



THETA DATA



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President's Report:

Rush, Activities, Highlight Fall Term

Fall term proved to be one of the most successful terms Theta chapter has seen in many years. As many of you know Theta chapter had been in the midst of a membership drought which was compounded by many actives and pledges not returning to school. This fall we pledged 23 men who all seem to have the spirit and desire to not only continue the fraternity tradition, but also to strengthen it here at OWU.

Not only did membership improve, but the house itself received some much needed attention. The dining room was redone, while the barroom was finally made into a functional social area, rather than a dark back-room bar. Unfortunately, the porch we reported was to be built this summer, was never completed due to the lack of a suitable contractor. Hopefully the University will be able to locate one his summer.

We are all very grateful for the increased alumni support and involvement. Unfortunately the chapter management of this newsletter slacked off and we are therefore late with this issue of Theta Data. In order to correct this situation, we have formed an office to be in charge of this publication and we will be publishing

an issue at the end of each term.

Your response to the directory has also been substantial. We feel that the directory will be a great service to all Theta brothers, and hope that all have returned the information sheets and addresses. If you haven't please do so quickly. Your support of the directory and Theta Data is greatly needed and appreciated.

Homecoming brought many actives and alums together for an exciting evening of reminiscing. This term we expect an even larger turnout for initiation. Its not only great fun for all, but it gives the alums a chance to meet the present chapter and for the chapter to get a sense of how it used to be.

Overall fall term rejuvenated the whole fraternity at Theta Chapter. Membership is strong and with continued alumni support, should remain strong. I hope that any of the brothers who haven't returned to the house will make an earnest effort to become re-acquainted with the house. To quote something I've heard at every Beta convention I've attended, "Beta Theta Pi is more than a four year experience."

Yours in —Kai—
Robert L. Pope

Successful Rush

Theta's rush program headed by co-chairman Jon Sherman and Jack Salerno had a successful year culminating with the pledging of eighteen outstanding freshmen. Pledge President Thomas Obrech, one of the many promising lacross players in the pledge class was elected in the recent election by his brothers. This fine leader will prove a great asset to his class in the years to come. among the other up-and-coming lacross players are: Steve Meinsen, Chuck and John Norwicz, Bob Sargent, Gary Switala, Brian Welch, Steve Perkins, John Bremerman, and Duncan Hill. Another outstanding athlete, Ed Peal plays forward on the varsity basketball team. To round out this great class are: Tad Arnold, Tony Breece, Robert Hunter, Nick Loehr, David McCreadie, Mark Rense, and Jack Robbins.

Of these outstanding men, two are following the fine tradition of their fathers. John Bremmermann, son of Jack Bremmermann, a member of Beta Xi Chapter at Tulane University and Duncan Hill, whose great grandfather Thomas Duncan was Theta at Ohio Wesleyan University and founder of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Denison University are carrying on the great tradition of Beta Theta Pi.

Bro. Charlesworth, Biblical Scholar

James Hamilton Charlesworth '62, a New Testament scholar joined the Duke University religion department faculty in 1969. He earned his B.D. degree at Duke Divinity School and his PhD in religion at Duke two years later in 1967. During his graduate work, Brother Charlesworth held both a Gurney Harris Kearns fellowship and a Dempster graduate fellowship. His work led to the receipt of a Fulbright grant for study at the

University of Ediburgh, Scotland and to a Joseph Henry Thayer fellowship at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, Jordan.

In Jerusalem, Brother Charlesworth completed a book on "The Odes of Solomon" a work dealing with early Christian poetry and hymns. It was edited and translated from an ancient Syriac manuscript from the earliest
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Brothers Dave Mack and Patrick Mahone enjoying the Homecoming scene.

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Biblical Scholar

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Christian era. Clarendon Press, Oxford, published the book in 1973.

James has contributed articles to numerous scholarly journals including the Journal of Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, New Testament Studies, the Revue Biblique Semitics, Kierkegaardiana, the Journal for the Study of Judaism, and Revue de Qumran.

He edited *John and Qumran*, a work by a group of international scholars specializing in studies of relationships between the Gospel of John and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion and the American Schools of Oriental Research. This year James and his family will be in Manchester, England on a fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies.

James A. Kestle '24, Longtime Clergyman

Retired Clergyman James Allen Kestle '24 has had an active and satisfying career as a Methodist clergyman. Since graduation he has been a minister for several congregations in Pennsylvania and Minnesota. He served as Director of the Methodist Hospital and Home for the Aged; The Methodist Hospital and Home for the Aged; The Methodist Training Center; Conference Historical Society and was on the Conference Board of Education, Pittsburgh Conference Board of Ministerial Training; Pittsburgh Conference Commission on Economic and Social Relations; Allegheny County Council of Churches and Pennsylvania Council of Churches. He has also served on numerous boards and conferences in Eastern Pennsylvania and Minnesota. Brother Kestle was a radio preacher for more than fifteen years and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1939. He has travelled widely through Europe and the Near East and was a tour director to the

Holy Lands and Europe in 1969, '70, '71 and '72. He has also authored several pageants, plays and poems for the Pittsburgh Conference, Lakeside Chautauqua Association Diamond Jubilee, National Methodist Stewardship Pageant; Aliquippa City-wide Pageant and the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Convention Pageant.

James is a third generation Methodist Clergyman. He and his wife, the former Jane McKown, have two children. Their daughter Jane, is a nurse and the mother of three sons and their son William has three sons. The Kestle's currently reside at 300 Walnut Avenue in Lakeside, OH.

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.

Pledge Class Plans Renovation

This year's pledge class is large and widely diversified, but is striving for a common goal, the improvement of the fraternity. Due to the large number of pledges (20) it would seem unlikely that a group of this size could knit such a strong bond of friendship in so short a time. Our pledge class has done just that, and by overcoming this hurdle it is fast becoming a vital part of the Beta Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan.

As a result of the small number of pledges taken last year, Beta has seen hard times. This year we hope to reverse this trend, putting Beta in its original position of strength on the hill. This can only be accomplished if the actives and pledges coordinate together, in an attempt to better the house.

Like most pledge classes, we expect to make Beta a more pleasant place to live. However, the class of '77 does not plan to be all talk and no action. We hope to put in the much needed patio in the rear of the house. We are still short of funds, but in the near future we hope to have the necessary money. Our next goal involves the partial renovation of the house. We plan to replace some of the existing carpets,

furniture, and curtains, making it more appealing not only for future pledges, but also for the alums of our chapter. So I encourage any alums to visit the house.

In closing, the class of '77 is very much looking forward to becoming an active part of Beta Theta Pi. We hope to remain a close unit and to make Beta the best house on the hill at Ohio Wesleyan.

Tom Obrecht
Pledge President



Brothers Beckos, Pope and Gottlieb enjoy Homecoming.

Alumni News From Here And There

Retired Brother **Harold F. Amrhein '25**, was formerly the Executive Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. He and his wife, Mary Jo, now reside at 14675 Beadle Lake Road in Battle Creek, Michigan.

President and Chief Executive Officer and Director of Security Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York is **Robert M. Best**. He entered the insurance business in 1946 as a Agent for Business Men's Assurance Company of American. In 1948 joined Security Mutual Life Insurance Company home office as Manager of Group Sales and Returned to Business Men's Assurance in 1953. He became President and Chief Executive Officer in February 1972. He has held numerous offices in various professional and civic associations and is on the board of the Marine Midland Bank - Southern, Buckingham Manufacturing Company, Empire State Chamber of Commerce, Roome County Chamber of Commerce, Binghamton Club, International Insurance Seminars, Inc., and American College of Life Underwriters. Robert and his wife, Roselyn, reside at 41A Crestmont Road in Binghamton, New York.

Associate buyer for John Wanamaker, is **Eugene T. Borish Jr. '71** He and his wife, Janet, reside at 705 Collings Avenue in Collingswood, NJ.

Vice President of Caxton Press, a printing concern is **Clayton L. Carver II '58**. He is involved in the United Fund and Republican Finance Fund Raising and is a member of the Brookside Country Club and Canton Chamber of Commerce. He and his family can be contacted through P. O. Box 188 in Canton, OH.

Branch Manager for the Buckeye Federal Savings and Loan Association is **Marius S. Christensen, Jr. '54**. He and his wife, Shirley, reside at 1024 Kenchester Drive in Columbus, OH.

A sports car enthusiast and racer is **Richard Calver**. Dick works for the Russ Upson Company as a salesman and is married to the former Joann

Wilder. He resides at 100 Sturdy Oaks Drive in Elkhart, IN.

President of Barrett & Davies Association, **James H. Devies '56**, is in insurance. A member of the Rotary Club and New Providence Planning Board, Jim is currently vice president of the Independent Mutual Insurance Agents Association of New Jersey. He and his wife, Jean, reside at 64 Chestnut Street in Murray Hill, NJ.

Doing well and enjoying a newer, more relaxed life style is **George L. Earle, Jr. '36**. He is currently a department manager for the Earle Equipment Company of Romulus Michigan. He and his wife, Eva, are enjoying the beautiful country around their home at 2202 Munson At Avenue B in Traverse City, Michigan.

Richard Eivind Eiken '53, is the owner and President of Color Systems Graphics of Dayton, Inc. He is a Trustee of the Fairmont Presbyterian Church, President of the Theta House Company and of the Dayton Club of Printing House Craftsmen. He and his wife, Maribeth, reside at 2080 West Alex-Bellbrook Road in Dayton.

A partner in Ball, Burger and Kraus, **Hal A. Fausnaugh**, is in investment securities. In his spare time he likes to get away for an occasional game of golf, is on the Rocky River Citizens Commission on schools and a member of the Republican Club. He and his wife, Agnes, reside at 20126 Westhaven Lane in Rocky River, OH.

Trust Investment Officer, **Robert C. Fenwick, '48**, reports "After 20 years as a stock broker, I moved into investment management with the Second National Bank of Warren, Ohio. Following major surgery in April, I am on the road to recovery. Brother Fenwick is a member of the Financial Analysts Federation, Warren Chamber of Commerce, Civic Music Association and JFK High School PTO. His hobbies are sports, travel and reading. Robert and his family reside at 3741 E. Market Street, Country Club Manor A-101 in Warren, OH.

Attorney **Charles Franklin Glander '56**, is a partner in the firm of Glander

Brant Ledman and Newman in Columbus. His home address is 3725 Seaford Drive in Upper Arlington, OH.

In partnership with his son, James J., **Jerome H. Goubeaux '32** is a lawyer. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio Bar Association, Drake County, Ohio Bar Association, Ohio and American Bankers Association, Greenville Aarea Chamber of Commerce; and is Director of Safety for the City of Greenville. In addition to their son James, Jerome and his wife, Margaret, have five daughters, 3 Thetas and 1 Kappa - Denison, Hanover, St. Louis University and Bucknell. Brother Goubeaux sent along this historical note about the town where he lives, Greenville, Ohio. It was the life long Home of Founder John Rielly Knox, lawyer, who is buried in the local cemetery.

James L. Kinney '32 reports his current address is 22190 Fairmount Blvd. in Shaker Heights, OH.

Dentist and Instructor at Ohio State University College of Dentistry is **Herbert B. Kinney '69**. He and his wife, Kathie Lee reside at 402 W. 7th in Columbus, OH.

Director of Sales for the Penn. Central Transportation Company is **Donald W. Korn '42**. He resides with his wife, June at 222 E. Montgomery Avenue in Ardmore, PA.

Administrative Assistant at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., **Jeffrey Stranahan Miller '71**, recently received his Master's in Hospital Administration from Duke University. His current address is 1701-H Eastcrest Drive in Charlotte.

Physician **Horace Bixby Newhard '52**, is a family practitioner in sunny Novato, California where his family recently relocated. He notes that he will sure miss those winters but gets to ski with Paul Kissberth '54 about twice a year at Aspen— so that should make up for it. He and his wife, Martha have 5 children. Horace lists his hobbies as skiing and is a connoisseur of California wines.

Fall IM Season Ends In Disappointment

The fall intramural season was one of the best in recent years for Theta chapter, though it ended in bitter disappointment. The football team, having shutout all but one opponent and winning the divisional championship was disqualified before the championship game due to an ineligible player. A team the Betas defeated subsequently won the league crown.

The volleyball team also met with considerable success, going undefeated until the divisional championship game when they lost a hard-fought match to the eventual league champions.

The Betas were also well-represented in varsity sports this fall though lacross in the spring remains as the Beta dominated sport. Brother Bill Bouton led the soccer team to the Ohio conference crown. He was the top goal scorer on the team and was elected by his teammates to co-captain next years squad.

Three Beta pledges saw action on the OWU football team. They were Brian Welch, Tad Arnold, and Bernard "Buzz" Friend. Brothers Rick Vince, starting tackle for the Bishop varsity, was sidelined this season with a knee injury.

The winter intramural scene looks equally bright for Theta chapter. The bowlers, having all returned after narrowly losing out in the championship match last year, fully expect to go all the way this season. The basketball team, though handicapped by lack of height, is also expected to challenge for the IM crown.

ALUMNI NEWS NEEDED!

When was the last time you filled us in 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, O. O. Box 886, Delaware, OH.

More Alumni News

Geoffrey A. Grove '61, is a Salesman for the Lilly Industrial Coatings Company in Clifton, New Jersey. He and his wife Barbara (Hofstra University) reside at 605 Grove Street Apt. D-10 in Clifton.

John Roger Jewitt '13, retired from the Cleveland Bar Association and the firm of Jewitt & Jewitt at 80 years of age. His two Brothers, Russell and Edward are also Betas as are his two sons and his brother-in-law. The Jewitt family has contributed much to the Beta heritage. Brother Jewitt is now 82 and wonders who is the oldest living Beta — he also asks if anyone knows the whereabouts of Ed Powell also from the class of 1913. Brother Jewitt and his second wife, reside at 5060 N. Campana Drive in Tucson, AZ.

Engineer John Alexander Neff '64 received his PhD from Ohio State in electrical engineering in March, 1973. He presented a paper at the International Conference on System Sciences in Honolulu, Hawaii in January, 1972. He is currently employed by Aerospace Medical Research Labs in the Bio-control area. He and his wife, Sandy, live at 2246 Bending Willow Drive in Kettering, OH.

Pilot Joseph Ronald Neds '50, works for the Marathon Oil Company. He is a member of the Christ Church United Methodists and the Masons and enjoys golf, bowling, camping and canoeing. He and his wife, Miriam have three children, Ronald, 10; Amy Jo, 8; and Zachary, 6. The Neds reside at 3133 Norcrest in Findlay, OH.

Paul M. Nobis '55, is an area manager for the Nordson Corporation. He and his wife, Anne, reside at 872 Grays Lane in New Richmond, OH.

Attorney Roger H. Norman '64, is with the firm of Coultrap, Boltz and Norman. He and his wife, Carol, reside at 1563 Lynn Drive in Lancaster, OH.

President of his own building firm, Samuel P. Pardoe '56, reports his current address is 3510 Whitehaven in Washington, D.C.

Consultant and Hotelier Gordon Russell Pipe '59, works for the Kennedy Park Hotel in Amsterdam.

He is now travelling in Europe and his mailing address is Frans Van Micrisstratt 10 in Amsterdam, Holland.

Currently working for the Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample advertising agency in New York City is Robert Reed. He has been married for 5 years and is the proud father of a 1 year old son.

Practicing obstetrics-gynecology is Kenneth Coit Rowley '55. This graduate of Northwestern University Medical School enjoys swimming, horses, golf and camping and is medical director of the local Planned Parenthood. He and his wife, Sandra, reside at 209 South D Street in Hamilton, OH.

Steve Sherwood '70, a 1st Lieutenant in the USAF and his wife, Betty, and daughter, Lauren, are stationed at Ellsworth AFB where he is assigned as a Missile Launch Officer with a unit of the Strategic Air Command. In his spare time, he is enrolled in a Master's program with the University of Northern Colorado and coaches the Base swimming team. The Sherwood's current address is 225 Frank Avenue at Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

Attorney Roman F. Slenker '51, is with the firm of Slenker, Brandt & Jennings. In his spare time he enjoys golf and tennis. The Slenker's reside at 3861 N. Ridgeview Road in Arlington, VA.

Michael A. Sommer '62, is a physician practicing orthopedic surgery in San Francisco, CA. He and his wife, Noellene, live at 56 Encline Ct. in San Francisco.

New address for Bruce C. Wemett is 7601 Brentwood Drive in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Corporate Attorney John Alan Willoughby '70, is with the Academy Plating Company in Parma, OH. He enjoys going to the Cleveland Brown's games and is a season ticket holder and also is a subscriber to the Cleveland Play House. He and his wife, Tory, reside at 20875 Chagrin Blvd. in Shaker Heights, OH.

Theta of Beta Theta Pi is saddened to learn of the death of Sloane R. Barbour.