



# THETA DATA



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Can you identify any of the partygoers pictured above? We would like to hear your responses.

## Touching base with our alumni

"Been a small town lawyer for 47 years," reports **John E. Halliday '29**, "and active in the Democratic party all these years. President of the First National Bank in Gallipolis, Ohio for 12 years, then moved up to chairman of the board. Also member of the board of Buckeye Building and Loan in Gallipolis for 33 years and still active on both boards. On board of directors of Columbus and Southern Electric Co. until I had to retire at age 70.

"I have been in recent correspondence with **Bill Whiting '29** and **Dick (Mommer) Thomas '29** recently and they are both in good health. Bill lives in Cincinnati and Dick in Florida."

"Red" Halliday and his wife, Marjorie, make their home at 455 First Ave. in Gallipolis. He is BPOE Past Exalted Ruler and a member of both the Gallia County Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association.

In government relations, **Niels C. Holch '78** is a legislative representative for the American Iron and Steel Institute. He is living in Washington, DC at 2312 41st Street NW, Number 101.

**Thomas Frederick Obrecht '77** and his wife, the former Susan Souders (OWU Theta), live in Timonium, Maryland at 321 West Timonium Road. An industrial developer, "Obie" is secretary of P. Frederick Obrecht and Son.

**William M. Miller '31** writes, "After retiring I became bored with inactivity and accepted a position in December, 1974, with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a research analyst of telephone company tariffs. Mary, my wife, and I are living at 1462 Berkshire Road, Columbus, Ohio."

## Alumni note progress

Homecoming '80 was a tremendous success as it hailed the return of over 40 Theta alumni to the annual event. October 18th was the date of the gala celebration as Ohio Wesleyan faced Capital University on the gridiron scene. Meanwhile, preparations were in the making for a cocktail party and dinner at the Delaware Country Club.

The House Corporation elected new officers during the day's activities and provided an excellent backdrop for a kickoff to chapter revival. Alumni in attendance were pleased with the progress the undergraduates had made this year and feel these strides indicated the chapter is on the way back.

Alumnus Don Adams '66 showed his enthusiasm and gave his vote of confidence to the chapter by accepting the invitation to return for Homecoming. Brother Adams traveled from Vail, Colorado, to attend Theta Homecoming activities.

Can we count on you for Homecoming '81? We'd like to!

### AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

The 1980 alumni dues program has not brought in quite enough money to cover the cost of publishing the Theta Data, providing for special event mailings, maintaining the mailing list and paying for mailing costs. Therefore, if you have not sent in your 1980 voluntary alumni dues for \$15.00, please do so. A reply envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Make your check payable to Theta of Beta Theta Pi, P.O. Box 852, Columbus, Ohio 43216. We thank the many brothers who have contributed to date.



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#### Alumni Officers

##### President:

Rick Vince '75

##### Secretary:

Bill Roland '68

##### Treasurer:

Fred Pocock '73

#### Chapter Officer

##### President:

Tom Chimples '81

## Ackley a Yolo County judge

Harry A. Ackley has been judge of the Superior Court of the County of Yolo in the State of California since March, 1976. Prior to that he served in the full-time practice of law in Woodland, California and was an adjunct professor of law at McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific. He is also a certified specialist in criminal law by the state bar of California. During 1967-70, Harry was the district attorney for Yolo County, a position he attained after working as deputy district attorney for three years.

He is a member of the United States Supreme Court, United States District Court, and the California and Yolo County Bar Associations. He is also affiliated with the American Trial Lawyers Association, California Trial Lawyers Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He has also served as a volunteer attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Spotlight on these Chapter alumni

**Christopher P. Browne '73** and his wife, Terri (OWU '74), are regional representatives of the national Marriage Encounter and team couple at Williams St. Church in Delaware, Ohio. He writes, "Terri and I are very involved with Marriage Encounter and enjoy it thoroughly." An insurance adjuster, Brother Browne was promoted last year to supervisor at Crawford and Co. in Columbus, Ohio and is enjoying the new challenge. "Sugar Bear" and his wife reside at 1337 B.E. Towne Lane, Delaware, Ohio. Brother **Ron Lee '76** resides in the same apartment complex.

**Wallace T. Ward III '72** offers, "I have been with the American Gas Association since 1977 and was recently promoted to lobbyist. I represent the 300 member natural gas pipeline and distribution companies of A.G.A. before Congress on such issues as pipeline safety, anti-trust and divestiture legislation and liquefied natural gas safety." The attorney is living in Falls Church, Virginia at 5597 Seminary Road.

An address change has been given for **Dr. Ralph R. Bozell III '70**, to 45897 Denise Drive, Plymouth, Michigan.

**Lawrence A. Lagarenne '41** is an attorney and senior partner in the firm, Ingber and Lagarenne in Monticello,

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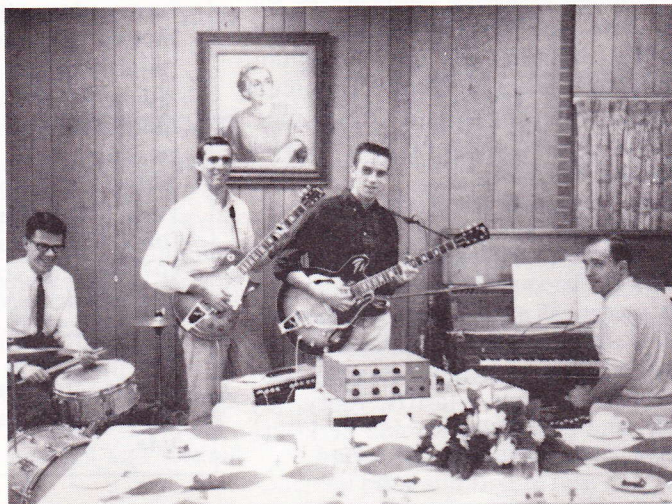
New York. After graduation from OWU, he attended Cornell Law School for one year and then entered the US Naval Reserve where he was on active duty during WWII from June 1942 to November 1946. After returning to Cornell he received a Bachelor of Law Degree in 1947 and was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York. Larry is also president of the Legal Aid Society of Sullivan County and member of the Defense Research Institute and American Judicature Society, among others. Brother Lagarenne and his wife, Grace, reside in Monticello at 7 Alva Lane.

Vice president of the First National Bank of Boston in Portsmouth, Massachusetts, **William S. Anthony '45** and his wife, Rosa, make their home at 25 Starboard Lane, Osterville, Massachusetts. A Massachusetts Senior Golf champion in 1978, Bill is a member of the Oyster Harbor Golf Club. He is a retired Colonel in the Marine Corps after 24 years active duty in the Pacific, Korea and Viet Nam.

An attorney, **James Carroll Martin Jr. '72**, practices from his home address of 4902 Greenway Drive, Bethesda, Maryland. He writes, "Steve Mirsky '72 and I share a house in Green Acres and are currently most active in community affairs in our area. We are in constant contact with **Bob McClusky '70** in both social and business dealing. A genuine, lasting friendship has developed as a result of our Beta days."

### THE BETA BAND:

Does that jog a few memories of days gone by at Theta? Do you still remember the men pictured at right? Let us hear from you soon.



Beta Theta Pi in the 1920s, courtesy of Brother Scott. Do you remember your days at Beta Theta Pi?



**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 write a short note and mail it to Theta House Corporation, Beta Theta Pi, P.O. Box 852, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

**Around and about with Thetas**

**Robert L. Reed '66** reports, "I've worked at Dancer, Fitzgerald, Sample, Inc. advertising agency for twelve years, ever since leaving OWU. Currently, I'm vice president-account supervisor on the Olympia Brewing Co. account, which is great since I always did like an occasional beer at school. Another Theta Beta, **Bob Pope '74**, joined DFS in 1978.

"In 1978 I married Mary Anne and now have a family that includes two boys. We live at 4 Devon Rd., Darrien, Connecticut. Two other Betas, **R. Bird '66** and **G. Magrath '66**, live just about a stones throw away. In San Diego I looked up **D. Kinney '66** and his wife and small children and also keep in touch with D. Herstone on Long Island."

Spike adds, "I'd enjoy seeing or hearing from any brothers past or present."

**Marshall B. Douthett '58** is an attorney at Douthett and Ochsenbein in Jackson, Ohio. He and his wife, Betty Jean, list their address as 156 West South Street, in Jackson.

**John L. Spofford '78** is a stockbroker with A. G. Becker and lives with his wife, Ginny, at 230 Montgomery Avenue, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

**Robert C. Lafferty** is a geological engineer living at 198 SE First Street, South Patrick Shores, Eau Gallie, Florida.

**Daniel S. Guy '49** is dean of the college of law for Ohio Northern University. A Mason, Dan and Eleanor list their address as 220 Grandview Boulevard, Ada, Michigan.

**Jud Knox '70** is a hospital administrator for Camden Community Hospital and Health Care Center. He is living in Camden, Michigan, at 16 Grove Street.

In railroad transportation sales, **Donald W. Korn '42** is the director of coal and ore sales for the Consolidated

Rail Corporation. "Pop" and June, make their home at 222 East Montgomery Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

**George J. McCabe Newhard '43** is a mathematics teacher for the Roaring Fork School District. The skiing enthusiast makes his home at 1335 Sage Court, Aspen, Colorado, with his wife, Geraldine.

**Robert C. Richards '50** is the audiovisual director for the Greenville City Schools. He and Lois, list their address as 139 Riser Drive, Tipp City, Ohio.



These sporting men represented Beta in basketball several years ago. Do you recall their names?

**Rich earns Ministry degree**

Dr. W. Daniel Rich '55 begins, "The most significant item of late was my reception of the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University Theological School in Madison, New Jersey, on October 12, 1979. My project-dissertation was entitled: "A Model for Membership Development for the Urban-Suburban Parish." I am currently associate pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware.

"My hobbies included golf, skiing and gardening. I was the president of the local Association for Retarded Citizens from 1974-76 and now serve as president of various ministerial associations. My wife and I are residents of Wilmington and can be reached at 12 Vining Lane, Westhaven."

**Honor Roll grows!**

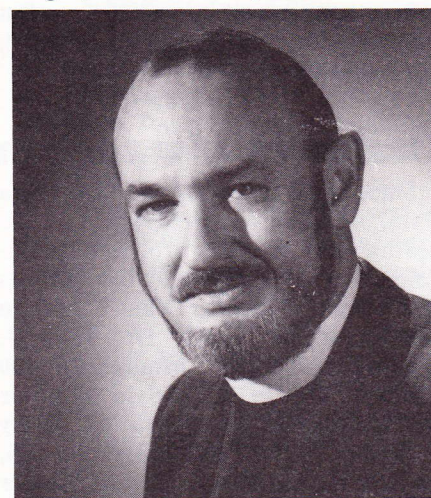
We want to hereby thank all of the alumni who have assisted our chapter in any way during the past year by sending rush recommendations, by visiting the house, by assisting our members, or by sending an alumni dues check or contribution.

Our special thanks go to the alumni listed below who sent an alumni dues check for the 1980 year. These men made our alumni newsletter possible. If there are any omissions, please let us know so a correction can be published.

If your name is not listed, and you find another dues invoice and reply envelope enclosed, we have not heard from you and would like to.

1980 Honor Roll to date:

Wilson Anderson, William Bartels, Robert M. Best, John H. Carhart, M.S. Christensen Jr., J. Kenneth Cozier Jr., Marshall B. Douthett, Bruce Elder M.D., Hal A. Fausnaugh, J.P. Freeman, Daniel S. Guy, Lt. Col. Jack Hahn, Tom Halliday, Charles W. Handley, William M. Haskell M.D., Earl Holbrook, Eugene Horner, W.H. Hyde M.D., Brian J. Kingston, Jud Knox, Donald W. Korn, Edwin J. Lilly, L.A. Linderer, William A. Long, Neil McPherson, Geoffrey T. Magrath, Robert S. Mauck, Col. John A. Mikuluk, Holden E. Miller, William M. Miller, Steven E. Mirsky, David M. Myers, Robert S. Neff, George J. Newhard, G.G. Nieberg, Paul M. Nobis, Luke Noland, Samuel P. Pardoe, Robert C. Richards, Jack P. Salerno, Tom R. Shank, C. Dee Simpson, Ned Speasmaker, Richard W. Stivers, Thomas J. Tatham, Hugh I. Troth, Robert S. Ulrich, John H. Valkenburg, Stanley K. VanBuren, William H. Whiting, Rev. William C. Wright, Robert A. Wyant.



Dr. W. Daniel Rich '55



# From coast to coast with Beta Theta Pi alumni

**William M.M. Haskell '68** is a physician who includes horseback riding among his special interests. He is a member of the Camargo Hunt Club and a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. A resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, he lives at 7850 Given Road.

**Richard W. Stivers '68** is manager of the National Bank of Detroit and lives with his wife, Sharon, and their two sons at 4810 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Vice president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith Inc., **C. Dee**

## Horner a world traveler

Eugene W. Horner '69 writes, "I grew quickly bored with standard fields of endeavor as I felt my place was always somewhere else. I spent some time in Aspen as a ski instructor and mountain guide, then several consecutive summers leading raft trips on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. In 1974 I started traveling more quickly, guiding treks and climbs in the Himalayas of Nepal, India and Pakistan, and the Andes of Peru and Ecuador, as well as river trips in Nepal, Venezuela, Chile, Mexico and the western United States.

"In 1979, I organized and led an expedition sponsored by the American Alpine Club. It was the first American attempt on Himal Chuli (25,8951) in central Nepal. Over the past several years I have sold a number of my stories and photographs to national and local magazines, and have now slowed my travel pace to pursue photojournalism. I will move to Paris later in 1981 to manage an importing firm but can now be reached at Box 8037, Aspen, Colorado."

## Thetas in memoriam

Since publication of the last **Theta Data**, we have received notice of the deaths of several brothers. Condolences are extended to the families and friends of Brothers **Paul T. Mahon** (December 18, 1979), **Dr. John J. Heinien '37**, **Tom Moorehead '20** (October 20, 1979), **Melvin Trumble** and **William O. Thompson '42**, **Harry T. Miller '41**, **C. Ralph Dystant '25**, **Jerome H. Goubeaux '29** and **Arthur M. Vierbome '26**.

**Simpson '54** is office manager in Beverly Hills, California. He and his wife, Pat, list their address as 17172 Avenida de Santa Ynez, Pacific Palisades, California.

In industrial finance, **Samuel R. Thornburg '15** is chairman of S. R. Thornburg. He and his wife make their home on Gleness, Quaker Hill, Pawling, New York.

**John A. Neff '64**, an electrical engineer, is program manager of the Department of Defense. The tennis and golf enthusiast lives with his wife, Karen, at 7810 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield, Virginia.

**Paul M. Nobis '55** is the general manager for Dolbey and Company. With Anne, his wife, he lives at 876 Grays Lane, New Richmond, Ohio.

**Tom R. Shank '52** is currently vice president of Spoerr Vaults, Inc. He was recently elected president of the National Concrete Burial Vault Association and lives with his wife, Joan, at 2017 Hull Road, Sandusky, Ohio.

In financial management, **Geoffrey T. Magrath '66** is the vice president and treasurer of A. Johnson and Company, Inc. He and his wife, Barbara, are at home at 5 Goodwives River Road, Darien, Connecticut.

**Earl F. Holbrook '39** is the personnel supervisor for the Hamilton County Board of Elections. He recently returned from a tour of England, Luxembourg, Switzerland and France. He includes reading, writing and gardening among his special interests and lives with his wife, Betty, at 5951 Vyvette Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Bob C. Moyers** is the owner and president of Ourway Enterprises, a marketing firm. He can be reached at 511 Lorraine, Bowling Green, Ohio.

College professor **Douglas V. Austin '59** is chairman of the department of finance, College of Business Administration at the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio. He and his wife, Gayle, make their home at 2105 Hawthorne Road, Ottawa Hills, Toledo.

**Charles W. Handley '61** is a commercial pilot and first officer for Trans

World Airlines. He is living in Scottsdale, Arizona, at 5902 North Granite Reef Road.

**Robert S. Neff '53** is chairman, president and chief executive officer for the Neff Folding Box Company. He is living at Number 5 Rue Royale, Dayton, Ohio.

Attorney **Stanley K. Van Buren '52** lists his address as 905 Mission Hills Lane, Worthington, Ohio.

Now retired, **John H. Carhart '38** and his wife, Ruth, live at 19 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

**William H. Hyde '22** is now retired and living at 2601 Via Ramon, Palos Verdes Estates, California, with his wife, Marjorie.

Attorney **Horace D. Riegler '23** retired as a circuit judge and now lives with his wife, Cleo, at 726 Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach, Florida.

### PHOTOS NEEDED

Do you have photos from your days at Theta Chapter? If so, please send them to Theta House Corporation, Beta Theta Pi, P.O. Box 852, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

They will be returned.

**William W. Giffin '58** is president of the Giffin United Agency, Inc. On December 1, 1979, he retired as lieutenant colonel of the infantry and battalion company of the Ohio National Guard after 22 years service. He and his wife make their home at 1626 Lakewood Avenue, Lima, Ohio.

Attorney **Steven E. Mirsky '72** is affiliated with Brown, Genn, Brown and Karp. He was recently married at the Anchorage House in Alexandria, Virginia. Brothers **J.R. Mathews '70**, **Jim Martin '72**, **Bob McCluskey '71** and Mrs. Janet Borish, wife of **Gene Borish '71** attended. Brother Mirsky and his wife, Marcie, list their address as 6741 Kenwood Forest Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

In corporate public relations, **Andrew C. Russell '68** is a staff information representative for the IBM Corporation. The sailboat racing enthusiast lives at 442 East 20th Street, New York, New York.