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Editor's 2008 Travels and Visits with Brothers

Tom Tatham '56



Tom Tatham '56

This past year, 2008, has been a year of great change for most all of us, and for this brother in particular. Following the loss of my wife Ann in 2007, the 2008 year began with a January-March vacation trip to Florida. While there, one afternoon was spent with **Don Wedge '49**, now retired from his 25 year "official" NFL career. Don is enjoying the sunshine while living at 8933 Courtyard Lane, Groveland, FL 34736 and can be reached by e-mail at dwwedge@embargmail.com or phone 352-394-0147. A complete summary of my interview with Don is located on the Internet at thetachapterbtp.org, then go to News, Theta Data and then the February 2008 Issue of *Theta Data*.



Don Wedge '49

In April my travels took me to Maryland and a history tour with my daughter following the escape trail of John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin. While on the east coast, we crossed the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and met **W. Dan "Deacon" Rich '55** in St. Michaels, Maryland for dinner and a great visit. Dan is now a "busy" retired minister and lives with his wife Lee at 504 Douglas Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801. He can be reached at wdanrich@yahoo.com or phone 443-735-3292. Following his full-time retirement from the ministry, Dan has worked for several years in counseling work through the church and state of Delaware.



Dan Rich '55

July found another significant change in my life with marriage to **Jan Ellis Jefferis '57**.



Al '55 and Marty Vlerebome '57, and Jan '57 taken at Hocking Hills State Park, July 2008

My OWU roommate, Don Jefferis, who passed away in 2004, was married to Jan, who, strange as it may sound, was my wife's OWU roommate. Our families had been close for years, with common travels, holidays and vacations, so the transition was very easy. **Al Vlerebome '55 and his wife Marty Rhinehart Vlerebome '57**, joined us as witness to our marriage as the wedding took place in Hocking Hills, OH ... Marty packed a picnic lunch and we enjoyed the day in the State Park and caves of Hocking Hills ... only a few miles from the Vlerebome's new home at 1553 Stone Glen Dr., Lancaster, OH 43190. They can also be reached at almar57@greenapple.com and phone 740-653-0988.

Al is retired from his "recent brokerage and earlier golf professional work," and Marty recently retired from teaching in the Lancaster public schools.

Late July, Jan and I were off for the east coast and made sure that our trip took us through Stamford, CT and a visit with **Paul and Annie Grinton Kisseberth '54**. They were most congenial hosts, and following a few "refreshments" at their home, we were off to one of Paul's favorite Italian restaurants. The menu was outstanding and the ambiance perfect for several hours of conversations with Paul's reminiscences of OWU. His stories kept us laughing all evening. In his retirement, they currently live at 39 Happy Hill Rd., Stamford, CT, 06903 and can be reached at kissy1@juno.com or phone 203-329-2337.



Annie Grinton and Paul Kisseberth '54



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Dr. W. Martin Haskell
Ohio Wesleyan '68



GENERAL FRATERNITY REPORT

By Dr W. Martin Haskell

The Upon These Principles Campaign has ended with a final tally of \$20,000,000 as previously reported. Money continues to come into the Administrative Office, as a portion is in the form of deferred pledges and another portion will not be realized until estates are settled. Currently, the endowment investment balance is about \$9,000,000 as our investment portfolio has been hit by this adverse economy like everyone else. Total assets of the Fraternity and Foundation stand at \$14,500,000.

Currently, the general fraternity board is re-structuring its governance structure and procedures to bring itself in line with best practices in governance. This will enable it to more effectively manage the challenges of the current financial climate while delivering the high caliber leadership programming that our undergraduates so richly deserve and seek with enthusiasm.

Twelve years ago, the general fraternity provided a leadership training experience to seven Betas. This past academic year we provided 1605 of these experiences to Betas. With a current membership of 6390, that means we have the capacity to provide at least one leadership development experience to every Beta over a four-year college career. This success is due primarily to the endowments provided by the Upon These Principles Campaign and the all important Beta Leadership Fund annual drive. And, of course, the excellent staff we have built at our administrative office that designs and delivers these programs. Another testament to our success is that our programming continues to win awards and inter-fraternal recognition for programming excellence. Please remember the Beta Theta Pi Foundation with a planned gift in your wills and annually with a contribution to the Beta Leadership Fund.

Yours in ~kai~ *Marty Haskell*
Theta Alumni Association Treasurer,
VP Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity

Did You Know This About OWU History?

FIELDING H. YOST
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOOTBALL COACH
1901-1923, 1925-1926
165 WINS-29 LOSSES-10 TIES

In his 25 years as head coach of the Wolverines, Yost's accomplishments rank among the most legendary in collegiate football history.

But where was Yost before Michigan?

He began his coaching career at Ohio Wesleyan University and led them to the school's only victory over Ohio State. After leaving Ohio Wesleyan, Yost held brief coaching stints at the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska and Stanford U. before accepting the position at the U. of Michigan, 1901.



Fielding H. Yost

HOUSE CORPORATION TREASURER'S REPORT

By Marty Haskell '68

Our treasury continues as I have previously reported. We maintain a stable balance from year to year of about \$7000. Our annual expenses for the publication of our newsletter are \$2500 to \$3000 per year and our website hosting expense is \$120 per year. All of your contributions each year roughly match our expenses. There are about a half dozen donors each year who provide half of our contribution amount, but the other half of our budget is provided by all of those very important \$10-\$50 contributions. Tom Tatham, of course, gives generously and invaluable of his time and effort to pull it all together for each issue, including persistent prodding to the treasurer to send his report in!

Yours in ~kai~ *Marty Haskell*
Theta Alumni Association Treasurer,
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and annually with a contribution to the Beta Leadership Fund.*

Keith Eiken '57

Following graduation from OWU, Keith began a career in the Louisville public schools as a teacher, then principal and later an administrator. The years were interspersed with study at the University of London, military service and a lengthy government sponsored seminar in India. On the local scene (Louisville, KY) Keith has been actively involved in both educational and interfaith nonprofit organizations. Those organizations have provided more than four hundred scholarships to outstanding Kentucky college students and high school teachers for a project centered on a Gandhi/Thomas Merton Peace Pilgrimage (58 miles) from Bardstown, KY to the Muhammad Ali Museum in Louisville. Local groups provided lodging and meals for the "pilgrims" en route.

In reflecting on college days, Keith recalls the following: Robert Lorish's classes that motivated him to pursue graduate study in the social sciences. William H. Eels (recently deceased as reported in the November, 2007 OWU Magazine) at the then Institute of Practical Politics arranged a memorable ride on the 1956 presidential campaign

train across northern Ohio. Dining alone with Adlai Stevenson and waving to the cheering crowds from the rear of the train remain vivid memories to him. Keith notes that in retrospect, he hopes that today's students have more opportunities than we did to meet informally with professors and explore ideas both related and unrelated to the academic disciplines. Of course, the friendships at the Beta house continue as a source of pleasure, said Keith.

Keith reported that on a recent family-related "Roots" trip with his niece, Amy '84, to a tiny church cemetery in Norway and the subsequent discovery of astonished relatives living high on a "mound-tane" above a glittering fjord. The youngest son in the family said he had been to America but he did not like it very much. When asked where he had been, he replied "Los Angeles".

At present, Keith is the Executive Director of Scenic Kentucky, Inc. and spends weekends at his cottage in utopian New Harmony, Indiana.



Keith Eiken '57



Theta Pledge Class – Sept./Oct. 1946 — First Row – L to R: Bill Wright, "Moon" Naughton, Momma Linn, Bob Barracka, Al Long, Ed Dobson
Back Row – L to R: Bill Pratt, Bob Rouge, Keith Gaspitch, Skip Cheveldine, Ned "Spease" Speasmaker, Earl Cramer

Editor's 2008 Travels...

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The next morning our drive took us to Mystic, CT and brunch at the home of **Dave '59 and Karen Watt**. They live in a beautiful old New England home which they have been renovating for several years. I was particularly intrigued by the massive original wood beam ceilings which they uncovered by removing plaster ceilings throughout their first floor. Dave is retired and along with his wife Karen live at 1291 River Rd., Mystic, CT, 06355 and can be reached at dwatt99@comcast.net and phone 860-536-4183.



Jan Tatbam '57 with Dave '59 and Karen Watt

We departed that afternoon, having satisfied our appetites, and headed for Boston where I was joining the Dayton Letter Carrier's band to perform for a week at the US Postal Letter Carrier convention. En route, we called **Nolan Smith '54** who lives at 229 Bishop St., New Haven, CT, 06511 where he owns and manages a classic books store. His e-mail is nolan.smith@amworlds.net and his phone is 203-776-3558. We also had a phone visit with **Mike Schwartz '54** who is retired from his radio "empire" and can be reached at Bristolmm@aol.com. Unfortunately, our calendars didn't permit visits, but they will be in our planning for the next trip in that part of the world.



Nolan Smith '54 with trombone playing at his 50th reunion.

Boston proved most interesting and included playing for Hillary Clinton, one of the speakers at the convention. Following the week in Boston, Jan (who had been visiting her son and family in Rockport, Maine) picked me up and we were off where our first stop was Bar Harbor, Maine and an evening on the ocean. The next day included a visit to the Acadia National Park which was created and supported by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and his family. What a magnificent legacy for us as the park has protected some of the most interesting landscape left from the great glaciers of the past.



G. W. Bush, Sr. boating at Kennebunkport

Leaving the park we passed Kennebunkport and a view of George's vacation home. We even caught a glimpse and photographed George Bush, Sr. taking a boat ride just off the shore of his home ... and of course the boat was loaded with what must have been secret service men as well. From our distance, we couldn't make out each one, but we

were told by an artist painting the scene that it was George and friends.

Up the Maine coast we spent an evening with OWU classmate, **Jean Love Beckley '56**. Jean lives about one hour south of Campobello, Canada and her home is right on the coast in the small Maine town of Millbridge. She busies herself with local art programs following her career as a librarian.



Jean Love Beckley '56

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1966 Memories at 54 W. Lincoln

By Robert L. "Spike" Reed '66

(Spike's letter to Marty Haskill) ... I read the most recent Theta Data with enthusiasm. So well done!! Many of the stories took me back 40 or more years to some of the best times in my life. Great guys and great times. I thought you might appreciate this story which I believe occurred in 1965.



Spike Reed '66 shown with undergrads

Each year the Beta pledges at OWU had a tradition to "kidnap" an Active Brother who they felt had plenty of Fraternity spirit, and take him along on an off-campus weekend retreat. This year was my turn.

Unaware to me on Friday afternoon after a touch football game, I hitched a ride back to the Beta House with a pledge on a motorcycle that stopped on a side street. Here, I was pounced upon, tied up and put in the back of a rental truck. Off we went from Delaware OH to the Beta chapter at Northwestern at Evanston, IL. Little did the dozen or more pledges know what they're getting themselves into.

First stop on the drive north, they pulled into a late-night diner restaurant where we all disembarked from the backend of the truck. While hopping down, I dislocated my right shoulder. I remember lying prone on one of the diner's food counters holding a heavy red fire extinguisher in my right hand in hopes of easily having the shoulder "pop" back in. No such luck. The pledges had to find the nearest hospital where I was given a shot to kill the pain. A doctor put the shoulder in, and I left with my arm in a sling.

When we finally arrived at Northwestern, I was "treated" to a hair makeover. At the time I had long dark hair. By later that evening, I had long summer-blond hair. With my arm in a sling, I was no match for a hair-dye session. I had to admit it actually looked surprisingly good.

So, the pledges and I went out to some of the local bars for beer, which continued, into Saturday. It was a great time. What the pledges did not know, though, was that I'm an asthmatic and they'd not brought any of my prescription emergency inhaler medication. As time wore on through Saturday and Sunday morning, I was having some difficulty breathing.

On the drive south back to Delaware, I was having enough discomfort that the pledges made a choice. They pulled into the Toledo OH Hospital Emergency Room.

Here, I was treated for a partially collapsed lung. Mind you, I've got my arm in a sling and my hair is bleached blonde. The nurses were going bonkers. I ended up staying in the hospital for about two weeks before able to finally get back to OWU.

This story is relevant for a couple of reasons. First, with our litigious society now, the pledges would probably avoid any fraternity hazing or "kidnapping" at all cost. But, more importantly, I have to say I really treasured that off-campus get-away. Sure, I got battered a bit, but the camaraderie was well worth it.

To all those Beta pledges, "thanks for a great time and lots of enduring memories!"

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Spike Reed Family Christmas, 2007

54 W. Lincoln For Sale



Circa 1900



Circa 1965



Today

Driving around Delaware the other day, what should I come across but the old Beta House at 54 W. Lincoln and it is now up for sale. Having been a nursing home for most all the years since we moved out (circa 1963), its hard to tell what kind of shape it remains in. Nevertheless, curiosity got to me so I called the realty and obtained the following info: 9,249 sq. ft. for sale at \$950,000! Wow, I'll bet that is a huge number compared to where we were back in the 60's. Can you imagine the taxes and utilities, not to mention the maintenance required? Anybody interested? You would have to pay me a significant amount of money to take it due to the cost of repairs, etc.

Editor's 2008 Travels...

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The next day we left for our Maine summer vacation at Jan's daughter's cottage on Lake St. George ... a large, fresh water lake about 30 miles west of Camden. Our month's stay included a lot of time on the water, visiting local restaurants, eating lobster and enjoying the beauty of Maine.



O.J. Stephens '56

The month was highlighted by a visit for several days by my OWU classmate and roommate and his wife ... **OJ Stephens '56 and Carol**. They live at Rt. #1, Box 885, 5 River Rd., Newfane, VT, 05345.

OJ gave Jan a hand "rigging" a sailboat, and we spent much of the time boating on the lake, taking a sail in the Penobscot Bay on

a Friendship Sloop, and enjoying the "old stories" from our days at OWU. Their e-mail is ojstiii@hotmail.com; phone is (802) 365-7674.

A one day side-trip took us to Naples, Maine and a visit with **Jim Meredith '54** and his wife Jan. They have a water front home at Long Lake where they have been vacationing for 25 years as a get-a-way from the humidity of their home in Lima. Jim is retired from his legal practice and Jan is a grandmother "extraordinaire". Their address is 5B Mews Rd., Lima, OH 45805 and they can be reached by e-mail at JEMERED@wcoil.com or phone 419-991-3252.



Jim Meredith '54 and his wife Jan

After a wonderful month in Maine, we moved on for a visit with **Jim Davies '56** and his wife Jean. Their home is at 64 Chestnut St., Murray Hill, NJ 07974. Our visit, however, was at their summer home near Riverton, CT. Their cottage has been in Jim's family for many years and is the scene of his boyhood summers. There, they vacation with family and friends often.



Jim Davies '56

Jim is "semi" retired from his insurance firm, which is now the responsibility of his sons and daughter. Jean has spent her years helping Jim at the office as well. Our two nights were highlighted by a day trip to enjoy a concert by the Boston Symphony in the open air theater at Tanglewood, MA, a once in a lifetime thrill. The one-hour drive was through the lovely countryside of hills and valleys of the Berkshire Mountains.

Their e-mail is jdavies@davies-assoc.com phone (908) 464-8548.

The fall found us back in Ohio, at Jan's condo in Columbus most of the time, but also in Dayton where I still have a home. While there, we often share lunch or dinner visits with other OWU friends. **Maribeth '55 and Ben Graham '51** are often our hosts either in Dayton or at special events in Delaware, OH.



Ben '51 and Maribeth Graham '55

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Alumni News

E-mails, letters and phone calls ...

Jack Carmichael '59

New e-mail address:
jackbcarmi@aol.com

Earl Winters '59 ...

My new email address is edwinters@verizon.net. My mailing address, in case you don't have it is P. O. Box 339, Richlandtown, PA 18955.

Paul Kisseberth '54 ...

Hi Tom. I always enjoy the issues of *Theta Data* and each one gets better. This one, for obvious reasons, was very personal. It brings back so many great memories. Don Wedge always took me back to my roots. Small town boy. His achievements are many and I thank God I am a Beta. We saw Bix Newhard last Sunday at his home in Novato, CA. He is fine, still practicing medicine and traveling the world with his wife, Madeleine. *Paul*

W. Dan Rich '55 ...

Greetings, T Square! Thanks for the recent issue of *Theta Data*, which was terrific! So sorry to read of the passing of Morgan Shrader, who was chapter president part of the time when I was there. Also, sorry to hear of the passing of Evan Roderick, who was kind of an icon in the class of 1951.

The current Greek situation at OWU is also very ad. Here at Salisbury University the Greek organizations exist mainly for service to the university and community. I'm not sure that they have the social events (formals, etc.) which we enjoyed. And you know what, I'm just so glad

that we went to college in those idyllic days of the 50's. When it was happening, we didn't know how lucky we were ... but in retrospect we can see that those were truly great times! I thank God for them!

Hope you are taking care of yourself these days ... I know there are many adjustments to be made, but thank God, we can take life just one day at a time! I am also trying to practice that principle in taking care of Lee. She is still continuing in physical therapy two times a week, and making some progress with mobility, balance, etc. But it is a very slow process. Fortunately, the church is only five minutes from here, so I can shoot down there and get some things done before she ever gets up in the A.M. When next you talk to C.D. Wright, please give him my regards and tell him I will always remember our trip to Oxford with him in May of '05.
-Kai-, Deacon

Al Albrecht '48 ... I keep busy. Still do some consulting work for the machine tool industry at age 83. Travel some, to Germany in 2007. I made contact with six third cousins, and 25 Albrecht relatives.

Saamyadeb Chaudhuri '94

... I moved to New York City in 1994 and lived and worked in the area until December 2002. I have lived in the London area since 2003. Brother Jayant Sitaraman (Theta 1993) also lives in London and I frequently get together with him and

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Alumni News

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his family. I am married to Liz and we have a one year old son, Rowan. Any brothers from my time at Theta house, please come pay me a visit if you are in London. Regards, *Saumydeb ("Rampu", "Sam") Chaudhuri*

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Ned Speasmaker '50

Dear Tom ... Thanks for another great *Theta Data*....
Yours in -Kai- *Ned*



Dan Ransom '51

The 2008 *Theta Data* is terrific — thank you Tom for such a great job! *Dan*

Robert Moyers '66

New book out — Power of Peaceful Thinking — Forward by Dr. Robert H. Schuller. Copies available at www.unconditionallovelive.com

Dan Ventres '52 Tom ... I'm moving to Florida 1620 Casey Key Dr., Punta Gorda 33950 in 3-6 months. I'll send you a note when I do. My best to everyone.
-Kai- *Dan* 952-472-2053

Tom Long '51 *Theta Data* is great. Thanks Tom for a fantastic job. *Tom Long*

Larry Linderer '55 Tom, Thanks again for keeping us up to date on Theta Chapter. Life is good for this old Beta ... just returned from another winter sailing in the Bahamas. Consider my contribution as a tribute to brother Judge "Rufus Doan." *Larry*

Ben Harrison '98

Dear Marty, I hope you are well. I enjoyed the last issue of *Theta Data*. Please find enclosed check towards future issues and the Theta House

Corp. Things are well here. I currently live in Hoboken, NJ with my wife, Denise. I am working at Pershing Advisor Solutions, a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon, in Jersey City, NJ.

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-Kai- *Ben*

Michael Dove '58

Tom, nice issue — how do you get all of that together — see you in May! *Mike*
amdove@consolidated.net

Ted Chaney '53 ... Not much news here. My Sue is not doing very well health wise. She fell and broke her ankle last fall. That really set her back. She wasn't home for six months between hospital stays and rehab. Had lunch with Speasmaker a couple of weeks ago. He looks just the same!! *Ted*

Paul Belden The last issue brought back a lot of memories. Staying at Don Adams' place in Florida over Spring Break in 1964. Being kidnapped by the freshman led by Andy Duarte. Anybody coming to Indianapolis, please call ... 317-874-2497.
belden@ramondjames.com
Paul

Bob Best '44 ... Dear Marty ... I was cleaning out some old files and came by this 1943 *Theta Review* (earlier version of *Theta Data*) [Copy enclosed]. Perhaps it might be of some interest to you.
Bob

Please consider making a contribution to the Theta House Corporation. Your dues provide a continuing communications program for the more than 700 living brothers of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Reprinted from
1938 *le Bijou*



MAMA LINN

One of the best loved persons in the hearts of the men of Theta chapter is Mrs. James Linn, their housemother. "Mama" has been with the chapter since 1937 and in that time she has endeared herself to many Betas.

Outside of her own home, the Beta house is her first love. During the time the house was closed, she had none of her usual duties to perform, but when the chapter again began to operate, she was in the middle of all the planning and rearranging.

When the veterans returned from the various services, her warm greeting and the sparkle in her eye was a real "welcome home" for them. She is also a great help and influence to the new men, some of whom are away from home for the first time. "Mama" will listen to any problem no matter how small it may be.

Date nights are the highlights of the week for her. The girls find her very friendly and sincere and when there is a bride game or lively discussion in progress, Mama is always nearby, cheerfully kibbitzing. Her radiant personality adds charm to any party and all who know her will agree with the Betas that "Mama" Linn is tops.

2008 OWU Reunion



L to R Frank Dove '58, "Bo" Dove '58, Dick DeVos '54, Bob Mauck '48, Dick McClintock '55, George Conrades '67, Ben Graham '52



Bob Mauck '48 with Dick DeVos '54

HELP!

We need more news from the brothers of the '60 through '90s. Give me a hand and send me your news and pictures via e-mail to tomtatham@aol.com.

OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

It is with sadness that we report the following passing of our beloved Theta Chapter brother:

Roger Norman '64

Roger Herbert Norman, 65 of Lancaster, OH died Sunday, 23 September 2007, at Fairfield Medical Center from complications of a long illness. He was born in Haddon Heights, NJ.

Following graduation from Haddon Heights High School in 1960, he enrolled in college at Ohio Wesleyan University. At Ohio Wesleyan he met his wife, Carol and obtained a BA in Economics in 1964.

From there he continued his education at The Ohio State University, obtaining an MA in Economics in 1967 and his JD Cum Laude in 1969. He also served as a faculty member in Economics at OSU from 1967-70. He then joined his father-in-law's legal practice and became a partner in the firm, Coultrap, Boltz, and Norman. Mr. Norman's practice focused on Real Estate and Probate.

Roger was a member of the Order of the Coif, editor of the OSU Law Journal, Fairfield County Bar Associations, Ohio State Bar Association, Lancaster Sertoma Club, Rushcreek Grange, and First United Methodist Church.

He served on the faculty of Hocking Technical Institute teaching courses on law and banking. He was past president, vice-president, and treasurer of the Fairfield County Bar Association, was awarded Republican of the year for Fairfield County in 1991 and was admitted to argue a case to the US Supreme Court in July of 1984.

His father, Hugo Norman, and his in-laws William and

Helen Coultrap preceded Mr. Norman in death.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Lancaster, two sons, Andrew and his wife, Yeda of San Mateo, CA and Stephen Norman and wife, Beth, of Lancaster; one daughter, Capt. Christine Gentry and husband, Christopher, of San Angelo, TX; one grandchild, Jonas Norman of San Mateo, CA; his mother, Alice Louise Norman of Rome, ME; and his two sisters Sandra Corbett of Rome, ME, and Karen Norman of Levittown, NY.

Reported by his daughter, Christine Norman Gentry (OWU KATheta) 2017 Valleyview Dr., San Angelo, TX 76904.

Russ Schanley '53

A Sept. '08 note from Russ Schanley's daughter to Maribeth Amrhein Graham '55...

Dear Mrs. Graham, ... My name is Laurie Schanley Hanchuruck and my dad was Russell Schanley. I just received (forwarded) your recent letter to dad, and I am sad to inform you that dad passed on July 23rd. He had been fairly healthy (and his usual cranky) up until the past few months. He had told friends of his at the end of last year, that he wanted to live to be 80 (which he was in January) but didn't expect to live until August (very creepy) ... he had been caring for mom - who has dementia. (We had planned to move her in with us, in CT, after he passed but unfortunately, we were unable to keep her safe and she is happily being cared for in an Alzheimer's Assisted Living Facility.)

Maribeth (sister) graduated from Wittenberg College

in OH and started a PhD program at Yale, but then decided to go to the U of Pa. and study veterinary medicine. She is a veterinarian, living in Australia (about two hours outside of Melbourne). She has two sons - Tom - who will be 18 shortly and is in trade school studying welding, and Chris who just turned 14. (She had a daughter, Susan, who sadly passed away at six weeks of age - she would be 16). She was here for a month following dad's passing and has just returned to Australia.

I graduated from Ohio Northern U. and am a pharmacist with the Veterans Admin. (My husband graduated from law school at ONU). Our oldest daughter, Katie, is 21 and a senior (honor student) in Library Science at Kutztown Univ. in PA (where mom got her BS and MS in library science). Katie just rode her bike from Providence RI to San Francisco building houses for Habitat for Humanity. Our son, Timothy Russell, is 19 and is a freshman at Franklin Pierce Univ. in NH - he will be a criminal justice major - but is mostly there to play lacrosse. Our youngest, Molly, 14, just started her freshman year in high school - she has danced for the last 11 years (she also sings) - and she is a goalie on the girl's lacrosse team. Dad was very proud of all of them! I'm sure dad would have been thrilled to hear from you ... he spoke of his OWU friends often - and that is our sad update.

C. Dee Simpson '54

From the Arizona Daily Star

C. Dee Simpson was born in Clarion, PA, on May 18th, 1932, and passed away from Alzheimer's complications on

September 10th, 2008. His family moved to Tucson in 1947 and he graduated from Tucson High School. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University and marrying Pat James, Dee served in the US Air Force for three years as a pilot. Merrill Lynch employed him throughout his business career, first as a financial consultant and then as Manager of offices in La Jolla, Beverly Hills, and Phoenix. He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Pam Alonzo (Robert); son, Scott (Susan); grandchildren, Allison, Katie and Troy; sister, Cynthia Williams and a niece and nephew.



C. Dee Simpson '54 and Dick DeVos '54 - Circa 1955



C. Dee and Pat Simpson '54

~ Cards, Notes and Memories ~

LOVING MEMORIES OF C. DEE SIMPSON '54

By Pat Simpson



Dee and Pat Simpson taken in 2002

Dee was a great guy — it is as simple as that. He was born and lived his early years in a small town in western Pa. There was not much money so he started working odd jobs at age 10 — the same year he started smoking! His Dad gave him a pipe in hopes that would put a stop to the cigarettes. It didn't.

During a football game in Jr. High, Dee probably broke his neck. The doctors no doubt took care of it as best they could, but it was a lifelong problem. Because he was tall, everyone (including and especially school coaches) thought he should be playing basketball, but he physically could not. For years he had to keep his head up in school by putting his chin on his fist with the elbow on the desk.

After Dee's Mother and Father divorced, he, with his Mother and brother and sister, moved to Tucson, Az. for her health — just in time for him to start High School. As always he worked after school — at that time as a janitor. It didn't take long for him to be known and liked by classmates — and that wasn't easy because it was such a huge school. The students were on morning

or afternoon shifts, which made it difficult to get to know half of the 700 plus in each class. By senior year he and later wife Pat were very good friends since he went steady with her best friend and she dated his best friend!

That summer after graduation a couple of OWU Betas were visiting Tucson to see Hank Anderson — the brother of a classmate of Dee's. He got to pal around with them all and soon they were talking to him about going to college at OWU and naturally, becoming a Beta. With the help of the Anderson family he applied, got accepted with a scholarship and was promised a job. Upon arriving in Delaware there was no question about his fraternity choice! It was the start of a lifelong loyalty, and of the closest friendships he ever had and which continued throughout his life.

Oh, the stories he could tell about life in the Beta house! Some of the funniest (or grossest) had to do with Nelson, the cook; aftershave lotion substitutions; fire escape "happenings" at night and many, many more. During senior year he served a term as president, which he thoroughly enjoyed. His nickname was "the bat" due to his late nights, and at one point the gallery of president's pictures included a frame with a dead real bat in it! He thought that was great. He also was president of the IFC for a term, and it was during that time that the "red shoes murder" occurred. Many serious meetings followed with the Dean of Men and other campus leaders due to concerns regarding the bad publicity for the University and fraternities in general.

Dee worked all through his college years and was not able to get home for many vacations. At least once he

delivered mail during the Christmas break — the snow and dogs further convinced him not to be a mailman! Sometimes Beta brothers, like Sherry Treis and Bill Metzler, invited him to join them and their families. Others loaned him cashmere sweaters, such as Dick DeVos. These and other kindnesses he greatly appreciated and never forgot. Graduation is always looked forward to, but Dee also felt sadness in having to leave Beta friends, the house, Mama Linn and the whole college scene. Happily the friendships continued and some brothers, like Paul Kisseberth, became even better friends after school.

The summer before senior year Dee and Pat realized that they felt much more than just friendship. They talked of marriage but temporarily forgot about being pinned first, until attending an Ohio State football game. That was a loud and crazy place for such an occasion but they felt the whole stadium approved when the cheering erupted. It turned out to be for a touchdown of course! By now they were the only two in school from so far away, and when friends found out about the plans many observed "well of course, who would want to marry someone from Arizona except someone else from Arizona?!"

ROTC led to the next step — three years in the Air Force. Dee became a pilot and flew navigator training missions. He often declared that since he spent his entire Air Force duty in Texas it never got invaded! There were times when it was possible to see Beta brothers who were stationed not too far away. The Bob Cotners, as well as other OWU friends were also there which made for fun times and great memories.

This duty allowed time for Dee to take some correspondence courses.

Through them he realized he wanted a job in the financial field. After being discharged, he interviewed with many firms in California and Arizona, and became most interested in Merrill Lynch where he was hired and began an outstanding 36 year career. He started as a broker (now called a financial consultant) in Phoenix after three months of training in New York. When the Tucson office opened he was asked to move since he knew many people there. It wasn't long before he decided management was for him so after more training in NYC he took over in Tucson for a short time until he was asked if he would like to manage the La Jolla, Ca. office. Since Dee and Pat had their honeymoon there and it was a favorite vacation spot, he told them he would be happy to start the next day. After a wonderful 10 years he was asked to move up to manage the Beverly Hills and Century City offices. That was a challenge, as one can imagine. One of the many stories of life in "glamour" land (NOT) includes having to kick Zsa Zsa Gabor out of the office because of her dirty mouth, which she was using loudly! After 5 pressure filled years he threw his hat in when the Phoenix office needed a manager, and he and Pat happily moved back to Arizona and a more sane life. When retirement came they moved "home" to Tucson to enjoy the rest of the years. Fortunately Dee did not know about the recent difficult times for Merrill Lynch, Wall St. or the economy.

Dee was involved in many civic and philanthropic activities throughout his life — Junior Achievement, Rotary, politics, fund raising,

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to name a very few. There was no question that his favorite was working on the Fiesta Bowl. He started in its formative years — the volunteers actually had to manually hang banners in the stadium. His involvement grew as its importance did, and he played a big part in that growth. For example, he got Merrill Lynch to underwrite bringing the world's top milers to Phoenix to run a race just before the Parade started. That garnered much good publicity and interest. He then was responsible for every aspect of their time there. There were always so many pre-game activities to work on that by the time the game arrived the volunteers were happy to sit down. (Not all — there were plenty of duties for some during the game too!)

Dee's greatest leisure joys were golf and bridge and travel. He was not a

scratch golfer by any means but that didn't diminish his enjoyment of the game. He was an expert bridge player and he and Pat enjoyed wonderful years of frequent travels to all parts of the world. The happiest times of all were visits with family and then with fellow Betas — anywhere and everywhere.

Dee loved and thoroughly enjoyed his family — daughter Pam, son Scott and grandchildren Katie, Allison and Troy. Pam has his reddish hair and down to earth outlook; Scott has his height and outgoing personality. Both have his sharp intellect. The Grandkids brought him tremendous joy.

Sadly, Dee's last five years saw Alzheimer's bring on a devastating downhill existence. Pneumonia took his life Sept. 10th, 2008. As the obituary stated, he was a man of character, a well-developed sense of humor and true loyalty. He will be greatly missed.

C. Dee Simpson '54

from Dick DeVoa '54

Dee, was known to all of us who shared the Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi experience from September 1950 through May 1954 as "The Bat". This was a loving reference to his late night habits at 54 West Lincoln. Dee, Bob Corey and I arrived through different avenues but found ourselves rooming together at Eckelberry's and part of the 1950 pledge class. The chapter was a very strong group of men, some who were returned vets, mixed in with younger achievers that created an ideal environment for brotherhood and friendship. Dee took on many roles of leadership over the four years ending with the honor of Chapter President and wearer of the Dawson Badge.

Memories of the Conventions, serenades, parties, intramural football championships, bridge games at any moment, pizza on Sunday night at Anton's in Worthington, hanging out at Reaney's quarry, among other things, allowed for much to do over that time. Because of the Korean war many were active in the AFROTC and quickly were put on active duty after graduation. Dee went to flying school to earn his wings and complete a three year duty. His professional business career with Merrill Lynch moved he and Pat around the West in a series of successful assignments as an Officer of the Company.

Our close relationship over 50 years was a series of visits with my wife Nita and Pat and our children in many different places. We made a

final visit to Tucson in Jan. '07 as Dee's health was slipping. A wonderfully warm time for the four of us to relive many happy times together. Dee will be missed by all who knew and admired him! Wooglin Forever!

from W. Dan Rich '55

I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Dee's passing. As a freshman going through "Rush", one of the reasons I hoped to pledge Beta was the presence of Dee Simpson. He was a very impressive guy and one who made you feel really wanted in the fraternity. I remember playing intra-mural football with him in those very exciting games! He was the kind of person who was always ready to help you, to lend a helping hand no matter what the circumstances.

I well remember when he and Pat broke up (and she began dating Jim Young) and how upset and sad Dee seemed to be. I always hoped that they would work things out and get back together, and, thankfully, that's exactly what happened.

Dee's story is a real success story for students who struggle to get through college. As you know, Hank Anderson's family helped Dee get started at OWU, and although he was almost constantly in debt, he made it through and got his degree! Then, he really took off in the business world and became a marvelous success. So much so, and you know this I'm sure, that he and Pat made a sizeable gift to OWU a few years ago.

It was a real privilege for all of us to know and love Dee ... our lives have all been enriched in ever so many ways because of our friendship with him. More later. "Deacon" Dan Rich '55

P.S. And thanks so much again for planning the 2002 Beta Reunion in Oxford which gave us the chance to see Dee again after almost 50 years! ... Yes, it was very sad news about Dee.

He had quite a struggle. What a great guy he was, and we'll miss him.

from Norman F. Slenker '51

As Class of '51 Theta Chapter, we knew Dee well and enjoyed having him as a Brother sharing the Bond of Beta's legacy of those before us and those that followed. Such was a richly heritage that served us well and educated us as much for life as did Ohio Wesleyan.

Dee's passing was sorrowful to read about and his attributes you mentioned in the last paragraph of your Notice are ones with which I can totally agree.

They, and others of similar substance, will be there in the future "Remembrances" events that I experience more frequently as the years pass.

My sincerest condolences over Dee's passing to Pat and his Family. He will be missed!
*Sincerely, Norman F. Slenker '51
Hilton Head Isle, S.C*

from John Appel '56

I am so sorry to receive the terrible news about Dee Simpson. When I think of Theta Chapter, one of my first memories is of our President standing before us. He will be missed by all who knew him, but I'm sure he is in a better place.

from Nolan Smith '54

Thanks, Tom, for the news about Dee. It's sad, indeed, that Dee is not with us, still, though, I heard that Pat was worried about the health issue back in '04, and she obviously had good reasons for that concern. Best regards to both of you, then, during these difficult times.



C. Dee Simpson '54, Treis '54 and DeVoa '54

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Morgan Shradar '54

from Dick DeVos '54

The

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of the *Theta Data* had a few e-mails concerning the passing of Brother Morgan Shradar Class of 1954 at OWU. I am adding here a little history that I am familiar with about Morg that some should find interesting. Morg came to the campus in September 1950 from Waverly in Southern Ohio, the son of a well known Doctor from that area. Morg started in pre-med but found a better interest in Political Science. This played out in his life for many years. He also found an important link by his pledging to Theta of Beta Theta Pi in the group of 1950. Morg was a leader and valued Brother of the chapter, culminating in his Presidency in the last semester of his senior year of 1954.

With his commission in hand from the Air Force, thanks to the ROTC, his new life phase started. It so happened that we both reported to Sampson Air Base on September 1, 1954 for processing to flight school as members of Class 56A. Because the Korean War ended almost the same day, we were put on "casual status" while spaces in flying were eliminated.

We were both assigned to go to Sheppard Air Base in Texas for Intelligence School.



Morgan Shradar '54

At that point we went in different directions. He went to Europe with TAC and wrote to me later that he was in Nancy, France debriefing refugees of the Hungarian Uprising against the Russians. (They were trying to catch spy's crossing over from Russia in the process.) I was in SAC and we were looking for info on potential targets in the Soviet Union and much was passed on to us from TAC for that use.

After his discharge, he went to Georgetown Univ Foreign Service School where he was recruited by the CIA for agent work. We were in contact from time to time, but he was on the move doing his job. Many years after leaving the CIA he filled me in on a few that were interesting. In 1960 he said he was sent to a base in Central America to help train and guide the Cuban forces that landed at the Bay Of Pigs in April 1961 to try to overthrow Batista Regime. The operation was a failure of US policy and he said he left the beach and swam back out to boats that they came on to escape capture.

His life from that point evolved into a career that took him to Nairobi, Kenya where he met his lovely wife Priscilla and settled until returning to the US, where he followed a business life in corporate advertising in the Dallas area. After years of fighting cancer he retired and moved to New Mexico until his death. Morg was an authentic Patriot and proud American, a great friend and Beta Brother.

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Maribeth is still quite active as a long-time trustee at OWU and has family there as well. Ben is NOT retired, but continues his consulting work with much traveling both in and out of the USA. Their home is at 2080 W. Alex-Bell Rd., Dayton, OH 45459. E-mail is maeg434@aol.com and phone 937-434-7414.

The fall also found a wonderful visit at our Dayton, OH residence, with **Bob Cotner '54**, and his wife **Alsa King Cotner '56**. They were visiting Dayton for an Air Force reunion with Bob's old pilot buddies. While in Dayton, they spent a few days with Jan and me and the Grahams. Their visit was highlighted with a lunch with their granddaughter, Katie who is a freshman at the U. of Dayton.



Bob Cotner '54 and his wife Alsa King Cotner '56

Dan Wright '56 and his wife Sarah are usually on my visiting calendar about once a month. They live in Eaton, OH 45320 at 120 Sugar Hill Dr. Dan's e-mail is dwright770@aol.com and phone 937-456-7321. Dan is retired from a very successful grocery business in both Eaton and Union City, OH ... he and Sarah travel and enjoy the grandchildren, two of whom live in Eaton as well.

Grandson Paul, the youngest, captures most of Dan's spare time following him around golf course tournaments and playing guard on the local high school team. Like most of us, Dan is glued to his computer and the markets, and has his fingers crossed for a better 2009 on Wall Street.

A recent Sunday afternoon, was spent in Cincinnati with **Sue Logan Doan '57** and **Paul and Anne Shirk Nobis '55**. Sue still enjoys her life in Cincinnati with her flowers, garden and church. Paul and Annie, now retired, still live at the same address ... 876 Graystone, New Richmond, OH 45157 ... overlooking the Ohio River. Both now retired, Annie recently from her teaching career. They spend their time with family (Anne's mother is still living) and friends and taking care of their beautiful property on the Ohio River.



Paul and Anne Shirk Nobis '55 and Sue Logan Doan '57

Bob Neff '53 is another one of our Daytonians who I frequently see. Bob has been retired now for several years ... from his Neff Folding Box Company ... and now spends time with his wife Peggy vacationing on ski trips and devoting much of his time to local charitable organizations which he has been involved with for years. Their home is at 4466 Blairgowrie Circle, Dayton, OH 45429. His e-mail is robertneff@earthlink.com and his phone is 937-298-3630.



Bob Neff '53



Circa 1999 - Can anyone identify any of these brothers? Send names to the Editor.



Undergrads host reunion with alumni ... Matt Garrison '00 and Don Wedge '50 with others not identified.

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Back row, left to right: DeVos, Thomas, Corey, Simpson, Preis, Cotner
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Class of '54 and spouses



Adrienne "Bubbles" and
 Skip Cheseldine '50

BETA PINS

The January 2007 issue of *Theta Data* featured a story about the Beta pin's history and the Editor's pin collection. The Editor purchased 12 standard-sized pins from eBay and acquired three large valuable old pins from other chapter brothers. This valuable collection of pins has now been placed on permanent loan from the House Corporation to the National Fraternity, and will be on permanent display in Oxford, under the care of Eric Eickhoff '00. Eric is the volunteer Chief Archivist for our national fraternity. Brothers who would like to make similar provisions for their Beta pins and/or other valuable memorabilia should contact the Editor at tomtatham@aol.com or by cell phone 937-545-9280.

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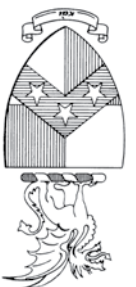
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