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Theta Chapter Return to Ohio Wesleyan *Golden Opportunity?*

By *Martin Haskell*

Beta Theta Pi Advisory Council (former Board Member)
Theta Chapter House Corporation Treasurer and former President



Martin Haskell '68

Elsewhere in this issue of *Theta Data* are letters from Sigma Chi Fraternity, OWU Alumni IFC President Chuck Nider and the OWU Fraternity Life office related to the closure of the Sigma Chi chapter at Ohio Wesleyan. In the months since the Sigma Chi announcement, there have been a series of emails amongst our alumni wondering if this is the time for Theta to return to OWU. This is also a recurring question in *Theta Data* letters to the editor.

In his letter, Chuck points out the return and ongoing success of FIJI at OWU. He articulates sentiments that we all share for our own chapter and OWU:

“To ensure the future of Greek life at Ohio Wesleyan, I must ask that we increase our commitment and involvement to Greek life and to the undergraduate men and women of our beloved University. ... As alumni, it is our responsibility to transmit [Greek] values and lessons to those who follow with an even greater commitment than the values and lessons transmitted to us.”

Undertaking a recolonization is no small task and requires the commitment and cooperation of the alumni, the general fraternity office and the university.

A host institution's (OWU) OK or endorsement is a requirement for recolonization for both policy and pragmatic reasons. At the policy level, BTP's policy is to cooperate fully and partner with host institutions with regards to colonization and oversight of chapters. Pragmatically, if a student group (fraternity or otherwise) is not recognized by the host institution, it will not be allowed to use campus facilities or participate in campus events as a group, i.e., IFC, rush, Greek Week, intramural activities.

OWU, like most institutions, is tightly controlling Greek expansion to avoid over-saturation and to insure the health of the Greek community. When an institution decides to allow an expansion, the opportunity is typically put up for bid, and the national organizations make formal presentations for the available slot(s). The host institution, usually in cooperation with its own IFC, then chooses which group will be allowed to colonize. In strong Greek communities, IFCs typically will not seek to add chapters unless there is clearly a need not met on campus as its members do not wish to see their own chapters cannibalized by an excess of fraternities. OWU's IFC Bylaws spell out just such a process. A copy is available by email from your editor if you are interested.

BTP itself will not issue a charter to a group that does not have a host institution endorsement. Additionally, BTP will want to know there is substantial alumni support in bodies, time and money to sustain a recolonization. The recolonization model being employed by BTP requires seven advisers for each chapter, though they do not all have to be Betas. Some chapters today even have women as the chapter adviser! Each adviser needs to commit at least one day or evening a month onsite and always availability by phone. The chapter adviser needs to commit to weekly onsite visits. In addition, BTP requires a full-time paid adviser onsite for 1-2 years. On the money side, we are in the \$100,000-\$250,000 range without a house. But all needs to be in place before BTP will seek the recolonization at a proposed host institution.

Some of you may be aware that OWU's enrollment has fallen short creating financial difficulty for the university. One area that the university cut is support for Greek life, reducing the Greek adviser position to half-time.

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Additionally, OWU has rewritten the housing contracts with fraternities, transferring a greater burden for housing maintenance to them. FIJI's recent recolonization at OWU cost close to \$1.5 million (included refurbishing their house).

The fact that Sigma Chi failed because of low numbers on the heels of FIJI's recolonization suggests that OWU is at its saturation point with regards to fraternities. Currently on campus, 40% of men belong to seven fraternities in various states of health. Our editor, Tom Tatham, called the Fraternal Life Adviser to inquire about the prospects for a recolonization and

was advised that OWU was not interested in a new fraternity at this time, and they expected Sigma Chi to apply for recolonization within the next two years.

The time does not appear to be ripe for a Theta recolonization at this time. When the time comes for Theta to seek to recolonize at OWU, the question will be, who will step up to the plate to do the yeoman's work and provide the resources that will be required?

~kai~ Marty

Message From Chuck Nider Alumni IFC President

Below is the email sent by the OWU Office of Alumni Relations.

To the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Community:

On November 11, our Greek community said goodbye to Sigma Chi's Gamma Chapter after the International Headquarters closed the chapter in response to "declining membership and commitment to the fraternity's historic mission".

Though the news is sad, I see a bright spot on the horizon. In 2008, Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) closed its doors due to similar circumstances. With support from the University, FIJI International Headquarters, and determined Ohio Wesleyan alumni, the Theta Deuteron chapter returned to campus just four short years later. FIJI's return to campus in 2012 brought with it a new generation of members who continue to exceed expectations of what it means to be a fraternity gentleman.

Although its value is sometimes questioned, Greek life is more relevant and important than ever in today's society. Our fraternities and sororities are deeply rooted in community service and philanthropic efforts, making a real impact in people's lives. In the past year, OWU Greek-affiliated students completed 12,582 hours of community service! Our Greek community continues to defy stereotypes and exceed expectations while growing to 39% of the student body, up from a low of 25% when I was an undergraduate.

As President of Alumni Inter-fraternity Council (AIFC), I am saddened by the loss of this fraternity. But I know several of the incredible leaders and brothers of Sigma Chi, and I believe they will apply to bring this chapter back to campus in the future and provide strong mentorship to new members. Greek life has always been and will continue to be an important part of Ohio Wesleyan's fabric.

To ensure the future of Greek life at Ohio Wesleyan, I must ask that we increase our commitment and involvement to Greek life and to the undergraduate men and women of our beloved University. It is through alumni support and mentorship that these men and women are able to gain the valuable life lessons that Greek life holds for them.

Chuck Nider '07
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Chuck graduated from OWU in 2007 with a BA in Chemistry. He is currently a Research Chemist at Abitec Corporation, specializing in analytic chemistry, focusing on product development for emerging markets, with emphasis on developing platforms and marketing strategies.

Active in the Phi Delt House Corporation and Alumni IFC, Chuck is working on his MS in Chemistry/Biochemistry at Ohio State University.

As alumni, it is our responsibility to transmit those values and lessons to those who follow with an even greater commitment than the values and lessons transmitted to us.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Please find the press release from OWU on page 3.]

Sincerest regards,

Charles J. Nider, III
President, Alumni Inter-fraternity Council (AIFC),
Ohio Wesleyan, 2007, Phi Delta Theta

Ohio Wesleyan University

SIGMA CHI DRAFT CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENT:
Dear Campus Community,

The Sigma Chi International Fraternity has notified Ohio Wesleyan that it is closing OWU's Gamma Chapter effective immediately. As a result, the chapter house is being vacated and the former brothers relocated.

According to the international headquarters, the decision to close Ohio Wesleyan's chapter was made after significant deliberation, including communication with OWU Sigma Chi alumni. Items of review included declining membership and commitment to the fraternity's historic mission.

Sigma Chi has a long, accomplished, and proud history at Ohio Wesleyan, and the University is committed to working with the international headquarters in terms of any future plans to apply to return to campus.

Students now living in the former chapter house, which is owned by the University, are working with the Office of Residential Life to transition into campus housing.

Despite this development, the University remains very supportive of the fraternity and sorority experience, which helps to develop strong leadership skills, build a generous philanthropic spirit, and create powerful alumni connections.

Kimberlie L. Goldsberry, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Dana D. Behum, M.Ed.
Assistant Director of Student Involvement for Fraternity and Sorority Life

ADMISSION/ALUMNI TALKING POINTS:

- Greek life has a proud and long-standing tradition on the Ohio Wesleyan University campus.
- Ohio Wesleyan values the Greek community and the individuals who contribute to it, and we are proud of the positive impact that our fraternity and sorority organizations have on the campus and in the surrounding community.
- An example of this impact is the recent "Greek Day of Service." On Oct. 24 – coinciding with National Make A Difference Day – more than 300 OWU Greek students volunteered their time to help over 20 local, nonprofit organizations.
- Ohio Wesleyan has seven national fraternities and five national sororities, with more than a third of our students choosing to be part of Greek Life.
- OWU's fraternities and sororities are affiliated with the National Panhellenic Conference, North-American Interfraternity Conference, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council, helping to ensure that the local chapters adhere to Greek standards across the country.
- As of its closing 11 men were living in the Sigma Chi house, which can accommodate 22 residents. Declining membership and the chapter's commitment to the fraternity's international mission were cited as concerns by the fraternity.
- The vote to close the OWU chapter was made by the international headquarters' Executive Committee and cannot be appealed. The fraternity may seek to return to campus in fall 2019 if it so chooses. The process, if successful, can take up to two years.
- The Sigma Chi action is unfortunate, but it does not indicate insurmountable issues.
- The FIJI fraternity recently reclaimed its spot on campus and a Chapter house after a very successful recolonization. Sometimes such strong action is needed to ensure that students understand and appreciate the commitment to excellence demanded of them by the Greek Life system.

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A Chapter or a House

My View

By Eric Eickboff '2000

ΒΘΠ General Fraternity Archivist, 2008 To Present
ΒΘΠ General Fraternity, Sr. Ed. Consultant, 2001-2004



Throughout my experiences in working with various chapters of Beta Theta Pi and men and women from other fraternities and sororities, I have found that people commonly refer to the "house" where they resided. This has always bothered me, especially when members are not housed collectively in a house or on a floor. However, I think it goes deeper than that. A house refers to the physical structure where people live. Rather, when we were initiated into Beta Theta Pi, we became members of the Theta Chapter, and pledged to always uphold her as a "chapter of Beta Theta Pi".

So why do I bring this up? As you have read, the main focus of this *Theta Data* is on the prospects of reestablishing Beta's presence at Ohio Wesleyan. I know there are chapter brothers whose OWU and Beta experience is linked to the location where they lived. My experience was on "the Hill" at 9 Williams Drive, while others were at 54 West Lincoln. Regardless of where we lived, we are all members of Dear Old Theta.

It is my opinion that we need not focus on a house, rather focus on building a strong and vibrant chapter of men who carry the legacy of Theta forward. I have been to numerous colleges and universities, and have visited upwards of 50 Beta chapters, and I can attest that chapters do not need to have a house or a floor to succeed. There are some inherent advantages in having a house, including having a central location to meet and a physical identity on campus.

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**54 W. Lincoln & Brothers
Circa 1925**

THESE PICTURES ARE DATED 1925 and were in my father's possession. There are two photos of the interior, one of the exterior and the chapter members. I'm only sure of the identities of two of the people shown. The one seated in the middle is my father (Robert Chaney) and just left of him is Charlie Clark. I think Donald Hornbeck is probably in the picture, and he might be the one to the right of my father, but I am not certain.

Ted Chaney '53



The living room



The music room and parlor



"The House" 54 W. Lincoln



The Brothers — 1925

Alumni News

Emails, letters and phone calls ...

News & Photos from Lee Szambecki '98

May 7, 2015

We just finished "Spring break" for the 19th year in a row down on Captiva Island, FL.

We are getting old, but I think a good time was still had by all. Below is a photo of the group.

Ben Harrison, Katie Szambecki, Lee Szambecki, Ramsy Majoub, Elysa Majoub, Mike Dowgiewicz, Dan Hawks, Levi Levinston and Jeff Gallo. Sorry don't have roll #s but all around 1600 or so (save the ladies :))

Last photo is roll numbers on a dollar bill stapled to the wall of the bar (which is an old fishing tradition in the region of Southwest Florida).

Thanks for keeping this chapter alive and connected.



"If things come easy, there is no premium on effort. There should be joy in the chase, zest in the pursuit."

— W. Branch Rickey, OWU, Class of 1904

Notes From Dave Weisman '57

Dave sends his best from his home with Edie at 11781 Old Oak Dr., Granger IN 46530-6014. They can be reached at 574-340-5235 and email at dbw11781@comcast.net.

They return to Dave's roots in Upper Arlington, OH every five years for high school reunions and visits with old friends. They also are avid followers of the U of Michigan football, and return to the "Shoe" in Columbus every other year for the "big game".

Most years they visit brother Earl '59 and Kay Winters in eastern PA where Earl is retired from his engineering work and Kay from her career as an "illustrator" and author of children's elementary books.

Dave sends these pictures of their fond memories of days at OWU and 54 W. Lincoln.



Dave & Edie at 1956 pledge formal



Keith Eiken '57. In room 2? What are you up to? Is that Edie W. in your room?



Mama Linn & Edie



The "old" bridge game at lunch with Mama Linn overseeing the action. Pictured are: Cook, Stockstill, Weisman, Stover and Grosbok.

ARCHIVAL NEEDS

In all probability, someone among our alumni has stashed away in their attic or basement a lot of memorabilia from their college days. Among the items we could use are old composite pictures, old issues of *Theta Data* and pictures of their "golden" days on campus. If you have any of these items, it would be appreciated if you would send them to Tom Tatham, 1994 Suffolk Rd. #1, Columbus, OH 43221; OR — better yet — send as "Word" documents or jpg pictures as attachments to tomtatham@aol.com. Any material you send in the mail will be scanned and/or copied for our records, and the original returned to you promptly. With questions you can always write email or call me at 937-545-9280.

A number of brothers have sent their Beta pins so we can have them placed on display at the Beta Administrative Office in Oxford. If you have never been there, you should go and visit the beautiful museum displays including quite a history of pins.

If you have not visited our chapter Web site where much of this type of history is already available to you, try visiting thetachapterbtp.org and use the Menu for searching our history.

Thanks in advance for your help.

— Kai- Tom Tatham, *Theta Data* Editor — tomtatham@aol.com

OF EVER HONORED MEMORY

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



Paul Barto Kisseberth '54

Beacon Falls, CT, *Citizen's News*, May 18, 2015
BEACON FALLS — Paul Barto Kisseberth, 82, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2015 at his home in Beacon Falls, with loving family by his side.

Paul is survived by his devoted wife and soul mate of 60 years, Ann Grinton Kisseberth.

Paul was born on July 5, 1932 — the only child of Roscoe Paul Kisseberth and Mary Margaret Barto Kisseberth, and was raised in McCutchenville, OH. The oldest of 13 cousins, Paul was fondly known to many as “Kissy” and to his eight grandchildren as “Grandpa”.

Kissy and Ann met at Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was recruited to play baseball and basketball, and was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and OWU's Air Force ROTC unit. He majored in physical education. They married following graduation in 1954, and he served in the U.S. Air Force in Enid, OK.

Paul began his 40-year career in publishing with McGraw-Hill Publishing Company in Detroit, MI, with *Fleet Owner Magazine*. He was transferred to Chicago, where he eventually became regional sales manager while living in Downers Grove, IL.

In 1976, he transferred to New York City as national sales manager and later became publisher of *Fleet Owner Magazine*. Additionally, he served as a vice president of McGraw-Hill and as associate publisher of *Aviation Week and Space Technology Magazine*. He continued with *Fleet Owner Magazine* when it sold to Intertect Publishing in White Plains, NY, and retired in December 1996. Kissy and Ann lived in Stamford for 33 years, where he was an active member of his church, having also served on the Board of Trustees of the church

Kissy will be remembered as someone who was genuinely interested in everyone he met. He treated everyone fairly and with respect. He always gave sound advice. He loved life, he loved a gathering, and he was always the life of the party. He loved music — the louder the better — and dancing. Above all, Kissy cherished his family, friends, colleagues and customers.

In addition to his wife Ann of Beacon Falls, Paul is survived by his daughter, Mary Kisseberth Bedson and her husband, Scott, and their children, Laura and Robert of Fairfield; his daughter, Katharine Barto Kisseberth of Trumbull; his son, Michael Paul Kisseberth and his wife, Coral, and their children, Jack, Camille and Danielle of Tiburon, CA; his son, John Mills Kisseberth and his wife, Judie, and their children, Hailey, William and Jacob of Narragansett, RI.



Milton C. Irvin '55

Easton MD Star Democrat

EASTON — Milton Crossland Irvin, 82, of Easton, MD, died on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at Bayleigh Chase in Easton. He was born in

Arlington, VA on January 4, 1933, son of the late King Milton Irvin and Ruth Lucas Irvin. Raised in Arlington, VA, a graduate of Washington Lee High School and a member of the 1950 national championship crew team, Milt graduated from Ohio

Wesleyan University in 1955, and served in the United States Air Force attaining the rank of Captain. Following his military service, Milt received an MBA from American University and began his distinguished Washington DC area real estate development career with Edmund J. Bennett Associates.

Milt was a founding principal of Croyder Irvin and Company, and of CIH Properties, Inc. where he served as Chairman. Over the course of his career, Milt was responsible for the creation of a number of premier residential communities, consisting of over one-thousand homes. Following his retirement, Milt moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore. An avid enthusiast of history, novels and nature, Milt passed his passion for sailing and the Chesapeake Bay to his children. He was a friend to many, a gentleman and a beloved son and father. He is survived by two sons, Douglas Irvin of Annapolis and Bruce Irvin of Davidsonville, MD and five grandchildren, Storrie, Alders, Isla, Jack and David.

From Friends of Milt Irvin

Dear Jack Hahn '55: Sorry to report that Milt died this past week. He had been quite sick for some time with what we thought were strokes. His son Doug called and said it was Alzheimer's. Hope this finds you and Judy well. Fundy John Funderburg '55



Russell Clarence Patterson '49

MANSFIELD: Beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Russell Clarence Patterson passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on January 19, 2015, at age 94.

Born at home June 25, 1920, in Cardington, OH, to Frank and Lucy (Hickson) Patterson, Russell lived a life marked by honor, resilience and generosity.

After graduating from Cardington High School in 1938, Russell answered his country's call on March 31, 1942, and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served with the Eighth Air Force, 401st Bomb Group, 612th Squadron, based in Deenethorpe, England. He served as a radio operator aboard a B-17 aircraft on 35 missions in the European theater. For his sacrifice and bravery, Russell was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and three theater ribbons with bronze stars. Following his missions in Europe, Russell continued to serve his country by flying over fifty supply missions through the Himalayan Mountains from India into China.

After returning home, Russell attended Ohio Wesleyan University on the GI bill and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1949. He earned his Master's of Education degree from Bowling Green University in 1963.

On May 29, 1950, he married his wife, Marian. Russell taught and coached for several school districts, and was hired at Madison School district in 1953. He taught, coached, and later served as assistant principal, then principal of Madison Junior High beginning in 1963. With assistance from family members, Russell built the family home in 1958 and raised a family in Lexington, OH. He and Marian have resided there since that time.

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He retired from education in 1979 and worked part-time for Charles Mill Marina as a driver and payroll manager. He also volunteered at Mid-Ohio Race Car Course in scoring and timing since the mid-70's. In 2014, the scoring and timing room at Mid-Ohio was named in his honor. Russell attended Central Methodist Church in Mansfield for many years, and Church of the Cross in Lexington, more recently.

In 2008, he was privileged to participate in an Honor Flight of veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the National World War II Memorial.

An avid fan of Ohio State athletics, as well as the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns, Russell was thrilled to see the Buckeyes win the 2015 College Football National Championship. He was one of the veterans honored during a tribute on the Ohio Stadium scoreboard at a November 2014 football game.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Mildred (Ralph) Levering, Lowell (Ruth) Patterson and David (Beulah) Patterson and brother-in-law, Edward Lake.

Russell is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marian, of Lexington, OH, who lovingly cared for him during his illness. He is also survived by son, Mark Patterson and his wife Linda, of Mansfield, OH; daughter, Jodi Schraedly and her husband Bob, of Lexington, OH; son, Jon Patterson and his wife Terri, of Wexford, Pennsylvania; granddaughters, Lauryl Schraedly and Paige Miller; grandsons, Andrew Schraedly, Shane Patterson, Jake Patterson and Brian Patterson; special sister-in-law, Guian Lake; dear friend, Doug Castle; and many more family and friends who loved him dearly.

**Stanley Kent Van Buren '52**

Stanley Kent Van Buren '52, 86, of Columbus, passed away at Riverside Methodist Hospital August 27, 2015. Stanley was born August 23, 1929 in Toledo, OH to the late Dr. Harlow and Clara (Krueger) Van Buren. A Graduate of Carey High School, he served in the United States Army and the United States Air Force and was in the Korean War. Stan was an Ohio Wesleyan graduate and earned his law degree at Ohio Northern University. He was a member Beta Theta Pi. Before retiring from a career as an attorney, Stan was a former FBI agent and the Assistant Attorney General for the State of OH. Stan is survived by his wife of 46 years, Janet (Lindamood) Van Buren; and their children, Tonya (Dave) Monnot and Stuart (Suzie) Van Buren; grandchildren, Maddie, David, Sarah and Jenna; brother, Ron (Glenda) Van Buren; brother-in-law, Donald Schrom; uncle, Walter Krueger; several nieces and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister Virginia Schrom.

— *The Columbus Dispatch on Aug. 30, 2015*

Obituaries reported in BTP Magazine Summer 2015

Henry L. Cramer '62 Oct. 16, 2015

Michael M. Wallace '81 Sept. 15, 2015

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Karl W. Potraz '83

Oct. 11, 2014

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Karl died at age 53. Member of Ironworkers Local 17. Beloved husband of Janice (nee Bis); father of Kathryn, Michael and Melanie; son of Alice (nee Stafford) and Albert; brother of Elizabeth Marshall (Larry), Nancy Conquest (Joe) and Albert (Dawn); son-in-law of Teresa and the late Frank Bis; brother-in-law of Linda Evans (Mark), Richard (Cynthia), Robert (Carol) and Frank (Pattie); uncle, cousin and friend of many. Passed away suddenly in TN.

— *The Plain Dealer*

**Norman F. Slenker '51**

June, 2015

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Norman Frederick Slenker, 85, of Hilton Head Island, SC died Friday, June 26, 2015 at his residence. Norman was a trial lawyer for Duff, Slenker & Brandt from 1956 to 1995. Norman is survived by his wife Jean; cousins Jan Stafford and Fran Bentlage of Bloomfield Hills, MI. He was preceded in death by brother Donald, father Fred W. Slenker and mother Esther.

On 1/18/2016, 10:42 AM, Kim Denk wrote:

Please find below my father's obituary. He asked me to have it posted in the Beta newsletter. He went to Ohio Wesleyan and graduated in 1958. Is there anything else I need to do to ensure this is posted? Please confirm receipt and handling. Thank you! Kim Denk, middle daughter

**Charles P. Woods II '58**

passed away at Hillcrest Hospital on January 10, 2016.

Chuck was a committed husband and dedicated and loving father and grandfather. Husband of the late Charlene, Chuck is survived by his children: Deborah Begy

(Dave), Kim Denk (Joe), and Kristi Foltz (Price) and his grand children, Nicole Stetson (Mark), Kara Begy (Dustin), Joe Denk, Sarah Curry (Adam), Charlie Denk, Alexandra "AJ" Foltz and Ben Foltz and his great grand daughter, Ruby Stetson. He is also leaving behind his cherished pet, Jolie. Chuck attended Ohio Wesleyan and graduated in 1958. He had a distinguished career in Human Resources, retiring from Picker International.

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However, I would argue, there are a number of drawbacks as well, ranging from risk management issues, to capacity and maintenance issues. There are also advantages to not being housed. Groups whose members live in the residence halls often interact with non-affiliated students much more frequently than those who live in houses, including serving as residential advisors and mentors.

When it comes down to it, first we need a chapter and then we can address the issue of getting a house. This should be our sole focus. When the time comes, we can discuss housing options later.

THETA HOUSE COMPANY, BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY
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December 31, 2015 — *Greetings to all Theta alumni of Beta Theta Pi* —

Please consider a dues contribution for 2016, and join the following loyal supporters of our House Corporation and its programs. Dues are payable to Theta House Corporation and mail to Martin Haskell, Treasurer, PO Box 43100, Cincinnati, OH 45243.

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List of OWU Presidents

#	President	Wesleyan Class	Tenure	Life	Events
16 th	Rock Jones	—	2008–present	—	
15 th	Mark Huddleston	—	2004–2007	—	Major \$250 Million Campaign
14 th	Thomas Courtice	—	1994–2004	—	Science Center Built; Establishment of Ohio, Fine Arts Center
13 th	David Warren (professor)	—	1984–1993	—	Hamilton-Williams Campus Center Built
12 th	Thomas E. Wenzlau	1950	1969–1984	—	Branch Rickey Arena Built; Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students adopted Built
11 th	Elden T. Smith	1932	1962–1968	1910–2006	Residential Buildings significantly expanded - Smith, Welch and Lucy Hayes Dormitories built
10 th	David Lockmiller	—	1959–1961	1907–2005	—
9 th	Arthur Sherwood Flemming	1927	1948–1953, 1957–1958	1905–1996	—
8 th	John Burgstahler	—	1939–1947	—	Last of long line of Methodist - appointed Presidents
7 th	Edmund D. Soper	—	1928–1938	—	Stuyvesant Hall built
6 th	John W. Hoffman	—	1916–1928	—	—
5 th	Herbert George Welch	—	1905–1916	—	—
4 th	James Whitford Bashford	—	1889–1904	—	—
3 rd	Charles H. Payne	—	1876–1888	—	Wesleyan Female College merged with Ohio Wesleyan University
2 nd	Frederick Merrick	—	1860–1873	—	—
1 st	Edward Thomson	—	1842–1860	—	—

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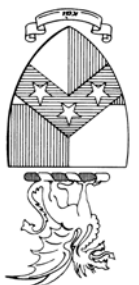
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