

EXODUS OF 1983  
THETA CHAPTER OF BETA THETA PI  
OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
DELAWARE, OHIO

SEQUENCE OF PERTINENT EVENTS

- February 5, 1982 - Letter from Robert Keith, Coordinator of Greek Affairs at OWU to Beta President indicating Mutual agreement and understanding.
- March, 1982 - Beta taken off probation
- October, 1982 - Real estate management agreement (RMA) first mentioned to the Beta Chapter and Rick Vince ('75) alumni President (The RMA is a request by OWU for the House Corporation to take over the operation and control of the fraternity house)
- November 19, 1982 - Letter from Robert Keith to Chapter President, G. Vail, with copies to Pete Barnhart, National Vice President; Jeff Davis, Chapter advisor; John Smeaton, OWU Dean for Student Life; et al. This letter set forth recommendations as to the fraternity experience program (FEP) and the implementation of the RMA, with performance objectives, insofar as a total report was to be due on May 1, 1983, noting that prior to February 1, 1983, the Theta House Corporation must agree to the RMA in order for Beta to remain a part of the OWU greek system.
- November 22, 1982 - Personal letter from R. Keith to Pete Barnhart relative to the aforementioned
- January 19, 1983 - Pete Barnhart, National Vice President and Rick Schwieterman, District Chief, had a meeting with OWU Vice President, Robert W. Meyer, to discuss implementation of the FEP, RMA, and well being of the Theta Chapter.
- January 24, 1983 - Meeting of some fourteen members of the Theta House Corporation, which included Barnhart and Schwieterman, at the fraternity house. An RMA intention agreement was signed, noting that the actual RMA could not be signed as it was being revised by the University.
- January 26, 1983 - Letter to OWU Vice President, R. Meyer, enclosing statement of intention to accept RMA agreement and request for damage assessment to the house for purposes of repair and renovation, etc.
- February 6, 1983 - Meeting of House Corporation at fraternity house, at which time officers and chairman of various committees elected.
- February 12, 1983 - Alumni quiz of pledges.

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- February 16, 1983 - P. Barnhart and R. Schwieterman, along with alumni, J. Davis and S. Van Buren, and members of active Chapter met with University officials, including Vice President Meyer, Dean Smeaton, R. Keith, et al. to discuss on going progress of the active Chapter. Everything seemingly went smoothly!
- February 22, 1983 - Members of House Corporation and active Chapter met with OWU officials, including R. Keith, for a three hour personal inspection of the fraternity house.
- March 5, 1983 - Formal initiation of thirteen pledges at the Midwest Workshop held in Columbus, Ohio, under auspices of the national fraternity.
- March 8, 1983 - Rick Schwieterman was notified by active Chapter that OWU President, Tom Wenzlau, was coming to the house that evening. At said meeting, attended by Schwieterman, Wenzlau stated that the OWU committee had recommended the removal of Theta Chapter. After discussion, Wenzlau stated that he would reconsider this decision.
- March 9, 1983 - P. Barnhart personally conferred with President Wenzlau in the A.M. Wenzlau than called R. Mauch. That evening, President Wenzlau informed the active Chapter and several alumni, including Schwieterman, that the Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at OWU was terminated. No definitive reasons were given.