



The Theta Data

THETA CHAPTER • BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

DELAWARE, OHIO

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HOUSE COMPANY LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO COMPLETE RESTORATION OF 9 WILLIAMS DRIVE CHAPTER HOUSE, HALF OF \$150,000 GOAL ALREADY REACHED!

Several months ago, the Theta Chapter House Company began work on a project vital to the future success of Theta Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan. The project, *The Theta Chapter House Renovation Campaign*, was initiated to allow us to complete the restoration of our chapter house. As all of you know, this has been a long and challenging process.

Alumni have contributed toward this effort in two separate campaigns. Since the summer of 1986, \$92,000 worth of badly needed renovations were made to the house. However, we were unable to complete some of the larger and more expensive plumbing and electrical problems we now face.

Well On Our Way ...

To that end, we began to quietly approach brothers who have supported the prior campaigns as well as many other brothers. The result is that we have received donations and/or pledges that, when combined with the large amount of funds owed to the chapter by the University (from a prior Trustee Match program), totals over \$75,000 — which represents half of our \$150,000 goal. This amount of work will be done this summer.

Should we reach our goal, the House Company should not have to solicit alumni in the foreseeable future. Brothers, help us to complete our mission to fully restore Theta Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan. The undergraduates have brought Theta back to full

strength, and they must have our financial support in this project if that strength is to be maintained.

About Your Gifts ...

The Board has decided that gifts made in previous campaigns will be credited toward your gift in this campaign for recognition purposes. We want everyone to know that this effort will at last finish the task of rebuilding Theta Chapter, and that we are grateful for every dollar contributed in the past that has played such a key role in helping us reach this point. Gifts are tax deductible, and payment can be made over the next three years (if desired). A *Pledge Form* is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions regarding the Campaign, please call Craig Johnson at 513-321-3863.

When a brother calls or writes in the coming weeks, please consider making a special gift to Theta Chapter!

*Campaign Giving Club Levels

Beta Dragon Club	\$20,000 or more
Beta Stars Club	\$10,000 to \$19,999
Loving Cup Club	\$5,000 to \$9,999
Theta Chapter Club	\$1,500 to \$4,999
Brotherhood Club	\$500 to \$1,499

*These amounts represent the total amount given in the 1995 Campaign as well as the two previous efforts since 1985.

CHAPTER PRESIDENT UPDATE

By Jason Parker '96

The spring semester has proven to be a very exciting time for the Theta Chapter as we continue to move nearer to the Sisson Award. An impressive pledge class, continued work with alumni, upcoming philanthropic events and greater campus involvement will continue to move us toward this goal.

On Sunday, April 2, 1995, 13 outstanding undergraduate men were initiated into the Theta Chapter, thanks in large part to Rush Chairman Paul Corto '97 and Pledge Educator Corey Hinkle '95. For the first time in over two years, Theta Chapter

is expected to grow in size. University President Thomas B. Courtice, University of Pennsylvania '65, was also initiated with the undergraduate pledges. After the initiation, a reception was held for President Courtice and the entire Ohio Wesleyan Greek community. Support for his initiation has been overwhelming.

President Courtice's ties with Ohio Wesleyan and the Theta Chapter span over 90 years. Courtice's grandfather was Theta Chapter secretary and class president in 1905. Moreover,

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SPECIAL AWARD AND RECOGNITION — DONALD R. WEDGE '51

By T. J. Tatham '56



On February 13, 1995, in Dayton, Ohio, Donald R. Wedge '51, was recognized for his lifetime achievement in sports at the noon luncheon meeting of the Dayton Agonis Club and at the Annual Recognition Dinner for the 1995 Ohio Professional and Amateur Athlete of the Year. Brother Wedge was one of six men recognized and awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Don came to Ohio Wesleyan from Carey, Ohio, where he excelled in several sports and received Ohio All-State recognition for his accomplishments in both basketball and football. While at OWU, Don starred in football for coach Fraser, setting several records; some are still standing, including most touchdowns (5) in a single game and 15 touchdowns in one season.

Don recently completed his 23rd season as an official in the National Football League. His successful NFL career has featured 20 postseason games, including Super Bowl XXII in 1988.

After officiating high school football and basketball in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia for 15 years, Wedge moved on to the collegiate level in 1956 in both sports. Among the conferences that employed Wedge were the Big Ten, the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference. His work included the 1970 Rose Bowl and the NCAA basketball tournament.

Wedge has worked since 1987 as an account manager for the Miller-Valentine Group in Dayton.

He is a longtime supporter of Theta Chapter and an active, participating member of the Theta House Company.

REUNION IN THE WORKS

By Brian Hill '96 and Brad Chelton '98, Alumni Relations Co-Chairmen

The 1994-95 academic year was very successful for the Theta Chapter. We plan on continuing to succeed and will share our success with our alumni next year.

As you may have heard, we are planning a large reunion for the spring of 1996. The gathering will take place over **Monnett Weekend, April 12-14, 1996**. The chapter, along with several Theta alumni, is working to bring over 100 alumni back to the house. This would break the 50-plus mark set in 1994. If you would like to help with this endeavor and haven't already spoken to one of the alumni coordinators, please call Brian Hill '96 at 216-530-3004 or Brad Chelton '98 at 614-279-5653 over the summer. As always, we are attempting to further strengthen undergraduate-alumni relations.

During the summer, the chapter house will be partly renovated. One of our goals is to display more memorabilia from our past. In fact, two '50s-era composites were recently hung in the chapter room and the 1968 composite was hung in the study room.

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It was his grandfather's wish that President Courtice attend Ohio Wesleyan and presumably that he join the Theta Chapter.

The Theta Chapter has begun once again meeting regularly with our housing corporation in order to keep several projects moving forward. Chief among these projects are the major renovations that we are planning for this house in the summer of 1995. Many structural improvements are planned for the Beta house. Plans are also in the works to remodel the chapter room, among other improvements.

Theta Chapter is very grateful for several gifts that it received. Several missing initiation robes were replaced. In addition, we received a Sweetheart pin from 1916 and the pin of R. L. Buffington 1897. Again, we thank you for these treasures; it's great to have them in the house again. Such items can be returned at any time and are a great way to involve yourself again. Another way to involve yourself is to visit or call. We welcome any alumni at any time of the year.

Thanks to your contributions, *The Theta Data*

is published for the members and friends of the Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan University. Address changes, news items and photographs may be sent to **Alumni Records Office, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, P.O. Box 361303, Columbus, OH 43236-1303.**

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LIST FOR SUMMER 1995

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

THE BASEMENT

Lounge Area

- Replace heating vents
- Replace floor tiles
- New light fixtures
- Drywall work and painting

Scholarship Room

- New light fixtures
- New w/w carpet
- Replace baseboard heating units
- Replace ceiling tiles and grid
- Repair and replace counter and study area
- Purchase two computers and laser printer
- Purchase appropriate desks

Chapter Room

- Install perimeter bench seating
- Drywall over cement block
- Replace ceiling tiles and grid
- Install w/w carpet
- Paint room
- Replace baseboard heating units

FIRST FLOOR

Dining Room Area

- Patch and paint entire ceiling
- Install new light fixtures (softer)
- Replace all wood paneling
- Paint surface areas
- Paint and repair exit doors and vicinity

Living Room Area

- Replace baseboard heating units
- Install new draperies
- Build and install a display case for mosaic

Kitchen

- New cabinets and countertops
- New light fixtures
- Replace all windows
- Paint room
- Install stainless steel wallcovers

THE SECOND FLOOR

Restrooms

- Remove and replace all walls, tiles, fixtures, piping and valves, partitions, shower basins, etc.
- Install new lighting fixtures
- Install new windows
- Paint room
- Install new counters and fixtures

Other

- Remove and replace Janitor's sink
- Paint Janitor's area and washer room

THE THIRD FLOOR

Restrooms

- Remove and replace all walls, tiles, fixtures, piping and valves, partitions, shower basins, etc.
- Install new lighting fixtures
- Install new windows
- Paint room
- Install new counters and fixtures

THE MAIN STAIRWELL

- Remove and replace existing floor tiles
- Refurbish ceiling
- Apply laminate drywall to cement block
- Paint entire stairwell
- Replace lighting fixtures as needed

Total Cost of Interior Work: \$117,000

EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS

- Replace deteriorating brick patio wall
- Repair cement deck as needed
- Repair fire escape as needed
- Paint window trim
- Landscape as needed

Total Cost of Exterior Work: \$8,000

Total Cost of Renovations: \$125,000

WELCOME OUR SPRING INITIATES



Brad Chelton '98
Columbus, Ohio

University President
Thomas Courtice
Delaware, Ohio

Michael Dowgiewicz '98
Baltimore, Md.

Alexander Frane '98
Washington, D.C.

Benjamin Harrison '98
Woodstock, Conn.

Philip Kirby '97
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Ramsy Mahjoub '98
Oberlin, Ohio

Douglas Meyer '97
Marion, Ohio

Joseph Raker '98
Sylvania, Ohio

Aaron Seil '98
Westlake, Ohio

Thomas Shannon '97
Perry, Ohio

Lee Szambecki '98
Kent, Ohio

Christopher Vaughan '98
Baton Rouge, La.

Gregory Woolum '98
Jackson, Ohio



INITIATION DAY, APRIL 2, 1995



UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TOM COURTICE RECEIVING HIS
PIN FROM CHAPTER PRESIDENT JASON PARKER '96

— ALUMNI NEWS —

Donald L. Robbins '47 (2085 Lake Shore Blvd., Wahkon, MN 56386) notes that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Navy Officers Training Program at OWU.

John William Myers '51 (109 N. Adrian St., Lyons, OH 43533) has been accepted for inclusion in the 13th Edition of *Who's Who in the World* to be released this September.

For the Miller-Valentine Group, **Donald R. Wedge '51** (70 Colony Park, Troy, OH 45373) is manager of executive accounts and Dayton Construction Sales. He is also serving a two-year term as city councilman and is involved in many other community activities and associations. An NFL official for the past 23 years, Don is currently a side judge and was honored in February with the 1995 Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual Ohio Professional and Amateur Athlete of the Year Awards Banquet. Since 1952 — from high school to the pros — Don has been involved in more than 1,000 football games and 2,000 basketball games. See article on Page 2.

Edwin J. Lilly '53 (6309 Chickering Woods Dr., Nashville, TN 37215) is retired as a physician.

Now in his 39th year in the publishing business, **Paul B. Kisseberth '54** (39 Happy Hill Rd., Stamford, CT 06903) is publisher of *Fleet Owner Magazine* which serves the managers and operators of our nation's commercial truck fleets. Paul looks forward to "backing away" from the day to day duties in late 1996 and will devote the next two years to turning the publishing responsibilities over to a succession team. Last year, he and Annie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and spent three weeks in Germany and England. In January, Paul had lunch in Worthington with **Dick DeVos '54**, **Morgan Shrader '54**, **"Buzz" Christensen Jr. '54** and **Ron '55** and **Stan Van Buren '52**. Paul was also to see **Horace Newhard '52** in February for some skiing in Aspen.

Physician **William G. Plavcan '55** (13019 Lance Cir., Hagerstown, MD 21742) is retired as a urologist.

"Boots wore out and the Stetson's too floppy," writes **Kenneth C. Rowley '55**, explaining his move from Santa Fe, N.M., to 206A 79th St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

J. Allan Vlerebome '55 (215 E. Wheeling St., Lancaster, OH 43130) is a stockbroker with Advest Inc. and married to Marty. He was in Hawaii in February 1994 for the Quintner-Nabashima International Cup against the Japanese. This June and July, he will be golfing in Belgium with the same American seniors team in the Leopold Cup matches.

H. Bruce Russell '59 (26 Wood Stone Rise, Pittsford, NY 14534), vice president and director of corporate real estate for Eastman Kodak, also serves as chairman of the Rochester Downtown Development Council, on the executive board of the Industrial Development Research Council and as director of the First National Bank of Rochester.

At Castleton State College, **John H. Duval '64** (P.O. Box 26, West Shore Rd., South Hero, VT 05486) is an associate professor in the Education Department. He would like news of **Bill Niblock '65**, **Bruce Jarvis '64**, **Larry Hyman '64**, **Dallas Frederick '64** and others of his era. You can reach "Tiny" on the Internet at duvalj@cscacs.csc.vsc.edu.

"If any of the current brothers ever want to see San Diego, you can crash on our floor," invites **Richard R. Kinney '66** who lives four blocks from the beach at 12769 Via Donada, Del Mar, CA 92014.

In 1992, after 15 years in advertising, **Edward S. Van Winkle '66** embarked on a new career in the interactive entertainment field. As regional sales manager for NTN Communications Inc., he is responsible for territory from Maine to Florida. "Rip" has a new address at 196 Terry Rd., Hartford, CT 06105 and can be contacted on the Internet at esripww@aol.com.

Artist and minister **Paul D. Hammersten '69** (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) informs us that production has begun on the film, *To The Harbor Light*, the third in a series about his art. On the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana, where Paul's art had its beginnings, his paintings are now hanging in the library of Dull Knife College in Lame Deer, at the Senior Citizens Center, in churches and in private homes. Paul writes, "Dreams do come true and I wish to express my thanks to all the Beta brothers for their encouragement. I will always offer my art and films to Betas at cost. Ha Ho ('thank you' in Cheyenne)."

Donald E. Johnson '73 (321 Old Kings Hwy., Downingtown, PA 19335) is a senior account executive at Zenger-Miller and has been with the consulting firm for seven years. He is raising two children with wife Polly and enjoys playing tennis and guitar in his free time. Don can be reached through America On Line at Don 4 Hand.

In December, Virginia and **Paul A. Horning '86** (7819 Moorland Ln., Bethesda, MD 20814) started their own catering company, Panache Catering, where Paul serves as chef.

David C. Russell '93 has a new position as a jobs caseworker for the Delaware County Department of Human Services. He and his wife, Beth, have purchased a home at 208 E. High St., Box 238, Ashley, OH 43003 and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child in August. David notes, "Call or stop by for a visit!"

Kevin A. Hinkle '94, an account executive with E&E Benefit Plans Inc., now resides at 221 E. Lane Ave., Columbus, OH 43201. He sends a "hello" to the Class of 1994.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **John E. Halliday '29** (3/19/95). Beta Theta Pi mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALLFEST
OCTOBER 27-29, 1995

MONNETT WEEKEND — REUNION
APRIL 12-14, 1996

ALUMNI WEEKEND
MAY 17-19, 1996