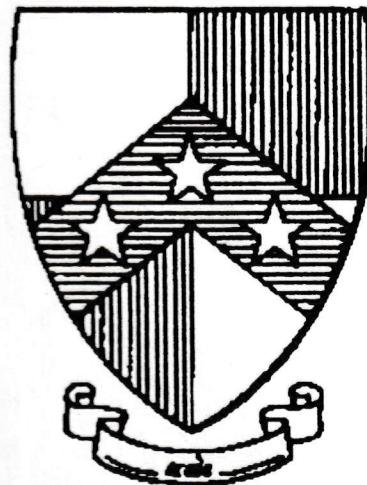


THE THETA CHAPTER
OF
BETA THETA PI FRATERNITY



Celebrating the Fraternal Fifties

Ohio Wesleyan Theta Chapter

Pledge Class of 1951

March 29, 2001 The weekend begins

dinner at Mitchell's Restaurant, Columbus

with Dick and Nita DeVos

Sherry and Jacquís Treís

Dick and Helen Draz

Dee and Pat Simpson

Alsa and Bob Cotner

Morgan Shrader and Sue

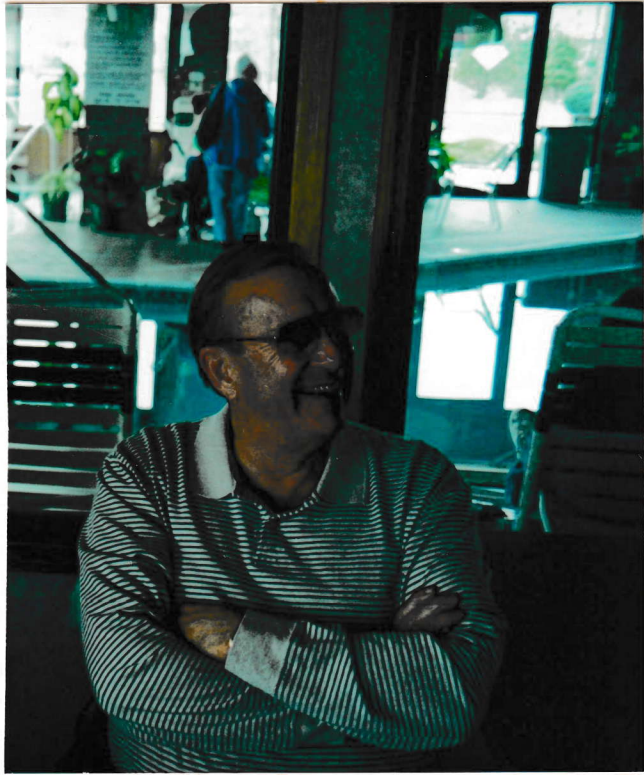
Stan and Jan Van Buren

March 30th, 2001



Joan Ely Arnold and Bob Corey arrive at Amerihost







We have lunch at Burns.



Main course ~ Sundaes!

We met at Grand Circuit Restaurant
for Cocktails and Dinner



Everyone enjoyed the cocktail hour





Ben and Maribeth Graham

and Jim Meredith were there





Lots of huggin'



Lots of laughs

~ Shirley starred in this category



her "twinkle" heeled husband in back

All laughed when Sherry thought
the Buckeyes Ben had brought
were hors d'oeuvres and almost
broke a tooth off.



others have serious discussions



The dinner



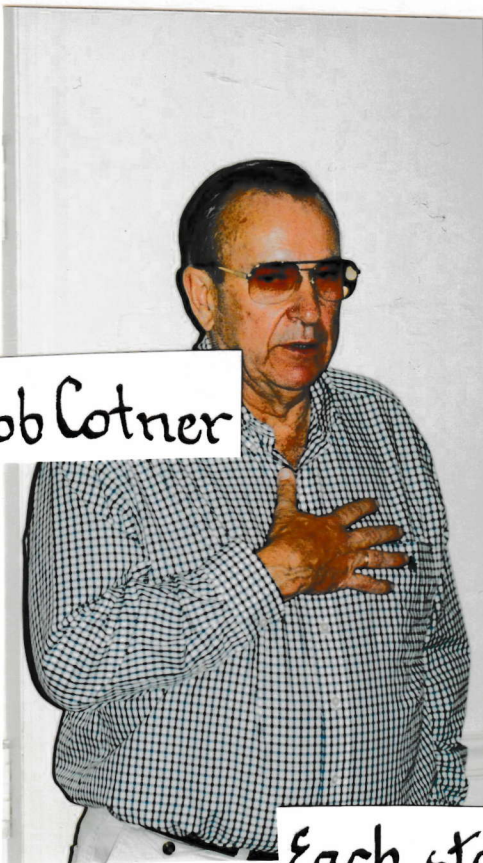
a great time to reminisce.

Then the wonderful program led by Dick



Each Beta shared what Beta had meant
to him during his time at OWU.

Bob Cotner

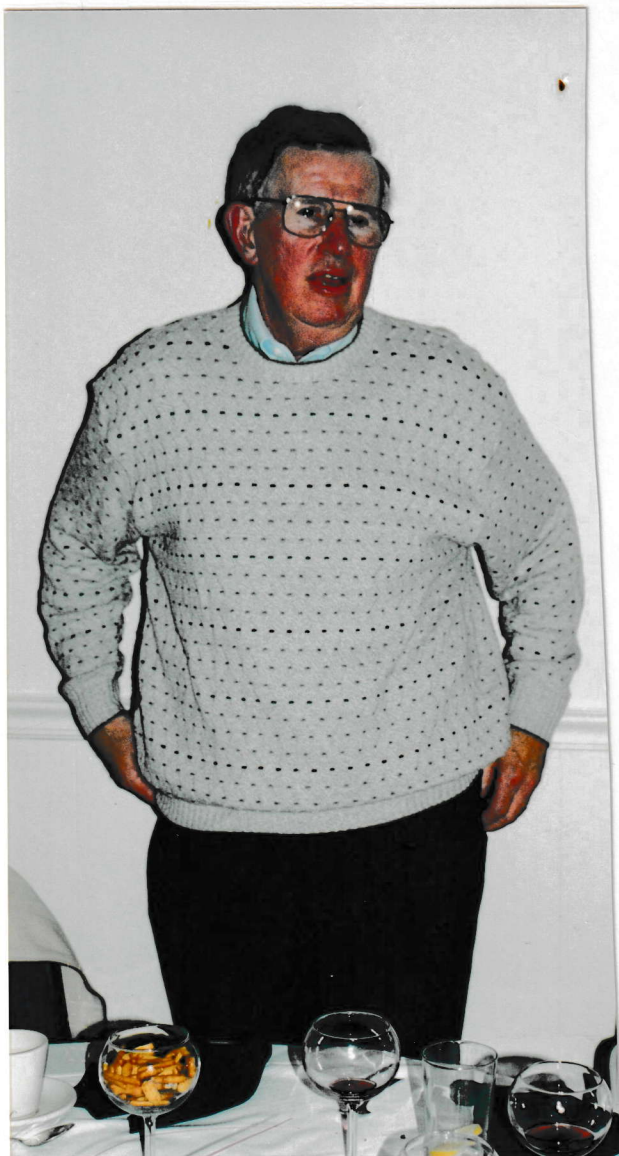


Bob Corey



Each story from the heart

Jim Meredith



Buz Christensen



and meaningful

Dee Simpson



Some brought
tears to our eyes

Dick DeVos



does a little dance!

Then the men went to the Beta House
for Initiation Ceremonies

March 31

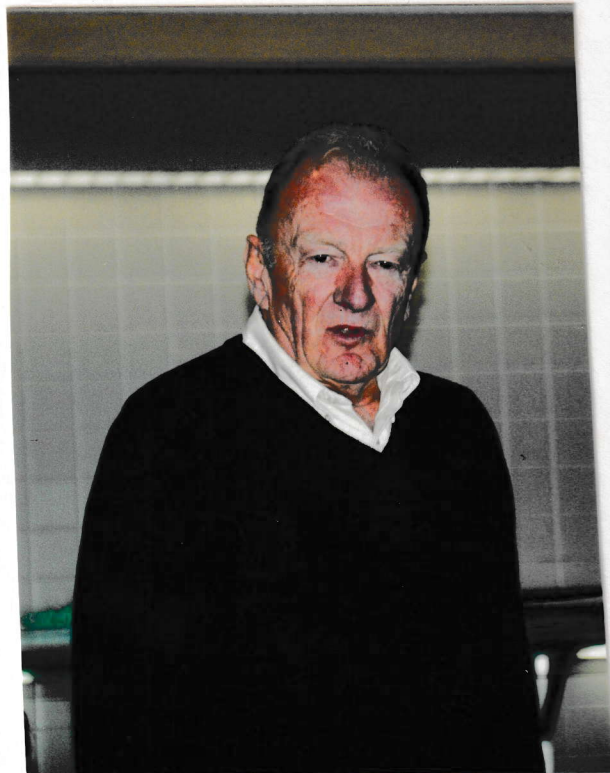
We met for breakfast on Campus

Dick did a great job as Master of Ceremonies



Dick Draz

More memory sharing



Sherry Treis



The President of Beta Theta Pi at OWW 2001

Fraternal 50's



Those who returned

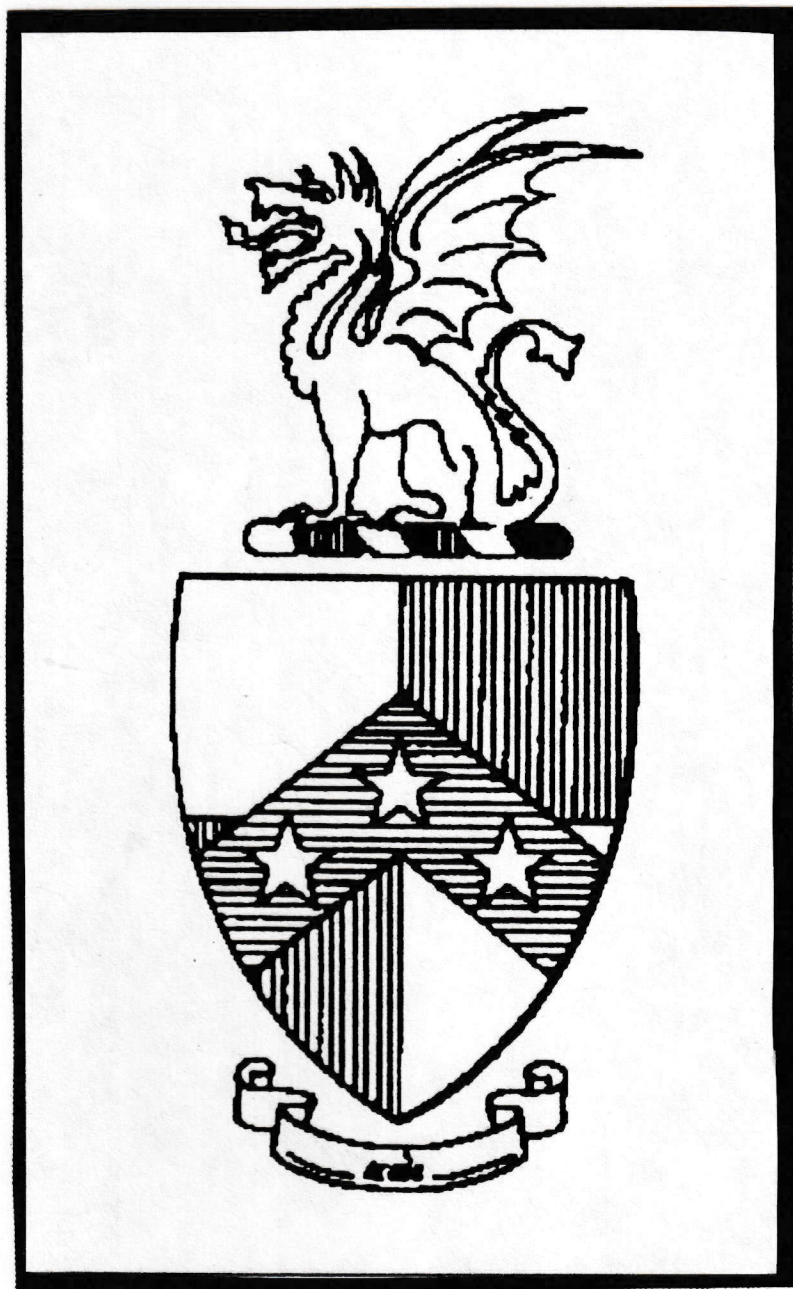


Pledge Class of 1951

Saturday night

honoring the Fraternal Fifties Celebrants

at Beta House



The Loving Cup

Words: Horace Lozier, *Chicago 1894*

Melody: *Bring the Wagon Home*

Oh, start the loving cup around,
Nor pass a brother by;
We all drink from the same canteen
In Beta Theta Pi.

Oh, you and I can ne'er grow old
While this fair cup is nigh;
Here's life and strength,
Here's health and wealth,
Here's all in Phi-Kai-Phi.

Oh, start the loving cup around,
It speaks of other days;
We see the milestones backward run
When on this cup we gaze.
Our grip grows strong,
Bold comes our song
When this fair cup we raise,
So pass the loving cup around
And drink in Beta's praise.

Oh, start the loving cup around,
It holds a something clear,
'Tis brimming with a potion that
Will fill you with good cheer.
Come drink with me
And bid your ills
Forth-with to disappear;
We'll never in this world let fall
The cup we all hold here.



Loving Cup Ceremony





Passing of the Loving Cup





The group gathers





dinner

members of the pledge class of 1951



Ben reads ritual of Fraternal Fifties



Beta Sweetheart

Words: Frederick R. Warner, *Beloit 1912*

How would you like to be a Beta sweetheart?
How would you like to wear a Beta pin?
How would you like to gaze upon the diamond,
Gem of gems that ne'er grows dim?
How would you like to share a Beta friendship,
Friendship that will last through life?
How would you like to love a Beta always?
And how would you like to be a Beta wife?

Inductees receive their pins
from their companions



Dick DeVos from Nita



Dick Draz from Helen



Morgan Shrader from Sue



Dee Simpson from Pat



Bob Cotner from Alsa



Bob Corey from Alsa Cotner



Sherry Tries from Jacquís



Paul Kisseberth from Ann



Buz Christensen from Shirley

Later at the motel





Shirley's getting serious



So is Corey



Kissy's really serious!

Maybe it's because tomorrow we go home.



SEATED L to R - Mike Schwartz , Dee Simpson (Lives with Bob
and I) , Pete Kaufman , Bob Pickering , Buz Christianson

STANDING L-R - (FRONT) Jim Comptom , (BACK) Phil Dexter , Clint Miller
Knowland Smith , Sherry Tries , Harry Van Osdel , Paul Kissaberth , Jim
Meredith , Tom Goodrich , Jack Mathews , me , Dick Draz , Bob Cotner ,
John Rainey , Hank Baldwin , George Kochev , Bob Cotner , Morgan
Schwader , Keith Thomas

June 6, 2002

To: Buzz Christensen
Bob Corey
Bob Cotner
Dick Draz
Jim Meredith
Morgan Shrader
Dee Simpson
Sherry Treis

Dear Beta Brothers,

It has been approximately 14 months since we assembled in Delaware to celebrate our Fraternal Fifties. It was a great weekend and Dick DeVos did a fabulous job of coordinating the event and communicating with each of us to make certain everything would go without a hitch.

You will recall that Dick asked each of us to share with the group, at large, following dinner Friday and/or breakfast Saturday morning, what Beta has meant to each of us over these past 50 plus years. The comments were very touching and memorable.

I took many pictures and promised to provide Dick with a book that includes the pictures, along with each of your comments. Unfortunately, while I was taking the pictures, I could not capture what each of you said. Sorry I did not have a tape recorder.

This past year has been a nightmare for Annie and I, attending to my mother's failing health. We have just had to put the year on hold and consequently, we did not get the album ready for Dick. I apologize.

In an attempt to carry out the promise, I ask for your help. I would appreciate your reconstructing what you shared with the group about what Beta has meant to you. Please send a hand written or typed note in the self addressed envelope back to me or give it to me if you are attending the Fraternal Fifties gathering in Oxford, OH June 21-23.

Dick will appreciate having your remarks, along with your picture in his album as our tribute of thanks for a job well done.

Again, I am sorry this delay was simply unavoidable.

Yours in __ and __.

TO: Dick DeVos
FROM: Dick Draz

Many fond memories preceded my arrival at OWU. Growing up with a Beta Dad, Carnegie Tech, Iota Chapter 1921, who was very active with the Cleveland Beta Alumni Association, I had the opportunity to be an observer of the many Beta gatherings at our home in Chagrin Falls. Beta songs were sung long hours into the night and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. My older brother Dave was initiated into the Alpha Delta chapter at Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri in 1944. I had a deep heritage about the fraternity founded by the men of '39 before arriving on the campus.

When I arrived at OWU I wanted to become a Beta. But would the Betas want me? After a brief visit to the Phi Delt house, I followed my instincts and headed for the Beta house. It was quick! A visit with Dan Ransom, the rush chairman, and Bill Long, the Chapter President, and I became a Beta pledge.

I began my pledge training in earnest spending more time on studying my Beta lore than working on my school studies. Little did I realize this would have an adverse effect on me later on. I thrived on pledge training, being at the Beta house, doing those jobs that had to be done and being around the actives who were desperately trying to get me adjusted to college and fraternity life. The memories of working with my pledge brothers, those early morning hikes, the one armed dinners, and my pledge trip to Alpha Chapter at Miami University of Ohio at Oxford with Morgan Schrader were experiences I will never forget. A huge set back resulted when I found I was academically unable to be initiated with my pledge class. The humiliation of calling my Dad to alert him that the Cleveland Betas who had planned to come to Delaware for my initiation need not make the trip was very painful.

My sophomore year I got as close to living in the Beta house as I was going to get by moving into the Annex with Henry Baldwin. Also, living there was Mike Schwartz and Jack Matthews. Hank had a real effect on me and finally thru a little hard work and a little help from the brothers, I qualified to be initiated. My Dad was there for initiation and I became a very proud Beta!

The Korean War was in progress during my college years and I realized I would soon be drafted. I enlisted in the U. S. Navy and immediately was sent to San Diego, CA. and I knew my OW days were over for a while.

My days at OWU were far too short. While it is impossible to reconstruct those two years I missed being with my brothers, the joy of returning to Beta reunions and reuniting with my pledge class fills me with great happiness. The Fraternal Fifties ceremony at Delaware in the Beta house in 2001 was very special to me and I am forever grateful to my pledge and fraternity brothers and especially to you Dick, for including me in a very memorable weekend. I will never forget the influence that the OWU Betas had on my life and I am forever grateful for this experience.

Dee Simpson

3541 North Tanuri Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85715

June 10, 2002

Dear Kissing -

I can't remember what I said yesterday, let alone 14 months ago, so this will have to do! We're very sorry about your Mother's failing health & the problems it has caused for you & Annie. - Good luck on that score - We'll keep you in our prayers.

- Now, what I might have said 14 mos. ago:

My attending OWU and becoming a Beta are two of the most important events of my life! Only my marriage to Pat & our children & grandchildren rank ahead of OWU & Beta Theta Pi.

My pledge class & our other fraternity brothers were outstanding men, a great many of whom I still have the good fortune of keeping in touch with & maintaining our friendships. The principles of Beta are such that we all learned alot about life, brotherhood, education, work, play and balance. My memories of being a Theta Beta are all great and I shall never forget them.

This weeklong was all positive also and I shall hope to contribute to that great institution as long as I live.

It is always a great honor & pleasure to be in any Beta gathering but particularly any Theta Beta gathering.

Yours in - KAI -

Dee

P.S. - We look forward to seeing you in Miami, Oh on 6/21/02
All best wishes to you both.

A & D

THE Question — What has Beta meant to me?

I feel that I have been very privileged to be a member of BETA. I have acquired lifetime friends that I would never have known.

My years at the Beta house were some of the best times of my life.

In Academics — Beta helped a great deal starting with the study table as a freshman. I thank Beta for getting me started, and finishing!

In social life, the Quo Vadis party our senior year at the Beta house was my first date with Phyllis — which led to 47 years of marriage. The perfect marriage because I'm a couch potato and she's a workaholic — Perfect

Beta Theta Pi has been good to me!

KEITH
THOMAS

Date: June 18, 2002

To: Kissy

From: Buz Christensen

Subject: Summary of the stories I told at our Fraternal Fifties event.

1. Military stories of fraternity brothers as observed by me, a non-military person:

A. Keith Thomas doing the big no-no of electing to quit flight school and thereby drawing the tough assignment of three years stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

B. Bob Corey also doing the big no-no of volunteering information in basic training that he had a life saving certificate and then being assigned to Walter Reed hospital as a life guard for the term of his duty.

2. Stories about the guys around the "54 West Lincoln Athletic Club"

A. The snowy, cold pledge hike where Mike Schwartz, after observing a billy goat in a shed by the road having six inch horns and a long white beard, shouting with fear in his voice, "If that dog ever gets loose, we're done for."

B. The bathroom incident when Hank Baldwin, after dropping his tie tack down the sink, swung his hand in disgust breaking the mirror. With the next swing in disgust, he broke the drinking fountain causing water to shoot to the ceiling.

special time and
Dick did a wonderful
job. 50 years of
friendship and so
many still in good
health!

Call when you need
us.


Love,
The Cotners

Hi Annie & Kasey,

Thanks for the pictures.
Here are the ones I
got of the "pinnings"
for your book for Dick.

We're looking forward
to the 50th - will be
glad to help - should
planning start fairly
soon.?

Loved seeing you
two. It was a very



We are all so appreciative
of all the hard work
Dick DeVos did to make
this occasion spectacular.

Yours in

~ Kai ~