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Marshall's replica badge (left);
Original Ryan badge (right)

The Beta Pin

By
Eric Eickhoff '00 and Tom Tatham '56



Milligan pin (left);
Bolek pin (right)

During the past several months, a number of letters and information have come to our attention regarding our beloved Beta pin. It occurred to us that the pin represents a lot to each of us and to all of our Beta brothers, and it might prove interesting to do some research on its origins and development over the past 150+ years.

Consequently, we have embarked on a journey of research and collection, which we hope you will enjoy as much as we have this past year. Further, it is our hope that our recommendations regarding the future home for many brothers' Beta pins and jewelry, some with considerable historical value, will be supported by many of you who have wondered from time to time about "what will I ever do with my Beta pin and other Beta jewelry?"

I. Beta Badge History

In an article regarding the controversy over "who" is the real founding father of the fraternity, the following is excerpted from page 27 of the 2006 Issue of the *Beta Theta Pi Magazine*. A reading of the article can be obtained by going to: thetachapterbtp.org, then go to "links", then to "Publications", and the 2006 Issue.

This account, by the youngest daughter of Samuel Taylor Marshall, Miami 1840, of a meeting between Marshall and John Reilly Knox, Miami 1839, later in life, offers a startling possibility. Perhaps Knox has been given credit for founding the Fraternity that is rightly due to Marshall. Should members of Beta Theta Pi refer to "Pater Marshall and his associates" instead of "Pater Knox"?

Marshall's claim appears to be very well supported. *As an undergraduate, he personally designed and had made in Cincinnati the first badges of the society*, with the back of his own badge reading, "S.T. Marshall, Founder". Many years later, as an elderly lawyer in Iowa, he was in sole possession of the original constitution, signed "S.T. Marshall, Original Founder". Knox even gives him credit for suggesting the idea of a new fraternity in a letter written four years after the founding [A letter from Knox to E.B. Stevens, Miami 1843, dated April 14, 1843]. Most poignantly, the apparent admission of Knox that Marshall's account was correct implies that Knox's memory had misled him to believe he was the sole founder over the years.

At closer examination, the supporting sources do not paint such a clear picture of who was first. In the early 1890s, Marshall did stumble upon the original constitution within his musty law papers. However, this first version – potentially containing the signatures of all the founders – can no longer be found. All that remains is a later copy that includes his bold claim to priority. Similarly, the Marshall badge on display in the Administrative Office museum is not the original. After losing his original badge for the second time, Marshall had another one made by a different jeweler. This explains why the newer version differs slightly from the badge of founder Michael Clarkson Ryan, Miami 1839, also on display. As a result, there is no way to know if the "founder" inscription, that would indicate he regarded himself the primary founder while in school, actually existed on Marshall's badge of 1839.

Marshall's replica badge (top left of article) was made later in his life and differs slightly from the Original Ryan badge (next to Marshall badge). Notice the quarter moon in the Marshall badge, as opposed to the direction of the moon in the Ryan badge.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. W. Martin Haskell
Ohio Wesleyan '68



GENERAL FRATERNITY REPORT

BY DR. W. MARTIN HASKELL

Beta Theta Pi has had an exciting year. The highlight has been the completion of the Upon These Principle capital campaign that ended with \$20,000,000 raised and pledged. This makes it the largest fund raising campaign ever by a collegiate fraternal organization. Approximately one-half of the funds will be used to endow undergraduate programming and leadership development, one quarter to endow maintenance of our permanent headquarters and roughly one quarter will be used to fund current programming while the endowment builds.

Building leadership and responsible personal conduct continue to be central themes of the *Men of Principle Initiative* and Beta's programming. On December 1, the Beta Theta Pi Foundation received the Association of Fraternity Advisors' 2006 Excellence in Education Programming Award for its sponsorship of *The Miller Nichols Chapter Presidents Academy (CPLA)*. Starting in January, 2005, Beta began bringing all undergraduate chapter presidents to Oxford for a weekend of leadership and *Men of Principle* training. The timing corresponds with the election of new officers and allows newly-elected chapter presidents to return to their chapters with knowledge and tools to be more effective leaders.

On a less upbeat note, Beta Theta Pi's Administrative Secretary of 13 years, Stephen Becker, announced his resignation to take a consulting position in Toronto and to be closer to his family. Steve has been the longest serving Administrative Secretary in Beta's history and has led the Administrative Office through the growth and dynamic changes brought on by the *Men of Principle Initiative*, a budget crisis brought on by the 2000 investment recession and the success of the Upon These Principles Campaign. We will miss his competence and intimate understanding of our systems. The search for a new Administrative Secretary will begin once the Board has an opportunity to perform an assessment of the position's current needs.

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HOUSE CORPORATION TREASURER'S REPORT

By Marty Haskell '68

The Alumni Association treasury is doing very well due to your generous contributions this year. Your donations have come to \$3645 again this year. Our cash on hand is just under \$9000. We can all thank Tom Tatham for creating a product (*Theta Data*) that we all want to support, for his enduring love of Beta and for his continuing efforts to keep us all in touch with each other. He has also done a superb job of managing the costs of publishing and distributing *Theta Data* so that our cash on hand has grown about \$2000 over the past 4 years. Please continue to send Tom news and articles as that makes his job so much easier and our newsletter so much richer in content.



Front Row: Bill Wright, "Moon" Naughton, Momma Linn, Bob Baracca, Al Long, Eben Dobson

Back Row: Bill Pratt, Bob Rouge, Keith Gaspitch, "Skip" Cheseldine, Ned Speasmaker, Earl Cramer
October, 1946

DID YOU KNOW ...

Little known facts about BTP / OWU

- George Gauthier, OWU AD Emeritus, known as "the little G" was the quarterback for Michigan State U in his college days ... and MSU never lost a game during his 3 years as quarterback!!
- William Eels, History Professor of the 40s, 50s, was a cousin of movie star Franchot Tone.
- Bob Strimer, OWU football coach during the 40s and then basketball coach during the 50s and 60s, was dean of men and coach of Parkersburg High School in West Virginia ... before coming to OWU.



BETA PINS *Continued from page 1—*

II. Evolution of the Badge,
by Eric Eickhoff '00

A. Marshall Badge — Original Badge of Beta Theta Pi (designed by Founder Samuel Taylor Marshall) – 1839.



B. Paddock Badge — Designed by Alexander Paddock, Miami 1841. Incorporated the Black Enamel, the Diamond and Laurel Wreath on front (took away the Crescent) and added clasped hands on the reverse of the badge.



C. Ransom Badge — Designed by Major W.C. Ransom, Michigan 1848. The badge took its final form when the four straight sides were curved inward, creating the 8 concaved sides we recognize today as our badge. From time to time the curvature has changed and there was no standard jeweler to create all of the badges.

D. The Convention of 1879 instituted that all badges should be purchased through one jeweler and that there would be a commission to the Fraternity. In 1880 the commission scheme was dropped and the practice continued of using various jewelers to create badges.

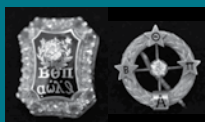
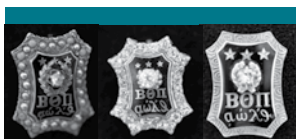
E. The Convention of 1899 sought uniformity and adopted a badge made under G.M. Chandler.

F. Chandler Badge — In 1909 Chandler submitted a full set of documents, requirements, and standards to the Convention. The Convention adopted the badge and it is now referred to as the Chandler Badge of 1909 – the standard badge of Beta Theta Pi.



III. A Few of the Badges On Display At Oxford Beta Hq Museum

IV. William Baldwin 1882, Theta Chapter Brother & His Pin & Story — The story of brother William Baldwin 1883, his Beta pin, picture and handwritten diary dated 1-1-1884, are fully described on pages 5 and 8.



Pins shown top left to right: Baird, Markle, Shepardson, Hepburn, Covington

V. Milligan '84 – Thorpe '85 – Theta Chapter Brothers & Their Pins

At the Beta Museum in Oxford, you will find among the many beautiful pins on display, two from Theta chapter. One pin was owned by M. L. Milligan, class of 1884. What little we know about brother Milligan is that he was in the "Classical" school curriculum, a member of the College Double Quartet in which he sang First Bass, on the Executive Committee of the OWU Baseball Association and 1st baseman for the team. He was also the center fielder for the BTP team.



Milligan 1884 as shown in OWU yearbook. Note wearing of pin in tie. Milligan pin on display at Beta Museum in Oxford.



The other Theta Chapter pin was worn by brother G. P. Thorpe, class of 1885. Brother Thorpe was listed as a member of the Legal Firm of Irvin & Thorpe, on the OWU baseball team and was both catcher and Captain. He was also catcher and Captain of the BTP team. Back at that time, baseball at OWU had not been any kind of success due to the need for suitable and convenient grounds, but mostly due to the stringent rules of the faculty, which did not permit an exchange of visits with other college clubs. In addition, OWU did not budget any support for the sport.

Thorpe pin on display at Beta museum in Oxford.



VI. Ned Speasmaker – Theta Brother 1950 & Pins

See story on page 9 which was contributed by brother Raymond "Skip" Cheseldine '50.

VII. John Bolek '88, Theta Brother and Former District XX Chief Pin

John Bolek, '88 Theta Chapter brother and a former District Chief, was so impressed with the Thorpe pin that he commissioned one to be made for himself.

Brother Bolek's pin is shown to the right.

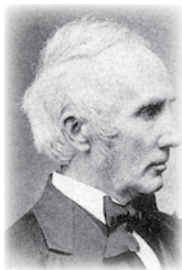


VIII. Lorenzo Dow McCabe Pin – Paul Kisseberth & Annie Grinton Kisseberth '54 See article on page 4.

X. Tom Tatham '56 & Pin Collection

Over the past few months, with nothing else to do with my time (or \$\$\$) I began to collect Beta pins from eBay. So far, there are a dozen in the collection along with a beautiful gold Beta ring. Most recent pins cost around \$60, although the larger older pins can bring \$200-\$400. There seems to be a rather active number of bidders and market for the pins. It is my intent to place these pins and other Beta jewelry into the ownership of Theta House Corporation and to recommend to the trustees that, "... if not otherwise needed by an active chapter...", the collection is to be placed on loan to the Beta archives in Oxford for appropriate display.





Lorenzo Dow McCabe

Lorenzo Dow McCabe 1817-1897

By

Tom Tatham

With supporting contributions and documents from:

Paul and Annie Grinton Kisseberth '54,

Bix Newhard '52, Janet McCabe Hoover Smithwick '48, and

with contributions from many other family members



Annie Grinton and Paul Kisseberth '54 at 50th OWU Reunion

A most interesting story featuring a Beta Pin comes to us from Paul & Annie Kisseberth '54, Bix Newhard '52 and Janet Smithwick '48. The story begins with the journey of the family's patriarch, Lorenzo Dow McCabe, a Beta from Ohio U. where he was #14 on that chapter's roll.



L. D. McCabe Pin

Lorenzo Dow McCabe Family



Lorenzo Dow McCabe was born in Marietta, Ohio, January 7, 1817, and died in Delaware, Ohio, June 18, 1897. He was the son of Robert McCabe, a boot maker, and Polly McCracken McCabe. He was born in the Campus Martius Fort, where his father plied his trade. The fort had been built by Rufus Putman when he came west from Massachusetts. Since theirs was the largest space in the fort, whenever itinerant preachers came to Marietta, he spoke from their quarters. On the night that Lorenzo was born, the preacher was Lorenzo Dow, and the baby was named for him. Lorenzo Dow was one of the most famous itinerant preachers, and he traveled more miles than any other preacher.

Lorenzo was orphaned at the age of seven by the cholera epidemic which swept through the area. He was taken in by the local grocer and his wife who gave him shelter in the store. He slept on the counter at night, and told of the rats and mice which were his companions. The grocer had an arithmetic book from which Lorenzo learned basic math. He was largely unschooled, but was widely read so that he was able to pass the equivalency tests to enter Ohio University about 1830. Records at Ohio U indicate he was an excellent student of Latin, Greek, Mathematics, and the Classics. He graduated from Ohio U. in 1843, and taught there for one year before being called to Delaware, Ohio, where he and three others laid the groundwork for Ohio Wesleyan University. One of the courses he taught was The Philosophy of Mathematics, and he later became head of the Department of Philosophy at OWU, sometimes serving as acting president.

In 1845, Lorenzo arrived in Delaware, having left his professorship at Ohio U. and having accepted a similar position at OWU. His Beta pin shows the date 4-18-1853, some 8 years after his move to Delaware, etched on the back.

Lorenzo's Letter to his 1st wife Martha

September 24, 1845

Delaware, Ohio

"Dearest Martha,

I do not intend to tax your eyes, time and patience with an epistle so long as the one I last sent you. I, however, have as much to write. My soul is quite as full as when last I communed with the best woman on the globe. I have made arrangements for boarding with our beloved brother Merrick [of Merrick Hall]. He has no objections to boarding me but they did not know about my city wife – they were fearful they would be too plain for her. I allayed. It will be quite pleasant for us. I am so glad because we will be more likely to seek after entire holiness of heart in the communion of so holy a man ...

For the meantime I have fixed me a study in the college building for a home for the "old man". I will give you a description of it. No. 1) Trunk, No. 2) a curtain under which to hang clothes, No. 3) fire place, No. 4) window, No. 5) window, No. 6) bed, No. 7) stove, No. 8) table, No. 9) desk, No. 10) wash stand, No. 11) door. [Lorenzo made an appropriate penciled drawing to coincide with the number key descriptions.] In looking over this building, I think that with some attention it might be made one of the finest college buildings in the whole country. The grounds are not now so pleasant as at Athens, but I think with an equal amount of care and attention they might be made to surpass. The trustees intend doing away with students boarding and rooming in college. That would then give us the entire building for recitation rooms, studios, apparatus rooms, a room for the reception of visitors and a laboratory.

The institution is worth – its buildings and grounds - \$40,000. She has three agents now in the field soliciting donations. The stock is being taken I see for a railroad to pass through this place. If you look at a map of the state you will find that the place is near the center of Ohio and the intention is to throw all the conference territory together and from the solid state to make four conferences all to corner at this point. This then will be the center of its, i.e. the Church's, efforts in the great cause of education in Ohio. If all this takes place, this must be the most popular, the most independent and the most useful institution in Ohio. But my heart tells me that I am in the region of futurity and futurity is all uncertainty.

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*William Baldwin —
OWU 1882*

William Alfred Baldwin Roll #212 OWU - 1882 - ?

By Thomas J. Tatham '56



1882 Baldwin Pin

Early this year, I received an envelope containing a remarkable piece of Theta Chapter history – a beautiful Beta pin from 1882, pictures of (1) the owner wearing the pin in 1883, (2) the Theta Chapter in 1883 and (3) the pin owner's handwritten diary from January 1, 1884 while on campus in Delaware, Ohio. The material, which was from 1882 Theta Chapter history, had followed a path from brother William Baldwin who passed away in 1932, to his son Eugene I. Baldwin, to brother Morris Hollenbaugh, to brother Thomas Farahay, to brother "Skip" Cheseldine and then to this writer. Following is background reflecting the "trail" of this memorabilia and Theta Chapter historical lore.

William A. Baldwin was born January 15, 1861 and became a student at OWU, pledging Beta Theta Pi in 1882. We conclude that he must have been in the class of 1886, and soon thereafter married Minnie Porter. One of their children was Eugene I. Baldwin, and it is from him that we begin the trail of the memorabilia.

William joined the Masonic Lodge in 1885 and soon thereafter obtained the 3rd degree in the Lodge. In 1901, the family moved to Los Angeles, California. William passed away in 1932.

In 1967, Eugene became acquainted with brother Morris Hollenbaugh (although 40 years later brother Hollenbaugh does not recall this event) and sent him the following:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. His father's Beta pin 2. Picture (1887) of his father wearing the pin along with his mother and others | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Picture of the Beta Theta Pi chapter in 1883 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The handwritten diary of William Baldwin dated January 1, 1884 while living in Delaware, Ohio. (<i>See page 8 for Baldwin diary.</i>) |
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Eugene Baldwin transmittal letter to brother Morris Hollenbaugh

Rev. Morris E. Hollenbaugh

April 30, 1967

Dear Sir:

So glad to have your good letter of April 12th & in the meantime have been busy checking on a few of my dear father's early activities—found two diaries of his covering several years—the first page of 1884 I am enclosing with his Beta pin. The chapter house is welcome to this page & pin so request they use it as they wish.

Wish to thank you for taking your time & interest in this matter—Might I add that I have a 23 year old grandson who is studying for the ministry at Yale Divinity College.

Again my sincere thanks,
Sincerely,
Eugene I.
Baldwin
1637 Hills Ave.
Los Angeles, CA

Skip Cheseldine transmittal letter to Tom Tatham

March 15, 2006

Tom:

I'm sure you remember our good Beta Brother and long time Delaware fixture—Tom Farahay—from his days with C.J. Wilson. Tom was a contemporary of mine 1946-51.

Whenever I am in Delaware, I stop by to say hello to Tom's lovely widow/Beta sweetheart Ida. Last time I was in Delaware, I had lunch with Ida at the newly restored Bun's. During our

conversation, Ida told me that some years back Tom had been entrusted with some pictures and a big Beta pin that had belonged to a Theta Beta many, many years ago. Ida had kept the memorabilia in hopes that a readmitted Beta Chapter on the OWU campus would want it.

As the years passed, Ida began to wonder who she should leave it to. Recently, and as a result of your good work with *Theta Data*, I phoned Ida and asked her to let me send it to you. Here it is. Ida Farahay can be written to at: 29 Carriage St., Delaware, Ohio 43015-1506. PH 740-369-3805

—Kai— "Skip" Raymond Cheseldine
4751 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1505
Bonita Springs, FL 34134



1883 Theta, Beta Theta Pi. (Note: William Baldwin shown in circle above.)

Theta Chapter Web Site

By Aldo Adachi '99



As announced last year, our Theta Chapter Web Site is operational and available for your use. For some time we had the objective of creating a Web site for Theta Chapter which would

provide the brothers with pertinent information regarding Theta Chapter history, pictures, and alumni member directory. It will also allow us to frequently update current information important to all alumni. The internet address for the site is www.thetachapterbtp.org. Anyone wishing to submit relevant material for the site should do so by mailing to either Tom Tatham @ 900 Hathaway Rd., Dayton, OH 45419 or to his email @ tomtatham@aol.com or to Aldo Adachi @ Casilla 1878, Santa Cruz, Bolivia or aldoadachi@hotmail.com.

Ned Speasmaker's 80th

April 15, 2006 • London, OH • Train Depot

By Raymond "Skip" Cheseldine '50



Brothers Cheseldine '50, Speasmaker '50 and Chaney '55

It was like a royal affair with everyone there. The Monarch perched on a stool between the cold beer keg and a silver punch bowl across from a groaning table of warming trays brimming with barbecued pork, chicken, beef and beans, calmly accepted the homage and accolades of his court. Thus did brother Ned Speasmaker '50 celebrate his 80th birthday on Saturday, April 15 in the abandoned but refurbished train depot in hometown London, Ohio, a scant block and a half from his ancestral home.

For five hours they streamed through the door, well wishers most of whom had known him for more years than they wished to remember.

Among the dignitaries in attendance were Beta Brothers Skip Cheseldine and Ted Chaney, together with OWU classmates Mary Jo (Jones) Kennedy. Brothers Norm Slenker, Morry Hollenbaugh, Evan Roderick and Eb Dobson emailed tender words of advice and counsel not fit to be quoted here.

As evening fell upon the gala event, Spease with a lampshade on his head was last seen leading a Congo Line down Main Street. Keep on Trucking – Father Wooglin adds his best wishes.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Little known facts about BTP / OWU

- In 1942, the OWU football team lost to Michigan State U, 31-7. Who was the coach? George Gauthier, of course. Big Ten opponents were a common challenge for OWU under Gauthier.
- The OWU football team, On October 7, 1922 was the first team to play against Ohio State U in their new stadium — the Horseshoe. Final score, OWU 0 v OSU 5. Source ... 2006 *Football Media Guide*.



Beta HQ Announcement Magazine Now Online

The Beta Theta Pi is the longest, continuously published magazine in the fraternal world; however, Charles D. Walker, V.M.I 1869 couldn't have envisioned the World Wide Web when he printed the first issue on December 15, 1872.

Today, 134 years later, we are proud to bring you a new web site for *The Beta Theta Pi* magazine at www.thebetathetapi.org that will include feature articles and departments from the latest issue of the magazine. We also plan to provide General Fraternity, chapter and individual news updates throughout the year, and soon we'll be adding even more photos, audio, links and much more.

Alumni News

Dan G. Ransom '51 ...

Having sold our real estate brokerage, we are semi-retired and in good health and grateful for all the good things. I was shocked and saddened by Bill Long's death as reported here. Thanks for keeping *Theta Data* going!

Tom R. Shank '52 ... Brother Albrecht wrote an excellent letter. I think it reflects the feelings of many Theta alumni.

Ken C. Rowley '55 ...

While looking for the reincarnated soul of Mama Linn, which could be the salvation of Theta Chapter, I continue to hang on the side of a mountain outside of Santa Fe. I do a little woodcrafting, welding, and gardening. During my extra time, I spend it with my three dogs and wonderful wife (Sandra). Oh! By the way. I still burn my lantern "looking for an honest man" in DC [as did Diogenes carry a lantern looking for an honest man] – a challenge.

Jack Poccock '46 ... I was only able to attend one semester in '43 – after which the navy sent me to I.I.T. in Chicago where I graduated with a mechanical engineering degree. I had several engineering & marketing positions. Retired at age 65 – now live in Columbus, Ohio & attend monthly BTP meetings at the OSU golf course & a yearly get together (200 or more) at the Sciota Country Club – this is a nice group & makes up for only having one semester as a Beta in college. (See page 16 for photo.)

Dan B. Ventres '52 ...

Attached you will find my "Who's Who" with a little history! I'm learning to live in Florida – Punta Gorda – in a few months, before the end of the year. A couple of years ago, I received the honor of being an outstanding athlete at OWU – for my track achievements at OWU in 1952.

A Few Excerpts
From *Who's Who* ...
BA OWU 1952, JD
George Washington U
1957, partner-Carlsen,
Greiner & Law, 1960-
84, Minneapolis, private
practice 1995-, US
swimming official-
Olympic Games, Pan Am
Games, Aquatic World
Games, ... among many
other listings.

Michael A. Sommer '62 ...

Many thanks to Tom & Aldo for the slick Website.

Paul B. Kisseberth '54 ...

Thanks for the *Theta Data* and good luck to the class of 1956 with your Golden Key 50th year reunion at OWU.

Derek C. Hays '98 ... Moved to the farm in May '05, to take it over. Dad and I farm about 2300 acres in Logan and Union Counties, Ohio. Started a kennel to breed yellow labs. Still own my rental properties in West Mansfield, Ohio. I've been dating a senior from Urbana University for the last couple months. I was hoping to get in touch with pledge brothers John Rogers, John Owen, Dan Gantt, and Frank Anderson. Looking forward to the Web start up, hopefully it will improve communications

between all brothers, and '96 most. [937-935-6551]

Horace "Bix" Newhard '52

... Dear Brother Haskell ... great *Theta Data* Feb. 06. I even knew most of the brothers. I graduated in 1952. I had my "15 minutes of fame" per Andy Warhol several months ago & my cousin, Paul Kissy Kisseberth '54 suggested I pass it along for reading in a future *Theta Data*. I'm going to Snowmass (Aspen, Colorado) to be with Kissy & Ann for a week tomorrow. Article enclosed. Yours in -kai- Horace "Bix" Newhard '52

Headlines from the Marin, California Independent Journal, November 27, 2005

Dr. Horace Newhard among 16 Doctors praised by magazine. The winter/spring 2006 issue of *Bay Area Consumers' Checkbook* magazine ... singles out 16 of Marin's primary-care physicians for their popularity among the magazine's readership. The semi-annual magazine is published by the Oakland-based nonprofit Center for the Study of Services. Its new list of top doctors is based on responses to an annual readers' survey. Checkbook readers throughout the Bay Area were asked to rate their personal physicians in a number of performance categories. "The physicians that received above-average scores on the survey compared to all other physicians in the Bay Area, not just in Marin County, are included on this table," said the magazine's managing editor, Kevin Brasler.

Paul D Hammersten '69

... My wife, Sharon, and I are enjoying our retirement home we built in 2003 [South Harwich, MA]. I am busy with my art. We took part in the grand opening celebrations of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. I am working on a new book and helping students with their Hemingway studies. [http://www.asantepapa.4t.com]. I am working Hemingway Studies. February 21, 2006 marks the completion of my first year in my new vocation as Chatham's "fire hydrant man". As a technical with Earth Tech., Inc. Heavy manual labor outside every day throughout the year may be the death of me, but I love it!! I have not named all the 1,000+ fire hydrants in Chatham yet, but will give you a tour of my routes when you visit.



"The Cheyenne"

This acrylic rendering on hand carved and tooled leather of the Peace Chief Black Kettle, was created by the late Northern Cheyenne artist Frederick Dale Seminole and Paul Durr Hammersten, whose names are inscribed together on the Honor Wall of the National Museum of the American Indian, The National Mall, Washington, D.C.



William Baldwin shown wearing his Beta pin (pin identified in circle).

Diary of William A. Baldwin

Theta Chapter, Beta Theta Pi Roll #212

Written 1884, Tuesday, Jan. 1st

Delaware, Ohio

Following is "verbatim" from the original handwritten Diary:

This, the first day of the new year is one of some pleasant memories, which are perhaps worthy of note. That the incidents of the year '84 may be referred to in after years. I find it convenient to record some of them in this book, which can be perused at any time and thereby I can see wherein I have improved or retrograded.

The year of '83 has passed, and mentally summing it up. I realize it to have been one of improvement to me. The Fall of '82 and the Winter and Spring of '83 I spent in College at Delaware, Ohio.

This being one of the happiest years of my college relations. In September of '82 I was initiated into the B.T.P. Fraternity where I found myself surrounded by a band of true and worthy brothers. Many a happy time was spent within the walls of Theta Chapter Hall.

My study was devoted to music and painting—my work in this line was quite satisfactory and I improved rapidly.

During the summer of '83 I traveled five weeks with Mason Long as one of a quartet. Saw some fine country and many pleasing scenes meeting many pleasant people.

In Sep of '83 I accepted a position with the firm of Butler and Bunker with whom I worked for three months and a half—and now I find myself upon the threshold of '84.

I look out and the morning is cloudy, at noon a heavy snow is falling which continued until evening thus making all things cheerful and joyous.

My time was occupied in attending to some little duties as a business character during the earlier part of the day.

We ate our New Years dinner together which all seemed to appreciate. On going to the office I received a letter from my friend Cora which I read with much pleasure.

About 3:30 a number of the boys and I called over to the Y.M.C.A. rooms where the young ladies of the city held a reception.

We were served to refreshments and then enjoyed a social chat interspersed with singing, all of which we enjoyed very much.

Spent the evening at home where the true heart is always welcome."



NOTE: *On the reverse of the pages from the diary was the following handwritten comments, written by his son, Eugene:*

"His diary also recorded that he joined the Masonic Lodge on Mar 6, 1885 and then passed his Masonic 3rd degree the 25th of 1885. He kept his dues up in this chapter up to his death in 1932 in Los Angeles, Calif. Our family had moved to California in 1901. Under separate cover a picture of his fraternity brothers taken in 1883, also one of Ohio Concert Co. taken in 1887 which shows him wearing his Beta pin."

Editor's Note: According to Beta Hq data base, William A. Baldwin was #212 on the roll of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.



William Baldwin Family

Speasmaker's Pins

By Raymond "Skip" M. Cheseldine '50

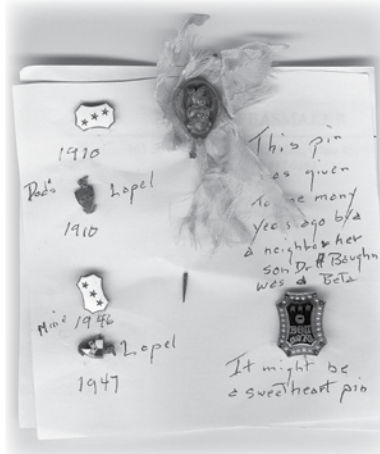
The pictured Speasmaker pins were sent to the editor from brother Ray Cheseldine with the following information: "Tom ... these came from Ned Speasmaker '50, (#798 on the Theta Chapter roll). One set is Ned's ... 1946. The other set is from his Dad—1910."

Skip's father and Ned's father were close friends from their London, Ohio high school days as well as at OWU.

The large pin belonged to a former London, Ohio resident who practiced medicine in Columbus. It was owned by a Chester Baugn, a Columbus doctor who was not known to Ned. Baugn's mother, a neighbor, gave it to Ned many years ago.

Other Theta Beta's in the Speasmaker family included Ned's brother, Cass Berry Speasmaker '39, #670 on the roll of Theta Chapter, and their father, Edward Peter Speasmaker '14, #407 on the roll of Theta Chapter. Cass was killed in France during WWII.

Ned Speasmaker, 740-852-0268,
165 South Main St., London, Ohio 43140



Ned & Barb Myers 50th Anniversary

By Bob Neff '55

On March 11, 2006, brother Ned Myers class of 1950 and Barb, his lovely wife of 50 years, celebrated their "surprise party" 50th at the Warner-Robins AFB Museum. In attendance, and shown in the following pictures were brothers Norm Slenker '51 and Bob Neff '53. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to brother Ned and Barb!!



Ned Myers '50



Shown left to right — Norm Slenker '51, Ned Myers '50, and Bob Neff '55



Myers and Neff sharing memories and old war stories — Remembering the Good Old Days at 54 W. Lincoln.

The 1955 Pledge Class



Left to right — Top Row: Larry James, John Funderburg, Bill Plavcan, Dave Boyle, Art Haight, Doug Boyle, Milt Irvin, Bill Kestle, John Hammond

2nd Row: John Wedge, Ron VanBuren, Jack Habn, Larry Linderer, Fred Smith, Dick Brown, Paul Nobis, Jim Watson

Bottom Row: Dick Eitzel, Tom Halliday, Dick Davies, Dan Rich, Jerry Staley, Homer Clark, Rupe Doan

Not Pictured: Ken Rowley

OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

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

Harold Leslie ("Les") Cramer, '52, roll #831 ... a retired educational researcher, died on August 13 at his home in Fairfax after a long illness with cancer.

He was born in Boston, MA, on Oct. 10, 1926, received a BS in Education from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1952, a Masters degree in Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1961, and a Doctorate in Education from Harvard in 1968.

After service in the Navy at the end of World War II, Dr. Cramer taught elementary school briefly in Needham, MA, and then in 1953 founded Cramer Oil Inc. in Needham. This developed into a successful heating efficiency business. He sold the business and began studies at Harvard. During his studies he served as research assistants on various projects at Harvard and as audio-visual instructor. He was also an IBM Fellow at the Harvard Computing Center. His dissertation was entitled "The Intelligibility of Time-Compressed Speech". In 1967 Dr. Cramer was appointed Assistant Professor of Educational Psychology at the Graduate School of Education of Northeastern University in Boston.

Dr. Cramer came to Washington in 1969 as Research Director for the Peace Corps. From 1972 to 1982 he served as project director, consultant and evaluator on a number of government and private research projects. He started Cramer Associates, consultants on speech enhancement of audio tapes. His clients included the House Judiciary Committee, Cable News Network, Montgomery Co., MD., and others.

Roxanne Herrick Cramer (Ed.M., 1967) his wife of 37 years, survives him. He also leaves four daughters, Cynthia and Martha Cramer and Joan Pahud of Quincy, MA and Kathryn Canney of Jamaica Plain, MA, three step-sons, William Hofford of Portland, OR, Dana Hofford of Delsbo, Sweden, and Paul Hofford of Sandy Spring, MD., five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Submitted by his wife Roxanne, 4300 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, Va, 22030-4852

Hollenbaugh, Morris E. '49

The Venerable Morris E. Hollenbaugh of Oxford, Ohio, age 83, retired Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, died December 18, 2006. He was born on May 5, 1923, in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, son of Fred and Mayme (Criswell) Hollenbaugh. He grew up in Delaware, Ohio, a 1941 graduate of Willis High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the South Pacific in the First Marine Air Wing as a radioman/gunner in PBY Catalina Flying Boats, SBD Divebombers and PBJ Mitchell Bombers in the Rabaul, Mariana Islands and Phillipine Campaigns. He was a 1949 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi and Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary. After a successful business career, he entered Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary in Gambier, Ohio. He was ordained a priest at age 40 in 1963. He served as an assistant at St. Andrew's, Dayton, Ohio, Rector of St. Paul's, Greenville, Ohio, and Rector

of Trinity Church, Hamilton, Ohio. In 1977, he completed graduate research studies at Christ Church College, Oxford University, England. In 1987, he was appointed the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He was instrumental in developing the Hamilton Appalachian Peoples Service Organization, a church program designed to help Appalachian migrants in urban areas. He spent many years working in East Africa and Nigeria on special programs and projects. While Archdeacon, he created a Partner Diocese Program between Southern Ohio and the Dioceses of New Zealand and the Caribbean Windward Islands. After retirement, Archdeacon Hollenbaugh moved to Aspen, Colorado where he helped establish a new church in Basalt, Colorado, serving as Priest-in-Charge for 10 years. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Phyllis, son Todd (Jill), daughter Leslie Ross (Peter), grandchildren Alexandra Ross (Evan Guthrie), Paul Ross, Dustin (Kirsten) and James (Jennifer) Kuykendoll, nephews Robert Hollenbaugh, and Bill Hollenbaugh.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 27, 2006, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio, at 11 am. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Church Building Fund, 200 Elk Run Drive, Basalt, Colorado 81621 or Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 25 East Walnut Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056.

Donald McKay Mauck '49 ... [OWU Betas Don's father Stanley R. '16, brother Robert '48] ... The Rev. Donald Mauck, age 78, passed away September 2, 2006 at Mercy Medical Center in Canton, Ohio. He was born September 3, 1927 in Columbus, Ohio. Formerly of Delaware, Ohio where, as a United Methodist minister, he was a member of the faculty at the United Methodist Seminary (1965-90). He taught church history, church administration, and established the drama program, directing, acting in and writing many of plays during his tenure. As a recent resident of Copeland Oaks Retirement Center in Sebring, Ohio, he hosted a monthly television program and volunteered in music, educational and drama activities. Rev. Mauck earned a Bachelor of Arts from Ohio Wesleyan University; a Master of Divinity and PH.D from Boston University School of Theology, with graduate work in Switzerland and Scotland. As a United Methodist minister, Rev. Mauck served three United Methodist churches before joining the Seminary. Don's life was full of interests, especially Shakespeare, theater, opera, literature, history, sharing games and laughter, and travel. His enjoyment of life, commitment to justice and peace, service to others, hospitality, and a passion for people were shared with family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris Hunter Mauck, 3 daughters, brother Robert, and many nieces and nephews.

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Rupert A. Doan '55 ... the senior judge of the Ohio 1st District Court of Appeals in Hamilton County, died September 7, 2006. He was 72.



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After a game of golf, he slumped in a chair while dining at the Bierhaus in Miamitown. Three of his companions were doctors who were unsuccessful in reviving him.

Judge Doan had a stroke in 1999, and his death may have been triggered by his medical history, said his daughter, Holly Doan Spraul of Covedale. Doan, who would have turned 73 that week, was the longest-sitting judge on a court of appeals in Ohio. A Republican, he had served from 1981. His judicial term would have ended in February. He couldn't run for re-election in November because Ohio law doesn't allow a person who has reached the age of 70 to stand for a judgeship.

Born in Miamisburg near Dayton on Sept. 13, 1933, Doan was a member of the Western Hills High School Class of 1951. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, where he had a show on the school's radio station. He met Sue Logan, a fellow student at Ohio Wesleyan, when she auditioned for a spot on his program. They married in 1955, the year he received his bachelor's degree.

Doan graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1958, then served three years as a captain in the Air Force. Afterward, he became a partner in the firm of Hess, Cottrell and Doan, where the bulk of his work was representing savings and loans.

He became a Hamilton County judge in 1966 – serving on the Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas until 1980, when he was elected to the Court of Appeals.

Before his stroke, Doan was an avid organic gardener. He and a friend, the late Pete Heckman, operated a greenhouse in Delhi Township called Evers and Elfner, where they grew roses. "He'd be in the courthouse during the week and in the greenhouse on the weekends," his daughter said.

Doan loved the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and blue-grass music. "He just fit in anywhere and enjoyed everything," said his daughter.

He was a member of Western Hills Country Club, a past president of the Lions Club of Price Hill and a co-chairman of Riverfest. He served on the board of the American Cancer Society, St. Joseph Orphanage and the old St. Francis Hospital. He was also a member of the Old St. Mary's Church preservation committee. He was an elder of Shiloh Methodist Church in Delhi Township - he was fond of Old St. Mary's because of its significance to Greater Cincinnati's German community. Doan was proud of his German heritage.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; his daughter, Holly; a brother, Charlie Doan; and his grandsons.

BETA BROTHERS REMEMBER RUPE DOAN

From "Couin" **Jack Mathews '54**

Tom — sounds like it was quite a funeral — poor Rufus — wonder if he really liked all the fanfare — I will remember him as the guy that stayed up all night with us dealing cards and bumming my cigs — and the guy on the top 3rd bunk in our room at the Beta house throwing rubber bowling ball pins at us — and driving that souped up Mercury car — and driving a

bunch of us to old Crosley Field in Cincinnati to see the old Reds and Dodgers one weekend — great memories — good guy — glad he did so well — you must be worn out — best to all of you — Jack

From Larry Linderer '55

Auf Wiedersehen "Rufus"

Paul Nobis and I were pallbearers at the funeral of our Theta Brother Rupert Doan on September 13, 2006; also in attendance were Brother Tom Tatham, Anne Nobis, & MariBeth Graham. I would like to share some brief comments on the events.

• The viewing was the longest the funeral home had ever experienced taking visitors over 3 hours in line. The next day it was close to a formal State funeral with an overflowing church, taking over 2 hours to hear his tell tales about their beloved father, grandfather ("Opa"), and associate. Not a dry eye in the audience. They told many funny stories that Rufus would have loved. He always liked being the showman and on that day he would have been so proud. The auto train escorting him to the cemetery had to be close to a mile long with the usual motorcycle escort of Cincinnati's finest.

• To us he was a character known as "Rufus"; but to his family and friends he was known as Judge Rupert A. Doan, the "longest-sitting judge on a court of appeals in Ohio", or simply "Opa" (grandfather).

• In college he captivated his Beta brothers with his good humor and he was known in his community as a genuinely fun loving, clever, entertaining guy.

• He was honored for giving generously of his time and

talents to the many community charities and cultural activities.

• The Chief Justice of Ohio led a parade of 8 judges as honorary pall bearers while his Beta brothers & 4 friends escorted his casket into the sanctuary. I wish you could have been there to witness this — it was truly impressive.

• Many of the attendees talked at length about his keen intellect, love of people, and a humble man who was "down to earth". None of this surprised those of us who knew him. Rufus had a love of his community, his German heritage, the law, and legal process. He was the only one I ever knew who came to College knowing that he would become a lawyer, return to Cincinnati, and get into politics. Most of us at that time didn't have a clue what we wanted to do.

• Grandson Thomas Spraul (14) wrote a poem about "My Opa", which was very touching and moving.

• It was ironic that Rufus was buried on his 73rd birthday! He would have enjoyed and been impressed with such a large Birthday bash of family, friends, and business associates honoring him.

His beloved wife, Susan Logan Doan, of over 50 years was very appreciative that his college friends were able to share with her the community outpouring of love for her man.

Larry Linderer '55, Beta room mate and a good friend of Rufus.

[Editor's Note — an in depth Personality Profile of Judge Doan was contained in the Nov. 1997 issue of *Theta Data* which can be seen on Theta Chapter's Web Site.]

BETA PINS *Continued from page 5—*

There seems to be a rather active number of bidders and market for the pins. It is my intent to place these pins and other Beta jewelry into the ownership of Theta House Corporation and to recommend to the trustees that, "...if not otherwise needed by an active chapter...", the collection is to be placed on loan to the Beta archives in Oxford for appropriate display.

X. Theta Chapter President's Pin and Watson Pin

For many years, the Theta Chapter President was honored to wear a large Beta pin signifying the prestige of the office he held. This pin was worn by each of 2 presidents selected from each class, 1 per semester. This practice continued until at least the early 60s at which time the chapter changed to 1 president for each year. In addition, the Watson Award recipient, awarded for outstanding service and student achievement, was worn each year by 1 member of the chapter. Unfortunately, these pins, both large, beautiful diamond featured centerstones, have been lost for many years. Anyone having any information as to the last known wearers of those badges or whereabouts of the pins please notify the editor at tomtatham@aol.com or 937-298-7682. A listing of known wearers of these badges and / or holders of the office of president in the chapter is shown on page 18. Further help in "filling in the missing blanks" of chapter presidents would also be appreciated.

XI. Future Theta Chapter House Corporation Collection

As noted in the TJT collection item, we (Eric & Tom) are going to place our Beta pins and jewelry in the ownership of Theta Chapter House Corporation and recommend to the Corporation the loan of all such received jewelry to the Beta Museum archivist in Oxford for proper display at the museum. In the event the chapter is ever reactivated and any of the pins would be needed for chapter use, the loaned items would be returned to the House Corp for their care and use. While not everyone would feel the need to follow this same course, there may be many alumni who have no "heirs" for further disposition of their Beta pins and this might be in favor with their desires. If any alumni feel this to be appropriate, please contact either Eric Eickhoff at cadmus1641@msn.com or 216-346-3420 or Tom Tatham at tomtatham@aol.com or 937-298-7682.

XII. Ordering Beta Jewelry

The sole official source for Beta Jewelry is by phone 800-422-4348 or order on line at www.HJGreeK.com

Official Pins are only available by order through Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office
800-800-2382.

ALUMNI NEWS *Continued from page 7—*

Paul Belden '64 ... Recently joined Raymond James ... an Investment Firm ... Built a new house. Many fond memories brought back by reading *Theta Data*. Thanks. 2497 Turning Lane, Carmel, Indiana 46032

Andres Duarte '65 ... My son Andrew will enter Northwestern U. in Evanston, IL in the fall of 2006 ... hope he goes Beta.



Robert Pine '65 ... was in the film *Red Eye* (as an unhappy hotel guest) and has made recent guest appearances on such TV shows as *Criminal Minds*, *Big Love*, *Six Feet Under* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Already completed for 2007 release are the films *Paved*

with Good Intentions and Rodeo Girl. His son, Chris Pine, is an up-and-coming actor. [Per the Summer 2006 *Beta Theta Pi Magazine*]

Morgan Shraeder '54 ...

He is very active in the Albuquerque Balloon Festival—has been for years and enjoys it greatly. Keeps him really busy with meetings, etc. Morgan notes that he and many others follow the OSU football team as there is a strong alum base in A. and they are able to get the game on TV (guess they pay for getting that channel) at a bar so they all congregate there and enjoy the games. Morgan resides at 8010 Constitution Ave., NE #305A, Albuquerque, NM 87110-7686, phone 505-293-0516.

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Pictured are friends Dick and Sharlene Griffin holding the Theta Beta punch bowl, along with Julianne Carsons Bolek and John Bolek '88 at their wedding reception on July 22, 2006 in Hubbard, Ohio. Also pictured on page 5 is brother Bolek's Beta pin which he had made as a copy of the Thorpe pin. Brother Thorpe was a Theta Chapter Beta, #192, Class of 1885. The original Thorpe pin is on display at the Beta Museum in Oxford, Ohio.

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I begin to love Delaware very much. It seems much like Athens. Same hours for prayers, same hours for recitations, the same subjects and the same classes. I am treated with that respect and attention that every honest hearted man deserves. Brother Merrick has charge of the institution. We have 3 professors and 2 in the preparatory department, 75 students, more expected. I have 4 recitations daily ... The students looked as if they thought they never saw it done on this fashion when I announced the rules of my classroom and the requisitions of my department. I want to push up the Mathematical Department higher than ever in any college in the country – ‘east or west’ ... ”

Lorenzo's Life in Delaware

Upon his arrival in Delaware, Lorenzo started the philosophy and religion departments at OWU. Later, for two short periods of time, he served as interim President of OWU. In a letter to Ann Grinton from her father (Harry Grinton) he noted that Lorenzo was *one of the founders* of the *Beta Chapters at both Ohio U. and OWU as well as one of the founders of the Miami Triad.*

During their years in Delaware, Lorenzo and his 2nd wife Calista became good friends of Rutherford B. & Lucy Hayes. The ladies were “bar bashers” and became two of the founders of the W.C.T.U. “Lemonade Lucy, so-called due to her tee totaling ways. She had all the wine glasses in the White House turned upside-down.” Further, Lorenzo performed the marriage of Rutherford and Lucy, presided over their 25th anniversary at the White House. When the Hayes and Lorenzo attended church after the anniversary celebration, the streets of Washington were so muddy that Rutherford walked to church, while Lucy and Lorenzo rode in the carriage. The carriage is on display at the Hayes museum in Fremont, Ohio. Lorenzo often visited the White House and presided over Rutherford’s funeral on the grounds of the Hayes Museum and home in Fremont, Ohio.

Lorenzo's Portraits

While in the White House, President Hayes commissioned oil paintings of Lorenzo and Calista and presented them as gifts in gratitude for their friendship. Lorenzo also had his portrait painted in New York City while on a speaking tour. It is said he pawned his gold watch to have the portrait painted. We think it was painted by Winner, but we find no signature. The portrait is in the possession of Holly Hoover Smithwick-Roy in Portland, Oregon. It was on this trip that Lorenzo met Calista Clark who had a girls’ academy in Albany, N.Y. She later became Lorenzo’s second wife. She was a very strong-minded lady, and insisted on taking her pet monkey on their wedding trip on the Erie Canal from New York to Ohio. The monkey managed to wreak havoc on the canal barge, tearing down curtains, and causing much destruction.

Lorenzo's Letter to President Lincoln

From Janet McCabe Hoover Smithwick — great-granddaughter of Lorenzo Dow McCabe ... Regarding the L.D.

McCabe letter to President Lincoln, Janet writes, “The original of the letter to Lincoln regarding the Emancipation Proclamation is in the archives, I believe, at the Dayton Theological Seminary” [now called the United Theological Seminary, 1 of 13 Methodist seminaries in the US and located in Dayton, Ohio]. The subject was *L. D. McCabe's Letter to Abraham Lincoln Concerning the Stand of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Emancipation* [Note: A copy of the full text of the letter is available by contacting the editor or by going to www.thetachapterbtp.org and from the news menu select “current news”.]

*Excerpts From “Ohio Wesleyan’s First Hundred Years”**By Henry Clyde Hubbart, Ph.D, Copyright 1943*

In 1934, Professor Henry Clyde Hubbart became head of the History and Social Science Department at Ohio Wesleyan University, his special fields being American history and modern Europe. Following are direct quote excerpts where Professor McCabe is mentioned, with appropriate page references from Hubbart’s book entitled “Ohio Wesleyan’s First Hundred Years”.

- *McCabe’s arrival at Delaware and OWU*
In 1845, Athens (Ohio U) temporarily closed its doors, and Lorenzo Dow McCabe, Athens graduate (1843), and professor (1844) came to Ohio Wesleyan as Professor of Mathematics and Mechanical Philosophy. *Pages 10, note 2*
- *William D. Godman comments on Professor McCabe*
Describing his later college experiences, William D. Godman (1st OWU Graduate in 1846) tells of his acquaintance with “Tutor Williams, a young man”. To him Professor McCabe, who came in 1845 as the new Professor of Mathematics, was “a rare specimen of manly beauty, the most popular professor in the early history of the university”. We catch our first, fleeting glimpse of Lucy Webb, our first “co-ed”. The Webbs lived in one of the campus cottages, located southeast of the present site of Merrick Hall. *Pages 20-21*
- *A Strange Civil War Return of a Veteran Student*
Charles Cardwell McCabe (1860), nephew of the professor, and Chaplain of the 122nd O.V.I., was reported in the *Delaware Gazette* of June 24, 1863, as having been taken prisoner. Later released, he served the college as financial agent, became famous as the “singing chaplain” and as a lecturer on his experiences in Libby Prison, besides, being elected a Methodist bishop. A strange war story centers around Captain Alfred E. Lee (1859). Severely wounded at Gettysburg, reports had it that he had died and the college had assembled in chapel to honor him with a memorial service. Professor McCabe was ready with his speech, when suddenly Lee himself, just arrived in Delaware, hobbled into the room. The versatile professor substituted an address on missions, and Lee himself subscribed \$100. Later he served as Consul-General to Frankfort-on-the-Main as editor of the *Ohio State Journal*. *Pages 37-38*
- *McCabe’s role in the construction of Merrick Hall*
[Referring to the difficulty in completing the construction

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of the Merrick Science Building]. Finally, when the building was opened in 1873, it provided quarters for the young science professor, Dr. Edward T. Nelson, and for two faculty men who were to serve with distinction for several decades, the one, L. D. McCabe, especially known as a great inspirational force, and the other, Hiram M. Perkins, as an effective mathematics teacher. Page 42

- *A Civil War veteran speaks*

John B. Schwin (1869), who lived until 1942, bearer of the alumni cane, has described conditions in the vigorous post-war years.

“One man in my class was forty years old. It was a common thing to see men with an arm or a leg missing. Chaplain McCabe, the great singing bishop, frequently visited the college, and the whole student body would gather on the campus and join with him in one great festival of song.”

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- *McCabe's acting presidency and the union with the Female College*

During McCabe's acting-presidency (1873-1876) the demand for action crystallized, but opponents [referring to the 1877 union of the Female College with OWU, an all male school to that point] pointed out “insuperable obstacles”. The buildings were remote from each other; the scheduling of recitations would be difficult; certain classes would still have to be held at Monnett. Would the girls obtain scholarships or would they pay tuition? “The university has endowment and no tuition; the college, tuition and no endowment. The Board of Trustees went on record against union as late as June, 1875. The two institutions were solidly crystallized; why unite them?”

The final action of the Board of Trustees came in June, 1877. A special committee presented a report which in its preamble ventured the following statement: “It is conceded that modern tendencies are in favor of coeducation and the most conservative of the higher institutions of learning are yielding to advancing public sentiment.” The almost insurmountable obstacle was felt to be the location of the Female College. Finally came the fateful resolution:

That if the Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan Female College deem it best to discontinue the active operation of their institution and to transfer its property, after its debts are paid, to the trustees of the University, we would accept such property and open the University to girls upon the same terms as men.

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- *A Sketch of Professor McCabe*

In the Payne faculty two men were outstanding personalities. Lorenzo Dow McCabe, graduate of Ohio University in 1843, a man of remarkable personal magnetism, and one who in 1845, when he came to Delaware had impressed young Godman with his luminous face, bright eyes and “manly beauty,” was now at his prime as a faculty figure. Beginning in 1864, he had already served fifteen or more years as

Professor of Philosophy. Like Merrick committing himself unreservedly to the college, his total term of service was fifty years; for two periods, 1873-76 and 1888-1889, he was its acting-President.

Versatile and changeable in mood, with his vivid imagination, flashes of wit and bursts of eloquence, he showed some of the marks of genius. His method of teaching Butler's *Analogy* was by a rather rigid *memoriter* system, but formalism yielded to an element of surprise by a trick he used for several years of calling on students by number from a basket of blocks on which the numbers were inscribed. Then, too, in a moment of excitement of righteous indignation, textbook and formal philosophy went by the board and he spoke out freely from his vivid personal experience and imagination. “It was then,” said Berne Jones (1889), “that we really learned philosophy.” A loyal Republican, McCabe felt extreme reverence for the magic name of Ulysses S. Grant, and the protective tariff was to him little less than a sacred dogma. Sparring matches between McCabe and Professor Semans, Democratic free trader, became a campus tradition. The “pernicious doctrine of evolution,” just coming to our campus called forth McCabe's blasting condemnation. Pages 80-81

- *McCabe in the classroom*

Inevitably, later, students became acquainted with Professor Lorenzo Dow McCabe, theologian, philosopher, author, and sometime acting-President. When he called students by name to rise and recite they were expected to continue until he stabbed a forefinger at another student, perhaps clear across the room, with the demand “take it there.” Pages 85-86

- *McCabe on the object of a liberal arts education*

Professor McCabe had maintained that the object of the liberal arts college as “to develop all the powers of the soul as an end but not as an instrument,” and the catalogue as late as 1901 maintained that the classical course was unequalled in securing “correctness in mental processes”. Page 88

- *Dedication of the University Hall e³ Gray Chapel*

Elaborate dedication exercises made the commencement season of 1893 most memorable. On June 20, 1893, Governor William McKinley delivered a memorial address for our ex-trustee, Rutherford B. Hayes. Dr. Payne took the floor and by subscription raised \$15,000 toward the payment of the debt (University Hall & Gray Chapel). On June 21, speeches were made by the Honorable John Sherman, United States Senator, Mrs. Anna Sanborn Clason, class of 1859, and Dr. David H. Moore, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*. At the dedication ceremonies held in the afternoon, Bishop Henry W. Warren delivered the dedicatory sermon, followed by Dr. Payne in a vigorous attempt to raise the residue of the debt. “Chaplain McCabe was there to lead the singing. All who have ever been present when Dr. Payne or Chaplain McCabe or both of them came in conflict with a church debt know the result,” said the *Practical Student*. Page 98

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• ***Student Life Under Bashford***

As to discipline, Professor McCabe in his acting-Presidency (1888-1889) denounced “rebukes, threats, suspicions and espionage...Never in our history has there been more decorum and propriety in our chapel service.” **Page 107**

• ***McCabe Approach to Philosophy***

In 1860 Lorenzo Dow McCabe, earlier engaged in the fields of mathematics and physics, took over Biblical literature and moral philosophy, and in 1864, became Professor of Philosophy, which chair he held for more than thirty years. Extended accounts of (Professor Frederick) Merrick and

McCabe are given elsewhere. The approach to philosophy under McCabe is well illustrated by the catalogue statement for the years from 1881 to 1895:

The subjects taught in the department are the facts of mental phenomena, embracing the cognitions, feelings and the cognitive powers; the cause and laws of mental action; the necessary laws of thought; the philosophy of the beautiful in nature and in art; the science of pure being; the history of philosophy; the principles of national wealth and prosperity; the secret of success in the construction and delivery of discourses; the evidences of Christianity; and the Analogy of Bishop Butler. The inspiration, enlargement and even development of all the mental and moral faculties are the great objects sought by the head of this department of the university **Page 203**

Lorenzo’s Family Tree

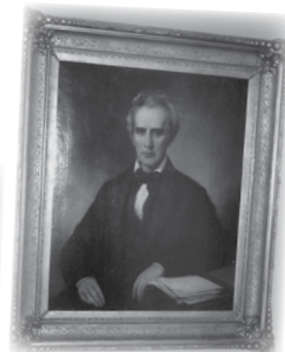
Following his 1st wife’s passing, Lorenzo and his 2nd wife, Harriet Calista Clarke had 3 children. One of them, a son, John Jay McCabe and his wife, Effie Eugenia Capps McCabe, had 4 daughters: (1) Katharine Laura McCabe Grinton [*Annie’s mother*], (2) Miriam Dow McCabe Hoover [*Janet Smithwick’s mother*] and (3) Josephine Calista McCabe Newhard [*the Newhard’s mother*] and (4) Emma Eugenia McCabe Moore. John Jay, also an OWU graduate class of ??, remained in Delaware and became the pastor of Asbury Methodist Church. It is through this family lineage that the following table shows some of the primary connections of the family with Beta Theta Pi and / or Ohio Wesleyan University.

Among the OWU, Beta and Greek connections in this family are the following:

Lorenzo Dow McCabe	Ohio U & OWU	Professor, Inter. Pres., #14 on OU Beta Roll
John Jay McCabe	OWU ’??	Beta #165 on Theta Chapter Roll
John McCabe???	OWU ’??	Beta #203 on Theta Chapter Roll
Harry Grinton	Connecticut Wesleyan	Beta at Connecticut Wesleyan
Katharine McCabe Grinton	OWU ’19	No Greek Affiliation
Joe Newhard	OWU ’43	Beta #685 on Theta Chapter Roll
Mary Calista Newhard Adams	OWU ’47	Pi Beta Phi
Persis Effie Newhard Snoke	OWU ’54	Pi Beta Phi
Mary Snoke Junham	OWU	No Greek Affiliation
Andrew Junham	OWU	Phi Gamma Delta
Hillary Junham	OWU 2000	No Greek Affiliation
Miriam Dow McCabe Hoover	OWU ’13	No Greek Affiliation
Harold Smith Hoover	OWU ’12	Delta Tau Delta
Janet McCabe Hoover Smithwick	OWU ’48	Gamma Phi Beta
Bix Newhard	OWU ’52	Beta #837 on Theta Chapter Roll
Paul Kisseberth	OWU ’54	Beta #884 on Theta Chapter Roll
Annie Grinton Kisseberth	OWU ’54	Kappa Alpha Theta
Mary Grinton Beeghly (Annie’s Sister)	OWU ’48	Delta Gamma
Tom Beeghly (Beeghly Library Family)	OWU ’48	Phi Delta Theta
Mary Kisseberth Bedson (Annie’s daughter)	OWU ’79	Pi Beta Phi
Scott Bedson	OWU ’81	Phi Kappa Psi

Lorenzo’s Pin & Portrait Displays

The oil portraits of Lorenzo and his wife, commissioned by their friend President Rutherford B. Hayes, are currently on display in the Paul and Annie Grinton Kisseberth home. Lorenzo’s portrait is shown to the right. **Of most significance to Beta, the McCabe family has generously agreed to place the Lorenzo Dow McCabe Beta pin on loan to the Theta Chapter House Corporation which in turn will transmit by loan to the Beta Theta Pi administrative offices in Oxford, Ohio with appropriate material to tell this story. The McCabe pin, shown to the right, will be appropriately displayed in the Beta Museum.**



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Editor's Note

It is with the deep appreciation and thanks to the McCabe-Grinton-Newhard-Kisseberth-Smithwick-Beehly family that the Theta Chapter House Corporation has accepted possession of the Lorenzo Dow McCabe pin for use of the House Corporation and for loan to the national Beta Theta Pi administrative offices in Oxford, Ohio for an appropriate display at the Beta Theta Pi Museum. December 14, 2006 • Thomas J. Tatham, Editor, Theta Data • A publication of the Theta Chapter House Corporation of Beta Theta Pi

DID YOU KNOW ...

- Momma Linn served as Beta housemother from at least 1937 until the early 60s.

Shown left to right — Main, Armstrong, Sell, Linn and Turney.



From 1957 Le Bijou

Correction ... in the previous issue of *Theta Data*, featuring a Personality Profile article about brother Al Albrecht '48, his phone number was incorrect and should be shown as 765-962-4905. Further, the article transition from page 1 to page 3 left out the following: "When Fred left school Bill Littick took over the back room. The only two cars at the house at the time were Bill Littick's Studebaker coupe, and Ray Megirian had a new Nash." Our apologizes to Brother Albrecht and thanks for the corrections.



Jack Pocock '46 and a lovely young lady at a Beta reunion!!



"Rupe" Doan '55, shown with Sue Doan, his wife, pinning his 50th Beta Pin. Paul Nobis '55 to the left. Milt Irvin '55 in back row.



The Old & The Young



Another Intramural Football Championship — Crittenden '59, Harris '58, Cook '57



Larry Linderer '55



Jack & Judy Hahn '55



Who Are These Good Looking Young Men?

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Steve Kral '84 continues to enjoy 'semi-retirement' — traveling from May to December and doing income taxes near Lexington, KY from January to April. The past year included sea kayaking with orcas in British Columbia, climbing/hiking in WY and CA, a couple months of snowboarding near Whitefish, MT, and volunteer work with the National Outdoor Leadership School (where he enjoyed meeting an outstanding group of Beta brothers heading out on the Beta Wilderness Challenge!), the Continental Divide Trail, and the Pacific Crest Trail.

Steven graduated from Ohio Wesleyan in 1984, where he was #1485 on the rolls of Theta chapter. Current address: 104 Air Float Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075 USA, and can be reached at 615-822-0250. His current email address is listed to be stevekral@hotmail.com.



Steve Kral '84 Climbing Wind River Peak in Wyoming - Home base of Outdoor Leadership Training which the Beta's have used.

Dale Rose '57 ... My new E-mail address is DaleandNancye@computechnow.com. Bruce and Betty Crittenden were here to visit the weekend of

October 7 & 8. It sure is fun to get together with old friends. Thanks for keeping me updated on Beta news.

Sherry Treis '54 ... Sherry's address is: 477 Union Box 1007, Douglas, MI 49406. His cell (which he uses mostly): 616-566-5226 and home #269-857-8263. No email.

J. Ken Cozier '56 ... We are fine, managing fairly well after a really busy year with painting our main floor area - walls, etc., replacing kitchen cupboards, trading in two cars for one, and trying to keep up with our workers who are also replacing our carpet on the main floor. Our condo has two floors - main one on the upper level where we enter, and a lower floor where we have a family room/study, bedroom and full bath, den/laundry room, and a furnace room. It's more like a small house with 2200 square feet and overlooks the lovely NC mountains. After 15 years here, and only painting once before, we decided to get these items done. We have taken three trips so far - two driving ones to Ken's historical meetings in Colfax, and Fayetteville, NC, and the third one was two weeks in Oregon and Washington to visit with our youngest son. Now we are on the countdown for a two week trip to be with our Navy son, Dave, and his family over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Our daughter is in Vermont with her husband, so they will join us in Connecticut where Dave is living.

Keith Eiken '57 ... Only item of interest was that I co-chaired a Gandhi/Thomas Merton Peace

Pilgrimage Walk (58 miles) from Bardstown, KY to the Muhammad Ali Museum in Louisville. Seventy sponsors and the 'locals' along the way supplied all the food and overnight accommodations. You guessed it, I drove the van and picked up the ailing and failing. Go Cards in the Orange Bowl!

Larry Linderer '55 ... Just returned from a visit to Costa Rica and plan to return to our sailboat and be in the Bahamas for Christmas and the winter months. While I spent several years in Ohio, I find that Florida is my now home! GO GATORS!!!! Our new coach Urban Myer will have a few wrinkles the Bucs have not seen before, so Tressel better be ready! Getting old isn't for sissies.

Ben Grabam '52 is currently serving as President of the Engineers Club of Dayton. In this capacity he follows in some fine footsteps including Orville Wright, co-inventor of the airplane, and Edward Deeds, Charles Kettering and William Chryst who together invented numerous items for the auto industry beginning with the automobile starter. Founded in 1914, the Engineers Club of Dayton has helped to keep Dayton in a leadership position in invention and development.

Dick McClintock '53 ... We moved into a retirement community in late September. It was the right move at the right time.

Our new phone number is 704-551-6803. Our new email is dandgmac@carolina.rr.com. Our new mailing address is 8919 Park Road, Apt. 103 Charlotte, NC 28210.

C. Dee Simpson '54 ...

Our phone is now 520-721-8875 • email is pjsimpsonaz@aol.com.

Eric Eickhoff OWU '00 – I was married on December 16th, 2006 to Leah Dooley in Richmond, Missouri. We were fortunate to have about thirty Beta brothers in attendance, including many with whom I worked at the Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office and my father, Ric Eickhoff, General Fraternity #30. The Beta brothers were kind enough to serenade Leah with three Beta songs and to conclude the evening all the brothers sang "The Parting Song" and "Beta Doxology". We currently live in Williamsburg, Virginia. I am scheduled to graduate from the College of William and Mary in May 2007 with a Masters of Education. I still volunteer for Beta Theta Pi, serving as its Assistant Archivist. Our address and phone number are:
3806 Gray Fox Circle,
Apartment C, Williamsburg,
VA 23188
Cell - 216.346.3420



WE NEED YOUR HELP ...

The following chart of known wearers of badges and / or holders of the office of president in the chapter at this time is the best information we have on record.

We would like to update our records more accurately by filling in the blanks. Your knowledge and recollections would help. Please send to: tomtatham@aol.com.

Year	President	Watson Award
1945-46	Chuck Hall	_____
1946-47	_____	_____
1947-48	_____	_____
1948-49	William Freeman	_____
1949-50	_____	_____
1950-51	_____	_____
1951-52	Anderson Cooper	Cooper
1952-53	Eiken Metzel	_____
1953-54	Shrader Simpson	_____
1954-55	Linderer Doan	Hahn Rich
1955-56	Tatham Pardoe	Pardoe Glander
1956-57	Eiken Crockett	Eiken
1957-58	Groshok, _____	Carmaichael
1958-59	Carmaichael Haas	Winters
1959-60	_____	_____
1960-61	_____	_____
1961-62	Conrades, _____	_____
1962-63	_____	_____
1963-64	_____	_____
1964-65	_____	_____
1965-66	John Hershel	_____
1966-67	Dick Gusteley	George Hess
1967-68	Jim Kiminsky	Rowland or Haskell
1968-69	Jim Clark	Mark Benton
1969-70	Pete Lee	_____
Early 70s	1 st closed period	_____
1977-78	2 nd closed period	_____
1980-85	3 rd closed period	_____
1985	Erin Sanders	_____
1986	Stephen A. Lambo	_____
1987	David Poss	_____
1988	Bryan Karam	_____
1989	Stuart Feldman	_____
1990	Greg Ritz	_____
1991	Kevin McDonald	_____
1992	_____	_____
1993	_____	_____
1994	_____	_____
1995	_____	_____
1996	Jeff Gallo	None
1997	Mike Dowgiewicz	None
1998	Mike Dowgiewicz	None
1999	Jeff Beaudry	None
2000	Matt Doman	None
2001	4 th closing	_____

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D. Keith "Buck" Thomas '54 — From the *Gallipolis Daily Tribune*, D. Keith Thomas, 74, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was born Aug. 18, 1932, in Gallipolis, son of the late Thomas A. and Mildred Thomas. He married the former Phyllis Waters on Sept. 5, 1954, in LeRoy, Ohio, and she survives him.

Keith was a 1950 Gallia Academy High School graduate where he was awarded the Music Key. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a business degree. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Keith served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, having obtained the rank of Captain. Keith was President of Thomas Clothiers Corporation. This included Thomas Clothiers and The Hub in Gallipolis, Carter's Menswear of Point Pleasant, W.Va., and New York Clothing House in Pomeroy. While at Thomas Clothiers, he instituted the Golden Helmet Award and sponsored several autograph sessions with the Cincinnati Reds "Big Red Machine".

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, having served in various offices, but his true love was the church choir. Keith was a past member of Gallipolis Lions Club and Gallipolis City Merchants, having served as president in both, and the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce, having served as director. He was also a member of the French City Treblemakers, a barbershop chorus, and the American Legion Post #27.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David Mark Thomas in 2002.



Keith "Buck" Thomas and his wife Phyllis at 50th OWU Reunion.

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D. Keith Thomas '54

Saunders, Nathaniel Stephen Keith Thomas, all of Gallipolis and a granddaughter, Bethany Rebekah Elaine Thomas of Logan; a sister, Greta Thomas Caldwell and her husband, Richard of Columbus.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at the Grace United Methodist Church with Pastor Doug Stockton officiating. Burial followed in Mound Hill Cemetery.

His six grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Full military honors will be provided by volunteers of area veteran's lodges.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in Keith's memory to Grace United Methodist Church. Visit www.willisfuneralhome.com to send e-mail condolences.

BETA BROTHERS REMEMBER KEITH "BUCK" THOMAS

Evan Roderick '51 — Hi Tom ... Many thanks for Keith's obituary. I knew him well. He was from my wife's home town. I hope you are doing well. We are all getting a bit older. Again thanks for keeping in touch. *Evan*

"Cousin" Jack Mathews '54 — Please give my regards to his family ... I still remember when Keith got his new Chevy convertible in early 50's that his father bought him ... he and I took a ride in it to Columbus and had a couple of beers at some honky tonk bar downtown Columbus and then drove back to Wesleyan ... He was a very nice guy — *Jack*

Robert S. Neff '53 — Tom: Thanks for passing on Kissy's note about Keith. My heart is heavy with prayer for Keith and family. Remember the Good Times.

— kai — *Stonie*

W. Dan Rich '55 — So, so sorry to hear the news about Keith ("Uncle Buck") Thomas. We always enjoyed visiting him at his store whenever we were in Gallipolis visiting Charles (Ecker '56), whom we still miss (and always will) so much! We will keep both Keith and Phyl in our thoughts and prayers.

— kai — *"Deacon Dan"*

Milt Irvin '55 — Tom: I am so sorry to hear about Keith. I only pray that he had a quiet passing. *Milt*