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1996 FALLFEST THETA REUNION

OCTOBER 18-20, 1996

Theta chapter brothers, **mark your calendars for October 18-20, 1996.** We are planning an "all-classes" reunion at Ohio Wesleyan during the University Fallfest weekend.

Many of you return for your class reunions in the spring, but opportunities to renew the bonds of Beta friendships that overlapped your stay at OWU were not a priority of planners; the five-year reunions were the focus. In the spring of 1994, the chapter hosted an all-classes get-together on campus that was a big success. We have photos — at right and on Page 2 — to prove it. The House Corporation has proposed a renewal this year, in the fall, so that more brothers from a larger range of classes might be encouraged to attend. We will create an opportunity to have fun as well as time for exchanges with your old Beta friends. Please plan to attend. **You will hear more from us this summer.**

Dick DeVos '54, Reunion Chairman
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SCENES FROM THE 1994 ALL-CLASSES REUNION



Dan Rich '55 (left), Tom Tatham '56, Don Jefferis '56 and Jim Dailey '56 (right) enjoyed Saturday night's banquet almost as much as ...



Al Vlerebome '55, "Bud" Douthett '58 and Charlie Ecker '56 enjoyed events at the house.

THETA FAMILIES ENJOY TRADITION OF BROTHERHOOD

ROBERT I. DOVE '28 MEMORIAL TESTAMENT TO STRENGTH OF THE BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD

By Tom Tatham '56

In Theta chapter's history, there are many family names that have been prominent, with fathers, uncles, brothers all a part of the Theta chapter family — names such as Anderson, Clark, Doan, Long, Guy, Myers, Halliday, Wyant, Mauck, Littick, Van Buren, Kestle, Hammond, Vlerebome. None has been more prominent in terms of numbers as well as devotion to the spirit of Beta than the name Dove.

Robert I. Dove '28 was a devoted Beta for many years until his death in 1976. Robert, or R.I. as his classmates called him, and his wife Elizabeth Dove, had four sons, all of whom became OWU Theta Betas — Dave '53, Mike and Frank '58 and T. Clark '63.

In memory of their father and husband, they have made a significant contribution to the current capital fund for "...needed house repairs to the chapter house at your committee's discretion." Along with their contribution, Dave '53 writes:

Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi and OWU have long been a part of the Dove family traditions. Our grandfather, R.R. Dove, and his brother, T.C. Dove, were Betas, Class of 1902. My brothers and I are fifth-generation OWU graduates and Ashley Dove,

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CLASS REUNION NOTES

ALUMNI WEEKEND ~ MAY 17-19, 1996

Each year in May, Ohio Wesleyan classes return for reunion with college friends and special emphasis is placed on returning the 5-, 10-, 15-, etc., year classes. This year, every fifth-year class will be making extra-effort plans to return for OWU Alumni Weekend on May 17-19. For those of us who return this year — my class of '56 is looking forward to a big turnout of Betas — this is an opportunity to renew old acquaintances, remember the past and get up to date on what

has happened to our classmates. This is also a great opportunity for those of you returning to collect information on other brothers and to *submit this information for inclusion in our next issue of The Theta Data*. For those willing to take on this assignment, please submit information to T.J. Tatham, 900 Hathaway Rd., Dayton, OH 45419; 513-298-7682. Information can also be faxed by calling first and/or sending e-mail to tomtatham@aol.com. Thanks for your help.

BE SURE TO RETURN TO THE HOUSE ON ALUMNI WEEKEND!

OPEN HOUSE ~ MAY 18, 1996

Alumni Weekend is fast approaching as another academic year comes to a close at Ohio Wesleyan. Alumni are welcome to visit the Beta house on the weekend of May 17-19. Theta chapter will hold an open house on Saturday afternoon, May 18. A large turnout is expected from the Beta alumni of the 1980s. A number of them have already contacted us and confirmed that they will be there. We would like to see as many of you there as possible. If you have any questions, call Brian Hill '96 at 614-368-2660, or Brad Chelton '96 at 614-368-2652.

In addition, we are at the beginning stages of preparing our Fallfest weekend for 1996. The dates for this event are October 18-20. Watch your mail this summer for details. (Article on Page One.)

MORE SCENES FROM THE 1994 ALL-CLASSES REUNION



The Class of 1955 was well-represented at the All-Class Reunion. Milt Irvin, Rupert Doan, Paul Nobis, Jack Hahn and Dan Rich were among those who returned.

CONGRATULATIONS, BRIAN D. HILL '96!

CLEVELAND ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

By Thomas J. Tatham '56

Announced in the latest issue of *The Beta Theta Pi Magazine* was the awarding of the 1995 Founders Fund Scholarship awards, including the Cleveland Alumni Scholarship award to Brian Hill '96. Each year, hundreds of Beta undergraduates apply for Founders Fund scholarships, which are made possible by alumni gifts to the Beta Leadership Fund. Initiated by the Trustees in 1949, the program honors and financially assists Betas and Beta sons and daughters who have excelled in academics, service and school involvement. The program has expanded dramatically and includes awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500. It was further noted that \$87,000 in academic scholarships were awarded to 94 collegians in 1995.

Brian D. Hill '96 was cited for his service as chapter treasurer, alumni chair and pledge trainer. His significant academic achievements include five semesters on the dean's list, IFC award for academic excellence, and Pi Phi Honorary Society. In addition, Brian was recognized for service to the following organizations: founding member of Delta Pi Alpha German honor society, Habitat for Humanity, the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association. Brian is finishing his last semester at OWU after studying in Heidelberg, Germany, last fall.

WANTED: ALUMNI INTERESTED IN THETA CHAPTER HISTORY

By Brian Hill '96

The year 2003 will mark Theta chapter's 150th year on the OWU campus. As we head toward the celebration of our founding on this campus in 1853, some have expressed interest in putting together a book of Theta chapter history. We believe that this has not been done since the early 1900s. If you are interested, please contact Brian Hill '96 or Mike Dowgiewicz '98 at the following addresses: Brian: 640 Pennsylvania Ave., McDonald, OH 44437; or Mike: 211 Kemble Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218.



Dave Crockett '57 (left), Lee Rich, Dan Rich '55 and Charlie Ecker '56 (right) share a laugh at the April 1994 event.

GREAT PLEDGE CLASS, HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS BODE WELL FOR THETA

By Michael Dowgiewicz '98, Chapter President

The Theta chapter is able to approach the end of another academic year with a positive feeling about the past two semesters and anticipation for next fall. The young executive officers elected this past January include four sophomores and only one upperclassman. They have made quick and successful transitions to positions of serious responsibility in the chapter. While the fact that we have so many younger officers is undoubtedly due in part to the small number of seniors who will be in the house next year, the high number of underclassmen also reflects the enthusiasm of our younger brothers. Complementing that enthusiasm was the excellent

job that this year's departing seniors and involved alumni did in acclimating those who will return next year to the responsibilities and workings of the house. I have the utmost confidence that the Theta chapter will continue to improve in every area.

We pledged nine young men to the house this year, one in the fall and eight this spring. We had hoped to attain a slightly larger class in order to ensure financial stability for the chapter, but we could not be happier with the soon-to-be initiates that we pledged. Beta Theta Pi attracted young men from as far away as Arizona, Colorado and even Bolivia. Of the nine, eight are involved in five varsity sports. Most impressively,

the fall and spring pledge classes attained the highest grade-point averages of Ohio Wesleyan's 10 fraternities. All will make excellent additions to a chapter growing stronger in academics.

The chapter and house corporation have realized their goal of significantly improving the physical appearance of the house. The state of the house was a source of major concern for alumni when they returned to visit in past years and, consequently, were reluctant to make more visits or donations. We hope that our renewed determination to maintain the house and our coordination with the House Corporation will encourage

more alumni to attend alumni events, spring and fall initiations and, if possible, to help the chapter to meet always increasing expenses. One major expense that must be met will be the complete replacement of plumbing for the bathrooms, and the resurfacing of the showers on both floors. The work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the next school year, and initial estimates indicate that the cost will be about \$80,000.

The entire chapter is looking forward to the reunion planned for next year; we hope to see Betas from all years return to Delaware and witness the progress of the Theta chapter firsthand.

CURRENT CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to the brothers listed, who have already made contributions to our 1995-96 giving program. (Our giving year coincides with the school year and runs from September 1 through August 31.) Your support enables us to continue our alumni relations program, which includes the publication of this newsletter. If you have not yet sent a contribution, please do so today.

Rampu Chandhuri
Watson D. Parker '33
Edward G. Gwyn '37
David M. Myers '38
Lawrence E. Lagarenne '41
William O. Harrah '43
Robert M. Best '44
William S. Anthony '45
Richard A. Gregg '45
Albert B. Albrecht '48
Hal A. Fausnaugh '48
Robert S. Mauck '48
Hugh I. Troch '48
Robert C. Richards '50
William C. Wright '50
Robert E. Wyant '50
Thomas R. Long '51

William A. Long '51
Daniel G. Ransom '51
Donald R. Wedge '51
Thomas R. Shank '52
Stanley K. Van Buren '52
Theodore R. Chaney '53
Edwin J. Lilly '53
Robert S. Neff '53
Robert L. Cotner '54
Richard G. DeVos '54
Paul B. Kisseberth '54
C. Dee Simpson '54
Jack Hahn '55
Lawrence A. Linderer '55
Paul M. Nobis '55
William G. Plavcan '55
W. Daniel Rich '55

J. Kenneth Cozier Jr. '56
James H. Davies '56
Peter B. Halbin '56
Thomas J. Tatham '56
Chester D. Wright '56
Robert A. Groshok '58
Urlin G. Harris Jr. '58
Jack B. Carmichael '59
G. Russell Pipe '59
David H. Watt '59
George H. Conrades '61
Harold J. Hendershot Jr. '61
Ferenc M. Szasz '62
Robert C. Moyers '63
Howard B. McCamey '64
John A. Neff '64
Andrés Duarte '65

William H. Niblock Jr. '65
Edward S. Van Winkle '66
Richard W. Standish '67
W. Martin Haskell '68
William L. Rowland '68
Charles D. Underwood Jr. '68
Stephen C. Sherwood '70
Mark D. Aldrich '72
Brent M. Adler '73
J. Frederick Hoopes '73
Steven K. Bilby '80
Keith A. Marden Jr. '80
John S. Mengel '80
Thomas Chimples '81
Derek D. Hoffman '82
Jonathan T. Woods '85

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

WHO IS "FUZZY"? OUR PLEDGES KNOW! DO YOU?

By Brian Hill '96, Pledge Educator

After studying in Germany during the fall semester, I had the pleasure of serving as pledge educator this semester. I appreciated being able to jump back into the workings of the house, and after initiating our pledge class into the brotherhood on April 5, I felt confident in their ability to take over responsibilities in the chapter. They are the most active and academically successful pledge class I have seen at Ohio Wesleyan. I hope you will lend them your support during their years here.

Since I was alumni chairman as a freshman, I have been made aware of the importance of our traditions and heritage. This appreciation carried over in my position of pledge educator. I wanted our pledges to have a

better understanding of our history and the brothers who made it possible. In addition to the Son of the Stars, the pledges read the Theta chapter history book, which covers the first 60 years of Theta history, and were asked quiz bonus questions about alumni; for example, which alumnus has the nickname of Fuzzy? (If *you* know, let us hear from you!) We also took a weekend trip to the new General Fraternity offices in Oxford.

I hope you get involved in the fall reunion plans, which are under the guidance of Dick DeVos '54. I would like to thank Bill Anthony '45, Andrés Duarte '65, Hal Fausnaugh '48, Tom Tatham '56, Robert Lafferty '28 and many others for making me proud to be a Beta!

THETA TO GO ON-LINE

Betaweb Address:

<http://www.owu.edu/~betaweb/index.html>

In May, Theta will introduce a Web page intended for Beta alumni. The idea came from a group of seniors, and initially, only résumés may be available. Eventually, the page will include coming events, chapter news and a means of communication between alumni and undergraduate brothers. Please visit Betaweb and let us know what you would like to see included.

WELCOME OUR SPRING 1996 PLEDGES

Aldo Adachi '99

Santa Cruz, Bolivia ~ Computer Science and Mathematics

Kenneth Bagstad '99

Avon Lake, Ohio ~ Environmental Studies

Matthew Garrison '99

Greenville, Ohio ~ Economics Management/Medieval Studies

Wesley Hall '99

Ney, Ohio ~ Economics

Matthew Jakubowski '99

Denver, Colo. ~ Undecided

Mark Whaley '99

Scottsdale, Ariz. ~ Politics and Government

Jeremy Wiechel '99

Kettering, Ohio ~ Physical Education

THETA FAMILIES ENJOY TRADITION OF BROTHERHOOD

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Frank's daughter, is a sixth-generation graduate.

Our mother, Lib Dove, is still a generous contributor to OWU and lives in Shelbyville, Ill., world headquarters of the Dove clan. Mother and I recently met with Dr. Arthur Fleming while he was on a speaking tour in Phoenix.

My brother Clark and I are living in Arizona. I've been here since 1959. Clark is an attorney and I am a stockbroker with Dean Witter. Mike (Bo) and Frank are taking care of business in Shelbyville, Bo as bank president and Frank as an attorney.

We would all love to hear from you.

For those wishing to renew acquaintances with the Doves, you can reach them at the following addresses:
Dave's home is 6245 N. 75th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85250.
Mike is at 20 Moulton Dr., Shelbyville, IL 62565.
Frank can be contacted at P.O. Box 647, Shelbyville, IL 62565.

Clark is at 8420 N. 15th St., Phoenix, AZ 85020.

Their mother, Elizabeth, is living at 215 N. Walnut, Shelbyville, IL 62565.

The R.I. Dove memorial is very much appreciated by the House Corporation and will be used for renovation projects planned for the summer of 1996. This contribution will continue to serve as a reminder to each of us of the legacy of brothers — and sons — to those youth who follow in our path.

Our sincerest thanks to the Dove family for their continued friendship and support of Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi and Ohio Wesleyan University.

(Editor's note: For many of us, this recollection of the Doves brings back many fond memories and reminds us of the names of other families with multiple memberships in our fraternity. If you have similar recollections and memories, please let us hear from you and share your stories and pictures of Theta Beta families with us. We can assure you that your photos will be returned after publication in our newsletter.)

PLEDGE CLASS OF 1952 SOME LIKE IT HOT — AND SOME DON'T!

The photo at right, from circa November 1952, should bring memories back to some of our alumni. Tom Tatham '56, who submitted the photo, explained: "These are the members of my pledge class undergoing one of our crazy pledge ordeals. The pledges had to fill their mouths with a horrible, liquid concoction (if you don't believe it's bad, take a good look at Sam Pardoe's face as he bends over the pot and gets his first taste!) made of spices and other hot items. Then they had to run around to the back of the fraternity house and put out a bonfire — for what possible reason nobody knows!"

Tom was able to identify all but one brother in this photo, the one bending over at left with his back to the camera. Can you help us out?



Tom Tatham '56 identified these brothers from the Class of '56 as, from left to right, Eddie Stahl (he later became song leader and has been deceased since 1972), Tom Tatham, Charlie Ecker, Chuck Glander and Ron Treece. Sam Pardoe (deceased, 1989) is getting a taste of the hot stuff.

BETA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By Tom Shannon '97

A great year of Theta chapter athletics was capped by the intramural basketball team's trip to Eastern Kentucky University. Every year the Eastern Kentucky Betas hold a 5-on-5 basketball tournament for Beta chapters across the country.

Theta, in its first visit to the Eastern Kentucky University tournament, made it to the semifinals and took home the third-place trophy from the 25-team field. It was a great experience to meet Betas from all over the country and compete in an exciting tournament. We are looking forward to going after first place next year.

Robert C. Lafferty '28 (198 S.E. First St., S. Patrick Shores, Eau Gallie, FL 32937), who is 91, is in his third year of teaching a class of youngsters ages 4 to 9 in an Air Force base chapel. "As the only publication we have is the Bible," he writes, "the explanation of the universe being brought into existence is taught, but we give the 'Big Bang' theory equal time. From this point of beginning, as a geologist, I try to show that evolution is God's way of doing things and that the solar system, as small as it is, provides a special home for homo sapiens."

A full biography of **Phillips P. Moulton '31** (17208 Friends House Rd., Sandy Spring, MD 20860) appears

in the 1996-97 edition of *Marquis' Who's Who in America*.

Attorney Lawrence E. Lagarenne '41 (7 Alva Ln., Monticello, NY 12701) has been in private practice since 1949 and active in several professional associations. He was planning to attend his 55-year reunion in May and visit the chapter house to see all the renovations.

Albert W. Young '45 (709 Toddsbury Ln., Richmond, IN 47374) was made a life member of the Richmond Symphony board for his accomplishments.

Although he's been retired from the machine tool industry for several years, **Albert B. Albrecht '48**

(3190 Toddsbury Ln., Richmond, IN 47374) keeps busy with his consulting business in the field. He still plays drums, has a band, plays for the Richmond Civic Theatre, and teaches percussion on a volunteer basis at Richmond High School. Al has a 1947 copy of the newsletter, then called *Theta Review*. "It was the first year the chapter was back to full strength at 54 W. Lincoln Avenue after World War II," he writes. "By 1948 we had 38 actives and 11 pledges. Our house mother was Mama Linn, one of the best-loved persons in the hearts of the men of Theta at the time, and Harriet was our cook." Included in the publication was an editorial Al had written at the request of **Bill Robinson '49**.

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Alumni News

Even before he retired nine years ago, **Robert S. Mauck '48** (380 Medick Way, Worthington, OH 43085) was enjoying lots of travel with Evelyn. This activity fit in with his hobby of photography, dark room work and slide shows. To keep in shape, Bob has played squash three times a week for the last 35 years and also goes skiing and biking. He has five grandchildren.

Hugh I. Troth '48 (429 N. Woodhill Dr., Ashland, OH 44805), an attorney and partner in Troth & Van Tilburg, reports that **Hal Fausnaugh '48**, **Eddie O'Day '49**, **William Long '51**, **Bob Mauck '48** and their wives met at a bed and breakfast last fall and planned to meet again this May at Nimico Woods, Pa.

Robert C. Richards '50 resides at 266 Woodlawn Dr., Tipp City, OH 45371. His grandson, **Jeremy Wiechel**, is a freshman and pledged Beta in the fall.

Judy and **Daniel B. Ventres Jr. '52** (1355 Vine Pl., Mound, MN 55364) enjoy the skiing in Aspen and the sun in Florida. An attorney, Dan has his own law firm and is active with the Supreme Court of Minnesota, the Federal Bar Association and other organizations.

Before his retirement, **Edwin J. Lilly '53** was an anesthesiologist for 36 years and spent the last nine as director of clinical anesthesia services at Vanderbilt University

Hospital. He has seven grandchildren. You can write to Ed at a new address: P.O. Box 4907, 107 Pensacola St., Seaside, FL 32459.

Lawrence A. Linderer '55 sold his company and moved to the Sunshine State. As of August, he will be living at 1821 Pondsides Ln., Naples, FL 33942. Lawrence plans to be sailing his catamaran, "Splash," in Caribbean waters during the next several years.

Ferenc M. Szasz '62 (1312 Lafayette N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87106) informs us that his book, *The Day the Sun Rose Twice: The Story of the Trinity Site Nuclear Explosion, July 16, 1945*, has been reissued in paperback by the University of New Mexico Press.

As managing director of Optoelectronic Computing Systems Center at University of Colorado, **John A. Neff '64** (88 Caballo Ct., Boulder, CO 80303) oversees research focusing on the use of light rather than electrical charges in computers. He has been elected to Strathmore's *Who's Who of Business Leaders* and can be contacted via the Internet at jneff@boulder.colorado.edu. John and his wife, Karen, have three children and spend their leisure time hiking, skiing and playing tennis.

Marlin and **Stephen E. Perkins '77** (3804 Blackthorn St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815) are the parents of two children and will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in June.

With his promotion in January, **A. Peter Knoop Jr. '80** (8941 Magnolia Chase Cir., Tampa, FL 33647) became southeast division manager of Alexander and Alexander Benefits Services Inc. He and his wife, Nancy, welcomed the arrival of their second child and first son, Connor, in April 1995.

Keith A. Marden Jr. '80 (29 Sheridan Rd., Wellesley Hills, MA 02181) is owner and president of Captain Marden's Seafoods Inc., a family business started 50 years ago by his grandfather. "I've been out of school nearly 16 years now, whew!" he writes. "I'll never forget my four years at OWU and with Beta. I'll continue to support you and always wish the best for all at OWU."

Derek D. Hoffman '82 (81 Parish Rd. S., New Canaan, CT 06840), a painting contractor with East Coast Best, had the best time of his life at Ohio Wesleyan. He wonders what's happened to **Ned Manuel '80**, **David Sommer '82** and **David Grum '82**.

You will find **Timothy M. FitzGerald '85** at a new address: 2016 Fairview, Houston, TX 77019.

"Best four years of my life," echoes **Korey A. Hinkle '95** when writing about the fraternity. He is now a territory sales manager at Sales Mark/Alpha One and resides at 3709 N. Wayne, #2, Chicago, IL 60613.

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We regret to inform you of the death of **Richard Eitzel '53** (7/17/95). Beta Theta Pi mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.