



# The Theta Data

THETA CHAPTER • BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY  
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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## CHAPTER PRESIDENT REPORTS ON AREAS OF SUCCESS, NEED:

*OXFORD CUP BANQUET, RETURN OF HISTORIC MEMORABILIA, ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT WITH CHAPTER*

By Brian Fedorko '95, Chapter President

I am proud to announce that the chapter has made great strides to become worthy of winning the Sisson Award at the next convention. We expect a great group of men to join our ranks in the spring. With a pledge class of 15 or more, the chapter will grow substantially for the first time in two years.

The fall semester was marked by several noteworthy events. Pledges, undergraduate brothers and alumni celebrated a day of brotherhood in Oxford on October 29 at the grand opening of the new administrative office. The Oxford Cup Banquet was the perfect way to end a perfect day. I encourage everyone to visit this magnificent building.

We recently sponsored the Third Annual American Heart Walk to raise money for the American Heart Association. Brothers walked over five miles through Delaware to show their commitment and support for continued research in this area.

A 1923 Intramural Bowling Trophy was sent to us by Tim Fitzgerald '85, who is now living in the Houston area. It's



*Undergraduates, alumni and pledges of Theta Chapter helped celebrate the grand opening of the new Administrative Office on October 29 in Oxford, Ohio. From left to right, the brothers are Jason Parker '96, John Bolek '88, Erik Baudendistel '96, Scott Yanney (pledge), Greg Fitzsimmons '96, Paul Corto '97, Brian Hill '96, Brian Fedorko '95, Dan Gantt '96, Rob Donahue '97 and Rob Geho '94.*

been polished and looks great. Thanks, Tim! The 1950s composites that we received last spring now have frames, thanks to House Father Ed Ulmann. Trophies and composites are all part of the Theta Chapter history, and we really do appreciate having them in the house for all to share and appreciate. Such items can be returned at any time of the year.

Fred Barends, Kenyon '83, has joined us by filling the vacant faculty adviser position. His enthusiasm for Beta and

the Theta Chapter quickly spread among the brothers, and we anticipate a strong, long-lasting relationship.

We are currently trying to fill three other adviser positions to strengthen specific areas of chapter operations. They include a rush adviser, pledge education adviser and a financial/chapter adviser. Alumni residing within 50 miles of Ohio Wesleyan are encouraged to become involved with the house by taking one of these positions. Anyone interested

can get more information by calling District Chief Dave Wright at 614-486-0691, ext. 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Another opportunity to become involved with the chapter, no matter where you live, is by participating in our fund-raising activities. In addition to the campaign to generate funds for major house renovations, we are soliciting donations to help defer the cost of six ritual robes: three officer robes and the three star robes. The robes cost \$95 each and will be purchased by January 1995 regardless of whether we have volunteers to sponsor them. To sponsor a robe, contact me at 614-368-2667. Sponsors' names will be listed on a plaque in the chapter hall.

Of course, another way to become involved with the chapter is to simply call or visit. This past fall semester, we enjoyed meeting and speaking with alumni from the 1960s, '70s and '80s. It was good seeing you. We always look forward to seeing those who have helped to make Beta Theta Pi great at Ohio Wesleyan.

## CRITICAL YEAR FOR THETA CHAPTER

By Brian Hill '96, Chapter Treasurer/Alumni Chair

The 1994-95 academic year is critical for Theta Chapter. We must get a large pledge class in order to ensure the future success of our chapter. During the first semester, we spent an extraordinary amount of time, effort and money rushing worthy prospective freshmen. I am very confident that this will lead to an excellent pledge class.

Unfortunately, because of the energy the house has directed toward rush, it will not be possible to hold a large reunion in April as previously planned.

We would like to postpone this gathering until the following year, with preparation beginning as early as the summer of 1995. However, we are more than willing to assist any brothers who would like to hold smaller reunions with their classmates, and of course, we would like you to stop by the house to see us.

This is an admittedly critical time for the Beta house. We appreciate and require all the moral, financial and advisory support our alumni can provide us.

## TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUES

By Jason Weinstein '96, Philanthropy Chair

The Betas continued their strong dedication to philanthropy during the fall semester with participation in Habitat for Humanity, which provides low-income families with decent, basic housing that is built on a volunteer basis. The Betas also organized and ran the American Heart Walk on October 30. The Betas and other Delaware County residents joined people in over 700 cities to raise money to fight cardiovascular diseases and strokes. Next semester should bring more fundraising and service participation by the Betas in a number of different areas as well.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to the brothers listed, who have already made contributions to our 1994-95 giving program. (Our giving year coincides with the school year and runs from September 1 through August 31.) Your support enables us to continue our alumni relations program, which includes the publication of this newsletter.

If you have not yet sent a contribution, please do so today.

John E. Halliday Jr. '29

Robert H. Krieg '38

David M. Myers '38

William O. Harrah '43

William B. Bartels Jr. '44

William S. Anthony '45

Robert F. Fassler '48

Robert C. Fenwick Jr. '48

Hugh I. Troch '48

Joseph R. Neds '50

Robert C. Richards '50

William C. Wright '50

Robert E. Wyant '50

Bruce E. Layton '51

Donald R. Wedge '51

Robert M. Canright '52

Thomas R. Shank '52

Robert S. Neff '53

Paul B. Kisseberth '54

J. Clinton Miller '54

Morgan D. Shrader '54

D. Keith Thomas '54

Jack Hahn '55

William G. Plavcan '55

James H. Davies '56

Charles F. Glander '56

Peter B. Halbin '56

Jerry L. McNabb '56

Chester D. Wright '56

Dale S. Rose '57

Richard A. Colver '58

Charles T. Cozier '58

Jack B. Carmichael '59

G. Russell Pipe '59

Neil McPherson Jr. '60

George H. Conrades '61

Ferenc M. Szasz '62

Robert C. Moyers '63

Michael I. Glasscock '64

John A. Neff '64

Herbert C. Brannen '65

Andrés Duarte '65

William H. Niblock Jr. '65

Richard R. Kinney Jr. '66

Edward S. Van Winkle '66

Richard W. Standish '67

W. Martin Haskell '68

William L. Rowland '68

Charles D. Underwood Jr. '68

Stephen G. Deuble '69

Sanford E. Lee '70

Stephen C. Sherwood '70

Tom L. Fusia Jr. '73

Keith A. Marden Jr. '80

Karl W. Potraz '83

Jonathan T. Woods '85

Stephen A. Lambo '89

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# Alumni News

## 1930s

When he wrote last June, 84-year-old **James D. Parker Jr. '32** (5787 Waverly Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037) was still recovering from heart problems and kidney surgery he had in February. Jim remembers the "pajama parades" from his fraternity days.

For 50 years of membership and service, **Earl F. Holbrook '39** (5951 Vyvette Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45236) received a certificate, last year, from the Scottish Rite Masons. Earl has several grandchildren.

## 1940s

"I'm enjoying retirement in the golfing mecca of the world - Myrtle Beach, S.C.," writes **Donald W. Korn '42** (114 Erskine Dr., Conway, SC 29526). He serves on a number of golfing committees and as president of Quail Creek Property Owners. He is also active playing piano at various restaurants, clubs and hotels in the Myrtle Beach area.

**William S. Anthony '45** (25 Starboard Ln., Osterville, MA 02655) enjoyed a great reunion last spring.

**Albert W. Young '45** (709 Toddsbury Ln., Richmond, IN 47374) is a board member of several organizations in his area and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Richmond-Wayne County Chamber.

## 1950s

Since retiring from the FBI as a special agent, **Ned A. Myers '50**

(4692 S. Beechwood Dr., Macon, GA 31210) has experimented with several different enterprises and is now pursuing two businesses. Ned has a wife, four children and six grandchildren. When he last wrote, he was looking forward to a gathering of Beta brothers from the 1947-50 era. He notes, "I am proud of the chapter and the accomplishments of the brothers."

**J. William Myers '51** (105 Fulton St., Lyons, OH 43533) had two poems accepted for publication in *The Centennial Review* this past fall. His pieces, *Cucumber Falls* and *Precis of a County Editor*, were to appear in the winter 1995 issue.

**John M. Funderburg '55**, general manager of the Klein Bicycle Corp., has moved from Jamestown, N.Y., to the West Coast. His new mailing address: P.O. Box 1264, Chehalis, WA 98532.

A pastor, **W. Daniel Rich '55** (P.O. Box 566, Millsboro, DE 19966) serves as parish minister for the Grace United Methodist Church. He writes: "The April 1994 reunion was a stupendous, mind-blowing experience! It was really great to meet in the chapter house and to see so many familiar faces from the 1950s!"

Retired from General Motors and the Air Force Reserves, **Thomas J. Tatham '56** (900 Hathaway Rd., Dayton, OH 45419) is working as a business consultant with T.J. Tatham & Associates. Thomas notes that the April reunion at OWU was a big success with about 40 brothers returning for the three-day weekend. He is looking forward to an even bigger and better reunion in the future.

**Douglas V. Austin '59** now resides at 1740 Richards Rd., Toledo, OH 43607.

## 1960s

Letters for **Harold J. Hendershot Jr. '61** can be sent to a new address: c/o Spring Island, Rt. 6, Box 284, Ridgeland, SC 29936.

When he wrote in June, actor **Bruce Davis '63** (3295 Monte Carlo Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362) had just completed a television commercial for Bank of Boston. When not in front of the T.V. cameras, he sells real estate with his own company, Sunset Hills Realty. In his free time, "Brent" coaches his son, Geoff, in winter and summer baseball.

**Robert C. Moyers '63** (1014 McKinley St., Fremont, OH 43420) is director of the Center for Awesome Love, an organization which helps people resolve problems through programs, seminars, workshops and retreats. Robert is also the author of four booklets and founder of National Forgiveness Day.

**Andres Duarte '65** (Apartado 5685, Plz. Ven-Los Caobas, Caracas 1010, Venezuela) is managing director and CEO of Duarte Vivas & Asociados C.A.

Dentist **Neil J. Schwimer '66** reports that **Bruce McCamey '64** and his family are living in Ridgefield, Conn., and have become patients at his dental office. "It's been fun sharing past memories of Beta House and friends with him." Neil, the father of 4-year-old Lindsay, has a new address: 1463 Black Rock Tpke., Fairfield, CT 06430.

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**Paul D. Hammersten '69** (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) informs us that the second in a series of films about his art is now available on video-cassette and to Beta brothers at cost. The film, *To the Regions of Home Wind, of the Northwest Wind Keewaydin*, uses Paul's paintings as well as photographs of actual canoe trips in northern Quebec to portray classic wilderness tripping from the days of the French Canadian voyagers up to the present.

## 1970s

Last spring, **Steven E. Mirsky '72** (6741 Kenwood Forest Ln., Chevy Chase, MD 20815) got together with others for the Preakness and the Annual Preakness Invitational Golf Tournament. "Any Beta brothers in the Washington, D.C./Baltimore area who would care to join us for this annual event, please call at 301-738-7666. Mark your calendars for the third weekend in May." An attorney, "Mirsk" is a partner in the law firm of Van Grack, Axelson, Williamowsky & Jacobs. He reports that **J.R. Mathews '70** was planning to be married in July 1994 and **Jim Martin '72**, a resident of Poolesville, Md., has two children.

## 1980s

Now with his own consulting firm, Banner Associates, **Daniel S. Banner '80** handles all human resources functions for mid-size companies. He and Debra were married in June 1994 and honeymooned in Jamaica for two weeks. They have bought a home at 5453 Whitley Park Ter., Bethesda, MD 20814. Danny reports that three brothers are "happily married": **Fritz Mitchell '80** in Vermont; **Mark McGowen '81** in Connecticut; and "Chip" **Knoop '80**, who also has a child, in Michigan.

In June, **Rogers Jason Johnson '80** (27 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830) welcomed the arrival of his first child, Jason. Rogers is vice president of Alexander & Alexander.

Certified financial planner **James E. Redmond '80** (2903 Parkwood Dr., Silver Lake, OH 44224) is president of Poitinger, Redmond & Co.

**Tricia and Jeffrey A. Davis '81** announce the birth of a son, Trevor, in July. The family has moved to 408 Alabama Rd., Baltimore, MD 21204. Working in public relations, "JD" is a senior account executive at Trahan, Burden & Charles Inc.

Letters for **Kevin M. Welsh '81** can be sent to a new address: 2208 Tynne Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215.

In a new job, **Steven L. Kral '84** is working as a farmhand at Country Life Farm. You can write to Steven at P.O. Box 107, Bel Air, MD 21014.

**Matthew D. Nesto '86** has a change of address: P.O. Box 6071, Boston, MA 02209.

**Sean L. Barry '89** (184 Marlboro St., Quincy, MA 02170), director of public affairs at Quincy College, has been elected to the City of Quincy School Committee.

## 1990s

"Beta Theta Pi has been one of the best choices I ever made," writes **Gardiner S. Lawrence '92** from his new address at 131 Michele Dr., Athens, GA 30606. "Being a brother at the Theta Chapter was a joy and if it wasn't for the classes I had to take, college was the best time in my life." A bartender, Gardiner is now working at the Edelweiss Restaurant.

With a two-year commitment as a Peace Corps volunteer, **Kingsley M. Anderson '93** (Corps De La Paix, B.P. 227, Sikasso, Mali, West Africa) is living in a remote Senufo village of Mali and working as an agent of the Malian health system, teaching health and nutrition education to villagers.

We regret to inform you of the death of **Eugene V. Busler '35** (12/17/93), **Milan R. Karas '37** (6/15/94), **Frank E. Peirsol '39** (9/18/94), **James N. Johnson '47** (5/31/94), **William V. Pfister '48** (8/2/93) and **Robert E. Scandrett '69** (4/6/94). Beta Theta Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## Planning a Reunion?

We can help ...

**Before** the reunion by supplying you with:

- A list of alumni brothers from your class or era.
- A set of mailing labels for the above list.
- Publicity in our newsletter, if you let us know far enough in advance.

**After** the reunion by publishing:

- Your write-up of the event.
- Some of the many photos that you took at the reunion. (Photos can be reproduced and returned to you unaltered after publication of the newsletter.)

Just mail your reunion information and photos to the Alumni Records Office, Attention: Special Features Editor, at the address at the bottom of Page 3.