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CENTENNIAL INITIATION ADDS 15 TO CHAPTER

Campus Honoraries Select Three Betas

Several men of Theta Chapter have been honored during this school year by induction into two of the leading honorary fraternities on the Ohio Wesleyan campus.

Chapter president William Littick was initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national men's activities honorary. Littick, who had almost twice the required number of points for eligibility into O. D. K., has also been elected President of the Interfraternity Council.

Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary, selected Thomas Long and Robert MacFarland.

GREGG SENDS BOOKS FOR THETA'S LIBRARY

The plea in the January issue of the THETA DATA for reference books of all types for the rejuvenated library at the chapter house brought quick response from one alumnus.

Brother Clifford Gregg, sent several reference books including "Who's Who In America" and "America's Men of Science."

This is an excellent start. Have you checked your book cases to see what you could send. Theta Chapter will be only to willing to pay the postage and your book contributions will be most gratefully accepted.

SCHARDT TO CAPTAIN '51 BISHOP SWIMMERS

William Schardt was chosen by the University's swimming team as their 1951 season captain at the end of the 1950 schedule.

Schardt, one of the best sprint and relay swimmers in the history of the sport at Ohio Wesleyan, was joined on the tank team by two other Betas—Donald Wedge and Al Tucker, both divers.

Theta chapter was represented on the varsity basketball team by Joseph Neds, who played his second and final season for the "Battling Bishops."

Intramural Championship

In the intramural basketball program, Theta entered a team in both leagues. Both teams won their division and the "B" team won the championship of its league. The "A" team was undefeated until the championship game when the faculty won an overtime game.

TWO PLEDGED

The Centennial Pledge Class has two new members, the result of Theta's continuous rushing program. Pledged in February were Charles S. Myers, of Oneida, New York and Harry E. Mowry, of Delaware. Both Myers and Mowry were athletes in high school and also participated in numerous other activities.

Markert's Pledgeship Lasts Nearly 40 Years

Undoubtedly the longest pledgeship in the history of any national fraternity was ended when Roy Markert, of Zanesville, was initiated into Theta Chapter on February 26th, along with 14 other neophytes.

Brother Markert was pledged by the chapter at Wooster and was scheduled for initiation in 1911. Just prior to the initiation date, fraternities were forced off the Wooster campus. Always a Beta at heart, Markert remained active in alumni affairs, and the formal initiation, conducted during the Winter Homecoming week, ended saw his dreams come true.

Thirty-Four Alumni Present

Thirty-four alumni were present to witness the initiation of Theta's Centennial Pledge class. The formal initiation ceremony was conducted at the Elk's Hall—which is known to many alumni as the old Beta House.

The other new brothers of Theta are: Grover C. Cooper, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Theodore R. Chaney, London; V. Baker Smith, Washington, D. C.; Richard L. Davenport, Hamilton, Ohio; Edwin J. Lilly, London; Richard L. Day, New Philadelphia; Richard E. Eiken, Louisville, Kentucky; Donald W. Jagger, Brooklyn, New York.

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NOTICE

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Published regularly and frequently by the undergraduate members of Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi for their alumni and friends.

Bix Newhard '52 . . . Editor

News and picture contributions are solicited at all times. Address all communications to the Editor, Beta Theta Pi, 54 West Lincoln Street, Delaware, Ohio.

Trophy-Snatching

Prank Backfires

The undergraduates of Theta have learned that it pays to burn the midnight oil, if for no other reason than to foil any attempts to deprive the chapter of its hard-earned trophies.

Six Kappa Sigs from Ohio State decided that the early morning hours of March 9th would be an ideal time to "get revenge." Early in the fall, some of their trophies turned up missing and the men of Theta chapter were blamed.

The culprits failed to consider that some of our men would still be awake at 1:30. This together with the "butter-fingers" of one man meant a night in the Delaware jail for them.

Bill Littick heard a noise downstairs, investigated, saw the culprits in the act, aroused the house with "All out" and tackled the last man as he was leaving through the front door. The other Kappa Sigs were soon captured and while censored conversations took place in the front parlor, the Delaware police arrived.

A telephone conversation between the Wesleyan Dean of Men and his counterpart at Ohio State,

Open Houses, Breakfast, Signs

Highlight Political Campaign

Scholarship, letters to home, regular sleeping hours and even campus romances took a beating early in March as Theta united all efforts to seat their two candidates in top posts in the campus Student Body elections.

Al Long was the candidate for the Student Body presidency and Dan Ransom was the chapter's nominee for President of the Senior Class.

Committees Formed

Chairman Bill Long, of the Political Action committee took over the supervision of the campaigns with the assistance of chapter of-

ficers and each man in the house was assigned to a committee. The committee chairmen were: sign making, Jim House; sign installation, Ned Speasmaker; open houses, Hank Anderson; and publicity, Bix Newhard.

Highlights of the campaign were a fifty-foot "Long" banner which hung from the Gray Chapel tower, signs in every strategic nook and corner on campus, two open houses, one of which was a Sunday morning breakfast attended by more than 200 women, and "button-holding" by every Theta Beta.

P.S. WE LOST!

MIAMI TRIAD MAIN WINTER SOCIAL EVENT

The Miami Triad was the major winter season social event for the undergraduates of Theta chapter.

Sponsored jointly with Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta, the annual dance was held in Edwards Gymnasium on March 25th. The gymnasium was decorated around the theme of "Holiday Magazine."

DONALD E. SMITH, '47, is a sales trainee with the Studebaker Corporation in South Bend, Indiana. Brother Smith writes "thanks for the most interesting copy of the THETA DATA. From all indications, you fellows are really enjoying top spot on the campus."

DAN C. MEEK, '12, writes that he is still in the calendar manufacturing business in Coshocton, Ohio.

the next morning helped "spring" the Kappa Sigs.

One must have gotten away though because we are still missing a couple of trophies.

Delaware Alumni Organizing Club

"The organization of the Beta alumni association in Delaware, Ohio is steadily progressing," writes MORRIS HOLLENBAUGH, '49, who is now business manager for Hardy Motors and also associated with the Delaware Gas Company.

"The first 'ice-breaker' letter has been sent out," continues Brother "Morry," "and a number of Brothers have replied. We have well over thirty potential members in this area. With a good undergraduate chapter and a strong Delaware alumni group, the Betas will really be able to make hay in this area."

Hollenbaugh was married in June, 1949 to Phyllis Ann Snouffer, a Delta Gam here at O.W.U.

RICHARD L. JOHNSON, '41, is a psychiatrist at the State Hospital at Lima and writes that he is specializing in criminal work. Brother Johnson graduated from Ohio State University's College of Medicine in 1944. He lives on the State Hospital grounds with his wife and two daughters.

Craig Was First Reserve M. D.

To Reach Admiral Rank

DR. WINCHELL MCK. CRAIG, '15, now a surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, writes that he was the first reserve doctor in the Navy to be promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral at the end of the recent war.

Since his separation from the service in 1946, Admiral Craig has been retained in various capacities in the Navy and the Department of Defense. Since 1949, he writes, "I have been in Washington at least twice a month working in a "task force" for the Secretary of Defense . . . A group of doctors from all the services and reserve components have been reviewing the status of reserve medical officers to recommend changes relative to their duties and status. This is designed to

increase the efficiency and make service with the various medical corps more desirable and useful."

Continues Brother Craig, "I started the Craigs in Beta Theta Pi, altho my older brother was pledged and before he could be initiated he was asked to leave the University for a foolish prank.

"Following me was Maynard, a cousin, and "Dutch" a brother. Then Paul a cousin, Bob a brother, and David a cousin. The second generation went to Dennison and there Walter's son Thomas and his brother Eli were initiated. A cousin Joe followed. Among the in-laws are two good Betas who married my nieces."

The THETA DATA would like to hear from all the Brothers Craig.

Oldest Living Alumnus Is Lawyer In Cleveland

WELLES K. STANLEY, '95, the oldest living alumnus of Theta chapter, is still actively engaging in the practice of law in Cleveland, Ohio.

The senior partner in the firm of Stanley, Smoyer and Schwartz, Brother Stanley was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1901. In addition to his active law practice, he has been a member of the Cuyahoga County Republican Executive Committee for 40 years, was a member of the commission which drafted the East Cleveland city manager charter, and has authored numerous articles on the legal aspects of labor disputes.

Stanley now resides at 12526 Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights.

An executive with the North Wayne Tool Company, GEORGE L. EARLE, JR., '36, now lives at 125 Fairfield Street in Oakland, Maine.

An employee of the Universal Concrete Pipe Company in Norristown, Pennsylvania since graduation, HAROLD LEULIETTE, '42, writes that he is now plant manager.

JAMES A. STACEY, w'48, wrote to tell us he had moved to 3407 Columbus Avenue in Sandusky, Ohio. He is associated with the New Departure Division of General Motors and also attending Cleveland-Marshall Law school.

JOHN H. SUMMERS, '07, writes that he is still practicing law at 17 South High Street in Columbus and that his two sons, James and Thomas attended Ohio State University and were initiated into Theta Delta chapter at the school.

JOHN H. CARHART, '38, has been the physical director of the Reading, Pennsylvania Y.M.C.A. since 1948.

The secretary and treasurer of the Smeed Box Company in Cleveland, ERNEST L. ELLENBERGER, writes that he is serving as a member of the board of education in Brecksville, Ohio and is also a trustee of the First Congregational Church in the same city.

The THETA DATA would like to hear from his two brothers, Carl and Philip.

A physician in White Plains, New York, DR. WALTER L. EVANS, '30, now resides at 146 Norman Road in New Rochelle, New York, with his wife and three children.

Another recent graduate, WARREN D. CARRIGAN, '49, is now a student at the Cincinnati College of Embalming. He was married in June, 1949 to a Wesleyan Pi Phi, Janice Pocock.

JOHN A. MIKULUK, '38, is a major in the Army, being currently assigned as Personnel Director of the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D. C.

Brother Mikuluk, who was active in football and dramatics while in school, writes that he is still single.

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York; William H. Metzler, East Lansing, Michigan; Stanley K. Van Buren, Carey; Charles Mayer, Port Washington, New York; Robert S. Neff, Dayton; David R. Dove, Shelbyville, Illinois; and Richard W. McClintock, Lancaster.

Stanley Speaks

Following the formal initiation, the new initiates were the guests of honor at a banquet at the Beta House. Theta's oldest living alumnus, Welles Stanley delivered the main address.

NEWS FROM BROTHERS EVERYWHERE

JAMES L. KINNEY, '32, reports that he has been a salesman in the lamp department of General Electric Company in St. Louis, Missouri for the past 12 years.

Brother Kinney resides at 6104 Wanda Avenue in St. Louis with his wife and two children.

WAYNE J. McFARLAND, '49, is a student in the teachers college at Columbia University. Brother "Packy" and his wife, the former Marjorie Crangel, live at 600 West 113th Street in New York City.

A laboratory inspector with the Johns-Manville Production Corporation, ALBERT W. YOUNG, '45, now lives at 403½ South 12th Street in Richmond, Indiana.

Also in the neighboring state of Indiana is FRANK E. HILL, '32, who is an auditor with the Clipper Van Lines, Inc., with offices in Indianapolis.

FREDERICK A. OLDS, '47, is a teacher and coach at the high school in Port Washington, New York. Brother Olds writes that he and his wife are expecting a child in August of this year. He predicts that it will be a son.

WILLIAM G. FREEMAN, '49, is a teacher of English at the LaRue (Ohio) High School. In school, "Free" was the president of Theta chapter, and quite active in campus affairs.

The uncle of Theta chapter's current president, Bill Littick, ARTHUR S. LITTICK, '16, is a newspaper publisher and lives at 828 East Lincoln Street in Hoopeston, Illinois.

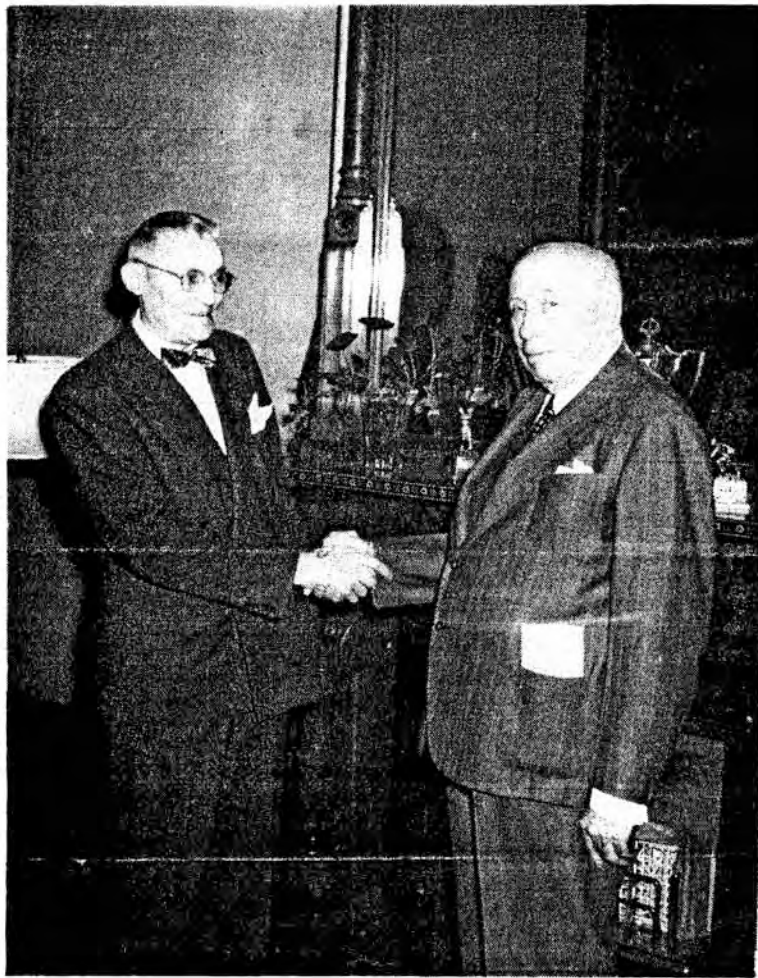
A supervisor of group sales for the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, HENRY S. HUBBARD, '49, receives his mail at 516 E. Cassilly Street in Springfield, Ohio.

DONALD L. ROBBINS, '48, is an engineer with the Northern States Power Company and lives at 102 East 19th Street in Minneapolis. Brother Robbins is a member of the National Association of Professional Engineers.

After serving as a civilian aide to the Secretary of War during the war years, ROBERT H. JAMISON, '10, returned to his law office in Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother Jamison has taken an active part in civic affairs in Cleveland, serving on the Cleveland Board of Education, the Cleveland Crime Commission, of which he was president, the Euclid Avenue Association, and the Cleveland Regional Plan commission.

Stanley Greets Theta's 'Youngest'



Theta's youngest member (in initiation number) Roy Markert, left, is welcomed into Old Wooglin's Band by the oldest living alumnus, Welles K. Stanley, '95, following the initiation on February 26th.