Things in the house are going very well. Thanks to me, Dave Raitzin, last 6294 was rather poorly attended, but it was still fun (thanks to me, also.) For example, the actives finally beat the alumni in the annual softball game. The major factor in our victory was my base hit and a few home runs from some of the other fellows. As you can see, I'm keeping things in the house running smoothly.

Seriously speaking, though, I am very happy with the way the house is going. Rush Week went very well. John McCrea, our Rush chairman, did a terrific job. The house pulled together really well, and as a result, we got ourselves 11 excellent pledges. Rush in general has really changed at Theta Xi. For the second year in a row we have gotten 80% of our bids to pledge, and we have won most of our cross-rushes. Theta Xi is no longer a 50% bid-to-pledge ratio house, and we are all very proud of our progress.

Social activities are also going pretty well here at Theta Xi. Right now we are all getting very psyched for the Eighth Annual R.C. Jones Memorial Beerpong Tournament. By now this tournament has turned into one of our most popular traditions. We all wish that R.C. Jones himself would drop by and see just how much this tradition has evolved.

There haven't been many significant changes in the actual running of the house since I took office. We are now having officers' meetings once a week, and this helps keep the house meetings short and efficient. We have been making some modifications to the breakdown of responsibilities around the house, including a review of our financial program, and the augmenting of the responsibilities of secretary to include alumni relations. We have also bought a new microwave oven, and we all love it. This has made an excellent improvement for late dinners, Sunday discretion, and the food situation in general.

Well, that is basically my whole report. To conclude, I would like to encourage all of you who are reading this to drop by the house, especially for 6294. Theta Xi experience is not complete without exposure to the past of the fraternity. We get partially exposed to it during pledge training, but the major part comes from meeting you, the alumni. Nothing does as much for one's sense of belonging to the tradition of Delta Chapter as seeing the alumni from across the country come here for 6294.
Odd Jobs Completed; Overall Appearance Improved

Once again, Delta started off with a very hectic work week. The theme for this year's week was, "If it moves, kill it; if it doesn't, paint it."

Seriously, much of the house received a fresh coat of paint. I emphasized making the house more livable rather than building major projects. The ceilings in all the rooms were scraped, repaired and repainted. This was sorely needed, since in some bedrooms the paint was actually falling. I also arranged a bulk purchase of carpeting for the rooms, as most of the old ones were getting pretty ragged, to say the least.

Both stairwells, the library, front Commons, and the mirror room were all painted, led by the intrepid brushes of Dennis Doughty and Wayne "extension ladder" Switzer. In the best bozon manner, Dave Raitzin, Rich Benfer and Aaron Simms wallpapered the pool room, although none of them had ever seen it done before. Several floors were refinished, and two new sofas rounded out the improvements to Commons. Matt Scott, finally finished the kitchen painting he began back during Help Week, and Dave Weissburg repainted the unicorn in the vestibule of 64.

The bathrooms also received some much needed attention. Duane Boning completed the vanities he built last year. Bob Rozier and Ken Katz spent all week fiberglassing rusted shower stalls. Thanks to their efforts, all the showers are operable for the first time in a year. Some repainting also made the bathrooms much cheerier.

Many other projects were accomplished; too much for me to describe here. Instead, why don't you come by and see for yourself? All the brothers were very motivated, and the week went by extremely smoothly; we even finished ahead of schedule Thursday night, to everyone's pleasure (especially the House Manager's, who was ready to collapse.).

Looking ahead to this summer, we are anticipating some major rehabilitation. With a large, low interest loan from MIT we plan to replace both roofs, the wiring and windows in 66, and do a few other large jobs. We just finished a $7,000 repair to the chimneys, skylights and rear facade, all coordinated by George Franks.

Steve Baker D814
House Manager

Social Report

This social term has proven to be another busy one. We started the year right, with a Get-Psyched party at the end of Rush Week, and it's been almost non-stop action since then.

The big event at the end of the first week of classes was the annual fall beach trip, featuring a cookout, swimming, Frisbee, and football. Other visitors to the beach that day got a special treat as they viewed a large unicorn, sculpted by several brothers out of sand.

Social has also thrown a few mixers, several "nice dinners," and subsidized brothers' tickets to a concert and a few plays. The Little Sisters invited us out to Wellesley for softball and a picnic, and we had a dinner exchange with MIT's Women's Independent Living Group.

Still to come are the beer pong tournament, more parties, and a faculty dinner here at the house. This will leave a few weekends open for the pledge walk-out.

We hope this full social schedule will help yet another term at MIT pass, with a little more enjoyment for all.

Bob Rozier D818 and
John Weissberg D829

Athletic Report

The jocks of Theta Xi have had a mixed season so far. Our tennis team, captained by John Weissberg, dominated in nearly all their matches, but by a fluke, they didn't make the playoffs.

We had two football teams this year, one of which had a winning season. The "Bozons" co-captained by Tom Davis and pledge Greg Hafer, had two victories, one loss and one tie. The "Assassins," co-captained by Aaron Simms and Ross Montejano were not as fortunate. They finished the season with one win and three losses.

Our backgammon team, captained by Eric Raible, has one win and one loss, but they are definitely planning on having a winning season. We have six strong players who should take us to finals.

Hockey season starts shortly, and pledge Yun Kee Chung's past experience in that sport should be a great asset.

Basketball is also coming up, and Aaron Simms will be leading us on the court. We anticipate a fair team and a winning season.

Overall, the Theta Xi jocks are doing well, and (most importantly) having an excellent time.
Eleven Pledge Theta Xi

Thanks to Delta Chapter's execution of yet another fantastic Rush Week, I am happy to report that my job as pledge trainer is going quite smoothly. The pledges have many projects in the works, including the traditional black light "Unicorn Party" and the pledge walkout.

We will start work soon on a new project, the Delta Biography. To supplement the Delta History we are starting a comprehensive biography of current Deltas which will be updated each year by the current pledge class. In it, we hope to record anecdotes about life at Theta Xi as well as personal data such as addresses, and majors. The pledge class also worked hard to publicize MIT's fall blood drive.

The 11 pledges, who, under my tutelage, currently strive for Brotherhood in the Bonds are:

YUN KEE CHUNG (New Canaan, CT)—Yun Kee can demolish a crossword puzzle with the flick of a wrist. As the only pledge to bring hockey equipment with him, we are waiting to see those wrists execute a slapshot.

DAVE CULTICE (White Plains, NY)—Dave, who pledged while repelling down the 64 stairwell during the band party, came to earth behind the bar. He is our new Booze Commissar.

DAVE GREENBERG (San Antonio, TX)—When he's not exploring the roofs and basements of MIT, Dave passes his time fencing, rock climbing, and reliving the past with the Society for Creative Anachronism.

GREG HAFER (Baytown, TX)—Greg anchored the defense (and offense) of the Bozon football team this fall. Now he spends his spare time practicing Tae-Kwon-Do.

PAT LINCOLN (North Oaks, MN)—The writers among us are anxiously waiting for Pat to bring up his homemade word-processor. To pass the time he would be happy to take you on in chess or backgammon.

JOE MATARESE (Kennebunkport, ME)—A self-professed Maine-iac, Joe has a propensity for cranberry cocktails and Carnation instant breakfast drink (at last count there were five boxes stacked on his desk next to a box of instant milk).

RANDY PARKER (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)—Randy, a star tennis player, is eagerly awaiting the chance to shovel some snow.

MARK RIGOGLIOSEO (Brookfield, CT)—"Pfigiano" is the first pledge in a long time to enjoy Saturday works. Getting up early to go running will do that to a guy.

KEN RUGG (Washington, PA)—Everyone at Delta is waiting for Ken to drive up in his Corvette. Until then, we'll just have to make due with the model of it, which he keeps on his desk.

DAVE SPERRY (South Haven, MI)—Dave is our new Jock Com. When he's not running around getting rosters filled out, he's busy entertaining us with his ragtime piano playing.

KEITH WHITE (Malden, MA)—We're all glad that this track star gave up the Orange Line in favor of the Green Line.
Chapter Eternal

Arthur Brockelman '26, former president of Brockelman's Markets, passed away in November, 1982. He was 80 years old.

Commander Howard T. Evans, USNR retired, died after a brief illness following congestive heart failure on June 19, 1982. In 1959, he retired from Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation in Boston, after 36 years, with a five-year period from 1941 to 1946, during which Howard was on active duty in dock yard construction at Los Angeles and San Francisco.

We regret to report J. Fred Gross D640, of Wellesley, MA, died on July 10, 1981.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!  
6294 FESTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30, 1983

Activities scheduled for that Saturday include the traditional softball game, followed by a cocktail party and the Founder's Day Banquet. Details will follow as the date approaches.

The undergraduates look forward to welcoming back many alumni to help celebrate Delta's 98th anniversary.

We hope to see you there!

Alumni News

JAMES F. HENDRICKS '13, and wife Ila moved to Dallas from Oklahoma in 1978 to live with their son, Vincent. Jimmy (retired) and his wife are in good health and both belong to the "Ninety Club." You can write to Jimmy at 6827 Coronado, Dallas, Texas 75214.

ALBERT F. MURRAY '18 is recovering from a stroke at Carriage Hill Nursing Home, Bethesda, MD as reported by his wife. Al's home address is 4900 Hillbrook Lane, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Retired Mechanical Engineer with B.F. Goodrich Company, ANDREW D. MACLACHLAN '21 has visited the present house on Bay State Road and is wondering if the brothers still have on hand the MIT dishes and metal figure donated in 1915. Andrew may be reached at Box 3, 2487 South Street, Hoosick, NY 12089.

ARTHUR JAMES BROCKELMAN, Sr., '26 received a visit from HERB HAYDEN '23 at the nursing home where he lives. Art also reports that RUSS AMBRACH '24 wrote a very nice letter to him after reading the note about Art in the June 1982 Digest. You can write to Art at FNH, 370 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

President of International Management Services KINGSTON L. HOWARD '53 (honorary) is actively involved with hotel/motel development and consulting in both the United States and the Caribbean. He is also working on reactivation of an Alpha Chi Chapter at Trinity College in Hartford. King resides at 226 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02116.

THOMAS S. ROBERTS '57 writes that he "enjoyed his stay at the house during 25th class reunion when several of us determined that we could no longer take as much brew as we used to!" TS is President of Mastro Press Inc., (spelling?) and lives at 11485 Pleasant Shore Drive, Manchester, MI, 48158. TS has lost the Theta Xi songbook copy in the files (Egads!), and will forward it as soon as it is found.

New father to Andrew David, ROBERT E. ROACH '68 says his 10-month old has created "quite an adjustment in lifestyle," Bob, branch manager for Mathematica Products Group, Inc, can be reached at 13032 Pebblebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77079.

Dupont Chemist MARK "Pooh" WUONOLA '69 is handling patent license work for the Pharmaceutical Division/Biochemical Department. (204 W. 14th St., Wilmington, DE 19801.)

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More News from Alumni

"I've secured a tenure position at Ohio Wesleyan where I've taken over the duties of Co-ordinator of Freshman English," writes MICHAEL S. KEARNS '70. Says Michael, "I'm allowing myself to be cautiously optimistic that this career I settled on over a decade ago may actually work out." Michael resides at 23 W. Fountain Ave., Delaware, OH 43015.

LES HARMER '72 just finished his first year at Southern Methodist University School of Law near Dallas. "Why Dallas?" he asks, "It was the first dry land I say after leaving the Navy, and I liked it well enough to cancel plans to attend Boston College Law School." Les lives at 4620 Bowser, Apt. 10, Dallas, TX 75219.

STEVE LAUG '78 wrote two Newsforms in April and June of 1982. He recorded a song (due out in December of '82) on Tin Pan Alley Records, called "Juniper and Lamplight" and keeps his bills paid by working at IBM. His address is 57 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, ("Yeah, I'm still here") NY 12590. Sammy also sent along some stories for the Centennial Committee—look for them in 1985!

ELI WYLER '78 has a good idea for a Pledge Project: "All pledges are responsible for ensuring that all Boston area alumni know them by name and on sight (You want money - lets see your faces!). Eli is a programer with Texet Corporation in Cambridge. He just moved in with HOWARD BERMAN '78 (One Emerson Place, Apt. 14E, Boston, MA 02114) who just started working at Teradyne. Eli also reports that PAUL LEWIS and his wife had their second son; DAVE BARTON his first. In other news that Eli reported to us, DAVE LEBLANG left DEC (!!!) to work for Apollo Computer; DAVE BATTON is programming at Tandem; VIC VILLARREAL is at Hopkins beginning a seven-year program in Cardiac Surgery and recently married Lisa Simon.

Professional student JULIUS C. CHANG '81 is continuing at MIT for his PhD in metallurgy. Julius' new address is 2130 Massachusetts Ave., No. 63, Cambridge, MA 02140. Julius writes to us that "Slippery" AL MENDEZ is still working on those space shuttles and actually helped launch STS-3. (200 S. Banana River Blvd., No. 202, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.)

"Hess Oil transferred me from one island to another. Manhatten may not be as warm as St. Croix, but it has more bridges to get off. I'd like to know if I've won my bet with NANDAN KENDEREMATH, yet." writes DAVID A. KATZ '80. David is a Planning Engineer with Hess and lives at 175 W. 93rd Street, Apt. 6K, New York, NY 10025.