



The Theta Data

Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity
at Ohio Wesleyan University

Delaware, Ohio

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Accomplishments Worth Noting

By Donald C. Bishop '77

The Beta House has several accomplishments worth noting. This spring we have 24 brothers in the house, our largest number since our return to campus. Last spring the house ranked second among all fraternities in grades. Kudos to the guys. The pledge class was particularly successful and deserves high praise. This fall we hope to reach between 30 to 35 brothers in the house.

The House Corporation is looking for new alumni to serve on the board. We typically meet two to three times each semester. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me at 614-368-3011 or John Bolek at 1-800-448-4374.

We are very appreciative of the annual gifts sent to the house by alumni for our annual fund. This year over 50 alumni have already

contributed more than \$2,100. Gifts small or large will be used to improve the house. We welcome and need your participation.

Two years ago we renovated the first floor and parts of the basement



with more than \$50,000 received through the alumni campaign. We have now begun to review other structural needs not covered by the earlier gifts. Each year the House

Corporation will update the Beta alumni on the projects we wish to accomplish.

There is a sad note to pass along. Trevor Andary '90 and a member of Ohio Wesleyan's Phi Beta Kappa Society, was severely injured while hiking in Scotland. He will remain paralyzed from the waist down. His address for the next month or two is: Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England, NP 218HL.

He would love to hear from you. Any Beta who wishes to contribute to help him deal with the financial challenges of his rehabilitation, please send your gift to the House Corporation and note your intent for it to be used for Trevor. We will contribute any gifts to a special fund and inform him of your support. ♦

Striving For Excellence

By Gregory Ritz '92, Chapter President

The Theta Chapter has begun its new academic year with a burst of excellence. Following a scholastic review of fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan, Beta finished second in academic standings with an accumulative GPA of 2.84. This four-place jump since last year has shown our dedication to academic excellence.

Theta is an outstanding chapter in philanthropic works as well. Beginning only weeks after classes started, we participated in a car wash, a golf tournament and a clothing drive and set a date for planting trees, all to benefit the community. The brothers have all agreed on the importance of rush, and philanthropy is a great way for

Theta Chapter to couple helping the needy and earning a positive image—both helpful when it comes time for rush.

This past weekend we hosted the most successful alumni event since our refounding in 1987. The brothers realized that Theta's only link to our tradition and history is

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A Letter From Brother Cooper '68

To my brothers at Theta Chapter,

I am writing to you to share some recent experiences at Ohio Wesleyan, and at the Beta House. Like many of you I'm sure, I experienced some confused—and angry—feelings concerning Beta and Ohio Wesleyan as we moved through the late 1970s and 1980s. I feel at the same time disappointed but very defensive inside as I read and reread communications from the University regarding the decision that made Beta Theta Pi an inactive fraternity. I somehow was convinced that this was a temporary situation and that Theta Chapter would return as a functioning, successful, contributing unit on the Ohio Wesleyan campus. Regrettably, I did not become personally involved as other brothers did in trying to restore Theta Chapter to its previous status on the Hill and as a part of Ohio Wesleyan.

My connection with OWU has been renewed with my son Andrew's decision to attend OWU. Many memories were restored as we visited the University in the months prior to Andy's decision. I was extremely happy with his choice, though I tried not to influence him in his selection.

As Andy began his first semester at OWU he was exposed to fraternity life and became familiar with members of many of the houses. I have shared with him many of my experiences and impressions of fraternity life—as a Beta—but did not lead him in a particular direction. He did, however, become friends with several of the brothers at the Beta house and was impressed by what he saw. I must add that I was impressed, also. I saw a relatively small number of men who were committed to Beta Theta Pi—committed to making Beta a strong part of fraternal life—committed to proving to Ohio Wesleyan that Theta Chapter will survive and be restored to a position of leadership on the campus.

My son is now a sophomore at OWU. He pledged Beta and was initiated last year. He really believes in Theta Chapter—as I do—and is working with his brothers to improve the condition and position of Beta at Ohio Wesleyan. The brothers at 9 Williams Drive are responsive. As I learned last year, they are very eager to learn more about Beta's tradition and history and to carry on these traditions.

Physical improvements are being made at the house, and more importantly, the fraternal structure of the house is being strengthened by the dedication of our Theta brothers. I encourage each of you to visit Theta Chapter, meet the brothers who are sincerely working to make Beta the fraternity of choice. They are eager for your input and involvement, and are progressing very well.

Yours in -kaI-
Don Cooper '68

Striving For Excellence

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through our contact with alumni. Coats, ties, active pins and flowers for the wives was how the 21 brothers greeted each and every alumnus and his family. The role numbers span many decades, beginning with an alumnus who graduated in 1928 and ending with last year's graduating class. It is our hope that the alumni realize their importance in continuing the traditions of Beta Theta Pi. The brothers encourage alumni participation in helping make Theta Chapter a leader among the Greek community. ♦

Alumni Notebook

John E. Halliday '29 resides at 455 First Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631.

Associated with Ed Cornell's, Inc., **Jack E. Cornell '31** (221 Ash St., Greenville, OH 45331) informs us, "I can always show you founder John Riley Knox's grave and his grandson's family home." Jack also reported that his son is a Beta from Hanover College.

"It sure is great to get news about some of my old classmates," writes **John R. Carter '34** (13075 100th Dr., Sun City, AZ 85315), "especially **Burt Elder '33**, **Jim Kinney '32**, **Dan 'Monk' Parker '32**, **Lester 'Gus' Parker '36** and **Watson Parker '33**. Keep it coming."

Attorney **John S. Mitchell '36** (1626 Doone Rd., Columbus, OH 43221) is semi-retired. He reports that his grandson is a Beta in the class of '91, and "lost" Brother **Charles E. McCulloch '35** can be found at 24501 Via Maymonte 72, Carmel, CA 93923.

Robert C. Beckett '39 (131 Delmar Ave., Newark, OH 43055) is busy with volunteer work at Licking Memorial Hospital.

After retiring in March, **William M. Robinson '49** moved to 1075 LeisureWorld, Mesa, AZ 85206.

In March **Robert C. Richards '50** (139 Kiser Dr., Tipp City, OH 45371) married long-time family friend, Esther. Robert also reports, "My son, **Rob Richards '77**, has moved back to Denver."

Edwin J. Lilly '53 (6309 Chickering Woods Dr., Nashville, TN 37215) is an assistant professor of anesthesia and the clinical director of anesthesia services at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville.

Jack Hahn '55 (12609 Hugh Graham Rd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111) was married to Judy Mondragon in

October 1991. He is a retired US Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and a former program director at BDM International, Inc.

Urlin G. Harris '58 (2180 Home Rd., Delaware, OH 43015), associated with State Auto Insurance Co., recently visited **Frank Dove '58** in Illinois. "All is well."

The new address for **M. Robards Hyatt Jr. '58** is 6490 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

"Thanks for the May '91 issue of Theta Data," writes **Jack B. Carmichael '59** (519 S. Rogers St., Mason, MI 48854). "Could my alumni brothers pitch in to support the chapter more so when the next roll call of supporters is given, the percentage of active alumni supporting the Beta Theta Pi giving program will rise to 10 percent?" Jack, who is with Environmental Dynamics, sees **Bruce Crittenden '57** and **Chuck Woods '58** and corresponds with **George Conrades '61**.

You can reach **G. Russell Pipe '59** by writing to P.O. Box 10528, Burke, VA 22009. "Rusty" is a publisher.

Karen and John A. Neff '64 recently moved to 88 Caballo Ct., Boulder, CO 80303 when John accepted a position on the faculty of the University of Colorado. "We are thrilled with our new home." John, Karen and their three children enjoy hiking, skiing and sightseeing in their new local.

T. George Hess '67 (2905 W. 131st St., Leawood, KS 66209) was recently promoted to vice president of voice services at Sprint. George is the father of three sons.

When he wrote in June, **Paul D. Hammersten '69** (Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) reported, "Great news! My art is now being represented by

the Gallery at Chatham. My art will be 'coming home' after 20 years soon when I have a show in Lame Deer, Mont., where I first started. Thanks to the Beta brothers who are helping to make my next trip to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation possible." "Durr" was planning to visit **Jim Clark '69** in Vermont.

While he is associated with Republic Eng. Steels, Inc., **John A. Willoughby '70** (7300 Colebrook Cir. N.W., North Canton, OH 44702) is also active in his local church and community as well as keeping up with his four children. "Willo" is in touch with **Dean Chimples '70**, **Steve Sherwood '70** and **Steve Deuble '69**.

An attorney and partner with Van Grack, Axelson, Williamowsky & Jacobs P.C., **Steven E. Mirsky '72** (6741 Kenwood Forest Ln., Chevy Chase, MD 20815) reports, "**J. R. Mathews '70**, **Gene Borish '71** and I have had preliminary discussions about a big Beta reunion either in the Washington, D.C., area or Philadelphia. It will take years to plan, so watch your mail. Also Preakness Weekend has become a significant annual event. Call me at home (301)652-6229 or my office (301)424-0880 if you are interested."

When he wrote in June, **Donald E. Johnson '73** (212 Dawson St., Philadelphia, PA 19128) informed us that he and his wife, Polly, were expecting their second child in July. Don, an account manager for Zenger Miller, would like to hear from **Jon Chapman '73**, **Frank Daray '73**, **Brent Adler '73** and **David Alexander '73**.

Ravi R. Banerjee '74 (62 Brookside Rd., Darien, CT 06820), the father of three, is a stock brokerage partner with OTA Limited Partners.

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More News

Glen D. Cassner '74 (1324 Crestview Dr., Mt. Dora, FL 32757) manages a stock brokerage branch office for Linsco/Private Ledger.

The new address for **Garry T. Switala '75** is 10 Moore's Hill Rd., Laurel Hollow, NY 11771. Garry and his wife, Susan, are the parents of a one-year-old, John Garry. Garry is associated with Merrill Lynch.

A vice president at D. Myers & Sons, Inc., **James M. Ries '78** (3423 Garrison Farms Rd., Baltimore, MD 21208) and his wife, Marietta, have two daughters. "I'm trying to keep in shape by playing tennis, basketball and lacrosse." "Rat" also reports he had a visit from **Dan "Creature" Gleason '78**. "He and his wife, Misty (OWU '77), and their three children are doing great."

Daniel D. Lawlor '79 (1305 Luray Ct., Raleigh, NC 27609) is a territorial manager with Spalding Pro Golf sales. He and his wife, Laura, have a son, Danial.

John L. Lewis '79 has moved to 19 Silver Lake Dr., Summit, NJ 07901. "I'm moving to northern California to start a rutabaga farm with my wife, Therese." He hears from **Andrew "Bear" Thompson '79**.

In June **George D. Rohrs '79** (13 Woodridge Rd., East Hampstead, NH 03826) was making plans to marry Cathy Stinson in October in State College, Pa. **Peter Schwartz '80** was to be in the wedding party. George, who is marketing director for Domino's Pizza, wants to know the whereabouts of **T. E. "The Swackman" Swackhamer '79** (6221 S. 129th St., Seattle, WA 98178).

A consultant with Alexander & Alexander, **A Peter Knoop Jr. '80** (592 Madison, Birmingham, MI 48009) reported that he and **Dan**

Banner '80 attended the August wedding of **Fritz Mitchell '80**.

James R. Mahaffie '80 (5003 Sentinel Dr. #22, Bethesda, MD 20816) recently moved from freelance writing to the position of copywriter/producer at *The Washington Post*. Jim tells us that **Jim Redmond '80** is president of his own company, and **Danny Banner '80** is pursuing "Miss Right" in Georgetown. "I'd like to hear from **Peter "Hoss" Knoop '80**."

"I always enjoyed the comradery of Beta Theta Pi," writes **Derek D. Hoffman '82** (81 Parish Rd. S., New Canaan, CT 06840), a painter/restorator. "I would like to say hello to **Jeff Davis '81** and **Peter Owen '82**."

Nicole and **Matthew D. Nesto '86** reside at 41 N. Mast Rd., Goffstown, NH 03045. Matt is a TV reporter at WMUR-TV in Manchester. "I would like to hook up with Boston area brothers." Matt hears from **David "Stuy" Glenn '86**, **Stuart Hendry '86** and **Brian "Maddog" McHugh '85**.

The new address for **Todd R. Benware '90** is 1528 S. Mebane St. Apt. 118A, Burlington, NC 27215. Todd is an assistant pro at Quarry Hills Country Club.

Brian A. Rabin '91 has moved to 79 Gordon St. Apt. 9, Brighton, MA 02135. He is currently attending photography school and will graduate in June '92. Brian speaks to **Tommy Volbrecht '89**, **Matt Hurley '91** and **"Smilin" Dave Jurich '91**. He corresponds with **Peter S. Beale '89**.

We regret to inform you of the death of the following alumni:

Robert J. Harley '18
William D. Radcliff '30 (3/11/91)
Patrick L. Shields '58 (8/90)
Hubert L. Miller (12/9/90)

Honor Roll

Our sincerest thanks are extended to the brothers listed below for their generous contributions to Beta Theta Pi's 1991-92 annual giving program as of January 1992.

Robert L. Whitacre
John C. Hanna '26
Robert C. Lafferty '28
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Daniel C. Mawicke '85
Blair K. Morrison '85

Please add Donald W. Korn '42 and John A. Neff '64 to the Honor Roll listing those brothers who contributed to Beta Theta Pi during the 1991-92 giving year.