



The Official Newsletter of the *Kappa Sigma Chapter of the Theta Xi Fraternity*  
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### A Word From the President

Jacob Resch KΣ 1331

Brothers,

I am pleased to announce the completion of another successful summer academic term here at the Kappa Sigma Chapter of the Theta Xi Fraternity! We had 8 bids returned at the close of the term, so we have much to look forward to with the upcoming winter semester. I'm proud to announce five brothers gaining their alumni status this semester as well. Morale in the house is great, and we've really been focusing to get our academic achievement higher as each term goes on. Our academics are the first and foremost reason we are at Kettering, so we're working to help all of our brothers achieve to their full potential and beyond.

We're looking forward to the upcoming winter term, where we will have just shy of 30 people living in at Theta Xi, with the active members and our new associate members living in the chapter house. Our plan is to have many new Brothers of Theta Xi, succeed academically, and continue to improve the house and brotherhood in the upcoming term. Thank you to all the Brothers, alumni and active alike that helped our Chapter succeed in this past term, and set us up for great things with each term to come!

YITB,

Jacob Resch  
KΣ1331

### A Word on the Chapter House

Eric Schnabel KΣ 1352

Brothers,

There are exciting changes going on at 2829 Sunset Drive. Most recent projects involve addressing flooding issues that have plagued our house for years. To recap, we recently had our storm drain reconfigured with a back flow prevention valve along with the installation of a new sump pump. After a 100-year rain, a flood took most of the wood paneling and floor tiles from the rec-room with it. A new project was then approved to seal the rec-room walls from the outside.



This will involve removing the dirt from around the foundation, applying the sealer, then replacing the dirt and constructing a new back entrance. It was also approved to put a new floor into the rec-room once the walls have been sealed. New fixes in the kitchen have also been implemented including fixing the hood fan above the stove.

YITB,  
Eric Schnabel  
KΣ 1352

### Recruitment Report

Richard Cassel KΣ 1342

For the summer of 2012, we had another successful term of recruiting very prestigious men. I would like to thank all of the brothers who applied for a unit buddy application. Despite having nearly ten brothers as unit buddies, initial attendance to events was low. Although recruitment was initially slow, it seemed to be a campus wide trend as discovered by talking to other houses. There were a few freshmen who were at the house most of the time, and as the term progressed, other freshmen began to show interest. There were fourteen potential new members that attended the annual canoe trip, our most successful event. We were very selective in the bids we handed out, and the brotherhood seemed to unanimously support each bid extended. I am pleased to announce that at the end of the semester, we have eight bid acceptees. Information for the acceptees is as follows:

- Calvin Hamilton, Freshman, Grand Ledge, MI
- Chadd Ketchum, Sophomore, Wheatfield, IN
- Jeremy Kindl, Freshman, Muskego, WI
- Mitchell Koupal, Freshman, MI
- Phillip Morris, Freshman, NJ/CO
- Ryan Pruitt, Freshman, Lapeer, MI
- Alec Cherny, Freshman, Durand, MI
- Max Engler, Freshman

Thank you everyone for another successful recruitment term. I look forward to developing the bonds of brotherhood with each associate member as they grow to be men at Theta Xi.

YITB,  
Richard Cassel  
KΣ 1342

### Scholarship Report

Joshua DeAndy KΣ 1330

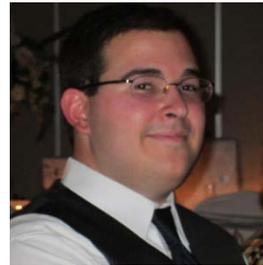
Brothers,  
As you may know, grades have been a recent issue with the house, but I am proud to share that our cumulative GPA is a 2.85 which is above the new Kettering IFC average of 2.5 and the Theta Xi average of 2.7. We have unanimously agreed to keep our 2.7 standard for allowing any bid acceptees to proceed with the process of becoming a brother. I would also like to share that we ,as a brotherhood, have implemented a new policy of "Quiet Days" on the day after Spyke's Night and Sundays in an effort to encourage everyone to dedicate enough time to their studies. Also, we have implemented new By-Laws to specifically discourage poor academic performance. As it has been in the past, those who have not made grades are stripped of their voting rights for the term and I as this year's Scholarship Chairman have had regular meetings with those who have not achieved a term or cumulative GPA of 2.7. Personally, I feel that the vast majority of members recognize their responsibility to maintain high academic standards not only for themselves, but for the Fraternity as a whole.

YITB,  
  
Josh De Andy  
KΣ 1330

**Graduating Seniors**

John Boswell III  
KΣ1316  
  
Mechanical Engineer  
(automotive specialty)  
  
Chrysler Group LLC

John is from South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He co-oped with Ron Morris at BorgWarner. Chrysler hired John on full time after he graduated. Currently John facilitates the builds of prototype vehicle programs through the procurement and management of prototype parts of and processes.



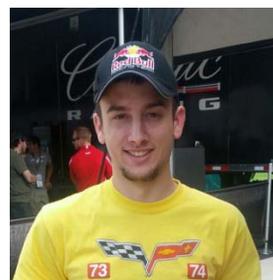
Jonathan Bushkul  
KΣ1321  
  
Mechanical Engineer  
(automotive specialty)  
  
AVL

Jon is from Ann Arbor Michigan. AVL was his co-op sponsor for 4.5 years and hired him on full time upon graduation. Jon is currently doing Graduate Rotation at AVL which is a six month rotation through different departments of the company.



Corey Allard  
KΣ1322  
  
Mechanical Engineer  
  
Isuzu

Corey is a Mechanical Engineer from Orion, MI. He is currently working as a calibration and testing engineer and plans on continuing full time at Isuzu pending completion of his thesis.



Ronald Morris III  
KΣ1322  
  
Mechanical Engineer  
(automotive specialty)  
  
BorgWarner

Ron completed his co-op and is currently employed at BorgWarner. He hails all the way from Tucson, AZ but currently resides in Holly, MI. Currently Ron is developing and validating a solenoid for a Variable Valve Timing system.

**A Note for our Alumni**

We are always happy to hear from our Alumni.  
Don't be afraid to swing by the house or give us a call at (810) 875-9832.

Is there anything recent going on in your lives you would like the Growl to announce? Wedding announcements, job announcements, or other? Let us know, we'll get the word out! Want to join us for an evening dinner and reminisce? Contact one of our officers or committee heads about us hosting you for a dinner. Formal dinners are 6-6:30pm, Monday through Thursday, although special arrangements can be made. We hope to see all of you sometime. Don't be strangers in your old house!

Feel free to contact any of the following Brothers  
the following Executive Council or Committee Heads:

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