

# Rush Theta Xi!



*Be a Leader... Be a Scholar...  
Be a Theta Xi!*

Welcome to 205 East Armory – Theta Xi fraternity. Nearly 1,900 young men have walked through the same doors you just walked through bearing the letters of ΘΞ. Many of them were former Illini athletes, campus leaders, and dedicated students. Today, they are prestigious businessmen, doctors, educators, outstanding philanthropists, and outstanding servants to their state and country.

Today, living within these walls you will find some of the best, brightest, and most fun that Illinois has to offer.

- Boast outstanding grades
- Athletics letterman
- Student ambassadors
- IFC board members
- Student government leaders

We seek the best in new members, and look to make them even better.

YOU have the opportunity to take the first step by joining us at one of our rush events. We hope that you continue to keep Theta Xi in mind as you explore your fraternity options. However, if you're looking to be a part of the best at Illinois, develop as a leader, give back to others, and have a lot of fun – you've found it!

If you want to know more about recruitment, new membership, leadership opportunities, or have general question, we encourage you to speak to one of us.

Damn Proud!

Jared Borlack  
Recruitment Chairs

Mike Bator

Geno Kurolapnik



## RUSH Calendar:

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|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/19: | Pizza and Pop                                                       |
| 1/20: | Jimmy John's Cabin<br>Inauguration Party/<br>Illini Basketball Game |
| 1/23: | Hockey Game                                                         |
| 1/24: | Basketball at IMPE                                                  |
| 1/26: | Chapter Meeting                                                     |
| 1/27: | Poker and Cigar Night                                               |
| 1/29: | Minnie Game                                                         |
| 1/30: | '70s Bowling                                                        |
| 1/31: | Snow Football                                                       |
| 2/1:  | Super Bowl Party                                                    |





### Socials:

- Barndance
- 70's Bowling
- Spring Formal
- Acapulco Spring Break
- Theta Xiland
- Home Football
- Block & Cookouts

*PLUS social events with other Greek organizations on campus.*

### By the Numbers:

Total Members: 122  
New Members (Fall 2008): 34

Chapter GPA: 3.0716  
New Member GPA: 2.9251

## Theta Xi Snapshot:

<b>Founded:</b>	March 15, 1873, University of Massachusetts
<b>Founded:</b>	April 29, 1864
<b>Cardinal Values:</b>	Brotherhood, Scholarship, Service, & Character
<b>Open Motto:</b>	JUNCTI JUVANT which translates "united they serve"
<b>Alpha Beta Founded:</b>	April 8th, 1922
<b>Number of Active Members:</b>	122
<b>Number of Alumni:</b>	1,800+
<b>Philanthropy:</b>	Habitat for Humanity

## Theta Xi's National Leadership Initiative:

Five years ago, the National Grand Lodge of Theta Xi began a leadership initiative designed to transform Theta Xi Fraternity into the premier leadership Fraternity in the nation. This goal has been realized with the institution of an annual 4-day Leadership Academy in the winter and a 1-day district Leadership Workshop in the spring where representatives from all the national chapters assemble to discover and practice the methods of highly effective leaders. In addition, the Alpha Beta chapter is a self-run and regulated organization that offers countless opportunities to hold a position and gain valuable leadership experience.

## Brothers' Majors:

Having 122 brothers who have already experienced success at the University of Illinois means that you have unlimited resources for finding what classes to take, which instructors to avoid/seek out, and what tests are like. We have brothers currently studying:

<i>Business</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
<i>Pre-Medicine</i>	<i>Engineering</i>	<i>Poly Sci/History</i>
<i>Science</i>	<i>Communications</i>	



# Is Theta Xi Right For You?



## Benefits of Joining Theta Xi:

- Friendships for life
- Academic support and scholarship
- Real leadership development experience
- Proximity to campus and top notch amenities
- Career networking
- A place to always call home

"Accepting my bid 3 years ago was one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make. I didn't know what to expect out of rush and viewed it as an opportunity to meet a lot of people and maybe get some free food along the way. Since joining Theta Xi I have met and lived with some of my best friends, gone on the most amazing vacations, and have grown as a leader both within the fraternity and out."

—Michael Abello '08



## The House: 205 East Armory

One of the great benefits of joining Theta Xi is the opportunity to live in the brand new house which will be built and completed by August 2009.

- **Living** – over 50 rooms housing 70+ brothers, brand new A/C and Heating system
- **Studying** – multiple living and study room areas, and wireless internet
- **FOOD** – full kitchen equipped
- **Brotherhood** – a huge Lounge room, weight room, and TV room for meetings, socials, events, and just hanging out
- **Basketball & Parking** – Behind the house there will be a full-length Basketball court and room for 20+ cars
- **Facilities** – 15+ bathrooms along with a laundry room

## Executive Board Members

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# A Message for Parents of Prospective Members

Dear Parents,

At Theta Xi Fraternity, we pride ourselves in affirming the values that you have instilled in your son and developing him into a strong leader for his campus, community, and country. As alumni of Theta Xi, we work in collaboration with the undergraduates to set goals, establish best practices, and provide supportive oversight of our beloved fraternity. We take pride in our role in helping provide guidance to support your son's development; as a result, we are very serious in our job of assuring that the young men who make up the Alpha Beta chapter of Theta Xi are the best that they can be.

We acknowledge that as a parent of a college student, you may have objections to your son joining a fraternity. News stories of hazing, binge drinking deaths, and other debauchery appear with distressing frequency. Sadly, this is the only news you will usually see from modern day fraternity life. Let me assure you that the men of Theta Xi Fraternity take no part in such dangerous activities.

What we focus on are those principles upon which our fraternity was founded at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on April 29, 1864: **Brotherhood, Scholarship, Service & Character.**

**Brotherhood** – We pride ourselves in having a tightly-knit brotherhood. Together, the Chapter accomplishes great things; individually, we would fail. We are NOT a “house;” rather we are a “fraternity”! Our brotherhood extends into our alumni, where we have committed ourselves to building a state of the art \$3 million structure to replace our venerable 81 year old fraternity house. Rest assured that 205 East Armory will provide a safe and beautiful home to your son for years to come.

**Scholarship** – The chapter's academic standing is emphasized by both the undergraduate and alumni leadership. As of Spring 2007, our fraternity GPA was 6<sup>th</sup> out of 45 reporting fraternities on campus, with a GPA above the all men's average and the fraternity average. We maintain a scholarship chair who oversees a study hours program for all associate members and all brothers whose GPA is below 2.5. The brotherhood rewards good grades with prizes and maintain a test file that can be accessed for review for tests and finals in most classes. We as an alumni association have established academic scholarships to the four brothers who achieve the highest GPA each year.

**Service** – The Alpha Beta chapter of Theta Xi Fraternity believes that service to others makes our young men stronger in character and compassion. To that end, we are committed to making our community a better place to live for all. The undergraduate brothers participate in numerous philanthropic activities across campus. Furthermore, Theta Xi sponsors several major events each academic year, raising thousands of dollars for Habitat for Humanity. We also require our members to complete a minimum of 5 service hours each semester to remain active in fraternity events.

**Character** – Theta Xi National Fraternity has long prescribed to a no-hazing policy. While overcoming challenges are a critical piece of your son's development, this will not take the shape of any mental, psychological, or physical hazing at Theta Xi. We have a structured 10-week associate member education program wherein new members learn the history and principles of Theta Xi Fraternity and embark upon a journey into a larger world of leadership and service that culminates in their becoming active members.

Deciding to join a fraternity is a big step for your son - and for you, his parents. I can assure you that becoming a brother of our Fraternity will provide your son one of the richest and most positive experiences in his college years. He will be developing life-long friendships, learning leadership and academic life skills, and having lots of fun. I encourage you to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns and hope you support his decision to become a member.

Sincerely,

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PS: Feel free to visit our alumni website at [www.thetaxi-ab.org](http://www.thetaxi-ab.org) for more information!

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