

# Epsilon Echo

Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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## Report From The Alumni President

Greetings from the alumni president! There has been quite a buzz of activity over the summer at Theta Chi. I'd like to provide an update on several fronts, including both alumni and undergraduate happenings.

Thanks to the improved focus on rush, our chapter membership numbers are up. Over the last three years, Theta Chi has been one of the top fraternity recruiters at WPI in terms of sheer numbers and quality. Our chapter house has capacity for 61 members. In the late '90s, we were down to about 35 brothers living in the chapter house, with high house bills and stressed house maintenance. This academic year will start with over 50 members living in the house. Continued focus on rush will help to fill the vacancies up to and beyond chapter house capacity. This will help finances, leadership, and maintenance.

Speaking of finances, with the increased numbers, the undergraduates have managed to fully catch up on their rent payments to the EBA. This is a great accomplishment considering they were

behind one or two quarters over the last several years.

This summer, Epsilon sent nine men to St. Louis for the Theta Chi National Convention. Topping the agenda was alcohol-free housing legislation. Here is the official report from the convention:

*The 146th anniversary convention approved two resolutions that have been submitted to the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity for review and decision.*

*The first resolution, proposed by Xi/University of Virginia, was approved by a vote of 149-49. The resolution recommends that the Grand Chapter create a waiver program that will allow chapters to apply for a waiver of the requirement that all Theta Chi Fraternity chapter houses be alcohol-free housing as of July 1, 2003.*

*The second resolution, proposed by Alpha Phi/University of Alabama, was approved by a vote of 102-96. The resolution recommends that the Grand*

*Chapter change the implementation date for alcohol-free housing from July 1, 2003, to July 1, 2005.*

*A third resolution, proposed by Alpha Nu/Georgia Institute of Technology, was withdrawn during the convention at the request of the chapter.*

*The Grand Chapter will review these recommendations at its October 2002 meeting and report the decisions to the fraternity after the meeting. The International Headquarters staff has been directed to compile information, statistics, records, and evidence for the Grand Chapter to consider in making the decisions.*

*See <http://www.thetachi.org> for more complete text and updates.*

With the shower project in progress and the kitchen remodeling project about to ramp up, your continued donations are most vital to the chapter. I would like to sincerely thank those of you who have continued to contribute, and especially

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## HOME COMING 2002

**... is just around the corner! Plan on joining your fellow brothers on Saturday, September 21, for a full day of reminiscing and fun.**

11:00 a.m. – EBA meeting

12:00 p.m. – Tailgate on the quad

1:00 p.m. – WPI football game

4:00 p.m. – Epsilon's Strongest Brother Contest

5:00 p.m. – Dinner served by the undergrads

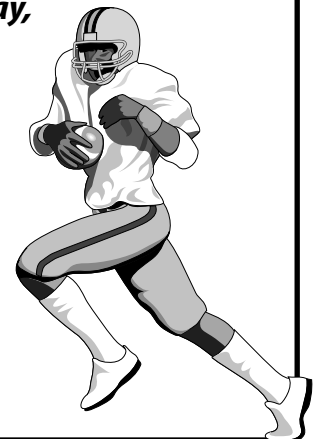
6:00 p.m. – Awards presentation

7:00 p.m. – Draw-your-partner (alumni or undergrad) foosball tournament

7:00 p.m. – Draw-your-partner (alumni or undergrad) pool tournament

8:00 p.m. – Entertainment

10:00 p.m. – DJ party



The latest news on Homecoming is on the alumni web site:

<http://jmmelvin.ne.client2.attbi.com:1856/oxe/alumni> -> Homecoming

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those of you who have donated more than you have in the past. Your generosity is most appreciated! Over the last couple of years, we've noticed an increase in the total dollars contributed to the fraternity, but a decline in the number of alumni giving. We are at a loss as to why this might be. Please send your thoughts and recommendations. Also, we are raising the recommended alumni donation from \$40/year to \$50/year to help cover anticipated capital expenditures. Although donations of less than the recommended amount are certainly welcome, we hope the lion's share of giving alumni can make the \$50 amount to help us continue to maintain the chapter house for generations of Theta Chis to come.

Homecoming is upon us once again! The date is set for Saturday, September 21 (see schedule on page one). We've had dwindling attendance over the last two Homecomings and would like your feedback on why this might be. Also, we'd like some ideas on how we might reverse that trend. What would make you come back to the chapter for Homecoming? Please let us know. The EBA works for you!

Lastly, I'd like to ask for your help with the work of the EBA on alumni programming and house maintenance. We are in need of volunteers to serve on the alumni board in the following positions...

Secretary  
Assistant Treasurer  
Director of Plant Management  
Director of Alumni Programming  
Director of Academic Development

If you are interested or would like to know more, please drop me a line at James.Melvin@sun.com or 781/442-0643 (W), 978/858-0663 (H). Also, you can contribute without maintaining an office on the board. We would welcome your attendance and commentary at EBA meetings, which are held about every two months throughout the year. Your assistance, in whatever capacity, would be most welcome. There is so much to do and much more we could be doing, in terms of alumni programming and more complete chapter maintenance. I look forward to working with any candidates as well as the rest of the EBA board of directors in pursuit of another excellent year at WPI Theta Chi!

Fraternally,  
Jim Melvin '85

## Brothers Anticipate A Strong New Year

Dear Brothers,

Thanks mostly to the motivation of our brothers from the Xi Chapter (University of Virginia), Theta Chi will no longer be going dry on a national level following the 2002-'03 academic year. The legislature that was prepared by our brothers from Xi Chapter was voted on and supported by a large portion of the delegates. The legislature was the crowning moment in this year's national convention, which was held in Saint Louis. Epsilon Chapter sent nine undergraduate representatives (Craig Perkins, Anthony Forrester, Mike Schwartz, Jeremy Karlin, Mike Tiscia, Joe Bell, Jim Duggan, Rob Vigneau, and Cean Comely) and one alumnus (Jeremy John). Epsilon Chapter was also honored to come home with seven chapter excellence awards (new member and member education, scholarship programming, alumni programming, chapter finances,

chapter operations, Internet technology, Theta Chi procedures and involvement). Though the chapter did not receive the coveted Altar Award, we are honored to win the awards that we did.

The 2002-'03 academic year begins on August 22. The school year marks a great improvement in the number of brothers residing in the chapter house. The beginning of the year will see over 50 brothers living in the house, a number that has increased drastically in just two years. The high number of brothers living in the house will also make rush more successful. With the great news on the national front and the large number of brothers living in the house, the brotherhood is in good spirits heading into the year.

Fraternally,  
Mark C. Dion '03  
Chapter President

## Showers Get An Emergency Makeover

This summer we engaged the services of Matt Colangelo '86 of Colangelo & Sons to replace the second- and third-floor showers in the chapter house. The project is well under way and will cost about \$55,000 when all is said and done. (Keep those donations coming!)

In the process of completing the project, we discovered the source of many leaks in the dining room, ladies room, and mail room. The third-floor shower was held up by water-laden joists that would crumble in your hand! We are very fortunate that there was not a serious accident by a collapse in the third-floor shower down into the second-floor shower. Also, there was a leaking heating unit under the window in the second-floor drying area. It appears that some broth-

ers were using the plumbing as a step to climb out the window and onto the roof! Doh!

Stop by and check out the brand new showers the next time you are at the house. We invite you to test them out after participating in the heated competitions at Homecoming.



### EPSILON ECHO

Published by the Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at WPI for its members and friends. News contributions, changes of address, and photographs are welcome at all times and may be sent to Theta Chi at WPI, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 390575, Cambridge, MA 02139-0007.

# Lean Mean Wrecking Machine Takes EBA Golf Tourney

On July 27, 2002, a record number of Epsilon alumni competed for the coveted trophy for the EBA Open Golf Tournament. This year, 81 players from all around the country came to Pine Ridge in North Oxford to join their fellow alumni and undergraduate friends on the links and afterwards for a steak dinner. The conditions were excellent despite the cloud cover. The competition was fierce at the top, but in the end the Lean Mean Wrecking Machine took the trophy by five shots with a breathtaking, record score of -12. Other scores of note include a tie between the Green Monsters and Curlinks at -7 and the former EBA Open Champions, the Putter Pullers, coming in at a fourth-place finish of -5. Civilized, at +1, crushed Simply the Breast, who came in at a whopping record of +5.



*EBA Open Champions at a record -12. Left to right: Mark Beauregard '89, Rich Wholey '88, Tom McMorrow '89, and Derk Rogers '89.*

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Team .....	Score
Lean Mean Wrecking Machine .....	-12
Green Monsters .....	-7
Curlinks .....	-7
Putter Pullers .....	-5
The B Team .....	-4
Swank Chicks.....	-4
Team Fathead .....	-3
World's Ugliest Women.....	-1
Team DINGAVISION .....	-1
The Bread Moppers .....	0
Scoopie Dudes.....	+1
Par 420 .....	+1
Civilized .....	+1
Simply the Breast .....	+5
3 Men & A Divot .....	+9
The Godfathers.....	+12
DyDa: CS MQP Provost Award Winners .....	+99
Grip 'em and Rip 'em .....	+99
N*STYNC.....	+99
The Ambiguously Gay Foursome .....	+99

*Right: Joe Guglielmino '83 inspects the prime rib.*



*Following the EBA Open, golfers enjoyed dinner at Pine Ridge.*

*For complete results and pictures, see the EBA Open page on the alumni web site...  
<http://jmmelvin.ne.client2.attbi.com:1856/oxe/alumni/golf> -> results -> 2002*

# Alumni Write From Far And Near

H. FOSTER McRELL '36 makes his home at 9 Forest Gate, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675.



RICHARD L. PERKINS '46 retired in February 1991 from Riley Stoker Corporation (D.B. Riley), now Babcock-Borsig, where he started to work in 1948. Drop him a line at perkydickens@juno.com or at 82 Summer St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545.



"Quietly enjoying retirement since 1991," HAROLD RIENSTRA '49 can be reached at 61253 Brittany Dr., Lacombe, LA 70445 or at hal42@prodigy.net.



ROBERT A. MEYER '52 lives at 154 Fountain Dr., Slidell, LA 70458.



EDWIN R. PRANTIS '54 reports a new address: 25 Webster Rd., Milton, MA 02186.



Write to ROBERT K. CRANE '57 at P.O. Box 326, Gratham, NH 03753.



The year 2001 was a rough one for JAMES M. DUFF '57. In February of that year he suffered a stroke, and in June his car was totaled. "I was the last car in a line," he writes. "The woman was apparently talking on a phone and decided to use my trunk to stop her SUV." Send best

wishes to Jim at jamesmduff@aol.com or at 479 Broad Ave., Apt. 5B, Palisades Park, NJ 07650.



ALEX C. PAPIANOU '57 writes, "I would like to have a 'reunion of the '50s.' If any Theta Chis from the 1950-'59 era at Epsilon are interested in a one- or two-day get-together in Worcester, I'd be willing to start the ball rolling. Send me an e-mail at alpappy@juno.com. If I get enough responses, we'll do it!" Al's address is 19 Birch Tree Rd., Foxboro, MA 02035.



ROBERT M. KANEN '58 resides at 16 Overlook Dr., Long Valley, NJ 07853.



"I just signed up for another year of work," reports ROBERT V. SHARKEY '59 (100 Deanville Rd., Attleboro, MA 02703; enonshark@aol.com). "It's a bitch being indispensable!" Bob adds that during a visit to California, he and his wife enjoyed sampling the fruit of the vine with "Little Max" at a couple of Santa Barbara wineries.



Stay in touch with A. CURTIS WILLOUGHBY '60 at ccwmlk@aol.com or at 1860 SW Palm City Rd., Apt. 102, Stuart, FL 34994.



Environmental consultant PHILIP A. O'REILLY '61 writes, "My travel and business are a challenge to changing career directions. WPI at Theta Chi pre-

pares one well." His address is 6025 Fairway Lane, Wescosville, PA 18106; philo369@prodigy.net.



STANLEY M. WILBUR '62 is senior vice president of Dufresne-Henry. Write to him at wilburs@greenmtn.edu or at 13 Bliss Rd., Tinmouth, VT 05773.



PAUL LANDINO '76 moved to Phoenix last year "on yet another career challenge, working in marketing/business development in one of the hottest semiconductor companies—Microchip Technology. I sure do miss Homecoming and all my brothers and friends!" Paul resides at 1402 E. Mulberry Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85014.



MICHAEL C. THOROGOOD '77 works at National Steel—Great Lakes Steel, where he can be reached at #1 Quality Dr., Ecorse, MI 48229 (mthoro@ameritech.net).

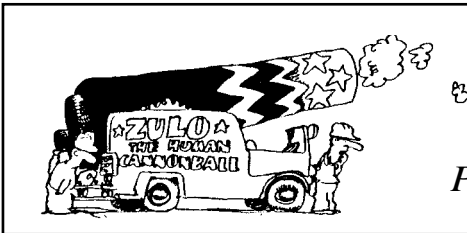


Kudos to J. PAUL KLING '86, who was recently selected for promotion to the rank of commander in the Naval Reserve. His address is 1018 Yorkshire Dr., Los Altos, CA 94087.



RAYMOND L. DURLING '87 reports a new address of 17 Barrington Dr., Andover, MA 01810 (rldurling@aol.com).

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**Done anything interesting lately?  
We want to hear about it!**  
*Please fill out your newsform and return it to us today.*

## Your Support Makes House Repairs Possible

First off I'd like to thank all of you who have donated to the EBA over the past years. Your contributions have helped keep all of us in touch through the *Echo* as well as provided funding for major projects in the house.

I'm sure many of you wonder just how your donations are used, and this summer's renovation project is a good example of how we like to use it. During this summer of 2002 the second- and third-floor showers are being completely gutted and redone with new tile and fixtures. However, the showers are just the beginning of the plans to improve the house. The kitchen is the next room in the house that will be remodeled to have a new lay-

out and new appliances once the funding becomes available.

It is important that these projects are completed before they are actually necessary in order to keep the costs down and to have them done on our terms. It is our job and privilege to plan the improvements that make the house a better place for future generations of brothers to live, yet none of it would be possible without the generosity of the alumni. Thanks again, and I'll see you all at Homecoming.

Fraternally,  
David Scott '00  
Alumni Treasurer

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## Personal Finance Seminar Offered

The EBA is exploring the possibility of conducting a seminar on personal finance sometime during this academic year. This seminar would be available to all undergraduates and alumni of the chapter and would be conducted by a paid professional, perhaps from a local university. We are currently looking for refer-

ences for good candidate speakers for this seminar. We are considering holding the seminar at WPI sometime after January 1 on a weekday night. If you are interested in attending the seminar or can recommend someone to lead the discussion, please contact Matt Driscoll '02 at [mdriscoll@telica.com](mailto:mdriscoll@telica.com).

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## Start Weight Training Now For Epsilon's Strongest Brother Contest!

This Homecoming will mark the fourth annual Epsilon's Strongest Brother contest! All alumni and undergraduate brothers are invited to compete in the bench press event. The Melvin Power Index (MPI =  $\text{bench\_press}/\text{body\_weight}$ ), will be used to determine who takes home the ESB Trophy for 2002. Pound for pound,

who is the strongest living Epsilon? What is your ESB ranking? Can anyone dethrone the three-time champion, Jon Tucker '88? Come and participate and/or spectate in this continuing Homecoming event. Stay tuned to the next *Echo* for results on the ESB Contest. Trophies will be awarded to the top three performances.

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## Foos And Pool Championships Scheduled For Homecoming Weekend

Don't forget to sharpen your skills for this Homecoming's foos and pool championships. You can choose to participate in one or both of the events. Both will be doubles events, where you draw your partner out of a hat. There are some aging ringers from the past who are definitely

out of practice. This should make room for some new champions to take home the glory. Trophies will be awarded for first place in both events. There will also be informal challenges in ping pong, darts, horse shoes, and bocce in the new backyard court.

## '01 DONOR '02 UPDATE

Our belated thanks to

James L. Viele '67

Whose gift  
was recorded  
after our 2001-'02  
honor roll went to press.

## Volunteer For Career Night!

In the coming months, we are planning another career night for the undergraduates. At this event, alumni volunteers form an experienced panel to advise the undergraduates on how to secure the job they want and do well in their career. Topics covered include resume writing, interviewing, and job performance after the hire. Also, the alumni help with mock interviews to help shore up skills before the real thing. If you are interested in serving on this year's alumni panel, please contact Matt Driscoll '00 at [mdriscoll@telica.com](mailto:mdriscoll@telica.com).

## Class E-mail Aliases

To facilitate communication with your class, you can now send mail to [theta\\_chi\\_yyyy@oxe.east.sun.com](mailto:theta_chi_yyyy@oxe.east.sun.com) where 'yyyy' is your class year. This will reach all alumni in your class listed in the alumni e-mail list at

<http://jmmelvin.ne.client2.attbi.com:1856/oxe/alumni/email.html>

If you would like to be added to the list, please send e-mail to [James.Melvin@sun.com](mailto:James.Melvin@sun.com).



## Dinners To Be Sponsored By Classes

Theta Chi dinners are held on the first Thursday of each month. It's a great way to get out and see some old friends or meet some new ones from Theta Chi.

If you are interested in getting your class together and taking ownership of a Theta Chi dinner, please contact Chris Haraldsen '96 (chrish@pptvision.com). There are still dates available for class ownership. You pick the venue and the theme, and then promote the dinner to get as many of your classmates to attend as possible.

Also, keep in mind that Theta Chi dinners are not meant to be restricted to the Boston area. Other parts of the U.S. may also have critical mass to support a regular Theta Chi dinner. For instance, there have been two dinners in Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina, as well as San Fran-

## Join Us For An EBA Social Dinner!

Join us in the lounge before 7:00 p.m., dinner afterwards...

**October 3, 2002—Lowell Brewery Exchange**, 201 Cabot St, Lowell, MA  
(sponsored by the class of '85)

**November 7, 2002—Ping Gardens**, Worcester, MA

**December 5, 2002—Martha's Exchange**, Nashua, NH

**January 2, 2003—Redbones**, Davis Square, 55 Chester St., Somerville, MA  
(sponsored by the class of '89)

**February 6, 2003—Ipanema's Brazilian Churascuria**, Southboro, MA  
(sponsored by the class of '83)

**March 6, 2003—Vinny Testa's**, Framingham, MA

cisco. We are planning a dinner in the San Diego area sometime in the next 12 months. Suggestions welcome.

If you would like to organize a dinner

in your area, please let us know, and we will help promote it. For more information, visit <http://jmmelvin.ne.client2.attbi.com:1856/oxe/alumni> -> OX Dinners.



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"We moved to the mountains of Colorado," writes PHILO S. SHELTON III '87, the public works director for the city of Black Hawk. "Little Phi is now one year old, and Sydney is two years." The Shelton family lives at 923 S. Dory Lakes Dr., Golden, CO 80403.



RONALD M. ZAWADZKI '90 can be reached at rzawadzki@socal.rr.com or at 577 S. Woodland St., Orange, CA 92869.



E-mail reaches DAVID COHEN '92 at david\_joseph\_cohen@yahoo.com and "snail mail" at 929 Beacon St., Newton, MA 02459.



GREGORY HUMORA '92 recently bought a house at 2924 Larkin Place, San Diego, CA 92123, "where I'm going to stay because of the superior surf." Among those at "Hummer's" housewarming party

was SAM GODIN '89, who lives in Long Beach.



Employed by Flexible Metal, Inc., WILLIAM OUELLETTE '92 can be reached at bouellette@prodigy.net or at 867 Buie Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30045.



Physics teacher EWEN A. ROSS '94 lives at 85 Oliver Rd., Manchester, CT 06040, and e-mail reaches him at ewen\_ross@loomis.org.



BRIAN D. KLAUBER '96 works for Microsoft as a software development engineer. Write to him at brian@klauber.com or at 16001 NE 42nd Court, Redmond, WA 98052.



Please note this new address for ALAN S. BELNIAK '97: 95A Edenfield Ave.,

Watertown, MA 02472 (abelniak@rcn.com).



Stay in touch with CHRISTOPHER J. MOELLER '97 at moeller.chris.tcs.teradyne.com or at 186 Bartemus Trail, Nashua, NH 03063.



JOSEPH PILSBURY '99 (jpilsbury@alum.wpi.edu) lives at 122 Emery St., Portland, ME 04102.

### DECEASED

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

HENRY N. DEANE '31  
July 17, 1998

CHARLES T. LAYTON '49  
May 20, 2001