

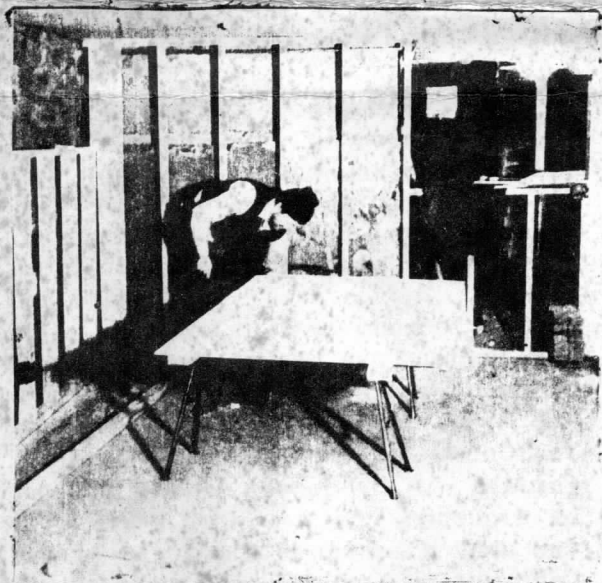
# ALPHA CHI



# ARROW



## THETA CHI: 1856-1976



Sheetrock being laid as basement nears completion.

### AX BASEMENT FINISHED

In what was perhaps the most ambitious project undertaken by the active chapter undergraduates in the past several years, the basement of the chapter house was completely renovated into a TV-game room complex this past January.

The project, co-ordinated by past presidents Carlos Harrington and Ken Schwenke, has long been a goal of the actives. It was not until recently, however, that the increased size of the chapter created both the need and the means for the renovation. According to Bro. Harrington, "With almost fifty

### HOUSE REPORT

Since the last issue of the Alpha Chi Arrow, Theta Chi at Syracuse has continued to prosper and grow. Not only has the physical condition of the house improved (see basement article) but more importantly, the morale of the brothers is at an all-time high. The great "psych" of the brotherhood seems to be a direct result of physical improvements to the house.

The pride that the brothers take in the house has advanced all aspects of Theta Chi. The brothers again held a good rush, getting 7 good pledges. With 7 brothers leaving in May the house will maintain a balance of 41 brothers for next fall. Theta Chi has fielded a team for every intramural sport under the excellent management of Pete Mahlstedt. In an all-Greek event of Snow Sculpture, the Theta Chi men took a strong 2nd place to the engineers of Theta Tau. Alpha Chi Chapter will host 5 other Theta Chi chapters on March 20 for a Regional Convention.

In the Red Cross blood drive last month, Theta Chi placed a close second to the combined Army-Air Force ROTC, an organization of some 200 people.

Chancellor Melvin Eggars paid us a visit last semester



Brother Schwenke with Charcellor Eggers.

## **BASEMENT (cont.)**

active members, the noise level of the downstairs was making studying in the chapter house difficult, if impossible. We hope our new basement can help alleviate some of the noise problem."

Plans for the project began better than a year ago, when the brothers of the chapter decided that a renovated basement was a desirable addition both from scholastic and social standpoints. Initially, many problems were encountered with getting a short term home improvement loan, because of the corporate status of the house. Because of the funding problems with the banks, in November of 1975 it was decided that a co-operative financing arrangement between the alumni and the actives was the best alternative. The arrangement that was agreed upon was that the alumni would loan the undergrads \$800 to be paid back in the 76-77 school year; the balance of the 2800 dollars necessary for the renovation were taken from the actives budget.

The project involved an almost complete change in the basement as it existed before. The work, most of which was contracted to H.J. Bourgon & Son, involved pouring of a new concrete floor, putting in new walls, installing a heating loop, installing electric circuits, and laying new indoor-outdoor carpeting. This was not to say, however, that the brothers of the

chapter did not put in efforts in the renovation. Many of the labor intensive operations, such as sheet rock installation & sanding, painting, and final touches were left to the brothers. A total of over 200 man hours of brother's time was spent in the physical work alone. In addition to the work previously mentioned, a new barnwood bar has been built by the bros at the east side of the basement.

In order to more or less compensate for having the new bar, the old T.V. room on the first floor is currently being converted into a chapter library. "We hope," said Bro Harrington, "that the combination of a new recreation area that will help keep the house quieter along with our new study area, will help this chapter to reach even greater heights than it already has.

## **ELECTION: 1976**

On February 8th, the election of house officers for Alpha Chi Chapter took place. New officers are listed below.

President Patrick McCourt  
 Vice President Michael Johnson  
 Secretary Stuart Kamen  
 Treasurer Drew McKinney  
 Pledge Marshal Luis Oliver  
 Rush Chairman Barry LeClair  
 Social Chairman Jonathan Reed  
 House Manager Quentin Stanton  
 Little Sister Chairman Douglas Loucis  
 IFC Representative William Charamut  
 Intramural Chairman Peter Mahlstedt  
 Historian David Kearns  
 Librarian Stuart Robinson  
 Steward Lawrence Walsh  
 Chaplain Domenick Alteiro  
 1st Guard Frank Adamiak  
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## EGGARS VISITS ALPHA CHI

On November 20th, 1975, Chancellor Melvin Eggars paid the brothers of Alpha Chi Chapter a visit at a dinner held in his honor in the chapter house.

Speaking to a full house of brothers and pledges, Eggars praised the spirit of brotherhood at Theta Chi, citing the many activities that Theta Chi been involved in on campus since he assumed the chancellorship three years ago.

Also in attendance were Chancellor Eggars' wife and Brother Lawrence Van Deusen, the most senior surviving brother of our chapter. Brother VanDeusen pointed out his long standing friendship with the chancellor, rising from the fact that he had once been Chancellor Eggars' economics teacher.

Following the dinner, a discussion period was carried on between the brothers and Chancellor Eggars, during which a number of questions relevant to current university problems were discussed.

This marks the first time in recent memory that a chancellor of the University has visited Theta Chi, and is indicative of the rise in importance of the Greek system on campus in the past few years, and of Theta Chi in particular.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

at a dinner held in his honor. Also in attendance was Brother Larry Van Deusen, the most senior surviving brother of this chapter.

All things considered, it has been a very good year for Theta Chi at Syracuse. Remember: Founder's Day for the local is coming up on April 21. If you are in the area during that time, stop in and look us over. We know you'll like what you see.

## RUSH '76

Alpha Chi Chapter continued a long string of successful rushes this spring with the acquisition of 7 new pledges, culminating what turned out to be one of the most successful rushes on campus.

The rush program, headed by sophomore Barry LeClair, deviated from the normal rush routine by showing the movie Bullit instead of the normal band parties. The idea apparently worked - over fifty rush-ees seriously looked us over. With our present complement of 41 brothers, we could afford to be even more selective than usual. The result was a group of top notch pledges.

Our pledge marshal, sophomore Luis Oliver, anticipates a more active pledge program than in the past. According to Oliver, the program will include the ideals of brotherhood, house by laws, and parliamentary procedure, as well as the conventional service projects, beer chases, scavenger hunts, etc.

As of this writing, the pledge program is well under way, the pledge class having picked their officers as well as their big brothers.

The pledge program is indicative of the major changes in the house in the past few years, which have propelled us to a position among the strongest houses on campus. As Ulysses Connor put it last semester, "Theta Chi has got it all together."

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