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Winter Term Parties

Once again the brothers of Beta Theta Pi excited the Ohio Wesleyan campus with two major parties during the winter term, warming up the otherwise frozen campus. The first of these parties was the annual Pledge Formal, attended by 42 pledges and their lovely dates. All sat down to a steak dinner, served by their active brothers. After the dinner the active brothers joined in singing of many of the more noteworthy songs of Beta Theta Pi. When the singing ended the band hired for that night started playing and didn't stop till one a.m. The pledges and their dates were joined by their active brothers and their dates till the crowded dance floor was filled with exuberant masses of people jostling each other in inebriated bliss. It was agreed upon by all that the party was a great success, the band being considered excellent in playing of enjoyable dance music. But the outstanding part of the night was the reading of a poem by President Layland Silvas. Based upon the ageless Christmas poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," President Silvas mounted upon its theme, creating the poem titled "Twas the Night Before Hell Week," foreshadowing the impending week of terror for the pledges.

35 Pledges Activated

With the utmost pleasure the brothers of Beta Theta Pi of Ohio Wesleyan University activated the largest pledge class it has had in some time. Thirty-five pledges joined the exalted ranks of active brothers of Beta Theta Pi. After the grueling Hell Week and the ensuing activation ceremony, the pledges, now actives, joined their now true brothers and, alumni present for the celebration, in

The second traditional party held during the winter term creating great excitement and anticipation throughout the Beta House, including its newly activated brothers, was the Tom Jones party. The otherwise dull campus was transformed that night into a mardi gras of pandemonium through the generosity of the Brothers of Beta Theta Pi by allowing non brothers and dates to enjoy the excellent band, after dinner had been eaten at the house. The highlight of the party, or rather highlights, were the appearance of the three pigs, penned within walls of hay, that gave many people their first view of farmyard life up close. They were well treated and cared for by the brothers that night receiving all food and water needed for their survival, though some over enthusiastic people were apprehended in the act of sharing their ample amounts of beer and liquor with the very willing pigs.

All in all it was generally agreed upon throughout the campus that through the generosity and good will of the brothers of Beta Theta Pi the campus was able to enjoy two exciting and well timed parties, benefiting the many study worn students on the campus.

a long and happy night of toasting to the new actives. The new class of actives is the best group of people to be found in any Beta Theta Pi house and in its large number it creates a solid foundation with which to build many pledge classes to come. Each new active is truly a credit to Beta Theta Pi and radiate the qualities associated with the brothers of Beta Theta Pi.

Mystery Photo Response

Thanks to Norman F. Slenker '51 and Tom R. Shank '52 we can now publish the responses to the mystery photos in the June, 1975 issue. A consensus of opinion shows that the brothers standing in the photo on page 5 are, from left to right, Ned A. Speasmaker, Tom G. Taylor, Bill O. Littick, Bill L. McClave and Norm Slenker. Those seated, from left to right, are Tom R. Shank, Horace R. Newhard, Bill A. Long and Grover C. Cooper. The brothers pictured on page 6 began their pledge training in the fall of 1950. Seated from left to right are: Mike Schwartz, C. Dee Simpson, Peter Kaufman, Robert Pickering and Marius Christiansen. Standing from left to right are, first row: Jim Compton, Harry Van Osdell, Bob Corey, Dick Draz, John Reaney, George Kocher, Morgan Schrader and Keith Thomas. Those in the second row from left to right, are: John Clinton Miller, Nolan Smith, Paul Kisseberth, Jack Mathews, Bob Cotner, Henry Baldwin, and Tom Goodrich. Peeking through the third row, from left to right, are: Phil Dexter, Sherry Treis, Jim Meredith and Dick DeVos. Tom Shrank can be reached at 2017 Hull Rd., Sandusky, Ohio. We thank Tom and Norm for writing in to help us solve the mystery. We welcome other brothers to respond to future mystery photos. Show your enthusiasm; get involved!

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1975 Honor Roll

The honor roll of last year's alumni dues payers which follows merits reading by all Theta alumni. It would be great if we could increase the participation in 1976. Your check will be greatly appreciated and carefully used by our alumni officers.

Tom Abernathy '61

Charles E. Anderson '36

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Dr. Douglas V. Austin '59

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E. L. Ellenberger '32

E. Phillip Ellenberger '26

Hal A. Fausnaugh '48

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Gregg A. Hepner '69

Earl Holbrook '39

Meredith R. Hyatt, Jr. '58

William H. Hyde '20

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Col. John A. Mikuluk '38

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Tom V. Moorehead '20

William B. Morse, III '67

David M. Myers '38

Joseph R. Neds '50

John A. Neff '64

Robert S. Neff '53

Paul M. Nobis '55

Luke M. Noland '27

Roger H. Norman '64

Delmar T. O'Hara '71

Jeffrey W. Ostroth '71

Samuel P. Pardoe '56

G. Russell Pipe '59

William G. Playcan '55

Fred Pocock '73

Jack E. Pocock '47

William D. Radcliff '30

Daniel G. Ransom '51

H. Wesley Robinson '68

Evan C. Roderick '51

Dale S. Rose '57

Bill Rowland '68

Kenneth C. Rowley '55

Robert C. Rummell, Jr. '62

Alford H. Scott '26

Tom R. Shank '52

Capt. Steven C. Sherwood '70

C. Dee Simpson '54

Norman F. Slenker '51

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Michael A. Sommer '62

Richard W. Stivers '68

Thomas J. Tatham '56

Henry C. Thomson '30

Joseph W. Toth '67

Hugh I. Troth '48

Robert S. Ulrich

Ronald C. Van Buren '55

Stanley K. Van Buren '52

John H. Van Valkenburg '35

Robert H. Walters '73

Wallace T. Ward, III '72

Donald R. Wedge '52

David B. Weisman '57

William H. Whiting '29

John E. Williams

John A. Willoughby '70

James E. Wyant '50

Robert E. Wyant '50

Frederick A. Yost '73

A Letter

To The
Editor:

Harold F. Amrhein writes, "I enjoy reading the Theta Data. My brother, Russell F. Amrhein '25 passed away July 31, 1974 at his son's residence in Pacific Grove, Cal. Russell had served 31 years as a probation officer of the Los Angeles County Court and was senior deputy probation officer of the Van Nuys area office. He is survived by his widow, Leila, of 30473 Mulholland Dr., Agoura, Cal. and his son, Richard, and three daughters. I hope this brings your records up to date." Harold can be reached at 14675 Beadle Lake Road, Battle Creek, Mich.

ATTENTION:

If you have not sent in your 1976 voluntary alumni dues for \$15.00 please do so soon. Make your check payable to Theta of Beta Theta Pi and mail to P.O. Box 886 Delaware, OH 43015.

We thank the many Brothers who have contributed to date.

George Earle's Commentary

George L. Earle, Jr. '36, division manager for Earle Rentals, is affiliated with the Rotary Club, the Newcomer Society in North America, the Hi-Twelve Club and the Traverse City Shrine Club. "Kunnock" writes, "Upon graduating from OWU, I took up residence and work in Oakland, Maine in a family owned company. I left Maine because of sickness in 1967 to live first in East Grand Rapids, Mich. and then came north in 1968. Too much strength and mind were used up in business and community service while in Maine and I had to slow down.

"I hear regularly from Bill Pickering '34 and John Mitchell '36. While I was in Phoenix, Arizona two years ago, I tried to contact Jack Carter. However, the number that was in the 1974 Membership Directory was discontinued and I just don't know where he may have gone. Upon returning from the far west, we stopped by to see Bob Beckett '39. He was my roommate in 1935. It was our first personal visit since 1939. Last year I picked up the Detroit Free Press and read that Bill Metzel '53 and his three children were burned to death in a fire at his home in Rochester, Mich. His wife survived.

"On a trip east, we stopped by in Canton, Ohio to try to find Howard Wiant '35. He is a methodist minister in that community. We could only get as far as talking to his secretary on the telephone. I have also wondered what may have happened to Victor Weller '36 who lived in the Delaware, Ohio region. I've lost contact with Ken Lockwood '36 and Don Wright also.

"I had a nice visit with Burt Elder '33 a couple of years ago. Burt was my 'big brother' while I was a freshman and I have always held him in high esteem. The last time that we had seen one another was when he visited

me in Maine during the early sixties.

"As for my personal life, we are very proud of our daughter, Mayrene, who graduated from Northeastern University in 1974. Her first teaching job with a BS degree in PE was at Wellesley College. Her brother, George III, is ten years older than Mayrene and shares the same birth date. He is an engineer with Faye, Spofford and Thorndike in Boston. So our two children are 'downeasters' and we are fortunate in being able to visit them at least twice a year.

"I believe that Dick Kinney '34 will confirm that I gave myself to our fraternity while I was in school. I wanted to bring the group together. Those days will always be the most remembered because I didn't have the worries connected with working. I had much free time to enjoy fraternity life. Dick Kinney was a member of the same high school fraternity that I belonged to.

"College life has changed. We, of the older generation, are not too well accepted by the present group. This is not unkind thinking, but just a reflection of the change in times. Yet, I cannot forget the days when I knew Francis Shepardson, Bill Dawson and Bob LaFollete of Wisconsin who came to OWU and our fraternity house at 54 West Lincoln for a visit with the younger generation. And who can forget that deep voice of Senator Borah?

"I still carry on many friendships that started out in my boyhood and continued through OWU. I had many friends and have kept in touch with them as best I could with my available time. My life has been wonderful because of this. I wouldn't trade it for anything." George and his wife, Eva, can be reached at 2202 Munson at Avenue B, Traverse City, Mich.

WHY NOT?

Let the other Brothers know what you're doing. The Theta Data provides a way for you to communicate your whereabouts and latest activities to Brothers you may not have seen for years. It also allows you to renew old acquaintanceships. It will only take a minute for you to fill out the biographical form sent to you recently and mail it in. So do it now, fill out the form and mail it to The Editor, Theta Data, Theta of Beta Theta Pi, P.O. Box 886, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Retired Ohio And Arizona Newspaperman

Frederick T. Cabbage '23, a retired newspaperman for The Arizona Republic, writes, "I keep in touch with Dr. William H. Hyde, also known as 'Cow', who is now retired and living in Palos Verdes Estates, Cal. After completing my sophomore year, at Ohio Wesleyan, I transferred to Ohio State University. After graduation, I worked for a time on the East Liverpool Tribune and later on the Athens Messenger. I joined the staff of the Columbus Citizen in 1924 and was a successful reporter, rewrite man and telegraph editor. After 22 years with the Citizen, I resigned in 1946 and moved to Arizona.

"In Phoenix, I joined the staff of the embryonic Arizona Times as a telegraph editor and helped it become the second afternoon newspaper in the Arizona capital. This was the daily established by John and Anna Roosevelt Bottinger. After a rather turbulent career, the Times suspended publication in 1949. I then joined the copy desk of The Arizona Republic, the state's leading daily paper. A year later I was named head of the copy desk. Because of my love of the English language and my interest in preserving its integrity in any small way possible, this position of assistant news editor was my newspaper 'home'. I retired in 1965 after 15½ years on the paper.

"A year after retirement, our four children married, my wife, Louise, and I moved from our 25-acre ranch at Glendale to 10 acres on Oak Creek in Cornville, Ariz. The summers are milder here and the winters scarcely noticeable. Accompanying us in our move were three saddle horses and one burro. My only hobbies have been horseback riding, at which I was pretty good, and golf, at which I was pretty bad. I quit golf some years ago. I gave up riding more recently when the horse I was attempting to mount sneered and got down on his knees and hocks in mock deference to my advancing years.

"Since we settled in the beautiful Verde Valley, I have become active in the United Methodist Church of

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Theta Intramural Football

This fall through the unparalleled unselfish devotion of many brothers of the Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, the intramural football team reached the plateau of their efforts by clinching the top of their division decisively. To mention a few of these outstanding brothers, Lee Silvas, playing center, consistently overpowered his opponents with bruising violent blocking, leaving many times a huge opening in the other team's defense. In the position of quarterback we were blessed with two brothers of such stellar qualities as to make it almost impossible to choose which was to play at any given time. Robert Sargent, one of the outstanding pair, was blessed with the outstanding ability to scramble and pass with pinpoint accuracy;

reminicent of Francis Tarkenton the Minnesota Vikings and NFL's greatest quarterback. But with this great gift he was equalled in ability by the amazing Steve Miensen. Brother Miensen's passes were marvelous to watch, often floating in the air for what seemed minutes only to drop directly into the waiting arms of one of our fleet receivers who never had to miss stride in catching the deadly accurate pass. Ever mindful of protecting these two quarterbacks was brother Brian Welch playing guard. With unmatched tenacity brother Welch constantly punished his opponents unmercifully, preventing the sacking of our quarterbacks throughout the entire season and allowing them to employ their gifted passing ability to its utmost.

California Attorney: Michael J. Treman

Michael J. Treman '68 is an attorney for Ruston, Nance, McCormick and DiCaro. His school career consisted of being listed on the Dean's List from 1972-74 and receiving the American Jurisprudence Award for Highest Grade. Michael's legal experience includes writing several Civil Appeals under the direction of Donald A. Ruston and Edward K. Nance, Jr. and teaching two classes of Legal Research and Writing as a teaching assistant for The Pepperdine University School of Law.

From 1969-71, Michael was in the U.S.M.C. During that time, he was promoted to Sergeant and was responsible for the development of educational and rehabilitation programs for the confines of the Camp Pendleton Correctional Center. In 1970, Michael received the Certificate of Commendation for his exceptional performance of duties while serving as training NCO of the Correctional Center. In 1971, he received the Meritorious Mast for his work in the General Education Development Program. Also in 1971, Michael received letters of recommendations due to his comprehensive knowledge of leadership and correctional philosophy and procedures. Michael and his wife, Patricia, can be reached at 2109 W. Washington, Santa Ana, Cal.

David Tilton Corporate President

David E. Tilton '47 is president of The Columbus Forge and Iron Co. "Dave" was in the military form 1942-46 and was in the Air Force Reserves from 1951-55. He is a member of the King Avenue United Methodist Church, the American Ordinance Society, the American Society for Metals, the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, the Goodwill Industries of Columbus and Central Ohio, the Athletic Club of Columbus, the Faculty Club and the Presidents Club of the Ohio State University.

In 1968 Ohio State University and David established the nation's first professorship in mechanical metallurgy which bears the name of David's father, Earl M. Tilton. David is active in the United Appeal Campaigns, the Kiwanis and rehabilitation of parolees. He also serves on the Noise Task Force, the Vibration Task Force and the Forging Industry Assoc. Wage and Employment Committee. During the last 24 years, David has negotiated his company's contracts with two unions and has never had a strike. In two "Private Citizen" vacation trips to Europe, he made an effort to look for new things in health and rehabilitation. David and his wife, Barbara, can be reached at 2301 Hoxton Court, Columbus, Ohio.

A Zanesville Celebrity:

Henry C. Littick '15, president of T/R, Inc. is affiliated with The Bethesda Hospital, the Ohio Information Committee, the Ohio Historical Society and the Advisory Board of Ohio University. "Jell" studied business administration at New York University, accounting at Columbia University and law at Fordham University. He taught and practiced law until 1928. Among his other achievements, Henry worked for The Zanesville Publishing Co. for 42 years, was business manager for Zanesville's daily Newspaper for 13 years, and was president of radio and television stations at Zanesville. He also helped organize Muskingum Conservancy District. As president of the Board of Trustees of The Bethesda Hospital, Henry directed construction of the new \$7,000,000 building in 1965. He also published a 200-page book entitled Bethesda...Your Hospital in 1966. Y Bridge City: The Story of Zanesville and Muskingum County is another book Henry published. From 1944-70, he published weekly illustrated stories on local history. Henry also sponsored packing, shipment and storage of Zane Grey relics from California. Henry and his wife, Arline, can be reached at 634 Fairmont Ave., Zanesville, Ohio.

RUSH RECOMMENDATIONS WELCOMED

The Chapter is always interested in receiving recommendations from alumni on prospective rushees. Particularly in a case where an alum thinks a young man from his area might not even bother going through rush, we can contact him when he gets to campus...and who knows...a lifetime relationship might begin!

Alumni News From Here And There

A professor at St. Paul's College, **William H. Boyers '22**, is affiliated with the Exchange Club, the Modern Language Association of America, the National Association of Dramatic Arts and the National Theatre Association. "Neewah" writes, "In the last two years, I've kept in touch with Preston H. Pumphrey." William and his wife, Janet, can be reached at St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va.

Raymond M. Cheseldine '50, executive vice president of Bank Marketing Association, enjoys hunting, fishing and skiing. "Skip" reports, "I see and hear from Fred Olds '47, Buggo Clemmer '49 and Bob Woolley '51. I would enjoy hearing from other brothers." Skip lives with his wife, Karen, at 2626 Lake View Dr., Apt. No. 2404, Chicago, Ill.

We regret to inform the brothers that **Raymond C. Coleman** passed away May 21, 1974. We send our condolences to his family.

Regional manager for IBM Corp., **George H. Conrades '61** writes, "I've moved from New York to St. Louis." George and his wife, Patricia, can be reached at 48 Godwin Lane, Ladue (St. Louis), Mo.

C. Bruce Crittenden, Jr. '59 is a sales representative for The Union Paper and Twine Co. "Critt" resides with his wife, Betty Jane, at 7850 Dines Rd., Novelty, Ohio.

Burt F. Elder, M.D. writes, "I have lived in Mass. since 1940. My son, Dr. Bruce Elder '62, and his wife have produced three pledges: Scott, David and Carl. My son and I practice in the South Shore Hospital and go fishing together. My wife, Bea, and I have celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary."

Senior vice president of Prescott, Ball and Turben, **Hal A. Fausnaugh '48** is affiliated with Goodwill Ind. and the Methodist Union. "Fuzzy" and his wife, Agnes, live at 20126 Westhaven Lane, Rocky River, Ohio.

Director of Ben S. Graham Conferences, **Ben S. Graham, Jr. '52** is affiliated with the Improvement Institute, the Business Forms Management Assoc. and the

American Institute of Industrial Engineers. "Ben" reports, "In 1969, I was awarded my Ph.D. with 'distinction' from UCLA. I am currently providing training and consulting in Paperwork Systems Improvement on the subject of occupational identity." Ben and his wife, Kay, reside at 11328 Andasol Ave., Granada Hills, Cal.

ALUMNI NEWS NEEDED!

One of the purposes of this news letter is to obtain alumni news from our brothers around the country. We would like to know what you are doing and so would some of the friends you have not seen since college days. In January-February we sent you a bioform, if you can't find it then take a few minutes from your busy schedule and write us a few lines. Send a picture if you like. We will publish what you send. Send all correspondence to The Editor, Theta Data, Theta of Beta Theta Pi, P.O. Box 886, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Charles H. Hall '46 is an attorney-at-law at Charles H. Hall and Associates. "Porker" is interested in football officiating, the Ohio Association of Football Officials and the Chagrin Valley Conference. Charles lives with his wife, Priscilla, at 128 Downing Dr., Apt. 208, Chardon, Ohio.

Supervisor of Hamilton County Board of Elections, **Earl F. Holbrook '39** is affiliated with the Sycamore Township Republican Club and the St. Paul United Methodist Church. "Swingy" reports, "Contact Cary Self, Hamilton County Court House, Court and Main Streets, Cincinnati, Ohio (phone 621-6500) for information on employment." Earl resides with his wife, Betty Jane, at 5951 Vvette, Cincinnati, Ohio.

William H. Hyde, M.D. '22, now retired, writes, "I keep in touch with Fred Cabbage, Box 881, Cornville, Ariz., Jack Sinkey, Box 204, Mina, Nevada, and Dr. James B. Preston, 4710 Limber Lost Lane, Manlius, N.Y." "Cow" and his wife, Marjorie, live at 2601 Via Ramon, Palos Verdes Estates, Cal.

A salesman for Prentice-Hall, Inc., **William J. Kestle '55** enjoys tennis and camping. He and his wife, Catherine, can be reached at 6201 Davenport Dr., Madison, Wis.

We regret to inform the brothers that **Donald M. Maynard** passed away May 7, 1973 in Nashville, Tenn. We send our condolences to his family.

A colonel in the U.S. Army, **John A. Mikuluk '38** reports, "I was drafted in 1941 and then decided to make the Army a career. I'm in the Medical Service Corps and have served in India, North Africa, Europe and the Far East." John and his wife, Catherine, live at 14308 Parkvale Rd., Rockville, Md.

Joseph R. Neds '50, an executive pilot for Marathon Oil Co., is interested in the Christ United Methodist Church, the Masons, golf and bowling. "Joe" and his wife, Miriam, can be reached at 3133 Norcrest, Findlay, Ohio.

Jeffrey W. Ostroth '71, also known as "O", is a copywriter for Altman, Vos and Reichberg, Inc. He can be reached at 34 State St., Teaneck, N.J.

President of Samuel P. Pardoe, Inc., **Samuel P. Pardoe '56** can be reached at 3510 Whitehaven Parkway N.W., Washington, D.C.

A dentist, **Dr. Evan C. Roderick '51** is interested in antique cars, trains, photography and the Masonic Lodge. He reports, "I keep in touch with John Echer, James Dailey, Bud Douthet, Tom Halliday and Keith Thomas." Evan lives with his wife, Carolyn, at 11 Court St., Gallipolis, Ohio.

Dale S. Rose '57 is the records manager for Diamond Power Specialty. Dale and his wife, Eleanor, reside at 1043½ E. 6th Ave., Lancaster, Ohio.

Stephen C. Sherwood '70 is a first Lt. in the U.S. Air Force. "Steve" writes, "Everything interesting will happen to me this year when I'm promoted to captain." Steve and his wife, Elizabeth, can be reached at 225 Frank Ave., Ellsworth AFB, South

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Dakota.

Morgan D. Shrader '54 writes, "I've been moving around quite a bit. I returned from Africa a couple of years ago after ten years there. Stan Van Buren and I were at the house back then. I've seen Bill Lang and Peter Kaufmann also." Morlan can be reached at 5351 Peterson Lane, Dallas, Tex.

A pilot in the U.S. Air Force, Charles D. Underwood '68 is interested in photography and golf. "Chuck" reports, "After graduation, I joined the Air Force for five years as

a pilot. I was discharged in 1974. I am presently pursuing an MBA degree at Capital University at night and am flying the C-123 for the Reserves. I have not found that all-important full time job yet. I am still looking." Chuck and his wife, Mary, reside at 2819 Wyman Ct., Columbus, Ohio.

National sales manager for Hobart Brothers Co., Donald R. Wedge '51 is interested in the NFL Referees and the Southeast Conference Referees. Donald can be reached at 1057 Hillcrest Dr., Troy, Ohio.

Owner of Myrtle Beach Stereo Tape Center, Bruce C. Wemett '39 can be reached at 7601 Brentwood Dr., Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Successful IM Basketball Season

Though it is still irksome to consider, we ended an outstanding season with a last second loss created by the confusion of officials and time keepers. This carefully nurtured dynasty was the culmination of many hours of individual practice accompanied with unquestioned natural talent. The outstanding scorer for this team overloaded with creative and gifted players was the undoubtedly superb marksman and ball control specialist, Bruce "The Spoon" Warshaw. His outstanding team leadership helped create a team tempo of 110 percent effort be it on offense or defense. This group of unparalleled players deserved better than the bitter position of runner up due to error that was beyond their control. The ability of each man on the team was so superb as to attract attention of surrounding college basketball coaches hoping to be able to lure at least one of these outstanding young athletes from their brothers and their university. But fear not, though eloquent were many of the coaches in their promises of luxurious life and future aspirations of NCAA Championships with teams built around one of these young men, none of the devoted brothers stumbled in his belief in Beta by being swayed into leaving. All were true to their brothers proving the tight unity created here at the Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

The final score of the now famous championship game, racked with many questionable calls was 93-92. Losing by 1 point was best termed by

amazing strategist and coach John Spofford, a sophomore, "We won in spirit, we know we're number one no matter what the scoreboard said at the final buzzer. If we'd had ten seconds or 1 second left, we would have beaten them, we wanted it more."

Looking forward to next year the team will be supplemented by the newly activated brothers. Adding to our ranks are three men each in excess of six feet and adapt in all facets of basketball skill. To mention them quickly, the tallest at six foot six one a half inches is Kendell Morrison, a freshman. Possibly the strongest and surprising the most agile. Kendell will control the backboard with six foot five inch Keith Kariosakos, a deft ball handler and able to hit with pinpoint accuracy from 25 feet out and in. Finally at six foot four inches Chris Dantis who with Panther like movement and speed adding to his supreme jumping ability make him the most dangerous player on the team.

In retrospect this year's team played to their utmost ability often calling on a very talented substitutes who were able to maintain the same exemplary ability to control the game as their starting brothers. This was a great year for Beta basketball except for the last game. Next year's hopes are very good with the prospect of additional talent giving the Beta Dragons an invincible team and hopefully a long lived dynasty in intramural fame.

Best: Insurance Co. President

Robert M. Best, president of Security Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, is interested in tennis, the Broome County Chamber of Commerce, the Binghamton Club, the American College of Life Underwriters, the Otayokwa Lake Club and the Assoc. of New York State Life Insurance Cos. "Bob" entered the insurance business in 1946 as an agent for Business Men's Assurance Co. of America. In 1948, he joined Security Mutual Life Insurance at their home office as manager of group sales. He moved up to assistant superintendent of agencies and then director of sales. Bob returned to Business Men's Assurance in 1953 as assistant manager in Ohio and was named manager in 1954. In 1961, he became vice president in charge of agencies for Security Mutual. He was elected to the Board of Directors, elected executive vice president, then president, and finally chief executive officer in 1972. Bob and his wife, Roselyn, can be reached at 41A Crestmont Rd., Binghamton, N.Y.

Has your graduating class had a reunion? Is anyone planning one? Drop us a line and let's get the ball rolling.

Retired Newspaperman

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Clarkdale. I am a lay leader and write a column for the church's monthly news publication. After a number of years as a member of the Lion's Club in Cottonwood, for which I wrote the semi-monthly newsletter, I yielded to the need to somewhat curtail my activities and I resigned. I still occasionally put a record on the hi-fi and go back in memory to the old Beta House on Lincoln Ave. and hear again "The Loving Cup", "In the Old Porch Chairs", and the Beta Sweetheart song. I wonder a little, at these times, what life is like in the chapter house today." Fred and his wife, Louise, can be reached at P.O. Box 881, Cornville, Arizona.