

The Theta Data

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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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1996 THETA CHAPTER "FALLFEST REUNION"

By Richard DeVos '54, Fallfest Reunion Chairman

We had a great reunion of brothers and guests at OWU at the October 18-20, 1996, all-class reunion. It was terrific to get together with alumni from many different classes plus the current chapter of 22 fine young men. It was great, and the 35 alumni who were able to return enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Actually, the dinner totaled over 70, including guests, parents and undergraduates.

It is difficult to plan a function like this due to people's calendars, distances from Delaware, costs, etc. But it seems logical to think you would enjoy seeing brothers (friends) whom you probably would not see if this type of opportunity were not

available. We are eager to plan toward the year 2003 when Theta Chapter is 150 years old. We pledge to you better long-range date and activity planning for all future attempts at such a function. We hope to see many more of you on that occasion!

One last thought for all of you. This chapter is in good hands and still building and growing. To operate financially, they need 35-40 men. We have a great group of young men. They need alumni support in body and money. The Greek system encompasses about 45 percent of the male students, but the university funnels only the room and board funds to the House Corporation to fund the food and operation of the

chapter. The yearly request for financial support to continue the alumni activities of the House Corporation — which includes communications with alumni through our newsletters and other mailings — is the solicitation made through the *Theta Data*. During the 1995-96 giving year, 118 alumni contributed a total of \$5,330 to our program. Those are indeed generous and appreciated contributions. And yet there is always room for improvement. The total number of those contributing is only 15 percent of our total number (807) of living alumni. That means there is a large pool of

Theta alumni who did not get around to writing out that check during the past giving year. Please take the time and make the effort to give something back to your fraternity. Any help will be appreciated and gratefully received.



CHAIRMAN DICK DeVOS '54 INTRODUCES
OWU PRESIDENT TOM COURTICE.

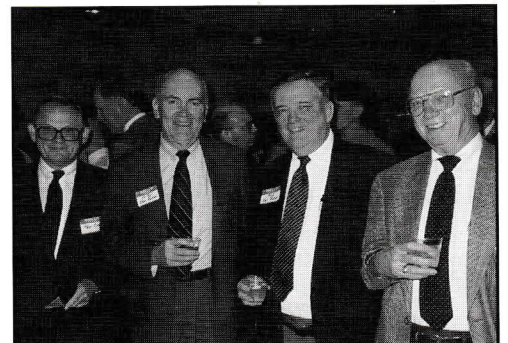


MATT JAKUBOWSKI '99 AND HIS PARENTS,
WHO TRAVELED FROM DENVER, COLO. "A
LOT TO BE PROUD OF MOM AND DAD."

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ALL CLASS REUNION A SUCCESS

By Tom Tatham '56, House Corporation Secretary and *Theta Data* Editor

During the weekend of October 18-20, 1996, over 35 alumni with 15 spouses and guests, 22 undergraduates, parents and special guests attended special events on campus and at the Beta house. The weekend was highlighted by the OWU homecoming football game (although the weather and Wittenberg football team didn't cooperate) and a reception and dinner at Welch Hall. Saturday evening's dinner was attended by 75 alumni, undergraduates, parents and guests and featured Chairman Dick DeVos '54 introducing several speakers: President (and Beta brother) Tom Courtice, District Chief Dave Wright, House Corporation President Bill Rowland '68 and Chapter President Mike Dowgiewicz '98. Speaker comments included updates on University life and the role of Greeks on campus, as well as updates on chapter affairs from the perspective of the National, the House Corporation and the undergraduates. With over 700 freshmen, the outlook for both the University and Greek rushing opportunities is very positive. Our undergraduates have a strong organization with high academic achievements (almost at an overall 3.0 average).

Closing the weekend was a special Sunday morning service led by the Rev. W. Dan Rich '55. Printed at right is "The Bridge Builder" which was used by Brother Rich as a part of his short service, with special emphasis on recognizing those who preceded us and their important legacy to those of us who followed — of particular meaning to those of us who experienced such legacies in our undergraduate experiences.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

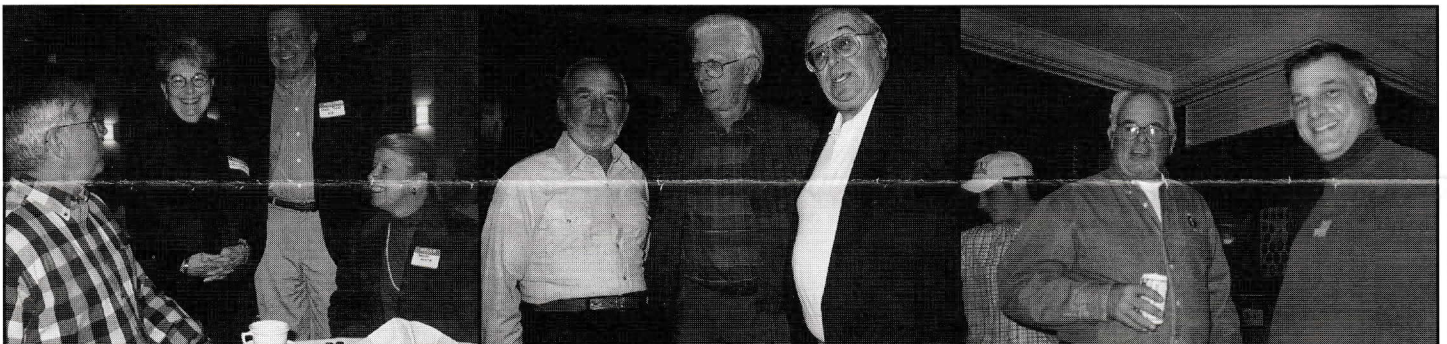
*An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim—
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day:
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"More followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."*

There is no better commitment for each of us to follow than to provide "bridges" for those who follow us — just as others ensured our opportunities to succeed.

MORE REUNION PHOTOS ...



EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE OCTOBER REUNION HAD A GREAT TIME AS THESE PHOTOS ATTEST. THE LEFT PHOTO FINDS (STANDING) ANN TATHAM, FRANK DOVE '58 AND (SEATED) CHARLIE HURTH '60 AND WIFE CAROLINE. CENTER: JACK HAHN '55, DICK McCLINTOCK '53 AND BOB COREY '54. RIGHT: "RIP" VAN WINKLE '66 AND CHUCK UNDERWOOD '68.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OR AN ARTICLE YOU THINK
WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OTHER BROTHERS?

Then send them to one of our two newsletter editors.

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UPCOMING 1997 EVENTS

MONNETT WEEKEND ~ APRIL 11-13
COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND ~ MAY 11
ALUMNI WEEKEND ~ MAY 16-18

ANNUAL THETA CHAPTER DUES

By Tom Tatham '56

In each issue of the *Theta Data*, we provide a form that allows our alumni the opportunity to update their names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and other newsworthy information about themselves. You can also recount your memories of what Beta has meant to you. This is very important for the Alumni Records Office of the chapter in maintaining current, accurate records. We appreciate your cooperation in periodically sharing this information with us; your updates allow our continued communication with you.

Of equal importance is the opportunity for us to support through our dues the publication, printing and mailing of the *Theta Data* and other mail communications that are required each year. Alumni annual dues support is about equal to the expense of our alumni communications.

You will note that this year, our form for the first time allows you the opportunity for your contributions to be made by charging to a credit card; i.e. Master Card, Visa, etc. We are doing this for your convenience and in an effort to provide an opportunity for more contributors to participate. Periodically, we will report to you our progress in both (1) the number of contributors and (2) the amount of support received. For your information, we have included below a table of recent giving results.

| Year | DUES | | CONTRIBUTORS | |
|---------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | \$\$\$\$ | % Increase | Number | % Increase |
| 1990-91 | \$3,245 | - | 72 | - |
| 1991-92 | \$4,350 | 34.1% | 95 | 31.9% |
| 1992-93 | \$3,440 | -20.9% | 84 | -11.6% |
| 1993-94 | \$3,947 | 14.7% | 90 | 7.1% |
| 1994-95 | \$4,081 | 3.4% | 101 | 12.2% |
| 1995-96 | \$5,330 | 30.6% | 118 | 16.8% |

During this same period, the annual expense for publication, printing and mailing the *Theta Data* and other alumni communications has been a low of \$3,440 and a high in 1995-96 of \$5,580.

In addition to keeping you informed about the dues support program, we will be providing you with more information as to the contract between the House Corporation and OWU. It is through this contract that Theta chapter is allowed to reside in the fraternity house, which is owned by the University. In return for the use of the facility, the House Corporation has certain duties and obligations as to the operations of the chapter, its budget and the physical maintenance and upkeep of the property. Some of the responsibilities are the University's and some are the House Corporation's. But more about this subject later, along with more information about "how we are doing."

THETA: A CHAPTER WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT

This speech was delivered by Chapter President Michael Dowgiewicz '98 on Alumni Weekend. We thought those of you who weren't able to be there would appreciate the opportunity to see it.

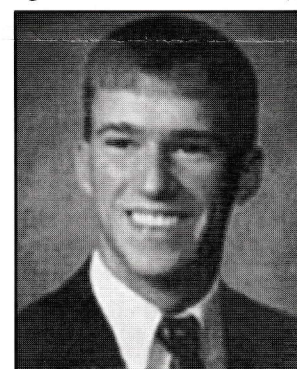
It means a lot to see so many back here. I think that even with 143 years of history, when you lose years like we did in the '80s, it can easily create a situation where the undergraduates can feel forgotten. That obviously is not the case here and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of you — but especially Dick DeVos and Tom Tatham — for putting this together.

Reunions like the ones we've had in past years go a long way in terms of renewing the enthusiasm of everyone in both Beta's history and future. I don't believe the future for Beta here at Ohio Wesleyan has looked brighter in a long time. The house is led by a highly motivated class of juniors that assumed operations as only sophomores and moved forward with the rare opportunity to balance the enthusiasm of underclassmen with the experience that comes with time. We have the chance to be leaders for two years instead of just one, and I think that that can spell nothing but positives for the Theta chapter. In fact, right now it seems difficult to find an aspect of the house operations that has not improved immensely in the past year.

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1996 FOUNDERS FUND SCHOLARS

Annually, hundreds of Beta undergraduates apply for Founders Fund scholarships, funded by alumni gifts to the Beta Leadership Fund. In all, the Foundation awarded scholarships, much of it for graduate study, to 72 deserving young men. We are proud to announce that two 1996 recipients are from Theta Chapter. (Info and photos courtesy of *Beta Theta Pi Magazine*, Convention issue.)



BRADFORD K. CHELTON '98
CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT,
RUSH, ALUMNI, SCHOLARSHIP
CHAIRS, PHILANTHROPY TASK
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DEAN'S LIST.



JASON P. PARKER '96
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IFC REP, STUDENT
FOUNDATION, ORIENTATION
ASSISTANT, DEAN'S LIST,
ΨΕ, ΠΣΑ

**CONGRATULATIONS
BRAD AND JASON!**

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 ... **A CHAPTER WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT**

To begin with, I hope that everyone has had a moment or two to see the physical improvements to the house. The interior and exterior have both been painted since this summer, and last winter we added a television room in the basement. With the combined efforts of undergraduate brothers and our House Corporation, we have improved the day-to-day care and maintenance of the house to the point of winning accolades for house management even from the University, normally a pretty tough grader when it comes to fraternity houses.

Last year we made a conscious effort to recruit the young men whom we could be sure not to lose to academic problems, as has been the case too often in the past. The results were the highest pledge class GPAs in the fall and spring and an overall house GPA of 2.96, third among 12 and climbing.

As proud as we are of our scholastics, I take special pride in the way that the enthusiasm in the house has spilled onto the athletic field. Aside from our many varsity athletes, support for the intramural program has tripled since I was a freshman and again the results are obvious: winning seasons in every sport last year and a 14-2 record in football, soccer, and volleyball this fall so far. I consider intramurals to be a great indicator for house strength in terms of morale and brotherhood within the house, and as I look around the Hill these days, it's the same houses that struggle in those areas that are forfeiting games or losing to us by four touchdowns.

None of this means much though — I'm constantly reminded by Dick and Tom and other alums — without that ever-important large pledge class that, with so much going for us, we seem destined for. Our rush chair Ramsy Mahjoub '98, the "rush machine" we call him for his tireless efforts, has done a job this first month-and-a-half that has me extremely confident in rush. More importantly, however, I see that the burden of responsibility has not fallen completely on his shoulders and instead, the quiet and unsure sophomores of last year have become confident salesmen for what they know is the best product OWU has to offer — Beta brotherhood. As for this year's sophomores, they never seemed unsure of themselves and have helped more than I think anyone expected of them. Even the stereotypically apathetic seniors are excited about rush, typified by fifth-year student Pindar VanArman '96, who won't even be here in the spring, but nevertheless works as hard as anyone to ensure us a pledge class that has the chance to

define this house. Graduating just three seniors next spring means that we can nearly double the size of the house with a class of the quality and quantity that I anticipate.

Rush is not a simple thing these days though, and at times, four months of rushing — which was confined to a week or two when most of you went through it — can be enormously taxing both physically and financially. That is why events like this are so important to recharge the chapter in its efforts, and why alumni like Dick DeVos '54, Tom Tatham '56 and Bill Rowland '68, who help raise and manage our funds, are appreciated.

As I said before, there is still room for improvement in academics, and the size of the house in recent years has limited our philanthropy efforts; however, I consider these areas to hopefully someday simply complement what in my estimation — and hopefully yours after this weekend — is a chapter worthy of carrying the Beta name and the Theta Legacy that you have created for us.

POST-ALUMNI WEEKEND UPDATE

By Michael Dowgiewicz '98, Chapter President

On the heels of our successful Alumni weekend, Theta chapter is rejuvenated and enthused for the rest of the school year. Our thanks go out to all those who returned for the weekend. The approval of our alumni is important to us, and I was pleased to hear nothing but praise for the direction that the chapter is headed. I was told by many that it meant a lot to be back for the weekend, but it should also be made clear how much it meant to the undergraduates.

The house looks great following our fall paint job and we look forward, hopefully, to returning from Christmas break to new showers on both the second and third floors.

We gained two new brothers this semester and look forward to their moving into the house this spring semester. The prospects for this spring's rush are the strongest that I've seen in my time at Ohio Wesleyan. This is in large part thanks to our rush chairmen, Ramsy Mahjoub '98 and Matt Jakubowski '99, and also to our social chair, Ben Harrison. His events and planning this semester have brought many young men into the house to begin to meet the brothers and see what Beta's all about. We look forward to a successful spring pledge class.



BETA UNDERGRADUATES PAY TRIBUTE TO THEIR FALLEN BROTHERS IN FRONT OF GREY CHAPEL ON SEPTEMBER 23.

IN REMEMBRANCE

By Pete Ceello '98, Chapter Treasurer

On September 23, 1988, John Kennard "Jeff" Eddy and William Frederick Kroener IV, both politics and government majors at OWU and brothers of the Theta chapter, were struck and killed by a drunk driver while they were returning home from a seminar at Oberlin College. Each year on the anniversary of the accident, the brothers of Theta chapter walk to the memorial erected in their honor, which stands in front of Gray Chapel, to remember them. The ceremony consists of a few words being spoken and a rendition of "Beta Doxology." The tragedy of Jeff and William remind us all of the fragility of life and of the importance we must assign to our time together at OWU as Theta Betas. We are reminded that through life and death ours is a bond that will never break. Jeff and William are forever Betas and forever in our hearts.

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FALL '96 PLEDGES

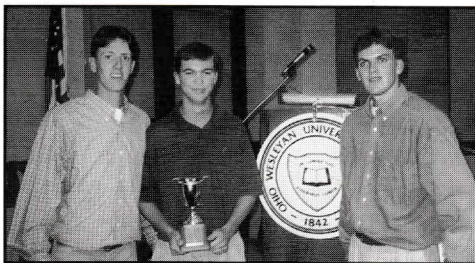
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MATT JAKUBOWSKI '99, MATT GARRISON '99
AND KEN BAGSTAD '99 ACCEPT THE TROPHY FOR
HIGHEST PLEDGE CLASS GPA FOR SPRING '97 AT
THE GREEK SCHOLARSHIP DESSERT.

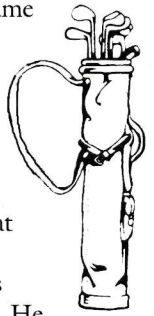
BENWARE '90 INDUCTED INTO OWU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

On Saturday, October 19, 1996, at the Ohio Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies, Todd R. Benware '90 was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his significant achievements in the sport of golf.

A two-time All-America golfer and NCAC Player of the Year, Todd was the first player to win the NCAC tournament twice. He made an immediate impact on the Bishop golf program, firing a 147 to win the OWU/Strimer tournament in his college debut. He went on to win NCAC Player of the Year honors as a sophomore, winning the individual title in a playoff after finishing with 225. He then fired a 232 at the NCAA Division III tournament to tie for 20th and take honorable mention All-America laurels in helping the Bishops to a fourth-place NCAA finish. He repeated as NCAC Player of the Year as a junior, again winning in a playoff, after shooting a 154. He carded a 311 at NCAA Division III for a 23rd-place tie and his second straight honorable mention All-America citation as the team finished third in the national tournament. He fired 151 as part of a school-record 580 (for 36-hole, 4- and 5-man total) at the Marietta Invitational. He won the Muskingum and Denison-Capital titles as a senior and was second-team all-league, then shot a 312 at the NCAA Division III tournament as the Bishops carded a school record 1202 in posting their best ever national finish with a second-place tie.

After working as a golf professional in the Graham, N.C., area over the last five years, Todd is currently working on obtaining his PGA tour card. Congratulations to Todd, and good luck as you tackle the next challenge in your golfing profession. You have brought honor to your school and fraternity for your skill in sport and your personal high standards of excellence. Your brothers take great pride in your achievements and well-deserved recognition.

(The above appeared in the program of the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in October. A project of the Alumni "W" Association, the Ohio Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 1961 to honor "those athletes who have achieved exceptional distinction at the University, and to perpetuate the life and legends of those who have given the Red and Black a most remarkable athletic heritage.")



ALUMNI WEEKEND: OCTOBER 18-20, 1996

By Brad Chelton '98, Alumni Co-Chairman

Our alumni reunion began Friday night with an informal gathering at the house, as undergraduates and alumni joined for pizza and refreshments. Much of the evening was dedicated to storytelling of the "way things used to be." The undergraduates were treated to legendary tales from various decades, ranging from the late 1940s to the early 1990s. Many of us were told for the first time how our present house came to be, and the changes it has seen through the years.

Saturday began with a House Corporation meeting at the house. We were happy to confirm the plans of a complete overhaul of the bathrooms to come during our winter vacation (a special thanks to Marty Haskel '68 for setting this up). Some alumni braved the chilly weather and attended the Ohio Wesleyan-Wittenberg football game in the afternoon. Many of the undergraduates spent these hours setting up for a cocktail party for late afternoon at the house. This event was very successful, both for alumni and prospective freshmen and their parents. Our living room and dining area were filled almost to capacity, a sight we had not seen in awhile.

As six o'clock approached, the Beta undergraduate and alumni brothers moved to the Welch dining area, where there was a cocktail party strictly for Betas and their wives/families. A fantastic dinner followed at seven, during which many undergraduate brothers again were treated to numerous stories from the past. Presented during the evening hours were many eloquent speeches. OWU President Thomas Courtice briefly introduced the festivities with a short talk on the Greek system and his continuing support for us. Later in the evening, we heard from Dick DeVos '54, Bill Rowland '68, District Chief Dave Wright and current Theta President Michael Dowgiewicz '98. The main theme of the night: Theta chapter is on the verge of bigger and better things! A nucleus of young men is pushing us to the next level, a level that should see us win the prestigious Sisson Award.

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NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

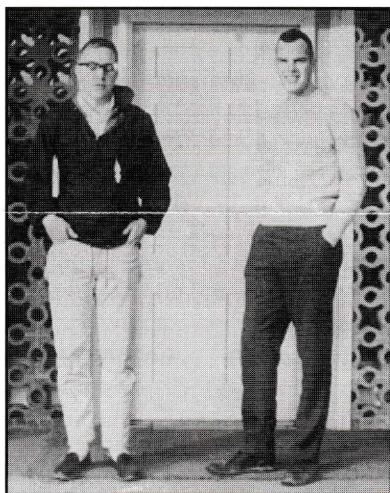
In a letter dated October 7, 1996, to House Corporation President William Rowland '68, Andrés Duarte '65 sends photographs and writes in part:

"This past weekend, I had the honor and pleasure of attending a trustees meeting at OWU, and sharing some time with George Conrades '61 and Hal Fausnaugh '48, both brothers that I had known from previous OWU and BØΠ encounters of many years past. We three made it a point to visit the house and had a very good and constructive dialogue with your current president, Michael Dowgiewicz '98. We spent little time at the house, and although I would have preferred to spend some time with a larger group of brothers and ask a bit about what was happening in general, I did come away quite impressed with the certitude and sincerity of Michael's comments regarding the general ambience at the school and the fraternity life. ...

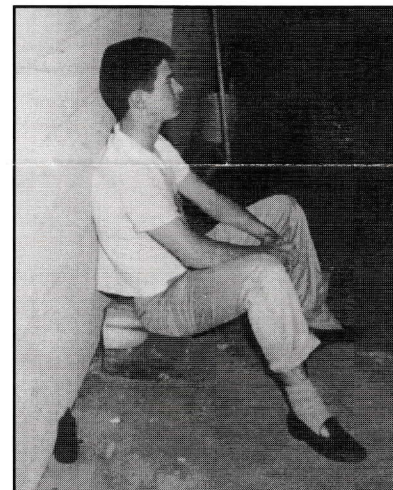
I would have liked to have seen some of the improvements made on house with the donations that some of us have sent, but time was short, and our visit was a surprise to all even ourselves ...!

Please receive my sincere congratulations for keeping the chapter alive and for the good work that is now being evidenced. I believe that with three members of the board helping (and four if you count President Courtice), the chapter has a strong say on this board....

I read in the last *Theta Data* about the Dove family. I have a photo of Clark Dove (class of '64) together with Al Pratt (same class) which I am enclosing. Maybe you will find some space to publish it. (See left.) Also, a photo of myself sitting (right) out a very busy evening in the middle of rush week, 1961. You will notice that I am leaning against the wall in the basement, but sitting on a cake of ice... very appropriate for a new trustee at the school where hazing is such a big issue now!!



CLARK DOVE AND AL PRATT



COOLING OFF?

[Editor's note: Andrés is a member of the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees and a long standing supporter and devoted alumnus of Theta Chapter. He resides in Caracas, Venezuela. Many thanks for Brother Duarte's continued leadership support both of our chapter and of Ohio Wesleyan University.]

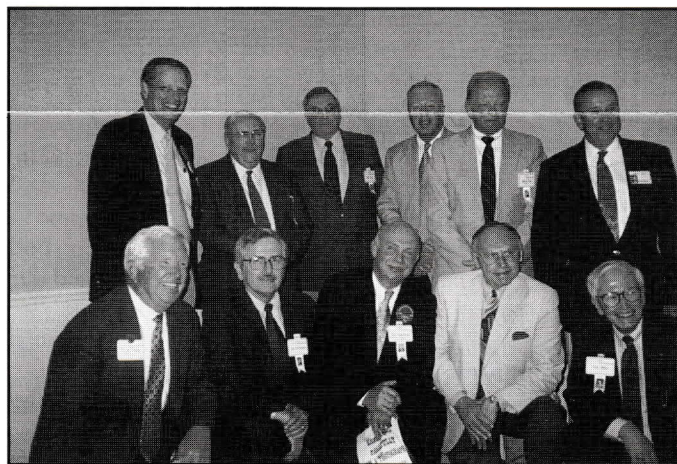
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On Sunday morning we had a final gathering at the house for coffee and donuts, and a short service led by Dan Rich '55. We had a final discussion on where this house is headed, and the alumni confirmed our beliefs that we are not far from greatness.

The weekend rejuvenated the Beta spirit in all of us. Our chapter meeting Sunday night was one of the most spirited and emotional meetings I have attended. I cannot put into words what the weekend meant to me, but there was a special feeling in my heart after everything had subsided. I am already looking forward to attending the next one as an alumnus, two years down the road. Many thanks go to Dick DeVos '54 and Tom Tatham '56 for their dedication and hard work in putting this weekend together. The undergraduate brothers of the Theta chapter deserve recognition for their time and efforts during the weekend. The compliments for the appearance of the house and how we presented ourselves never ended. Thanks to all who attended. We hope more of you can make it back soon. I assure that you will leave as PROUD TO BE A BETA as you ever were.

OUR APOLOGIES ...



OUR APOLOGIES TO DICK DRAZ, WHO WAS INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED IN THE 40TH REUNION PHOTO IN THE LAST ISSUE OF *THE THETA DATA*. THE CLASS OF 54: STANDING L-R ARE DICK DEVOS, KEITH THOMAS, BOB COREY, DEE SIMPSON, SHERRY TREIS AND BOB COTNER. KNEELING, L-R, ARE DICK DRAZ, BUZ CHRISTIENSON, PAUL KISSEBERTH, MORGAN SHRADER AND CLINT MILLER. (EDITOR'S NOTE: BY THE WAY, JIM MERIDETH, WHERE WERE YOU?)

THETA'S ROBERT C. LAFFERTY '28 BEQUEATHS ESTATE TO BETA THETA PI

[Thank you to *The Beta Theta Pi Magazine* for allowing us to condense information for this article from the Convention 1996 issue.]

"When I hit college in 1924, I had \$8 in my pocket and few prospects for much more." The 93-year-old paused and added: "I couldn't think of anything better to do with what I've earned in my lifetime than to put it where it would do some real good helping some of our young men through school."

Robert C. Lafferty Jr., Ohio Wesleyan '28, willed his entire estate to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation for scholarships. In so doing, he joins 46 other Betas and friends who are members of The John Holt Duncan Society, designated for those who leave a legacy for the future of Beta Theta Pi and its active members through a specific bequest or gift.

In addition, Lafferty presented his unique collection of Zuni Indian jewelry - 45 bolas, necklaces and earrings of silver, turquoise and other semi-precious settings - to the Fraternity which will be permanently displayed at the Foundation and Administrative Office. ...

"I encourage all Betas to think long and hard. See where your money is going to do the most good after you're gone," Lafferty added. "Anything we can do to help the human race is worthwhile, even if it's a little bit."

Recalling his days at Theta chapter, Ohio Wesleyan, he said: "The Betas pledged this country bumpkin. It was the first time I was away from home. I was a lineman on the frosh football team — a mud-guard," he quipped.

"I was the house manager and kitchen steward for three years. Later on I was the first student to have a car. It was a 1913 Model T. Cost me \$18, which I borrowed from one of my professors. As a geology student, I needed to drive into the countryside on geological trips."

Noting that he wasn't sure which influenced him more, his college sheepskin or his Beta shingle, he added: "Both were instrumental in my life. At the Beta house, I learned how to study, how to handle a fork, how to dance, how to be a man. Now I just want to give a little back."

A veteran of World War II service in the Navy, he has had extensive professional experience in drilling and geological surveys throughout the U.S.

A commander in the Navy Reserve, he is a member of the U.S. Explorers Club, recognized for Outstanding Contribution to the Air Force Museum and is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America.

Planned giving opportunities include bequests, charitable gift annuities, life insurance, real estate and charitable remainder trusts. If you are already remembering Beta with a planned gift, please let the Foundation staff know so that you can be recognized for your generosity during your lifetime.



ROBERT C. LAFFERTY JR.

ALUMNI NEWS

Hal A. Fausnaugh '48 (20126 Westhaven Ln., Rocky River, OH 44116) is a life trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University, president and founder of the Cleveland Goodwill Foundation, treasurer of Friends of the Chautauqua Theater, and director of West Side Community House. Every six months, he gets together with **Hugh Troth '48**, **Robert Mauck '48** and **Edwin O'Day '50**. "We have a ball!"

Although retired, **Robert C. Fenwick Jr. '48** (P.O. Box 2127, Warren, OH 44484) remains active as a part-time consultant at Second National Bank where he has worked for 26 years.

Robert C. Richards '50 (266 Woodlawn Dr., Tipp City, OH 45371) notes that his grandson, **Jeremy Wiechel '99**, was initiated into Beta Theta Pi last spring.

After being widowed in 1994, **William C. Wright '50** (4013 205th Pl. S.W., Lynnwood, WA 98036) returned home for his 50th high school reunion and became reacquainted with a woman he had known throughout his school years. The couple were married last year and took a tour of Ireland as a honeymoon. Bill would enjoy hearing from brothers traveling his way. You can give him a call at 206-672-8313.

Robert E. Wyant '50 (87 Mason Ave., Delaware, OH 43015) retired in December 1994 as a staff chemist at Battelle Memorial Institute and continues to serve as a consultant to the organization.

Daniel G. Ransom '51 is the president and owner of Prestige Properties of Western New York Inc. (6515 E. Quaker St., Orchard Park, NY 14127). He sends best regards to Theta.

As chairman of R/P Johnson Inc., **Robert M. Johnson '52** (P.O. Box 657, Circleville, OH 43113) enjoys being in business with his daughter and two sons. His position also offers him the freedom to engage in other activities. When he wrote in October, Bob was cruising "the loop" from Lake Erie down through the Great Lakes and Mississippi River system to the Gulf of Mexico. He plans to return via the East Intercoastal system in the spring. With his five children and 11 grandchildren, Bob likes to ski, boat and trail ride. "Large families are great!"

For the last two years, **Richard G. DeVos '54** (367 Lake Forest Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140) has participated with **John Bolek '88** on the Alumni Interfraternity Council. Dick writes: "Many houses are struggling to survive both in size and finances, but the alumni support for the Greek System is strong! Your contribution to the Theta Chapter House Co. via *The Theta Data* (direct) or to Beta Theta Pi through OWU (tax deductible) is important. Small and large donations are all important. Greek life and particularly Beta Theta Pi is meaningful and lasting. Don't you agree?"

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MORE ALUMNI NEWS

Paul B. Kisseberth '54 (39 Happy Hill Rd., Stamford, CT 06903), a group publisher with Intertec Publishing Corp., is retiring this month after 40 years in the corporate world. With his wife, Ann, "Kissy" plans to enjoy ski trips to Colorado this winter and travel to France in June with friends. "Looking forward to returning to Beta functions at OWU now that business conflicts are behind us."

When he wrote in October, **W. Daniel Rich '55** (P.O. Box 566, Millsboro, DE 19966) had just returned from the All-Class Reunion during Fallfest 1996. "Great to see so many brothers from the 1950s - wish there had been more from before that era and following that era! Good to find the chapter growing and doing so well academically. Many thanks to **Tom Tatham '56** and **Dick DeVos '54** for making arrangements for this marvelous weekend."

Physician **Leigh H. Stockstill '58** (5128 Upland Game Rd. S.W., Roanoke, VA 24014) retired this year after practicing Ob/Gyn for 28 years. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children. [Editor's Note: Your cards and letters for Leigh and his family during his recent illness were greatly appreciated.]

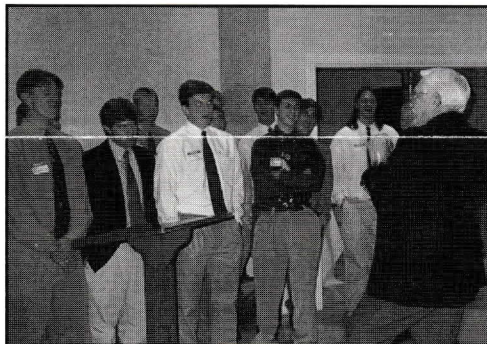
After self-publishing four small publications about anger, love and communications, **Robert C. Moyers '63** (1014 McKinley St., Fremont, OH 43420) is writing a non-fiction book entitled *The Power of Peaceful Thinking*.

Geoffrey T. Magrath '66 (34 Forest Lake Dr., Haig Pt., P.O. Box 7928, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938) lives at Haig Point on Daufuskie Island. "If any brothers are in the Hilton Head area and looking for a golf game, please call (803-842-9485)."

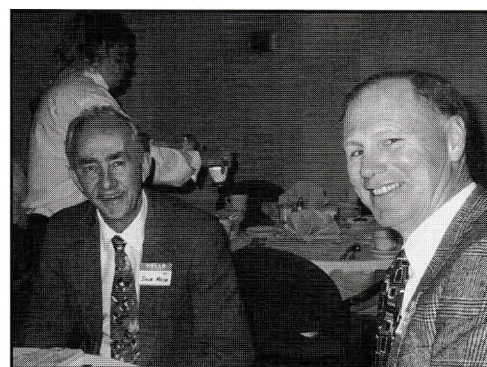
Edward S. Van Winkle '66 (196 Terry Rd., Hartford, CT 06105) is a regional sales manager at NTN Communications Inc. and receives e-mail at esripvw@aol.com. "Rip" writes: "Watching my son, Pieter, go through the excitement of being rushed as a freshman at RPI brought back the great memories of the promise of life-long friendships as I was going through the same thing over 30 years ago. So I sure would like to hear from the brothers of my class, as well as upperclassmen like my big brother, **Andy Duarte '65**, **Larry Hyman '64**, **John Entelis '64**, **George Conrades '61**, **Bill Niblock '65** and others."

William B. Morse III '67 (99 Penfield Cres., Rochester, NY 14625), the president of William B. Morse Lumber Co., helps manage the family lumber business which is now in its fourth generation. Brothers on the Internet can contact him at billm@morselbr.com or rubym@vivanet.com. Bill is married to Marion and enjoys sailing, aviation, woodworking, golf and flyfishing in his free time. "Glad to see the Theta Betas are on the rebound!" *Wrote - 10/9/97*

MORE REUNION PHOTOS



JOHN HAMMOND '55 DIRECTS THE UNDERGRADS IN SINGING "JUST AS HE DID IN 1955."



DALE ROSE '57 AND BRUCE CRITTENDON '57

Sharon and Paul D. Hammersten '69 (P.O. Box 69, West Chatham, MA 02669) are offering their latest film on video cassette free of charge to Betas. The film, entitled *The Last Call*, centers on the Last Supper story in the Bible. Paul supplies the art work and narration for the project and Sharon sings the title song which she wrote. In other efforts, Paul has completed four paintings for the chapel of Sage Memorial Hospital of the Navajo Nation Health Foundation.

Stuart H. Deadrick '82 (6603 Pleasant St., Cincinnati, OH 45227) is still flying for Comair and has been upgraded to captain of a Canadair CL-65 regional jet. Last May, he had a great time at Beta with many brothers including **Jeff Davis '81**, **Marc Waite '81**, **Tim Raffa '81**, **Karl Potraz '83**, **Al Cooke '81**, and **Dave Lusk '83**. "A few cigars and some 'zoom, schwartz.' Just like old times... except less hair!"

Attorney **Roger A. Ward '92** serves as assistant prosecutor for Clark County, Ohio. You can reach him electronically at macleaward@aol.com. With his wife, Ann Beth, and daughter, Rachel, Roger now resides at 6658 Prairie Rd., Springfield, OH 45502. Over the last few years, he has enjoyed seeing **Greg Ritz '92** at the Grand American Trapshooting Tournament. Roger wonders: "Did **Bill Brosius '90** fall off the planet? If not, get in touch!"



We regret to inform you of the death of **Peter B. Hoffmann '73** (12/3/95). Beta Theta Pi mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.