

## CORPORATION TO MEET

The annual corporation board meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 15, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.** at the chapter house, **2100 Burdett Avenue**. We invite and encourage any Theta Chi alumni who live in or will be visiting the area to attend the meeting.

**NOMINATIONS:** In accordance with the bylaws of Delta Theta Chi Corporation, the following alumni have been nominated for election to the board of directors:

Bill McIntyre '74

Scott Virkler '87

## Delta Theta Chi Corporation Update

Brothers of Theta Chi,

Each year we conduct a winter retreat for the alumni board and the house officers. This traditionally has been held at the Sagamore Hotel on Lake George in January, and has been a rewarding experience for actives and alumni alike. This year was no exception. Joining me at the Sagamore were board members Lew (Tex) French '83, vice president; Greg Dietrich '96, secretary; Mike Phinney '95; Dan McGovern '98; Ned Van Heuvel '67; John Auletta '93; and Mike Emr '93. The active house officers were also there: Brad Greenwood, president; Damon Belloni, vice president; Tim Pulver, secretary; Matt Hubert, treasurer; Ramses Jimenez, marshal; and Dave Campbell and Pete Herrick, rush co-chairmen. Drew Slocum, the past vice president, and Brian Petrow, the past house manager, attended as well. In addition, we were joined by the alumni advisors to the board: Rich Boroway '73, corporation treasurer; Rich Bollam '66, scholarship fund advisor; and Ray Rumanowski '73, chapter advisor and Alumni Inter-Greek Council (AIGC) representative. Scott Virkler '87 and Bill McIntyre '74 attended as potential new board members. Unfortunately, Marc Dickie '88, the corporation maintenance advisor, and Drew Spitzer '96, the chapter financial advisor, were unable to attend because of other commitments.

On Saturday, January 25, we held a business meeting and then broke into small discussion groups. The topics for the small groups were: (1) transition to alcohol-free housing (AFH) or maintaining waiver status; (2) long-term capital requirements for the Delta Chapter house; (3) strategic planning: charting the future of Delta Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity; (4) risk management/risk mitigation plans; emergency notification plan; and (5) review/revision of statements of expectation. After working in the small groups for

about two hours, we adjourned for the evening. We were joined by a few of the wives and significant others for dinner and a very pleasant evening.

Unfortunately, I had to leave very early Sunday to get a flight for a business trip, but I was able to leave things in Tex's capable hands. When he reconvened the meeting later that morning, each small group reported on its efforts. It is clear from the output of those groups that the time spent brainstorming and sharing ideas between alumni and active brothers was extremely valuable. This activity is the most valuable product of the winter retreat, and it will ensure a healthy future for the chapter and the corporation.

The number of active brothers continues to grow, thanks to the leadership of the current house officers. While the actives do their part in the rebuilding of Delta Chapter, we, the alumni, have a responsibility to support the actives in several ways.

With the chapter approaching self-sufficiency, the corporation's resources are not being depleted as rapidly, but our reserves are all but gone. We urgently need to restore our capital reserve. Additionally, while we were supplementing the chapter's finances for daily operations following the reorganization, there were few resources that we could put toward longer term concerns. Now that it seems that the chapter will be operating normally, we need to step back and take a longer view. It is one of your corporation board's major goals to devise long-range plans for (1) the care of the chapter house physical plant and (2) the raising of the necessary resources to execute the plan.

Although many of us remember the chapter house as being a new or relatively new structure, it is now more than 40 years old (and those years are harder on it than the average residence!). It requires

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# Please Join Us For Fall Alumni Weekend—September 19-20, 2003

After several years absence, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, in coordination with the Department of Athletics, is planning an Athletic Reunion Weekend for next fall, scheduled for the weekend of September 19-20, when the football team will play against Coast Guard.

In order to maximize the turnout at

Alumni Weekend, the alumni board and the active brothers have decided to hold Delta Chapter's Alumni Weekend 2003 the same weekend as this school-sponsored event. We are committed to bringing the pride and tradition back to Alumni Weekend. Please join us to help recognize the 95th anniversary of the Delta Chapter.

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Please check the Alumni Weekend page on the Delta Chapter website for any updates:

<http://www.deltachapter-thetachi.org/alumniweekend.htm>

Find out more about the school-planned activities online at

[http://www.poly.rpi.edu/article\\_view.php3?view=2113&part=1](http://www.poly.rpi.edu/article_view.php3?view=2113&part=1)

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## Weekend Agenda (Tentative)

### Friday, September 19, 2003

8:00 p.m. Please join us for at the house for pizza, wings, etc...

### Saturday, September 20, 2003

11:00 a.m. Pre-game tailgating, North Lot (Look for the Theta Chi flag)

1:00 p.m. RPI vs Coast Guard, '86 Field

6:30 p.m. Reception hour, 2100 Burdett

7:30 p.m. Semiformal dinner, 2100 Burdett

## Check Out Delta Chapter Online

Please visit Delta Chapter online at <http://www.deltachapter-thetachi.org>. Currently the site features:

- Delta Dial Online (Fall 2002 edition)
- Actives
  - Brothers of Delta Chapter
  - Delta Chapter Pledges
- Alumni
  - Alumni Board
  - Alumni E-mail Directory
  - Alumni Scholarship Fund
  - Alumni Weekend (Check for updates!)
  - Alumni Dues
    - Online Contribution Form (made easy with PayPal)
    - Mail-in instructions
- National
  - Theta Chi National
  - Other Chapter Links
- Miscellaneous Links
  - Rensselaer Football Alumni Association (<http://www.rpifootball.com>)

We hope to grow the site over the next year to include more features and functionality. The alumni board and the active brothers both feel that the site can be used as a tremendous vehicle for communication and networking. If you'd like to help in the development of the site, please contact us at [webmaster@deltachapter-thetachi.org](mailto:webmaster@deltachapter-thetachi.org).

Additionally, If you'd like to have your e-mail address added to the alumni directory, please e-mail us at [webmaster@deltachapter-thetachi.org](mailto:webmaster@deltachapter-thetachi.org).

## Corporation Update

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constant attention and will soon need significant upgrades. Before leaving this topic, I want to acknowledge the efforts of Tex French and, more recently, Marc Dickie as maintenance advisors. This is a very tough assignment, and these alumni brothers have performed magnificently.

Not everyone lives within a reasonable travel distance from Troy, but all alumni can help in some way. Paying your annual dues (and then some) will help us to restore our capital reserve and achieve the long-term goals. This financial support is vital, of course, but there is so much more that you can offer your undergraduate brothers. For example, professional opportunities and networking assistance would be most welcome in this tough period for the economy. (You know you're going to get a quality intern or employee if you hire a Theta Chi from RPI!) Don't hesitate to stop by the house if you do get to upstate New York and take the time to talk to the brothers. In only a short period of time, you will think of ways that you can help.

On one other note—some of you may be familiar with the “alcohol free housing” initiative Theta Chi's Grand Chapter imposed in 1998; if you're not, it's basically a plan whereby all Theta Chi chapters would be alcohol-free starting in July 2003. That would mean no alcohol in the chapter house at any time, for any reason. The Grand Chapter revised that initiative last fall and created a waiver program for chapters that could, among other things, demonstrate high academic excellence, an environment free of hazing and risk management violations, and an affirmative program of education on these subjects. As Brad Greenwood

points out in his article, Delta Chapter was one of only approximately 14 chapters nationally to have received this waiver. There are rigorous ongoing standards to keep the waiver, and all of our undergraduate brothers will have to work very hard to accomplish this.

This will be my last report to you as the president of the board, since my term is up in June. It has been an honor (and a challenge) to have served all of you, and I intend to remain involved in some capacity, perhaps as a liaison to the International Headquarters. As I have found with other volunteer efforts, you get more out of it than you put in, and that has certainly been my experience working with the other alumni and with the fine young men who are currently living at 2100 Burdett Avenue.

I would be remiss not to thank the current board and those members from last year, Dave Thurston '88 and Sean Rodwell-Simon '92, for their hard work and good counsel. Furthermore, I want to let all alumni know that this corporation wouldn't function if it weren't for Rich Boroway, who does so much more than the office of treasurer requires. He keeps the rest of us on task. And finally, I want to acknowledge the efforts of Rich Bolam and Ray Rumanowski, who are super as advisors to the board, but do so much more for the corporation and the house because of their proximity and because they are so well connected in the community and with the institute. My thanks to all.

Fraternally,  
Terry Jones '66, President  
Delta Theta Chi Corporation  
[ftjones@prodigy.net](mailto:ftjones@prodigy.net)

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## Chapter President Reports On A Bustling, Productive Semester

As I am sure you are aware, there are classes that move in and out of a place like Theta Chi each year, and watching the transition between classes provides an interesting gauge for where the house has been and where it will be going. After Pat Doyle graduated, I nervously took the position of president with the knowledge that this could be a pivotal year in deciding where the house will be going, considering all the things that are occurring with the National. Fortunately the rest of the executive board is a strong group, and they, more often than not, do quite well at covering up my own rather impressive faults. Damon Belloni '05 was elected vice president, Matt Hubert '04 is the treasurer, Tim Pulver '04 is now the secretary, and, finally, Ramses Jimenez '05 is the marshal. The diversity of the group often astounds me, but their ability to compromise with me and each other on a regular basis says loads about their integrity and dedication to the house; but I digress.

There were quite a few things that were brought to the forefront after our trip to the Sagamore in January, and they now are in the process of being dealt with. I am proud to announce that we are one of 13 chapters nationally that have received the alcohol-free housing

waiver, and I would personally like to thank both Greg Dietrich and Pat Doyle for contributing so much to that.

As ever there are issues dealing with what can only be described as the high spirits of a still rapidly growing house, yet the brothers have done an amazing job so far in policing themselves, or at least policing themselves enough. I was privy to waking up for a 10:00 a.m. work party not too long ago to find that I had been encased in my room in a style that would have made Edgar Allen Poe proud. Some-

one had the presence of mind to build a wall of cinder blocks in front of my door four wide, twelve tall, and three deep; I had plenty of time to count them. But they did leave me some OJ and a Pop Tart, so all wasn't lost.

Our annual meeting with the National Headquarters' learning and education consultant also went well. He arrived the same day that the house lawyer, Bellanca Fletcher, was speaking at a house event regarding sexual assault and risk management that was open to the whole campus. All in all, I would say he was quite impressed with his visit to Delta Chapter, and we got some useful pointers for rushing and pledging that will be helpful in the future.



*2002-'03 Delta Chapter brothers.*

Pledging has recently concluded, and we have 13 newly initiated brothers (NIBs) floating around the house now. We actually have 14, but my own little brother has decided to take up residence at Albany Medical, so we are all anticipating his return. The NIBs are quite a group of individuals, and I'm hoping to see many things come out of their class. To say nothing else, they are diverse. Counted among their ranks is one legacy, Dean Spitzer, who is the younger brother of Drew. He has the same Spitzer sarcasm

that has become the trademark of his older brother, for those of you who know him, and actually served as the president of his pledge class. Next semester really can't come soon enough. Having closer to a full house will hopefully erase the last traces of the reorganization, and I look forward to never having another empty room.

Preparations are currently under way for Parents' Weekend and Springfest, so it should be a packed house here at 2100 Burdett 'til the end of the semester. Jim Adams '05 is currently the social chair, and, if the last month of the spring doesn't give him a coronary, I'm sure he'll survive the rest of the days at RPI quite peacefully. We're also planning the annual

Alumni Weekend for next semester, and I would encourage you all to attend and come see where the house has come back to here on campus. The date has been set for September 20, which is the same day as the Shot Glass Trophy Game with Coast Guard Academy. My days of playing RPI football have come to an end, but I'm sure many of the brothers will be both in and at the game.

As always, each and every one of you is encouraged to drop by the house at any time,

and we look forward to seeing you. The number of the brothers living in the house continues to increase, and it's a great thing to see. On that note, I'm starting to hear some noise in the living room, so I think it's about time I went to stir up some fun. Best wishes to you and yours, and if any of you have friends or loved ones overseas, may they come home safe.

Fraternally yours,  
Brad Greenwood '04  
President, Delta Chapter

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# Alumni write from far and near

Former Connersville (Indiana) mayor LEONARD C. BASTIAN '37 has put his house up for sale and plans eventually to return to his hometown of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. "We arrived in Connersville in July 1965, the day the *News Examiner* told the good news of the major expansion of the Philco/Ford plant. It's been a wonderful 37 years, but Father Time keeps moving on." Len has devoted most of his adult career to community support and involvement, and when he leaves he will surely be greatly missed. Until we hear otherwise, you can reach him at 1201 W. Third St., Connersville, IN 47331.

From down in Florida DOUGLAS W. RONALDSON '40 writes, "Glad to hear from '40s or nearby years." He's living at 3991 Windward Passage Circle, Apt. 101, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

STEWART D. BARRADALE '43 has moved to 11030 5th Ave. NE, Apt. #324, Seattle, WA 98125.

"Phyllis and I moved to Vancouver 15 years ago," writes G. STANLEY SANG-DAHL '43. "We love living in this marvelous city, although we miss being closer to the eastern USA." Stan's new contact info is as follows: 1903-1835 Morton Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6G 1V3, CANADA (gssangdahl@yahoo.com).

For the latest from FRANK J. POTTER '49, write him at 1801 Wicker St., 10E, Sanford, NC 27331 (fjp7@aol.com).

"Our 50th reunion was wonderful," writes ROBERT B. ABERNETHY '52, who was pleased to rekindle friendships with GEORGE RABE '52, JIM SCHNABEL '52, GORDON KILBY '53, GRAHAM WILLIAMS '52, JIM MEAD '52, AND CONNIE EASTMAN '50. "Would like to hear from others from 1950-1952." (536 Oyster Rd., N. Palm Beach, FL 33408; weibull@worldnet.att.net)

Having sold his artfinders.com business a year ago, DAVID H. BOSCHART '61 has relocated nationalwildlife.com into his home at 8504 Charter Club Circle, #10, Fort Myers, FL 33909. "Boz" has been in Florida since 1973 and founded the business at that time. E-mail reaches him at dboschart@comcast.net.

LAURENCE A. JACKMAN '61 makes his home at 730 Heatherwood Dr., Monroe, NC 28112.

Write to W. GENE TUCKER '64 at his new address: 190 Doe Hill Dr., Churchville, VA 24421.

MarketMaps principal WILLIAM F. ABLONDI '68 reports a new home address: 1/2 A West Rocks Rd., Norwalk, CT 06851. Drop "Brunetti" an e-mail at ablondi@marketmaps.com.

ROBERT J. WRIGHT '72 can be reached at 26 Denim Dr., Clifton Park, NY 12065 (rjwright@nycap.rr.com). Bob works at Atlas Copco in Voorheesville.

Reporting a new address is JAMES C. MERRICK '77: 19 Foxridge Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107 (jdm2600@yahoo.com). He's working for Anderson Builders, Inc., in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. GESTAL JR. '78 is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich. He can be reached at his new home address (33 Deep Gorge Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831) or by e-mail (bgestal@optonline.net).

Send a note to CHARLES "Todd" HEUSNER '80 at 186 Landings. Dr., West Amherst, NY 14228 (todd.heusner@outokumpu.com).

THOMAS B. WALSH '81 can now be reached at 5839 SE Stark St., #25, Portland, OR 97215; tom.walsh@otak.com.

JOSEPH A. JOHNSON '84 has moved to 17 Stonebridge Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534.

Make note of another new address for JOHN L. KISTNER '87: 46840 Mountain Laurel Terrace, Sterling, VA 20164.

SCOTT M. GUYETTE '88 has left Virginia for Texas and is now living at 4420 Turnberry Court, Plano, TX 75024.

Also reporting a new address is JOHN W. HILL '92: 5153 S. Tabor Way, Littleton, CO 80127 (johnh@guysfloor.com).

Now working for Raytheon in El Segundo, AARON B. RUSH '92 has a new address: 220 Arena St., Apt. D, El Segundo, CA 90245. His e-mail address is Aaron.B.Rush@raytheon.com.

IAN E. PAYNER '97 reports a new address: 147 Parkside Dr., Suffern, NY 10901; ipayner@hotmail.com.

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## DECEASED

J. RALPH E. HALBERT '28

JAMES M. COLEMAN '35

ROBERT WHITEHILL '37  
*November 1, 2002*

JOHN H. FABRICIUS '45  
*July 27, 2002*

RONALD H. MARTIN '64  
*February 12, 2003*

JOSH REILLY '99

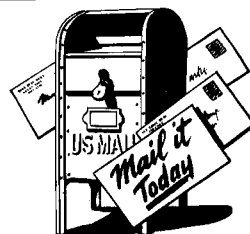
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