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The B-CS Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta invites all collegiate and alumnae members to an Ice Cream Party

Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Please call 822-3001  
- Donna Dee Chastain  
or 846-1839  
Mary Terrell  
We'd love to have you.

P.S. If you can't come, call anyway and let us know you're here.

# 13-year-old boy building computer to do homework

**United Press International**  
PEORIA, Ill. — Brian Moran, 13, is working on a modern solution to an age-old schoolboy problem. He's building a computer to do his homework.

The project may be beyond the abilities of an ordinary 13-year old — and most adults — but Brian is "a very unusual child," according to his mother.

At 11, he devised and built a solid state transformer for his train set at one-third the cost of a store model. Last year, another computer project took him to the finals of the state science fair.

Brian speaks enthusiastically of his latest project and has other uses in mind besides homework.

"I envision that I'm going to hook it up so in the morning it will wake me up and tell me what plans I have for the day," he said.

"If we go away on vacation, for extra security I can just put a few sensors around the house. I could have it call the fire department or the police if anything happened, explaining that this is a tape-recorded message.

"And before I get into high school, I would like to interface it with another well-known computer that knows the English language — so I can do my homework and store it up a few months in advance."

Brian calls his computer "Sig-necomp," after Signetics Corp., of

Sunnyvale, Calif., which gave him a key component — an advanced microprocessor chip.

He has built a central processing unit board and a front panel, and now needs to hook up a "TV tube" so he can monitor the computer's activities.

For openers, he hopes to enter a year's spelling assignments into the computer. Then, when an assignment is due, he can instruct the computer to print out the completed assignment, ready to turn in.

His teachers at the Washington School for the Academically Gifted have encouraged his ideas.

Last year, at the state science fair finals, Brian was awarded "outstand-

ing" marks for both his paper and his exhibit.

"Five or six people who were experts in the field grilled him," recalled Brian's father, Donald Moran, a businessman.

After they questioned him for a while, one fellow's comment was, "Well, I've asked him everything I know about the subject, so I'll have to take his word for it."

"He's a very unusual child," said Brian's mother, Helen. "When he was 3 or 4 years old, we'd find him looking through Newsweek magazine rather than through his nursery books.

"It really bothers me. I wish he had taken up something that I could talk to him about."

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## Salts on plants can be removed

**United Press International**  
LINCOLN, Neb. — About the time white stuff stops falling out doors it begins building up on houseplants indoors.

The dirty white crust that tends to form on soil and pots toward the end of winter consists of soluble salts rising to the surface as the

plants dry out quickly in the dry, warm environment.

Don Steinegger, extension horticulturist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, says this white stuff can be avoided by using distilled instead of tap water. Because purchased distilled water is expensive, he recommends substituting clean melted snow or drippings from

a defrosting refrigerator.

Salts that have already formed should be scraped off the soil surface before adding some new soil mix. Leaching also works; set the plant in a sink or over a bucket and add fresh tap water as fast as the soil can absorb it. Use at least five times as much water as the pot would hold if it were empty.

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Jethro Tull Songs from the Wood  
Steve Miller Band Fly Like an Eagle  
Bad Company Burning Sky  
Fleetwood Mac Rumours  
Kansas Leftoverture  
Peter Gabriel Peter Gabriel  
Kinks Sleepwalker  
Bob Seeger and the Silver Bullet Band Night Moves  
Stevie Wonder Songs in the Key of Life  
Electric Light Orchestra A New World Record

**RIISERS**  
Sea Level Sea Level  
Weather Report Heavy Weather

**The Band Islands**  
Bob James The Bob James Four  
Return to Forever Musicmagic  
Nils Lofgren I Came to Dance  
Jesse Colin Young Love on the Wing  
Renaissance Noelle  
Justin Hayward Songwriter  
REO Speedwagon You Get What You Play For  
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Klaatu Klaatu  
Jennifer Warnes Jennifer Warnes

**FADERS**  
ZZ Top Tejas  
America Harbor  
Boston Boston  
Wings Wings over America  
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David Bowie Low  
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**Jimmy Buffett Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitudes**  
Jackson Browne The Pretender  
Al Stewart Year of the Cat  
Pink Floyd Animals  
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