The semester started off with 14 new initiates, the largest class in a long time. The brothers had it rough with such a motley pledge class, but with all their diversity, they are a united group.

We have ourselves a new chapter advisor: the wise and circumspect Clark Jarvis (D778). Clark lives in nearby Brighton with several other alumni, runs Sunday night hockey practice, and stops by the house from time to time.

Last term's plans for a glorious, campus-wide Beer Pong have been shelved: we are now planning a campus-wide concert with our friends at Phi Sigma Kappa. We have signed on the Ramones and are looking forward to a wild weekend.

This year's 6294 celebration was another smashing success. In the last six months the old buildings have undergone quite a few changes, and many alumni found the newest aspects of dear old Theta Xi quite interesting. Our newer members especially enjoyed meeting the people behind the legends, and they are looking forward to hearing even more tales of the good old days.
**HOUSE MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Help!**

**Hopeful Brothers Happily Help Out**

by Jim Trolinger (D813)

Well, once again, that very special week of the year occurred, that one week where pledges learn the true meaning of happiness. Yes, it is HELP week that I speak of: on January 24, 1982 14 semi-enthusiastic pledges tackled the work at hand. After a short pep talk (namely yelling at the top of my voice), their semi-enthusiasm became sheer fanaticism to do whatever work needed to be done. The theme for this help week was “repair and renovate.” Very few new things were added as our efforts were more directed at fixing as many problems in the house as possible. The big projects were as follows: replacing the floors of a few bathrooms; putting a new cabinet in the pantry; replastering a few walls; painting the back stairwells; and spiffing up the second-floor bathrooms to impress the girls. Steve Baker (D814) acted as the assistant house manager, since the elected assistant was a pledge. Steve was a great help, running the works most of the time and even doing some work himself. I noticed very little laziness on the part of the pledges, but then again my back was turned most of the time. After seven days of hard work by these guys, the house looked great. I was very pleased that they all seemed to really enjoy working for the fraternity. It made me proud to have these guys as new brothers.

During the rest of the term, we intend to devote much more time solely to the repair of the physical plant. The houses are in very good shape, but a few problems are beginning to show up. Hopefully, within the next few years, succeeding house managers will continue to emphasize repairs so that our houses will be in tip-top shape by our centennial year. The Long Range Planning Committee, a young committee charged with major renovations and repairs, will probably make this a goal. With lots of hard work, sweat, and good luck, you will be able to visit two, ninety-five-year-old houses in mint condition when you come in 1985 for our centennial celebration.

**OH, THOSE ATHLETES!**

**THETA XI’S ATTEMPT TO LOSE INCHES AND GAIN GROUND IN IMS AND VARSITY SPORTS**

by Young Soo Ha (D826)

Theta Xi’s are very active in many intramural sports as they try to work off the adipose they accumulated during winter vacation and IAP.

First of all, the IM C-league team, led by Warren Berger (D797), is doing well: the record is 1-3 so far. But, I do not wish to talk about our B-league basketball team’s losing season, because the team captain, who wishes to remain anonymous, did not want the record (0-5-0) published in the Delta Digest.

In Ho Kim is the captain of our C-league hockey team which unsurprisingly recorded all losses even though the last game was aided by a pre-frosh from Texas.

In addition, more IM sports are coming up, such as volleyball (which we will crush in), squash, and track. We are looking forward to more guys participating and having more fun!

Now, many brothers, whose skill and talent excel the level of IM sports, participate in intercollegiate sports: Matt Scott (D822) and Brad Nager (D795) are two of the four best guys on the varsity fencing team. Haj Sano (D800) is an excellent player in varsity hockey. Brian Finkel (D830) is rowing hard on the crew team. And another Bryan --- Bryan Fortson --- is playing “the hooker” on the rugby team.

One of the best athletes that Faulkner County has ever known, Rich Benfer (D817), was one of the leading characters on the MIT track team until he injured his leg during the ski trip. (Take care!)

Last, but certainly not least, we have our superstar, yours truly, Young Soo Ha. After receiving so much flak about my mention in the last Delta Digest article, this time I will not refer to my playing on the volleyball team, or the ping-pong team, or the fact that I teach at the MIT Tae-kwan Do club.
Good Times Are Had By All

by Bob Chase (D793) and Bob Rozier (D818)

Good parties have become a habit at Delta Chapter. We presented a Midwinter’s Night’s Dream Party on Friday, February 5th, and the dance floor was cooking. Having mastered the art of small-scale, in-house mixers, we are now turning our attention to larger events. We are hoping to throw a big bash with another house sometime this semester, and we are also involved in planning the MIT Spring Weekend Concert.

The social budget was not used to support the ski trip this year, but that didn’t stop approximately 20 brothers from attacking Mount Snow during Washington’s Birthday break. It was a very snowy winter, and we’re now looking forward to warmer weather, which will bring the usual batch of senior kegs and cookouts on the front lawn. We have so far planned a beach trip, and also a large picnic at Wellesley. Several brothers are looking forward to the annual Mr. Simmons Pageant, which takes place during the Simmons College Spring Weekend.

Whether or not we get much school work done remains to be seen, but it looks like a good time is in store for all. Why don’t you drop by and help us kill a keg?

Our Newest Initiates

Recently the Delta Chapter initiated 14 outstanding individuals into the bonds of Theta Xi:

Matt Scott, a sociable, spirited Texan, is a member of MIT’s nationally acclaimed fencing team. He specializes in having a good time and recently made a major decision to part his hair in the middle.

Aaron Simms, who hails from Chelmsford, MA, is on to shooting hoops, listening to hard music, and dropping his computer course. Funny guy.

Dave Weissburg loves jazz; he can often be found spending a mellow evening with his saxophone. We all think he is questionably comical, but his undying spirit makes him the kind of guy you wouldn’t mind meeting in a dark alley.

In Ho Kim, also known as “Gung Ho Kim,” is our resident Tae-kwan Do artist. He even tried teaching the rest of us physically inept a little something about self-defense. Failing that, he is now teaching a course in it at MIT.

John Weissberg, also known as “The Evil Spud,” hails from New York. John is a member of MIT’s crew team and loves early morning practices, late night parties, and flashing his female-luring smile.

Rosa Montejano, a laid-back Californian, enjoys blasting rock n’ roll on his stereo, obscuring reality, and being faithful to his girlfriend to the point of exhaustion.

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Bob Rozier is our Navy man from Wyoming. As the recently-elected social chairman, he can often be found running around the house promoting another wild weekend (that is when he’s not looking for David Bowie tickets).

Young Soo Ha easily won the seventh annual R. C. Jones Beer Pong and still drinks every beer like it is his first. Even though he averages 16 hours of sleep each day, Young Soo still finds the time to walk to school and see what his professors look like. The rest of his time is spent as Jock Commissar or listening to ancient Abba albums (thought to be extinct by most brothers until Young Soo’s pledging).

George Franks is the assistant house manager and the house’s first fire committee chairman. More importantly, however, he was also the recipient of one of MIT’s most prestigious awards: the coveted Bronze Beaver, last term’s best practical joke, or “goofs” as George prefers to call it.

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Travelling when the opportunity presents, EDWARD R. HARRIS ’26 spends his winters in Mexico - “where it seems to be sunny, warm, and reasonable in cost - if you are reasonable in your demands.” Permanent address for Ed is Trents Ferry Road, Route 4, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

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ARThUR J. BROCELMAN, Sr. '26 tells us that in March 1981 he entered a nursing home where he found "excellent facilities, trustful care, and programs to entertain the patients." Brothers can contact Art in care of the FNH, 370 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

FREDERICK F. ASSMANN '36 reports he is "enjoying retirement." He and his wife, Mary, have toured Scotland and visited Arizona and Texas. The Assmanns reside at 17 E. Curlis Avenue, Pennington, NJ 08634.

Currently employed with the Continental Telephone Corp., G. S. MEADER, JR. '56 lives at 1601 Greenbrier Court, Reston, VA 22090.

HENRY AVERETTE '62 is retired and tells us he is doing some "gentleman" farming in North Carolina and a little scuba diving at his other home in the Caymen Islands. Permanent address for Henry is Route 5, Box 01453, Reston, VA 22090.

An entrepreneur with Ziatech Corp., BERT E. FORBES '66 announces the birth of his second child, Skye Melinda, born December 17, 1981. Home address for the Forbes is 2415 Leona Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

ERIC C. KNORR '74 reports, "The University of Chicago issued me a MBA this December. I am still working at Inland Steel ... they sent me to Japan for three weeks this fall to look at steel mills ... lots of laughs!" Home address for Eric is 336 W. 13th St., Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

"I am currently completing my Master’s degree in computer engineering at CMU. I expect to embark on training for the PhD next fall. I hope the house is still doing as well as it was the last time I visited!" Home address for MICHAEL L. BUSHNELL '75 is 5600 Fifth Avenue, No. 309-D, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

HAL HINDMAN '77 tells us of a very hectic transition since graduating from medical school in May '81: He was married on June 6, 1981 to Philippa Van Gelder, spent a week in St. Maarten, packed up two apartments into a 22' truck, and moved the whole shooting match out to Michigan where he started his residency in obstetrics/gynecology. Home address for Hal is 3254 Belle Court, Royal Oak, MI 48072.

ATEX programmer ELI WYLEN '78 lives at 128 North Street, Somerville, MA 02144.

JULIUS C. CHANG '81 is studying crystallization kinetics of metallic glass ribbons at the National Bureau of Standards. Julius ran in the Philadelphia Independence Marathon on November 29, 1981 and finished in 3:23 (good for an awesome 1129 out of 4500). Home address for Julius is 12105 Sioux Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

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 the Alumni Records Office, PO Box 575, Cambridge "A", MA 02139. Thank you!


Be sure to send us your new address!