

Epsilon Echo

Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at
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From The Alumni President

Join Us For One (Or More) Of These Upcoming Alumni Events!

Greetings from the alumni president. Spring is in the air at Theta Chi! In the coming weeks and months, the warm weather brings ample opportunity to engage with your fellow alumni and participate in some fun events. The first such opportunity is **EBA Weekend** on **April 20**. Features include a softball game between the actives and alumni as well as a trip to the billiard parlor where the alumni treat the graduating seniors. At this yearly event, any current or former chapter or EBA presidents may participate in the presidential billiard challenge.

Next on the alumni calendar on **June 6** is the **patio dinner** at the fabulous **Horse-shoe Pub** in Hudson, Massachusetts. The 'Shoe claims to have 100-plus beers on tap and is a local and fraternity favorite. Please join us if you can.

On **June 29**, the EBA is sponsoring a Theta Chi **summer picnic** in **Newton, Massachusetts**. Brothers are encouraged to bring their significant others, kids, pets, friends, neighbors, and relatives. The grounds are perfect for such a picnic. Available activities include tennis, bocce, frisbee, playgrounding, softball, basketball, canoeing, kayaking, or just hanging out. There is something for everyone at The Cove in Newton. Load up the van and join us for the festivities.

Moving into mid-summer, we come upon the big daddy event of the year, the **EBA open golf tournament** on **July 27**.

New Web Site Address

Due to measures beyond our control, the new location of our alumni web site is...

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

Please update any bookmarks that you might have. The undergraduate web site will always contain the correct address for the alumni site should it change in the future. The undergraduate web site is hosted by WPI at...

<http://www.wpi.edu/~thetachi/>

EBA Weekend • April 20, 2002

Another school year is about to come to an end. That means it's time to head back to the house and celebrate with another graduating senior class from Theta Chi. This year's EBA Weekend schedule will be similar to last year's:

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.: EBA annual corporation meeting (open to all)

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.: Alumni vs. actives softball game

3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.: Alumni and seniors head to Boston Billiards

6:00 p.m.–?: Pool, foos, pong, and darts at the house followed by a party

We had a great turnout last year. The undefeated alumni dealt the fourth consecutive loss to the actives in the alumni/active softball game. Please come and help as we are looking to continue our winning record. We hope you can make it back to the house for a great time as we welcome the graduating class to the ranks of the alumni! See you there.

This is an event not to miss. Near 100 Epsilon golfers are expected to turn out for this year's event. Pine Ridge in Oxford, Massachusetts, was perfect last year. We're hoping to secure the course again this year. Stay tuned to the alumni web site for the latest news on the event. Come and be "civilized," as many of us were last year! Sign-ups are now open on the web.

Soon after the golf tournament, we're visiting **On The Border** in **Woburn, Massachusetts**, for some fine Mexican cuisine and alumni socializing. It was a great dinner last time, and even Joe "Googs" Gugliemino '83 attended and bought several rounds.

Join us if you can at any of the summer events. If there are additional events or other types of alumni programming that you would find fun and interesting, please send mail to James.Melvin@sun.com.

Finally, I'd like to mention the summer capital improvement project that we are gearing up for. We plan to put alumni funds to good use by completely replacing both the second- and third-floor showers. The ailing showers have been a frequent source of plumbing leaks, crumbling tilework, tumbling ceilings, and generally unsightly conditions. The initial estimate to complete the shower repairs project is \$30,000. We are hoping for your continued support through alumni donations to help fund this important project for our chapter. My special thanks to those alumni who have continued to be regular contributors to the alumni fund.

That's all for now. If I don't see you at one of the summer events, have a great year, and I'll see you at Homecoming!

Fraternally,
Jim Melvin '85, Alumni President

Summer Picnic: June 29, 2002

Edgewater Park (The Cove), Newton, Massachusetts
(Stay tuned to the alumni web site for more details)



It is almost time for the third annual EBA summer picnic. On Saturday, June 29, starting around noon, all alumni, actives, and their families (significant others as well) are invited to "The Cove" in Newton. Unlike other EBA events, the summer picnic offers the opportunity for the whole family to come out and join in on the fun. The Cove offers us an abundance of resources. We will have 10 picnic tables, six grills, a softball field, basketball courts, tennis courts, canoeing, and plenty of space to spread out and have fun. And for the kids (and kids at heart), there is a full playground with slides, swings, and more.

For food, plenty of hamburgers and dogs will be provided, as well as a variety of beverages.

EBA Open Golf Tournament: July 27, 2002

Stay tuned to the alumni web site for more details:
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 -> EBA Open Golf Tournament



*Team Civil-ized
 2001—Paul
 Anastasia '89,
 Dave "Maddog"
 Polcari '88, Don
 Gallucci '89, and
 Erik Maki '89.*

EBA Open 2001 participants—Jim Witt '82, Doug Wood '83, Smokin' Joe Googs '83, and Dave Frary '83.

EBA Directors Sought

Due to several relocations, we have openings on the EBA Board of Directors for the following positions: secretary, director of plant management, director of public relations, director of alumni activities, and director of academics.

Please contact James.Melvin@sun.com for more info. We welcome your participation and leadership.

Alumni E-mail Address

The e-mail address to reach alumni of Epsilon Chapter is...

theta_chi@oxe.east.sun.com

To add your address to the list, please send e-mail to James.Melvin@sun.com.

Join Us For An EBA Social Dinner

Join us for a social dinner in your area—beverages before 7:00 p.m., dining afterward. Suggestions welcome for new locations, including remote locations. Dinners are possible wherever brothers live, including California, North Carolina, and Chicago, etc.

- May 2, 2002KinsaleCambridge Street, Boston, MA
- June 6, 2002Horseshoe PubHudson, MA
- July 4, 2002(No Dinner).....
- August 1, 2002.....On the BorderCommerce Way, Woburn, MA
- September 5, 2002.....The Outback.....Burlington, MA
- October 3, 2002.....Polcari'sSalem, NH
- November 7, 2002.....Vinny Testa's.....Framingham, MA
- December 5, 2002.....Ping's GardenWorcester, MA
- January 2, 2003RedbonesDavis Square, Somerville, MA

The Epsilon Archives now include the infamous slides of the house reconstruction in 1964. Paul Landino '76, who has presented the slides to many brothers over the years, has graciously donated the slides to our archives. At the time of this writing, we are trying to get the slides converted to online images for viewing. Please check the following location to see the slides when they are ready:

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

Epsilon Chapter Welcomes 20 New Members

Initiation was held on February 16, 2002. Twenty pledges became brothers of our beloved fraternity and will carry on the good name of Theta Chi. Our newest members are:

NAME.....	HOMETOWN
David Bresnick.....	Ashland, MA
Aaron Bober.....	Manchester, CT
Adam Bryant.....	Braintree, MA
Mike Breen.....	Freetown, MA
Bertrand Carrie.....	P-A-P, Haiti
Ryan Casey.....	Attleboro, MA
Nate Salemme.....	Westford, MA
Diego Mier.....	Puerto Rico
Erik Schmidtberg.....	Westford, MA
Colin Morel.....	East Berlin, CT
Mike Wheaton.....	Winchester, MA
Todd Sullivan.....	Milford, NH
Jeff Lemaire.....	Milford, NH
Kevin Detrude.....	Northwood, NH
Greg Meagher.....	Billerica, MA
Matt Racki.....	Greenland, MA
Matt Knott.....	Middleton, MA
Kerry Dineen.....	Bidderford, ME
Kevin Pearce.....	Wallingford, CT
Andrew Mumford.....	Winooski, VT

Initiation was special for another reason as well. Former house adviser Roger Perry '45 attended the ceremony and administered the charge. The date marked the 60th anniversary of brother Perry's own initiation. His attendance was living proof to our new members that Theta Chi and especially Epsilon are for life.

The most important concern facing the house today is definitely the issue of "going dry." In a little over a year, Theta Chi will be an alcohol-free fraternity on a national level. To prepare for this, many changes are being made at Epsilon Chapter. The house has already instituted a party phase-out plan that will see the complete termination of in-house "wet" parties by next April. I'm completely confident that the necessary changes and decisions will be made by the brotherhood. With that said, I invite all of you back to enjoy the last year of parties in the old tradition, and to help guide us in the right direction.

Fraternally,
Mark C. Dion
Chapter President

Career Night Helps Undergrads Hone Job-Hunting Skills

As another year of Epsilon Chapter undergrads prepared to tackle the summer intern, co-op, and professional world, a team of alumni brothers were there to lend some guidance and advice. This year's panel of participating alumni comprised Mark Willingham '87, Kevin Barrett '83, Jim Melvin '85, and Jeff Smith '92. The alumni brothers coached the aspiring employees in all the tricks and skills necessary for the job-hunting process. The two-and-a-half-hour session covered resume writing, interview skills, and tips for success after landing the job of your dreams. In the past this has always been of great assistance to the actives, and this year was no exception.

As a followup, we are looking for alumni who might be interested in reviewing undergraduate resumes. If you would like to review resumes and provide constructive criticism or want more information, please e-mail me at mdriscoll@telica.com.

I'd like to extend my thanks to all those who participated in this year's event. This was a valuable experience for all who attended.

Matthew Driscoll '00

In Memoriam: Buddy T. Dogg

~ 1993–March 1, 2002

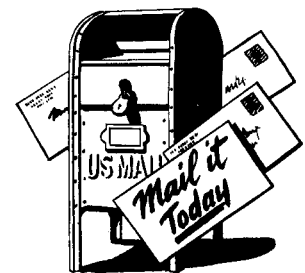
House Dog, 1993–1998; Initiated 1995

On March 1, 2002, Buddy T. Dogg passed on to the great Theta Chi doghouse in the sky. Buddy was the house dog from 1993 to 1998 and was a house and campus favorite. The girls at WPI may not have known your name, but they knew Buddy. He was a great house dog, and he'll be missed by all the brothers who knew him over the years.



Buddy and the Kearns family.

Please Return Your Newsform Today!



The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address on page four. Include your latest news, news of brothers with whom you've kept in touch, and maybe also one or two of your fondest memories of Epsilon Chapter or thoughts on what Theta Chi means to you. We'll look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of the *Epsilon Echo*.

2002-2003 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President.....	Mark Dion
Vice President.....	Lee Barber
Secretary.....	Craig Perkins
Treasurer.....	Justin Garrity
Marshal.....	Colby Hobart
Rush.....	Alex McLaughlan
Projects.....	Lenny DelVecchio
Kitchen.....	Joe Bell
Social.....	Tom Lavalle
Activities.....	Rob Vigneau
Philanthropy.....	Jim Duggan

Alumni Write

ROBERT B. TAYLOR '35 wrote to clear up some errors that appeared in his news note in the March 2001 *Epsilon Echo*. "Marriage number one to Margaret Neal ended in divorce in April 1995. Margaret is still alive today. Marriage number two to Molly Upham began in May 1995 and ended four years later with her death. Marriage number three to Marian Ford took place at the end of May 2000, and I am glad to report that we are both alive as of now." Bob and Marian live at 6610 17th Ave. Ct. W., Bradenton, FL 34209.

Write to PLUMMER WILEY '35 at 709 Maiden Choice Lane, #6201, Baltimore, MD 21228.

"I don't believe that you need to worry about a 'dry' chapter," writes SCOTT K. GOODWIN '36 (1 Avery Heights, Hartford, CT 06106). "How many engineering students go to college to drink? I spent three years in the house (1933-'36), which was 'dry' at that time and had been for a number of years. Some of the brothers did go downtown for a drink from time to time. To the best of my knowledge, they did not drink in the house. We had many successful parties without liquor." He adds, "Keep up the good work."

HENRY PLIMPTON '36 makes his home at 14 Concord St., Marshfield, MA 02050.

Please note this new address for GEORGE A. GARRISON '42: 100 Briarwood Circle, Worcester, MA 01606.

ALEX C. PAPIANOU '57 can be reached by e-mail at alpappy@juno.com and by "snail mail" at 19 Birch Tree Rd., Foxboro, MA 02035.

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JOHN J. AQUINO JR. '58 reports a new address of 515 Strawtown Rd., West Nyack, NY 10994.

KENNETH J. VIRKUS '61 writes, "My big news for 2001 was my first return trip to Estonia, my birthplace. We combined it with a trip to Latvia (my wife's birthplace), because my son and daughter-in-law were spending a year in Riga on a Fulbright scholarship. The damage from 50 years of Russian occupation was still visible, even 10 years after regaining independence!" Write to Ken at evirkus2@aol.com or at 5909 N. Cynthia St., McAllen, TX 78504.

The director of facilities at Westmont College, ARTHUR DOBRESKI '62 resides at 3950 Via Real, #120, Carpinteria, CA 93013. E-mail reaches him at adobresk@westmont.edu.

Stay in touch with STANLEY M. WILBUR '62 at wilburs@greenmtn.edu or at 13 Bliss Rd., Tinmouth, VT 05773.

The Brookings Institution Press has recently published *Rethinking Democratic Accountability*, a new book by ROBERT D. BEHN '63. Bob's address is 147 Church St., Watertown, MA 02472 (bobbahn@aol.com).

GERALD R. "Fred" FREDRICKSON '84 is a senior development engineer at Boston Scientific in Natick, Massachusetts. He and wife Pamela and their two sons, Michael (9) and Jeffrey (9), get together last July with Terry and DENNIS AVES '84 and their kids, Ryan (9) and Kayla (5). The Fredricksons' address is 48 Hildreth St., Westford, MA 01886 (the_fredricksons@mindspring.com).

ROBERT YARD '86 (ryard@mercury.wire.com) lives at 10 Suomi St., Paxton, MA 01612.

Contact MICHAEL THURSTON '88 at michael-thurston@us.army.mil or at 116 Little Alum Rd., Brimfield, MA 01010.

In July 2001, Starlene and THOMAS F. McMORROW '89 welcomed their third child, Sarah Elizabeth, who joins big brothers Tommy and Connor. Theta Chi brother DON GALLUCCI '89 has agreed to be Sarah's godfather. Send best wishes to the McMorrrows at 10 Roser Dr.,

Glastonbury, CT 06033 (tfmcmorrow@home.com).

NETESH M. GOHIL '95 has moved to 82 Beechcroft St., Apt. #3, Brighton, MA 02135.

A project superintendent for L.A. Drew, Inc., TODD J. MIKOLAYCIK '95 lives at 3 Red Ridge Lane, North Conway, NH 03860. Send e-mail to "Mik" at toddm73@hotmail.com.

GEORGE DOWNEY '97 has a new address: 7 Harriman Court, Apt. 2, Maynard, MA 01754 (gdowney@medica.corp.com). He's a medical design engineer at Medica Corporation in Bedford, Massachusetts.

CHAD MOSIER '97 teaches high school math in the South San Francisco School District. Drop him a line at cmosier@email.com or at 371 Waller St., #1, San Francisco, CA 94117.

"I start training in flying the F-16 'Fighting Falcon'—known to pilots as the 'Viper'—in late October," wrote MATTHEW POISSON '99 in the fall. E-mail reaches him at F16vpr@aol.com.

Write to ERIC A. HANNULA '00 at erichannula@hotmail.com or at 3644 Torrey View Court, San Diego, CA 92130.

GREGORY V. "Bluto" SAMOS '00 (bluto_ox@yahoo.com) lives at 61 Edgewater Dr., Pembroke, MA 02359.

ROBERT A. F. SENERES '00 can be reached at 123 Putnam St., Providence, RI 02909 (rseneres@hotmail.com).

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

HAROLD DENZER JR. '58
 JAMES C. FERGUSON '41
 ARTHUR H. GERALD JR. '51
 DONALD R. SKEFFINGTON '49
 EDWARD A. STUCKE '57
 ARTHUR L. SULLIVAN JR. '41
