Theta Xi’s Rich Heritage Grows And Prospers

The appearance of leaves, crew shells daily on the Charles, and the roar of cheers from nearby Fenway Park all indicate the return of spring to Boston. With it, Delta Chapter of Theta Xi found itself with 33 active brothers living under the roof of 64-66 Bay State Road and three other undergraduate brothers living nearby. The highlight of the term for all has been bringing nine new initiates into the bonds, to bring our chapter roll to 881. Of course, Delta also greatly enjoyed its 102nd 6294 celebration in late April, as good food and plenty of lively conversation highlighted the day.

Springtime also brings diplomas to seniors, who then head off in various directions. On June 1, the following brothers will receive their bachelor’s degrees: HENRY BRUSH, D844, materials science and engineering; JOHN DAVIS, D849, aeronautics and astronautics; JAMES FERRARA, D846, materials science and engineering; PHILIPPE FUSCO, D850, chemical engineering; JAMES JANOSKY, D851, aeronautics and astronautics; and STEVE RUSSELL, D842, materials science and engineering. As (continued on page two)

Brothers Excel In Academics

It is assumed that study and spring don’t mix, but with the exception of the senior class, Deltas this term seem to be plugging ahead academically. Over half the freshman class is enrolled in 18.03 and 6.001, and one, Kedron Wolcott, D877, has chosen to augment this already hardy schedule with 18.02 concurrently. Upperclass brothers note that the nerd factor is high in this class, although that may be a somewhat hypocritical judgment considering the disproportionately high number of Course 6 juniors and Course 16 sophomores. From electrodynamics to statistical mechanics to unified engineering, MIT continues to brusquely make its tuition justifiable.

As for the seniors, Brothers Russell, D842, and Ferrara, D846, plan to pursue higher degrees in materials science at Cornell University and MIT, respectively. The search for certainty continues for Brothers Figel, D845, Brush, D844, and Fusco, D850, while the immediate future takes on the well-defined form of the military for ROTC Brothers Davis, D849, and Janosky, D851. These brothers have our hearty congratulations for their academic accomplishments and wishes for future success.

Yours in the Bonds,
Daniel Chang, D872
Scholarship Chairman

House Improvements Continue

Help Week went smoothly this year. In fact, for about a month the pledges’ efforts resulted in every shower in the house being operational until the second-floor 66 stall leaked again into the pantry. Other Help Week projects included fixing the fan in the library and refinishing the floors in the dining room and pool room. Of course, the never-ending wood stripping continued, the progress being halted this year at the second-floor stairwell in 66. In an effort to match all the newly exposed wood, Matt Thompson, D870, built a set of oak cabinets to replace the old pine ones in 66 commons. The resulting cosmetic improvement was well worth the expense and effort.

Attendant problems that plague the house manager every term included the breakdown of the kitchen oven this term, which cost $700 to repair. Conservation of resources has been stressed this term, with much emphasis on turning lights off in unoccupied rooms, commons, and stairwells lit by sunlight. Furthermore, the placement of a lock on our garbage dumpster to prevent unauthorized use by our neighbors has resulted in halving the number of times collection is needed. Over the course of a year this amounts to about $2,000 saved.

Much thanks goes to my assistant, Mike Weidinger, D871, for making my term in office considerably easier.

Yours in the Bonds,
Jason Crain, D866
House Manager

One half of the Harvard Bridge is a no-way street—a boon for bikers.
 Theta Xi’s Rich Heritage, continued

we all feel the additional space around us this term, the departure of six more actives will leave the chapter with quite a challenge during rush week to bring many more fine freshmen into Theta Xi. Right now the chapter is working hard to make that job easier by having a steady influx of prefrosh stay at the chapter house during their visits to MIT. As hosts we are all brushing up on our rushing techniques.

As president I have continued to insist that hard work must be exerted by the brotherhood if we are to have a strong chapter. As a house, we have a lot of internal energy now, and I have been “streamlining” that energy into such goals as the annual Multiple Sclerosis Miracle Mile down the infinite corridor, the MIT Spring Weekend concert, and, ultimately, our rush this September. As I depart the active chapter, I am confident that the chapter is in excellent and capable hands. The rich heritage and traditions that bind us all together will continue to grow and prosper within both the active chapter and all Delta alumni. The continued support of our alumni is invaluable to us as an active chapter—and when we all work together, our fine brotherhood can only prosper.

Yours in the Bonds,
James A. Ferrara, D846
President
**Campus News Briefs**

- On May 1 at 9:00 p.m. the lights go down as Theta Xi and Phi Sigma Kappa present Squeeze in the annual MIT Spring Weekend concert. Brothers have been posting and selling tickets—which are going fast—and will run security for this English band's on-campus show. MIT's Student Center Committee organizes and sponsors this fevered spring event.

- Our old February nemesis, the Harvard Bridge, is undergoing partial reconstruction, causing headaches for cross-river traffic. Design flaws have already combined with wear and tear to limit traffic to one lane each way; buses and large trucks are banned outright. The western two lanes have been cleared and will be torn down and rebuilt. Perhaps we could get the city to put a roof over half of it.

- Organizations are clearing out of the MIT Student Center in anticipation of full-scale remodeling to be done next year. The new MIT Coop outlet at Kendall Square will be one of the largest college bookstores in the world.

- No more mud! The practice football field (between Steinbrenner Stadium and the tennis courts) has been covered with astroturf and lined for football, soccer, softball, and lacrosse.

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**Delta Chapter Elects New Officers**

Our spring officer elections resulted in the following changing of the guard:

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 Amid the confusion of office shifting was born this term's *Delta Digest*. Enjoy—and keep in touch.

YITB,
Chris Neils, D869
Dan Chang, D872
Secretaries

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**Undergrads Add New Events To Spring Social Calendar**

Spring term has been as busy socially as it usually is. Working with the notion that spring is the time to try out different ideas, some events were held offering some "new" events.

A banquet was held exclusively for Theta Xis. Participation from local alumni and little sisters was excellent, greatly due to the organizational skills of Little Sister Liaison George Roscoe, D865, who inspired the event and sent out the invitations.

An alternative to the "open party" format was given a try this term. A party was held at Theta Xi along with Phi Delta Theta and two Wellesley College dormitories, Cazenove and McAfee. Although it was open only to the members of the four groups and their guests, the turnout was just as great as it is for most of our other parties. National has taken a stand against the "open party" format, so perhaps this kind of event will be seen more often in the future.

Music this term has been provided by DJs Dave Hamilton, D861, Ofer Jacobowitz, D863, Roger Gordon, D852, Dan Chang, D872, and Mark Johnson, D854, with guest appearances by Matt Scott, D822, and Pam Donnelly, Wellesley '87. George Roscoe, D865, Henry Brush, D844, and Steve Russell, D842, provided many of the albums that were spun on those nights. Stereo equipment was borrowed from various house audiophiles, including James Gort, D867, Mark Milam, D868, Ed Lovelace, D859, and Alex Seiden (house pope), D860. The quest for a house stereo continues... . Mark Cramer, D876, has done a fine job as booze commissar.

Quite a few events lie ahead, but will of course be long since past by the time you read this. We are looking forward to sponsoring the annual spring concert with Phi Kappa Sigma, with this year's band being Squeeze. And certainly a fantastic time will have been had by all at the senior banquet and especially at 6294.

Art Figel, D845
Steve Carter, D873
Social Chairmen

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**"What's Up, Doc?"**

Over the years, Theta Xis have grown to know and love a friendly neighbor at 68 Bay State Road: Dr. Alshuler. Dr. Alshuler, the "Doc," is actually a dentist who owns 68 and 70 Bay State Road and has been renting out apartments above his office to young students in the area. Although the Doc will still be our neighbor, he himself will be renting—from Boston University!

As every area resident knows, BU is always trying to get its hands on whatever property it possibly can. This past January, BU succeeded in buying both 68 and 70 Bay State Road from the Doc. The two brownstones were sold for a total of $1,850,000! This was nice to hear, as we, of course, are owners of two brownstones nearly identical to those the Doc owned.

The change in ownership should not cause a change in those who actually live there. The current residents will be allowed to remain through the end of their leases, and then BU will probably fill the spaces with its own students, either graduate or undergraduate. But many of the Doc's current renters are BU students. One of the biggest complaints is coming from the area's head complainer, Victor Themo, president of the Bay State Road Neighborhood Civic Association. He still feels that the brownstones are better off privately owned.

Philippe S. Fusco, D850

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Enjoy—and keep in touch.
"I have entered my 91st year a bit tired and worn," writes ERIC L. ETHERINGTON '20. "This may well make me one of the older of the living Delta alumni. I was born January 19, 1897. RUSS AMBACH '24 and HERB HAYDEN '23 were around in my day; they are manfully taking on years." This nonagenarian brother makes his home at 12412 Deerbrook Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

DAVID A. KATZ '80 informs us that he and his wife, Lori, recently visited Anita and MIKE GUGENHEIM '77 in their new home and met the new addition to the Gugenheim family, son Zachary. Also present were HAL HINDMAN '77 with his wife and two children and KEN DAVIS '76 with his wife. David has been working on an MBA from New York University and was looking forward to his graduation in June. Send him your best wishes at 195 Westfield Rd., Fanwood, NJ 07023.

A business development consultant with Computer Sciences Corporation, DAVID A. CLUNIES '57 reports that he is enjoying his job immensely. He keeps in touch with a number of his classmates and was eager to see many of them at his 50th reunion in June. Alumni from his era can write to him at 12223 Marne Lane, Bowie, MD 20715.

When we last heard from engineer THOMAS C. DAVIS '84, he was about to leave for St. Catharines, Ontario, on business. He informed us that STEVE BAKER '84 was planning to represent MIT's architecture department at an international conference in the Netherlands in April; RICH BENFER '84 was going to be stationed in Watertown while working for the army's signal corps; JIM TROLLINGER '84 was soon to wed his sweetheart in Knoxville; WAYNE SWITZER '84 was soon to enlist in the navy; and RAJ JAYARAMAN '83 was close to finishing his PhD. Drop Tom a line at 65 Palmer St., Arlington, MA 02174.

After four years of medical school and about 10 years of residency training, ALAN D. JENKINS '71 has finally settled down in the hills of Virginia with wife Barbara and their four children. "When I'm not playing with my wife, children, or dog," writes Alan, "I spend my time breaking up patients' kidney stones with extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy." The Jenkins family resides at 250 Spring Lane, Charlotteville, VA 22901.

On March 1, MATTHEW J. DOYLE '84 assumed responsibility for the Boston area office of Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation. He receives mail at 14 Mansfield Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824.

"Perhaps the only thing that has changed substantially is my job," writes ERIC J. SWENSON '80. "I left Honeywell in July 1986 and joined the then-small firm of Gold Hill Computers. The company has grown from 50 to 70 employees since then and specializes in artificial intelligence applications on personal computers. I'm having a blast and now can't believe it took me 10 long years to leave Honeywell. I was recruited by Brother ELI WYLEN '78 and soon learned that KEN RUGG '86 also worked at Gold Hill." Eric's wife, Tarah, is doing graduate work at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, and the two of them are still living happily at 79 Martin St., #24, Cambridge, MA 02138.

GLEN R. PARKER '86 is employed by Palladian Software and makes his home at 150 Bowdoin St., Apt. #1109, Boston, MA 02108.

"I am legally blind but can see enough to get around with my white cane," writes JAMES F. HENDRICKS '72. "I attend the Light House for Handicapped People. They are in various stages of blindness and deafness, but have been citizens of high rank during their active years. I live in my own home with my wife, Ilia, and our younger son, Vincent. We attend our Lakewood Methodist Church regularly on Sundays, and all of us are in reasonably good health, as we don't smoke or drink." Our address for "Jimmy" and his family is 6827 Coronado St., Dallas, TX 75214.

Grad student JOHN W. WEISSBERG '85 writes, "I've been in Japan for about a year and a half now and will be here until the end of this year. After I leave here with my master's degree, I just might be daft enough to sign up for three more years of the 'high life' and begin a PhD somewhere." Until then, friends can keep in touch with John at 5-41-23, Nerima-ku, Sakuradai, Tokyo 176, JAPAN.

"I've been promoted to senior engineer at ESL, a subsidiary of TRW," writes ROBERT P. BYARD '77. "We're expecting our third child in October. In the evenings I'm hacking a MacPlus, raising some tropical fish, finishing a basement, and working as an assistant scoutmaster." Send your best to the Byards at 9150 Stillwater Circle, Sandy, Utah 84092.

JOHN HOMAN '15 wrote this spring that he was soon to depart for England but that he was planning to return to the U.S. in time to celebrate his 95th birthday. He can be reached at 459 20th Ave., Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33755.

"I'm still in the military and probably will be for some time," reports BRYAN H. FORTSON '82. "Uncle Sam made me an offer I couldn't refuse—a PhD at the school of my choice, at full salary, tuition and fees paid. The only catches were a healthy deferment of my date of separation and the requirement that the degree be in aero/astro. Fortunately, the master's degree in mechanical engineering that I finished part-time while at my last assignment qualified me for a program in aerospace structures at Georgia Tech. So, after making sure that the air force knew what it was getting (i.e., a guy who can tell you the advantages of a metal-matrix composite stabilator—as soon as you tell him what a stabilator is), I took their offer, and here I am. I am also getting my first taste of suburbia, having purchased a house just outside the perimeter. (That's what Atlantans call their beltway.) Since it has three bedrooms, I literally have more room than I know what to do with, so any Delta passing through Atlanta should call me at 404/289-4493 so's I can roll out the red carpet." Bryan's address is 2910 Leisure Springs Circle, Decatur, GA 30034.

Our congratulations go to CHARLES HARRISON '74 on his October 1986 wedding to Melissa Rice. Since 1980, Chuck has been working as an engineer with BRAN FERREN '74. "Recent work has been special effects in movies—most recently Manhattan Project, Little Shop of Horrors, and Making Mr. Right." Chuck and Melissa receive mail at Box 1125, Wainscott, NY 11975.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following brothers:

THOMAS R. MACDONALD '26, December 26, 1986
ADAM J. MILLER II, September 15, 1986
R. SPENCER RUTHERFORD '37
GORDON C. THOMPSON '33, December 31, 1986