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Delta Chapter Celebrates A Successful Centennial

More Centennial pictures and stories inside!
Theta Xis Of All Ages Gather At Centennial

DELTA DIGEST

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Your news is good news! Please return the enclosed newsform today!
Alumni Support Contributes To Good Year For Delta

I am proud to say that things in the house are going well. The house is in excellent condition, both physically and financially, and our social program is stronger than ever. Our Centennial celebration was a great success, and I would like to thank all of you who came for making it the great time it was.

Recent increases in the social budget have given our social chairmen the opportunity to expand our social program beyond the scope of our normal house parties. For the fourth consecutive year, we have co-sponsored the MIT Spring Weekend concert, this year featuring REM. The show was very successful, and everyone had a great time.

But by far the biggest event of the year was 6294. This 6294 marked the 100th anniversary of our chapter at MIT. Over 150 alumni from all over the country attended the activities. The highlight of the weekend was the Centennial banquet, which featured an impressive slide show of the many photographs and slides made available to us. The activites even managed to defeat the alumni in the annual softball game.

Theta Xi has finally begun to move into the computer age. With so many brothers now owning personal computers, many jobs in the house are being computerized. The treasurer uses a personal computer to print out the association bills and keep track of expenses. The secretary will soon be putting the address lists and other information on the computer. The house may even purchase its own computer this year.

This year was a very good one for the house, and I feel that next year will be even better. I expect another strong rush, and I am hoping for as good a freshman class as we had this year. I encourage all of you to drop by the house whenever possible, especially for 6294. Without your support, events like this year’s Centennial would not be possible.

Yours in the Bonds,
Keith White, D837
President

Theta Xis Write With News

Retiree ERIC L. ETHERINGTON ’20 writes with many remembrances of Theta Xi. Those memories include PAUL DUFF ’16 and several of his classmates, who were seniors the year Ed was a freshman. He also remembers the “old days” when the chapter was at 183 Newberry Street, moved to 406 Marlboro

Alumni Urged To Continue Centennial Spirit

I enjoyed meeting and getting to know quite a few Deltas before and during the Centennial weekend. Many new friendships blossomed, while old friendships were renewed and continued to thrive. It is a shame that it was all over so soon—too soon for me to really get to know all of the Deltas whom I met. It is not really over, though. The spirit of the Centennial will carry on just as the spirit of Theta Xi does. I hope to see this spirit reflected in continued alumni support and visits to Delta Chapter. Next year’s 101st 6294 celebration will, I hope, be a good time to meet the few alums I didn’t get to know this year.

Unfortunately, the weekend’s events went over budget. Due to excessive partying, we are in the hole for about $1,500. One way in which we hope to make back some of the money is through sales of Centennial shirts and glasses. The champagne glasses cost $5, and the shirts are $10. Send your orders to John Davis, 64 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02215. Don’t forget to specify size when ordering shirts. Your generous donations will also be appreciated to help defray the cost of the event. Thank you.

George Franks, D819

1985 Graduating Theta Xis

Congratulations to the brothers who graduated this year:

Andrew Furman, D820
Matthew Scott, D822
Kenneth Katz, D821
Robert Scharfman, D831
George Franks, D819
David Weissburg, D823
In Ho Kim, D824
John Weissberg, D829
Martin Offutt, D828
Young Soo Ha, D827

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High Attendance Contribu

Over 300 people attended the Delta Chapter of Theta Xi Centennial celebration on Saturday, April 27, 1985. This far exceeded our initial expectations. Unfortunately, Boston will never be the same. The city wasn’t prepared to support a celebration the size of Delta Chapter’s 100th anniversary, but the brothers and their guests were. The Centennial weekend proved to be the most spirited and best attended 6294 celebration ever.

All in all, there were 165 brothers involved in the event. Don Allison, Omicron 758, National president; Dean Robert Sherwood of MIT; and guest of honor Paul Duff, D198, were among those gathered. Other luminaries included Jim Kraft, D739, alumni corporation president, and Clark Jarvis, D776, chapter advisor.

Alumni started arriving as early as two weeks before the Centennial, and some lingered another week after the events had ended. Friday night’s events were outstanding. The enthusiasm I felt in the crowd far surpassed what I had expected. Don Allison and his wife commented on the overwhelming success of Friday evening’s “cocktail social.” The ritual meeting was quite impressive. Many brothers attended, sharing personal comments and feelings. We also enjoyed the lighter side of hell weeks from as long ago as the ’40s. Not a whole lot has changed.

Saturday afternoon provided time for rock and roll in the lodge room and cocktails and snacks throughout the house. It was a good time for the alums to see the improvements that have
been made on the house. The banquet got underway at about 7:00 p.m. in the America Ball Room in the Westin Hotel. Good food and drink were followed by a toast to Delta’s first 100 years and comments by the Centennial chairman and other dignitaries. National President Don Allison, Omicron 758, awarded Dick Baird, D531, the Distinguished Service Award for his years of service to Delta Chapter. Don also presented a silver platter to Keith White, chapter president, to recognize Delta’s achievements during its first 100 years. Following the more formal presentations was a slide show that focused on the faces of those who helped shape Delta Chapter’s first 100 years.

The celebration moved into high gear when the John Payne Orchestra started playing. The orchestra’s sets consisted of a good mix of music that satisfied everyone’s dance styles. The Marriott Suite, where champagne and daiquiris were in fashion all night long, filled up as the evening progressed.

Sunday morning proved to be a good time to catch our breaths. By noon-time the picnic had begun. The active chapter beat the alums in the annual softball challenge for the first time in at least three years.

When the weekend was over, we knew we had experienced an event that was worthy to live in our memories for the next 100 years.

George Franks, D819
Several Theta Xis And Their Dates At The 100th 6294
New Computer Aids Treasurer
In Record Keeping

Yet again, the financial situation at Delta Chapter is very good, as each brother now pays $1,350 per term to Theta Xi Housing Corporation. This creates an annual budget of approximately $110,000. The term bills have remained essentially unchanged for four consecutive terms and saw a decrease before that.

My position as treasurer is becoming very exciting and challenging, largely due to the advent of the computer. Aided mainly by Keith White and other enthusiastic brothers, I have computerized all personal accounts, as well as the house spending accounts of steward, house manager, and social chairmen.

Current treasurer projects include the opening of a new Merrill Lynch cash management account for the housing corporation and an effective way to reduce phone bills without sacrificing service or convenience. The motivation behind opening a new account stems from a desire to earn higher interest on our checking and savings accounts.

Yours in the Bonds,
Philippe S. Fusco, D850
Treasurer

Brothers Work To Strengthen Alumni Relations

I hope that we succeed in making this Delta Digest one that you will cherish for years. By looking through this issue, those of you who were able to join us for the Centennial celebration can relive your memories of that weekend, as well as reminisce about the time you spent in the house. For the brothers who were not able to attend the festivities, we trust that this issue will help you feel as though you were there with us for this most special 6294.

As a result of the Centennial, our alumni address files are up-to-date and accurate. Thanks to all of those brothers who helped in this endeavor. We hope to transfer these files to a computer system. With this change we will be able to keep in touch with everyone with greater efficiency. Our ultimate goal is to improve and strengthen significantly alumni relations for the fraternity. We are always open to suggestions, ideas, or historical notes about which you would like us to be informed.

Yours in the Bonds,
Aaron G. Simms, D825
Brian L. DeCleene, D858
Secretary

Theta Xis Write, continued

Street, and then finally to Commonwealth Avenue, and when several famous members pledged Theta Xi, including CHARLES HAYDEN of the Hayden Planetarium and FARWELL BEMIS of the Bemis Bag Company. Ed also enjoyed a visit to the Alpha Zeta Chapter at UCLA, which boasts a large undergraduate roster—almost 1,100 actives! Send your remembrances of Theta Xi to Ed at 1241 Deerbrook Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

JOHN A. PLIMPTON '22 receives his mail at P.O. Box 14545, North Palm Beach, FL 33410.

House Maintenance Projects
Continue At Theta Xi

During hell week, House Manager emeritus George Franks saw the successful completion of the refinishing of the dining room woodwork. This project, started by H. M. Dave Weissburg, involved stripping and refinishing the woodwork, fireplace, and chairs in the dining room. Also during hell week, the piano was stripped and refinished to reveal its marvelous wood grain and color. Work was done in some of the bathrooms, including a new floor for second 66 head. Construction of a beer keg refrigerator was considered, but a suitable refrigerator was not found. Any local alum with a spare refrigerator can designate it as the beer 'fridge if he so desires.

Work was also done to build new counter and shelf space behind the bar. This made bartending much more convenient. Unfortunately, casualties were light during hell week. Only one pledge, Ed Lovelace, was forced to work while injured. Ed had a broken hand. H. M. Franks said, "I wasn't going to let a little thing like a broken hand slow my hell week down."

House Manager Wally Everest has plans to continue stripping woodwork in the piano room. We will continue maintenance on the house in order to keep it in the best shape that it has been in for years.

Yours in the Bonds,
George Franks, D819
House Manager

New Summer Friends Made
At Theta Xi

Since this Digest is being put together during the summer, I thought that it would be interesting to include a summer story explaining what goes on here during those months. My work as summer house manager began in late March when women from various local colleges began applying for rooms. Around 50 filled out applications, and of those, 20 were given rooms. That was the fun part of the job. During the first weekend of the summer, the hot water tank broke, so we had to get a new one. Fortunately that has been the only major mishap. Otherwise we have had only such minor problems as clogged drains and dirty dishes.

Now living in the house are 16 brothers and 20 women. Everyone works a certain amount of time on the house, outside of his or her rent. In addition, almost everyone "donated" $10 to a party fund for the summer. With this money we were able to have two roof-deck parties and one band party.

Most of the brothers in the house are working at MIT. A few are taking classes at Harvard and Boston University. Some just kill time, while others "see the world." The women staying in the house are keeping busy doing everything from professional photography to scooping ice cream. These pastimes, when combined with the wide variety of colleges represented (from the University of Connecticut to Oxford), never make the house dull.

Through our cookouts and parties we make friends we can cherish—and we also have work week and rush to get psyched for.

YITB,
Roi, D818
Your friendly SHM
Alumni News Continues

ATHERTON THOMAS '23 is retired and receives correspondence at Box 728, RR 2, Leetown Rd., Stormville, NY 12582.

Retiree RUSSELL W. AMBACH '24 makes his home at 216 St. Paul St., Brookline, MA 02146.

"I had a Christmas card from GRAYDON TENER '27 and his wife, Virginia," writes JACKSON H. EMERY '29. He writes that the Teners receive mail at P.O. Box 95666, Tice, FL 33905. Jackson's address is 1514 W. Marshall St., Apt. 121, Norristown, PA 19403.

Retiree R. SPENCER RUTHERFORD '37 has remarried, this time to an old high school friend. The Rutherfords have a new home in Pennsylvania (P.O. Box 191, Harford, PA 18823), which Spencer has been working on, as well as a model railroad in the cellar.

Having "consolidated" his household with "that of a 91-year-old aunt," GEORGE A. HEINEMANN '38 has a new address: 1040 Queens Lane, Glenview, IL 60025. George was distressed to read of the death of his old friend, DAVE SARGENT '38.

Having recently retired, ROBERT R. IMSANDE '42 is now living in Escondido, California, and playing lots of golf. He is also a sailplane instructor two days a week. His new address is 1416 Westwood Pl., Escondido, CA 92025.

KINGSTON L. HOWARD '51 is in the hotel management and consulting business for International Management Services, which has contracts on new motels in Rhode Island and Connecticut. He receives mail at 226 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02116.

Engineer GILBERT FRYKLUND '57 is "getting back to machine design" and does freelance consulting work. He was also looking forward to the Centennial. Address mail to him at 12 Mason St., Winchester, MA 01890.

HARRISON R. MORSE '59 "would welcome a call or visit from anyone passing through the San Francisco area." A computer consultant for Fry Associates, Harrison lives at 306 Edgewood Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

Chief engineer at Winkomatic Signal Company, ROBERT G. RAUSCH '68 makes his home at 4140 Wood Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941.

A fellow with Daisy Systems in Mountain View, California, PETER A. STOLL '71 makes his home at 1178 Crespi Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086 (phone: 408-732-0572).

DAVID A. BOUCHER '72 is president of Interleaf, Inc., and resides at 70 Huron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138.

A Ph.D. student at Carnegie-Mellon University, MICHAEL L. BUSHNELL '72 receives mail at 5600 Fifth Ave., #309D, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

A consultant for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, FUJIO HAYASHI '74 resides at 4-2-50-306 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN. He reports that his second son, Alan Kenji, was born on May 4, 1984. Congratulations!

"Since you last heard," writes DAVID R. EATER '77, "I received my BA in foreign service and international affairs from Penn State University in 1983; I married in December 1983; I have a daughter, born in November 1984; I received an MPA (master of public affairs) from Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University in June 1985; I found employment with the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology in July 1985; and I have written a chapter on Africa for Issues Before the United Nations, a publication of the UN." Dave's "other note" is that he "was friendly" with members of the Lambda colony while at Penn State. "They seemed like a nice bunch of guys; they gave us a tour of their house and all that." Send news to Dave at E-2 West Dr., Princeton, NJ 08540.

"Hopes dim for millionaire status by the age of 30," writes JEFFREY L. FLEMING '80, "but I’m having a very successful time, no less." Jeff’s plans include a September 22, 1985, wedding. Jeff reports that he heard from several brothers last year, and he hopes to receive more news at 9409 Kimborough Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922.

A pilot in the U.S. Navy, ROBERT G. SILVERMAN '80 enlisted the help of his wife, Joanne, to build a house in Texas (P.O. Box 8, Mullin, TX 76864), and he tries to "get back there as often as possible." In addition, the Silvermans have a new addition to their family: Their second child, a boy, was born in April 1984. Bob writes, "Dustin even the score at one of each."

ERIK K. FUJII '81 is an aeronautical engineer for Rockwell International, where he is currently involved in an analysis of the space shuttle orbiter flight control system. He "dolutely reports" his marriage in May 1983 to Cheryl Pearlman, who has gone back to school for a master’s in public administration. "In my spare time," he writes, "I retrieve HAJ SANO '82 from the roadside when his old Mustang breaks down." Write to the Fujis at 8162 Fourth St., #10, Buena Park, CA 90621.

Kim and JOHN BEIERL '82 had a baby boy named Bryan on July 26. He weighs five pounds and 12 ounces, is 18 inches long, and is rumored to have inherited John’s nose. Address mail to the Beiers at 4515 Bellflower Blvd., Lakewood, CA 90808.

As a developmental engineer for the U.S. Air Force, BRYAN H. FORTSON '82 "just inherited" a contract with Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. His project could save the air force quite a bit of money, which "should make Cap Weinberger happy." Bryan enjoyed a trip "down to P & W's stomping grounds in West Palm Beach" to attend discussions on the program, to "meet the alligators that roam there (Where’s JUDE DARENSBOURG '81 when you need him?)," and to "escape the sub-zero temperatures here in Ohio." Back in Ohio, Bryan enjoyed an evening with JOHN ARENIVAR '79 and wife Becky. The Arenivars recently traveled through Canada and brought back "some dynamite pictures." (475 Grand Ave., #21, Dayton, OH 45405)

A "not-so-starving grad student," THOMAS DAVIS '84 is finishing his thesis to earn his master’s in mechanical engineering, after which he will look for a job. On a "swing through Santa Cruz, California," Tom visited DAVE ZION '84, ERIC RABLE '83, and CRAIG LAWSON '82. Of other brothers, Tom writes, "Unfortunately, all of my pledge brothers have broken their hands—none of them can write a letter!" When those brothers’ hands are whole again, they can address their mail to Tom at 21 Chase St., Newton Center, MA 02159.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following brothers:

ROBERT WARREN, February 27, 1984
HOWARD E. WHITAKER '24, October 11, 1984