

# Epsilon Echo

Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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*From The Alumni President*

## Epsilon Makes House Repairs, Triumphs In Homecoming Parade

Greetings, fellow alumni of Epsilon Chapter! It is with great pleasure that I bring you news of our beloved fraternity. Since our last newsletter, much has transpired. We completed the second- and third-floor shower renovations with the expert help of Matt Colangelo '87. Be sure to check it out on your next visit to the chapter. The undergrads followed up with a facelift to the second- and third-floor hallways. Next on our list of projects is the renovation of the aging kitchen and the replacement of the 30-plus-year-old party room floor, which has practically worn through after all those years of dancing and egregious festivities.

At Homecoming 2002, we rejuvenated our presence on the quad with a very successful Theta Chi cookout. The brothers secured an excellent location, right on the corner in front of Morgan Hall. Several Theta Chi alumni congregated at the cookout and enjoyed some of the largest burgers I have ever seen. We also enjoyed watching our chapter's excellent float win first prize, helping to secure a first-place



*First-prize Homecoming float secures Theta Chi Greek Week victory!*

finish for all of Greek Week! What a magnificent job on the float! It was a beautiful day at WPI with lots of great sunshine and good company. For the first time in nearly 10 years, I actually felt part of WPI. We

plan to continue with a more prominent presence on the quad for future Homecomings. Please stop by and join your fellow Theta Chi brothers!

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## Come Back To Theta Chi For EBA Weekend – April 19, 2003!

This April 19, the Epsilon Building Association and undergraduate brotherhood would like to invite alumni back to 85 Salisbury Street. EBA Weekend is almost upon us, and we are recruiting alumni for the annual softball victory over the undergrads to be followed by a trip to Boston Billiards with the senior class.

Come see the house and the latest projects that have taken place. The brothers have been hard at work improving the house's condition to make it a place we can all be proud to visit.

The day will begin with an EBA meeting at 11:00 a.m. Please stop by to get the latest information on fraternity activities and upcoming projects. If you would like to become a part of the EBA team, this would be a great time to introduce yourself to the organization and start pitching in.

### EBA WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**11:00 a.m. - Noon:**

*EBA annual corporation meeting (open to all)*

**Noon - 1:00 p.m.:** *Lunch (burgers/dogs)*

**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, darts, and poker at the house*

## House Repairs, Homecoming Parade

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Now that the holidays are behind us, it's high time we start planning the alumni events for 2003. Alumni Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Come out and help the alumni team win the softball game against the chapter. The EBA Open golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 26. Signups have begun! For a list of all the alumni-related activities, check out the Theta Chi calendar on our website (<http://alumni.oxepsilon.com>). Hope to see you soon at one of the many events we have planned.

Jim Melvin '85  
Alumni President

## A Word From The Active President

I last wrote about the goings-on at last summer's national convention. At that convention a waiver system was adopted that allows chapters to petition to stay "wet," while our national chapter implements alcohol-free housing (AFH). Theta Chi going dry nationally is inevitable, but Epsilon Chapter has been given the chance to apply for the waiver. We won't know our fate until mid-February of this year. Keep your fingers crossed.

We are currently in the middle of the pledge program. Our marshal, Colby Hobart, is doing a fantastic job, and we currently have 15 pledges. If all goes as planned, the initiation ceremony will take place at the chapter house before the end of February.

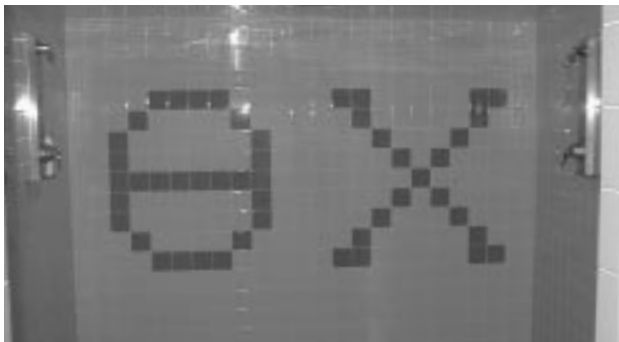
As this year brings 15 new guys into the house, the May graduation ceremony

will see 11 seniors off into the real world. This May will see the largest Theta Chi graduating class in some time. Knowing the current condition of the job market, some of us may need a helping hand while looking for a job. If there is any way you can help, please let us know.

This is my last correspondence with the alumni during my stint as active president. I would like to thank everybody who has made the last year go by relatively smoothly. Without the strong alumni support that Epsilon Chapter has, my presidency would have been much less pleasant. Thanks for everything, and keep the house in your thoughts. "Love and respect all of your brothers."

Mark Dion '03  
Chapter President

## Around The House



Above: Third-floor shower after renovation. Right: New third-floor hallway.



Above: Party room mural for Beach Party. Right: New second-floor hallway.



### UPCOMING EVENTS... UPCOMING EVENTS... UPCOMING EVENTS... UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### EBA Open Golf Tournament

One thing's certain about the next EBA golf tournament—It will happen! Mark your calendars for July 26, 2003. Check out the website for signups (<http://alumni.oxepsilon.com>). We need one or two helping hands to help coordinate this always-popular event. Volunteer now—we guarantee you'll enjoy it!

#### Theta Chi Bowling Challenge

Lee Barber '03 from the chapter has challenged the alumni to a 10-pin bowling match. Unable to walk away from such a challenge, Jim Melvin will be actively putting together an alumni team to compete against Lee and his team of undergrads. If you are interested in participating in this spring event, please drop an e-mail to [james.melvin@sun.com](mailto:james.melvin@sun.com). Besides Googs '83, we know there are alumni ringers out there! Let's bring it on!

## The EBA Needs Your Help!

Current EBA Treasurer Dave Scott has decided to move to the greener pastures and smoggier skies of California. Dave did an excellent job in this important position, and the EBA thanks him for his help these past few years.

As a result of Dave's move, the EBA needs your help! The treasurer position is now open, and we need to fill it as soon as possible. If you are interested in helping out as treasurer, please contact Jim Melvin at james.melvin@sun.com. Other open positions include the director of alumni activities and the director of academics. The activities position works to organize and run the fun alumni events like EBA Weekend, Homecoming, and the golf tournament. The director of academics creates a program of educational seminars for both alumni and undergrads. Please let us know if you have an interest in helping with these roles in the EBA or if you would like to contribute in a non-officer capacity, such as a committee, etc. Your participation is most welcome.

Chris Haraldson '96  
Alumni (EBA) Vice President

## Chapter Holds First Leadership Retreat

This past November, interested alumni and undergrads gathered for the first Epsilon leadership retreat. The focus of the retreat was on effective leadership of the chapter. Quite often, chapter officers are elected without having any prior leadership experience. The retreat offers a forum where officers can learn the basics of fraternity management from past chapter officers and alumni leaders.

We had an excellent discussion at this first retreat. One of the interesting ideas discussed was the creation of a chapter judicial board made up of rotating alumni. Among other things, this would help the chapter settle disputes and enforce the Theta Chi Code of Conduct. We should hear more about this in the future as the idea develops.

We plan to have another leadership retreat next year. If you would like to join us, just drop me an e-mail at mdriscoll@telica.com. Come and share your experience and insight.

Matt Driscoll '00  
Director of Career Development

## Three Join Alumni Leadership

### Ray Durling '87 Joins EBA Board of Directors

It is my pleasure to announce that Ray Durling '87 has joined the Epsilon Building Association leadership team, serving as director of public relations. Ray's primary focus will be to coordinate *Echo* publishing. In addition, he will be part of the leadership and decision-making team along with the rest of the EBA board of directors.

A former chapter president, Ray recently returned to New England from the

Bluegrass State of Kentucky. He now lives in Andover, Massachusetts, with his wife, Judy, and three children, Brad, 6, Michelle, 4, and Tyler, 1. Please join me in wishing Ray well in his new role on the EBA board!

Sincerely,  
James Melvin '85  
Alumni (EBA) President

### Mic Kearns '98 To Serve EBA As Projects Manager

It is my pleasure to announce that Mic Kearns '98 has joined the Epsilon Building Association leadership team, serving as projects manager. Mic will be responsible for all of the projects, preventive maintenance, and general well-being of the Epsilon chapter house. In addition, he will be a valuable part of the leadership and decision-making team along with the rest of the EBA board of directors.

Mic, a former chapter president, completed his undergrad degree in CE in '98 and then went on to receive his master's in CE in '00. Mic currently lives in Sturbridge with his soon-to-be bride, Amy. The wedding is scheduled to take place this

summer at Higgins House on the WPI campus.

Mic currently works for Shawmut Design & Construction as a construction manager for projects at Harvard and Legal Sea Foods. (Of course, an unlimited supply of "chowdah" will now be expected at all EBA meetings and events). A philanthropic athlete, Mic has found time to run the Boston Marathon and go to Nicaragua to work on a drinking water supply. Please join me in wishing Mic well in his new role on the EBA board!

Chris Haraldsen '96  
Alumni (EBA) Vice President

### EBA Welcomes Dave Morin '03 To Board Of Directors

It is my pleasure to announce that Dave Morin '03 has joined the Epsilon Building Association leadership team, serving as secretary. In addition to Dave's secretarial duties, he will be a valuable resource for new ideas and new ways of thinking. Since Dave is just graduating this year, he will also help "bridge the gap" between the EBA and the active chapter.

Dave is originally from Manchester, New Hampshire, and is an MG major who

hopes to go into sales and marketing upon graduation. Dave has been very active in the house and on the hill, participating in a number of varsity and club sports (crew, rugby, lacrosse) as well as taking a leadership role in the house. Please join me in wishing Dave well in his new role on the EBA board!

Chris Haraldsen '96  
Alumni (EBA) Vice President

<b>PRESIDENT</b> <i>Chris Johnson</i>	<b>2003-2004 CHAPTER OFFICERS</b>	<b>PROJECTS</b> <i>Aaron Bober</i>
<b>VP</b> <i>Alex McLachlan</i>	<b>MARSHAL</b> <i>Kevin Pearce</i>	<b>KITCHEN</b> <i>Jeff Lemaire</i>
<b>SECRETARY</b> <i>Anthony Michael Tiscia</i>	<b>RUSH</b> <i>Matt Racki</i>	<b>ACTIVITIES/SOCIAL</b> <i>Diego Mier</i>
<b>TREASURER</b> <i>Justen Garrity</i>	<b>RISK</b> <i>Leonard DelVecchio</i>	<b>PHILANTHROPY</b> <i>Ryan Casey</i>

## Boston Area Offers Monthly Theta Chi 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, Chicago, etc.

- April 3, 2003 .....LOWELL BREWERY, LOWELL, MA
- May 1, 2003 .....CHILI'S, BURLINGTON, MA
- June 5, 2003 .....HORSESHOE PUB, HUDSON, MA
- July 3, 2003 .....NO DINNER
- August 7, 2003 .....ON THE BORDER, COMMERCE WAY, WOBURN, MA
- September 4, 2003 .....THE OUTBACK, BURLINGTON, MA
- October 2, 2003 .....99, WESTFORD, MA
- November 6, 2003 .....REDBONES, DAVIS SQUARE, SOMERVILLE, MA
- December 4, 2003 .....PING'S GARDEN, WORCESTER, MA

For the latest details, as well as pictures from previous dinners, check out the alumni website at <http://alumni.oxepsilon.com>.

### Sponsor A Theta Chi Dinner!

*Do you know what the first Thursday of the month means? Yes—Theta Chi Dinner Night! Look for an upcoming dinner in your area—and if there isn't one, set one up! Let us know if you and/or your class want to sponsor a dinner by selecting a restaurant and driving attendance. Go to <http://alumni.oxepsilon.com> to check out more details.*

## In A Tight Economy, Career Night Can Make A Difference

Given the existing job market, this year's Career Night will be more important than ever. In preparation for undergrads' upcoming job search, this event is a great chance to give the brothers the edge they might need to secure a job.

The event is planned for the beginning of D-term. Topics of interest will include resume writing and presentation, interview skills, networking for job positions, and making a good impression once the job is yours.

By the time this article is published, most of the recruitment effort for the event will already have taken place, but if you are still interested in helping out or offering suggestions to expand the program, please contact me at [mdriscoll@telica.com](mailto:mdriscoll@telica.com).

Matt Driscoll '00  
EBA Director of Career Development

## EPSILON ECHO



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EPSILON BUILDING ASSOCIATION  
OF  
THETA CHI FRATERNITY  
WORCESTER  
MASSACHUSETTS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors with members of the Active Chapter on Tuesday Evening, April 21, 1964. Meeting held at the Chapter House at #38 Dean Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

The basic plans of the New House having been altered to exclude the porch, balconies, and other items which we cannot afford, a meeting was held to review revised bids as brought in by President Cushing C. Bozenhard.

The building cost total was reduced from \$262,000 to \$183,000, a reduction of \$79,000. After considerable discussion it was decided that even though late, we should go ahead and construct the House. The following motions, three in number, were moved, seconded, and passed by five of the seven Directors. The five were:

1. Vice-President Norman Blodgett
2. Treasurer Bradford Dunbar
3. Secretary Robert Gowing
4. Director Norman Olson
5. Active President William Lightfoot

President Cushing Bozenhard abstained because of his position as President of the Bozenhard Company. and Director Archie Horne was absent.

The three motions were:

(1). That the Vice-President and Secretary be empowered to negotiate a mortgage with Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a sum not to exceed \$175,000, with 5% simple interest, for 30 years; the New House to be used as collateral.

(2). That Norman B. Blodgett as Vice-President be authorized to sign a contract with the Bozenhard Company for \$183,000 on a "cost plus" basis, as presented by Cushing C. Bozenhard at the meeting and in a general way representing \$168,000 as "cost" and \$15,000 as the fixed fee. Any cost savings experienced during construction are to accrue to Epsilon Building Association, but the ~~sum~~ for the building shall not exceed \$183,000.

*total cost plus*

(3). That the final plans being completed, that after the Epsilon Building Association shall receive notice in the form of a "release" from G.E. Neut and Sons, Inc., that the sum of \$10,972.50 be paid to Horace M. Barrett, Architect, representing the sum needed to complete Epsilon's contractual payment of 75% of the total architect's fee upon completion of the final plans.

The sum was arrived at as follows:

a. Total Contractual Fee equals 11% of \$183,000 equals	\$20,130.
b. 75% of \$20,130 equals	\$15,097.50
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c. Prior Payments - 2/15/62 -	\$ 690.00
4/8/63 -	\$ 1230.80
1/15/64 -	\$ 2804.10
Sub-total -	\$ 4725.00
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d. Amount of Payment	\$ 4,125.00
	\$10,972.50

Meeting Adjourned 10:30PM      True Copy Attest, *Robert W. Gowing*  
Robert W. Gowing, Clerk

*From the Archives:  
Minutes of the April 24, 1964, EBA meeting to decide to rebuild the chapter house.*

## Alumni Website Continues To Develop

This past August, the server hosting our alumni website was hit by lightning. The lightning did not go through the surge suppressor, but rather right through the window, over my shoulder, and right onto the PC! Several components were damaged, and the website was down for an extended period of time. I have an alternate server in place with a backup copy of our website content.

Some good news: we now have a domain name (oxepsilon.com)! Despite our internet provider woes, we can now enjoy a fixed address for the alumni website, one that is much easier to remember...

<http://alumni.oxepsilon.com>

In addition, we are in the process of overhauling many areas of the site and adding new features. If you have any ideas for things that you would like to see, please send an e-mail with your thoughts to [james.melvin@sun.com](mailto:james.melvin@sun.com).

Lastly, important communications about the events you read about in the *Echo* occur via e-mail. The forum is open to relay worthy information, but controlled to prevent irrelevant banter. Please send your preferred e-mail address to [james.melvin@sun.com](mailto:james.melvin@sun.com) so you can be in touch between *Echo* mailings—and before the next event!

Jim Melvin '85

## Brothers Recognized For Efforts And Achievements

Each year the alumni identify brothers worthy of recognition in academics, participation, and demonstration of our motto, "The Helping Hand." This year's recipients are **Jeff Savard** and **Jeremy Karlin**, academics; **Lenny DelVecchio** and **Bryan Licciardi**, Theta Chi MVP; and **Jim Duggan**, Helping Hand. Congratulations to all the nominees and to the award winners.

## Homecoming 2002 ESB Results

The ESB (Epsilon's Strongest Brother) event is held each Homecoming and consists of a bench press competition. Each competitor gets three lift attempts. The score is the competitor's highest lift divided by his body weight. Here are this year's top five scores...

Place	Name	Lift1	Lift2	Lift3	Weight	ESB Ratio
1	Lenny Delvecchio '02	185	225	(265)	153	1.47
2	Chris Haraldsen '96	205	235	265	191	1.38
3	Dave Morin '02	205	225	235	186	1.26
4	Jim Melvin '85	255	285	315	252	1.25
5	Kurt Gusek '94	205	225	(255)	226	1.00

Check out all the ESB info on the web at <http://alumni.oxepsilon.com/esb>. Please join us next year to observe, judge, or compete.

*Right: ESB winners Dave Morin '02, Lenny Delvecchio '04, Chris Haraldsen '96.*



*Homecoming 2002 cookout on the quad.*

## We Welcome 15 New Brothers

- Ted Haenn . . . . . Ardmore, PA
- Eric Gebrian . . . . . West Hartford, CT
- Thomas Gramzo . . . . . Billerica, MA
- Daniel Jenkins . . . . . Merrimack, NH
- Shamballa Kawamoto . . . . . Bedford, NY
- Nicholas Marcoux . . . . . Swansea, MA
- James McGinley . . . . . Danvers, MA
- Michael Ochs . . . . . Savoy, IL
- Paul Ragaglia . . . . . West Newbury, MA
- Michael Raimondi . . . . . Trumbull, CT
- Andrew Ralich . . . . . Londonderry, NH
- James Schementi . . . . . Garden City, NY
- Michael Veilleux . . . . . Hooksett, NH
- Daniel Vitale . . . . . Plaistow, NH
- Anthony Yergeau . . . . . Hooksett, NH

# Alumni Write

PHILIP J. WALKER '42 makes his home at 5207 Woodlawn Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17109. He enjoys reading the *Echo* and writes, "Although most of the news is about those who came after me, it is still very interesting to read of those who are continuing the traditions and strengthening the brotherhood."

Stay in touch with THOMAS R. LA-CROSSE '53 at lacrosse@gwi.net or at 617 Lake Shore Rd., Saint David, ME 04773.

ROBERT A. LUOMA '54 lives at 4859 Kingdale Dr., San Jose, CA 95124, and e-mail reaches him at raluo@hypersurf.com.

Contact RONALD S. FULLER '57 by e-mail at ronfuller11@cox.net or by "snail mail" at 1500 Duke of Windsor Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

ROBERT M. KANEN '58 is enjoying his retirement at 16 Overlook Dr., Long Valley, NJ 07853. Send e-mail to "RM" at kanen@mindspring.com.

"Had a get-together September 16 with NORM TAUPEKA, DAVE DENNISTON, and JACK McLEOD, all '58, and AL LEVESQUE '59, plus four other '57-'58 guys at Norm's house on the Cape," writes ROBERT V. SHARKEY '59, whose address is 100 Deanville Rd., Attleboro, MA 02703 (bsharkey87@attbi.com).

DAVID A. COOMBE '65 wrote in September that he was in the process of moving to a new position at the Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Hawaii. Mail reaches him at P.O. Box 643, Kalaheo, HI 96741.

Kudos to JONATHAN A. TITUS '67, who recently won a George R. Stibitz Computer and Communication Pioneer Award—a major accomplishment in the computer industry. The prize was awarded in recognition of Jon's invention of the Mark-8, the first hobbyist microcomputer, which appeared as a construction project in the July 1974 issue of *Radio-Electronics* magazine. Jon now works as a freelance technical writer and editor and does computer-design consulting. Drop him a line at jontitus@attbi.com or at 36 Sunset Dr., Milford, MA 01757.

Brothers living in or passing through the DC area are invited to look up

ERNEST E. CORMIER JR. '81 at 2126 Newport Place NW, Washington, DC 20037 (ecormier@yahoo.com).

Employed by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, ARTHUR P. CHRISTIAN II '82 can be reached at polarizing@aol.com or at 1097 River Blvd., Suffield, CT 06078.

ROBERTO C. VELASCO '84 is pleased to announce the arrival of his second son, Kyle, on September 24, 2002. Bert is in his fourth year with Pcubed, Inc., a project management consulting firm based in Ann Arbor. He's also a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, drilling with a unit based in Saint Paul. Keep in touch with him at bvelasco5@hotmail.com or at 41560 Pheasant Creek Dr., Canton, MI 48188.

JOSEPH A. GAMMAL '86 resides at 11 Rosewood Lane, Hopkinton, MA 01748, and his e-mail address is sunsatjoe@attbi.com.

Rebecca and ANDREW HOYEN welcomed their second son, Samuel, on August 27. Andrew writes, "His older brother, Benjamin (2½), is very excited to finally have his little brother around. We'll see how long that lasts!" Congratulate the Hoyens at 3 Blandford Lane, Fairport, NY 14450; ahoyen1@rochester.rr.com.

WILLIAM R. MAHONEY '89 is the executive officer of Special Boat Unit 22, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. Write to Bill at 1109 Forest Ridge Loop, Pearl River, LA 70452, or at bilmahoney@charter.net.

LARRY R. BREEN '94 reports that he has a new job (with Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut), a new baby (his second, Faith Breen, born last August), and a new house (at 72 Robindale Dr., Plantsville, CT 06479). E-mail reaches him at breenfam@peoplepc.com.

Wedding bells rang for MICHAEL "Leo" CHIASSON '99 and Amy McCue on August 3, 2002. Send congratulations to the newlyweds at 245 Lake St., Waltham, MA 02451.

Employed by Putnam Investments, GREGORY V. SAMOS '00 can be reached at greg\_samos@putnam.com or at 61 Edgewater Dr., Pembroke, MA 02359.

## Look At Old Photos On The Web

Harris Howland '70 has uploaded many interesting photos from the '60s and '70s that are worth checking out. He invites you to review them and add to them for all to enjoy. Go to <http://www.imagestation.com/album/?id=4292292325> and register for free to access the photo library.



*WPI Theta Chi, 1930s livingroom*

### **Send us your old pictures!**

You know—like the shot of your old roommate that will embarrass him so much that he calls you up when he sees it in print. Send digital photos to [rldurling@aol.com](mailto:rldurling@aol.com), or send paper prints with your dues payment or gift in the enclosed envelope, and we'll publish them in the next *Echo*.

Write to NATHAN WILFERT '00 at 15841 NE 91st Way, Redmond, WA 98052, or at [nswandses@netscape.net](mailto:nswandses@netscape.net).

We have a new address for JAY KATZ '01: 290 Berlin St., Apt. 102, Clinton, MA 01510; [jkatz@synqor.com](mailto:jkatz@synqor.com).

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## DECEASED

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

EUGENE A. JAKAITIS '52

PAUL M. MURPHY '38  
*November 23, 2000*

HENRY B. PRATT '32  
*October 3, 2001*

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