

# The Theta Data

FEBRUARY 2004  
DELAWARE, OHIO

THETA CHAPTER • BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY • OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



## ALUMNI BOARD

Aldo Adachi '99  
248-305-8912 (H)  
aldoadachi@hotmail.com

Erik Baudendistel '96  
614-854-1991 (O)  
eric.baudendistel@glencore-us.com

John Bolek '88  
330-467-6562  
johnmbolek@aol.com

Brad Chelton '98  
bradford.chelton@ey.com

Richard DeVos '54, Past President  
440-835-1546  
devos367@mediaone.net

Andres Duarte '65  
011-582-261-1255  
aduarte@dvaccs.com

Eric Eickhoff '00  
900-800-2382, ext. 266 (O)  
cadmus1641@yahoo.com

Tim England '01  
317-549-3793  
voltfish@aol.com

Ben Graham '52  
937-667-3380 (O)  
bensgraham@aol.com

Urlin Harris '58  
740-548-3623 (H)  
uharris@columbus.rr.com

Martin Haskell '68, Secretary/Treasurer  
513-272-0279 (H) • 513-272-0002 (O)  
martyh@fortemgt.com

Levi Levingston '97  
614-488-8553 (H)  
levingston@hotmail.com

Thomas J. Tatham '56, Editor  
937-298-7682 (H) • 937-298-7075 (O)  
tomtatham@aol.com

Chuck Underwood '68, President  
614-861-5466 (H) • 614-237-9802 (O)  
cunderhoops@aol.com

Bob Wyant '50  
740-369-2252 (H) • 740-424-5645 (O)  
wyant@battelle.org

## Alumni Personality Profile

Paul "Kissy" Kisseberth '54, #884

Normally, Alumni profile's are the result of personal interviews with the featured brother. Paul Kisseberth lives in Connecticut and a personal interview was not practical. Even better, in this case and at the request of the editor, Paul sent "his story" which follows, in his own words, with but few edits.

### *The Early Years*

My mother and father grew up on farms in Ohio; my dad outside McCutchenville, and my mother north of Tiffin. Neither had the privilege of going to college or graduating from high school. The necessity for a job had a higher priority. Dad was nine years older than mother and I was born when she was 19. She always exclaimed, "13 months after your dad and I were married!" I was their only child. They could not afford more.

Our home was in McCutchenville, (affectionately called Scutch) Ohio. It then and now still has a population of approximately 200. Our home was next to a little store which was next to the school I attended all 12 years. My parents boarded school teachers during the depression to supplement their income. You can be assured my parents received my report card, not only every six weeks, but every night at dinner and mostly when I was not present.

Living close to the school gave me ready access to the school yard, ball field and gymnasium. Most of my friends lived on outlying farms. Pick up baseball and basketball games were very popular. My mother's brother was a very good athlete whom I admired. He owned a farm near Tiffin, Ohio and each summer from grades 1-8, I stayed with my aunt and uncle to help on his farm. I am the oldest of 13 first cousins, therefore, I was milking cows and driving a tractor when I was seven. My parents felt it was better for me to be on the farm during the summer than being around Scutch's older boys.

By the time I was in junior high, there were two fathers in our town who took an interest in coaching and developing the baseball skills of those of us that were always playing during any free time we had together. By the time we got to high school, we were pretty good individually and as a team. My freshman year we won all of our games, except losing in the finals of the District tournament. By that time I was playing baseball with the American Legion team and the Tiffin Mudhens, a semi-pro team, during the summers.

There were 75 students in our entire high school, and only 33 boys. My sophomore year, we won all of our games except one, being defeated in the Ohio State regional quarter finals. My junior year we won all of our games except one and that was in the Ohio State final. My senior year we won all of our games except one and that was the Ohio State quarter finals. Thus, during my four years of high school, we won 54 games and only lost 4. My dream in life was to become a professional baseball player.

Our high school principal wanted me to attend college, as did my parents. No one from "Scutch" had ever attended college. I had been scouted by the St. Louis Cardinals, Boston Braves and Cleveland Indians. All of the scouts urged me to attend college. Our principal graduated from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. He recommended Ohio Wesleyan over Capital because of OWU's baseball program.



Paul "Kissy" Kisseberth '54



Paul Kisseberth and Annie Grinton '54

Continued on page 4

## The Next Step

By Eric Eickhoff '00

### TRUSTEE, HOUSE CORPORATION

Since my last note to you, there has been further House Corporation discussion regarding the recolonization of Theta Chapter. During the 164<sup>th</sup> General Convention, 5 trustees of Theta Chapter House Corporation met to discuss (1) the financial stability of the corporation, (2) the communication between the chapter's alumni and (3) the possibility of returning to Ohio Wesleyan. The majority of the discussion focused on the latter topic as we were joined by Beta Theta Pi Vice President Kirk Little, East Carolina '82 and R. Ethan Braden, Willamette '01, the associate director of expansion for the Fraternity.



It was learned during the meeting with the National officials, that the earliest they would be able to support a recolonization effort at Ohio Wesleyan would be the 2005-06 academic year. While Theta chapter is on the list of "tentative returns", there is still a tremendous amount of work to be done before moving forward. There are two major obstacles that we as alumni must overcome; first is the recruitment of an advisory team and other alumni who will support the new chapter, and the second is formal approval for recolonization from both Ohio Wesleyan and the OWU Inter-Fraternity Council. I am confident that we will be able to receive the support from the University if we can recruit alumni to volunteer for the key mentoring work to be done. The main focus will now be recruiting alumni who will be willing to serve as advisors to help support and mentor the undergraduate leaders and the chapter.

In the past, the house corporation served as a pseudo advisory team. A new model of advisory team support will need to be created. The structure will consist of two separate entities, the house corporation and an advisory team. The house corporation will continue with many of the same responsibilities as it had in the past. The advisory team will need to consist of at the minimum five people who would communicate and visit the chapter and its officers on a regular basis, supporting and mentoring the men as they work within the guidelines of the *Men of Principle Initiative* and monitoring their progress towards reaching specific goals. To find out more about the advisory team and its responsibilities please go to: <http://www.betathetapi.org/mp/advisotyteam.htm>. As we move forward in the months ahead, members of the house corporation will be recruiting Delaware and Columbus area alumni to serve as advisors or volunteer in other ways. If you are interested in serving as an advisor or would like to discuss it, please contact me at (800) 800-2382 or [eickhoff@wooglin.com](mailto:eickhoff@wooglin.com).

Respectively submitted in —kai—,  
Eric Eickhoff, Ohio Wesleyan '00

Want to see "live" what is going on at OWU? Just go to the internet at <http://www.jaywalkcam.owu.edu>.

## Words From the Regional Director

By Marty Haskell '68



### RECOGNITION FOR THE *MEN OF PRINCIPLE INITIATIVE*

Beta Theta Pi continues to receive recognition for the *Men of Principle Initiative*.

In 2001, Beta received the prestigious Association of Fraternity Advisors Award for Excellence in Educational Programming for the *Men of Principle Initiative*.

This year Beta has once again been honored with this same award, this time for the Beta Wilderness Challenge.

Beta Foundation Director Jonathan Brant accepted the award at a large gathering of university administrators and fraternity staff people from all over the Greek world.

In November our recolonization effort at Indiana University was featured in the Indiana Daily Student (IDS). The story can be read in its entirety on line at the following link: <http://www.idsnews.com/story.php?id=19686>

Currently the Board of Directors is undertaking a strategic mission review. Originally a committee was put together to review progress and develop strategic planning for the *Men of Principle Initiative* (MPI). They quickly determined that the issue was to what extent to apply MPI across the fraternity as a whole. Currently MPI is a voluntary program that individual chapters need a 90% vote to pursue, although, all new colonies are established as *Men of Principle* chapters. Currently there are over 30 MPI chapters out of 135.

Yours in —kai—, Marty

## AN ALUMNI MYSTERY

*The following comes from brother Chuck Ordway, '48 and solicits your help in solving his life-long mystery. Here is his "plight":*

"My story follows: Back in 1948, this old fellow left in the furnace room at 54 W. Lincoln an Iver-Johnson bicycle. I'm sure many of you know what old bikes are worth today. Here's my offer: if anyone took that bike from the basement, just perhaps it might be located. It was black and white, had balloon tires, a cycle-saddle, a basket, and a bell. It had yellow rims as well. I rode that bike between campuses when I washed dishes at Monnett for Douglas Mendenhall, the head cook at Monnett. I've often wondered what became of the bike and I'm offering \$1,000 to the Theta House Corporation if this bike is located and returned to me. And I'll pay any expenses involved. Guaranteed my check will be good. If this offer is of no interest to Theta, just forget it. If anyone other than a Beta returns it to me, they'll get the money. I'd rather Theta get it of course!"

Yours in —KAI— Charles B. Ordway #698

"A pig in a poke? Maybe, maybe not! Too, I'm hoping Theta will again be a chapter at Wesleyan."

What a great opportunity for someone to help Chuck and to sweeten the House Corporation treasury!! Chuck can be reached at: 122 Sweetbriar Lane, Etowah, NC 28729-9733, phone (828) 891-8074.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

It was just 50 years ago this past June 13<sup>th</sup> that Dick McClintock and Ginger Carter, both OWU class of 1953, were married in a very special Beta ceremony by the late Dr. Seth R. Brooks, St. Lawrence '22. The ceremony was at the Universalist National Memorial Church in Washington DC.

All of the ushers were OWU Betas and included Dick Davenport '53 (best man), Norm Slenker '51, Bob Neff '53, Dick DeVos '54, and Milt Irvin '55 (Dick McClintock's little brother). There were 22 Betas in attendance, which included one from Kenyon, Joe Culp, a high school classmate of Ginger's.



*Dick and Ginger McClintock wedding*



*AJG Priest and Dr. Seth Brooks*

Dr. Seth R. Brooks was General Secretary of the fraternity, and Assistant chaplain of US Senate at the time. Dr. Brooks graduated from St. Lawrence College as a proud member of Beta Theta Pi. His profession was as minister of Universalist National Memorial Church. In his first book on Beta history, Dr. Brooks wrote fondly of his first "all Beta" wedding. When all of "his boys" sang during the reception, a big smile came across Dr. Brooks and his face lit up the whole of

Washington DC that day. He was a dear friend of Ginger's parents and she cherishes many fond memories of Seth and his wife, Corrine.

The McClintocks are the proud parents of 1 daughter and 1 son, and grandparents of 5. They reside at 205 Sloane Square Way, Charlotte, NC 28211-2969, and can be reached at telephone number (704) 366-8204 or email at [rmac53@mindspring.com](mailto:rmac53@mindspring.com).

As a part of their celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup>, the McClintocks were joined with friends, family and OWU Betas Bob Neff and Ted Chaney.

On the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup>, we all wish them a "hip hip hooray" and another happy 50 years to come!



*Dick and Ginger McClintock at 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party.*

## Fiesta Bowl Alumni News

On a recent visit to the Fiesta Bowl [and the Bucks won again], the editor had the pleasure of dinner and an evening visit with Pat (James) and Dee Simpson '54 at their retirement home in Tucson.



*Pat and D. Simpson '54*

They send their best and look forward to their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion this year. Dee's email is [simpsondps@aol.com](mailto:simpsondps@aol.com). Following Tucson, a 2 night stay in Las Vegas with Bob Corey '54 and lunch with Jack Mathews '54 and son JJ were among the trips highlights.



*(left to right) - Bob "Oaf" Corey '54, Jack "Cousin" Mathews '54 and son JJ*

Corey and Mathews look great and are doing fine. Corey has no computer, but Mathews [spurred on by his son JJ] now has a digital camera and computer, and can be reached on email at [jackmat37@wmconnect.com](mailto:jackmat37@wmconnect.com).

# QUESTIONS?

*Visit the Beta National Web Site  
or call ...*

BetaTheta Pi national headquarters has a Web Site which is located at [www.BetaThetaPi.org](http://www.BetaThetaPi.org)

Give it a try! You will find many items of interest including:

- ▶ About Beta
- ▶ Men of Principle
- ▶ Beta Resources
- ▶ Support Staff
- ▶ News and Events
- ▶ Features and Services
- ▶ The Foundation

Of particular interest is the directory. Click on Features and Services, then click on Membership Directory where you will have to register and then you will be able to use it for searching names, class years, addresses, etc. Call **1-800-800-BETA**.

## CLASS OF '54 GOLDEN REUNION PLANS

May 13-16, 2004 marks the Golden Anniversary for the OWU graduation class of 1954. Paul "Kissy" and Ann Grinton Kisseberth were selected by their class as co-chairs. They have been working hard to encourage all to return and are putting additional push for the best Beta class turnout. To date, Kissy says he knows at least 12 of his class are planning to return. He says that is not good enough because he knows the Phi Gams and Delts are determined to have a better return than the Betas for the first time of any of our reunions. The University is designating Saturday, 2-4 PM as the official time for fraternities and sororities to meet (together) separately. Kissy is certain there will be more info on this from OWU before the gathering in Delaware. He points out that the Golden Key Class members are guests of the University and a great celebration is in store for all attendees! Be sure and make your reservations and housing arrangements soon. Questions? Contact Paul Kisseberth at [kissey1@juno.com](mailto:kissey1@juno.com).



## Paul "Kissy" Kisseberth

*Continued from page 1*

One weekend, during my junior year in high school, he arranged for me to visit Ohio Wesleyan. The University assigned me to stay at the Beta house. I did not even know what a fraternity was! During the weekend, I was introduced to Don Wedge, '51 and Bix Newhard '52. They "just happened" to be from Carey, Ohio, seven miles from "Scutch".

My senior class had 15 students. While most boys took 4-H, my parents insisted I take two years of Latin. Am I ever glad I took that language requirement in high school! Since I was in the upper third of my class, OWU accepted my application. I definitely was a "walk on".

### *Off To College*

Before I knew it, during the summer of my senior year, I was visited by Don Wedge and Bix Newhard. They were very persuasive about the idea of my becoming a Beta pledge. Sounded great to me, thus I was wearing a Beta pledge pin before they left town. Today I understand the full meaning of their influence in my life. I had no clue at the time.

When I arrived at OWU my freshman year, I was overwhelmed and unprepared, certainly academically. I still look at my pledge class picture and note that I was the only one of

24 wearing a tee shirt! I knew one thing, at least I could play baseball. I did feel good about myself.

That first year I lived in a home across from the Beta house and roomed with another Beta pledge, Peter Kaufman '54. Hank Baldwin '54 and Robert Neff '53 lived on the third floor. Don Wedge became my BIG BROTHER and my idol. I would attend football practices just to watch him play. [Editor's note — Don Wedge '51 was one of the outstanding football stars in OWU sports history, having scored 5 touchdowns in one game — a record which still stands, and who was elected to the OWU Hall of Fame].

I did just make my grades and was initiated into Beta Theta Pi in 1951 — one of the highlights of my entire life.

Why? I needed Beta and what it represented. The relationships made then have become life-long friendships to this day. At the time, it was my family and home away from home. My family and "Scutch" were proud.

My commitment to varsity baseball and basketball at OWU did take me away from important fraternity experience due to practice and team travel. [Editor's note — the editor personally saw Paul on the Edward's Gym basketball court where he was a "wizard", bringing the ball down court and driving the basketball with his beautiful delivery of a lay-up for two points for the Battling Bishops of Coach Bob

Strimer.] I would not have graduated if it had not been for the support and encouragement of my fraternity brothers.

I must include that Bix Newhard introduced me to his cousin, Ann Grinton, also a freshman, early our sophomore year. As it turned out, Ann's father was a Beta from Connecticut Wesleyan. I met him the first time at lunch in our Beta house dining room during a parent weekend while dating Ann. Later I learned from Ann that Bix's great grandfather was also a Beta. He was a Dr. of Divinity and a professor at Ohio U before coming to Delaware to initiate OWU's Philosophy Department. At one point he was interim President of OWU and also had the distinction of performing the wedding and funeral services for President Rutherford B. Hayes [also from Delaware]. We have Dr. McCabe's Beta pin which measures 3/4" in height and reads, "Rev. L.D. McCabe, D.D., 4-17-1853." We understand he was one of those instrumental in shaping the beginning of the Miami Triad. Over two dozen members of Ann's family attended OWU.

Ann and I were married June, 1954, ten days following our graduation. We will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2004.

### *Off To The Air Force*

I did take ROTC at OWU. In November, 1954 I was sent to Vance AFB, Enid, Oklahoma as a Special Services Officer. I was in charge of the physical training program at that basic multi-engine base. The first year we played 25 basketball games. The following year I was the Base Exchange Officer.

### *McGraw-Hill Publishing*

Six months before my completion of two years of active duty, my father-in-law, at the time a VP at McGraw-Hill in Cleveland, Ohio, asked what our plans were upon leaving the Air Force. I had planned to return to OWU's placement office in hopes of finding a coaching job at an Ohio high school. My father-

in-law urged me to take the McGraw-Hill sales aptitude test, which I did, and 40 years later completed a wonderful career in the publishing business.

### *[Editor on Paul's Accomplishments]*

Paul's work with McGraw-Hill began in 1956 first with a sales assignment in Missouri and Southern Illinois soon followed by an advertising position in Detroit. Following management assignments for *Fleet Owner* magazine (trucking industry) in Chicago (1961), and to National Sales Manager (1976) at which time he moved to Connecticut where he currently lives. He commuted to offices in NY city.

A 1978 assignment as Publisher was followed by promotion to VP in 1986, and in 1987 he was appointed VP Associate Publisher for *Aviation Week and Space Technology*. In 1988, following McGraw-Hill's sale of *Fleet Owner*, Paul retired from McGraw-Hill and rejoined *Fleet Owner* as publisher of the magazine. In early 1996, after more than 40 years of service, Paul retired and returned to private life with Annie and family.

### *Retirement*

Paul and Annie reside at 39 Happy Hill Rd. in Stamford, CT 06903-1203 and can be reached at (203) 329-2337 or email at [kissy1@juno.com](mailto:kissy1@juno.com).

They have been blessed with 4 children and are now the proud grandparents of 8. Paul has long been active as a supporter of Ohio Wesleyan University alumni affairs, Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and as lay leader for the First Methodist Church of Stamford. During retirement he plans on spending many hours on home projects, winter skiing in Colorado [frequently with Bix & Madalienne Newhard '52, Dick & Nita DeVos '54, and Mike & Mary Schwartz '54], and occasional golf.

From all his many Beta brothers who cherish their relationship with Paul, we all say with a rousing cheer, "here's to Paul, and thank God you're a Beta".



*House Company meeting in Oxford*

*Trustees: Martin Haskell '68, Eric Eickhoff '00, Ben Graham '52, Tom Tatham '56, R.S. Neff '55 (Please note the portrait in the background of Willis O. Robb, OWU 1879, who held the following Gen. Frat. positions: 1905-06 Gen. Frat. Pres.; 1887-1905 Gen. Frat. VP; and 1872-1891 Mag. Editor.)*

# Alumni News

Word from the alumni

## OWU Class of 1955



From left to right — Plavcan, Hammond, Linderer, Nobis, Doan, Irvin

### Larry Linderer '55 —

Judge Rufus Doan and Susie visited us this week and we swapped lies and stories about our Beta days in Delaware. Jerry Staley also came over and renewed a friendship that spanned 50 years. When I introduced Judge Doan to the ice cream store dipping teenager as Judge Doan from Cincinnati, she said, "he's really a judge, that's awesome". So we call him Awesome Judge Doan now when he comes to Naples. Prior to their visit I tried to get some OWU pictures together only to find we never had a camera to take 'em. We finally decided that Paul Nobis was the only photographer during our Beta days. It was a grand visit and we hope they're able to do it again soon. They were on their way to Amelia Island where they plan to buy a Florida retreat from the harsh midwest winters. Promises were made to meet again before another 40+ years go by. Sue mentioned that she saw our picture in some Beta publication (*Theta Data?*) but we had not received one recently. If you know what she's talking about, send me a copy. Regards to Ann and thanks for all your Beta work. *Larry & Joyce*

**Bruce R. Elder '62** — Between being Commander of the local US Power Squadron in Savannah, giving free health

care and working on my boat and antique cars, I am busier than ever! I may retire from retirement just to quiet things down. P.S. We certainly do love Savannah. [701 Landing Way, 31411].

### Charles B. Ordway '48 —

Many thanks for *Theta Data*. Am always very glad to have a word from the brothers, in spite of the fact that I know few of them. Please forgive my poor typing.

Unfortunately, I'm not gifted with a secretary as are some of you perhaps. Glad to see Hugh's picture and that of his good wife. Their marriage was made in heaven. As was Hal Leulette's before his passing. A good brother to be sure. I was surprised at the surprise guest, Pack McFarland, another fine brother. We've corresponded over the years since leaving OWU.

I believe I sent the chapter Fred Olds' address but I'll include it here to be sure: Fred Olds, 3751 Connie Lane, Guthrie, Oklahoma, 73034. He runs his own art shop. He was a fine artist when I lived at 54 W. Lincoln.

The purpose of this note is twofold: First to let you know I'm as well as can be expected after a stroke 5 years ago. And I am grateful, because it might have been so much worse. Secondly, I'm making an offer to Theta alumni. [See story on page 2.]

**John Bolek '88** — Tom, it was nice to hear your voice. Sorry that I was unable to get back with you yesterday. I spoke with Marty (Haskell '68) about a week ago. I will not be able to attend convention this year due to being in school. I will be taking a very aggressive regiment of Chemistry and Biology with labs and Psychology and an Ethics for Healthcare Professionals starting at the end of the month. I am trying to get into a Doctoral Program at Case Western Reserve University. They are requiring me to redo my sciences since it has been 18 years from when I last took them at OWU. I will be either in class or lab 7 days a week. CWRU only accepts an A or B grade. If I am successful over the next three semesters then I should be able to get into their program. It is the ND program a Doctorate in Clinical Nursing. My specialty hopefully would be a surgical flight nurse (helicopter). They recommended that I write about my experience as a Gastric Bypass Patient for my Doctoral Thesis. (ph: (330) 468-1417)

**Dick DeVos '54** — Just returned from Louisville and a fun derby weekend with old neighbors from our street when we lived there. Lost on Friday but did ok on Saturday except for the Derby. I would not be able to be at The House [trustee] meeting at Miami on July 26 as that is my youngest daughter's birthday and we will be in Detroit with them that weekend. Sorry! We will be in Colorado skiing 18-27. Our grand daughter qualified for the U.S. Junior Olympics which will be held at Steamboat while we are there. My best to all. *-kai-Dick*

**Jack Hahn '55** — A very special annual event at the Hahn's was reported as follows:

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN RAILWAY OPEN HOUSE**  
on the **SULPHUR SPRING** and **ALUM CREEK RAILROAD**

Diesels pulling "important" cargo

into Albuquerque (the beer train!). Observe the double-header steam Moguls going up steep grades with such mixed freight cargo shipments such as Jack Hahn's 1955 Chevrolets and Wrigley's Double Mint Chewing Gum cars! Also on display were the Sportsman Daylight Diesel powered passenger train and a steam local commuter. An unscheduled priority ore train came by on the Hahn Lake subdivision carrying a shipment of gold and other precious metals. The building that was burning last year has been rebuilt into a lovely chalet. The new high-rise Scioto Storage facility is in full operation. The Mary Anne Academy as well as Madyson's Dance Studio are now accepting students.

Since the Sulphur Spring and Alum Creek Railroad grants trackage rights to numerous other railroads one can see road names such as; Santa-Fe, Union Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande running all through the complex. Also the new railroad Television System, the totally reconfigured train control panel and power supplies and the massive upgrade effort for all the rolling stock. *Jack & Judy Hahn*

**John Appel '56** — Got the 1952 pledge class picture last week from you. Great looking bunch of guys. Particularly enjoyed seeing the "White Bucks" in the front row. The roster I got from Oxford with Fraternity Fifty Seal also has my old phone number. I'll e-mail them to correct to (727) 586-0538. You also Cc'd me on an e-mail you sent to Jim Dailey about, among other things, your visit with Don Jefferis. I was so sorry to hear of his latest decline. (Don Jefferis '56, has been in a nursing home for the past 8 years and bedfast for most of the past 2 years.) Getting old is tough, but it doesn't affect us equally. Those of us still doddering around need to be thankful for our good fortune!



## Alumni News

*Continued from page 5 —*

(Recent news has reached us of John's prostate surgery on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> and he will be recuperating at home, 186 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SW, Largo, FL 33778)

**Dave Watt '59** — Thanks for the update, Tom. Very sad about Don (Jefferis). It's hard to envision a brother who was so vibrant and energetic in the past to be in such bad health. You described it to me back in June, but I didn't realize he had gone through so much for so long. 2002 was a busy year for the Watt family with 2 weddings. My oldest daughter, Melinda, was married to Michael Langley on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Metropolitan Museum of Art where they met. On June 1, my son Andrew married Sarah Cotsen at a lovely setting on the shores of Lake Sabago, Maine. They reside in NY City where Drew is with American Mgmt. Systems and Sarah is with HBO. They are expecting a baby girl (our 1<sup>st</sup> grandchild) in May which will make 2003 a very eventful year. My youngest daughter Meredith has remained in Boston after completing her MSW at Boston College and has continued in the field of Social Work. I continue to work as a Network Solution consultant for a small firm in Kalamazoo, Michigan. My wife, Karen, is with Pharmacia, soon to be purchased by Pfizer. That will add to the excitement for this year. I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Fraternal 50's gathering in June '02, and appreciate being invited by the brothers who were my first contacts at 54 W. Lincoln in '55. My Fraternal 50s will be in 2006. I have been blessed with good health through the years and am doing my best to keep it that way.

**Mike T. Dove '58** — Feb. 13, 2003 ... Just returned from our trip to Guatemala and got your e-mail and address of the Kocher family. I plan to talk to Peggy Kocher in the a.m. and I will pass along what happened to George. I do know that he had been fighting cancer for over a year, and the last time I stopped in Lima to see him, he had just taken some treatments and was too ill to see Annie and me. Our winter address will be: mtdove33@aol.com until May when we head back to the mid-west. On our way home last year I think I mentioned seeing Morgan Shrader in Albuq. and hopefully we will see him this year.

**John Hammond '55** — Thanks for the info. Sorry to hear about Don (Jefferis). He's really fought the fight. (By the way, note my email address. It's now john.hammond@dla.mil. The government can't leave anything alone!)

**Jim Dailey '56** — Sorry to hear about Don (Jefferis). Makes you appreciate just getting old with the normal aches and pains. I'm at Indian Lake just about every weekend. That's the best place to send my e-mail. The address is jldailey@charter.net. I'm still working 3 days a week. Go to Gallipolis on Monday evening. Stay at Super 8 now that I've sold my home down there. Come back to Columbus on Wednesday and work out of the Columbus office Thursday and then hide out at Russell's Point for the weekend. I took the family to the Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 2003, National Championship game won by Ohio State U). Great game, fantastic weather. Like to have some of it here in Ohio. I will still try to get down your way sometime. Maybe you, me and Chester (Dan Wright '56) can have lunch. We can stick him with the check. I hear about him from Jeff Maffat, CEO of Eaton Nation Bank. We do some things with them.

**W. Dan Rich '55** — Thanks so much for all of the info. re our Beta brothers ... so sorry to hear about Jeff's decline. You have been a good and faithful friend to him. So glad you and I visited him in June and gave him his Fraternal Fifties pin. Good to hear that James Lee Daily and C.D. Wright are doing well and that you maintain contact with them. Once again last Oct., Lee and I had lunch with Jim Davies '56, and his wife Jean in Morristown, NJ, after I attended the Annual Lectures at Drew Theological School in Madison, right next to Morristown. Jim and Jean are doing well. Their children are really running the insurance business at this point, but they put in token appearances each week. Jim is keeping up with his tennis and plays regularly, indoors as well as out. Our email address is: danlee@dmv.com.

**Bruce Crittenden '57** — Enjoying the grand kids and traveling — this summer England, Russia and Scandinavian capitals. Our email is: bccrittenden@aol.com. From Jan. to May we reside at 1701 Morning Sun Lane, Naples, FL 34119.

**Aldo Adachi '99** — Feb. 2003 ... Unfortunately we were just informed that my dad is not doing well and will need to perform a liver surgery in Japan (we later learned of Aldo's father's death). Hopefully, I will be able to get back to the states soon although my H1-B VISA expires (it is unknown if Aldo has been able to return). There are a million things (in Bolivia) which I have to do with this family emergency. Email is: aldoadachi@hotmail.com instead of my Yahoo account.

**Jack E. Pocock** — Only one semester at OWU in Jan. '43...

enlisted in Navy V 12 and sent to ITT in Chicago for 2.5 years. Graduated with BS, Mech. Eng. ... commissioned Ensign ... out of Navy in '46 ... married Aug. '46...retired in 1990 ... attend Beta alumni monthly meetings in Columbus ... 3 children, 2 grandchildren.

**Robert "Spike" Reed '66** — I appreciate the time and commitment Marty, Chuck and any are giving to the recolonization effort. My years at Theta Chapter were some of the best in my life ... a truly positive life-changing experience. Continue to keep us all together.



*Stan VanBuren '52, Dick McLintock '55, Dick Davenport '55*



*54 W. Lincoln*

## OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

*It is with sadness that we report the following recent passings of our beloved Theta Chapter brothers:*

**John F. Mansfield '40**, #651, passed away on April 29, 2000.

**Robert C. Richards '50**, #795, passed away on October 10, 2002 (From the March, 2003 *Theta Data* mailing.)

**Hugh Troth '48**, Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Roll #714, 429 N. Woodhill Dr., Ashland, Ohio



44805-3960. Our sympathy to his wife Phyliss, his family and his close brothers of Theta Chapter.

**Lewis Arthur Clemmer '51**, 78 of Plano, Texas, of a heart attack following a long illness. A native of Dayton, Ohio, he was a 1943 graduate of Fairview High School. He entered the Army in WW II that same year and was wounded at Normandy, D-Day +2, with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Following graduation from OWU, he joined Reynolds and Reynolds Corp., Dayton, and became its Director of Advertising, retiring in 1987. A cherished member of Theta Chapter, Beta Theta Pi, he is survived by his wife, Connie, daughters Candice Proffitt, Plano, Texas, Tamara Albert, Loudon, Tennessee, 3 grandchildren and a great grandchild. (Reported by Ray Cheseldine)

**George T. Kocher '57** ... on Jan 30, 2003 in his home from cancer complications. George was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity at OWU. During his military service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, he translated Chinese broadcasts and documents. He went on to work for the National Security Agency during the war. He was a financial planner with American Express Financial Advisors in Lima, Ohio, at

the time of his death. Before becoming a financial planner, George ran the family lumber yard for more than 20 years. He developed several area subdivisions. George was a member and former president and district governor of the Lima Rotary Club, former president of the Lost Creek Country Club, and was on the board of directors of the Lima Area Chamber of Commerce. He was one of the original investors in the Sugar Creek Golf Club. George is survived by his wife, Peggy; his daughter, Theresa; his son, George Jr.; four sisters, Patricia Gotway, Linda Lape, Janelle Kocher and Florence Lundin; and three grandchildren.

**R. Gregg '57** ... served in the US Navy during WW II, spending 3 years in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife Lucille.

**Robert F. "Bob" Woolley '51** — Bob married his OWU sweetheart, Francis Anderson, sister of brother Hank Anderson and daughter of brother "Rum" Anderson. Honorary pallbearers included life-long friends and brothers Skip Cheseldine and Grover Cooper. Following graduation, Bob served as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and settled in his wife's hometown of Tucson, Arizona. From 1966 to 1976, Bob was in sales with a concrete forms company in Windsor, Ct. When his wife was diagnosed with M.S. in 1976, Bob and Francis returned to Tucson and Bob devoted himself to Francis' care until she died in 1987. Bob is survived by his three children and five grandchildren. Anyone wishing to contact the family may do so at allenwooley@yahoo.com.

**Richard C. Dunnington '49** ... on July 21, 2002. Richard worked in the trucking industry after leaving OWU. Starting as a driver, he worked his way up to traffic manager and was instrumental in working out differences between management and drivers. His wife, Shirlee, noted that he loved his work and the people with whom he worked. He and Shirlee have three sons, three daughters, 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Peter B. Halbin '56** — excerpted from *Cleveland Plain Dealer*: Pete, 69, was involved in Cleveland's political, civic and



medical communities during 40 years of activism, died Saturday, January 3, 2004 at the Holy Family Cancer Home. He had cancer diagnosed in 1991, and had been expected to live for only a few months, but he survived 14 hours of surgery on his pancreas and returned to his public-relations practice.

Pete was a key member of Mayor Carl Stokes' team and, in the '60s, he was the first black mayor of a major US city.

Born in Buffalo, he earned a BA in sociology at Ohio Wesleyan University and an MA at Western Reserve University's School of Applied Social Science.

He was a youth worker with street gangs and a supervisor with the Catholic Counseling Center before he took the City Club post in 1965. His duties included booking such national speakers as Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and then-segregationist leader George Wallace.

Halbin opened a public-relations office. He handled accounts with social-service agencies, labor unions and businesses. His range of clients

included the Center for Human Services, the Ohio Conference of Teamsters led by Jackie Presser and Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Although he considered himself a Democrat, he also was involved in campaigns for Republican Mayor George Voinovich.

His firm, Bellamy & Halbin, later became Halbin Strategic Communications.

After Halbin recovered from his surgery, he organized a pancreatic cancer support group at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and counseled scores of patients. He developed a directory of cancer patient resources in the region and distributed it through libraries, cancer groups and the Internet. He visited newly-diagnosed patients in their homes throughout Northeast Ohio and appeared on national television from New York.

His volunteer work led to his appointment as the first nonmedical member of the Oncology Nurses Society and the advisory board of the Gathering Place cancer support center.

Halbin was also interested in football. His name was mentioned on broadcasts of Browns games over 19 seasons when he served as a spotter for NBC in the 1970s and '80s.

In 1983, he married Mary Schwendeman, chief executive of the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. They lived in Cleveland Heights. He is also survived by daughters, Nancy C. Betker of Chicago and Gretchen K. Schultz of Hinckley Township; two granddaughters; and a sister.



Can you identify any of the undergrads at this alumni reception in 1998? Send your answer to the Editor at [tomtatham@aol.com](mailto:tomtatham@aol.com)



*Paul & Ann  
Nobis '55  
They look  
even more  
glamorous  
today!*



*Dick & Ginger  
McClintock  
wedding  
1953*



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

CINCINNATI, OH 45243

P.O. Box 43100

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY

THE THETA HOUSE COMPANY

*The Theta Data*



PRSRRT STD  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Dayton, Ohio  
Permit #248