Undergraduates Advocate Communication With Alumni

Another semester has passed. We hope that this Digest will bring you up-to-date on the chapter's business. Furthermore, we hope to introduce our newest associate members. These young men are well on their way to completing the quest for Theta Xi.

With this issue of Delta Digest, the chapter returns to its "once-a-semester" newsletter. Nothing is more important than proper communication between the alumni and active chapter. Along these lines, we need to know your current addresses. Obviously, if you are receiving this newsletter, we are in the ball park. However, any pertinent information about you or your classmates would be appreciated.

Help us build stronger bonds by writing to us today!

Brian DeCleene, D858
Abelardo Bal, D855
Secretaries

Undergraduates At Delta Chapter
Work Hard To Remain
On Top At MIT

Here we are at the end of another term at Theta Xi. Work week was, as usual, an enjoyable experience for everyone. The house is in excellent shape. Aside from the usual cleaning and painting, one of the bathrooms was completely rebuilt, and a good deal of the woodwork in 66 front commons was stripped.

We had another successful, but rather wet, rush week, gaining 10 new pledges. The weather put a slight "damper" on our rush, but overall we are pleased with our new pledges and look forward to working closely with them.

Within recent months community relations have become a very important issue among fraternities on this side of the river. Although relations with our own neighbors remain excellent, many houses, especially those east of Massachusetts Avenue, are experiencing very difficult problems with their neighbors. Most of this is a result of recent activism on the part of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB). NABB's actions have even caused one house to be brought before city of Boston officials for review. We will continue to do our best to ensure that relations with our neighbors will remain excellent.

We had scheduled a fund-raiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as part of the Kenmore Squarefair '85, but Hurricane Gloria forced its cancellation. The Squarefair representatives were ecstatic that we wanted to do a fund-raiser, and they have already offered us the opportunity to do it next year. They even mentioned that they would publicize the event as an integral part of the fair. In the spring we once again plan to do the "miracle mile." We hope to raise more than the $650 that we secretary, etc. records.

Theta Xi is currently under consideration by Project Athena to be one of the first 10 living groups to receive the new VAX workstations from DEC. If we are not selected, it is very likely that we will obtain our own system and use it for treasurer,

YITB,
Keith J. White, D837

Bryan Finkel and Philippe Fusco fix the floor of fourth 64 bathroom.
Unique Parties Add Momentum To Social Program

Giving Social Chairmen John Davis and Dave Cultice a slight respite, the pledge class took over in preparation for the unicorn party. Beginning with the making of a heavy-duty poster and continuing with hours of work decorating the house, the blacklight zone party drew crowds of women and good times and gave the social program a much-needed shot in the arm.

Following the momentum built up by the pledge party, the house put its creative efforts into preparing for the tango flamingo party. Heather Gay, Brother Mark Johnson’s friend, introduced the idea to the house, and, with her artistic talents, she produced an artistic and flashy pink and orange poster. Brother Wallie Everest also put his artistic talents into the effort by designing a second poster, which employed new printing techniques. Delta Chapter finished the semester with its second end-of-the-term, invite-only pajama party, followed by a nice breakfast.

We certainly hope that this enthusiasm will be carried over into the spring term’s large parties.

Yours in the Bonds,
John H. Davis, D819
David R. Cultice, D830
Social Chairmen

Theta Xi’s Fall Events Display Diversity And Ingenuity

Diversity and ingenuity have characterized the fall social term. The term was kicked off with a heavy rush party featuring a band, “Lifeboat,” and Theta Xi followed with two more live band performances. Following rush, Delta Chapter hosted the third annual Citgo sign party. Citgo III, the party, continues…. For the Citgo party we rented a sound system, which gave us the opportunity to investigate the benefits of a house stereo.

Following the Citgo party, the undergraduates, the new pledges, and several friends loaded into vans and headed to Crane’s Beach for fun in the sun. The beach trip also provided a relaxing diversion from upcoming registration day and fall classes.

Thanks to a successful rushing program and summer social, the house invited four women to become little sisters. All four accepted the invitation with enthusiasm. Two more little sisters were invited late in the term to add to our growing little sister program.

After a break, Theta Xi hosted the talents of “Middle Class America,” a band that had played at the house during the summer. The band was pleased to return to the receptive Theta Xi party crowd. Dave Weissburg returned briefly from his annex in the area to feature his talents on yet another silk-screened party poster. Following the band party with MCA at Theta Xi, the actives worked together with Theta Chi and McAfee Hall at Wellesley to co-sponsor the WBCN “Rock’n’Roll Rumble” winners, “Down Avenue,” at Wellesley. The joint-effort poster was not what we expected, but our disappointment taught us how to produce the next party poster.

Mark Johnson, D854

 Theta Xi soccer team

Crew, Baseball, Soccer, Football: Theta Xi Has Them All

This fall saw Theta Xi starting strong on the crew team, with varsity members Dave Cultice ’86 and Jeff Johnston ’88 encouraging seven novices to take up oars; two of those frosh remained until the winter season. Jim Gort ’89 pitched for the fall varsity baseball team and hopes to continue in the spring.

Injuries plagued intramural sports, putting five players on crutches at one time; all are nearly healed now. Theta Xi played B- and C-league football, about which it is sufficient to say that the C-league team did win two games. In B-league soccer, Theta Xi played to a 2-4 record behind the goalkeeping of Captain Mark Johnson, D854

Henry Brush ’87.

In Class Day the Theta Xi eight made a fine showing, coming in strong in two heats.

Chris Neils
Many Alumni Contribute To Offset Cost Of Directory

We are delighted to report that over 60 alumni brothers have responded with contributions to offset the costs involved with the publication of our recent membership directory. We are also most pleased to receive so many positive comments about the project and to learn that the directory has renewed contact between many geographically separated Theta Xi brothers.

We would like to express special thanks to the brothers listed below for their contributions to the directory.

Russell W. Ambach '24
Robert P. Auty '48
Richard L. Baird '57
Erich K. Bender '62
George M. Blaszczynski '73
Douglas B. Bober '74
David Boucher '72
David A. Clunies '57
Patrick C. Crane '70
Lawrence R. Daley '66
Paul H. Duff '16
Jackson H. Emery '29
Bryan H. Fortson '82
Robert G. Fulks '58
Robert W. Furman '50
Edwin D. Greene '44
Theodore T. Hadeler '51
Walter T. Hall, Jr., '64
Leslie J. Harmer '72
Edward R. Harris '40
James W. Hawthorne '46
James F. Hendricks '13
D. Andrew Himmelblau '72
Steven J. Hayashi '66
Gordon E. Holbrook '39
John Homan '15
Robert R. Janowski '70
Seward J. Kennedy '46
J. Robert Kirby '42
Lee A. Linthicum, Jr., '68

Chapter Keeps In Touch With
MIT Scholastic Programs

The fall term’s house scholastic program was very good in keeping people informed about academic programs. A calendar was posted on the second-floor landing of 66 Bay State Road listing registration information, add and drop dates, and many of the topics for free lectures at MIT. Early in the term, a file was composed that listed all of the classes being taken by each brother, about which information was made available to any brother or pledge needing help in a class. We held two faculty dinners, one in October and one in November, that were quite successful.

One issue of importance that is going to have to be considered in the next several semesters is the problem some people have with studying in the house. The house has never been, and probably never will be, the ideal place to study, but there have been enough specific problems in the past one or two years that specific improvements in the house’s study atmosphere may soon be a topic of serious discussion.

Mark Johnson, D854
Scholarship Chairman

Alumni Support Helps Theta Xi
Succeed Financially

Good ol’ Theta Xi is still doing quite well financially. The computerization process is allowing the house treasurer to enjoy error-free computation, as well as easy access to information. An increase in house expenditures over the last fiscal year, however, will most likely cause an increase in next term’s house bill. Despite the prompt collection of debts and a good cash flow, the need for an increase has become obvious. We have somehow managed to avoid inflation for two years, but now it has caught up with us. Even with the increase, however, we are still on the lower end of the price range of housing at MIT.

Alumni debts have been decreasing due to two important facts. First, the alumni who have debts are being notified in a better way and are responding with effective payments. And second, the number of seniors leaving the house with outstanding bills has decreased significantly. I would again like to thank our alumni for their support in the past and for their continuing support in the future, for without them we could not succeed.
Rush Chairman Predicts Rain
For Harvard Graduation

"It never rains on MIT's freshman picnic or 'Hahvahd's' graduation," according to Joe Schlobotnick. Well, Joe is wrong. The first rain in 16 years had to be during my rush! It made for an interesting and somewhat difficult weekend.

The freshman picnic was held in the hockey rink at the new athletic center, not nearly so climatic as in the Great Court. Our canoe trip was rained out on Saturday; I postponed it (Sunday) and cancelled the debut of the Nahant Beach trip. Luckily, the boat cruise was without rain, although it was a bit cold.

I would like to thank Eli Wylen '78 for typesetting our rush book and making it one of the best. I would also like to thank all of the other alumni who continue to show their support every year.

Henry Brush, D844

Meet Our Nine New
Delta Pledges

Dan Chang, "blown in" from Chicago, has begun a successful crew career with the hope that some enthusiastic woman will take notice. He is planning to earn an aerospace degree, and he is our current assistant secretary. In off hours, Dan is a connoisseur of new-wave music and blacklight hyperspace.

Jason Crain claims to be from Greenwich Village, and he's got so many muscles that I wouldn't argue with him. He wrestled on the varsity team in high school, although he is now content to jam on the piano. He intends to major in physics unless someone persuades him otherwise.

Dan Ebroon is from Northbrook, Illinois, and enjoys photography, playing the piano, and most sports. Dan plans to attend medical school, become wealthy, and hang out in the Caribbean. In the meantime, he is content to watch the Chicago Bears decimate everyone in sight.

Jim Gort lets no one forget that he's from Lake Stevens, Washington. Jim is active in MIT varsity sports, as he pitches for the baseball team. Jim also likes to participate in intelligence games, although no one knows why. Gortzky will major in aero-astro to keep things "flying high."

Mark Milam is a transfer student from the University of California at Riverside. In order to get his aero-astro degree, he is taking the masochistic version of unified engineering. He also enjoys crew, racquetball, and both skiing and surfing, since his home in California is between the surf and the slopes.

Chris Neils is another Washington man, hailing from Bainbridge Island. He rows crew and is quarterback on our intramural football team. He's a navy ROTC and has ambitions of becoming a house manager-type someday.

George Roscoe comes to us from Westfield, New Jersey. He is also a navy ROTC and is planning to become another electrical engineer. He enjoys skiing, crew, and, as Matt Thompson says, making strange noises.

Matt Thompson is from Southern California, and his interests include soccer and music. He plans to be an aero-astro at some point, but for now he is content to be our assistant steward.

Mike Weidinger (or Wingdinger) is very active in athletics, especially soccer (he's on the junior varsity team). He is considering a major in biomechanics and enjoys as much German beer as he can get his hands on. He plans to retire to the Caribbean, where he can harass Dan E. in peace.

Let us know, too! Our address is on page six.
New Officers For 1986

President ...................... Stephen Russell, D842
Vice President ............... John Davis, D849
Treasurer ...................... Roger Carpenter, D856
Secretary ...................... Abelardo V. Bal, D855
Steward ....................... Brian DeCleene, D858
House Manager ............... James Janosky, D851
Pledge Trainer ............... David Sperry, D835
Scholarship Chairman ...... Ofer Jacobowitz, D863
Rush Chairman .............. Sean Jennings, D848

From left to right: Stephen Russell, D842; John Davis, D849; James Ferrara, D846; Abelardo Bal, D855; and Philippe Samuel Fusco, D850.

Help! We Want To Find Our Lost Brothers!

We have labeled the brothers listed below as lost because we have no current addresses for them. If you have any information concerning any of them, please write to us at the address at the bottom of page six. Thank you!

James A. Acteson, Jr., D421
Joseph P. Alexis, D586
Maurice P. Anderson, D134
Carl A. Barlow, Jr., D554
Kenneth D. Bearman, D611
Hugo J. Benschop, D590
David G. Blattner, D130
Rodan A. Brandt, D525
Robert F. Burkard, D567
G. Calderon Chamochumbi, D542
Arthur D. Clark, D120
Frank H. Clarke, D141
Carter G. Cook, D149
James C. Dryer, Jr., D346
Stephen T. Faulkenberry, D582
Russell F. Fields, D189
John K. Glynn, D498
Ludwig F. C. Haas, D134
Bowron F. Hale, D600
Philip L. Hall, D694
Frederic E. Hoeltzel, D514
Jacques H. Houdry, D460
Eleutherios A. Joakimides, D583
Lee Kalabak, D145
Thomas M. Keiffer, D282
Sheldon W. Kennedy, D416
John L. Kerr, D497
Harry M. Lehn, D568
Richard W. Logan, D208
Alexander A. Lukshin, D507
Hayward K. Mann, D334
Gary A. Matchett, D577
Richard D. Melson, D535
Wallace Neal
John H. Nehiker, D544
Theodore F. Nichols, D434
Brian J. O’Kane, D526
Charles R. Olden, D521
James L. Parker, D564
Mandel R. C. Penna, D564
Alphonse Pezet
David B. Redman, D505
Paul Rudzinski, D501
Horacio M. Serrano, D292
William Sexauer
Valmir Silvey, D579
Tibor Stefansky
Thomas H. Stubbs, D275
Charles D. Thompson, D415
Vicor V. Villarreal, D758
Joseph K. Waros, D566
Charles L. Weller, D566
Harvey Willson
David L. Yeager
Howard Ziehn

Work Week And Other Projects Add To House’s Beauty

The house manager is pleased to announce that the house is in fine shape and that the chapter is exhibiting much interest in restoring the facilities. Many thanks go to Bob Rozier, D818, for doing a great job as summer house manager.

Certainly the most visible project we undertook during work week was that of front commons. Brothers spent countless hours in continuing the restoration of 66’s first floor. A large section of oak paneling was stripped, and the walls were painted a china white. A generous gift of two serigraphs by Mark Rigoglioso, D836, will soon be displayed in commons and the library. We replaced the carpet and refinished the front door in the original building’s first floor. The purchase of some large house plants was also a welcome improvement.

Another ambitious project was the replacement of the fourth-floor 64’s bath. The renovation included entirely new showers, vanity, and floorboards. The room’s floor is primarily tiled in a unicorn mosaic. Some brothers also solved a cracking plaster problem by replacing large areas of old plaster with the new, reinforced sheetrock. The success of work week was due to the complete and eager participation of the brotherhood.

Other projects started during the semester included installing a beer tap behind the bar. The brothers’ primary interest at this time, however, is to teach the pledges to appreciate the house fully. The recent election of Jim Janosky, D851, will certainly ensure the continued quality of the teaching and maintenance programs.

It has been a rewarding experience, as well as a pleasure, serving Theta Xi as house manager this semester.

A. Wallace Everest, III, D863

Send us an old photo along with your newsform!
We Hear From Our Theta Xi Alumni

“I now have two of the three things ‘Mississippi’ Fred McDowell says are important in life,” writes JAMES A. SCOTT ’72. “A house and a farm (of sorts), but money is still elusive (at least lots of it).” Send your best to J. Scott, who works at the Harvard medical school, at 85 Woburn St., Lexington, MA 02173.

A metallurgist for MIT, JULIUS C. CHANG ’81 passed his Ph.D. qualifying exam “with flying colors” in September, and he expects to earn his degree in theoretical solid-state metal physics within the next couple of years. Also in September he began training for the 1985 New York City Marathon. He writes, “Four weeks later, I ran 3:04, good for 98th place out of 19,000 runners.” While he was in New York, Julius visited with BRAD NAGER ’83 and his wife, Susan. Finally, Julius sends congratulations to Kathy and DAVE LAMOUREUX ’82, who were married on October 12, 1985, in New Hampshire. “The wedding and reception were both classic ‘Lam’s!’” (95 North St., Somerville, MA 02144)

A retired U.S. Navy captain, EDWARD E. SAUNDERS ’19 resides in Carl Vinson Hall (at 6251 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA 22101) with about 250 other navy, marine, and coast guard-connected retirees. Ted writes, “We are both 90 and, having given up our car, have no way to get to Theta Xi affairs in Washington, even though we might have energy to go.”

Engineer STEVEN G. BAKER ’78 reports a new address of 1120 Phyllis, Mountain View, CA 94040.

Congratulations go to Kim and JOHN S. BEIIELR ’82, who became parents on July 26, 1985, when their son, Bryan Mark, came into the world. An officer in the navy, John is still stationed at Newbury St., Boston. I enjoyed greatly living at the house. As for which school to attend, I'll see them on April 27, 1986; it looks like I'll miss the next 6294.

I also got a ‘best paper award’ for my song and dance on behavior of shortfats attacks at this year's AIAA mini-symposium. That, my contract work, and the new metals and ceramics building construction got me named materials lab company grade officer for the third quarter of 1985, which brings me to the real bombshell. Guess who's staying in the air force? It seems that there's this program whereby the air force sends some officers off to civilian institutions (not the kind with the bars on the windows, but colleges) for advanced technical degrees. They spring for all your tuition and such and pay your officer's salary while they're at it. Anyway, some high-level brass decided to offer it to me. They really caught me with my pants down, as I'd decided about three years ago that four years of the air force would be enough. However, after a weekend of frantic introspection, I took them up on it. The commitment effectively means that I'll be at least a 20-year man; by the time my commitment is up, I'll be able to smell that controversial military retirement system. On the plus side, since my masters will soon be out of the way, it seems that only three years of utter drudgery separate me from my Ph.D., probably in engineering mechanics. And it seems that the air force has a limited number of assignments open to Ph.D.s and that none of them involves missile silos or hazardous duty pay. . . Actually, I shouldn't joke about missile silos, since I came close to getting sent to one this May. I'll have to tell about it sometime. As for which school I'll attend, that's still up in the air. But if this time next year I'm cursing the ineptitude of the Braves, Hawks, and Falcons, everyone will know I got my first choice. Other than that,” concludes Bryan, “it's been a pretty boring year.” Because he has heard from “nary one brother,” how about being the first to write him? His address: AFWL/MLLN, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433.

Retiree MILTON A. LOUCKS ’19 has a new address of 209 Darwin Dr., Snyder, NY 14226-4861.

Reporting a new address is GEORGE V. FRANKS ’85, a development engineer for Norton Company Hi Performance Ceramics. He now receives mail at 227 Walnut St., #1, Newton- ville, MA 02160.

MATTHEW J. DOYLE ’48 joined Grumman Data Systems as its regional manager in August 1985; his new business address is 420 Bedford St., Lexington, MA 02173. He would like to hear from brothers at 14 Mansfield Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824.

GREGORY L. ROBILLARD ’55 is a businessman with Cummins Diesel Sales, Inc., and makes his home at 4924 W. Coventry Rd., Minnetonka, MN 55345. He reports that he saw BOB BYER ’54 last year during a trip to Vero Beach, California, with his son, Jim, to see the Dodgers baseball team at spring training. He was planning a second visit at Christmas and wanted to “round up a few more brothers in Florida.”

As a development engineer for the U.S. Air Force, BRYAN H. FORTSON ’82 has “actually quite a bit” of news to send us. “First, I am, after almost three years of night school, seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. The good news is that I'll be getting master of science degrees in management science and mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton. The bad news is that I'll get them on April 27, 1986; it looks like I'll miss the next 6294.

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