

The Theta Data

BETA THETA PI AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



CENTENNIAL YEAR

AUTUMN, 1953

Prexy Reports On 114th Convention

by Dee Simpson

The 114th General Convention of Beta Theta Pi was held at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, California, from September 1 to 4, and again Theta Chapter was well represented with six alumni and five undergraduates attending.

It was truly another grand Beta experience and all who were there profited much. Our California chapters who acted as hosts for the convention planned an extremely nice program for all the Betas and their families and guests. Among the highlights of the social program were a "Fiesta" Party, an aquatic show, and, of course, the annual Convention Banquet. Facilities for swimming, tennis, and golf were also available. Our entire surroundings were as pleasant and

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New TV, "Redunits" Improve House

by Michael Schwartz

The West parlor of our Beta house has the new look this year. All the furniture in the room was rebuilt and re-upholstered for the reasonable price of \$750.

The old and decrepit davenport and Morris chairs which you may remember are now wearing a new chestnut colored leather upholstery.

Also, some of the old furniture which has been surreptitiously lurking in the dark corners of the basement is now being redone to be placed in the new room of the basement. The house also hopes to purchase new coffee tables and lamps for this room.

The East parlor, not to be outdone, is now sporting a new 21 inch '54 model Philco television set which was purchased for \$325.

Brother Paul Nobis refinished a second hand ping pong table which

Pledge 14 As Theta Opens New Century Of Beta Life



The New Editions. Top row from left to right: Hank Richardson, Bruce Crittenden, Leigh Stockstill, John Hopkins, Keith Eiken. Second row: Kent Stolle, Dave Weisman, Rich Cutright, Ron Mittrick. Bottom row: Dave Cook, Tom Stover, Dale Rose, John Kreisel, Rex Ely.

by Michael Schwartz

Fourteen neophytes started Theta's second century this year. Besides the fourteen new Beta pledges that donned the white shield this year, two boys transferred into the chapter and one boy was given social membership.

The new pledges include: Leigh Stockstill from Dayton, John Hop-

kins from Hamilton, Dave Cook from Butler, Pa., Tom Stover from Butler, Pa., Rich Cutright from Bainbridge, Dave Weisman from Columbus.

Keith Eiken from Louisville, Ky., Hank Richardson from Newark, Rex Ely from Batavia, Bruce Crittenden from Chagrin Falls, Dale Rose from Upper Arlington, John Kreisel from Kingston, Kent Stolle from Highland Park, Michigan, and Ronald Mittrick from Red Bank, N. J.

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An Open Letter To Our Alumni

We hope that our Alumni understand that we respect and encourage constructive criticism. If there is anything about the chapter which you believe we could improve upon, please tell us. Remember, it is as much your chapter as it is ours.

Also, remember that the welcome mat is always out. Any time you find yourself in Delaware, be sure to drop in and join us. It needn't be a big occasion, we would enjoy your company any time.

From now on you will receive a letter from us each month with the latest news. Feel free to use this letter to your convenience. If there is any member of Theta chapter whose whereabouts you are interested in, let us know and we will include his address in the letter.

I want to apologize for mixups in the mailing addresses. We are trying to get them straight. However, if your mail is still going through a labyrinth trying to reach you, let us know and we will print a new addressograph plate.

If there is anything else we can do for you, please don't hesitate to let us know. I hope to see you all soon. Remember Winter Homecoming and Initiation. We will notify you as to the date later.

—Michael Schwartz

Here's What June Grads Are Up To

By **Darr Rich**

Last June, fourteen outstanding Theta Betas were among the annual group of O.W.U. spring graduates. For the information of alumni, active members, and anyone else concerned we herein present this listing of the present whereabouts and activities of these brothers whose fellowship and fraternity spirit are sorely missed this year.

Joe Burke spent last summer delivering trucks and seeing a good bit of the country. At present he is doing construction work in Boulder Dam, Colorado while waiting to enter the Air Force. Ted Chaney and his wife, Marianna, are now living in Dayton where Ted is also anticipating Air Force activation shortly.

Dick Davenport, however, is already at Sampson Air Force Base in New York undergoing preliminary indoctrination into the service. The role of a Delaware cab driver was assumed by Dick Day last summer. Now he also has received his orders. Dave Dove has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the USMC and is presently stationed at Quantico, Va.

Dick Eiken is expected to enter the Air Force on Dec. 1 after doing commercial art work for L. M. Berry and Co. in Louisville, Ky. Dick Eitzel, as far as we know, is working for a hardware store in Washington and hopes to obtain a position with an insurance firm in the near future.

Ed Lily and his wife, Gretchen, are living in an apartment in Columbus while he attends the Ohio State Medical School. Dick McClintock and his wife, Ginger, are at present in Lancaster, Ohio where Dick is employed by Anchor Hocking while awaiting orders from the Air Force. Bill Metzler has a traveling job with General Motors' Parade of Progress and expects to go into the Air Force around the middle of January.

Harry Mowry and his wife, Lynn, are now at Drew Theological seminary where he is continuing his preparation for the ministry. Bob Neff is now working for his fa-

ther's company in Dayton while anticipating Air Force activation in January. Russ Schaneley has taken over his late father's watch and jewelry shop in Quakertown, Pa. and has gotten pinned to a Univ. of Penn. coed.

Brother Baker Smith and his wife, Van, are now living in New Brunswick, N. J. (we think?) The Data regrets to say that it does not know more about what "Bake" and Van are doing.

60 Return To Delaware For Homecoming Thrills

by **Chuck Glander**

Homecoming this fall was a thrilling event for both Ohio Wesleyan and Theta Chapter. The Bishop football team nosed out the Denison "Big Red" by a score of 21-20 in a "fairy-tale" finish with just 45 seconds remaining in the final quarter of the game. A beautiful last-ditch pass play scored the tying touchdown for Wesleyan, and the winning extra point kick caused wild exuberance among the Bishop fans.

The Theta celebration was highlighted by a Homecoming Banquet in the Chapter Hall on Saturday night, at which brother Burleigh Cartmell, chapter faculty advisor, addressed a few brief remarks, spiced with his excellent sense of humor, to the 120 persons who attended.

John Funderburg, last year's winner presented the Dawson Award to Eddy Stahl, who was voted the outstanding freshman last year from Theta Chapter.

In addition to the Banquet on Saturday night, the approximately 60 alumni who came back for Homecoming enjoyed a pre-game luncheon Saturday noon and those who stayed overnight had an excellent swiss steak dinner Sunday noon before leaving Delaware.

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Two Theta Betas, Clint Miller and Bob Cotner, were tapped for Omicron Delta Kappa, senior men's honorary, on Friday, December 11, in a Chapel ceremony. Nolan Smith, already an OΔK member assisted in the tapping.

New Accounting System Now In Operation

by Jim Meredith

This fall the Fraternity, at the convention in Pasadena, California, passed a recommendation to install a new accounting system for the chapters of Beta Theta Pi. After reviewing the advantages of the system, Theta Chapter voted to use the new system and is now operating under it.

This system has advantages over the old one in three ways. First, the treasurer must prepare a detailed budget for the current fiscal year. This is broken down into the following major accounts: (1) the expected chapter income, (2) the expected chapter expense, (3) the expected table income, (4) the expected table expense, (5) the expected house income and (6) the expected house expense. After these accounts have been estimated, the budget provides for total gains or losses for the month's operations. After the treasurer completes this he then figures the running total for the whole year. This is to be a flexible budget and can be altered from month to month depending on the expenses and income.

Second, the new financial statement is very different from the old one. It lists on page one the assets, liabilities and surplus. On page two the statement is broken down exactly like the budget described above. This contains the actual expenses and income and beside this, the budgeted expenses and income.

Third, the new system is better than the old one in that it has a better method for recording Brothers' bills and receipts. The latter provides for allowing each Brother three payments a month on his bill and has an account for non-cash credits and bills overpaid. This is a definite advantage in that the Brother can pay installments on his bill when he has the money and is not limited to paying just for one month at a time.

From the treasurer's viewpoint this method is much better than the old one because he now has an overall perspective of the income

Simpson Serving As IFC President

by Larry Linderer

Dee Simpson, former president of Theta Chapter, was elected president of the Inter-Fraternity Council last April for the Spring-Fall



term. Brother Simpson has plenty of experience and has done an excellent job in promoting the Council to a more prominent campus position than it has held in the past.

The IFC, through Simpson's inspired leadership, has placed a fraternity representative on the campus Calendar Committee for the first time, among other things. Dee also had an instrumental role in the recent revision of IFC's constitution. As a final tribute to Simpson's leadership the IFC has agreed to his suggestion to finance the soccer team, Wesleyan's newest intercollegiate athletic endeavor until it is fully recognized as a varsity sport by the school and is included in the athletic department's budget.

Brother Simpson has completed his term in office, but he will be recognized and appreciated for the accomplishments he pioneered during his term as IFC president.

and can limit expenses accordingly, as well as provide for improvements on the house. He also can check the Brothers' bills and their payments much better.

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We can't find the correct address of Richard L. Johnson, formerly of R.R. 2, Salem, Ohio. Can you help us?

Dad's Day A Success

by Bill Plavcan

The annual Dad's Day weekend was labeled an overwhelming success by those who attended the festivities. Many Beta dads were on hand to spend an enjoyable two days with their sons.

Wesleyan's championship minded Bishop footballers got the affair off to a good start by beating Mt. Union 17-6 for their fifth consecutive victory without a defeat.

The annual Dad's Day Banquet was held at the Beta house, as is the custom. The banquet was highlighted by the presentation of plaques to two Beta dads who have made outstanding contributions to the chapter. Mr. W. A. Reaney and Mr. Kenneth A. Cozier were the recipients of the awards. Mr. Reaney has let the chapter use his farm and quarry for numerous chapter functions, while Mr. Cozier supplied the materials for our new basement room.

Saturday evening's entertainment was provided by a student-faculty variety show, which was enjoyed by all who attended. A Sunday morning convocation in Gray Chapel for the dads and their sons concluded the weekend.

We of Theta Chapter were pleased with the number of dads and mothers who attended the campus for the weekend.

Eddy Stahl Winner Of Dawson Award

by Larry Linderer

Eddy Stahl is the 1953 winner of the Dawson Award, given annually to the member of Theta Chapter who, in his freshman year, most exemplifies the standards of scholarship and spirit set forth by the one in whose memory the award is made, Col. William Warren Dawson.

The award was presented to Eddy at this fall's Homecoming Banquet before all of our returning friends and alumni, as is the annual custom.

Brother Stahl has lived up to our expectations in the past and will have the opportunity to prove his capabilities even more in the future.

The Social Side

by Rupe Doan

The Beta social season, although hampered by a crowded university schedule and sorority rushing, did get off to a favorable start when "we did as the Romans did."

Our yearly fall hayride was unable to materialize as the weather was too unpredictable at the time when the first open date was available. In its stead, the Theta chapter house was transformed into a Roman palace for a gala "Quo Vadis" party. Great pillars from floor to ceiling, cobwebs brushing against the faces of the toga-clad participants, Roman sewers in the basement, and a sliding entrance with a trip through the dark and frightening catacombs provided authentic surroundings. A burlesque skit of the movie "Quo Vadis" by the pledges provided a highly enjoyable evening for everyone, and the event promises to become a yearly affair.

The pledge formal with the theme "Star-Dust Ball" was the next event on the Beta social calendar. A candle-light banquet with entertainment provided by our quartette as singing waiters preceded the dancing, and the Neophytes reigned supreme for the evening.

The "Kappa-Beta" Christmas orphans party will be the following function at 54 W. Lincoln. The Kappas and Betas will provide entertainment and refreshments for approximately forty children, with the big event of the afternoon being the appearance of Santa Claus with a gift for each. Santa is always played by one of the jolly and rotund brothers!

Three New Betas

by Bob Cotner

Homecoming morn saw three men added to Theta's roll. Two of the men, sophomore brothers Jim Davies and Ted Fuge, attained the necessary accumulative point average in summer school. The third initiate was Hank Thompson of Delaware. Hank was a pledge about thirty years ago, but because of personal affairs was not initiated. The pin was placed on Hank by two of his former pledge brothers, Charlie Clark and Dick Whiting.

Plans are already under way for the Winter Homecoming initiation. A new set of robes has been ordered to inaugurate an improvement program for the ritual equipment. See you then, alums!

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comfortable as one could find.

In the way of business, much was accomplished. The convention was directed ably by Tom Brown, Whitman '53, and one of the vice presidents was our own Colonel Raymond M. Chesaldine, Theta '14.

The most stress was laid on **scholarship, rushing and initiation.** The areas of finances, alumni relations, and pledge training also were exploited thoroughly much to the benefit of everyone.

Theta Brothers who were there include: Col. Raymond M. Chesaldine '14, "Skip" Chesaldine '50, Ned Myers '50, Dick Draz '54, Buz Christensen '54, Morgan Schrader '54, Mike Dove '55, and Dee Simpson '54—delegate.

Intramurals

by Bob Marten

With this year's intramural program just getting underway, the Betas find themselves close to the top of the intramural sports ladder. The basis for this standing lies in the results of two major sports. In football, under the able leadership and playing of Larry Linderer and Dan Rich, The Betas have come through the season undefeated and even more spectacular unscored upon.

With the end of league competition, a good spirit and attitude prevails throughout the Beta house.

This is largely due to the efforts of Brother Hank Baldwin our cheerleader and the Beta's anticipation of the approaching championship playoff with their traditional rivals, the Sigma Chis. Everyone this year is confident that the Betas can again turn the tables on the Sigs and garner themselves another championship trophy.

Over on the other side of the major sport picture, the Betas have compiled a 5 won and 2 loss record in fall volleyball. Although not quite as spectacular as in football, the volleyball team is looking forward to a better season of play in the spring.

In fall minor sports this year, although there was an active participation, the overall results were somewhat dim. A turn for the better in minor sports came when the tennis doubles team composed of Bob Corey and Al Vlerebome reached the finals. Results of this contest are as yet unknown.

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