



# The Theta Data

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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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## PAST CHAPTER PRESIDENT KEVIN HINKEL '94 REPORTS

Theta Chapter has much to report as we complete the 1993-94 academic year. We had an excellent turnout for our alumni reunion in early April. The passing of the loving cup and a recognition of Fraternal Fifties highlighted the weekend.

Our pledge class has been very enthusiastic and energetic for the past couple months. They will be initiated soon, putting us well over 1,600 on the roll.

We are following the General Fraternity's philanthropy by installing our own version of the Burn Awareness Program. By next fall we will be conducting seminars on this important topic.

Elections took place in early March and the new officers are President Brian Fedorko, Vice President Andrew Klungness, Secretary Jason Parker, Treasurer Brian Hill and Risk Manager Erik Baudensdistel. Congratulations to the new Executive Board!

The senior Betas should also be recognized for all their efforts the last four years. Without their continuous work, Theta would not be the great chapter it is today.



LEFT TO RIGHT ARE CHUCK UNDERWOOD '68, DONALD CODFER '68 AND BILL ROWLAND '68 ENJOYING THE SPRING REUNION.



1950s BROTHERS POSE IN CHAPTER HOUSE LIVING ROOM.

## OVER 50 ALUMNI ATTEND 1994 SPRING REUNION

By Brian Hill '96, Alumni Chairman

The spring reunion went extremely well, with brothers traveling from as far away as Florida, Nevada and Arizona to attend. All told, more than 50 alumni and their families returned to campus for the weekend. We undergraduates were honored to meet brothers representative of all eras in our history and were pleased to have had this unique opportunity to observe that being a Beta means friendship not only in our undergraduate days, but after graduation as well.

The weekend was highlighted by such traditional ceremonies as the recognition of our Fraternal Fifties brothers and the passing of the loving cup. Also, we started a new tradition with the "Alumni Door." This door, which is located in the chapter room, will be signed by all alumni when they return to the house.

It is our hope that a spring reunion will become an annual event. We are attempting to establish stronger ties with our alumni, and this could be an important step toward that goal. In fact, we are already planning a reunion for next spring. We hope that 100-150 alumni will attend. If you are interested in helping to encourage brothers from your period to attend, please contact me at 614-368-2660.

We would like to extend special thanks to a few brothers. Tom Tatham '56 spent an extraordinary amount of time and effort to make this reunion a success. His work paid off by the large turnout of brothers from the '50s era. We are also very grateful to Robert Lafferty '28 and John "Red" Halliday '29. Their memories and stories are invaluable to us. Undergraduates as well as alumni were inspired by their attendance.



FRATERNAL FIFTIES, FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT ARE "PACKY" McFARLAND '49, JOHN HALLIDAY '29 AND ROBERT LAFFERTY '28. BACK, LEFT TO RIGHT ARE WILLIAM ANTHONY '45, CHARLES ORDWAY '48 AND ROBERT MAUCK '48.

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## "DON'T SELL THIS GENERATION SHORT!"

I would like you to know that I just spent a wonderful weekend with a great bunch of young men at the Beta House. Because every room in all four hotels was filled, the boys insisted I stay at the house. It was a unique experience to say the least. Every alum should have a chance to do the same.

Don't sell this generation short!! The young Betas I saw are industrious, considerate, personable, attractive and very bright. I understand the Betas are No. 1 scholastically on campus with a 3.1 average.

Please send the word out to the alumni that they need financial help to get the house in shape, particularly the plumbing. A general appeal would certainly help. Your assistance is appreciated.

It was great to see Betas from the '40s and the '50s. My old roommate, Chuck Ordway '48, was there from North Carolina, as was Bob Mauck '48 of Columbus.

I shall never forget the weekend of April 8-10 at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Yours in -Kai-  
Bill Anthony '45



LOVING CUP CEREMONY AT THE HOUSE — ROBERT LAFFERTY '28 PASSES THE LOVING CUP TO ROBERT MAUCK '48.

ALUMNI DINNER, APRIL 9, 1994 — KOREY HINKLE '95, ANDREW NICHOLSON '58, FRANK DOVE '58, BRIAN HILL '96, MICHAEL DOVE '58 AND MORGAN SHRADER '54.



## BUILDING LEADERSHIP

By Erik Baudendistel '96

The weekend of February 4-6, brothers Fedorko '95, Hinkle '95, Baudendistel '96 and Owen '96 attended the 1994 North Central Leadership Workshop at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. The weekend was filled with speakers and activities covering everything from rush to risk management. We brought many excellent ideas on chapter growth and improvement back from the weekend. Some of the best ideas came from interaction with the other chapters as we discussed what things worked best and how to improve upon those things with which we were having trouble. The highlight of the weekend was, by far, the model initiation ceremony in which the brothers of the Gamma Iota Chapter brought 17 men into their family. Immediately following the initiation was a fascinating Beta 101 given by Steve Becker, Florida '69. The weekend was, without question, a great success as we gained valuable information on how to run the chapter much more effectively and to grow not only in numbers but in strength as well.

## THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP, DON!

By Andrew Groth '94

When the Theta Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University was starting back up, we were in need of a faculty adviser. During that time, a new dean of enrollment management was starting at Ohio Wesleyan. The brothers approached the new dean, Don Bishop, and asked if he would like to help Beta get back on campus. He agreed, and the Theta Chapter is very grateful that he did.

Having gone to Notre Dame where there are no fraternities, Don didn't realize exactly what he was getting himself into. Don initiated as a Beta and helped to bring Beta back to Ohio Wesleyan University. We would not have been able to return without his help. He negotiated with the university to allow the Betas to take back possession of our house at 9 Williams Drive.

Don has always been there for us, to help or to advise or just to have a Saturday afternoon barbecue. Over the past two years, he has been getting busier and busier. He was forced to give up many other extracurricular activities, but he always made time for the house.

Don announced this semester that he is leaving Ohio Wesleyan University to pursue other interests. He was quick to inform the Betas that he wants to stay involved with the house as much as he can. Many people around the University will miss Don, but none more than the Betas. The rest of the university knows Don as "Dean Bishop," but to us he will always be Brother Bishop.

Thanks for all your help, Don, and good luck.

# ALUMNI NEWS

Retired attorney **John E. Halliday Jr. '29** (455 First Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631) writes that, at 86, he goes to his law office every day, but he is "not looking for any work." Our condolences to "Red" on the loss of his wife of 61 years, Marjorie Biddle Halliday in October of 1993. She was a Theta from OWU.

**Charles L. Dietz '32** (1136 Maple Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701) is the director of the Zanesville Art Center, where he manages everything from arranging art exhibitions to organizing classes and workshops. He is also a water colorist specializing in Mexican art and artifacts.

A senior vice president at McDonald and Company Securities, **Sterling L. Pfeiffer '38** (211 Blue Bonnet Dr., Findlay, OH 45840) has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio, in May 1993.

Though retired, **Hal A. Fausnaugh '48** (20126 Westhaven Ln., Rocky River, OH 44116) serves on the board of trustees of several institutions in the Cleveland area, including OWU, and also remains president of the Goodwill Industries Foundation of Greater Cleveland. "Fuzzy" spent a weekend in Columbus with brothers **Hugh Troth '48**, **Jim Johnson '47**, **Ed O'Day '50** and **Bob Mauck '48**.

"Almost as busy in retirement as when gainfully employed," claims **Thomas R. Long '51** (301 Black Kettle Ln., Alpharetta, GA 30202). Along with being active in his church, Tom is also treasurer of a flying club, and president of the Southeast United States DeLorean Owners Assoc. He still has time to see brothers **Bob Mauck '48**, **Bill Long '51**, and **Jim Long '81** fairly frequently.

**J. William Myers '51** (105 Fulton St., Lyons, OH 43533) has received a citation from the Ohio House of Representatives in recognition of the inclusion of his poem "Sometimes the Road Would End" in the anthology *Poetry: An American Heritage*. A retired pastor, Bill still maintains the Lyons Printery, and is active in the Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star.

**Donald L. Rhodes '51** (121 Claridon Rd., Chardon, OH 44024) reports that he still enjoys traveling and golf 14 years after his retirement.

Still a sales executive with Miller Valentine Co., **Donald R. Wedge '51** (70 Colony Park Dr., Troy, OH 45373) is also still an NFL side judge. Don was elected city councilman of Troy this year.

**Richard DeVos '54** (367 Lake Forest Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140) has retired from ALCOA after 34 years in sales and marketing. Dick still stays in contact with brothers from the class of 1954 and was expecting a good turnout in May for their 40th reunion.

**John A. Neff '64** (88 Caballo Ct., Boulder, CO 80303) has been promoted to director of the Optoelectronic Computing Systems Center at the University of Colorado. He and his wife, Karen, are still enjoying Colorado's great outdoors, including horseback riding and white water rafting.

Dentist **Herbert C. Brannen '65** (756 E. Hillcrest Ave., Yuba City, CA 95991) reports that he now has two Beta legacies. His oldest son, Robert, is president of the Beta

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Colony at the University of California, San Diego, and his youngest son, John, is a pledge there.

**Richard R. Kinney Jr. '66** (12769 Via Donada, Del Mar, CA 92014) reports that his 108-year-old grandmother passed away in December 1993.

Since March 1993, **T. George Hess '67** (4 Beekman Pl., Morristown, NJ 07960) has been the chief service officer for MFS Intelenet, an operating unit of MFS Communications Co., Jersey City, N.J. "We are literally the MCI of the local exchange market and are the pioneers in this last frontier of competition in telecommunications."

Besides practicing law, attorney **Charles D. Underwood Jr. '68** (5087 Doral Ave., Whitehall, OH 43213) continues to fly as squadron commander in the Ohio Air National Guard. Chuck was also appointed president of the Whitehall City Council in August 1993, and won election to council in November 1993. He and **Bill Rowland '68** still meet frequently to play golf and "relive our Beta days."

Artist **Paul D. Hammersten '69** (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) has created a new art film around his recent visit to the Navajo Nation. He is offering "*The Robe of Beauty*" to all Betas at cost.

**Skip Horner '69** (2612 Dry Smith Rd., Victor, MT 59875) reports that he reached the summit of Mt. Everest in 1992, and, in 1993, climbed and accurately measured for the first time, the three highest peaks in Greenland and the Arctic. Along with guiding trips to mountains in Antarctica, Africa and Montana, Skip has also made a number of speaking appearances around the country.

Physician **Edward L. Morris '69** (8511 Topping Rd., Baltimore, MD 21208) was elected chairman of the Arthritis Foundation of Maryland at its annual meeting in November 1993. Ed writes, "As a member of the class of '69, all pledges had to wear a dink to all classes. At the time the dink was a little red beanie with a small black visor and every year on the front was the year of graduation above the letters OWU. Our year they changed the dink to read "O6W9U." The sexual revolution didn't hit OWU until the 1970s."

**David R. Alexander '73** resides at 1255 N. Sandburg Ter., #1011, Chicago, IL 60610. He is a vice president in securities sales with Kidder Peabody.

Attorney **George (Rick) Evans Jr. '74** (9719 Dove Shadow, San Antonio, TX 78230) founded a new law firm with nine others just two years ago that is now "over 100 strong and still growing." The college graduation of Rick's daughter, along with an invite to his 20th OWU reunion both have him asking "What happened to the time?"

**Charles S. Narwicz, Jr. '77** (1711 Wrightfield Ave., Yardley, PA 19067) is the new Shoprite/Twin County Team

Operations Manager at Procter & Gamble. Chuck still has fond memories of beating Denison at Denison in lacrosse for OWU to break a 15-year losing streak in 1974. He notes that Betas made up more than half the lacrosse teams in the mid 1970s.

**Thomas Chimples '81** (35209 Quartermane Cir., Bentleyville, OH 44139) and his wife, along with Beta brother **Alan Cooke '81** and his guest, sailed the Greek Isles in July 1993 aboard a fully crewed 100' luxury motor yacht. "We were accompanied by four other couples who fortunately were party animals," reports Tom.

**Brad J. Longworth '84** (3214 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23221) is now a plant engineer for Hamilton Hybar in Richmond, Va. Brad has married Karen Bethel, and reports he is still playing rugby for the James River Rugby Club, finishing the last two years as state champs.

"I've moved back to Chattanooga. Pass it on," writes **David B. Poss '88** (216 Dawn St., Signal Mountain, TN 37377). He also is the proud father of Zachary Atticus Poss, born on August 19, 1992.

**Scott E. Ellis '91** (15 Lewis Ct., Huntington Station, NY 11746) is still "doin' the music biz thing — performing/composing." He'd like to hear from any Betas, especially **Gardiner Lawrence '92**, **Kirk Keller '91**, **Mike Colson '91**, **Kevin McDonnell '91**, **Bill Brosius '90**, **John Flayderman '92**, **Brian Rabin '91** and **Jim Stilwell '91**.

Financial consultant **John D. Flayderman '92** (141 Teshune Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470) was recently married to Ellen Currie, a 1992 OWU graduate. John also reports that **Brian A. Rabin '91** can now be reached at 115 Old Short Hills Rd., #354, West Orange, NJ 07052, and that **Rick Deasey '90** is residing at 2841 Winchester Way, Falls Church, VA 22042. John also writes that **Matthew Morris '92** will be leaving for Beijing, China, for two years of training in the Chinese language.

**David C. Russell '93** (306B S. Sandusky St., Delaware, OH 43015) is now working for Office Supplies Unlimited. He and Elizabeth K. Myers (OWU '94) were married in November 1993. In addition, David has begun First Call Electronic Repair Company.

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

**Arnold D. White '38** (9/3/93)  
**Richard C. Glosch '51** (11/19/93)  
**Richard L. Rhodes '49** (3/25/93)

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