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BETA ALUMNI PROFILES

HAL A. FAUSNAUGH '48, ROLL #790

By Thomas J. Tatham '56

GROWING UP

Hal A. Fausnaugh was born in North Baltimore, Ohio, in 1925 at the home of his maternal grandparents and only two blocks from his father's parents. His parents, Ruth E. Tarr and Kirby Fausnaugh, who were living in Cleveland at the time, frequently moved as Hal's father pursued his Swift & Co. career. They moved from Cleveland to New Philadelphia, to Zanesville and then on to Delaware where they lived at 61 N. Liberty. Hal graduated from Delaware Willis High School in 1943 where he lettered in basketball, baseball and track.

Interestingly, Hal's parents had moved from Delaware just months before his high school graduation. Through his high school friendship with Jim Johnson '47 and Jack Pocock '47, he moved into the Beta house at 54 W. Lincoln where he lived for several months until his high school graduation in 1943. "Mama" Linn was at the house and added the stability all of the young men needed. It was at this time that Hal gained a lasting friendship with the Betas and became an "unofficial" pledge.

WORLD WAR II

Following high school graduation, Hal was inducted into the Navy's V-12 program at Baldwin-Wallace in Berea, Ohio. For those too young to remember, the V-12 program had been established by the Navy to prepare candidates for commissioning into the naval officer corps. Hal completed four semesters at BW and then was sent to midshipman training at Northwestern U where he was commissioned in March 1945. Following training at three Florida naval bases, Hal was sent to Johnson Island, a small island 700 miles southwest of the Hawaiian Islands, which was used in WWII as a refueling maintenance base. He was discharged July 11, 1946.

OWU AND BETA THETA PI

By the fall of 1946, Hal had enrolled at OWU. Hal's selection of OWU was enhanced by several factors. First, he had spent his high school years in Delaware and had developed a deep friendship with a number of classmates who had gone on to attend OWU. Secondly, his several months of living at the Beta house in 1943 had exposed him to the outstanding men of the chapter and to the ways of the OWU campus life. Thirdly, and most important, OWU was the alma mater of his mother, Ruth, and her sister, Florence. Ruth Tarr had graduated from OWU in



Hal A. Fausnaugh '48

the class of 1921 where she starred in women's athletics. Hal noted that his 5' 2" mother lettered in basketball, baseball and field hockey. A highlight of her basketball career was scoring 50 points in one game.

While at OWU, Ruth was a classmate of Al Long Sr. '21, a Delaware and OWU football great, a Beta and father of three Betas, Tom, Bill and Al Jr. Ruth also became acquainted with another famous OWU alumnus, Norman V. Peale '20. Ruth's accomplishments were recognized in 1976 when she was the first woman inducted into OWU's Athletic Hall of Fame for Women. For Hal, this was a very proud moment.

As Hal entered OWU as a junior, he very quickly became the first to pledge in his Beta class. He lived two blocks from the Beta house with Dick and Jim Johnson, of the class of '46 and '47 at their mother's (Peg) home (both now deceased). Peg was the Sigma Chi housemother at the time. Although he never lived at the Beta house during his junior and senior years he ate all meals there and joined in all of the camaraderie of sports, dances, singing and social events.

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Message from House Corporation President Marty Haskell '68

PROGRESS ... STEADILY MOVING UPWARD

The first semester of 1999-2000 started inauspiciously for Theta chapter as we started under reorganization status. Since then, however, progress has been steady and positive, but more importantly, noticed by the brothers themselves. The following letter from a Theta parent says it better than anything I can write:

November 8, 1999

Thomas Courtice
President
Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, Ohio 43015

Dear President Courtice,

We are writing to express our support for the alcohol ban at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house. Our son is a member of Beta and has agreed to abide by the new rules imposed upon the fraternity. We feel the reorganization procedure has had a positive effect on the fraternity.

When we visit our son on campus, we have noticed a marked difference in the cleanliness and general atmosphere of the Beta house. Our son has himself said that the brothers get along better and keep the house cleaner than ever before.

In an era when binge drinking on college campuses is rampant, we, as parents, have had tremendous concerns for the welfare of our son (and all students) at Ohio Wesleyan. We encourage you to support a continued ban on alcohol at the Beta house, as well as future restrictions on alcohol consumption in other campus housing.

Thank you.

As I have written earlier, the semester started with interviews with all chapter members and an all-member retreat with a slimmed down membership (21). This was a very positive experience, with the brothers gaining new communication skills, greater understanding of group dynamics and a renewed appreciation of each other. This is an event we will try to repeat annually to train new members and to reinforce the learning in those who have had the experience earlier.

After returning to school, the membership adjusted to the new house rules, settled into their classes and began formulating ways of rushing without alcohol. The efforts and suggestions of Assistant Chapter Adviser Pat Puhl were particularly helpful and generated some unexpected, but positive, results. (Pat is a recent graduate of Bowling Green where he was chapter president during their reorganization and dry rush.) Theta's efforts have given us 8-10 excellent pledge prospects for this year. The General Fraternity's new Men of Principle pledge program will be used for pledge training which emphasizes the bold principles of our great society while not permitting hazing in any form (including elimination of the traditional alumni quiz!).

Tony Padella, a Case Graduate, has been serving ably as chapter adviser, teaching the organizational skills the chapter needs while serving as a facilitator during chapter meetings. We all owe Tony a note of thanks for his dedication and contribution to our chapter. Our goal has been to allow the chapter significant self-governance while providing significant guidance and organizational assistance. This is a longer road than micromanaging the chapter's governance, but hopefully one that will have longer lasting results.

I invite you all to join us for our combined Initiation and Fraternal Fifties ceremonies on April 1. This is becoming a moving tradition with Theta chapter that is appreciated by undergraduates and alumni alike.

Yours in -kai-
Marty Haskell '68



Marty Haskell '68

FRATERNAL FIFTIES CEREMONY PLANNED

By Eric Eickhoff '00

Mark Saturday, April 1, 2000 on your calendar for your next visit to the Beta house! On that day we will have our annual alumni day with the following activities:

- 10:00 a.m. House Corporation Meeting
(Open to all alumni)
- 2:00 p.m. Initiation Ceremony
- 4:00 p.m. Reception
- 4:30 p.m. Fraternal Fifties Ceremony
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner

This year's Fraternal Fifties recipients will be Ted Chaney, Grover Cooper, Dick Davenport, Dave Dove, Ed Lilly, Dick McClintock, Harry Mowry, Dale Musselman, Bob Neff, Stan VanBuren, and Bob Woolley.

Spouses and guests are invited to attend all activities following the Initiation Ceremony which should conclude shortly after 3 p.m. Reservations should be made with Eric Eickhoff '00 by writing to him at HWCC, Box 1944, Delaware, OH 43015 or calling 740-368-2657. Cost for dinner is \$20 per person.

Plan now to attend. This is a great opportunity to enjoy these meaningful ceremonies and to be reacquainted with long friendships among your classmates and brothers.

PINK AND BLUE: THE UNKNOWN STORY — PART II

By Ben Graham '52

At the convention of 1879, Walter E. Dennison of Theta chapter took up the cause of pink and blue national colors, and through his efforts the colors of Theta chapter were adopted for the entire fraternity. Here is a description of that occasion excerpted from a letter written by Brother Dennison himself:

When I was initiated in Theta chapter there was, and had been for some years, in existence the very pretty custom of wearing small bows of pink and blue in very delicate shades. These bows were made up for the members by Beta girls and when any girl was eligible to be called a "Beta girl" by reason of attentions from the brothers, it was one of her privileges as well as a loving compliment to the fraternity to wear the pink and blue bow, if not the badge of the member. The distinction between the bow and the badge was considerable. A girl could wear the bow without particularly committing herself except in a complimentary way, but when she wore the badge it was an announcement of special preference for the owner of the badge. Who started the custom I cannot say, as it antedated my connection with the fraternity. Perhaps some of the older men could tell you.

We discovered our colors were used by only one other chapter of the fraternity, namely Delta chapter at DePauw University, then known as Indian Asbury. That was a mere coincidence of our respective chapters having the same colors. It had occurred to me to get that convention to adopt our colors for the General Fraternity. I had Wilcox's hearty support and succeeded in getting the matter before the convention. Major Willys Ransome, one of the Silver Greys, strongly opposed our suggestion and endeavored to convince the members that royal purple or something of that sort would be much more suitable. He suggested he considered our choices a mark of effeminacy. When he hinted that opinion of our selection, it fired me up to the defense of the "Beta girls" and the lovely traditions that surrounded our Theta chapter colors. In the final speech during the discussion, I succeeded in imparting this enthusiasm to the convention and the colors were adopted with an Hurrah!

From the convention report in the *Beta Theta Pi of 1879*, come the following sentences:

Report of the committee on fraternity colors favored the adoption of delicate shades of pink and blue. After some warm discussion, convention concurred in report.

In another place in the same number:

How about that speech of Walter E. Dennison on the subject of fraternity colors. There are those who think it was about the neatest, and sweetest speech of the convention. It carried the point at any rate.

Brother Dennison went to Cincinnati "loaded" to secure the adoption of these colors, for as the motion to adopt these colors was being made, small bows of pink and blue were passed out to the delegates. The young lady who had made the colors into bows, through which much support was gained, later became Mrs. Walter E. Dennison.

And so it was that pink and blue came to be the colors of our great fraternity.

Editor's Note: This article was the result of a suggestion of Brother Paul Nobis '55 to Brother Ben Graham '52 while at the chapter house at the March 1999 Fraternal Fifties ceremonies. The article was researched and abridged by Ben Graham '52, from "The History of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity," by Samuel Raymond Thornburg '15. Part I of this story was published in the August 1999 issue of *The Theta Data*.

ANNUAL ALUMNI DUES

Annual alumni dues are the lifeblood of our continued communications with all alumni brothers ... and we have more than 800 living alumni. Recent history and current year giving are shown below:

Year	Total	% Increase	# Contributors	% Increase
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1991-92	4,350	34.1%	95	31.9%
1992-93	3,440	-20.9%	84	-11.6%
1993-94	3,947	14.7%	90	7.1%
1994-95	4,081	3.4%	101	12.2%
1995-96	5,330	30.6%	118	16.8%
1996-97	6,702	25.7%	129	9.3%
1997-98	7,533	12.4%	111	-16.2%
1998-99	6,015	-20.2%	105	-5.5%
1999-00*	2,485	as of 12/31/99	31	as of 12/31/99

Four months compared to last year ... **down \$525** in dollars and **down 15** contributors!!

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BETA ALUMNI PROFILES

HAL A. FAUSNAUGH '48, ROLL #790

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Campus life in the '40s was a very "active" life for Hal. He was the Beta sports pledge coach his senior year and "we won almost everything" in freshman intramural sports. Lettering in track for OWU, Hal ran against three Olympic gold medal winners while representing OWU, but you guessed it — he lost.

More than 90 percent of the campus was "Greek," "Vetville" was across from the hospital, freshmen wore "dinks," social life and dating were focused at the Beta house at 54 W. Lincoln. Each spring Gray Chapel's bells rang in "spring fever" canceling classes for the day, the Sulfur Springs was quite an attraction and the Beta Stand at Gray Chapel was the place for the brothers to meet between classes.

It was in this setting that young Hal found Agnes "Aggie" Helene Park, a Kappa Kappa Gamma two years his junior. Their private retreat was the corner of the basement lounging room at the Beta house. Their favorite Beta tune refrain was "... put her in a corner ..." which they have always felt was especially written for them.

Fraternity life brought back fond memories for Hal. Highlighted were his pledge class and pledge experiences including the "put out the fire" drill which continued on into the '50s and '60s as a special tradition. Very close friendships have developed for the Fausnaughs and include a 30+ year tradition of regular get-a-way weekends twice a year with several other brothers and wives. Included in this special friendship with Hal and Aggie are Hugh and Phyllis Troth, Ed and Renee O'Day, Bob and Evelyn Long Mauck, Bill and Ann Long, and Jim and Jane Johnson (both now deceased).

CAREER

Following graduation from OWU in 1948, Hal received his LLB degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School and was admitted to the Ohio Bar Association in 1952.

He was employed from 1955 until his retirement in 1991 at Prescott, Ball & Turben, now First Union Securities, where he was named Senior Partner in 1973.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hal Fausnaugh has been a loyal alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan University for many years and has provided his alma mater with meritorious service in many ways. He is the past president of the Letterman's Association, the National Alumni Fund Council, The OWU-Cleveland Alumni, and past chairman of the OWU Cuyahoga County Alumni Fund Raising and the Cuyahoga County Capital Gifts Campaign. A member of the OWU Associates, the Board of Trustees 1968-1983 and 1985-93, President of the National Alumni Association of OWU from 1966-68 and a Life Trustee 1993-present. A member of the OWU Trustee Endowment & Finance Committee, he was honored as its "Outstanding Alumnus" in 1973.

While reminiscing over his years as an OWU trustee, Hal recalled many of the "greats" who served with him, and in particular recalled "Branch" Rickey and George Gauthier enjoying their

spirited hours of playing "hearts" after trustee meetings. Hal noted that the competitive nature of both men were more than obvious at these heart games.

When asked by Hal "who was your most valuable, talented pitcher," Rickey answered without hesitation, "Sandy Koufax," a hall of fame Dodger pitcher from Cincinnati. Fondly remembered is Rickey who graduated from OWU in 1904, had coached baseball and been athletic director in the early 1900s — and in 1946 broke baseball's color barrier when, as the Brooklyn Dodger general manager, he brought Jackie Robinson into the Dodger organization.

Gauthier, of course, was the revered OWU athletic director during the '30s, '40s, and '50s who had replaced the likes of Rickey and Lynn St. John (later of Ohio State fame).

The Fausnaughs are members of the Rocky River Methodist Church. Hal has served as a member and treasurer of the Cleveland District Methodist Union for over 25 years.

Among Hal's dedicated community service has been his service to the Cleveland Goodwill where he has served on the board for over 25 years. During this time he has served as vice president four years, president four years and Chairman of the Board three years. He is a founding member of the Goodwill Foundation where he served as president 1989-1999.

Summering at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N.Y., for 20 years, Hal has served on the Chautauqua Property Owners Association. He was a member of the Institution trustees 1986-1994 and on its Foundation Board 1990-1994.

FAMILY

Married on August 20, 1949, to his college sweetheart "Aggie," the Fausnaughs are blessed with two daughters, Janine Obee of Hudson, Ohio, and Nan Johnson of San Diego, Calif., and with two grandchildren.

At the time of their 50th wedding anniversary, the Fausnaughs decided to celebrate their milestone by sending a crisp new \$50 bill — a dollar for each year of their marriage — to friends and relations and ask them to use the money to do a "good deed." Their only stipulation was that they be informed of the "good deed" so that they could keep a "treasure chest" full of stories of how the "good deeds" have helped others. The Fausnaughs now have their treasure chest full of stories, events and memories of how they have touched the lives of so many others and the letters keep coming.

The Fausnaughs live at 20126 Westhaven Lane, Rocky River, OH 44116, 440-331-3099; during the summer they can be reached at 97 N. Lake, Box 1147, Chautauqua, NY 14722, 716-357-8462.

Hal Fausnaugh represents all that is great about Ohio Wesleyan and Beta. We are better for knowing Hal, and are privileged to call him a brother. He has set high standards and continues to positively affect and influence the lives of others. To him we say ... "Hal, thank God you are a Beta."

(Editor's note ... This is the seventh in a series of articles featuring Beta personalities ... make sure you look for these future articles and see who is tapped for the next "hot seat!" Any suggestions would be very much appreciated.)



Hal at home with his treasure box of letters.

ANTI-FRATERNITY SPIRIT AT OHIO WESLEYAN

By Dr. Ben Graham '52

In recent years fraternities have been looked upon with considerable disfavor on many campuses. At times it seems that we are caught up in changing times and inevitably our fraternities will become a thing of the past. Some of the hostility stems from a desire to get rid of any type of exclusive club that could give its members an edge over non-members. And, some of the hostility is brought on by irresponsible behavior on the part of the fraternity members.

But, lest we come to the conclusion that this is something brand new, I would like to share with you an interesting tale about similar pressures that our fraternity felt in the 1800s. This account is taken from *The History of Theta Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity* written by Samuel Raymond Thornburg in 1915.

"In 1868 and 1869 the anti-fraternity spirit at Ohio Wesleyan became very strong under the leadership of a student by the name of W.G. Hubbard. By the year 1870, led by Dr. Merrick, who was then the President and by Dr. Whitlock, who were both opposed to fraternities, the faculty, through the recommendation of the above mentioned men, voted to put an end to fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan. The plan was simple. The fraternities were not to be allowed to initiate any more men.

But happily for the fraternities, the entire power in the matter did not lie in the hands of the faculty. The matter first had to be brought before the Board of Trustees. At that time, the now Bishop David H. Moore of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was pastor of

one of the Delaware churches of that denomination. He was a man of great eloquence and with much influence on the orthodox faculty of Ohio Wesleyan. The fraternity men saw in Bishop Moore, who was a Beta of the Ohio Chapter, and very popular among the local fraternity men, their only salvation. They went to Bishop Moore and asked him to serve them in this matter and he graciously accepted. The Bishop writes concerning this incident:

The fight against the Greek Letter societies was bitter. Think it was while I was pastor in Columbus, wither I had gone from St. Paul's Delaware, that I received an earnest request from the Greeks to be their representative before the Trustees, where the fate of the fraternities was to be decided. I cheerfully responded, 'tho feeling how weak I was, for a cause so great. I claimed that each fraternity should rise and fall on its own record, and asked only for that. I could see how a fraternity might be bad, in which event the sooner it were suppressed the better, and that such discipline would be a moral tonic to the others; and I doubted not that the principles and aspirations of each were good; and that if lived up to would make better students and men of its members. That, I knew was the case with Beta Theta Pi, that I had to stand high in my classes and deportment before I could be considered for membership. That the day of my initiation was the proudest of my life, and filled me with the highest and noblest resolves; and that in every good work I was encouraged and sustained by the chapter; that personally, it had been a constant incentive to attain the best things and to maintain a high and unsullied character.

Such were the sentiments expressed by Bishop Moore to the Trustees. The effect can be realized when we relate that shortly after the fraternity question was laid upon the table, and further, in two years the fraternities succeeded in initiating so

Ken Rowley '55 hopes you "enjoy this little ditty, because if you don't, oh what a pity."

A BETA READS *THE THETA DATA*

By Kenneth C. Rowley '55

After reading the *Data* of Theta, I thank God I am a Beta
And pause for a moment of time, To jot a note forming a rhyme

Which part of *The Theta Data* do I like best, It's hard to separate it from the rest
For instance the story of pink and blue, I'm waiting I'm waiting for part two
And Dan Rich did it again, The profile of Charley sure pleased Ken
I've never been very good, At doing what we really should
To take a moment and to write, I'm sure of one Beta it does delight

News of Wooglin the Beta dragon, Come on brothers keep the "tales" a wagglin'
I read it all even about giving money, A real real need and that's not funny
I read the "Of Ever Honored Memory" those who had hit the road, Makes me
thankful there is a God
I even read about the brothers I don't know, Find it of interest, what they are doing,
and where they go

As I look back at Beta, brother, I am so glad I did not join another
As I started college I had no plan, Had no idea I would join the clan
But once you join Beta Theta Pi, It's in your blood 'til you die

One thing I hate to mention, You all know of the recent suspension
There old Theta is scarred again, Hope we are forgiven and recover our sin
These young brothers without their mothers, Who'd have thought they'd get caught
So list it as part of Theta historee, And accept the challenge both you and me
It's who we are both good and bad, Even though it can make us sad
So let's not hang our heads in shame, We are Betas just the same

So let me wrap this ditty up, As we pass the loving cup
I'm proud of you all as we grow, Even though I have brothers I don't know
So pass that loving cup again, And remember me as brother Ken

P.S.

It's hard for me to stop at this, As I read of brothers I do miss
So keep on penning a line or two, *Theta Data* keeps me informed; what about you?
Really really I must quit, As I'm writing while I sit
My drink is gone that I did quaff, Hope this ditty made you laugh
So I sign it one more time, As I finish my little rhyme
It's my age, I need to take a leak, Signing off, Brother Zeke

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E-MAIL NOTES AND QUOTES

(Recent E-mails to the Editor)

LARRY LINDERER '55

Enjoyed your rundown on some of the guys and will stay in touch. I'm a planner but also a realist, so 2003 seems like a long way out. Want to get to the new millennium and will continue planning one year at a time. Glad to hear about Charlie, the article on him was nicely done. Thanks for getting us organized and tell Rufus I hear about him from all the Cincinnati people in our development, i.e. Jim Hayes, financial planner. Tell him I'm still sailing and returned from a two-week sail into Cuba last May and the Castro experiment. It was a depressing country and not worth going back until they change governments. Is Rupert a ditto head?? Plan on keeping my boat in the Bahamas after January 1 so we can fly over and enjoy the islands in our floating condo (34' Catamaran). Have recently sold our Villa and am building a house in this same development which will be completed next May. Come on down, Florida's great! Adios!

P.S. Still have two large ashtrays which show the three houses that Betas have lived in since 1900. And Jack Hahn's ink drawing of 54 West Lincoln Avenue. Will sort through some old pictures when I have time. Those were good days for all of us!

P.S.S. Just a comment about another brother, Jerry Staley, who was my pledge brother in '52. When I moved to Stonebridge CC in Naples three years ago, looked in the book and discovered a Jerry Staley from Arlington, Ohio, who we had not talked to in 45 years. He and his wife, Jan, have become great friends in our retirement years so you may want his e-mail address also: JS0852@aol.com. Good to hear from you and thanks for producing *The Theta Data!*

CHUCK GLANDER '56

I just received your message. I have finished my first week as Assistant Director of the Office of Legal Affairs at Ohio University in Athens. Couldn't stand retirement, so I sought this new

opportunity where I am the No. 3 lawyer for the University. We have made an offer on an historic home in Athens which we expect to purchase. Sue will stay in Columbus near our children and grandchildren and will commute to Lancaster four days a week to teach French on the Ohio U. regional campus there. I'll be resident in Athens and Sue will join me in the summer there, perhaps teaching French on the home campus. In between, I'll commute to Columbus on the weekends. It's a great new adventure and makes me feel younger. It's right for me, but not for everybody!

PAUL KISSEBERTH '54

Thanks Tom for the update regarding some of our ailing brothers and I did see the article about the Theta Chapter in the recent issue of the *Beta Magazine*. Within recent weeks I have coordinated a ski week in February with Nita and Dick DeVos, Mary and Mike Schwartz, Madelienne and Bix Newhard, Annie and I at Bix's new chalet in Snowmass, Colo. Annie and I attended the memorial service for Coach Bob Strimer in Delaware this past Thursday. The William Street Methodist Church was filled with alumni, faculty and his family. He passed away October 31. He was like a father to me during our four years at OWU. Take care and thanks for your commitment to keeping the Theta Betas informed and in touch.

JOHN NEFF '64

I recently communicated via e-mail with a brother who is not on your list. I thought you might want to add his address to your list. His name is Paul Belden, and his e-mail address is: beldenfam1@msn.com

ROGER NORMAN '64

We attended a reunion around May 15, 1999. The picture below shows myself (left) and John Neff to the right. We were the only two Betas at the reunion. We were in the class of '64 and the first ones, as sophomores, to move into 9 Williams Drive. As freshmen, we made the trip to 54 W. Lincoln Avenue twice a day. Mama Lynn was still the housemother then.

The picture at left speaks for itself.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 1 ~ Saturday
House Company Meeting
Initiation Ceremony
Fraternal Fifties Ceremony
Chapter/Alumni Party

April 7-9 ~ Friday-Sunday
Monnett Weekend

May 19-21 ~ Friday-Sunday
Alumni Weekend

May 20 ~ Saturday ~ 10:00 a.m.
House Company Meeting
Alumni Luncheon

May 21 ~ Sunday ~ 12 Noon
House Closes



Roger Norman (L) and John Neff

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many members of the Trustees into the various fraternities that the anti-fraternity measure was rescinded, with the result that it has never again come up in a dangerous form."

And, in another source, *The Handbook of Beta Theta Pi*, Brother William Raimond Baird says:

"In the early days, opposition of college faculties to secret societies led to the initiation of tutors, professors, and trustees. Thaddeus A. Reamy was one thus elected to membership. Many never acquired a deep interest in fraternities, yet there have been others like Dr. Reamy who have by their fidelity, won a place in the hearts of all of the brotherhood."

Dr. Reamy was initiated in Theta chapter and went on to become the President of the General Fraternity and earn the sobriquet, "The Grand Old Man of Beta Theta Pi."

Obviously the fraternities made it through their unpopular times in the 1800s. And they appear to be doing so again. Different times, different characters, yet so similar. It sort of reminds me of a quote from Confucius: "The music of the ancients is pleasant to the ear, but the new music, who can stand it." And, that was roughly 2,500 years ago.

DRY HOUSE CREATES CHANGE

By Jeff Beaudrey '01, Chapter President

As expected, this semester has been a learning experience for Theta chapter. The brothers have responded well to the new rules and regulations necessary for our existence. We adopted a new pledging process this past semester, which we used to pledge one man: Eric B. Canty '02 of Grahanna, Ohio. He has recently been initiated, and should be a strong asset to this chapter in the future.

Spring semester looks promising for a strong pledge class. Through new rushing techniques, a strong rush chair, and a devoted effort by all members, we have met quite a few men interested in joining an organization such as ours. With the adoption of a mandatory dry rushing period, we were forced to find new ways to initially meet these gentlemen. Luckily we have had the advice and counseling of a few recent alumni, and several others interested in helping us. Tony Pedela, Pat Puhl, and of course Marty Haskell have been a constant source of ideas and advice that have proven extremely helpful.

Although living in a dry house has been a huge, and slightly difficult, change in our lives, several benefits have developed from it. The house has been cleaner and more well kept than any time I can remember. And brothers have been involved in many more activities outside of the house than in past years. We have made ourselves known to the community by participating in several community service projects. The chapter even hosted our own charity flag football tournament.

We have recently been released of all social restrictions placed on us by the IFC. Spring semester will once again combine a social existence on campus with our current activities, and hopefully a strong pledge class. We are looking forward to spring semester and the benefits it holds.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BECOMING A PRIORITY

By Joseph Byrne '02

A primary focus of the Theta chapter for the 1999-2000 school year is a 10-fold increase in philanthropic participation. We feel that participation in these extracurricular activities promotes a sense of community that we have lacked in the past. Therefore the first semester was full of worthy philanthropic events that saw nearly full participation from each active Theta Beta.

In September, the brothers attended a charity wrestling event, in which Matthew Doman was the main event. The outing raised nearly \$300 which helped defray the medical expenses of a young car accident victim. We were able to make it a rush event as well, as it was attended by nearly 15 freshmen. In October, brothers assisted the Delaware Habitat for Humanity which is currently constructing a house where a tragic fire destroyed a family's home. The brothers of the Theta chapter showed their support for Habitat and have offered any help needed. We also organized the first annual Beta

Flag Football tournament with all proceeds benefiting Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The tournament saw success that we hope will grow for years to come. During the holiday season, the brothers participated in ringing bells for The Salvation Army for the second consecutive year. The brothers worked in shifts of two from 3 until 8 p.m.

Several brothers are currently active in philanthropies of their choice without affiliation to the house. Some volunteer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters while others contribute time to local high school sport teams and education classes.

As the brothers move toward bettering the house we can look forward to future events such as a softball tournament, Christmas in April and a continued relationship with Habitat for Humanity, just to name a few.

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Alumni News

Shirley and John M. Kackley '40 (5623 Cheena, Houston, TX 77096) have lived in the Lone Star State for more than 50 years. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

After 25 years in the Marine Corps and another quarter century with Bank Boston, **William S. Anthony '45** (25 Starboard Ln., Osterville, MA 02655) is now working as a senior vice president at Diversified Funding Inc. Not long ago, he was elected to the Hall of Fame in his hometown of Brockton, Mass. "I attribute my good luck to the Ohio Wesleyan and Theta upbringing."

H. Leslie Cramer '50 (4300 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030; hlcramer@erols.com), an acoustic psychologist with Cramer Associates, is the creator of an innovative technique that clarifies video and audio tapes cluttered with multiple voices and/or background interference. He is the expert who made the Watergate tapes intelligible. Les has served as a consultant to the U.S. government, Fortune 500 companies, the legal community and the media. He is a noted speaker, has published numerous articles and is called upon as an expert witness in cases involving unintelligible tape recordings.

Richard W. McClintock '53 and his wife have downsized to a smaller, more manageable home and yard at 205 Sloane Square Way, Charlotte, NC 28211. At the May 1999 reunion, they enjoyed getting together with the 1954 Betas. Brothers on the Internet can contact "Mac" at rwmcsr@worldnet.att.net.

Robert S. Neff '53 (4466 Blairgowrie Cir., Dayton, OH 45429; robertneff@earthlink.net), of Neff Packaging Solutions, has been named vice chair of the Dayton Foundation and will become chairman in 2001. He has also been elected president of the Spring Run Trout Club.

Retired teacher and coach **Richard Z. Draz '54** (4189 Stettler Way, San Diego, CA 92122; momdaddraz@aol.com) officiates men's and women's water polo and swimming on both the high school and college level. In high school championships, he is a tournament director for water polo and a meet director for swimming. Richard also enjoys playing golf.

"Had my knee replaced and new pipes for my heart," notes **Lawrence A. Linderer '55** (1821 Ponside Ln., Naples, FL 34109; llinderer@aol.com). "Feel like 40 and still act like 20! Life is good!" He continues to enjoy sailing and traveled the waters to Cuba in 1999 for snorkeling and fishing.

W. Daniel Rich '55 (504 Douglas Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801) is an associate pastor at Bethesda U.M. Church. "Beta Theta Pi provided me with lifelong friendships that I count as some of my most cherished possessions."

Educational consultant **David S. Crockett '57** (15976 Pine Valley Rd., Pine, CO 80470; david-crockett@noellevitz.com) is semi-retired. He serves as a senior vice president at Noel-Levitz, the nation's largest enrollment management firm assisting

colleges and universities with marketing, recruitment and retention of students. From November to May, David resides at 16262 W. Tamarack Ln., Surprise, AZ 85374.

Paul D. Hammersten '69 (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) has published a book, *An Artist Walks the Trail of Beauty*. It is a memoir in words and pictures of his development as an artist.

In July 1999, **James M. Ries '78** (3423 Garrison Farms Rd., Baltimore, MD 21208; jmrshoe@aol.com) had a great time at a mini-reunion with classmates **Karl Kimball**, **John Spofford** and **Peter Hoffberger** at the Hoffberger estate in Baltimore. The four brothers and their families enjoyed tennis, swimming, miniature golf and croquet. The celebration was concluded with a grand rendition of "Float On." At his Maine vacation home, James will be hosting the next gathering in June 2000.

John A. McGowan '84 is associated with Frigidaire Home Products. He and his wife, Niki, celebrated their first wedding anniversary last August. They now reside at 1602 King Richard Cir., St. Charles, IL 60174.

Paul D. Snyder '96 has a new address at 760 Virginia Cir. N.E., #1, Atlanta, GA 30306. He is an assistant project manager for an electrical contracting firm. E-mail for him can be sent to sdp@megsinet.net.

When **Bradford K. Chelton '98** (4785 Kilcary Ct., Apt. A,

Columbus, OH 43220) and Charity Novena married in August 1999, many Beta brothers were in attendance. Brad sends his thanks to all who came.

OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Ernest L. Ellenberger '32

(4/16/99),

Lester G. Parker Sr. '36

(2/16/99) and

Robert A. Groshok '58

(7/14/99).

Beta Theta Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Robert A. Groshok died June 14, 1999, of a heart attack at his home in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. An Air Force veteran, Bob had a 30-year career in advertising. He retired as an account executive for J. Walter Thompson in New York City. He was a member of and ran for the New York Athletic Club. He was an expert bridge player, winning many titles. One of his bridge partners was Elizabeth Berlin, daughter of Irving Berlin. He retired to Cleveland Heights, where he volunteered and continued to play bridge. Bob is remembered by the editor as a member of the class of 1958 and a chapter president his senior year. He will be remembered and missed by all.