



THETA DATA



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House Corporation:

Alumni Chapter Reorganize

Dear Brothers,

In May of 1974, your Theta Chapter House Corporation was reorganized for the express purpose of generating new enthusiasm within its membership. The election of officers and trustees was held at that time. A list of these brothers is included in this issue of the Theta Data.

The main objective of the Theta House Corporation is to assist the alumni in rediscovering the ideals of unsullied friendship. All will admit, at least looking in retrospect, that our college days were somewhat carefree days at least by comparison with today's complex world. Thus, a few hours spent in a carefree atmosphere has to bring back some memories and with it a refreshing outlook on our complicated lives. Benefits are bound to accrue to the account of those brothers who more closely associate themselves with the true brotherhood found in Beta Theta Pi.

Homecoming in October 1974 and the Alumni Quiz and Initiation in

February 1975 were a start in the direction of lending more direct support to the rekindling of friendships.

The Officers and Trustees are hopeful that you will lend your active support to its purpose of strengthening our Fraternity.

Yours in -kai-
Thomas J. Abernathy '62
President,
Theta House Corporation

Brotherhood

In so far as the love, sharing and devotion is concerned, the Beta house is not lacking! The majority of actives are lacrosse players and their most dedicated fans are the Beta brothers and Little Sisters. This year twenty Little Sisters were initiated into Beta Theta Pi. There is a strong feeling of cohesion between the sisters and brothers.

Financially Speaking

As the new treasurer of Theta House Corporation I want to take the opportunity on behalf of the House Corp. to thank those members who have financially supported the chapter. In an effort to acknowledge those who have made this Theta Data possible during the past year, we have included in this issue a list of contributors. If, by some error, we have missed someone, we want to apologize now and tell you how much we regret the omission. The operation of the House Corp. is new to many of us and this first year has been one in which much learning has taken place. For that reason, our organization was not as strong as it might have been. Anyway, thank you for your kind donations.

Currently, we are making plans for the next school year. Our intentions are to develop some type of schedule of Beta activities and to convey this information to members in a more timely fashion so that House functions can be better organized and, we hope, more attractive to participate in as a member. However, to accomplish this, we are going to have to rely upon the physical support as well as the financial support of the members. During the 1975-76 school year a major goal of the House Corp. is going to be to increase the participation of alumni returning for homecoming in the fall and initiation in the winter. We are optimistic about this undertaking but its ultimate success lies with you. I sincerely hope that we will be able to realize our intentions.

In closing I would like to once again thank those whose contributions have made this year's Theta Data possible and would like to urge everyone to contribute what they can so that the publication and mailings of Theta Data can be continued.



Splash!

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News and picture contributions are solicited at all times. Address all contributions to Alumni Relations Office, Theta of Beta Theta Pi, P.O. Box 886, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Undergraduate Officers**President:**

Lee Silvas

Vice President:

Thomas Albrecht

Treasurer:

David McCreade

Rush Chairman:

Brian Welsh
James Ries

Social Chairman:

Ron Lee

Alumni Officers**President:**

Tom Abernathy

Vice President:

Bill Rowland

Treasurer:

Fred Pocock

Keep in touch! Drop
us a line about yourself.

Pledges

The Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi lucked out fall term by pledging twenty four fine young men. The fraternity was after quality rather than quantity as many other fraternities on the hill pledged more than the Beta house. Our rush program consisted of numerous parties where freshmen were invited up by special invitation. As twelve fraternities were competing for the freshmen class, the Betas felt that they should have a more personal rush program. We did so to make sure that we got the pledges that "we really wanted". We came through with winners.



Tom Abernathy, President; Fred Pocock, Treasurer; Dick Eiken and Jack Hahn, Trustees.

**Getting
The House
Together**

The Beta House at Ohio Wesleyan University, while under the administration of Lee Silvas received new carpeting and a new image via the Pledge Class of 1978.

The issue concerning the new carpet to be distributed amongst the living room, second and third floors, was voted upon by the brothers on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1975. The color of the carpet was discussed at length and the decision to install a red carpet on the second and third floors was discussed, voted upon and passed. The carpet arrived the fourth week of spring term. It was installed just recently and makes the house look fantastic.

The Pledge Class of 1978 recently planted shrubs around the property of the Beta House. Roughly thirty shrubs of many varieties were planted and helped to ring in the long awaited and anxious feeling of spring. On Sunday of April 27, the pledges arrived on the grounds of the Beta House with picks and shovels, ready for action. They dug till they sweat, and they sweat till they were exhausted. The job was finally finished and the outcome of the Pledges effort was apparant when they stepped back to see what they had done. Their reward was the beautiful feeling of brotherhood and togetherness.

Mystery Solved

Our recent mystery pictures from the sixties in the Spring, 1974 issue of the Theta Data elicited various responses. Brother Bruce Crittenden '57 had us dead to rights when he not only correctly identified the picture on page three but produced the May, 1962 issue of the Theta Data in which the answer can be found. Brother William M. Connor wrote in: "I was surprised to see my picture in this issue of the Theta Data and had fun identifying the other faces." Bill's picture was on page three, pictured along with him were Dick Slosek T. Clark Dove, Andy Feld, Jim Locke, John Neff and Keith Moore. The picture was a little fuzzy, but that didn't stop Bill! He also correctly identified all the Brothers on page four. They are, in the first row, Don Cox, Andy Feld, Bruce McCamey, Dick Slosek, Vincent Murphy, Bob Moyers, Larry Hyman, Jim Charlesworth, Eli Short, Don Cox, John Entelis and in the top row, Bill Conner, Paul Belden, Dallas Frederick, Bruce Jarvis, Buzz Pine, Jock Miller, Dave Berger and Frank Szasz. Another Brother who shall be nameless also sent in the correct answer. This Brother is nameless because while he correctly got all the mysteries solved, he provided us with another when he did not include his name on the answer letter.

Several other such photos will be in this issue and we encourage all the brothers to continue to participate and join in the fun of guessing Who's Who!

1974 Honor Roll

The honor roll of last years alumni dues payers which follows merits reading by all Theta alumni. It would be great if we could increase the participation in 1975. Your check will be greatly appreciated and carefully used by our alumni officers.

Tom Abernathy '61
 H. F. Amrhein '25
 Russell F. Amrhein '31
 Wilson Anderson '27
 Douglas V. Austin '59
 Robert M. Best '44
 W. H. Boyers '22
 Christopher P. Browne '73
 John H. Carhart '38
 Clayton L. Carver '58
 Robert L. Chaney '25
 Jack E. Cornell '31
 C. Bruce Crittenden '57
 Marshall B. Douthett '59
 R. I. Dove '28
 B. F. Elder '33
 E. L. Ellenberger '32
 E. H. Gault '17
 Jerome H. Goubeaux '29
 Gordon H. Greek '59
 Geoffrey A. Grove '69
 Daniel S. Guy '49
 Ralph J. Guy '20
 William A. Hazlett '32
 Harold J. Hendershot, Jr. '61
 Meredith R. Hyatt '58
 James L. Kinney '32
 Paul B. Kisseberth '54
 George T. Kocher '54
 Donald W. Korn '42
 L. A. Linderer '55
 A. S. Littick '16
 Clay Littick '15
 William A. Long '51
 W. H. Metzel '53
 John A. Mikuluk '38
 Jeffery S. Miller '71
 William M. Miller '31
 Tom V. Morehead '20
 David M. Myers '38
 Joseph R. Neds '50
 Robert S. Neff '53
 Paul M. Nobis '55
 Luke M. Noland '27
 Roger H. Norman '64
 Samuel P. Pardoe '56
 G. Russell Pipe '59
 William G. Plavcan '55
 Fred Pocock '73
 Jack E. Pocock '47
 William D. Radcliff '30
 Daniel G. Ransom '51
 Dale S. Rose '57
 Bill Rowland '68
 Robert C. Rummell, Jr. '62
 Alford H. Scott '26
 Tom R. Shank '52

Stephen C. Sherwood '70
 C. Dee Simpson '54
 Norman F. Slenker '51
 Thomas J. Tatham '56
 Keith Thomas '54
 Hugh I. Troth '48
 Charles D. Underwood '68
 Stanley K. Van Buren '52
 John H. Van Valkenburg '35
 Donald R. Wedge '52
 Wm. H. Whiting '29
 James E. Williams '68
 Earl D. Winters '59
 James E. Wyant '50
 Frederick A. Yost '73

Intramurals

The Winter term at Ohio Wesleyan proved to be only partially successful. In wrestling we placed second in the I.M. wrestling competition.

Basketball, which is the only other I.M. sport to participate in was interred with by the Ohio Wesleyan lacrosse season. Since all the Betas are lacrosse players, there was no one left to play basketball.

The lacrosse team is currently ranked tenth. Actually, it is the Beta house lacrosse team that is ranked tenth and unfortunately our picture is somewhat dimmer in I.M. competition this spring.

Elections

The Beta house at Ohio Wesleyan University had, within the past month, their elections for the offices to be filled for this Spring term and fall and winter of the next academic year.

Lee Silvas, a sophomore, good organizer and intelligent leader, was voted in for the position of president. Backing up Lee during his term in office is Thomas Albrecht who had formerly filled the position of social chairman. Tom takes a real interest and concern for the house and will surely be a great asset to Lee's administration. Filling Tom's old position as social chairman is Ron Lee a junior and excellent critic of rock groups. David McCreade will be handling the money for the house as Treasurer but will not be able to fulfill his obligation of a full year of service due to his decision to study overseas starting in the Fall. The house, as of this time, has not elected a replacement for Dave for this coming Fall and Winter terms. The pledges of next year's class will be greeted in the Fall by the new co-rush chairmen Brian Welsh and James Ries. Brian is a sophomore so he has some experience with getting perspective pledges up to the house. Jim is just an all around nice guy and will make a very good first impression for the house.

With the arrival of these new officers in the Beta house, the tradition left by Richard Pope and Randolph Houlas of superb organization and leadership will surely be upheld.



Another wet brother!

Alumni News From Here And There

Mark Douglas Aldrich '72 is currently finishing up work on a M.A. in clinical psychology at the University of Dayton. He and his wife, Jacquelin live at 819 Fourman Ct., Apt. 6 in Dayton, Ohio.

An insurance adjuster, Christopher Peter Browne '73 works for Crawford & Company in Columbus. He is a member of the Columbus Claims Club and Amway Distributors Association. Chris enjoys tennis and skiing in his spare time and lives at 55 Wootring, Apt. F in Delaware, Ohio.

A teacher, James H. Charlesworth '62 is an assistant professor of Religion at Duke University. His recent book is the *Odes of Solomon*. Jim plays tennis when he gets the chance and lives with his wife, Jerrie at 19 Learned Place in Durham, North Carolina.

Jack E. Cornell is in retail men's clothing. He and his wife, Jeane live at 221 Ash Street in Greenville, Ohio.

C. Bruce Crittenden, Jr. '59 is a sales representative for the Union Paper & Twine Company. He and his wife, Betty Jane live at 7850 Dines Road in Novelty, Ohio.

A salesman David Paul Dawson '68 is in regional sales development for Mammoth Mart. David is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Drama Guild and Citizens Protection Association. He and his wife, Ann live at 3669 C Jenney Place in Euclid, Ohio.

A physician, Bruce R. Elder '62 is with the South Shore Medical Clinic in Norwell, Massachusetts. He was appointed a fellow in the American

ALUMNI NEWS NEEDED!

When was the last time you filled us in on your activities and adventures? Perhaps you would care to share a tale from your days at Theta Chapter. We will use all that you send. Please send NEWS to The Editor, Theta Data, P. O. Box 886, Delaware, OH 43015.



Remember these guys?

College of Obstetrics-Gynecology in 1974. He also has a private pilot's license. Bruce and his wife, Jeanne live at 761 Main Street in Norwell, Massachusetts.

Retired Brother Edgar Howard Gault '17 is now professor Emeritus of Marketing at the University of Michigan's Graduate School of Business Administration. He also farms. Edgar and his wife, Ruth live at 1600 Shadford Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Skip Horner '69 is head boatman for Oars, Inc. He can be located through Box 3845 in Aspen, Colorado.

George T. Kocher '57 is president of several lumber and home building concerns. He is past president of the Lima Rotary and present district governor of Rotary International and a Township Trustee. George and his wife, Peggy live at 642 Fenway in Lima, Ohio.

With Penn Central, Donald Walter Korn '42 is director of sales. He and his wife, June, live at 222 East Montgomery Avenue in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

A publisher, Arthur Spencer Littick '16 is now retired. He keeps active playing golf and as a member of the Rotary Club and local Historical Society. Art and his wife, Nellie Jane live at 1205 Eastwood Drive in Rockville, Indiana.

An attorney, Paul Thomas Mahon '11 is now the senior partner in the firm of Mahon, Gador, Van Dyne and Evans '53. He still comes to the office regularly but confesses that "I don't do much after I get there. My partners are all younger men -- industrious, honorable and efficient." Paul is retired as the Chairman of the Kenton National Bank and President of the Board of Trustees of the Hardin County District Library. He lives at 527 N. Main Street in Kenton, Ohio.

A law student, James C. Martin '72 is studying at the University of Baltimore School of Law. He lives at 1111 Park Avenue, Apt. 1106 in Baltimore, Maryland.

In sales, William H. Metzel '53 is a regional manager for the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors. He plays golf whenever he can and lives at 601 Birch Tree Court in Rochester Michigan with his wife, Suanne.

Retired Brother Hubert Leonard Miller was formerly a credit manager with the Pure Oil. He is a member of Kiwanis International, National Association of Credit Management, International Consumer Credit Association and Cimmaron Petroleum Credit Association among others. Hubert and his wife, Mary Esther live at 3044 Central Street in Evanston, Illinois.

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 An insurance agent, **Joe M. Moses** owns Myers & Myers Insurance in Delaware. He enjoys golf and fishing whenever he can and is a member of the Delaware Country Club and the Elks Lodge. Joe and his wife, Janet have a son, Joe Junior who is a Beta at Clemson University. The Moses live at 12 Somerset Road in Delaware, Ohio.

An attorney, **David M. Myers** is a partner in the Celina firm of Myers & Myers. Dave and his wife, Ruth live at 525 West Livingston Street in Celina, Ohio.

An electrical engineer, **John Alexander Neff '64** is a captain in the U.S. Air Force. In November, 1974, he was assigned to the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. This office manages all of the basic research sponsored by the Air Force. John and his wife, Sandra live at 5002 Killebrew Drive in Annandale, Virginia.

Robert S. Neff '53 is president of the Neff Folding Box Company. He enjoys skiing and golf in his spare time and is president of the Dayton Metropolitan YMCA Trustees, and a member of the Dayton Bike Club, Dayton Country Club, JUNTO, Rotary, Otsego Ski Club. Robert and

his wife, Margaret, live at 3133 Locust Camp Road in Dayton, Ohio.

Retired Brother **Luke M. Noland '27** was formerly vice president of the Mojonniea Brothers Company. He and his wife live at 401 South Washington Street in Hinsdale, Illinois.

PICTURES NEEDED!

Do you have any pictures from your days at Theta Chapter that you would like to share with all the Brothers. Send them to the Editor, Theta Data, P. O. Box 886, Delaware, Ohio 43015. They will be returned after use.

In sales, **Timothy Mack O'Hara '72** is an industrial tool specialist with the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company. He is a member of the Hermit Club, a private club for the performing arts and enjoys working with radio controlled model airplanes. Tim and his wife, Rebecca live at 12800 Fairhill Road in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

William B. Pickering, Jr. '34 is director of recreation for the Rehabilitation Center of University Hospital in Columbus. He is a

member of the World Neighbors Inc. and president of the Vaudvillites. Bill enjoys golf, hunting and fishing in his spare time. Bill lives at 770 Harley Drive in Columbus, Ohio.

A physician, **William G. Playcan '55** is with the Hagerstown Urological Center. He enjoys hunting, fishing and other sports in his spare time and is a member of the Kiwanis Club, a diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Bill and his wife, Carol live at 3 Spring Creek Road in Hagerstown, Maryland.

A sales engineer, **Jack E. Pocock '47** is with the Central Silica Company. He is a member of the Kiwanis, the Bethesda Hospital Board, American Ceramic Society and American Foundry Society. Jack and his wife, Marijane live at 3335 Winding Way in Zanesville, Ohio.

A salesman, **Boyd D. Robinson '64** is with Martin Industries. He is vice president of sales there. Boyd and his wife, Mary Jo have two children, Robbie and Beth and have lived in the Cincinnati area for the past 4 years. Boyd is active in the YMCA and Masons and plays golf whenever he can. The Robinson's live at 7958 Seward Avenue in Mt. Healthy, Ohio.

A contractor, **Robert C. Rummell, Jr. '64** is president of the Watson-Rummell Electric Company. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA, president of the Y Men's Club, member of the Lions Club and National Electrical Contractors Association and enjoys basketball, tennis and flying in his spare time. Bob and his wife, Jane Ann live at 324 Melbourne Way in Lexington, Kentucky.

If you have not sent in your 1975 voluntary alumni dues for \$15.00 please do so soon. Make your check payable to Theta of Beta Theta Pi and mail to P. O. Box 886 Delaware, OH 43015.
 We thank the many Brothers who have.



Do you recognize these brothers? Write in and solve this memory tester?

Around And About

A physician, **Michael A. Sommer '62** practices orthopaedics. He and his wife, Noellene live at 56 Encline Court in San Francisco, California.

A Captain in the USAF, **Richard William Standish '67** has flown C-141's with MAC, HH 43's in SEA and is currently in B-52G's with the Strategic Air Command. Richard enjoys golf and scuba diving in his spare time and lives with his wife, Dorothy at 48 Cobb Drive, Loring Air Force Base in Maine.

In personnel, **Tomas J. Tatham '56** is factory personnel director for the Frigidaire Division of General Motors. He is a member of the Miami Valley Personnel Association, Chamber of Commerce, Foremans Club and USAF Reserves. Thomas and his wife, Ann have two children and live at 900 Hathaway Road in Dayton, Ohio.

A retailer, **D. Keith Thomas '54** owns Thomas Clothiers. He is a member and past president of the Gallipolis Lions Club and the Gallipolis Retail Merchants Association. He and his wife, Phyllis have three teenagers in the family that keep them very busy. The Thomases live at Halliday Heights in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Charles A. Tillinghast, '62 writes: "I completed my Ph.D. in American Literature at Syracuse in August, 1974. I run the University of Vermont Evening Division, Act as Dean for all non-degree students and teach

English in my spare time. The only Beta I have seen lately is John Duval who is now a principal of an elementary school in South Hero, Vermont." Charles and his wife, Katherine live at 12 Woodside Drive in South Burlington, Vermont.

An attorney, **Stanley K. VanBuren '52** is with the firm of Wiles, Doucher, Tressler & Van Buren. He and his wife, Jan have two young children. They live at 4216 Oxford Drive in Columbus, Ohio.

A sales representative, **Donald R. Wedge '51** is with Hobart Brothers Company. He is a National Football League Referee and a member of the Shawnee Country Club as a golfer. Don and his wife, Ruth live at 6 A Mews Road in Lima, Ohio.

An attorney, **Ronald E. Snyder '70** is with the firm of Ford, Howland, Whitney and Haase. He lives at 15725 Van Aken Blvd. in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Retired Brother **Alford H. Scott** was formerly the vice president of the Northern Trust Company in Chicago. He is a member of the 49'er Country Club in Tucson and the A.A.R.P. Al and his wife, Ruth live at 2133 Calle De Vida in Tucson, Arizona.

C. Dee Simpson '54 is a vice president with Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc. He and his wife, Pat live at 375 Via Del Norte in LaJolla, California.

Socially Speaking

The spring term at Ohio Wesleyan was really hopping, especially at the Beta House. Our spring formal was May 3 and went according to tradition, it was really fantastic and we had a good time. The little sisters of the house were really "gung ho" about the formal and to top off the evening, we had the band Quo Vadis.

The house has been actively busy in rushing people for next year's pledge class. We are allowed to have five new pledges live in the house in fall term because five actives are going overseas to study. We presently have one new pledge but Brian Welsch and Jim Ries are working hard to get more.

Since three quarters of the actives are lacrosse players, everyone really gets psyched and goes out to support the team whether they are playing or not. After the games, the house holds TG's with the different sororities on campus. All in all, it looks like and has been a fantastic spring term so far.

Bar Room

The brothers of the Theta Chapter are proud to announce to our alumni the completion of our bar room. Four years ago the work started in the basement of the house. With each proceeding year, new improvements were made such as hard wood paneling, tables and chairs, and an expensive stereo unit. Today, the room looks like an English Pub and is the best bar on the hill. In memory of our late house mother, the bar was officially named the Dixie Branen Bar. We are extremely happy that the bar was finished for the spring term activities. We especially hope that more alumni will come back to the house this spring and enjoy the pub with the present actives.

The Theta Data and other alumni projects are financed solely by alumni contributions.

Their success rests on your generosity.



Can you pick the year when these brothers were pledges? Can you name them? Drop us a line.