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## Brad Chelton '98, *Bond #1619*

### Theta Chapter Alumni Personality Profile

*Edited by Tom Tatham*



#### The Early Years

Brad was born July 10, 1976 in Ashland, KY. His family lived in Franklin Furnace, OH (near Portsmouth), and the nearest hospital was across the river in KY. Periodic family relocations coincided with his father's career as a Lutheran minister, from Franklin Furnace, OH to Sidney, OH to Charlottesville, VA to Columbus, OH, which Brad called home since 1988. Along the way his younger siblings, Jessica and Andrew, were born. His mother was a teacher for many of these years, taking time off on occasion to raise her children (she recently retired in June 2011).

Childhood fun included sports, especially baseball. The Chelton's backyard in Sidney, OH was the neighborhood baseball field, and there were large dirt patches in his yard for all of the bases and pitcher's mound, which drove his mother crazy. He had a very rewarding high school experience at St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus. After graduation in 1994 he headed 20 miles north to begin his college years at Ohio Wesleyan.

#### Ohio Wesleyan

Brad's decision to come to OWU was based on a few things; including OWU's good academic reputation, "small school" fit, and an opportunity to play collegiate baseball

His father grew up in Baltimore, MD, so all of Brad's life he made family trips there to visit family and friends. As Brad said, "it was pretty cool that my freshman year my roommate was Mike Dowgiewicz '98, who also grew up in Baltimore. Our first night at OWU included a Donato's pizza and a 12-pack of Budweiser."

Freshman year curriculum was indicative of a liberal arts school and he took classes in

## Ted Chaney '53, *Bond #854*

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*Ted Chaney '53*

#### The Early Years

Ted's early years were in London, Ohio. He was born in 1931 to Robert and Georgianna Chaney. His father, an OWU Beta in the 1920's (Roll #512), owned an insurance firm and his mother, in addition to raising 3 children, was a teacher. She graduated from OWU in 1928. A grandfather also attended OWU and an uncle was also a Beta brother at Ohio State U. His sibling, Barbara still lives in Madison County, Ohio and a brother, Tom is in Denver, Colorado.

Growing up, Ted was encouraged in music and, because his grandmother had a flute, that was Ted's instrument of choice and his ticket to play in the London HS band. Although a bit shy, Ted was soon to come alive from the OWU and Beta environment he was soon to enjoy.

#### Ohio Wesleyan

With several family connections with OWU, there was never any doubt as to what college would get Ted's application. In 1949 Ted was off to OWU and his first two years of rooming with his London friend, Ed Lilly '53. Ted was an accounting major from the very beginning. George Crowl (Geology professor) taught one of Ted's non-accounting classes and Ted became very interested in the subject. Although encouraged by Professor Crowl to make it his major, Ted stayed with the accounting department for his Wesleyan major. Ted's social life at OWU was limited, but for good reason.... more on that later.

#### Beta Theta Pi

Virtually upon his arrival on campus, after few visits to the fraternity open houses and with his family history, Ted was quickly pledged Beta at the 54 W. Lincoln house. Key in this was

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astronomy, philosophy and geology. His most interesting class was a sports psychology class which included an analysis of quarterback performance in the Super Bowl which “might have been my only A my freshman year”, reported Brad. His sophomore year saw him taking his first accounting class and decided that should be his major. Having focused curriculum for his last 3 years of college, Brad’s grades improved and he graduated in 1998 with an accounting major and management minor. He told Aldo Adachi '99 many times while recruiting him to pledge Beta, that he could tell his parents Brad was proof that grades can improve when living in a fraternity house!

As an accounting major, nearly all of his classes were taught by either Professor Cliff Cook or JoAnn Harvey. Brad noted that they were both very helpful in his academic achievements as well as in his post-college successes.

Brad noted that “it was fun playing baseball with some of my Beta brothers (Dowgiewicz, Ramsy Mahjoub '98, Matt Jakubowski '99 and Wes Hall '99, Scott Yanney), including a Spring Break trip to Fort Myers, FL my freshman year. However, I decided to retire after our fall semester of our sophomore year, and this decision helped my academics...and my social calendar.”

### Pledging Beta

After arriving on campus his freshman year, it didn't take long for a first Beta interaction. Paul Corto '97 was Rush Chairman and went to high school with Mike Dowgiewicz, Brad's freshman year roommate. Brad noted, “Paul was instrumental in recruiting our pledge class and made sure we were at the Beta house frequently for meals, parties, etc. For our Thomson Hall crew (Ramsy Mahjoub '98, Dowgiewicz and me), the Beta house was literally steps away which made recruitment of us that much easier.”

Brad has great memories of his time as a Beta, and won't be able to do them all justice in this article. “Looking back, one of

my favorite things about our house was the diversity of interests in the house – the sports fanatics, the “Deads Heads”, and the philosophers to name a few (sometimes those interests were divided 2nd Floor vs. 3rd Floor).”

Brad notes, “I tried to be an active member of Theta Chapter in my years at OWU. I think I may have had the title as Co-Rush Chairman my sophomore year, but make no mistake, Ramsy Mahjoub led that charge and was very good at it. I was proud to serve as Vice President of the house during one of Dowgiewicz's years as president, and I also served as Alumni Chairman, working with alumni such as Tom Tatham on publishing the *Theta Data*. As for the memories...”

- Hell Week capped off by the “Alumni Exam” and our initiation that included Tom Courtice, the OWU President at the time
- Rush Week – they were all good, but none topped sophomore year
- Intramurals, especially football and softball. One of my favorite memories was our scripted first play of every football game, an 8-yard out by me, QB Dowgiewicz hitting me on the numbers...it was unstoppable (and my only contribution to our football team)



*L to R.... Aldo Adachi '99 and Tony Losito '01  
The “Dunkee” is Brad Chelton '98*

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## News from Venezuela

*From Andres Duarte*

Hi Marty.....

November 29, 2011

Still here in Venezuela — things are really falling apart, and our country is on the verge of becoming a failed state. Living on borrowed money (literally) despite being an oil exporter. Chavez is sick and radicalizing his “revolution,” etc., and my family split as to some who want to leave the country and some who wish to stick it out (I am one of them).

I spent two weeks in Delaware this fall and had a fantastic time with students and faculty. I wrote a note that I hope will be published in the OWU magazine. *Andres Duarte '64*

While in Delaware, I spoke to other alumni and trustees and found out that the Phi Gams are coming back to OWU after having a similar experience to our BTP exit from OWU...and wondered why we can't start the long road back...? I will be glad to help on two fronts, the “diplomacy and protocol” part, and also with a financial support...

More later, and thanks again for your note...and to Tom for keeping us together.

Saludos, -Kai- ADV Andres Duarte

*Editors note:* Andres Duarte, '64, is a long standing member of the OWU Board of Trustees and friend of Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. For more on Andres recent trip to OWU, see the current Winter 2011 *OWU Magazine*, which on page 48 is his summary visit.



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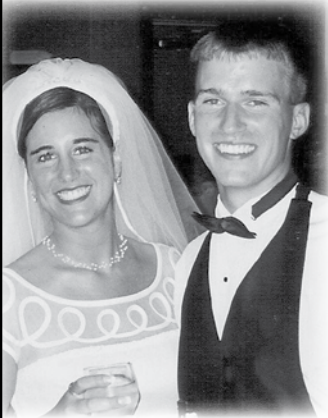
- Heated discussions at the apex of the Orioles-Indians rivalry
- Heated discussions for the Sega College Football league and PlayStation NBA league
- Tough decisions to make such as whether to go to class or keep playing Mario Kart
- Spring Breaks junior and senior year on Captiva Island thanks to Lee Szambecki '98
- The Backstretch, and my stint as "Frank Corto"
- College football Saturdays and the 3-TV setup in one of the corner 3rd floor rooms
- Daily foosball battles with Jakubowski, Matt Garrison '99 and Ken Bagstad '99
- Kidnapping trips, both as pledge (sorry Levi Levingston '97) and active (sorry Joe Palmer '99)
- Our annual formal...Grand Host East – there's no way you're in business anymore, but thanks for the memories



*Charity, Brad, Brady and Alyssa*

### After OWU...Marriage, Family and Career

Brad married his high school sweetheart, Charity, in August 1999. Their family has grown with the births of Alyssa (2004) and Brady (2009). They have finally adjusted their schedule as dictated by their children's extracurricular activities. When reflecting on his college years of 15 years ago, he enjoys thinking about things he did but not contemplate as a 20-year old at OWU. One such memory moment occurred in December 2011, as he "performed" as a volunteer Party Dad in the production of *The Nutcracker* (Alyssa also performed, but in a different scene).



*Charity and Brad Chelton*

Following graduation, Brad started work with Ernst & Young (public accounting) in September 1998. After a few tries at the CPA Exam, he finally passed and earned his CPA license. In 2007, he left public accounting for The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, where he has had responsibilities in the Corporate Finance department until early 2011 and

then currently in the Brand Finance department. "I've been fortunate to work with a lot of great people along the way and have absorbed plenty of good advice. One quip I've always remembered is that your college years are 80% about soft skills (socializing, learning to live independently) and 20% about the stuff you actually learn in the classroom and from your textbooks. I couldn't agree more given my experience at OWU and Beta, though I might change the ratio to 90/10!", notes Brad.

He stays in touch with a number of Beta brothers, particularly the 1998 and 1999 classes. For a number of years a Columbus group met for the OSU-Michigan football game (including Matt Garrison '99, Matt Brown '00, Trevor Warren '00 and Joe Palmer '00). Most gatherings were highlighted by heading outside for a football game with "old man Chelton" as the "all-time QB". Some trips to Baltimore have allowed catching up with Dowgiewicz and Mahjoub, and included a couple of memorable Orioles' Opening Days.

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*Editor's note:* I first met Brad in about 1996 while serving on the House Corps. Brad was a big help to those of us on the Corps and could be counted on to help with anything we asked of him. In particular was his service with me in creating and editing articles for *Theta Data*. It was clear then Brad was an outstanding young man who would make Beta proud in years to come. To that end we all say to Brad, "**Thank God you are a Beta**".

## Ted Chaney '53

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another London friend, Ned Speasmaker '50. Ted was active in the chapter from the very beginning and served as Treasurer his junior year.

His grades were good from the beginning and as a result, he was able to move into the house for his junior year. He became close friends and roomed with Bob Neff, a pledge brother also in class of '53. Also rooming with them was Vern Thomas and later Keith Thomas '54.

Fond Beta memories included the bridge games with Metzel

'53 et al and especially his frequent talks with Mama Linn. As Ted remarked, "Mama Linn was one of a kind and a very dear person. She contributed immensely to the lives of those of us who came into contact with her gentle graces." Neff, Eiken, Davenport and McClintock (1953) were wonderful brothers and we still share fond memories to this day. Other fond memories included Ms. Long and the Long boys.....including Tom and Bill who were in school with Ted.

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# Alumni News

*E-mails, letters and phone calls ...*

## Dick McClintock '53.....

December 16, 2011  
Tom..... I think Ginger brought you up to date on this end.....not too bad for old folks. Please give our best to anyone you might visit.....and, Merry Christmas and HNYear to you and yours. Love, Mac

## Dick (Ginger) McClintock '53

December 9, 2011  
Dear Tom, Thanks for the note. I think Dick will be responding soon. Meanwhile, as a couple of old folks, we are blessed beyond measure with 2 children and 2 children-in-law and now 6 wonderful grands since the oldest granddaughter was married to a lovely young man about a year ago. We are moving in the slow lane, but we are still moving! Our best to you and yours for the coming holidays. Fondly,  
Ginger Carter McClintock  
OWU'54

## Jack B. Carmichael '59

December 9, 2011  
Seasons greetings to all, whether you are Jewish, Christian, Muslem, or perhaps Unitarian (like me), Sikh, Buddhist, Mormon, or any other worshipper of one God, such as the American Indians of many tribes:

May the blessings of your religion flow abundantly to you and your family and may you enjoy good health and happiness in the New Year.

To all my friends and colleagues, whether you know me as Jack, Jack B., or merely as the Editor of Dynamics Press,  
Mason, Michigan

## Larry Linderer '55

Nov 28, 2011.....  
Glad to hear you're still keeping us informed. Our only news.....  
After being boatless for 3 years, we purchased a used Mainship 350 Trawler and plan to go coastal cruising during the winter months along the Gulf Coast, Florida, Bahamas, and Cuba when it opens up. We'll put the boat up for the Hurricane season and return to our Naples nest in the summers. This boat offers us more comfort for our aging bodies but keeps us active on the water again. It's a great life and we're enjoying every minute.  
Larry & Joyce Linderer

## J, Clint Miller '54

Hi Tom!  
Thanks again for a terrific 2011 *Theta Data*, and not just because I was a feature in the issue! - and speaking of that feature: Your closing tribute really touched my heart! Thank you! I learned a great deal both personally and professionally from our brothers during that formative period of my life. I am forever grateful!

The issue arrived in yesterday's morning mail and in the afternoon received a congratulatory email from John Hammond on my church address. I have not seen nor had contact with him in at least 50 years. He must have googled the address. I don't know where he lives or what he is doing but did request that information. I believe he was in Cleveland for a period during the years that I was there and we had some

contact then, I think. I'll let you know if I receive further messages from him or anyone.

Again, many thanks for your dedication to all of us and your tribute to me. Clint

## Pat Simpson '54

Oh dear Tom,  
How tardy I am — please excuse! Yes, we did return from almost 3 weeks of cruise and La Jolla and had a grand time. The weather did not cooperate but then in this part of the world we cannot even begin to complain about weather considering all you've been through. Due to being gone that long there has been a lot of catch up to do— plus out of town company, including fun and funny grand daughter, Allison 14, who was here for an active 4 days.

The tragedy (shooting of Congresswoman Gifford in 2011) here in Tucson has been traumatic. The 6 degrees of separation stories are many but the community has certainly come together in their concern, prayers, helpful gestures and so on. When it happens in your own "backyard" it seems even worse. It is sad also that politics had to be brought in with the blame going to the tea party and conservative media. The guy is crazy and who knows what set him off.

I loved receiving the early *Theta Data* and devoured every word! Enjoyed the Clint article, the pictures of the 50's (my young Dee especially), the sad obit re Frank Dove (a special guy) and the Hahn letter. As well as all the rest even if I don't know the names! I received it and the one you sent yesterday

(both) easily. Maybe cuz we both have Macs. You have done your usual marvelous job and EVERYONE appreciates it soooo much. Thank you, thank you.

Besides battling the elements and editing I hope you and Jan have had a chance to go to Florida to thaw out!  
Hugs, Pat

## Larry Linderer '55

Thanks Tom for continuing "Marching along with Beta....". I still sing the Beta songs in the shower (sorry Clint) and miss the Brothers who are no longer here to remember the fun and good times.

(In an earlier note from Larry) Can't remember a thing ....from last week, but remember going down stairs at 54 W. Lincoln with "who was pater Knox? 1st in war, 1st in peace and 1st in the hearts of ancient Greeks".... As a new pledge! Am I the only one who remembers?? Four years of good memories...  
Larry  
1608 Manchester Ct.,  
Naples, Fl 34109

## Dan Ransom '5?....

Special thank you to Tom Tatham, Marty Haskell and any other of the brothers who do such a good job with the *Theta Data*! 58 Orchard Terrace, Orchard Park, NY 14127-2742 (716) 667-3073

## Jim (Becky) Dailey '56

(Upon hearing of the passing of Bob Corey)  
Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I thought of him recently as College Spring Breaks were starting. I remember him loading into the car at 54 W. Lincoln heading to Florida wearing

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his bathing trunks and a t-shirt and carrying his toothbrush. He said that's all the essentials he needed. Great guy and great Beta Brother.

Becky sold her house in Hilliard and bought a condo nearby in Tremont Club on Davidson. I go over about once a week and pick up mail and do what ever chores she has on my list and then head back to Indian Lake. Nice thing about a condo, the list is not very long.

My oldest daughter, Mandy, still lives in Bellefontaine. She is CEO of Mary Rutan Hospital there and husband Rob is a dentist. Her oldest, Eric, will graduate this year from Hartwick College in NY and will go to Law School in the fall. (Never thought I would have a lawyer in the family.) Her youngest, Michelle is a freshman at OU. My youngest daughter, Jane, is a professor at Marietta College.

How is Dan Wright '56 getting along? I think often about the two years I was at OWU. I missed the guys at the Beta House after I transferred to OSU, but if I would have stayed any longer I would never have gotten into Dental School. Too many opportunities to party and not study. Keep in touch. Jim

**Tom (Sue) Stover '57**

I know I haven't been very good about letting you and my brothers know how Sue and I are faring after these many years as OWU alums. We've



had a good life together and passed the 51 year mark of our marriage last January 3rd. We've had lots of good years and are looking forward to some more. 2010 was not nice to us however.

I had a heart valve replaced on March 22, and 12 days later, Sue lost 85% of her intestines to a disease called Mesenteric Ischemia. That results from a poor blood flow to the small intestine causing it to die. Of course a dead intestine means no nutrition is being absorbed. After most of it was removed, the surgeon said Sue only had four to six months to live. A little bit of a shock, right? Well, 16 months later she is doing quite well, considering, and, although tied to a bag of "TPN" by a tube 12 hours every day doesn't allow us to do any travelling overnight.

We enjoy remembering all the travelling she and I, and our two kids have done in our old "pop-up tent trailer" over the years. (I even made use of my geology degree once every so often when one of the kids would ask, "What's that, Dad?" referring to some land configuration. Thank God they didn't ask what it was made of!)

The two kids I referred to are our adopted daughter and son, Meg and Paul. We adopted them here in Ft. Worth each when they were 13 days old. Meg in 1972 and Paul in 1974. You do the math. I was 40 when Paul was born. He and Sandra, his wife, have a two and a half year old son named Zane Thomas, and in November, expect another boy to be named Nolan Shane Stover. (Or Nolen. Being a typical grandfather, I didn't ask how to spell it.) Nolan Shane Stover will arrive by

**NE Ohio Annual Beta Event... 11/29/11 Steve Sherwood '70 Sends the following:**



Theta Brothers Tim O'Hara, Terry O'Hara, Steve Sherwood '70, John Willoughby, Ron Snyder attending the Beta Steak Out #44 held in August in Canton Ohio for the Beta Alums from NE Ohio and environments all around. Interested Betas can get info about this annual event from Rod Kirkendall at rod.kirkendall@gmail.com

cesarean on November 10, 2011. Paul and Sandra are both teachers at the Byron Nelson High School in Roanoke, TX. (Actually in Trophy Club, TX.) Sandra teaches advanced algebra, and Paul is the lead teacher in the Special Education department. (Paul has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Texas Wesleyan University in Ft. Worth, so that comes in handy when a few of the Special Ed. kids let their wild streaks loose.) Paul and Sandra live in Roanoke, Texas, just North of Ft. Worth.

Meg married Jay Michael Magruder. Meg and Jay have no children, but they do have a wild and woolly Brittany Spaniel, and have just adopted another one this past week. Jay is a Desert Storm veteran. He was a Captain in an armored division. He got out and went to work in Dallas as a scheduler and something else with a construction company which builds "up-scale" condos and commercial buildings all over the U.S.

He was in charge of the Eastern Seaboard and Southeast U.S. He was laid off and is now working for another construction company in Dallas. Meg does something for a mortgage company (I think) in Frisco, TX (where she and Jay live) and is doing quite well and loves her job. They are both products of Texas A&M University. (Well, I warned her about that!!)

Sue and I live in Euless, Texas (I tell everyone that if they land at DFW on the West runway, they are in Euless.) I was dean of students, dean of instruction, dean of instruction and student development, and interim president of the Northeast Campus of Tarrant County Junior College (Now Tarrant County College) in Hurst, TX until I retired in 1998. Sue worked as an admissions clerk for most of the 28 years we have been at "TCJC". We both loved doing what we were doing all those

## Ted Chaney '53

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### Graduation and US Air Force

At the time of his graduation from OWU, Ted was also commissioned from the ROTC into the USAF. He was soon off to his first USAF assignment at, of all places, Wright Patterson Air Force base outside Dayton, Ohio..... only a short distance from his London home. His poor eyesight kept him from a flying assignment (as was true for many others) and as a result his active duty commitment was for only 2 years. His assignment and training prepared him for security and intelligence assignments, which included security background checks and a small amount of criminal investigation. He was promoted to chief of his section, which was at the displeasure of others of greater service and experience. Wright Patterson was a "dream assignment" for a non-military type and was perfect for Ted and Marianna's life style.

### Career

Following his discharge from the Air Force in 1956, his civilian career began with a job

in Lancaster, Ohio with Anchor Hocking.....thanks to a contact with Dick McClintock's father. After 1 year, Ted left for another opportunity with Timken Bearing in Canton, Ohio. This proved to be an improvement in both their social life as well as the improved remunerations from Timken. His work with Timken lasted for about 10 years and his assignments covered some accounting work but most of the career there was in data processing and systems. He very much liked the systems work and made significant contributions in the areas of plant scheduling and inventory control. His next move was to the Eaton Yale & Towne Company where he employed his special expertise in the data systems development work. After 3 years, Marianna found Cleveland to lack something for her needs and they left for Columbus, Ohio and an assignment with Nationwide Insurance headquarters. Ted's work with Nationwide lasted until his retirement 11 years later in 1991. They had settled in Westerville, a small (at that time) suburb of Columbus.

Through Marianna's encouragement, they began to purchase properties to "buy—renovate—rent" and as this approach proved successful, Ted continued this strategy. During

his retirement, he became interested in local civic matters and as a result found himself

museum for contemporary art. Robert graduated from Ohio State U and has two children.



*From L to R — VanBuren '52, Neff '53, Davenport '53, Chaney '53, McClintock '55*

accepting numerous assignments on local boards and commissions for the past 20 years. Some of the work dealt with local planning, zoning and architectural reviews.

### Family and Friends

As noted earlier, Ted's social life at OWU was limited.....but for good reason. His high school sweetheart, Marianna, was attending Wittenberg College in nearby Springfield, Ohio. Much of Ted's time was traveling the road to Springfield...in his 1931 Chevrolet....and the two were married in 1953 before his graduation because their parents insisted as they had plans to go to Florida for a senior year vacation. They had many happy years until her passing in 1988.

They had one son, Robert, who lives in Philadelphia where he is the acting director for the

While living in Westerville, he has been active in numerous community activities including serving as campaign treasurer for 2 school board candidates, the first president and sponsor of the VW club of Columbus. The VW club sponsors the largest VW car show of its kind in this part of the country. Ted has also been an officer in the Westerville Art League.

Ted resides at 22 E. Walnut Street, Westerville, Ohio 43081 and can be reached at 614-882-5878 or by email at..... tedchaney@wowway.com.

**Editor's note: Though a senior when the editor pledged Beta, Ted is well remembered as one of the outstanding upper classmen who contributed immensely to the character of Theta Chapter. All brothers join me in saying, "Thank God, Ted, you're a Beta".**

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years, and are just keeping our fingers crossed that the damned politicians don't screw up our retirement plans. (Ditto concerning Medicare and Social Security on the federal level.)

I have pretty severe back problems which also limit our travelling. Neither of us have liked old age, although we never tried to avoid it.

(I really don't think you can!) Bob Marten '55, who married my sister, Mary Lee, is also down somewhat and doesn't get around much any more.

I have many fond memories of living at 54 W. Lincoln. Especially firing fuses (supplied by Jack Hahn '53) at the Chi Phi's across the street. Once I started a water fight with them, then fled to the MUB with Sue to "Study". We wondered what was going on

when we heard all the sirens. Later we found out the police had been called to quell the water battle. Loved it there!!

Well, as with everyone else, I could write forever about my Beta experience at OWU, but by now you're probably tired of reading about the life and trials of Smokey Stover (#951 of Theta Chapter) the only pledge who passed the alumni test!

--KAI-- Tom Stover '57

P.S. Tom, did you ever learn to eat creamed corn?

*Editor's answer: NO!*

### Jack (Judy) Hahn '55

In their 2011 Christmas letter, they write in part, "...we went north to produce another of our train video documentaries. It tells the story about a group of rail motorcar enthusiasts participating in excursions through rugged mountain

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# OWU Greek Community Report

by Dana D. Behum

Assistant Director of Student Involvement for Fraternity and Sorority Life



Dana Behum

The OWU Greek community is continuing to thrive. One third of our student population has found a home in a fraternity or sorority and as January quickly approaches, our students shift their focus to recruitment season! Advertisements, banners and email invitations are bombarding the campus with invitations to come to 'the hill.' Our students have been hosting holiday dinners, game nights, themed dance parties, mixers, and networking events to encourage new members to consider Greek Life.

As change is constant, our students have implemented new philanthropic events or updated their houses; however they continue to value the tradition of their chapters. Regardless of affiliation, OWU continues to encourage the pillars of Greek organizations as we focus on scholarship, leadership, service and brotherhood/ sisterhood. Their continued commitment is represented by more than 6,000 hours of service and approximately \$27,000 raised for the individual chapters' national and local philanthropic partners.

As of May 2011, 530 students were initiated members of a Fraternity or Sorority on campus, representing approximately 30% of the OWU student body (239 men - 31% of males; 291 women - 30% of females). Our campus is home to the following Greeks:

7 Fraternities— Alpha Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, (1 Colony FIJI returning in Feb. 2012)

7 Sororities — Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma

OWU's Administration is very supportive of the Greek community, and this past year approved a proposal for Fraternity Expansion. The timeline for expansion was as follows:

- A recommendation to expand the fraternity system was presented to President Jones and Vice President of Student Affairs, Craig Ullom in March, 2011.
- An Expansion Committee was established to review all fraternities who formerly existed at OWU
- Research was conducted and reviewed by committee members
- A letter of invitation was sent to three fraternities who were best positioned to return; Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Two fraternities accepted our invitation to present to the Expansion Committee in Sept. 2011
- From the two presentations, FIJI was selected and invited to return to campus during the spring 2012 semester for re-colonization, and recruitment. Expansion Committee members included professional staff, current OWU Greek students representing both Panhellenic and the Council of Fraternity Presidents, and representatives from

Alumnea Panhellenic and Alumni IFC.

In addition to support from the OWU administration, our chapters continue to receive valued guidance and support from our Alumni. In February 2011, Alumnae Panhellenic hosted an event for senior sorority members to network with OWU Greek Alumnae. The women enjoyed the chance to mingle with their mentors and discuss graduate course options, and career path opportunities. As the year came to a close, a celebratory event was organized. Specifically our Greek seniors were invited to Senior Wine Tasting event with both Alumni Interfraternity Council and Alumnae Panhellenic.

This fall our alumni councils again made connections with our Greek collegians by co-hosting a leadership retreat with the OWU Student Involvement Office. Round table discussions were organized by hot topics such as recruitment, hazing prevention, alumni involvement. The students were assigned groups that mixed members from different chapters, and allowed students to see Greek leadership outside of their own chapter. The event was well received, and plans for a similar spring retreat are in the works.

Our students maintain active academic and social schedules. Between those commitments, they have found time to organize and host a variety of educational and engaging activities outside of unique chapter events. Below is a sampling of events sponsored by the Panhellenic Council, Council of Fraternity Presidents, NPHC

organizations, and the Order of Omega.

Additionally, a few key chapter/alumni events of note are included:

- Sorority Open Houses during Orientation
- Panhellenic Trilogy – Sharing my Ritual
- Greek Carnival
- Council of Fraternity Presidents (CFP) Trilogy – Fire Safety in Fraternity Houses with Delaware Fire Department
- Homecoming/Family Weekend Greek Song Fest & Banner competition
- Heritage Day Trilogy for Fraternities and Sororities
- Fraternity Community participates and encourages "OWU Lights"
- Panhellenic Trilogy – Professional Image workshop for women
- Phi Kappa Psi 150th Anniversary at OWU
- 'FIJI' Pig Weekend
- Order of Omega Annual Greek Awards
- Alumni/ Reunion Weekend Greek Open Houses and all Greek Reception

Greek life is growing at OWU. An excitement for recruitment and recolonization is evident, and the campus community is supportive. We invite you as always to keep up with us by visiting [greek.owu.edu](http://greek.owu.edu).

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*OF EVER HONORED MEMORY*

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

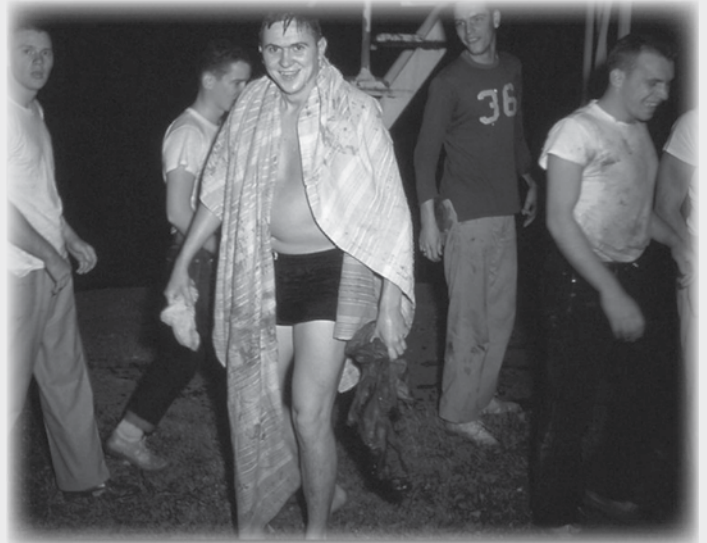
**Robert (Bob) Corey '54      Bond #879**

Bob Corey, who passed on February 28, 2011, came to OWU in September 1954, and pledged Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi, following his brother Chuck who had graduated in June of that year. Bob was from NYC and was 21 when he arrived after working to get enough money to enter college. Bob, Dee Simpson and myself were put together by the chapter at Eckelberry's up the street from the old chapter house at 54 West Lincoln. Bob was easy to like and had a great sense of humor. He worked in the kitchen to help pay his board. On weekends he and I worked at the Elk's Club together in the bar to provide for spending money. This work continued by our working together through our senior year at the Surrey/Suns bar downtown.

Bob was a very good tennis and basketball player but played mostly intramural Greek competition, which Theta excelled at. At the end of his Junior year he dropped ROTC to avoid the three year commitment and took his chances with the draft in New York. (Korea was winding down.) As we got nearer to graduation we found ourselves dating best girl friends and we were both married before the end of summer of 1954. Those friendships lasted our lifetimes.

Bob's luck with his draft board ran out and he was on his way to the Army as a lowly Private, but he got the last laugh by volunteering to accept an assignment at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where he became the Non Com in charge of the Health Center and Pool for the Base personnel. He used to say that meant checking the water chemistry in the pool three times a day.

Once out of the service he applied for a job at The National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. He spent his whole working career there rising to be Vice President in charge of Procurement. He and his family loved living in the Maryland area. When retired he and Ann moved to Las Vegas where they enjoyed the desert and Bob's passion for golf. Bob was a great Beta and Brother. He put back to his friends and Theta chapter



*Bob Corey '54 — Another pinning "ritual". Looks like Sbrader, Miller, DeVos, and Cotner with Corey — all from class '54.*

all that he ever asked of them. I miss our many visits and the happy phone contacts that we had over the years.

*Dick DeVos '54*



*Bob Corey '54, Tom Tatham '56, Jack Mathews '54 —Lunch at a Las Vegas casino 2004.*

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country. The narrow gauge railroad tracks on the *Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR* and the *Durango & Silverton Scenic RR* present some of the most beautiful scenes in the Southwest. The movie captures in full color, the awesome landscapes as well as the challenges of the steep grades to test operator's skills. Our car operator was good friend Steve Trieble,



*Jack and Judy Hahn '55*

who was a co-worker back at BDM International. It was

another fun expedition. If you would like a copy of the DVD adventure, please let us know at 1-505-294-5512."

**Eric (Leah) Eickhoff '00**

Leah and I moved to Cleveland at the start of 2012. I had been working for the William and Mary Alumni Association for the past three and a half years and I just started a job working for John

Carroll University in their Office of Alumni Relations, working to establish its alumni chapter program. Lauren will turn two in April and our dog Lilly has been a part of our family for about three years. We are excited about our move and

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## Editor's Traveling Visits With The Brothers

The year 2011 found the editor on travels from Ohio to the east coast and the New England states (Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine and Vermont) with stops on the way to visit some of the brothers. Here is an update of some dear friends from your OWU days.

### MARCH 2011 W. Dan Rich '55

In March, Jan and I were saddened to learn of the death of Dan's wife Lee. We traveled to Salisbury, Maryland for the memorial service and a visit with Dan and his daughter Rebecca. Dan, a retired Methodist minister, now spends his retirement energy on special assignments for his church in and around the area of Salisbury.



*Dan Rich '55, Jim Davies '56, Jean Davies and Jan Tatham*

### MAY 2011 J. Davies '56

In May, we traveled to the east coast for a long planned stay with Jim and Jean Davies. The Davies live in New Providence, New Jersey where they have lived during Jim's years with his very successful insurance agency and their children and grandchildren.

We were joined for our 3 day stay by Dan Rich. Jim and Jean were wonderful hosts, highlighted by their taking us on a 45 minute drive into NY City for lunch at Sardi's and a Broadway show.



*O.J. Stephens, wife Carol and Jan Tatham '57 in New York.*

### O. J. Stephens III '56

Not having had our fill of NY City, we left the Davies, taking the local train back into the city for a 3 day stay in an Irish Inn with a perfect tourist location next to Grand Central Station. We were met by Olin and Carol Stephens who had traveled 4-5 hours to the city from their home in Newfane, Vermont. Olin had grown up in and around the city and hosted our stay by showing us the sights, visiting his old "haunts", boating to Ellis Island and seeing another Broadway show. We also found his father's name, Olin J. Stephens II, where it had been etched into the sidewalk next to Wall Street in 1932 along with many other "ticker tape notables". Olin II was recognized with a ticker tape parade for his part in sailing his "Dorade" and winning the Transatlantic Race to England and then the Fastnet Race in 1931. Surprisingly, Olin III had never seen nor heard of this recognition for his father.



*Citation for O.J.'s father in New York City sidewalk. Following his 1931 NY City ticker tape parade.*

### JULY 2011

The end of July found us on our way to Maine, and on the way a visit with two great Betas.....**Paul Kisseberth '54** and **Mike Schwartz '54**. Paul and Annie Kisseberth have moved to 40 Fieldstone Lane, Beacon Falls, Ct. 06403 and can be reached at 203-209-9895. Their email is pbk1932@gmail.com



*Annie and Paul Kisseberth '54*



*Mike Schwartz '54 and Mary at home Naragansett Bay, July 2011*

On our way to lunch, Paul enjoyed singing the old Beta tunes while listening to a CD featuring 43 of the old songs. The following day, we traveled to Bristol, RI for a noontime visit and lunch with **Mike and Mary Schwartz**. They enjoy Mike's retirement at 485 Poppasquash Rd., Bristol, RI 02809. They can be reached at 401-253-2900. Their home, about 30 minutes south of

Providence, is on a jut of land with a breathtaking view of the Narragansett Bay. Mary prepared a lovely lunch and we enjoyed an hour's visit sitting under the trees while viewing the Bay. Their hospitality was warmly welcomed before our start northward to the Camden, Maine area.



*Mike Schwartz '54, Jan Tatham and Mary Schwartz*



*Mike Schwartz '54 at the Beta House in 1955.*

### AUGUST 2011

While in Liberty, Maine on Lake St. George, we were visited by Betas **Olin '56, (and Carol) Stephens** for a week of boating and eating a lot of lobster.



*Jim Meredith '54 and his sister, Barb Stelzer at lunch in Maine*

Later we enjoyed a day with **Jim '54 (and Jan) Meredith** who drove 1.5 hours from their summer home in Maine. Visiting with us at the time were Jim's sister Barb and her

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husband Ralph from Lima, Ohio. Jim looked better than ever and reported he felt great and enjoying his annual stay in Maine.

**BACK IN OHIO  
SEPTEMBER 2011**

Our return to Ohio in September found us enjoying an Ohio State U football afternoon with **Al (Marty) Vlerebomes '55** and their daughter Kathy of Lancaster, Ohio.



*The Vlerebomes: Al, Marty, Kathy at the "sboe" for a big Ohio State football game. "Hey Al, whose hat with an A?"*

Frequent visits by phone and in person with **Dan**

**(Sarah) Wright '56** in Eaton, Ohio.

An occasional phone visit with **Dick (Nita) DeVos '54** always includes an update of their family and contacts with other brothers.

On one of my frequent visits to Dayton for visits with my children, I often enjoy running into **Bob Neff '53** who continues to enjoy his retirement and winter skiing trips to Colorado.



*Barry and Marilyn Haas '59*



*The Haas... sweethearts for life.*

More than enough for another year!!

**Barry (Marilyn) Haas '59**

*From the editor.....* Moved to Columbus, Ohio from Boulder, Colorado in 2010. Marilyn is the editor's sister-in-law and Barry, of course, is a Beta brother from the class of 1959. They enjoy their semi-retirement as well as reacquainting with family, friends, OWU and Ohio roots. Marilyn (Ellis) '61, is the Archivist for Delta Gamma Hq here in Columbus and Barry stays busy with some part-time work at Port Columbus. They have sons Doug, high school football coach, Dave, a US Naval Academy graduate and Captain in the Navy, Dan, manages large construction projects around the world, and a daughter, Chris, a teacher in Wyoming. They have 4 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. They can be reached at 4439 Masters Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43220, 614-732-4802 or email [marilyn.e.haas@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.e.haas@gmail.com)

**Reprint From An Early Le Bijou**



**MAMA LINN**

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

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

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

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

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getting closer to family and friends in Northeast Ohio. I also continue to serve as the General Fraternity Archivist and will look to volunteer with either the Beta chapter at John Carroll or Case Western Reserve later this year. Eric Eickhoff

**2008 OWU Reunion**



*L to R: Frank Dove '58, "Bo" Dove '58, Dick DeVos '54, Bob Mauck '48, Dick McClintock '53, George Conrades '61, Ben Graham '52*



*Bob Mauck '48 with Dick DeVos '54*

**HELP!**

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



## Did You Know This About OWU History?

Two of the most renowned names in collegiate athletics, **Fielding H. Yost** and **Lynn W. St. John**, had their beginnings with the OWU athletic programs. **Fielding H. Yost**, revered in University of Michigan sports lore as their football coach from 1901-1923 and 1925-1926 and later as Athletic Director from 1921 to 1940. **But did you know that his 1st football coaching job was in 1897 at OWU?** Similarly, the name **Lynn W. St. John** is revered by all Ohio State University fans as he coached their basketball program 1911-1919 and was manager of the baseball team 1913-1928. He served as Athletic Director 1912-1947. **But did you know that he earlier coached football 1909-1911, as well as basketball and baseball from 1910-1912 at OWU?**

**Also**, what do you know about **Branch Rickey at OWU?** After signing a professional baseball contract and thus becoming ineligible to continue his collegiate playing career, Branch Rickey '04 becomes Ohio Wesleyan's athletics director and baseball coach. During a baseball trip, Rickey's catcher, Charles Thomas, a black student from Zanesville, Ohio, is denied lodging at a hotel in South Bend, Indiana. Rickey was able to convince the hotel manager to allow Thomas to stay in his room as an unregistered guest, but the event was burned into his memory and proved to be his inspiration in signing Jackie Robinson with the Brooklyn Dodgers over 40 years later. In 1904, Rickey's baseball team wins 14 games, a school record that would stand for 81 years.

**About the same time**, a young man by the name of **George Gauthier** was soon to come on the OWU scene. He was the starting quarterback for Michigan State's football team in 1912 and 1913 and led the team to upset victories over Ohio State in 1912 and Michigan in 1913. Years later, Gauthier described the victory over Michigan as his first great thrill. He was head football coach in 1918, compiling a record of 4-3. The biggest victory in his single season as head football coach was a 12-9 decision over Knute Rockne's Notre Dame team. Gauthier later served as OWU football coach from 1921-1946, beating Michigan 17-7 in the first game in their new stadium.....and later lost to Ohio State in 1922 in their new stadium, losing 5-0. He also served as Athletic Director for 34 years from 1921-1955.



*Fielding H. Yost*



*Lynn W. St. John*



*Branch Rickey*



*George Gauthier*

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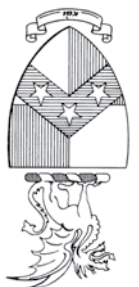
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