



The Theta Data

Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity
at Ohio Wesleyan University

Delaware, Ohio

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RICHLY DESERVED RECOGNITION

By Don Bishop '77, Faculty Adviser

The fraternity enjoyed its best year since its return to campus. This spring our house ranked in the top two in GPAs with an overall average above 3.0. The university also presented the chapter with the Dean's Award for the most outstanding fraternity in the 1992-93 academic year. Our grades, community service and campus leadership were key considerations for this prestigious award.

Beta also received another important award from the university's Building Maintenance Office for our superb care of our house's physical plant. This is an important issue. Our brothers put forth great efforts to take care of our house and I feel that this recognition was richly deserved.

In the fall the house will have over 30 members in residence, which is our largest population since our return.

The brothers have determined that a major goal for 1993-94 will be to host more alumni events and create a greater bond with our alumni. I encourage all alumni to respond to the contacts that you will receive from the undergraduate brothers over the summer. They want to get your ideas for events you would enjoy.

It's been a good year, but we believe that next year will be even better. The return of Beta to the top of the fraternity ranks at Ohio Wesleyan is great cause for celebration. We now intend to stay on top.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR ON THE RIGHT FOOT

By Kevin A. Hinkle '94, Chapter President

Rush 1993 was a very exciting time for the house this winter. House tours were an integral part of the event at the end of January, permitting us to show interested freshmen the respect that we have for our house and our brotherhood. Other events that highlighted the week were the Cleveland vs. Phoenix basketball game, an Urban Ethics concert, and our annual steak and lobster dinner. The success of these events and a "dry rush" granted us 12 new pledges for the spring, the most on campus! We would like to thank the House Corporation for their financial support.

I look forward to hearing from many of the alumni this summer. I encourage you to contact me at home. My address is 2012 Greendale, Findlay, OH 45840, and my phone number is (419) 422-0322. We would appreciate all your support as we continue to strive for excellence in the Beta way.



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A LOOK BACK AT FALL '92

By Ritwick Ghoshal '93, Past Chapter President

The 1992-93 school year was a very good one for the Theta Chapter. In fact the wheel has turned, and I am proud to say that the Theta Chapter stands tall among all the fraternities on campus. When I assumed the office of president over a year ago, my goals were just dreams. We were still regarded as a fraternity that was yet to fulfill its real potential. But the fact that our chapter won the award for the best academic standing on the hill did a lot to defuse that image.

Our philanthropic endeavors were no less encouraging. The brothers in the house decided to get involved in a big way with the American Heart Association. We managed to pull off a successful walkathon and raise money for a noble cause. (See letter excerpt below.)

Then came the vagaries of rush. But somehow we knew that we would be able to make it our best rush program to date. Brothers Carter Blich '94 and Rick Ritzler '95 ran an aggressive program from which we obtained 13 new pledges, with four others waiting in the wings.

The house has seen a dramatic turnaround since the late '80s. We are now a house of motivated believers who know that with hard work and diligence nothing is impossible.

To all Betas, present and past, I welcome you to visit your new, rejuvenated Theta Chapter. You won't be disappointed!

The following is excerpted from a letter written by Patty Tomley, Community Manager for the Ohio Affiliate, Inc. of the American Heart Association to Rit Ghoshal '93, Past Chapter President.

Dear Rit:

Thank you so much for your organizational skills and enthusiasm for this year's American Heart Walk. You, Beta Theta Pi and Ohio Wesleyan University helped make the Walk as successful as it was.

Unofficially, the Walk raised approximately \$2,900, and 48 walkers participated. Thirty of those walkers were from Ohio Wesleyan. You can imagine the impact it had on the event. You did more than just fulfill your philanthropy requirements; you really made a difference!

Please thank all of Beta Theta Pi . . . I really appreciated your giving up part of your Saturday . . .



NEWS AND NOTES FROM OUR ALUMNI

We received the following note in a Christmas card from **Neale R. Cranston** (2021 Malinda Ln., Titusville, FL 32796): "To those incomparable men who dwelt but briefly at 54 W. Lincoln and in doing so provided others with models of character, concepts of quality, standards, duty, honor, dedication. All in all, the very personification of Beta Theta Pi. One stood in their shadows for only a moment and came away with ideals that have sustained for nearly a half a century. 'Start the loving cup around nor pass

a Brother by. We all drink from the same canteen in Beta Theta Pi.' Rich memories of endless wealth acquired with young men who were and are giants without equals."

Phillips P. Moulton '31 resides at 17208 Friends House Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860.

A teacher, artist and poet, **Charles L. Dietz '32** (1136 Maple Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701) has a master's degree in fine arts and a doctorate in philosophy. He has been director of the Zanesville Art Center since 1955.

Our condolences to **William B. Newton Jr. '38** (10523 Meadow Bridge Ln., Fairfax, VA 22030) on the loss of his wife in December.

While enjoying his retirement, **Robert C. Beckett '39** (131 Delmar Ave., Newark, OH 43055) serves as an instructor in the AARP 55-Alive Mature Driving Program and has volunteered more than 700 hours at Licking Memorial Hospital. Bob would like news of **Ed Gwyn '37** and **Bill Newton '38**.

"Damn glad to be a Beta!" writes **James K. Tope '41** (3050 Beaver Creek Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33453) who has many memories of great times at the "old" Beta House. "Kent," who is retired, would enjoy hearing from brothers of his era.

You can reach **Donald W. Korn '42** at his address at 114 Erskine Dr., Conway, SC 29526.

Last July, **Robert M. Best '44** (41A Crestmont Rd., Binghamton, NY 13905) hosted a reunion at his summer place in Pennsylvania and enjoyed the company of **Larry Lagarenne '41** of Monticello, N.Y., **Hal Leuliette '42** of Punta Gorda, Fla., and **William Harrah '43** of New Baltimore, Mich.

After practicing medicine for 43 years, urologist **James E. Williams '47** (3083 Halesworth Rd., Columbus, OH 43221) retired in July. He also served on the faculty of The Ohio State University Medical School for 35 years. Jim, who is the father of four and a grandfather, often plays golf with **William Pickering '34**. A historical note: Jim writes that he was the last occupant of Beta house at 54 W. Lincoln. He lived there, alone, during the month of June in 1943.

In his 23rd year as a trustee of OWU, **Hal A. Fausnaugh '48** (20126 Westhaven Ln., Rocky River, OH 44116) is also a trustee of the Chautaugua Foundation in Chautaugua, N.Y., where he spends his summers. He recently became a board member of West Side Community in Cleveland and is a founder and president of the board for the Goodwill Industries of Cleveland Foundation. In October, Hal, **Bob Mauck '48**, **Hugh Troth '48**, **Jim Johnson '47**, **Eddie O'Day '50** and their wives got together at the Glidden House in Cleveland and "had a ball".

Hugh I. Troth '48 (429 N. Woodhill Dr., Ashland, OH 44805), of Troth, Van Tilburg & Halligan, enjoys the twice-per-year meetings with **Hal Fausnaugh '48**, **Jim Johnson '47**, **Eddie O'Day '50** and **Bob Mauck '48**. He notes that Cincinnati is their next target.

Robert C. Richards '50 (266 Woodlawn Dr., Tipp City, OH 45371) has two family members who are Theta Betas: his son, **Robert D. Richards '77**, and his nephew, **Jon C. Richards '66**.

William C. Wright '50 (8428 Eastview Ave., Everett, WA 98208) congratulates the chapter for the fine report in the last issue of the Beta magazine. "To read of the GPA, community service and intramurals brings back a sense of pride. Keep up the excellent high standards!"

A sales executive with the Miller Valentine Group, **Donald R. Wedge '51** (70 Colony Park Dr., Troy, OH 45373) is also active as an NFL official and writes that he worked the Redskins at San Francisco playoff game in January.

Retired in '92, **Robert M. Canright '52** (5600 Sandalwood Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229) spent most of his career in the publishing and printing industry. He is still married to Jo, "who allowed me to wear my Beta pin only one week after initiation before she claimed ownership." They have three children and seven grandchildren and enjoy bridge, travel and summers in Canada. Bob updates us on these brothers: **Tom Shank '52** is in the concrete business in Sandusky, Ohio; **Pete Hauck '52** is retired in Toledo, Ohio; **Bob Johnson '52** is a builder and developer in Circleville, Ohio; **Al Tucker '52**, though retired, is farming 140 acres in Virginia; and **Creighton Ghrist '51**, who is retired as an educator, has taken up a second career in consulting.

After a 35-year career with National Geographic, **Robert G. Corey '54** (9409 Slate Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134) has retired and moved, with his wife, Ann, to Las Vegas.

"I've sold my glass business to my son and am now sailing the Caribbean!" wrote **Larry Linderer '55** (320 Handy St., Salisbury, MD 21801) in April.

In his seventh year as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, **W. Daniel Rich '55** (P.O. Box 566, Millsboro, DE 19966) reports, "Things

are going great." "Deacon" stays in touch with **Tom Tatham '56** and **Charles "Johnny" Ecker '56**.

"Boulder has never been better - come see us," invites **Barry W. Haas '59** (3851 Apache Ct., Boulder, CO 80303). The father of four children, Barry notes that one of his three sons is attending OWU with the class of '94.

In December, **C. David Berger '63** (7509 Fence Row, West Chester, OH 45069) took an early retirement from Armco Steel Co. and, a few months later, began real estate sales classes.

Paul D. Hammersten '69 (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) carves and paints leather in a tradition and style that he first learned as a VISTA volunteer on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana in 1970. The American Indian culture has influenced his life and artwork for more than 20 years.

"Anybody want to climb a mountain?" asks **Skip Horner '69** (2612 Dry Smith Rd., Victor, MT 59875), of Skip Horner Worldwide, who made it to the top of Mount Everest in May. He is now travelling around the country delivering adventure and motivational lectures, as well as guiding climbs in places such as Greenland, Uganda and the Antarctica.

An account manager with Zenger Miller, **Donald E. Johnson '73** writes that he wears a suit and tie during the week and rides a Harley on the weekends. He and his wife have two children and now live at 321 Old Kings Hwy., Downingtown, PA 19335. Don notes that **Fordyce Gayton '73** was recently married and is with the U.S. Forest Service in Fort Collins.

"Memory getting longer as life grows shorter," writes **Glenn H. Troth '73**, an associate of Cook & Troth, from his new address at 739 Tom Tim, Paulding, OH 45879. He is married

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and has three sons.

The director of new business development for Hoechst Celanese Corp., **Robert H. Walters '73** (1324 Bellemeade Ln., Charlotte, NC 28270) and his wife, Chris, have three children. Bob hears from **Robert Sohmer '74**, and they were hoping to get a golf weekend together with a couple of Beta foursomes sometime this year.

The new address for **Daniel S. Banner '80** is 6707 Kenwood Forest Ln., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. He is vice president of Human Resources.

In January, **Rogers J. Johnson '80** (27 Indian Field Rd., Greenwich, CT 06830) was promoted to vice president at Alexander & Alexander.

A. Peter Knoop Jr. '80 (592 Madison, Birmingham, MI 48009) announces the birth, in April '92, of his first child, Megan. He writes that **Jim "Earl" Redmond '80** was married in October with **Jim Mahaffie '80** and **Don Leavy '80** in attendance.

Kathy and **Mark R. Goldsmith '81** (3508 River Springs Ct., Greensboro, NC 27410) welcomed the arrival of their first child in August and named him John, after Mark's father. Mark is head coach of men's soccer and lacrosse at Guilford College.

David C. Shepherd '82 (743 Samantha Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34683) is regional director at Enterprise Systems, Inc. He and his wife, Dorothea, have two daughters.

A director at The Eagle's Eye, **Blair K. Morrison '85** (129 Bloomingdale, Wayne, PA 19067) announces the birth of his son, Kyle Blair, in September '92.

David A. Glenn '86 is now living with **Lou Hendrey '86** at 925 Garden St., Apt. 2, Hoboken, NJ 07030. "Stuy" is a foreman for Bacardi-Brown.

In late January, **D. Matthew Howison '92** (1275 Burnt Pond Rd., Ostrander, OH 43061) began work as

a CPA assistant with Ron Lykins, Inc., a position which will last through tax season. In the meantime, "Howie" is seeking an entry-level actuarial position and has passed the first two exams necessary for such work. He reports that **Dave Lit '92** is still living in Philadelphia and that **Jon Miller '92** is attending medical school in Chicago.

When he joined the management-trainee program at Graphic Technology, Inc., **Gregory J. Ritz '92** moved to Florida and is now residing at 7920 Hampton Blvd., Apt. 809, N. Lauderdale, FL 33068. He continues his training in international trap shooting and, in

January, won another tournament in West Palm Beach. He also completed his certifications to head the Junior Shotgun Programs at the Olympic Training Center. Gregory reports that **Scott Ellis '91** is continuing to pursue his dreams as a music entertainer and that **John Flayderman '92** has received his series seven brokerage license and plans to be married in October.

Since our last publication, we have learned of the death of the following brothers:

Melvin J. Trumble II '62 and **Charles H. Hall '46** (4/5/93).

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



Due to the vagaries of the international mail, this letter only arrived at our Alumni Records Office in December. Although the letter was written over a year ago, we still think the message of pride in the Beta Theta Pi brotherhood is worth sharing.

Caracas, Venezuela
March 26, 1992

Dear Brothers:

I am probably one of the few alumni who lives so far away and yet enjoys reading about the "comeback" of the chapter.

I was very impressed to read the letter sent to you by Don Cooper '68 and his reasons for sending such a letter. If what Don says is correct, then you have finally overcome the hurdle of mediocrity and begun your journey back to excellence. The Beta House, when I joined, was an architectural wonder, and its occupants, leaders in scholastics and very strong competitors in extra-curricular activities. I now see that you are back on the same track in a much more restricted environment, less friendly and somewhat difficult, due to your being absent from the scenario for many years.

Last year I contributed to the Beta Fund via the university because I believed that in doing so I was also helping the university to solve a problem that really started in my undergraduate days. Now this year, I am going to contribute because I see a group of dedicated fellows who are striving for excellence, knowledgeable of the Beta traditions on campus, and desirous to help the school and the community.

Keep up the good work.

Best Regards,
Andrés Duarte Vivas '65