Chapter Reaches Milestone, Initiates 900th Delta

The year 1989 represents a milestone of sorts for our chapter, for this year we initiated the 900th Delta—Jim Martin! The total number is now up to 909, as Theta Xi continues to grow larger each year. It is said that there is strength in numbers, and with 40 actives there is always plenty of support for intramurals, and there are always brothers around to talk to. However, the real measure of how “healthy” a fraternity is depends not on the number of brothers, but on what they can accomplish as a group. Will they have the dedication to keep the fraternity strong, to have the initiative to be leaders both in word and in deed?

I think we took a step in the right direction by hosting this year’s regional conference, which was attended by more than 35 Theta Xis from around the Northeast. Although the topics of discussion had varying degrees of pertinence to our chapter, we learned a great deal and brought up some valid questions while discussing an alcohol policy that may have tremendous effect on fraternity life in years to come. With the recent onslaught of lawsuits against fraternities nationwide, we must take care to minimize risks at house events.

Overall, this has been a good term for Theta Xi: the house is full, spirits are high, and this strength is expected to continue as we plan for future 6294s, “miracle miles,” and other endeavors.

Corporation Changes Leadership

There was a changing of the guard at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Theta Xi Housing Corporation last December. Jim Kraft stepped down after serving as president since 1984. I would like to thank Jim for his contributions during his five-year tenure as president and seven years as treasurer prior to that.

Trying to replace Jim will be no easy task. Although I was elected to take over his office, I will not be replacing him by myself. In an effort to share some of the burden of running the corporation and to reduce the load on the officers, directors’ committees were set up to audit corporation and association books, document bylaws, and investigate insurance options. By involving more brothers in the corporation, we hope to maintain better continuity and avoid becoming too dependent on any one or two brothers to keep the corporation going. Fortunately, Jim will still be around to help, as he will continue to serve as a director of the corporation. The rest of the new corporation officers are Mike Dziekan, vice president; Duane Boning, treasurer; and Steve Baker, secretary.

Michael Kenney

Scholarship Program Well-Rounded

Scholarship at Theta Xi is as strong as ever. At the beginning of my term as scholarship chairman, I wondered what I could do to ensure “that the proper atmosphere and attitude prevailed for achievement of the highest grade point average possible,” as my task is described in The Quest. It was clear that brothers were motivated on their own and needed, more than anything, to relax and take a break from studies so that they didn’t work themselves into the ground.

With this in mind, we returned to the practice of two study breaks a week, with the help of Jen Bracy, Merryl Cramer, and Erica Kitchell. With the profusion of study breaks, brothers who had been studying at school began to study more at the house. While the effects of this on house GPA hasn’t been measured, it seems that more brothers are working together and discussing their work with one another.

In addition to study breaks, we had a successful faculty dinner (continued on page two)
Program Well-Rounded, continued

early in the term so that brothers made contact with professors and TAs early. Many brothers invited professors and TAs, and though all couldn’t come to dinner, lines of communication were opened. The dialogue at the dinner was the liveliest that I have heard in my two years at Theta Xi, and I hope that this type of faculty dinner will become the norm.

Behind the scenes, I have talked with freshmen to make sure that they were pursuing summer jobs as early as possible. Last year, a number of freshmen went home for the summer with no jobs in mind, and I hoped that this could be prevented this year. Any job leads from alumni would be appreciated!

As my term winds down, Theta Xi seems as strong as ever academically. Brothers don’t seem to be stressed out by work, and Chay is asking himself what happened to all the chocolate chips he had at the beginning of the term. . . .

YITB,
Ed Munnich, D894
Scholarship Chairman

Team Name To Be Changed To Reflect Delta’s Diversified And Talented Brothers

During the spring semester, the brothers at the Delta Chapter have continued their active involvement in sports. The C-league hockey squad racked up over 20 goals this season against such teams as the Betas and Sig Ep. Steve Carter, D873, captained the team to a 3-1 season.

The B-league champions made the leap to the A-league this year—where they held a 4-4 record, led by the fast hands of senior Dan Ebroon, D864.

The latest round of IM sports finds Deltas diversified into many activities. The softball team scored its first victory of the season against Phi Delts scarcely two hours after the A-league volleyball team completed its truncated 1-2 season. Led by freshman captain Jim Martin, D900, and alumnus Ed Lovelace, D859, the water polo team launched its season with a hard loss to Fiji. The squash team, led by freshman captain Julian King, D901, began its season with a 2-1 loss to Phi Delts.

On the varsity front, MIT ace right-hander Jim Gort, D867, pitched his first winner of the season against Suffolk and is expected to lead MIT to a great season.

Prospective starters in their respective sports are Chukes Mobisson, D891 (MIT basketball), Jeff Evernham, D884 (MIT volleyball), and Will Gorgen, D893 (MIT sailing). Just a note: basketball had a 15-7 season (MIT’s best ever).

Pulling for the MIT varsity crew team are heavyweight stroke Chris Neils, D869, and Ed Munnich, D894, the mainstay of the heavyweight second boat, along with lightweights Dan Chang, D872, and Malcolm CasSelle, D889. Al Dietz, D908, Guillermo Trinchet, D905, and coxswain Eric Portman, D899, crew for the freshman team.

Led by All-East skier Terry Totemeier, D890, and newcomer to the sport Andy Parsons, D889, the MIT cross-country ski team took the NCAA Division II title. After they put away their skis, both Terry and Andy began to prepare for the biking season.

Theta Xi success in recent years has led to the quest for a new team name. The house feels that the name “Bozons” does not sufficiently reflect the performance of Delta Chapter. As of now, no new name has been selected—but we will keep you posted.

YITB,
Pete Jacobs, D903
Jock Comm

Ski Trip Highlights
Spring Social Calendar

Theta Xi’s spring term social calendar is a little more subdued than the fall term’s, but that doesn’t mean that the brothers are getting bored. Our “welcome back” party was a huge success—despite the use of non-silkscreened posters. After a few semiformal dinners and movie nights, we embarked once again on the house ski trip. Organized by Adam Brand, D881, our annual trip attracted more than 30 skiers to Killington in Vermont. Despite the lack of winter, the first day’s skiing was quite good, and we also enjoyed several small parties at our chalet. Unfortunately, we awoke the next morning to a good deal of rain. The snow wasn’t too bad, but it rained all day, and we were forced to return without a second day’s skiing. The following weekend brought our “Saskatchewan screamer” party, with it a huge screamer. Boston received as much snow that night as it had all winter. The following party, several weeks later, also controlled the weather as its “come out of the cold” motto brought another massive temperature drop in Boston.

As of this writing, we are still looking forward to several more semiformal dinners as well as movie nights, a picnic with Sigma Kappa, a joint party with Phi Sigma Kappa, and the SCC spring concert. Of particular interest are D924 and the senior banquet—coming up soon.

Near the end of the fall term, National implemented a new social policy in order to enable Theta Xi to be insured. Few insurance companies will even consider insuring fraternities, so to obtain insurance, strict rules must be followed. The policy set forth by National conflicts with our current policy in several ways, and we are working to comply with National’s guidelines while still maintaining an active social program.

YITB,
Jeff Evernham, D884
Will Gorgen, D893
Tim Hazen, D882
Krish Kothopalli, D880
Social Chairmen

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Treasury System Streamlined

When I was elected treasurer, I had dreams of raising Theta Xi out of debt and making our financial operation straightforward, comprehensive, and efficient. I wanted to have officers keep track of their expenses so that the house always knew how close it was to its budget during the term rather than after the term, when bills would usually reflect overspending. I wanted to streamline the expense slip system and to separate association expenditures from corporation expenditures.

Little did I realize just how much in need of change and revitalization the treasury system was. Expense slips had been kept on our archaic and untrustworthy house computer, so I promptly had all information converted to my trusty Macintosh, where it now is safely kept. My assistant treasurer, Jim Martin, D900, has given generously of his time to aid in these improvements, and without his reliable assistance, none of my plans could have materialized so quickly.

My next step was to sever association expenditures from corporation expenditures. The association account is for the day-to-day purchase of items not included on term bills, such as soda, orange juice, fraternity wear, phone service, etc. The corporation account (which has its own treasurer) handles house expenses, such as utilities, food, home improvement, etc. Over the years these accounts had become intermingled: for example, brothers would buy food for the steward and receive credit on the association bills. However, this credit was not really a credit to association because the money should come from corporation. Confusing? Well, imagine sorting through hundreds of expense slips on little pieces of paper (which were the only record of the financial transactions) and trying to determine how much the corporation owed to the association. Needless to say, the expense slip system was not a happy state of affairs. Other changes are still taking place to further streamline finances.

I want to thank the brothers for being so supportive. Our prosperity will continue through my term in office and long into the future.

Malcolm Casselle, D889
Treasurer

New Theta Chis Initiated

The 1988 pledge class was initiated in full force, passing the 900 mark for Delta Chapter brothers. Here is a review of the new Theta Xis, whom we welcome into the bonds!

- Rich Tanner, D897, is finally adjusting to the MIT work load and is heading for a happy-go-lucky career in the mechanical engineering department.
- Paul Luevano, D898, is aiming to be a levelheaded mechanical engineer, which is good because his car is still fast.
- Eric Portman, D899, is doing a great job coaxing for the heavyweight crew, but plans to switch to tennis and physics next year.
- Jim Martin, D900, will be the captain of the IM water polo team. He proposes to major in physics without attending any classes.
- Julian King, D901, strives to uphold his Jamaican royal blood and is captain for the spring IM squash team.
- Sean Campbell, D902, and Albert G. Dietz III, D908, are making a strong run for social chairman and plan to major in chemical engineering. Al also rows for the MIT heavyweights.
- Pete Jacobs, D905, is the current assistant house manager but plans on being the next G. Gordon Liddy. "I will leave no tape on doors."
- Joaquin "Jimmy" Abreu, D904, is an easygoing fellow who left his bike in the commons once too often. Brothers put it on the roof deck, where it stayed for three months. Two days after Jimmy brought it down, the bike was stolen from school.
- Our sympathies go out to Jimmy.
- Guillermo Trinchet, D905, is aiming for the position of house Don Juan with his steady rowing regiment and voluminous intake of body-building supplements.
- Mark Duggan, D906, has dual homes—Lynnfield, Massachusetts, and 64 Bay State Road—and dual loves—ice cream and distance running.
- Sonny Pak, D907, keeps himself looking sharp and will probably move into the point guard spot on next year's A-league basketball team.
- Tim Atwood, D909, has been a strong addition to the Theta Xi basketball and volleyball teams.
- Bob Bellis, D885, is an honorary freshman and will be a ship driver for the navy when he graduates.

YITB,
Chris Neils, D869
New Initiate Trainer

Delta Chapter Seniors Choose Separate Paths Into ‘The Real World’

As another school year draws to a close, another class of seniors faces the prospect of entering the real world. Some of us strain at the leash in our eagerness to move on, while others plan to continue to study at MIT. Chris Neils, D869, and Matt Thompson, D870, will remain here as undergraduates. Chris, having taken a year’s leave of absence from the Navy, plans to take advantage of an additional year of scholarship money. Matt is in a term behind because he traveled to Greece with the Daedalus Project in spring of 1988. Jim Gort, D867, will remain on at ‘Tute working for a five-year MS in electrical engineering. Since Jim will not receive a BS, he has the opportunity to stay on with the varsity basketball team in 1990. Dan Chang, D872, also plans to stay in the area to work on his MS in the aero-astro department.

The rest of the class plans to leave Boston. Dan Ebroon, D864, will be attending medical school at Northwestern. Having finished his undergraduate career a term early, Dan looks forward to (dreads?) the opportunity to “tool” hard again. Jason Crain, D866, having crammed two terms of Japanese into a few short months, hopes to spend time at Hitachi as a visiting researcher in Tokyo. Jason also hopes to complete his physical education requirements before graduation ceremonies in June. George Roscoe, D865, will be commissioned as an officer in the marines in June. He awaits his assignment with anticipation. Mike Weidinger, D871, has been accepted to Carnegie-Mellon University and has several pending job opportunities. He hopes to spend his last free summer doing nothing productive.

YITB,
Jason Crain, D866
Mike Weidinger, D871
Send best wishes to EDWARD E. SAUNDERS '19 at 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #150, McLean, VA 22101. Ted writes, "I find only two names I remember in the 1985 directory; the people may not still be alive. I am 92 years old, and Mrs. Saunders and I have been married 66 years."

HARRY W. SHIMMIN '31 reports a new address of 618 Tarson Blvd., #839, Lady Lake, FL 32659.

General contractor FRANK J. GALLAGHER JR. '45 informs us that he has four beautiful ("what else?") grandchildren, five married children, three children in college, and one child in high school. Drop Frank a note at 14 Appletree Lane, Lexington, MA 02173.

Naval officer JOHN S. BEIERL '62 writes, "My wife, Kim, is doing well, looking to get out of the navy soon. I'm staying in a while longer while I work on my MBA. Bryan is now three (and acts like it), and Bethany is 18 months (and finally getting teeth). We are looking to stay in San Diego a couple of more years and then move on to Colorado (maybe). The only Theta Xi I've seen lately is ROBERT ROZIER '86, who is up in Portland, Oregon (his ship is in the yards)." John and Kim receive correspondence at 6681 MacArthur Dr., Lemon Grove, CA 92045.

A consultant with Ernst & Whinney, MARK B. LIVELY '69 reports, "I had lunch with JOHN W. CHESLY III '74 early this fall. He works two blocks from me as a computer specialist for the trade associations dealing with universities, college, and professors. He likes taking his son to see the Orioles play. I didn't ask if he cheers for the Red Sox when they are in Baltimore." Keep in touch with Mark at 19012 High Point Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20859.

"I'm still in the air force," pens WILLIAM D. YOUNG '74, who is a major. "Wish I were flying. I'm working with the army and Jason and still working for the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Currently, I am conducting research in the analysis and processing of magnetoencephalographic signals—measurements of the magnetic fields generated by the neural activity of the brain. I can be reached at 108 Aragon Ave., Los Alamos, NM 87544, or at 505/672-3437 (home) or 505/665-0932 (work)."

"I have a new job," writes CHRISTOPHER HIBBERT '80 (164 A Evandale Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043). "I'm now working for Digital Equipment Corporation at the Western Software Laboratory. Chris can be reached at work at Digital Equipment Corporation, Western Software Laboratory, 100 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301—telephone: 415/855-6688.

The most recent address we have for JULIUS C. CHANG '81 is 95 North St., Somerville, MA 02144. In November 1988 he wrote, "I'm finally leaving MIT after 14 years of study. Unfortunately, I won't be leaving with a degree. I hope I will be able to finish my thesis while working up in Vermont. I will be working for the national ski patrol on basic research into water crystal structures. Any Theta Xi up in the Burlington area should be sure to look me up."

Send correspondence to EDWARD MORGAN '81 at P.O. Box 10'3701, Anchorage, AK 99510. Ed works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska and is planning an expedition to climb Mount McKinley in May 1989. "I will start graduate school next fall."

An aerospace engineer for the U.S. Air Force, BRYAN H. FORTSON '82 welcomes news from brothers at 2910 Leisure Springs Circle, Decatur, GA 30034.

Research engineer DAVID J. SPERRY '86 informs us that after working for several years, he returned to the "Tute and finished his bachelor's degree. Currently, he works for Amptek, Inc. "A. WALLACE EVEREST '87 and I are working for Amptek on the tethered satellite system for the space shuttle. Next stuff!" Send greetings to Dave at 141 Arlington St., Medford, MA 02155.

A graduate student in the department of materials science and engineering at Cornell University, STEPHEN W. RUSSELL '87 finds himself very busy. In addition to taking classes, he is responsible for research as well. "Juggling classes and research is some trick; it takes time to figure out how to do it and leave some time for yourself." About other brothers, he writes, "PHILIPPE S. FUSCO '87 is climbing up the o' corporate ladder in Houston. ANDREW P. FURMAN '85 sent me a card from a bike trip he was on out west. JAMES S. JANOSKY '87, who is in the navy in San Diego, calls me occasionally at 2:00 a.m. (when he's in port); someone ought to tell him about the time difference!" Steve saw JAMES A. FERRARA '87 and Cathy Hall (Lasell College '85) after Christmas. "Here’s the big scoop: The two of them are engaged. No date has been set, but '90 or '91 is what they told me." Write to Steve at 915 Dryden Rd., Apt. #8, Ithaca, NY 14850.