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Kevin Hinkle '94

Kevin Hinkle '94, Bond #1580 Theta Chapter Alumni Profile

Edited by Tom Tatham

THE EARLY YEARS

Kevin was born June 19, 1971 to Harold and Judy Hinkle in Findlay, OH. His father, a graduate of Findlay College, was a teacher and coach in the local public schools. His mother was the homemaker raising three children: Kevin, brother Korey (Theta Beta '95) and sister Kellie (Miami U). He was raised in the mid-western style — with a wonderful, loving family, neighbors, friends and teachers. While in high school, Kevin played soccer, basketball and tennis. He graduated in 1990.

COLLEGE AND OHIO WESLEYAN

Kevin spent his freshman year at Wisconsin-Green Bay where his intentions included playing tennis and succeeded in earning all-conference honors for his play.

His one-year younger brother, Korey, decided to attend OWU, and Kevin decided to look into the OWU academic offerings and tennis program.

With the OWU decision of his younger brother, Korey, with two of his high school classmates headed for Ohio Wesleyan, and with the encouragement of OWU alumni living in Findlay, Kevin decided to join them.

He transferred to OWU beginning his sophomore year, again with the intention of playing both basketball and tennis.

BETA THETA PI

His sophomore year found him living at 341 Smith East, rooming with his brother Korey, Rick Ritzer (Theta Beta '95), and Chadd "Elvis" Oxley — friends from Findlay. He spent a lot of time on the "Hill" concentrating on academics. He pledged that fall and along with his pledge brothers, was guided by pledge master J. C. Kole '94. Initiation into the chapter was on January 31, 1992 — a big day for Kevin.

Roommates his junior year were: Saumyadeb "Rampu" Chaudhuri '93 and Jayant Sitaraman '93. His senior year was again with brother Korey. He majored in Economic's Management, with minor in Journalism. A unique opportunity came for him to host the Metal Militia radio show at OWU's radio station, WSLN, with brother Ritzler. Work-study assignment was Safety-Walk. He spent a lot of time at Edgar Hall, Slocum, with adventurous walks through Blue Limestone Park. Bianchi's and Backstretch were also frequented points of relaxation.

Initially, he thought about playing both basketball as well as tennis at OWU, but he and his coach, Gene Mehaffy, agreed his skills would best be served on the tennis courts rather than in the basketball gym. What a great decision!



Kevin Hinkle '94 with wife, Charity, sons Henry, Parker and Charlie

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Kevin Hinkle '94 *Continued from cover story—*

His skill and achievement in the tennis world was climaxed by his earning **All-American recognition**. His senior year was highlighted by his election as President of Theta Chapter.

CAREER AND FAMILY LIFE CHANGES

In 1994, Kevin started his professional career with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Columbus as a sales representative. In 1996, he was transferred to Cincinnati, and continued in the sale's field for the "Blues" until June 3, 2000, when he married Charity Komminsk from Wittenberg University.

His next promotion took Kevin and Charity to Toledo OH where they soon increased their family to include sons Henry (2000) and Parker (2004).

In 2006, Kevin and family returned to Powell (Columbus/Worthington area) where he was assigned to manage central and northwest Ohio for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Soon, in 2008, they added another son, Charlie, to their growing family.

ACTIVITIES BEYOND CAREER

Kevin notes, "We live less than ten miles from campus, so we get to Delaware often for athletic and alumni events".

Kevin and Charity support the "W" Association and Team OWU for student athletes. Kevin's community service includes board membership with March of Dimes, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, Ohio Chamber of Commerce (current) and Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus (current). His early love of basketball has been rewarded with coaching the local youth basketball team.

Kevin, Charity and family reside at: 531 Ely Ct. N, Powell, OH 43065. Kevin can be reached by e-mail at:

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Kevin Hinkle represents the best of what our fraternity stands. From his many fans and brothers, here is a salute to you and, "Kevin, Thank God You are a Beta!"



Rick's father-in-law, Delmar T. O'Hara, Theta Beta '58, aka: "King Kai"

Rick Hursh '70

It Started at Buttsey's

Last September, my wife Kathy O'Hara Hursh (OWU '73) and I celebrated our fortieth anniversary.

As I began to write something for *Theta Data*, it occurred to me that my story of our years together really started the day I pledged Beta Theta Pi in September, 1966. It was that evening in Delaware when thirty-one, newly-minted Beta pledges turned out for celebration and 3.2 draft beers at the storied bar on Sandusky Street.

I knew nothing much about my new fraternity, but with evolving enthusiasm, I sat atop one of the straight-backed booths, singing arm-in-arm with one of my new pledge brothers, Terry O'Hara, himself freshly graduated from Culver Military Academy. Little did we know on that evening, exactly eight years later, we would become brothers-in-law when I married his younger sister. [As a sidebar, some of my fellow brothers of that era may recall my evening ended with accommodations provided by the City of Delaware.]

Life is interesting. As it turned out Terry was not my only fraternal and familial brother. Several years later, his younger brother, Tim O'Hara, Theta '72, transferred and graduated from OWU. And if that's not enough, their father, Delmar T. O'Hara, Theta '38 was an ardent Beta and generally known as "King Kai" among my class for his involvement with the chapter.

Kathy and I have lived in Carmel, IN for the past twenty-three years. We raised two daughters. I continue to work in a longtime career in the municipal bond business, and haven't figured how to pivot out into something else for my old age.

My Beta involvement was stagnant for years, but seems to be on the rebound due to the activity of collective Beta chapter alums here in Indianapolis. Like many of us, I regret the demise of our Theta chapter.

Terry and Tim live and work in their hometown of East Liverpool, OH, and in classic fashion, both married OWU graduates: Terry to Carolee Turner O'Hara, Class of '70, and Tim to Becky Andrews O'Hara, Class of '72. In addition, I've kept in contact with several members of that pledge Class of '66. Kathy and I saw Steve and Marion Sherwood while attending "Retirement, Part One" for John Willoughby, although I don't think he is hanging it up permanently.

He and his wife Tori live in North Canton, OH. Neither does Pete Lee seemed so inclined, as he was re-elected to the CO state legislature for a third-consecutive time in November. And for longevity, it would be hard to compare with brother Jud Knox, chapter president of our senior year and CEO of York, ME Hospital for the past thirty-two years. Kathy and I had dinner with Jud and his wife Lori in York last September. Affectionately known as "Rughead" by his brothers, he looks fit as ever and still with the same wit and wisdom.

Beta irony continues in my family as my daughter was married in 2010 to Jason Fowler, Indiana University Pi, Class of '04. Thus, I can start the loving cup around literally within my own family.

Yours in -kai- Rick Hursh, '70



Kathy and Rick at the party she had for his birthday.



Rick Hursh on motorcycle.

“ I never told my parents I bought it. The next year I went abroad for a semester and had to get rid of it. Didn't buy another one until I turned 50.

That's me in June '68 on the walkway between the Beta and Phi Psi houses. In the background is the Sig Ep house. I was 20 and bought the motorcycle on the sly. A Phi Delt friend took the picture with his new SLR camera. ”

Dave Crockett '57 Revisiting OWU



Patti Nau '57



2014 — A dapper Dave looking a few years older



Patti and Dave's sons, David and Kevin in the DE Patti Crockett Memorial Library.



1954 — Handsome Dave on the Delta Gamma porch

February, 2014

Last October (2013), I returned with my two sons (David and Kevin) to Delaware, OH for a visit to Ohio Wesleyan University. Neither of the boys had ever seen the campus where their mother and father had met and fallen in love.

The primary purpose of the visit was to participate in activities related to memorials for Pattie that included a reception and dedication of the Patricia Nau ('57) Crockett Library in a renovated Delta Gamma Sorority House. Playing a key role in planning and conducting the reception were Beta girls: Marilyn Ellis (Barry '59) Haas and Jan Ellis (Tom '56) Tatham.

We also visited the OWU Education Department to meet some faculty members, and see the site of the Patricia Nau Crockett Curriculum Resource Center endowed in memory of Pattie and her long career as a special education teacher.

A tour of the campus and Delaware was included along with a meeting with OWU President Rock Jones, a dynamic and outstanding leader. We talked with OWU's current football coach who is off to a good start in his

first two years. I have been supporting the "Battling Bishops" football program with a financial contribution the past several years.

We had lunch with OWU's Athletic Director at the site of the Surrey Lounge and Son's Bar and Grill — did that bring back a bundle of memories!

We drove by the old Beta House at 54 W. Lincoln (looking pretty rundown), but it was the site of much fellowship and good times in the mid-50s. Back in those days there were no residence halls for freshman/sophomore men.

Showed the boys the house where I spent my sophomore year with roommates Keith Eiken '57 and Lee Stockstill '57.

All-in-all it was a wonderful visit with great reminiscences, and I would be remiss if I did not mention the logistical support and arrangements brother Tatham '56 provided for the weekend for the Crockett clan.

In closing, I received a Christmas card from an old friend which simply read, "... as we grow older no news is good news. Merry Christmas". How true!



Keith Eiken '57



Lee Stockstill '57

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-Kai- Dave '57



A front view close up of the Beta Hq in Oxford, OH



A front view of Beta Theta Pi Administration Building in Oxford, OH

Alumni News

E-mails, Notes and Calls ...

Larry Linderer '55

June 31, 2014

We're back safely in our nest, and wanted to say thank you for our visit at the Nobis', Doans', Taft Museum and WHCC. It took over 50 years, but it was worth seeing old friends again. Life has been good to us and we are thankful for it.

Viewing the '55 reunion DVD, gave us many good looks at our fellow students: Paul and Ann were prominent, Milt and Jack Hahn, and the Rainey Quarry picture Paul took of Ann and Joyce in the raft with Rupe, Larry and Sue on shore. Those were good times that have passed, but not forgotten.

Our nest has three bedrooms, a pool and a fun golf course. We will leave the light on for you, so come on down.

Have installed the Beta songs on my iTunes and Beta pictures on my computer file. Thanks again to all for making it possible.



L-R: Larry Linderer '55, Joyce Linderer '55, Anne Nobis '55, Sue Doan '57

Ted Chaney '53

June 15, 2014

On June 10, Bob Neff, Dick Davenport and I had lunch in Dayton. It was great to connect with some old — very old — classmates! All seem to be reasonably good with

the exception of Dick's wife who has some serious health problems.



L-R: '55 Betas — Bob Neff, Ted Chaney and Dick Davenport

Jack Hahn '55

February, 2014

This past year has been interesting for us — mainly punctuated by MRIs, CAT-scans, ultrasounds, biopsies, echocardiograms, etc. Jack is rather tired of giving body parts to science for analysis. However, since these activities are in the interest of preventative medicine, it is probably worth the inconvenience. Isn't growing old so much fun — or not —?



Jack with railway engine

As time marches on, in the fall we found the need to sell the entire Sulphur Spring and Alum Creek Garden Railway Collection. It has grown so much that Judy and Jack couldn't handle the work and maintenance required to adequately operate it anymore. There were 216 cars and 50 engines plus over eight-hundred feet of track and switches that made up the hobby. So it was decided to sell

it all rather than offer it by separate units over a period of time.

As a more sedate endeavor, Jack has turned to Computer Flight Simulations for fun time. Now with over 24,000 airports and worldwide high-definition scenery, many different aircraft, diversified weather conditions, it is a great pastime. With our custom-built system harmonized for gaming (flight and casinos for Judy) it is very much like Jack's real aviation experiences (with the added benefit one cannot be hurt in a "crash")!



El Capitan! Jack Hahn flying by the seat of his pants... dressed like the old Air Force days!

Ann Armonstrong Knodt

March, 2014 — Hi Tom, I want to thank you for sending the *Theta Data Newsletter*. What a terrific service you are doing for the Betas.

The article about my dad — **Brother Warren Armstrong '31** — (See 2014 *Theta Data*) made me very proud. I'm so glad I found the Gauthier letter when I did. I am pleased you also included the Gauthier article about Little Wesleyan upsetting Michigan. That's something I'd heard about and was interested in reading.

You were thoughtful to send several copies as I've shared them with my family.

Thanks so much.
Ann Armstrong Knodt

Paul Belden '64

Went to 50th reunion. I saw Brothers John Neff, Ted Stump and Jim Locke. The house was open and we had a chance to visit. Much the same accept the name on the door. What a chance to visit with Jock Miller '63. He played bagpipes after they read the names of our deceased classmates.
Yours in -kai-
Paul Belden '64

Bill Giffen '58

February 10, 2014

Were you aware of the death of Brother George Kocher — Class of '57 or '58? He flunked out and joined the Air Force. During Korea, came back, and I think he graduated with our class in '58. He left a wife, Peggy, and a son, Tom, ... maybe a daughter.

I am now retired (2007) from 50 years in insurance. Owned my own agency. Later merged with another local agency.

In '79, I also retired from the Ohio National Guard as a Lt. Col., and commanded the 148 Inf Regiment. Recently, they have been to Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan without me, because they say I am too old. After 9-11, I went back as an advisor, and again retired, this time as a full Col. I had hopes of finding a Brig. General's (billet), but it didn't happen. Most Generals I know are more like the south-end of a northbound mule. Anyway, many changes.

Judy Yingling and I have been married for 56 years. She is still teaching at Rhodes College, while I do housework!!

Thanks for the *Theta Data*.
Yours in -kai- Bill Giffen

Alumni News *Continued*...



2014 — Eric representing Theta Chapter at National Convention.

Eric Eickhoff '00

I continue to work at John Carroll University in the Office of Alumni Relations. Since moving back to Cleveland, I have become involved with the Beta chapter at JCU, serving as the risk management advisor, along side of my father Ric Eickhoff (General Fraternity Rolls #30), who serves as chapter counselor. I will also be assuming some responsibilities with the Northeast Ohio Alumni Assoc. of Beta Theta Pi starting in January.

My wife, Leah works for her sorority (Alpha Sigma Alpha) developing leadership curriculum and managing their service-learning program. Lauren (age 4) is attending pre-school and has quickly turned into a little Beta Sweetheart. She knows about 10 songs.



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Steve Sherwood '70

News of brothers...

John Willoughby '70

modeling his insulated bib overalls were a present for his retirement as CEO of Eramet Marietta, Inc., and Eramet North America in November 2014. **Rick Hursh** and **Steve Sherwood**

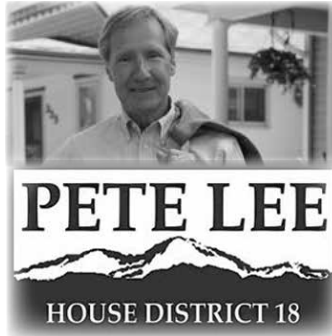


were both in attendance in *John Willoughby '70* Canton, OH to wish Brother John a happy retirement.

Expecting to attend was **Terry O'Hara '70**; however, the family business WC Bunting Company, run by Terry and his brother

Tim '71, was destroyed by fire in East Liverpool, OH the day of John's festivities. A tragic loss for the O'Hara family.

Pete Lee '70 again mounted a strong grass-roots campaign, and was overwhelmingly elected, returning him to the Colorado House of Representatives to continue his successful efforts to improve the lives of his fellow Coloradans.



The Betas of North East Ohio hold their annual Steak-Out in Canton, OH each August. Betas from all over the area gather to share a meal, some songs, lots of stories and a few libations. Over the years, Steve, John, Terry, Tim, Rick and **Ron Snyder '70** have all attended regularly.

If you want information, please e-mail Steve at naveldepth@yahoo.com

Finally, the Class of '70 is celebrating its 45th reunion in May. All brothers are encouraged to return and join in the festivities. For more information, contact Steve who is also the President For Life of the class.

**Jack Carmichael's
Mini-Reunion — June 14, 2014**



Jack Carmichael '59 Hobe Sound, FL • 33455

George Conrades '61 recently wrote me with an address change: Please note it in your records: 120 Gomey Road •

On June 14, four Theta Betas and their wives met at Bob Evans in Delaware, OH. The Betas were Urlin (Junior) Harris '58; Barry Haas '59; Jack Carmichael '59 and Tom Hall '61.

Former Ohio Wesleyan librarian, John Reed and his wife, Professor Libby Reed, were the guests of honor. They have been married for 69 years. Libby was professor of English at OWU, and taught both Barry Haas and Jack Carmichael report-writing. John came to Ohio Wesleyan some years after surviving the Normandy invasion on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was in a very select company of Rangers who were secretly landed on Omaha Beach by submarine on the night prior to the actual massive landing. Their mission was to penetrate the German defenses located on the cliffs overlooking the beach.

It was the first time since 1958 the four had been together for a reunion. We all thanked the Reeds for joining us. All had a good time, and agreed we shouldn't wait so long before reassembling for another reunion.

Wives who attended were Kay Harris, Marilyn Ellis Haas (also an OWU grad and a DG), Julie Carmichael and Joyce Hall.

Let me also put you in contact with **Tom Hall, '61**, so you can add him to your list. His phone number is 1 (740) 881-5631.

So sorry you couldn't make the breakfast. Looking forward to the next issue of *Theta Data*.

Yours in -kai-
Jack Carmichael



L-R: Urlin (Junior) Harris '58; Barry Haas '59; Tom Hall '61 and Jack Carmichael '59



L-R: Barry & Marilyn Haas; John Reed, "Jr." Harris; Kay Harris; Joyce Hall; Tom Hall; Jack Carmichael and "Libby" Reed

OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

It is with sadness that we report the following passing of our beloved Theta Chapter brothers:



Olin James Stephens III, '56, 80, passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, with his family by his side. He was born in Westchester, NY on May 26, 1934, the son of the late Olin J. II and Florence (Reynolds) Stephens.

Olin spent his childhood years in Westchester, NY, and at his family home in Sheffield, MA. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1956 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics.

After graduation, he delved into banking in New York City, but soon moved to VT and began working in the fledgling ski industry where he managed several ski lodges in Wilmington, VT, and later managed the Valley of the Inns — an information and accommodation association for visitors to the area.

After moving to Newfane, he went into real estate, both in sales and renovation work. He was especially interested in affordable housing, and returning some of the interesting apartment buildings in the area to be not only affordable, but to be a place in which a tenant would enjoy living. His various interests led him back to his passion for the fields of economics and finance, which he then followed throughout the rest of his lifetime.

Olin discovered sailing at an early age, and founded the Windham County Sailing Club in the 1960's. The club gathered together a community of those interested in sailing as a sport, and also taught sailing to both children and adults. He introduced weekend competition to the club, and also sold sailboats, dinghies and sailing gear with his partner, Lee Sheridan. This club remains vibrant and is still using Whitingham Lake as home base.

Olin loved to travel. He spent some very happy and lively college years in CO and OH. He spent time in Austria and Germany while in the army in the 1950's, and returned as a tourist as often as he could to that area. He especially loved Italy and all things Italian, including a lifelong appreciation of Alfa Romeos, among other Italian cars. He could talk about cars — especially Italian cars — as long as anyone cared to listen.

He enjoyed his property on top of Putney Mountain to the fullest, spending many enjoyable hours working on the property, or just sitting on the deck reading, listening to either classical music or jazz, or just watching nature unfold around him.

He is survived by wife, Carol Stephens of Newfane, VT; a son, Olin James Stephens IV and wife Marcy of Jamaica, VT; a brother, Sam Stephens of Keene, NH; as well as many cousins and in-laws.

He will be sorely missed by his family and the many people who became his friends and enjoyed his outlook on life.

OJ's wife, Carol, is at the following address:
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Notes from friends ...

I am so sorry to learn of O.J.'s death! Also, sympathy for his family and friends, and for you, with your long companionship with him over these many years. Thank you for posting his obituary. I did not know him well, but appreciated knowing about his very interesting life.

Sincerely, Clint Miller '54

I remember O.J. as a senior who was a friend to us young pledges. Thanks for sending the obituary.

-kai- Jack Carmichael '59

I, too, am saddened to here of O.J.'s death. He was a great guy — always a treat to be around.

Bo Dove '57

Another brother passing! It's so sad, but we are all in the twilight of our lives! Thanks for the info.

Larry Linderer '55

September 2014

Sadly, I have learned of the death of our brother, Olin J. Stephens III, OWU Class of '56, on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, from his wife, Carol.

I had spoken with O.J. frequently in the past few months. He and Carol joined us vacationing in ME for the past several years, until 2013 when his health would not permit.

Following his death in 2014, Carol visited us at our vacation home in ME for several days — a tradition we enjoyed with both of them for the past five years.

O.J. was from Scarsdale, NY — A pledge mate, roommate and dear friend. He will long be remembered and sorely missed by all.

Tom Tatham '56

William M. Robinson '49 — Died 2/8/13 ... From his daughter, Marilyn Box

Attributed to the General Fraternity Magazine

Bruce A. Billings '60 — Died on 8/18/14

Kingsley M. Anderson '93 — Died 5/30/14

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OF EVER HONORED MEMORY *Continued*...

Virginia Carter McClintock
82, of Charlotte, NC, died Dec. 26,

2014, at Southminster Retirement Community. She was born May 11, 1932, in Wilmington, DE, to Sara and Clifford Carter. A resident of Charlotte since 1979, Virginia grew up primarily in Arlington, VA. She met her husband at Ohio Wesleyan University, and subsequently made homes in WY, CA, PA, IN and OH. A lover of music, Girl Scouts, her church and her community, she was always one to get things done. She loved to travel to visit family and far-off places. She never turned down a chance to play bridge, scrabble or cribbage. She will be remembered as one who always put others before herself. She is survived by her husband, Dick; her two children, Anita McLarin (Mac) of Philadelphia and Rick McClintock (Maggie) of Tampa; her brother, Ken Carter; sisters Ruth Sullivan and Eleanor Payne; and grandchildren Sara Corinne McLarin Hadden (John), Megan McLarin, Carter McLarin (Allison), Will McClintock and Macy McClintock. Published in the *Charlotte Observer* on Jan. 2, 2015

John H. Reed — of Delaware, OH, died on Thursday, January 15, 2015



at the Riverside Hospital, Columbus, OH. He was born March 17, 1923 in Owasso, MI,

to Frank and Mary (Doane) Reed.

A graduate of Heidelberg College, John received his Master's Degree in Library Sciences at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. He proudly served his country as a decorated U.S. Army Ranger during World War II, participating in numerous campaigns through Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge.

John spent 32 years as Ohio Wesleyan University's archival librarian, and was awarded honorary alumni status at Ohio Wesleyan in 2004, when he was recognized as "the keeper of the flame" of Ohio Wesleyan's and the Ohio Methodist Church's valuable library collections.

In 2010, John's adopted fraternity brothers at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan also honored his years of service to the SAE's by naming their campus chapter house after him.

John is survived by his wife and fellow Ohio Wesleyan honorary alumna, Libby, whom he married in 1945. John and Libby served OWU a combined 64 years, and every year since their retirement as powerful Ohio Wesleyan ambassadors and friends.

Instead of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the John H. and Libuse L. Reed Endowed Scholarship Fund, c/o Mowry Alumni Center, Ohio Wesleyan University, 61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware, OH 43015.

Editor's Note: John Reed is only the 2nd non-Beta noted in "Our Ever Honored Memory" section of *Theta Data*. (Tom Wilson, Phi Gam, was the first.) John and his wife, Libby, were

among the most respected of our OWU faculty for 64 years, who touched the lives of hundreds of OWU students. John will be sorely missed by all who knew him.



James Allan Vlerebome '55 — Allan Vlerebome departed this world on Wednesday,

February 11, 2015 while under hospice care at Lanfair Nursing Home in Lancaster. He had fought a valiant battle against Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases for the past four years.

Born August 21, 1933, and a lifelong resident of Lancaster, he graduated from LHS in 1951, attended Washington and Lee University from '51-53, and then transferred to Ohio Wesleyan University, graduating in 1955. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at both colleges, and while attending OWU, met his future wife, Martha Rinehart.

Following graduation from college, Allan worked for his grandfather and father's business, A.B. Vlerebome and Son Wholesale Grocers, on the road supplying small grocery stores throughout Fairfield, Hocking, Pickaway and Perry counties.

Allan served in the U.S. Army from January 1956 through December 1957 in Bad Herzfeld, West Germany as a radio operator. He also played golf throughout Europe "representing" the Armed Forces in the German Amateur, German Open, French Amateur and French Open. He missed the entry deadline for the British Open by one day.

After his discharge from the Army, Allan began his dream career as the golf professional at the Lancaster Country Club in

1959. His love of the outdoors, golf and people melded together in this position for the next 13 years.



Allan in 1999

In 1972, Allan moved to the banking industry with Fairfield National Bank as a business loan officer. Here he used his people skills with Lancaster and Fairfield County business owners helping them grow and develop their businesses through the loans and services provided by this local banking institution. He also thanked these business owners for their loyalty by hosting them on fishing charters he ran in Michigan during the salmon runs off of Lake Huron.

In 1983, Allan stepped out in his final career shift by joining the Verco Company, a small stock brokerage firm that was eventually acquired by Advest, Inc. of Hartford, Connecticut. Allan retired from Advest in November of 2005, having again drawn upon his years of local knowledge, trusted relationships and sound financial advice to guide clients toward meeting their personal and retirement goals.

During his lifetime, Allan touched many young lives. He was a coach for several Bidy Basketball teams through the Family Y youth basketball program.

He coached teams at South Elementary and East Elementary, taking the East School Bobcats to the Bidy Championship in 1970 along with his best childhood friend, the late John Huddle. He also imparted his knowledge of golf by teaching golf lessons through the Y for many years.

Memberships in local service and social organizations included the Lancaster Rotary Club #375 and the local chapter of Symposiarchs — where he was a past president.

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James Allan Vlerebome '55

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Allan attended the First Presbyterian Church, and the family would like to thank the Elders and Rev. Matthew Richardson for their visits to Lanfair during Allan's residency.



Al and Marty at Lake St. George in Maine in 2011, vacationing with the Tathams

Preceded in death by his parents, Arthur M. and Mary Kathryn Vlerebome; and a sister, Ann V. Sorenson. Allan is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marty Vlerebome; daughter, Kathy Kittredge of Lancaster; and her son, Michael Kittredge III of Amherst, Massachusetts; son, Pete Vlerebome, wife, Tina, and sons and Conner, Cramer and Crew Vlerebome of Birmingham, AL. He also leaves behind his brother-in-

law and sister-in-law, Hugh and Katherine Rinehart; and a special cousin, Larry Beneke; along with many nieces and nephews and their respective families.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for contributions to Fairhope Hospice & Palliative Care, 282 Sells Road, Lancaster, OH or the First Presbyterian Church, 222 N. Broad St., Lancaster, OH 43130.



1952 — O.J. Stephen III, '56, pledging with sponsoring Brother, Robert S. Neff '55



J. Hahn '55 — Hit a brace, young man! ATTENTION!



1955 — Living Room at 54 West Lincoln. Beautiful Wood Panels L-R Bill Metzler '55, Dick "Itcb" Eiken '55; John Funderburg '55, Ron Van Buren '55

Group photo from John Willoughby's Retirement Party



L-R: Marion Sberwood, Tori Willoughby, Steve Sberwood, and John Willoughby (known to his brother Betas as "Willow")

William G. Plavcan '55



William G. Plavcan '55 holding the last Super Bowl trophy, awarded to the Ravens on February 3, 2013

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Bill and Rebecca live at: 19106 Rock Maple Drive • Hagerstown MD 21742 • E-mail: wgpuro@aol.com • PH (301) 791-5103

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Theta Chapter Web Site

By Aldo Adachi '99



As announced previously, our Theta Web Site is operational and available. For some the objective of creating a Web site for Theta Chapter which would provide the brothers with pertinent information regarding Theta Chapter history, pictures, and alumni member directory. It will also allow us

to frequently update current information important to all alumni. The internet address for the site is:

www.thetachapterbtp.org

Anyone wishing to submit relevant material for the site should do so by mailing to either:

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Editor's Needs

Here are some of the editor's on-going needs:

1. News and pictures from all alumni.
2. Updated e-mail address from all.
3. Updated addresses and phone numbers.
4. Your interest in receiving future *Theta Data* issues via e-mail only.
5. Your interest in personally supporting a re-colonization effort of Theta at OWU. This would take the efforts of a large number of alumni, both time and money, and would only follow the approvals of the House Corps, the National Fraternity and OWU. Any volunteers?
6. Look through your attic, basement and garage for some of those old OWU records and see if you have any copies of old (Before 1990) *Theta Data* newsletters and send me originals or pdf files of the document.
7. Anyone having old copies of Chapter Composites, I could use those as well. Originals will be returned to the owner upon request.
8. Beta Pins — some alumni have donated their pins which have then been given to the archives in Oxford for appropriate display. Donations will be treated with respect and placed on permanent display.

Please send any response on the information sheet at the end of this issue, or to Tom Tatham, 1994 Suffolk Rd. #1, Columbus, Ohio 43221 • tomtatham@aol.com • hone 614-486-6183 • cell 937-545-9280.

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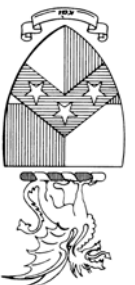
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