

The Theta Data

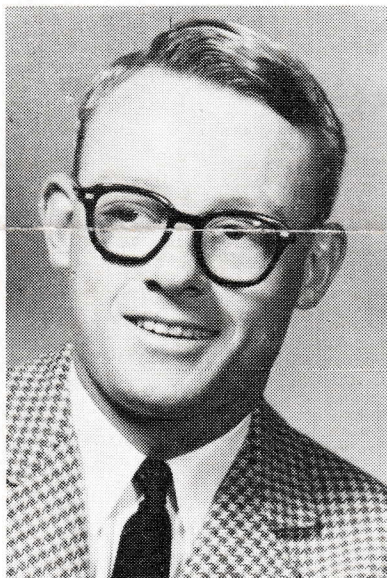
BETA THETA PI AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



104th Year

December, 1957

Dave Carver Leader In Successful Year



Dave Carver

Last March 26, Theta Chapter elected its first semester officers for this year. The officers were responsible for the rushing program for this fall and came through beautifully.

President: Dave Carver (known as "Giggles"), from Troy, Jr., a business major. He was recently appointed head justice of the I.F.C. court.

V. P.: "Bud" Douthelt, a Sr., from Butler, Pa., a political science major. Brother Douthelt is past president of Circle K.

Secretary: Bob Groshok, a Sr. from Pittsburgh, Pa., major in history.

Recorder: Charles P. Woods III, a Sr., from Cincinnati, Ohio, psychology major.

Treasurer: Rusty Pipe, '59, a Jr. from Natick, Mass., a political science major. Brother Pipe, known around the house as "political," is very active in politics. He is president of the Young Republicans Club, worked last summer in the White House, and has been influential in many campus rallies.

Geiger Holds Watson Award

C. Edward Geiger, '58, a Pre-Theological major from Olmsted Falls, Ohio, is the present holder of the Watson Award. The award was given to Brother Geiger by David L. Cook, '57, a political science major from Butler, Pa., and past recipient of the award, at Monnett Weekend. The object of the Robert E. Watson Award is to honor and perpetuate the memory and service to Theta Chapter of Robert E. Watson, '11. It is the hope that the Award will stimulate and inspire the members of Theta Chapter to emulate the loyalty and devotion so unselfishly given by Robert E. Watson. The badge is awarded semi-annually to the senior Theta Beta who has contributed, enthusiastically and unreservedly, throughout his first three and one-half years, in the maintenance of the strength and standards of Theta Chapter. Brother Geiger will continue this fine tradition when he presents the award at the 1958 Winter Homecoming Banquet.

Bob Groshok

Dawson Award To Soph Ed Meyers

At the Fall Homecoming Banquet held in the Asbury Methodist Church Social Hall because of the tremendous attendance, Brother Ed. Meyers, Sophomore from Delaware, Ohio, was presented with the Dawson Award by Earl Winters, last year's holder. "Shuffles" has also the honor of being Theta's 1,000th initiate.

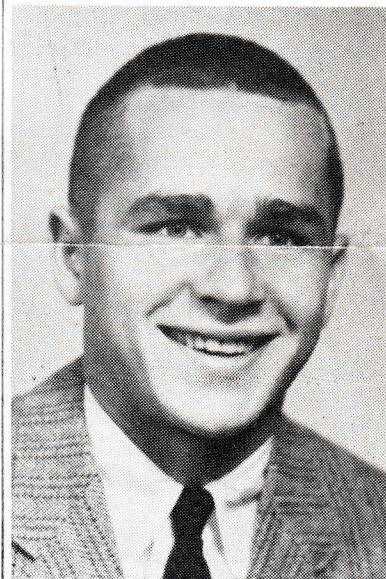
EDITOR'S NOTE:

Dear Brothers:

I hope that the brothers of Theta Chapter enjoy this belated issue of Theta Data. We try to give you a view of Theta life written by the brothers in their own style. We do not desire to be professional, but strive for news that is typical of Beta life on the O.W.U. campus.

If you know of any brother who has not received his Theta Data or

Bob Groshok Second Semester Reins



Bob Groshok

New officers were elected at the Nov. 25th meeting of Theta Chapter. Elected were:

President: Bob Groshok, senior, (known as "Dog or Puppy"), of Pittsburgh, Pa., a five letter winner at O.W.U. and a history major. He had previously been secretary.

Vice President: Barry Haas, a Jr. from Dayton, Ohio, two letter winner in football, and a business major.

Secretary: Earl Winters; a Jr. from Bidwell, Ohio, and a chemistry major. He had previously been the recorder in his sophomore year and the past holder of the Dawson Award.

Recorder: Jim Brown, a Jr. from Cary, Ohio, and a business major. Brother Brown has previously spent four years in the Navy.

Treasurer: Rusty Pipe, a Jr. from Natick, Mass., the only incumbent from last set of officers.

is not in contact with us, please write me in care of the chapter house.

Douglas V. Austin, '59
Alumni Secretary & Editor

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The Social Scene

Theta Chapter began the new school year on a high social note as our annual fall frolic, the Beta hayride, once again became the talk of the campus. The hayride was held on Sept. 28 at a nearby farm and was attended by 65 Betas and their dates. The weather was ideal, and the cider had a mellow taste as we rode along over country roads, singing our favorite Beta songs and renewing old friendships. Needless to say, the hayride was a great success and the spirit of the brothers seemed typical of that which has kept Beta at the top throughout the fall semester.

Next on the social calendar was our Pledge Open House, honoring the outstanding group of men pledged by Theta Chapter this fall. The Beta Combo, composed of Earl Winters, piano, pledge Paul Tafel, trumpet; and pledge George Conrades, drums; along with Gordy Greek and his unique song stylings set the rockin' pace of the afternoon. One very pleasing observation was the fine turn out. Many freshman women were there, and as the music and laughter reverberated through the chapter halls it was easy to see their enjoyment of their first glimpse of life inside a spirited fraternity.

On October 26, the pledges held their annual dinner followed by the pledge formal. All the pledges had a very good evening.

Theta Chapter held two weekend parties. The first one with the Pi-Phi's — our sister sorority — which the brothers thought was one of the best parties they had ever attended. The next weekend because of the cancellation of the Annual Powder Puff Derby, the Beta's entertained the DG's. Here

Spirit High As Theta Pledges 24 Top Men



Row I, left to right: Geoffrey Grove, Dave Falkerth, Tom Hall, Chuck Truesdale, Andy Feld.
Row II, Don Taylor, Hal Hendershot, Gordon Berg, Harvey Ford, Bob Rossand, Bill Bishop.
Row III, Paul Tafel, Mike Rice, George Gunrades, John Matz, Judd Sayre, John Turner.
Row IV, Pete Cameron, Mike Foster, Chuck Handley, Don Currie, Dick Bawden, Monte Hall.
Missing — Fred VanArsdale.

Treasurer's Report

In the last fiscal year, Theta Chapter received an excellent rating from the general fraternity. This evaluation was based on constant improvement in collecting accounts receivable, submitting monthly financial reports and good general financial status.

Theta was among only 19 chapters to receive this excellent rating.

Upon return to campus in September, the Chapter remained in the black and with a seventy-two member chapter, the prospects for another "excellent" financial year look bright.

G. Russell Pipe, Treasurer

again, the afternoon was very pleasant and the combo with the addition of Brother Austin on the sax, again provided entertainment.

The latest social function was the Winter Formal held in the chapter house on December 7. The theme was snow and ski lodges. Decorations were very good especially

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Spirit ran high at Theta Chapter as the 24th pledge came down the stairs. The word spread fast letting everyone on campus know that the Beta's had done it, pledging 24 of the most outstanding men to come to Ohio Wesleyan this year. This pledge class constitutes a tremendous, all around class.

For instance, glance at these examples. The Scholarship records our pledges have shown in their previous schooling and on their college board examinations, has given us hope that they will take the Scholarship Cup. The Beta house has never stopped shaking from our freshman Rock-n-Roll Band. Our athletic minded pledges are currently out for three varsity sports, with more of them expecting to go for winter activities. Spirit wise, our closely knit 24 freshman have dared any of the sophomores to take them to the Sulphur Spring (it has been tried without much success).

We here at Theta Chapter are proud not only of our fine record in Rush Week, but also equally proud to know that there are Beta's in the future that will carry Theta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi to even greater heights.

Our Boys Bolster Drive, Parking Lot Head Improvement List Varsity, IM Teams

Theta chapter is in the front ranks athletically this year. Both in varsity and intramurals Theta men have shown outstanding ability and performance.

Barry Haas, Jim Brown, and Pledges Conrades have added depth and power to the varsity football team. Thinclads Bob Groshok and Pledge Falkreth are high scorers on the Ohio Wesleyan Cross Country Team. Elsewhere on the varsity athletic scene Pledges Taylor and Currie have produced commendable performances as members of the soccer team. Terry Taylor and Jon Boucher are starting linemen on the Lacrosse squad.

In intramurals Theta Men have fought hard to stay in the running for the football title, but the team has only enjoyed limited success. Co-Captains Stover and Clarke maintain that even though Theta lost its first two football games chances for future victories are high.

Volleyball however, is a different story. Five of the six players on the Theta championship team of last spring have returned to school. The team came within an ace of winning the championship, meeting its Waterloo only in the finals.

— Jim Bovard

This year as the brothers returned to the Chapter House from their various activities, they found a new driveway and parking lot awaiting their usage. Such modern conveniences as an asphalt driveway and parking lot have done much to raise morale and lower repair bills on most automobiles. The kitchen has

come in for its share of improvement, also, boasting a new refrigerator and plans for the rearrangement of storage space. Such improvements make life more enjoyable for the brothers who inhabit the hallowed halls of Theta Chapter.

"Reverend" Elected As Senior Class President

C. Edward Geiger, '58, was elected President of the Senior Class at the all-school election held last Spring. "Reverend" Geiger, as he is affectionately known to the Brothers, is a Pre-theo major and this year's recipient of the Watson Award. Brother Geiger also served as President of Circle K, and was head of this year's R.E.W. program. Brother Geiger is a true Beta leader in the full sense of the word.

Bob Groshok

Leadership

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world. — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Solitude

A wise man is never less alone than when he is alone.

— Jonathan Swift

Scholarship Rises

Theta Chapter, the past school year, rose from 11th to fourth position the first semester in scholarship but fell to sixth the second semester.

However, both semesters Theta was above the all-men's average and thus was saved from the consternation of the national.

This year Theta plans to maintain their relatively high position in scholarship.

The Social Scene

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Brother Cramer's idealistic two tier water fall equipped with realistic effects.

Beta has had a good social year and hopes that the rest of the year is as good. As often said, "the Betas are on the move," socially.

—Jack B. Carmichael, '59
Social Co-Chairman

Alumni News and Notes Through The Years

DEATHS

x'05

John W. Pattison, x'05, died on January 24, 1957 in Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, after a long illness. After graduation from Kansas State University and Harvard Law School he became an attorney; later he was vice president and chairman of the board of the Union Central Life Insurance Co. He was a member of the U. S. Air Force during the First World War, a founder of Luken Airport, Cincinnati, director of National Air Transport Co. and American Airline. He belonged to the Lodge of Masons and the American Legion.

x'17

A. Wallace Morrison, '17, died on July 6, 1957 due to complications resulting from a fall early this year. Brother Morrison during his years at O. W. U. was editor of the transcript and ran the distance events for the varsity track team while continuing his high scholastic standing. He was former circulation manager for McGraw-Hill

Publications, sales manager for Encyclopedia Britannica, and was an executive of Marshall Field Enterprises. During his busy life he managed to find time to serve as President of Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association and Alumni Trustee.

MARRIAGES

Miss Nancy Hickenlooper to Robert B. Billman on July 6, at the First Congregational Church in Toledo. Brother Billman is with Havens and Emerson Engineering Co. in Cleveland.

Miss Christine Louise Dietrich to Robert William Freitag, March 30, in First Congregational Church, Akron. Brother Freitag is secretary-treasurer of Dover Molder Product Co. in Dover, Ohio.

Jane Elizabeth Schafer to Michael E. Schwartz on August 31, 1957 in Allentown, Pa.

Martha Ann Rinehart '57 Kappa Alpha Theta, to Lt. James Allen

Vlerebome, March 2, in Wyoming Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. Brother Vlerebome is on military assignment in Germany.

1956

Miss Nancy Rae Mineard to Robert Henry Spiller, March 2, at the bride's home in Barberton. They are now residing in Shaker Hts., Ohio.

1957

Miss Edith Loretta Weisman, Chi Omega, to David Bader Weisman on June 29 in Oakley Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cincinnati. Brother Weisman is attending the University of Michigan, College of Law, at Ann Arbor.

1957

Miss Barbara Anne Blumer, Delta Delta Delta, to Leigh Hamilton Stockstill, July 3, in Grace Methodist Church, Dayton. Brother Stockstill is finishing school at O. W. U.

1958

Miss Norma Jean Durkyer, Alpha Xi Delta, Ohio U., to Bradley Nel-

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son Boen in Dayton, Ohio, in June. Brother Boen and his wife are both finishing college at O. W. U.

BIRTHS

1948

A son, Douglas, October 18, 1956 to Lawrence A. and Joyce Leibale Linderer, 223 Hawk Ave., Akron.

A daughter, Jeanne, November 12, 1956 to Henry S. and Betty Lou Bennett Hubard, 3157 Ainwick Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

1951

A daughter, Lucy Kelsey, October 2, 1957, to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross Long, R. R. 2, Deerhead Drive, Bound Brook, N. J.

1954

A daughter, Mary McCabe, January 5, 1957, to Paul and Ann Grimtion Kisseberth, St. Louis, Mo.

1955

A daughter, Cynthia, April 20, 1957 to Robert S. and Evelyn Long Mauch, 1845 Snouffer Road, Worthington.

CONGRATULATIONS

x'47

Samuel L. Rice x'47 (B. A. Duke) is now vice president and general manager of the Rice Grain

Co. He served on the advisory committee to O. P. S. during the Korean War. He is the first vice president of Toledo Board of Trade and a member of the Chicago Board of Trade. He is the past president of the Board of Trustees of First Presbyterian Church, a member of Toledo Rotary, and American Legion.

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When the Ohio Fourth District Court of Appeals convenes in Pomeroy Tuesday, (Oct. 22), a new face will be among the three judges who make up the court.

The new face belongs to Judge William D. Radcliff who was appointed to the appellate bench last May to succeed the late Russell K. McCurdy. Other members of the tribunal are Judges James Collier and Roy Gillen.

Built like a football fullback with broad shoulders and crew cut, Judge Radcliff is 49.

Into that near half-century has been crammed a full, varied and interesting life.

Judge Radcliff has lived all his life in Williamsport, a Pickaway County village, although he maintains his law office in Circleville.

He served as mayor of his home town from 1934 to 1939, was representative from Pickaway County to the Ohio General Assembly from

1939 to 1942.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army as a private in May, 1942, and was released from active duty with the rank of major in January, 1946. He is now a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.

He served as Pickaway County common pleas judge from Jan. 1, 1947 until he was named to the Appellate bench by Gov. C. William O'Neill this year.

Judge Radcliff's interests are not confined to law. A farm owner, he keeps in close touch with agricultural problems. He also has a keen interest in the financial world, being the non-salaried president of Circleville Third National Bank.

The new appellate court judge has been married since 1936 and is the father of one son, Dud, aged 5.

Judge Radcliff is a member of Circleville Episcopal Church, various Masonic bodies, the American Legion, is a past exalted ruler of Circleville Elks Lodge, a past president of Circleville Rotary Club and is a past district commissioner of Boy Scouts.

He was graduated by Ohio Wesleyan University in 1930 and by Ohio Northern University College of Law in 1933. He was admitted to the Bar of Ohio in 1933 and entered the general practice of law in Circleville.

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