

DELTA IOTA QUARTERLY

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers and Friends of Theta Chi,

Once again it is my honor and privilege as president of Delta Iota chapter to address you in our quarterly rendition of the newsletter. Much has happened since the end-of-term report issued last spring, and I have never been prouder to call myself a Theta Chi.

In July, Brother Frank Jiruska and myself traveled to Philadelphia to represent Delta Iota at Theta Chi CLC, a meeting of brothers from every active chapter in the country. After four days spent in a casual setting with common brothers and International Headquarters staff alike, we returned home with some new ideas as well as a true appreciation for the brotherhood we have at Northwestern. The summer also saw a continued dedication to house improvement, highlighted by the installation of a new hardwood floor by a crew active brothers as well as alumni young and old. The task was rather intensive, but with the financial help of alumni who graduated in the last decade, the volunteer group of workers successfully disposed of the old floor, and installed the new one in a memorable weekend.

We entered the Fall with two points of emphasis – an improved dedication to on-campus

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Letter from the President*
- *Brotherhood Report*
- *The Social Scene*
- *Alumni News*



SOCIAL SCENE

Naturally, social life has been vibrant over the last couple of quarters. Our annual formal was held during Spring Quarter on a dinner cruise out on Lake Michigan; the night was capped by the fireworks on Navy Pier over the Chicago skyline. On the inter-Greek relations side of the equation, we held a joint barbecue and marshmallow roast with Sigma Alpha Iota, the female music fraternity on campus. During Fall Quarter, the focus was primarily on recruitment, but there was still time to have social events for brothers, the highlight being a trip to a Blackhawks game at the United Center. Our annual Christmas Party was a resounding success, bringing together brothers, young alumni, and their dates to celebrate the season; as to be expected, the White Elephant gift exchange was a resounding success for some and a devastating failure for most. Upcoming plans include serenading sororities for Gone Greek Night and a trip to a Bulls game in support of the GreekBuild philanthropy. Sadly, my Iranian film nights haven't taken off yet, but fortunately, the brothers haven't completely spurned my efforts, staying otherwise resourceful in keeping themselves socially active around campus.

Jesse Anderson-Lehman

Social Chair

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THE HOUSE HAMMER

As always, work on the house continues; finishing touches were made on the renovations to the Library and first floor bathroom, both part of the significant improvements started over Spring Break last year. Over the summer, a new hardwood floor was installed in the main room, spearheaded by current Brothers Steve Bock ('11) and David Gundrum ('10) and Alumnus Brother Jim Bock Sr. ('82), assisted by Alumnus Brothers Jim Bock Jr. ('09) and Sam Hobbie ('09). Other than that, routine maintenance, consisting of weekly cleanups and the like, have kept the house looking sharp. Future projects include new electronic locks to improve security and continuing Brother Mick Paull's ('09) work replacing the aging windows around the house.

Jesse Anderson-Lehman

House Manager

PLEDGE INITIATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

TIME: TBD

THE ACTIVE BROTHERS OF THE DELTA IOTA CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO
CORDIALLY INVITE OUR ALUMNI TO ATTEND THE INITIATION CEREMONY OF
OUR CURRENT PLEDGE CLASS

PLEASE RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

MARSHAL JESSE ANDERSON-LEHMAN

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ALUMNI RESPONSE FORM

Mail in detached form or email:
frankjiruska2007@u.northwestern.edu

Mail to:
Alumni Relations Chair
Theta Chi
572 Lincoln

Name _____ Graduation Year _____

☐ Yes, I will be able to attend the Alumni Barbecue.

☐ No, but I am interested in future such events.

☐ No, I cannot attend due to business obligations/children/being halfway across the country, which will not change in the near future.

☐ No, and how do you still have my address?

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

Good morrow, Gents, and welcome to Theta Chi Delta Iota Chapter Recruitment Boot Camp! In order to be better acquainted with what it means to be a brother in our fine fraternity, let us take a look at recent events of the past year. It all started with the vision of the ten active brothers to make the fraternity more professional. So after a fun and productive work week, there was no holding back. Brothers were relentless in meeting new people and making new friends. From IM dodge ball to tackle football Fridays, and from metal concerts to study sessions, brothers were always doing their part for recruitment. Thus, after all these great activities, recruitment culminated in the winter 2010 rush week. From speaking with recent alums, apparently this year's rush week consisted of all the things older brothers have always wanted to do. Starting out with an inflatable jousting arena in the main room, brothers battled for bragging rights of "The Strongest Man." Of course the winner literally is the strongest man in the world, because we all know that no one is stronger than a Theta Chi! The week ended with a trip to play laser tag, where yours truly dominated the competition winning by over 530 points! The 2009-2010 year has been very successful for Delta Iota Chapter, as we have just added 7 new members to our ranks. There are still boundless opportunities and hopes for this year, as well as the upcoming years. I hope you have enjoyed this little look into the past, and remember men, "Raise the Bar, Rush Theta Chi!"

Chris Andes

Recruitment Chairman

"OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO YOU. WHETHER YOU WISH TO JOIN US FOR DINNER, ATTEND A CHAPTER MEETING, TAKE A TOUR, OR IMPART YOUR EXPERIENCE TO THE BROTHERS OF THETA CHI, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME."

ALUMNI NEWS

Delta Iota Alumnus Clifford Garstang (Class of '75) is celebrating the summer publication of his critically-acclaimed collection of short stories entitled *In an Uncharted Country*. For any of you in the Chicago area, he will be holding a fireside at 3:30 PM on Sunday February 28th at the chapter house. Any alumni who would like to attend are absolutely invited, and refreshments will be served. Congratulations Cliff!

The Brothers of Delta Iota Chapter are extending an invitation to any and all alumni who are able to make it to the chapter house on Saturday, February 27th to attend the initiation of our rush class from this winter. If you are free that weekend, we would love to give you the chance to relive the most powerful ceremony in the fraternity while simultaneously adding to the experience for the new members and active brothers alike. If you are interested in attending, please contact Marshal Jesse Anderson-Lehman (jessea-l@u.northwestern.edu) or President Stephen Bock (s-bock@northwestern.edu) so we can plan accordingly.

Have any news you'd like to share with your Brothers? Contact Alumni Chair Frank Jiruska (frankjiruska2007@u.northwestern.edu) and we'll get you into our next alumni newsletter.



WORDS FROM ALUMNI BROTHERS

Dear Brothers and Friends of Theta Chi,

I wanted to let you know that the undergraduate brothers of Theta Chi will be hosting me at a fireside chat at the fraternity house while I am in Chicago at the end of February. I'll be talking about my book (published in 2009 by Press 53) and the writing life. I hope you'll be able to come by to see me and the house. I will donate a portion of the proceeds of any books sold during the event to the Theta Chi Building Fund.

Sunday, February 28, 3:30 pm

Theta Chi Fraternity

572 Lincoln Ave

Evanston, IL

If you can't come to the fireside, I have two public events lined up, and I'd be delighted to see you at one of them.

Thursday, February 25, 6:00 pm

57th Street Books

1301 E. 57th St.

Chicago, IL

For more information, see: <http://www.semcoop.indiebound.com/event/clifford-garstang-uncharted-country>

Saturday, February 27, 2:00 pm

The Book Stall at Chestnut Court

811 Elm St.

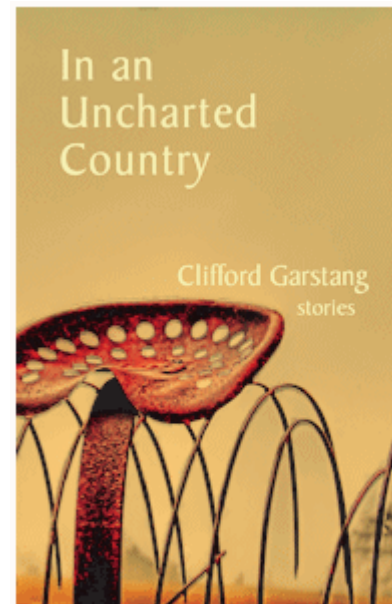
Winnetka, IL

For more information, see: <http://www.thebookstall.com/>

I hope to see you soon! And I'd appreciate it if you'd spread the word!

Cliff Garstang, '75

For more information about the book, see www.CliffordGarstang.com



INFORMATION DRIVE

In previous years, we have held capital drives in order to acquire funds for the maintenance of the house. These drives are important; they guarantee the future of the chapter, and of Theta Chi as a whole. However, our committee believes that this year the capital drive should take place alongside a new kind of drive: An information drive.

With the critical help of a number of our alumni we have met the new Evanston building code requirements over the past year. That accomplishment is a testament to the power of the helping hand and its continued importance beyond the undergraduate years. With one more crisis behind us we turn our attention back to building our alumni network. Fraternities can survive without a house. Without brothers, both active and alumni, the enterprise becomes much more difficult.

As such, we ask you to fill out the following form and send it in— or e-mail the information to the alumni chair at f-jiruska@northwestern.edu. Not only that, but we ask that you forward the addresses, e-mail or otherwise, of other alumni you might be in contact with, so we can rebuild what contacts we have lost over the past several years.

As always, your donations are appreciated, but your brotherhood much more so.

- The Alumni Committee

DELTA IOTA ALUMNI INFORMATION CARD

Your Name _____

Graduation Year _____ E-mail Address _____

Address _____

Other Alumnus Name _____

Other Alumnus Contact Information _____

DELTA IOTA PLEDGE CARD

I would like to pledge \$_____ to support Delta Iota.

Your Name _____

Graduation Year ____ E-mail (optional) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

We would like to recognize your pledge either on our website or on our donations plaque, as a thanks for your kindness and to encourage others. Please check here if you do not want that recognition. ____

Building fund
donations to:

Northwestern
University Theta Chi
Fraternity Fund 4654

2020 Ridge Avenue

Room 230

Evanston, Illinois,
60208

ATTN; Ms. Amy
Larsen

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

philanthropies and a relentless recruitment effort – both of which saw significant success. Brother Chris Andes will offer more on the topic of recruitment later in the letter, but as of now we are proud to see our efforts pay off with the seven new members we welcomed during our winter rush. As for Philanthropy, Brother Rey Sanchez spearheaded the effort. One highlight was our own new event, “Theta Chi: Bringing the Olympics to Chicago.” The afternoon consisted of a series of team events ranging from tug-of-war to a three-legged race. After combining the proceeds from the entry fees for this event with the money we earned for winning the Greek per capita participation contest in the Student Blood Services blood drive last spring, we successfully raised over \$400. We donated this money to Camp Okizu, an organization dedicated to helping families cope with the hardships of childhood cancer. Furthermore, our productive relationship with Student Blood Services continued into the Fall, as we co-sponsored their quarterly blood drive with the Homecoming Committee. We continue to set an example of the Helping Hand through our support of GreekBuild – a campus-wide Greek effort to build a house through habitat for humanity. By sending a couple brothers to a build-date one brisk November Saturday and participating in a number of GreekBuild philanthropies, we have demonstrated our commitment to this cause – a commitment we will continue to honor throughout the winter.

Fall Quarter wasn't all work and no play, however. Social Chair Jesse Anderson-Lehman will offer more detail than I, but between weekly football and some impromptu movie nights, Fall 2009 supplied us with more than our fair share of memorable occasions. Homecoming proved to be one such occasion, as an impressive turnout of over 40 alumni, whose graduation years ranged from the mid 1950's to just last year, returned to the house for an afternoon of barbecuing and story-sharing. Good times were had by all, and speaking as someone who won't be manning the grill next time, I hope to see an even better turnout at next year's Homecoming get-together. Don't feel like homecoming is the only time to swing by the house, though. We have been fortunate enough to see a handful of alumni wander up the steps to 572 Lincoln St. in the last 6 months, and we would like nothing more than to see more of your smiling faces if you find yourselves in the Chicago area. Our doors always open to you.

As always, my best wishes to each and every one of you, and love and respect all your brothers.

Faternally,

Stephen Bock

President

Delta Iota Chapter

SPORTS

Theta Chi has had an exciting year so far playing intramural sports. Not only has almost the entire chapter contributed to our success, but we also managed to include several alumni in our quest for athletic dominance. Fall quarter our flag football team made the playoffs without breaking a sweat and climbed the ladder all the way to the quarterfinals before being taken down in a nail-biting finish. By late in the playoffs we had developed a fan base that would consistently be the only fans in the stadium. In the same quarter we managed to field a competitive dodge ball team which was the source of many new memories and plenty of brotherhood bonding.

Last spring quarter we formed a great soccer team that prided itself on having everyone on the field make a difference. This defense heavy team won some of its games in edge-of-your-seat shootouts which ironically gave most of the team members at least one goal in the season. Our soccer program has been strong in recent years, making it all the way to the semifinals last spring, and we are excited to see what we can make of ourselves this year.



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WE'RE ON THE WEB

[HTTP://GROUPS.NORTHWESTERN.EDU/THETACHI](http://groups.northwestern.edu/thetachi)

NEW UPDATES

ALUMNI BBQ

Thank you to all of the alumni who made it out to this year's Homecoming BBQ at the chapter house. We had a great crowd stop following the Wildcat's 29-28 victory over the Indiana Hoosier's. We are already planning for next year's homecoming which will feature a great football game against the Michigan State Spartans. As always we look forward to reconnecting with brother from throughout the history of our chapter.



