1985
 HARVEY W. SEYMOUR '24, February 21, 1985
 WALTER W. TIMMERS '27, December 21, 1986
 DAVID YOUNGER '29, September 24, 1987