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STAND UP and LEAD

Dear Brothers:

As we enter 2014, I find myself reflecting back on some of the comments that I shared with my fellow brothers on the Grand Chapter in August 2012. I shared with them that if we were willing to be bold, we had an opportunity to “make history” and that NOW more than ever it was truly a “GREAT TIME TO BE A THETA CHI.”

In fact, with the support of our more than 6,000 undergraduates and scores of alumnus volunteers, as well as the Foundation Board of Directors, the Norwich Housing Corporation Board, and our outstanding professional staff in Indianapolis . . . we have in fact made history!

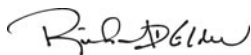
This past year we have launched the Sacred Purpose movement within the Fraternity. We have re-structured our undergraduate leadership with the election of our first ever Vice Presidents of Health and Safety. We have forged a partnership with the USO as a National Philanthropic partner as our GI Theta Chi program grows across the country. We have purchased a new International Headquarters Building in Carmel, Ind. so that we can continue to meet the ever-growing service needs of our undergraduate brothers and allow us to compete at the highest level in the Fraternity world. In addition, our new headquarters will house the archives and historical artifacts of the great history of Theta Chi. We have upgraded our electronic communication tools so that our communication process is better than ever before. We have worked diligently to grow our Chapter Advisor Board (CAB) positions at every chapter in the Fraternity. These initiatives and more have kept us busy and focused as we ALL work toward improving the “Theta Chi Experience.”

We hit the ground running in 2014 during our leadership event held in Indianapolis on January 10–12, which brought nearly 400 undergraduate brothers together for the Deranian Presidents Conference, Recruitment Boot Camp and a Sacred Purpose Launch event that provided training for our new Vice Presidents of Health and Safety. The momentum continued later that month and into February as we hosted our 11 Mid-Year Leadership Conferences across the country.

The year 2014 will mark our 158th year and culminate with our Anniversary Convention in Minneapolis July 16–19. I hope to see you there. It promises to be our best ever, so don’t miss it! The opportunity to share with brothers from across North America is the ultimate in education, fun and National Fraternity Brotherhood.

My theme for our beloved Fraternity this year is: “STAND UP and LEAD.” As identified above, we have put many of the pieces in place to position Theta Chi as THE LEADER in the Greek community and in higher education in North America . . . It is OUR TIME . . . It is Theta Chi’s time . . . It is YOUR chapter’s time . . . AND it is YOUR time as an individual brother. NOW is the time: STAND UP and LEAD!

Warm Fraternal Regards,



Dick Elder
National President





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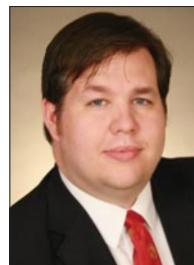
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From the Editor



During my childhood, I can't say with any certainty that I ever imagined myself being the editor of a magazine. I took a journalism class in high school—for a few days—before swapping it for Honors Chemistry. Looking back, I probably should have stayed enrolled in that journalism class...

So while I may not (yet) know a headline from a byline or have a lot to contribute in the realm of graphic design, one thing that I do know is Theta Chi (or at least I think I know a little.) Through my time on the road as a

Leadership and Education Consultant to the various director positions that I have held at the International Headquarters, I have discovered that it has been a non-stop whirlwind crash course to prepare me for this new role. I will say firsthand that it is a lot easier to share Theta Chi stories after meeting undergraduates and alumni all across North America. It is my hope that you continue to share your stories with us so we can all read about the great things that our Fraternity and its members are doing. I hope you enjoy this Winter 2014 issue!



The new headquarters building (865 West Carmel Drive) is located just north of Indianapolis.



Dear Brothers:

In case you have not heard, the International Headquarters has found an impressive new home! This past fall, after a period of extensive study of current and future needs of the Fraternity, the Grand Chapter approved the acquisition of a new facility at 865 West Carmel Drive in Carmel, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis. Our new headquarters is more than three times the size of our previous building at 3330 Founders Road, which many of us have come to know over the past 20 years.

At the time I write this letter, our contractors are busy preparing the new building for our move-in. Aside from the expanded space that is needed to facilitate the conduct of the day-to-day business of the Fraternity, there will be a number of new features that we have not been able to offer in our previous headquarters locations. The new building will contain an expanded history museum and archives for display of our priceless historical treasures. It will also contain a Model Chapter Room, which will be available for the conduct of Ritual activities, educational training and retreats.

Overall, our new facility will help Theta Chi compete at the highest levels among our peers. All Theta Chis will be proud to call this new building OUR headquarters.

Effective immediately, please address any hard copy correspondence to our new mailing address:

Theta Chi Fraternity International Headquarters
PO BOX 503
Carmel, IN 46082

Mark your calendar for the building dedication that will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2014. All undergraduate and alumnus members from all chapters and colonies are welcome and encouraged to attend. Details on the dedication are available at www.thetachi.org.

I hope to see you at the dedication of YOUR new International Headquarters building!

Fraternally,

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Record-setting Year!

We are proud to formally announce that due to the hard work and leadership of our undergraduate members, and with the support of our selfless chapter advisers and volunteers, Theta Chi Fraternity initiated more men during the 2012/2013 academic year than any other school year in its entire 157 year history! (See story about our 175,000th initiate on page 43.)

All told, the 134 active chapters of Theta Chi Fraternity initiated 2,823 members into the Fraternity.

The previous record of 2,804 initiates stood for just over 45 years, occurring during the 1965/1966 academic year when Theta Chi had 138 chapters. The next closest record had occurred in 1987/1988, when 152 chapters initiated 2,791 members.

Executive Director Mike Mayer said, "It is with great pride that I report to the Grand Chapter, our alumni and our undergraduate chapters that Theta Chi Fraternity has broken the record for total number of men initiated in a single academic year. Our undergraduate members and volunteers across North America have done much to perpetuate our ideals over the past year and are to be congratulated. We also express our gratitude to the Grand Chapter, whose vision and leadership set us on this path of success, and to the dedicated men and women of our professional staff who have worked tirelessly in support of that direction. I challenge all members to continue their commitment to this road to success by seeking to continuously add more outstanding men to the brotherhood of Theta Chi."

National President Dick Elder shared:

The news of our setting the all-time record for the number of new initiates in one academic year has me and the entire Grand Chapter absolutely over the top and smiling with great pride in both our undergraduates, our alumni volunteers and our professional staff in Indianapolis . . . Fraternity Honors to you ALL!

Brothers, Theta Chi is on the move, and the move is UP! There is no doubt that on campuses across North America more and more men are seeking the values and opportunities of membership in our great fraternity. It is a historic time in Theta Chi, and this goes to prove more than anything else the truth I have shared with everyone I come in contact with . . . it is a great time to be a Theta Chi.

Thanks to all for everything you do in making Theta Chi America's BEST Fraternity." ■

Staff Updates

Philip Thornton, Gamma Theta/San Diego State 2005, has been hired to serve as the Senior Director of Development for the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Philip will lead the Fraternity's strategic fundraising initiatives and alumni development programming. Philip earned a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from San Diego State University in 2005 and an MBA in Corporate Strategy and International Finance from the University of Arizona in 2011.

Philip served as a Major Gift Fundraiser for two of the most respected Greek Fundraising firms, The Laurus Group and Pursuant Ketchum. His career has been focused on managing multi-million dollar capital campaigns for fraternities across the US. Since 2012, Philip worked for Pursuant Ketchum, located in Dallas, TX. In 2013 he was the number one performing fundraiser in the company in appointments, close rate, total revenue, average gift size and client goals achieved.

Brother Thornton has a decorated career from his undergraduate years, serving his chapter as Social Chair, Treasurer, Marshal and President. Philip was involved with the Interfraternity Council, SDSU Ambassadors and the SDSU Men's Rowing Team. Philip earned numerous awards on campus, serving on the SDSU Homecoming Court, being named the 2004 Greek Man of the Year and the 2005 Fraternity President of the Year. To this day, Philip is the only Aztec to earn both Greek Man and President of the Year titles at the University. Lastly, he was a runner-up for the 2005 Colley Award recognizing the Outstanding Undergraduate Leader in the Fraternity.

Post-graduation, Philip served as a Leadership and Education Consultant in the 2005/2006 school year, focusing on recruitment and expansion. He has remained involved the past nine years as a volunteer, focusing on re-opening inactive chapters across the country.

In 2009, Philip began working on his Masters of Business Administration at the University of Arizona. He received a Sherwood Blue Memorial Scholarship from the Foundation Chapter as he worked to restart the inactive Beta Iota Chapter. Philip worked tirelessly to recruit and train the next generation of Wildcats to continue Theta Chi in Tucson. Philip notes that one of his proudest moments in his fraternity career was on November 12th 2011, the day when 48 men were initiated and Beta Iota regained their charter.

In his spare time Philip volunteers in his local community, he enjoys running half marathons and looks forward to visiting his 50th and final state, Hawaii.

Leadership and Education Consultant **Justin Jones**, Iota Pi/LSU 2013, has been promoted to Director of Standards following the resignation of Jason Handberg, Gamma Tau/Drake 2009. During the fall 2013 semester, Brother Jones distinguished himself as an effective LEC and proved to have sound judgment, effective organizational skills and the right temperament to take on this position that deals heavily with chapter disciplinary matters and delicate situations. Prior to joining the Field Staff, Justin served as Chapter President of Iota Pi and was instrumental in the colonization and eventual installation of our chapter at LSU.



Philip Thornton

Corey Esquenazi, Iota Theta/Central Florida 2011, has been hired as a Leadership and Education Consultant and began traveling in January 2014. After completing his undergraduate degree in Social Science Education in 2011, Corey remained at UCF to pursue his master's degree in Higher Education/Student Personnel Track. He completed his master's degree in December 2013. While at UCF, Corey was very involved in extracurricular activities, including serving as a member of the Student Conduct Board, Student Personnel Association President and a student government Senator. He served as an Admissions Ambassador, Orientation Team Leader and held a number of internships and a Graduate Assistantship for UCF's Parents program.



Corey Esquenazi

Tyrone Brooks, Iota Lambda/Longwood University 2012, has been hired as a Recruitment and Expansion Specialist and began in February 2014. He completed his undergraduate degree in Accounting in December 2012. While at Longwood, Tyrone served his chapter as Treasurer and as President. He was very involved with the March of Dimes, the Longwood Center of Visual Arts, Relay for Life, and the MLK Challenge. As an undergraduate, Tyrone interned with the March of Dimes and Target. In 2012, he received the March of Dimes Collegiate of the Year Award and Longwood University's Chapter President of the Year Award. After graduating, he worked for Target for a year before deciding to move to Indianapolis.



Tyrone Brooks

Jennifer Junge has been hired as Executive Assistant and began on January 6, 2014. Jennifer has completed several years of college at IUPUI and Vincennes University. She has a background in sales and clerical work from an optometrist's office in Indianapolis. Jennifer's duties will include providing day-to-day support to the Executive Director, including support with matters involving the Grand Chapter and The Foundation Chapter (including administration of the scholarship program).



Jennifer Junge

The Executive Director has recently accepted the resignations of Recruitment and Expansion Specialists **Jeffrey Draluck**, Epsilon Zeta/Tampa 2012 and **Scott Turk**, Iota Beta/Missouri State 2012. Both brothers have opted to explore other opportunities available to them. We thank these brothers for their service to Theta Chi. During the fall of 2013, Jeffrey and Scott worked together to recolonize Zeta Psi/Western Illinois and Epsilon Pi/Northern Illinois. Those interested in serving the Fraternity in this capacity are encouraged to contact Sr. Director for Recruitment and Expansion JD Ford at 317-848-1856 or jdford@thetachi.org. ■



Justin Jones

Three proud chapters reinstalled; Iota Tau is #225



Gamma Theta Chapter is reinstalled at San Diego State University.

Gamma Theta/San Diego State

Reinstalled: August 31, 2013

During the spring of 2012, San Diego State University student Cody Rominger decided that Theta Chi Fraternity needed to return to his campus. Cody recruited hall-mates in the Maya Residence Hall, and eventually had an interest group totaling 23 members. The group would gather for meetings to discuss Theta Chi and the possibilities of creating a chapter from the ground up. In July, several men in the interest group attended Theta Chi's 156th Anniversary Convention held in Palm Springs, Calif. The National Convention turned out to be a monumental experience for the interest group. Even though setbacks followed, the interest group was formally colonized on Oct. 13, 2012. With spring of 2013 came the Gamma Theta retreat and recruitment week added 14 new members, bringing the colony one step closer to realizing its dream of becoming an official chapter of Theta Chi. They continued to strive for the highest GPA and most community service hours on campus. At semester's end, Gamma Theta Colony was awarded "Most Inspirational Chapter" at SDSU. On Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, 51 men were initiated into Gamma Theta Chapter at Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center on the San Diego State University campus. National President (and



Iota Tau and the Installation Committee join to celebrate the birth of Theta Chi's 225th Chapter.

Gamma Theta alumnus) Dick Elder presided. At the installation banquet, Past National President (and Gamma Theta alumnus) Dave DeVol was presented a resolution from the Grand Chapter recognizing him as the "Grand Old Man of Theta Chi." Read more about Brother DeVol on page 15.

Iota Tau/Northern Kentucky

Installed: November 9, 2013

After being selected by Northern Kentucky University for expansion, Leadership and Education Consultant Jeffrey Draluck was dispatched to campus in January 2013 to recruit

men to form an interest group. Assisted by fellow LECs Alex Nunchuck and Kyle Griffis and Counselor Darick Brown, Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1989, Draluck followed-up on referrals, including students from a group that had publicly stated they had no interest in joining a fraternity—yet had established a loose organization that very much operated as one. These students agreed to meet with Darick Brown and the LECs at a restaurant near campus and became very excited about the opportunity and were convinced that they could be the core that would start Theta Chi at NKU. The LECs continued to interview and



Delta Pi undergraduates and alumni pose for a photo following the reinstatement ceremony.



NKU's Kim Vance receives the Floyd Field Award from National Counselor Joseph Couch (right) and Counselor Darick Brown.

recruit until the group reached 20 men. On March 1, 2013, the men formally became a colony of Theta Chi. In the months that followed, the group continued to participate in events on the NKU campus and gain recognition as a fraternity of promise. On November 9, 2013, 51 members were initiated into Theta Chi Fraternity and were installed as Iota Tau Chapter during a ceremony held at the Student Center at Northern Kentucky University. National Counselor Joseph S. Couch presided. At the installation banquet, Northern Kentucky University Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Kimberly Vance was presented the Floyd Field Award in recognition of all of her assistance with Theta Chi's expansion at NKU and for all of her efforts in shaping a positive Greek community at her alma mater. Kim was very honored by the award and discussed the wonderful partnership formed between NKU and Theta Chi.

Delta Pi/Indiana State University

Reinstalled: November 23, 2013

In the fall of 2011, Delta Pi Alumni President Craig Simpson and ISU Student Clark Dalton met to discuss the prospect of reviving the inactive Delta Pi Chapter. Dalton,

the grandson of former Delta Kappa/Ball State Alumni President Charles Ray, was offered the opportunity to be the founding member of a new Delta Pi Interest Group. Dalton accepted the position and began recruiting members. Soon after, International Headquarters staff members JD Ford and Jason Handberg were sent to the campus and issued 10 bids. The men who accepted these original bids were Clark Dalton, Andy Stidham, Joshua Jacquez, Collin Majszak, Levi Cooper, Sean Moore and Michael Willis. Shortly after, the first meeting was held and Clark Dalton was elected President. After visits by LECs, the group focused their efforts and started attending Tri-Council meetings, joined the IFC and began participating in campus activities. The group was colonized on September 15, 2012 as Delta Pi Colony. In the months that followed, the chapter continued to be involved on campus and continued to grow its membership. On Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, all of their hard work paid off as Delta Pi Colony was reinstalled as Delta Pi Chapter. Thirty-one members were initiated during the reinstatement ceremony that was held on campus at the Hulman Memorial Student Union, named for Delta Pi alumnus initiate Anton Hulman, who had previously owned the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and owned and managed Clabber Girl. Associate Executive Director (and Delta Pi/Indiana State alumnus) Jim Powell presided. Past National Chaplain Father Phil Bowers, Alpha Delta/Purdue 1975, served as the Installing Chaplain. Father Bowers explained that he was honored to do so, even if he had been "typecast." The installation banquet was held at the Clabber Girl Museum and Bakeshop in Terre Haute. Craig Simpson was recognized with the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award for his efforts in reinstalling Delta Pi.

New Colonies added:

Four new colonies were formed during the fall of 2013. We are pleased to report that men are trying to bring Theta Chi to:

- Zeta Psi/Western Illinois
- Eta Upsilon/Texas A&M
- SUNY Binghamton
- SUNY Cortland

These new colonies join our established colonies that will be pushing to (re)install during the spring and fall of 2014:

- Beta Phi/University of Nevada
- Texas State University

We are also excited to announce that during spring 2014, we will be conducting an expansion project to bring back Zeta Chapter at the University of New Hampshire!

If you are interested in assisting as an adviser for any of these projects, know young men whom you could recommend to join or are aware of other expansion opportunities, please contact Senior Director for Recruitment and Expansion JD Ford at jdford@thetachi.org

Alpha Pi/University of Minnesota

Reinstalled: December 7, 2013

Alpha Pi Chapter traces a historical lineage at Minnesota back to 1889 with more than 1,000 initiates. When Alpha Pi became inactive Feb. 14, 2000, alumni pledged to do all in their power to reinstall their chapter and worked with International Headquarters staff and the newly hired Program Director of the Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life, Matt Levine (Gamma Tau/Drake 2006). Brother Levine upheld the North-American Interfraternity Conference's policy on Open Expansion and permitted Theta Chi to re-colonize beginning in the fall of 2012.

LECs Cory Loveless and Joe Macko arrived on campus to form an interest group. The LECs organized events for the new members to get to know one another, taught organizational skills and trained the newly elected officers. The men were formally colonized on Dec. 8, 2012 at Hanson Hall.

Alpha Pi Colony became more active on campus and within the Greek community by attending their philanthropy functions, and began volunteering with the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital, Feed



The new undergraduates of Alpha Pi and their Installation Committee display the original charter from 1924.

My Starving Children and People Serving People.

Battling the sub-zero temperatures, Alpha Pi was reinstalled on Dec. 7, 2013 at the Normandy Inn in downtown Minneapolis. Forty-two men, including two fathers of undergraduate members, were initiated at a ceremony presided by Past National President (and Alpha Pi alumnus) Paul Norstrom (1986). Also in attendance were National Treasurer Douglas Allen, Norwich Housing Corporation Secretary Dr. Wesley Wicker, Past Foundation Chapter President David May and Counselors Dan Reilly and Royce Keehr. Representing International Headquarters were JD Ford, Joe Macko and Jeffrey Draluck.

Nearly 30 Alpha Pi Alumni attended, with representation from the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. Fourteen chapters of Theta Chi were represented at the ceremony, including a representative from each chapter in Minnesota, 25 from nearby Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls and a delegation from the active chapters of Nebraska.

This reinstallation is a great precursor to the upcoming 158th Anniversary Convention - which will be held July 16-19, 2014 in Minneapolis! ■

Red Tie Initiative

BY JD FORD, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT AND EXPANSION

This fall, the Recruitment and Expansion team has started a new initiative called "The Red Tie Initiative." During our expansion projects, when our expansion team presents bids to join Theta Chi Fraternity, they will also give out red ties. When extending these two items, we want the potential new member to know that the bid is the first tangible object they receive from the Fraternity. The red tie will be used, hopefully, for his colonization ceremony, events around campus, initiation and (re)installation ceremony and perhaps his first job interview. We hope to demonstrate to potential new members that he will be a member far beyond his collegiate career.



Northern Illinois junior Eric Glasby accepts his bid and red tie from Recruitment and Expansion Specialists during their recruitment efforts to recolonize Epsilon Pi Chapter. Glasby was the first NIU student to accept a bid during this project.

We need your help!

Theta Chi is looking for new expansion opportunities and brothers to help support them. E-mail jdford@thetachi.org to learn how you can help. Or, visit www.thetachi.org/expansion.

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BY SHAWN BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMMING

Theta Chi has begun a new and critical movement to improve the health, safety and overall well-being of its members. We call this movement Sacred Purpose. Sacred Purpose will do more than assist and protect members—it will help every member live his very best life. It will teach every member to live with intention. By offering programmatic support at the chapter and international levels, and by creating new leadership positions that will help us better care for and understand one another, we can live up to our highest calling. Inspired by our most deeply cherished fraternal value—the assisting hand—the mission of Sacred Purpose is simple: to inspire a better brotherhood and a deeper level of mutual caring for one another.

To be successful, we needed a solid leadership foundation at the local chapter level. To that end, we have created a new undergraduate leadership position called the Vice President of Health and Safety. Serving as the third-highest ranking chapter officer, he will work closely with local professionals and advisors to ensure that his chapter brothers have access to the very best health and safety-related ideas and resources.

Proudly, we hosted all of our newly-elected Vice Presidents of Health and Safety at a Launch Event. Our goal was to inspire, equip and connect the men who are courageously serving in this pioneering new role. It was a truly special gathering of a remarkable group of brothers. Together, they all agreed that we will never, ever give up on our Sacred Purpose. It is who they are as brothers. It is who we are as a fraternity. The men have returned to their home chapters and they have already begun their work. The stories continue to pour in about their good success, even in these first few weeks.

Like all good things in Theta Chi, the Sacred Purpose movement needs talented and passionate alumni who will lend their time and support to our undergraduate brothers. We specifically invite you to serve a nearby chapter as a Health and Safety Advisor. In that role, you will spend two or three hours each month mentoring the undergraduate Vice President of Health and Safety. You will help him set goals and recognize the emotional, physical and relational needs of chapter members and proactively connect brothers to positive local resources. But, most importantly, you will be a friend and mentor to an undergraduate and his chapter brothers.

Although it is true that health and safety expertise can be helpful, nothing is more important than a committed volunteer who will share his time and life experience. Most of our volunteers want and need additional training to feel confident and useful. The Fraternity is already working on relevant training tools that will equip our



Health and Safety Advisors. If you feel inspired and nudged to serve in this way, we will help you be successful. Our undergraduates don't need you to be perfect. They simply need men like you who can help them become better than they would otherwise be on their own. Do alumni really matter? The answer to that question is a resounding "yes." This is especially true for our newly-elected Vice Presidents of Health and Safety.

Sacred Purpose is special because it is our collective purpose. It is gaining widespread support because we are caring deeply for one another and working so that every brother lives the life he is capable of. Sacred Purpose is good work. It is the work of Theta Chi. It is the work of every brother. ■

Learn more about Sacred Purpose at <http://sacredpurpose.thetachi.org/>

To learn more about serving as a Health and Safety Advisor, please contact Shawn Bennett at sbennett@thetachi.org; Bill Russo, Director of Volunteer Development at Bill@thetachi.org; or call 317-848-1856.

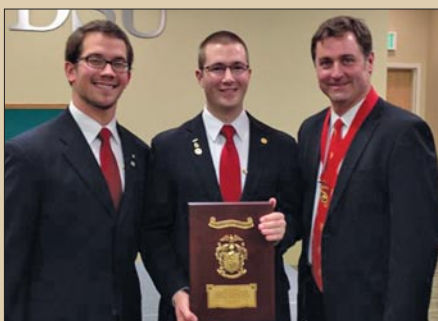
2012/2013 Award Recipients

Presented at the 2013 Initiative Academies and special events

Reginald E. F. Colley Award

Kyle E. Sebesta, Phi/North Dakota State 2013, is the 2013 recipient of the Reginald E. F. Colley Award, which annually recognizes distinguished undergraduate service to alma mater, Fraternity and chapter and is the Fraternity's highest undergraduate honor.

The First Runner-Up is Garrett Mueller, Iota Beta/Missouri State 2013 and the Second Runner-Up is Sterett Seckman, Chi/Auburn 2013. The winner and two runners-up each receive academic scholarships furnished by The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi.



Sebesta accepts the Colley Award from National Vice President Bill Palmer (right) and is joined by his Big Brother Cory Loveless, 2011's Colley Award recipient.

Sebesta, a Civil Engineering major, maintained a 3.898 grade point average, made the dean's list every semester and was admitted to Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the top 10% of the Senior Class. He was a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and Order of Omega. He also participated and served in the American Society of College Engineers.

He participated in NDSU's Summer Leadership Institute as a freshman and as a student leader and facilitated leadership seminars in 2010 and 2012.

He was involved with the Move-In Crew and as an NDSU Conference, Orientation, and Recruitment Leader. He participated in NDSU Transfer Student Orientation. In 2012, he was selected to the 2012

Homecoming Court. In 2013, he was Senior Speak Student for the College of Engineering and Architecture. He was twice nominated as a Student Leader of the Year.

Within the NDSU Greek community, Sebesta was selected as the 2012 Greek Man of the Year, was a 2011 Greek Man of the Year nominee and a 2012 Chapter President of the Year nominee.

Sebesta became a member of the Blue Key Honor Society, served as Alumni Secretary and Producer of Bison Brevities 2013, raising nearly \$2,500 for charity. He is the Planning Committee Chair for the Blue Key Honor Society 2014 National Leadership Conference.

He found the time to work with faculty members to found and charter the NDSU-Fargo Lions Club, increasing membership from 8 to 50 in 10 months. The Lions Club was nominated in 2010/2011 for NDSU Student Organization of the Year.

He served the NDSU/Fargo community at many events including: Special Olympics, Fargo Marathon Kids' Run, Pray for Grey Foundation Benefit, Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Miracle Network Phone-A-Thon, MLK Jr. Day Service Plunge, TNT Gymnastics Open Gym, Hoops for Hannah Spaghetti Feed, Dorothy Day Food Pantry, Fill the Dome Food Drive, Dance Marathon, Relay for Life and several blood drives.

At Phi, Sebesta was elected Recruitment Chairman, Chaplain, Vice President and Chapter President. He was voted the 2010/2011 Chapter Member of the Year, the 2010/2011 Scholar of the Year, the 2011/2012 Chapter Member of the Year, 2012/2013 Scholar of the Year and won the "Slugger Award" for highest GPA with the most credits on three separate occasions.

Sebesta also participated in a number of regional and national Theta Chi leadership events.

Past Grand Chapter member and Phi alumnus Dr. Jim Hardwick shared, "The first time that you meet Kyle Sebesta, you are impressed with his genuineness as a person and his passion as a community and campus leader. He is a mission-centered student leader who challenges members to live the values of the organization."

Sharing the same alma mater as the award's namesake, Sebesta joins three other recipients from Phi Chapter, including Cory Loveless, who received the Colley Award in 2011—and is Sebesta's Big Brother.

Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Epsilon Kappa/University of Idaho
Zeta Beta/Adrian College
Zeta Lambda/Westminster College
Iota Beta/Missouri State University
Iota Lambda/Longwood University

Grand Chapter Scholarship Award

Delta Eta/Colorado State University

Most Improved Chapter Award

Beta Omega/Susquehanna University

James M. Holland Award

1ST RUNNER UP: Beta Iota/University of Arizona

2ND RUNNER UP: Iota Theta/University of Central Florida

Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

RECIPIENT: Beta Tau/University of Southern California

HONORABLE MENTION: Epsilon Iota/
East Carolina University

Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

Rho/University of Illinois

Tau/University of Florida

Phi/North Dakota State University

Chi/Auburn University

Psi/University of Wisconsin

Alpha Delta/Purdue University

Alpha Iota/Indiana University

Alpha Kappa/West Virginia University

Alpha Xi/University of Delaware

Alpha Phi/University of Alabama

Beta Alpha/UCLA

Beta Delta/Rutgers University

Beta Iota/University of Arizona

Gamma Kappa/Miami University

Gamma Xi/San Jose State University

Gamma Rho/Florida State University

Gamma Tau/Drake University

Delta Alpha/Linfield College

Delta Upsilon/Arizona State University

Delta Phi/University of North Texas

Epsilon Iota/East Carolina University

Lewis Memorial Trophy

Theta Chi Fraternity is proud to announce the 2012/2013 recipients of the Lewis Memorial Trophy. The Lewis Award recognizes Theta Chi members and chapters that most exemplify lending a helping hand to their campus and community. In 2012/2013, one chapter and one individual member were recognized for their commitment to helping others in need:

- Psi/University of Wisconsin
- Shawn Czerniak, Epsilon/Worcester Polytechnic Institute 2014

Psi/University of Wisconsin

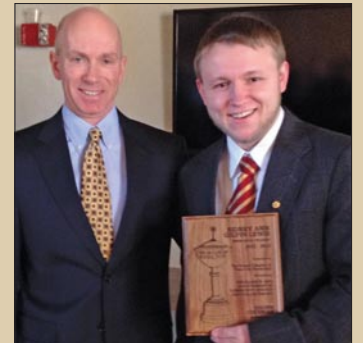
During the 2012/2013 school year, Psi Chapter organized or participated in 38 events, completing a total of 1,722 hours of community service and raised \$87,600 for various organizations and causes, including: Habitat for Humanity, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Wisconsin Public Television, St. Vincent De Paul's, just to name a few. Their long-standing philanthropy, Ski for Cancer, raised \$30,000 for the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer Fund.



Psi Chapter brothers proudly accept the Lewis Memorial Trophy from Executive Director Mike Mayer (left) and National President Dick Elder (far right).

Shawn Czerniak

Brother Czerniak has a history of helping others. Shawn began his commitment to community service prior to enrolling at WPI by tutoring and raising money for an Adopt-A-Family program. In his freshman year at WPI, he was selected to drive the community service van that transports students to various community service projects in the local area. He was quickly promoted to supervisor of the van service. Shawn's commitment to campus service is extended to driving WPI's evening safe transport van and participating in EPICS, which stands for "Engineering Projects in Community Service."



Shawn Czerniak accepts his award from Past National Secretary Rich Partridge.

Even before his term as chapter Philanthropy Chairman began in March 2012, Shawn was encouraging his chapter to increase their service to the community. Epsilon Chapter went from 470 combined community service hours in 2010/2011 to 5,800 hours during the 2011/2012 academic year. Some of the events and endeavors Shawn helped organize in 2012 include: putting together and raising money for care packages for Marines stationed in Afghanistan; assisting a local day care center by applying mulch to their playground, not just once but twice, in order to meet accreditation requirements; participating in The Spirit of the Giving Tree, which provided gifts to a less fortunate child during the holiday season; and working with Alpha Xi Delta to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Emily Perlow, Director of Student Activities at WPI, said, "Across his life, you can see Shawn is committed to supporting the community. As an involved and committed member of the WPI community, Shawn strives to exemplify Theta Chi's principle of 'the Assisting Hand.'"

Brother Czerniak's award was formally presented at WPI in January 2014. Members of Psi Chapter accepted their award at the Awards Ceremony held during the Gamma Class of the Initiative Academy.

- Zeta Rho/University of Kentucky
- Zeta Phi/California Polytechnic State University
- Eta Omega/California State University-Chico
- Theta Epsilon/Kennesaw State University
- Theta Iota/University of California-Santa Cruz
- Iota Beta/Missouri State University
- Iota Theta/University of Central Florida
- Iota Lambda/Longwood University
- Iota Mu/University of Missouri
- Iota Xi/Georgia College & State University

James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award

Patrick Lucas Hancock (Eta Chi/George Mason 2011)



National Treasurer Doug Allen (right) and Executive Director Mike Mayer present The Grand Chapter Scholarship Award to Delta Eta/Colorado State.

Lending a Helping Hand

BY DR. WESLEY K. WICKER, ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA 1979

The Norwich Housing Corporation was established in 1927 to support house corporations by providing loans, most often second mortgages for renovation, Life Safety and home improvement loans. The NHC only approves loans to registered house corporations of local chapters. No loans are made directly to undergraduate chapters.

Contrary to popular belief, the NHC is not a bank with unlimited funds to loan. Our current holdings include approximately \$2 million currently available for chapter house and Life Safety loans.

The Norwich Housing Corporation currently counts 28 traditional mortgage loans and six Life Safety loans to house corporations. The average interest rate charged on the loans is 7.54%, a higher rate than a house corporation may find available at a local lending institution. For this reason, we encourage our house corporations to seek local funding first, before approaching the NHC. The average loan to a local house corporation is \$205,000.

The NHC offers 3% interest on qualified Life Safety loans. These are normally much smaller loans, and the local house corporation must clearly show that use of the funds is dedicated for purchases of equipment and house renovation for safety compliance (i.e., sprinkler systems, fire alarms, etc.). The average Life Safety loan is \$50,000.

The Norwich Housing Corporation net assets are slightly more than \$8.4 million, most of which (\$6.3 million) represents active loans to local house corporations.

Recent approved loans include: Eta Omicron at Northwestern State University in Louisiana as a mortgage on a house purchase and Tau Chapter at the University of Florida as a mortgage loan on their new house.

The Norwich Housing Corporation Board consists of five Theta Chi alumnus volunteers. The term of office is five years, and members can be re-elected for a second consecutive five-year term. The Board of Directors is currently composed of:

- President: Mike Kistler, Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973
- Vice President: Paul "Yogi" Norstrem, Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986
- Secretary: Wesley Wicker, Alpha Phi/Alabama 1979
- Treasurer: Jim McEachern, Beta Psi/Presbyterian 1982
- Counselor: Joe L. Clack, Eta Sigma/Arkansas Tech 1980

For more information about applying for a loan to the Norwich Housing Corporation, please contact Director of Housing William Toothaker at 317-848-1856 or via e-mail at William@thetachi.org.



*Dr. Wesley K. Wicker
Alpha Phi/Alabama 1979*



Tau brothers have plenty of room to enjoy their new back patio which also features a detached multi-purpose building.



Tau's parlor provides a formal space for guests and brothers to visit.



Tau's alumni room incorporates bricks (far wall) and the door handles (in the coffee table) from the previous chapter house.



Impressive front view of Tau's new chapter house on Florida's Fraternity Row. This new house was made possible by the efforts and generosity of Tau alumni.

Celebrating the Legacy, Forging the Future

BY KEVIN REILLY, TAU/FLORIDA 2008

Sixty years ago, Tau Chapter found itself in need of a chapter house. Through a federal government program and at the cost of \$100,000, the chapter was able to build a modern house designed by Morton J. Ironmonger, father of one of the undergraduate brothers, Clark Ironmonger (1956). In 1956, Tau Chapter built the first house on the new, on-campus Fraternity Row at The University of Florida. Tau Chapter selected the lot that is situated at the top of the row.

That house stood for more than five decades and served as a home for hundreds of brothers, and hosted thousands more for football gameday barbecues, social functions and philanthropies. For many, it was their first home away from home and carried with it significant memories. Brother Charles Martin (1955) was President of Tau Chapter when that lot and those plans were selected. In 1999, he returned for a visit to Tau Chapter with several contemporaries and they all agreed that Tau Chapter was in need of a new, more modern facility that would serve the next generation of brothers.

In 2011, after several previous efforts stalled, Tau Chapter launched a capital campaign with the slogan "Celebrating the Legacy, Forging the Future." This was symbolic of the experience that all brothers had as members of Theta Chi at the University of Florida. For one group of brothers in particular, this legacy was especially meaningful. Undergraduate Ben Robinson (class of 2015 – roster number 2267) is carrying on a family tradition by being a member of Tau Chapter. Ben's Great



Bronze gators guard the front entrance to the new Tau house.

Grandfather was Dr. John R. Benton (class of 1897 – roster number 1) and his Grandfather and two of his Great Uncles were also Tau Brothers: Charles Benton (1939), Dr. John T. Benton (1942) and Hugh Benton (1941).

Dr. John T. Benton lived in the first Tau Chapter House, which was also the first fraternity house at the University of Florida. Brothers who lived in the Old Congressman Clark house from 1919 until it was sold in 1943 could not have possibly imagined the house that Tau Chapter now occupies on Fraternity Row. Upon visiting the new house for the first time, Brother Benton was blown

away by the impressive size and stature of the new house.

Building the new chapter house was an undertaking that required work and dedication from every brother and one that was not always thought possible. Plans for the new house, designed by renowned Greek Housing Architect Bob Cunningham, carried an estimated construction price tag of more than \$4 million. A feasibility study, commissioned by the Tau Chapter Realty Board and conducted by Pennington and Company, determined the chapter's fundraising potential to be between \$1 million and \$1.25 million. Many thought it would be impossible to raise enough money to finance such a facility.

Despite the long odds, under the leadership of Brother George Kramer (1999), Chairman of the Capital Campaign, alumni began the process of raising the necessary funds. In spite of tight deadlines, a tough economy and many other challenges, the campaign passed the \$1 million mark on New Year's Eve 2011.

After that milestone was reached, the next challenge facing the campaign was securing financing so that construction could begin in order to open the new house in time for the 2013 academic year. Thanks to the hard work and dedication from brothers with Norwich Housing Corporation, the chapter was able to secure a \$1 million loan that was then used to secure the full financing from TD Bank.

With financing secured, demolition commenced in the summer of 2012. Over several days, the old house was torn down to make way for the future home of Tau Chapter. In order to house the undergraduate chapter during the year in which the chapter would be without a house, plans were made to rent a large off-campus residence hall, Collier Hall.

During the demolition of the old house, careful attention was paid in order to preserve bricks from the facade. These bricks were salvaged and used to construct the alumni room, which prominently features the bricks as a legacy to all the men who came before. Additionally, large door handles in the shape of the Greek letters Theta and Chi were saved from the front doors of the old house and incorporated into the coffee table that now adorns the alumni room.

The main house is more than 18,000 square feet, with 32 rooms, 63 beds and 5,835 square feet of educational space. A detached 2,400 square foot multi-purpose building, which is located behind the house provides additional

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The staircase in the new Tau house.

space for residents and visitors. The house includes state-of-the-art features, such as a high efficiency HVAC system, private bathrooms, high speed wi-fi and a smartcard building access system. The neo-classical architectural design includes a red brick façade and an 800-square foot portico supported by six 20-foot doric columns. Homage is paid to Theta Chi through a terrazzo inlaid Coat of Arms in the floor of the foyer. The house also recognizes the University of Florida through the placement of two bronze gators, which flank the front entry stairs.

On August 30, 2013, more than 1,000 brothers, family and friends gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the new Tau Chapter house. The event was a celebration and culmination of years of hard work by hundreds of people. Theta Chi Executive Director Mike Mayer attended and congratulated the alumni for all their work and the Chapter was excited that the International Headquarters was in attendance to help celebrate this special event.

At the time of the grand opening, Tau Chapter had raised more than \$1.85 million; well beyond what anyone thought possible. The chapter was able to meet its goals through unparalleled participation. There were no gifts over \$50,000, instead, the chapter relied on gifts ranging from a couple hundred dollars to several thousand dollars from more than 500 donors. These Brothers embodied the slogan of our campaign by celebrating the legacy of our Fraternity and working together to forge the future for generations to come. ■



Psi Begins new construction

A Capital Campaign, combined with operational monies from the Rattle Building Corporation (Psi's House Corporation) are making a new, safer home possible for the Psi Chapter at the University of Wisconsin. Tom Farin (1970) worked to put together the permanent financing. The house construction is currently on budget and on schedule to be completed for occupation by undergraduate brothers in August 2014. The Grand Opening and Dedication of the new house is slated for October 24-25, 2014. For more information, contact Jon Graan at jgraan@sbcglobal.net



Psi's new 15,000+ sq. ft. home will house 42 brothers.



An artist's rendering of what the new Psi Chapter house at Wisconsin will look like when finished.

Dave DeVol named Grand Old Man

During the reinstatement banquet of Gamma Theta Chapter at San Diego State University, the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity recognized Past National President David E. DeVol (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1959) as the “Grand Old Man of Theta Chi.”

The Resolution passed by the Grand Chapter reads as follows:

The Grand Old Man of Theta Chi

WHEREAS, Brother David E. DeVol, Gamma Theta/San Diego State '59 has been a member of Theta Chi Fraternity from 1956; and, since 1968 when he became a member of its Grand Chapter, has rendered conspicuous and distinguished service to the fraternity and its membership, serving 12 years on that body including terms as National President, National Vice President and National Counselor; and,

WHEREAS, Brother DeVol has served on the National Board of Trustees for 10 years and on the board of the Foundation Chapter for six years; and,

WHEREAS, Brother DeVol has instilled into the hearts and minds of our members the spirit and ideals of our Fraternity such that Theta Chi's award for superior volunteer service is named in his honor; and,

WHEREAS, Brother DeVol is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, the Fraternity's highest award; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter has only once before conferred a title of utmost respect and seniority, which was given to Dr. Robert L. Irish, Alpha/Norwich '89 in 1931; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity give due recognition of Brother David E. DeVol's idealistic and unselfish service by conferring upon him the title of “The Grand Old Man of Theta Chi,” and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the appreciation of the Theta Chi Fraternity be expressed to him at the re-installation of the Gamma Theta Chapter at San Diego State University, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Grand Chapter and published in *The Rattle of Theta Chi*.

Brother DeVol has selflessly served Theta Chi Fraternity over the past several decades. He attended the 100th Anniversary Convention at Norwich University in 1956 as an undergraduate, and later served as a Regional Counselor. He was elected to the Grand Chapter in 1968 and served as National Counselor until 1971. He was elected to the Grand Chapter again in 1972 and would serve as National Vice President for six years. In 1978, DeVol was elected National President and served through 1980. DeVol was the first Californian to be elected to Theta Chi Fraternity's highest office.

Following his time on the Grand Chapter, DeVol served on the National Board of Trustees (now the Norwich Housing Corporation) and served as its President from 1994–1996. He is currently one of seven brothers who has served as both National President and President of the NBT/NHC. DeVol also served as a board member on the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Throughout his service on the National level, DeVol remained dedicated to his alma mater and to his beloved Gamma Theta Chapter at San Diego State. Countless hours were spent advising and mentoring undergraduate members and serving as a leader within Gamma Theta's housing corporation. He continues to be a leading force in the San Diego Alumni



DeVol and Philip Thornton at the Gamma Theta reinstatement.

Chapter. He also managed to start an annual Ski Trip, which has since been named in his honor. The 33rd Annual National Theta Chi David E. DeVol Ski Trip will be held February 28–March 4, 2014 in Park City, Utah.

He is a recipient of the Fraternity's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, which was presented to him in 1980 as he finished his term as National President. He has also received a Citation of Honor, an Alumni

Award (presented by the Grand Chapter), the Theta Chi For Life Award and is an Honorary Member of a number of chapters.

In 2003, Executive Director Dave Westol created the DeVol Award, which is presented to those alumnus members who have provided the Fraternity with extra effort and dedication above and beyond what the duties of their positions required of them. The award is aptly named for a brother who always gave far more than what was required.

National President Dick Elder (and fellow Gamma Theta Chapter brother) said, “I have known Dave DeVol since I was 19 years old . . . I'm now 64 . . . He embodies not only the spirit of Theta Chi . . . He lives it everyday by extolling virtue, exacting harmony and extending a helping hand to ALL who seek it. Dave DeVol is a “MAN” . . . A Theta Chi man and a “true friend and brother.”

Sr. Director of Development (and fellow Gamma Theta Chapter brother) Philip Thornton said, “From my first week of pledging, 12 years ago, to this day, there is one brother who remains steadfast in his loyalty to Theta Chi, Dave DeVol. Since his road trip from San Diego to Norwich for the 1956 Convention, Dave continues to make history in our brotherhood. He has been a role model for servant leadership and gentlemanly conduct to thousands of Theta Chi brothers. I don't know Theta Chi without Dave DeVol being part of it.”

Former Foundation Board member Herb Morgan (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988) first met DeVol while hatching a scheme to bring Theta Chi to the University of California - Santa Cruz. DeVol's guidance helped Brother Morgan and other men at UC-Santa Cruz establish the Theta Iota Chapter in 1989. “It's only fitting that Downhill Dave, a.k.a. Delta Delta should achieve the official moniker of Grand Old Man. After all, he [was old when] he first rushed me in 1986! Without a doubt, he is the face, the reputation, the class and the dignity of the organization.” —Herb Morgan, unofficial “little brother” of the Grand Old Man.

After decades and countless hours of service, Theta Chi Fraternity PROUDLY congratulates the Grand Old Man of Theta Chi Fraternity, Brother Dave DeVol! ■

“There’s been an accident at the Florida park and a trainer was killed... and he still has her...”

BY BEN HILL, EDITOR



BLACKFISH

The documentary *Blackfish* tells the story of Tilikum, a male orca responsible for three deaths while in captivity. The film follows the lawsuit between OSHA and SeaWorld and attempts to expose the treatment of captured orcas, refutes facts about orcas in captivity reported by SeaWorld employees and provides a keen look into the dangers faced by SeaWorld animal trainers. A catalyst for the film was the 2010 death of experienced SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau, who was brutally attacked and killed by Tilikum.

One of the primary cast members of *Blackfish* is Jeffrey Ventre, M.D., Gamma Rho/Florida State 1985. Ventre, a whale and dolphin trainer from 1987–1995, was a top performer with two of the killer whales, Katina and Taima, at the SeaWorld Orlando theme park.

Ventre discusses his Theta Chi experience and sheds additional light about *Blackfish* and his feelings about killer whales in captivity.

The Rattle: Tell us why you joined Theta Chi at Florida State?

Ventre: The Gamma Rho Chapter at Florida State has a great group of brothers from all walks of life and with a variety of talents. I chose Theta Chi because of the chemistry of the brotherhood. We worked hard and played hard. I held the offices of Athletic Director and President while in Tallahassee. After graduation, I served as a Regional Counselor. I've attended National Conventions and Leadership Conferences in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Denver and Dallas.

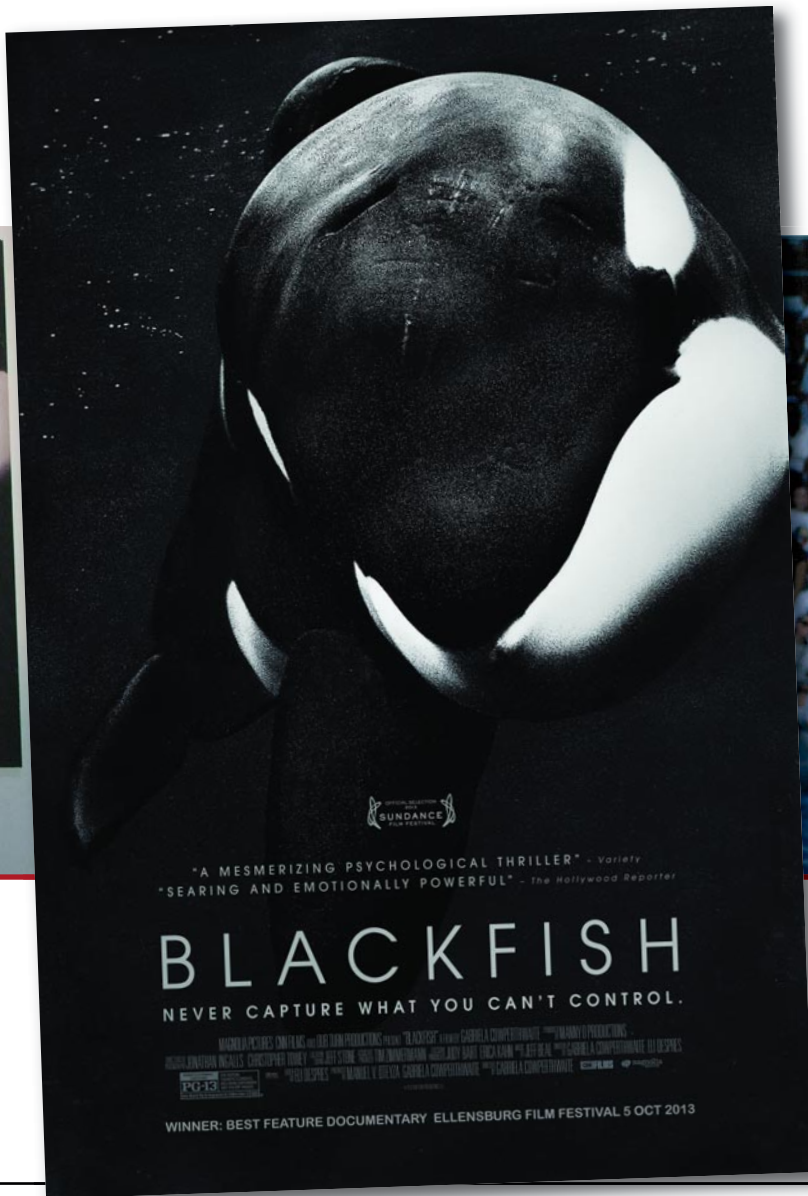
R: How did you become involved as a trainer at SeaWorld?

V: Becoming a SeaWorld trainer was not a life-long dream. I had a biology background and after college was looking for a job that could combine that training with some athleticism. I grew up on a lake with horses and we would swim them. I played sports and was comfort-

able around animals and in the water. Growing up in central Florida, I knew of SeaWorld and had seen TV commercials of trainers doing (what appeared to be) cool things with whales and dolphins. I submitted a resume, got SCUBA certified and was called in for a swim test. The test was grueling and involved deep diving, breath holds and various other physical challenges. I was fortunate to get hired out of a large pool of applicants.

R: What were your first clues that SeaWorld may not necessarily be the best place for killer whales?

V: Although it was fun to perform with killer whales, the orcas didn't necessarily enjoy being held in small concrete enclosures, and they had a lot of medical problems, including broken teeth, collapsed dorsal fins, deconditioning and shortened life spans. Two of the whales died from viral infections transmitted by mosquito bites. I learned that



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it's not natural for them to be in places like Orlando, in shallow pools.

R: In 1987, trainer John Sillick was crushed at SeaWorld San Diego when an orca leapt and landed on top of him while he was riding another orca. Had you heard about this incident while you were working at SeaWorld?

V: I actually started at SeaWorld five days after that event occurred...we weren't told much about it other than that it was trainer error.

R: In the film, another former trainer, Samantha Berg, shares, "I believe it's 70 plus, maybe even more, just killer whale trainer accidents. Maybe 30 of 'em happened prior to me being actually hired at SeaWorld. And I knew about none of them." Did you know about any other incidents?

V: I've seen animals come out at trainers...I've seen [trainers] get slammed.

R: Did you personally ever feel unsafe or have any incidents occur while performing with the orcas?

V: I was involved in one event that was written up as a corporate incident report in October of 1995. I was doing a perimeter foot push around the pool with Taima. My foot was on her rostrum, and I was traveling pretty fast around the front show pool. She broke off of my foot (it had become a game for her) and circled behind me. She had her mouth open near my shoulder and arm but didn't bite down. Another time, I was rammed by a young male named Taku. He was in the front pool while I was doing a sequence with his mother. I dove into the water to complete the segment and he came up underneath and pushed me up out of the water. I had a fish in my hand, but he never went for that. Katina (the mother) saw what was going on and helped me by body blocking him. I was able to get up on her back and she swam away with me aboard. Taku

then went back to stage and I exited safely at a place further away from him. That incident was attributed to "baby behavior" and didn't get written up, but it was scarier than the Taima event. I share more about this encounter in a web article entitled "Anatomy of a Minor Killer Whale Incident." [If you're curious, archive footage from 1995, where things went well, can be found at <http://youtu.be/Xysm92LOS1Q>]

R: Did you ever perform with Tilikum? What are your memories about him?

V: Yes, I did perform with Tilikum, but I wasn't one of his primary trainers. Tilikum was not a waterwork animal, and my contributions for the shows were doing the waterwork segments. I interacted with Tilikum mostly in the mornings when we would open up the stadium and do training sessions and get the animals their medications. Many are regularly medicated with antibiotics and medicines to reduce stress ulcers.

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R: Tell us about your post-SeaWorld career—what led you to become an M.D.? What is your specific field?

V: I had the desire to be an M.D. for a long time, hence the bio background; but I ended up taking a round-about path. In 2000, I graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic from the University of Western States in Portland, Oregon, and practiced there for three years. Afterwards, I went back to medical school, completing my residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. I wanted to return to the Pacific Northwest with better access to wild killer whales, rivers and mountains. Now I'm in Washington working as a physiatrist at a spine center. PM&R combines nicely with chiropractic and I use manipulative therapy on some patients. I restore function to patients through physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, diet and exercise. I see folks with anything that creates disability, from back pain to traumatic brain injury, to stroke or carpal tunnel.

R: Following your time at SeaWorld, what changed your opinion on killer whales in captivity?

V: In 1996, I participated in a wild killer whale photo-identification study called "Orca Survey," with renowned researcher Ken Balcomb. (Ken is in the film and the study is still ongoing.) Seeing free-ranging killer whales radically altered my perspective. At the end of *Blackfish*, I'm actually recalling that 1996 experience of seeing whales and I'll never forget that moment. While still employed as a trainer, I had figured out that keeping orcas in small spaces didn't work well for the animals; but seeing them in the wild, swimming in straight lines and with straight dorsal fins was both profound and breathtaking. I felt honored to be out there and simultaneously embarrassed to have participated in the shows.

R: What else did you learn from your time on the study?

V: Working with killer whales and seeing them in the wild, you realize that they are self-aware, grieve the loss of their young, use tools, language and culture and are a lot more like us than we realize. This also raises the question of whether it is appropriate to confine these free-ranging creatures to small concrete enclosures

when they'd be swimming 100 miles a day in the ocean. In the wild, killer whale families stay together for life. In captivity, they are shipped around to fill pools in theme parks around the world. They die very young in captivity.

R: Did this change of heart and new knowledge lead you to speak out in 2010 following the death of trainer Dawn Brancheau? Were you contacted or did you take the initiative to step forward?

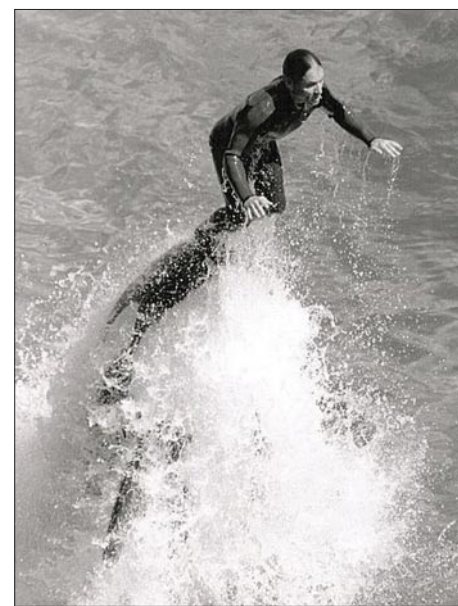
V: Both. I was contacted by the show producer for Anderson Cooper the night Dawn was killed. Being a professional made my testimony more credible. It was a tough decision to step forward, because it was a story that would put me at odds with a former employer. After that interview, more followed, and that put me on the map as an ex-trainer with an informed opinion. Tim Zimmermann contacted me for a feature piece he was writing for *Outside Magazine*. That piece, "Killer in the Pool," is the inspiration for the film *Blackfish*. After *Blackfish* director Gabriela Cowperthwaite read that article, she contacted me for the film and I agreed to participate.

R: The film made its debut at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in January 2013. Tell us about your experience.

V: Sundance was amazing. Getting "in" to Sundance is a major accomplishment for any filmmaker, kudos to Gabriela; but while there, we learned that Magnolia Productions and CNN Films purchased U.S. distribution rights to the film, so that was huge. I didn't really know much about the film festival circuit, but the *Blackfish* party started at Sundance. We (the former trainers in the film) saw it for the first time, went snowboarding and also were around to do Q&A sessions for the public. It was well received right away.

R: There may be one group that did not receive the film well: SeaWorld. The film states that SeaWorld declined multiple offers to be interviewed. We found that SeaWorld did issue a formal statement and responded via e-mail to questions from CNN. What is your reaction to SeaWorld's statements about the film?

V: It's not surprising that SeaWorld would respond negatively to a film critical of its core business model, which is killer whales performing circus stunts in a stadium with light



Ventre (in pictures) was a top trainer and performer with killer whales and dolphins at SeaWorld Orlando.

shows and pop music. They sent out eight critical assertions about the film to movie critics. These have either been debunked or don't deal with the issues presented in the film. You can read their statement and assertions and our (*Blackfish* Team's) responses to them [here]: <http://www.indiewire.com/article/sea-world-unleashes-8-assertions-about-blackfish-and-filmmakers-respond>

R: In your opinion what should SeaWorld do in a post-*Blackfish* world?

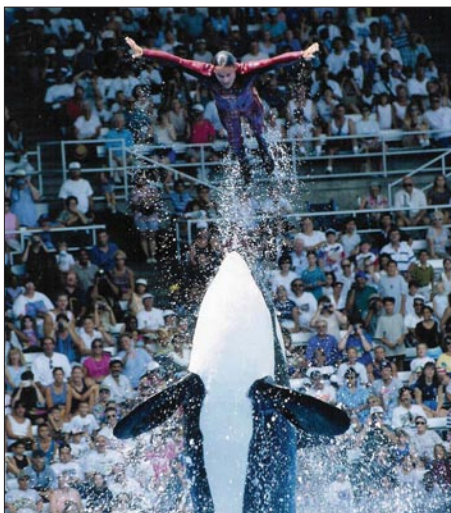
V: It's worth stating that no one wants SeaWorld to close. I believe SeaWorld can take a leading and possibly heroic position in this by helping to end captivity and supporting the idea of sea pens for some of its animals; a place where qualified whales can retire from the circus. The time for keeping killer whales in captivity is ending and SeaWorld can have a hand in it.

R: Any stories or thoughts to share since the film's release?

V: The movie is all over the place, now. CNN aired it to more than 20 million viewers and plans to re-air in 2014. It's kind of weird seeing *Blackfish* on cable, Netflix and on DVD. Teachers from schools and colleges are incorporating the film into their curricula, and it's having a broad cultural impact. Willie Nelson canceled an appearance to play at SeaWorld



“Seeing free-ranging killer whales radically altered my perspective . . . seeing them in the wild, swimming in straight lines and with straight dorsal fins was both profound and breathtaking.”



after his great granddaughter started a petition asking him not to play there (after she watched *Blackfish*). Willie told CNN he didn't approve of how they treated their animals.

On a related topic, I was very disappointed to learn that Russia just collected several killer whales for display at the Sochi Winter Olympics. This is the first time organized wild collections have occurred in over a decade.

R: What is the current status of Tilikum?

V: He was always relatively isolated. But after he killed his third person, new levels of safety were added. Direct contact with him was limited, and he spent most of his time by himself in a smaller pool. He's been incorporated back into the shows, but just comes out for the big splash segment at the end, and then goes back. They are still collecting his sperm for artificial insemination, so someone is definitely having close contact with him.

R: Have you kept up with killer whale research or participated in any studies?

V: Yes, John Jett, Ph.D. and I have partnered up on several projects, including co-authoring two scientific papers. The latest is peer-reviewed and published in the *Journal of Marine Mammals and their Ecology*, “Orca Captivity and Vulnerability to Mosquito Transmitted Viruses.” We're now working on our third paper, and it's regarding captive orca longevity. We'll be submitting it for peer review. Lastly, we've begun a book chapter dealing with animal-human relations in tourism for a publisher in Australia and an editor at Southern Cross University, there.

We're trying to contribute insights into the scientific literature that stems from having had worked in the industry.

R: Blackfish had a lot of Oscar-buzz—but didn't receive a nomination. Any thoughts on that?

V: Although surprising, there's no hard feelings from the cast and crew regarding the “Oscar snub.” Any surprise was based upon the near consensus among major movie critics and the awards and nominations it had already achieved. It has already achieved such global success that we're all very proud and honored to be associated with it. Over 20 million watched on CNN alone and it's still a favorite on Netflix, iTunes and pay per-view. The film did receive a full nomination at the British Academy Awards. I guess the Brits got this one right!

R: To wrap up, is there anything else you'd like our readers to know?

V: My Theta Chi experience continues to be very good. It's a part of my life. I spend free time with brothers and their significant others. A few months ago, I went out to the Burning Man Art Festival with three other Gamma Rho brothers. We had an incredible time and met a lot of solid folks in Black Rock City. I was thinking we need to set up a Theta Chi Theme Camp next year.

I can recommend a whale-watching trip for any Theta Chi's who are interested. The whales are accessible in the waters near Seattle every summer.

Since its release, *Blackfish* has caused a flurry of petitions to circulate around the internet calling for action to liberate the captive orcas or calls for outright boycotts of SeaWorld.

Another online petition urged the popular Canadian band Bare Naked Ladies to cancel their show at SeaWorld. After viewing *Blackfish*, the band began searching for other venues. Other acts canceled as well, including: Trace Adkins, Heart, Cheap Trick, Trisha Yearwood and REO Speedwagon.

Blackfish concludes with some final remarks from Ventre. We will, too. When asked, “What should viewers do after watching *Blackfish*,” he responded, “The film presents a story, without being pushy. Anyone who wants to take action is welcome to visit our website, <https://sites.google.com/site/voiceoftheorcas> for ideas.” ■

Delta's Nick Donofrio wins highest RAA Award



In October 2012, during RPI's Alumni Weekend, the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) recognized the contributions of Theta Chi alumnus **Nicholas M. Donofrio** (1967) with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). The DSA is the highest award presented by the RAA, and it recognizes "truly distinguished service to a profession, to the nation or to humanity."

Donofrio was chosen for the award based upon his service on many Rensselaer boards and committees, including the Rensselaer Board of Trustees; his personal commitment to working with women and underrepresented minorities to enrich the technical professions around the world with a diversity of culture and thought; his lifelong career achievements, where he led virtually all of IBM's manufacturing and development teams over his more than 40 years with the company; and the generous philanthropic support he and his wife, Anita, have shown to Rensselaer.

Nick becomes the 4th Delta Chapter alumnus to win the DSA, joining Carl J. Thomsen (1938), C. Sheldon Roberts (1948) and W. Robert McIntosh (1960). The DSA has only been awarded 44 times, so Delta Chapter now represents almost 10% of all winners and a huge percentage of fraternity member winners! We should all be very proud of these men.

The RAA has several other levels of awards, and many Theta Chis have won these as well –

Albert Fox Demers Medal

(awarded since 1942)

- Earl D. Rhodes 1921 *
- Vernon D. Beehler 1925 *
- Floyd H. Knapp 1927 *
- W. Harrington Disbrow 1928 *
- Woodman Perine 1931 *
- Michael V. Ciminera 1959
- W. Robert McIntosh 1960
- Richard O. Bollam 1966
- Nicholas M. Donofrio 1967
- Jan S. Pirrong 1969

Director's Award (awarded since 1984)

- Gordon M. Kilby 1953
- Robert L. Staley 1956 *
- Dan T. Spencer 1960
- Jan S. Pirrong 1969
- Mark P. Rice 1971
- Lew D. French III 1983
- Matthew T. Siegel 1985
- Raymond A. Moran 1995

The Alumni Key Award (awarded since 1965)

- W. Harrington Disbrow 1928 *
- Carl H. Samans 1929 *
- William F. Kramer 1930 *
- John A. Forster 1935 *

- Richard V. Anderson 1937 *
- Carl L. Kessler 1937 *
- Richard N. Marshall 1937 *
- C. Sheldon Roberts 1948
- H. Bartlett Howe 1950 *
- Graham Williams 1952 *
- Gordon M. Kilby 1953
- Richard M. Somers, Jr. 1953 *
- Michael V. Ciminera 1959
- W. Robert McIntosh 1960
- Rudolph R. Schwarzer 1963 *
- W. Everett Molony Jr. 1963
- William C. Stitt 1963
- Gordon N. McIntosh 1964
- Richard O. Bollam 1966
- Gregory N. Hughes 1967
- Nicholas M. Donofrio 1967
- Jan S. Pirrong 1969
- Mark P. Rice 1971
- Lew D. French III 1983
- Matthew T. Siegel 1985

For all of these outstanding alumni, it has never been more true: "Alma Mater First and Theta Chi For Alma Mater."

* deceased

Delta/RPI

RPI celebrated its Reunion Weekend Oct. 4-6, 2013, with three events. A tailgate party in the Theta Chi parking lot allowed alumni the opportunity to view the renovations made to the chapter house. The second event was a dinner at Revolution Hall in downtown Troy, and wrapping up the weekend was the Alumni Corporation's annual meeting.

Eta/Rhode Island

1976 Colley Award Recipient **Lorne Adrain** (1976) has announced his candidacy for Mayor of Providence, R.I.

Theta/Massachusetts



Rob Corddry (1993) earned his second consecutive Creative Arts Emmy for his live action, hospital-drama parody, "Childrens Hospital," a series that Corddry not only created, but also stars in and produces. "Childrens Hospital"

took home the trophy for Outstanding Short-format Live-action Entertainment during a ceremony held Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.

Tau/Florida

Advantage Publishing, Inc., owned by Publisher and CEO **Scott Costello** (1995), was the recipient of five awards during the Florida Magazine Association Charlie Awards held in August 2013. Advantage Publishing, Inc. was awarded the First Place Charlie Award for Writing Excellence, Best Feature in a trade/technical publication; General Excellence for Best New Magazine in the State; Design Excellence for Best Illustration;



Scott Costello presents a check in the amount of \$16,000 to Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure.

General Excellence for Best In-House Ad and Best Advertorial Section.

In August, Costello also presented checks to a charity foundation that he started four years ago to help the children of his community. Three checks totaling \$48,000 were presented to Child Advocacy Center of Gainesville, Children's Home Society of Mid Florida and Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure.

Omega/Penn State

Brothers young and old gathered to celebrate Omega Chapter's 95th Anniversary at a Black Tie Gala held at the Nittany Lion Inn on October 19, 2013. Former Alumni Association President **Ed Brown** (1987) served as the Master of Ceremonies. A keynote address was delivered by Penn State University Trustee Anthony Lubrano. The undergraduate chapter introduced and recognized AJ Bobby and his parents and siblings. The Bobby family is Omega's "adopted" THON family, and the chapter is helping AJ in his fight against leukemia. Silver Legions, Golden Guards and several other awards were presented, including Omega's introduction and inaugural presentation of the Richard Maltz Century Award presented to Chapter President Ian Maxwell. The award recognizes the undergraduate brother who has done the most to further Theta Chi at Penn State and it was created to honor **Richard Maltz** (1990) for the work that he has done as President of the alumni board. Special thanks to **Leo Sugg** (1988) for all of his work in planning to make this a great event. The alumni are currently conducting a capital campaign to help renovate the chapter house at 523 S. Allen Street. Check out www.thetachiomega.com for more information.

Alpha Delta/Purdue

Michael Berghoff (1985) was elected Vice President of the Board of Trustees at Purdue University on July 19, 2013. Berghoff, an Indianapolis resident, is founder and president of the Lenex Steel Corp. Berghoff remains actively involved with other volunteer efforts and in the local Indianapolis community. He served as President of Alpha Delta Chapter's House Corporation, is a Past President of the St. Simon the Apostle Parish, a member of the Board of Directors at Cathedral High School, and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Young Presidents Organization. Berghoff was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Purdue July 11, 2009.



Mu Chapter celebrates 100 Years

BY KUN-HUYOUNG LUKE KIM, MU/CALIFORNIA 2016

Mu Chapter recently celebrated our Centennial at the University of California-Berkeley. The events, spanning an entire weekend, were a huge success. Over the past 18 months, the undergraduate brothers and members of the Alumni Board strived to set a precedent of alumni participation and support. Many generations were well represented, from the 1950s to the 2010s. In total, 55 alumni and 48 undergraduate brothers were present.

On the first night of our Centennial celebrations, we had a cigar night with the alumni, for which brothers from as far as Washington State flew in. During that time, the undergraduate brothers gave house tours and re-engaged alumni who had not been to the chapter house in decades.

The morning after, we had an open house, to which many alumni and families came. It was a meaningful time, when we cracked open old photo albums and shared stories between generations.

Afterwards, we initiated our Centennial Pledge Class, composed of 13 quality men. Among those present was Ray Horton (1951), who appeared in the Fall 2012 issue of *The Rattle* with his wife, celebrating their 60th anniversary with a serenade from the current chapter brothers. The undergraduate brothers were proud to present the alumni with the Centennial Pledge Class.

Following initiation, we proceeded to a banquet hall for the Centennial Dinner. We had speeches from distinguished guests, presentations from national representatives and even a live auction. To symbolize the fact that Theta Chi is for life, we had a cake-cutting ceremony, in which the youngest initiate cut the first piece of cake and presented it to our oldest alumnus. Through the generosity of our alumni, we managed to raise about \$10,000 that night, which will be used for our Centennial Plan.

To cap off the night, the alumni and active brothers went back to the chapter house for an after-party. The morning after, we met for brunch at a historic campus pub.

Mu Chapter has experienced rapid and significant growth in recent years, initiating the momentum for what has come to be the Centennial Plan. It encompasses house improvements, alumni relations and building of a sustainable endowment. Specifically, we hope to add a new floor; renovate most rooms and bathrooms, and add three new rooms in the next two years.

As we reflect on 100 years of tradition and history, we hope to build upon Mu Chapter, so that it continues to improve and succeed. Special thanks go to the donors, Alumni Board members, the Grand Chapter and the Foundation Chapter for their consistent support and readiness to extend a helping hand.

As we strive to uphold the values and ideals of Theta Chi, we hope to build stronger relations with our national body and chapters across the nation. For that purpose, please connect with us by "liking" Mu Chapter at www.facebook.com/CalThetaChi.

Thank you for sharing this historic and meaningful time with us. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of Theta Chi Fraternity.

100 Continuous Years for Xi Chapter at the University of Virginia

BY CHRISTOPHER WINTER, XI/VIRGINIA 2007

The brothers and guests of Xi Chapter celebrated big and celebrated long on UVA's Homecomings weekend, October 25–27, 2013. There were two huge milestones honored that weekend: our upcoming 100th Anniversary (January 26, 2014) and the wildly successful completion of our Centennial Plan.

The keystone of the Centennial Plan (nurtured by the alumni corporation board) was the complete renovation and a major expansion of the chapter house, home to Xi since 1968.

Alumni registered for Homecomings at unprecedented levels to celebrate all we've accomplished. The headcount (including alumni, undergraduates and guests) totaled more than 350 people. Here is a quick recap of the weekend events:

- The activities began Friday morning as 10 groups teed off in a Captain's Choice tournament at the University's Birdwood Golf Course.
- On Friday evening, a cocktail reception and dinner were held at UVA's Alumni Hall. Speakers included the Rector of the University, the Dean of Greek Life and many Xi alumni. After the presenters, a DJ cranked music late into the evening.
- Saturday events started bright and early on a cold October morning. The tailgate started at 9 a.m. at the chapter house before heading over to the stadium for the 12:30 p.m. kickoff against Georgia Tech. The tailgate crowd quickly grew to more than 350 people who enjoyed swapping stories, catching up with old friends and enjoying the delicious food provided by the chapter's popular chef.
- After the game, everyone gathered back at the house for an alumni party. We had a band playing upstairs and a DJ playing in the basement; it truly was an epic night.
- The weekend concluded with our Annual Meeting on Sunday morning. The highlight of the meeting was Lee Purcell (Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1966), who donated (now inactive) Alpha Omega Chapter's 75+-year old ritual equipment to Xi Chapter: Jim Johnston (1966), Vice President of the Xi Alumni Corporation, accepted the gift on behalf of Xi Chapter and remarked, "The presentation of these ritual items by the Alpha Omega alumni represents the strong bond between our chapters and echoes the lifelong friendship between Thomas Jefferson and the Marquis de Lafayette."

During the weekend, we unveiled a large plaque listing all donors to the Centennial Plan, a bronze 100th anniversary plaque, a resolution from the Grand Chapter recognizing our 100th anniversary, a permanent digital monitor playing decades worth of composite photos and three plaques memorializing particularly distinguished brothers: Hovey Dabney (1949), Grady Lewis (1965) and alumnus initiate Willie Alexander (2006). All alumni who attended received a copy of a commissioned painting of the remodeled chapter house and a commemorative koozie. As a final touch, everyone signed a huge 100th anniversary banner that will be unfurled at future Homecomings forevermore.

It was truly an amazing weekend and an appropriate celebration of all we've accomplished. We will continue to thrive at the University of Virginia for another 100 years.



Alumni and undergraduate brothers gather with their Centennial Banner during UVA's Homecomings weekend, 2013.





On behalf of the alumni of the inactive Alpha Omega Chapter at Lafayette College, and in recognition of established friendships between members of both chapters, Lee Purcell (Alpha Omega/Lafayette 1966), presented Alpha Omega's 75+-year-old ritual equipment to Alumni Corporation President Jim Johnston (1966), who accepted on behalf of Xi Chapter. Lee Purcell noted, "The alumni of Alpha Omega take great pride in presenting these ritual items to the Xi Chapter in the spirit of continued brotherhood and in recognition of a strong, growing chapter. These items are presented with good wishes from the Alpha Omega alumni on long life and continued success in the next 100 years of Xi's history."

Alpha Iota/Indiana



In June, Indiana Governor Mike Pence announced that **Randall L. Tobias** (1964) would join the Board of Trustees at Indiana University. Tobias is the former CEO at Eli Lilly and Co., the former administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the first Global AIDS coordinator. He is also a member of the IU Foundation board and served as a trustee at Duke University for 13 years and chair of the board for three years.

Alpha Kappa/West Virginia

Capt. Myles Hennessey (2001) shares: While attending a veteran's event in Ohio in October, I was approached by a granddaughter of **Lee Iacocca** (Beta Sigma/Lehigh University 1945). After she talked to me for a few minutes, I told her about my work with both the Wounded Warrior Project and Independence Fund. She asked if she could take a short break, but told me not to go anywhere. About ten minutes later, she returned with her grandfather. After confirming that he is indeed a brother, we talked and I later left the meeting and the event with a \$500,000 donation to the Independence Fund. Once again, a Theta Chi has lent the Helping Hand!

Alpha Xi/Delaware

Dave Conner (2003), Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life at The College of New Jersey, was presented the Helen Shaw Staff Excellence and Special Achievement Award during a ceremony held Sept. 18, 2013, at TCNJ. The award, established as a memorial in honor of Helen D. Shaw, recognizes the essential role TCNJ staff members play in the college's educational process and institutional activities, and their commitment to excellence and dedication to the college.

Conner was also recognized by the National Panhellenic Conference on Oct. 12, 2013, when he was presented the Outstanding Panhellenic Advisor Award, the sole award given by the NPC to an individual Panhellenic Advisor.

Alpha Omicron/Washington State

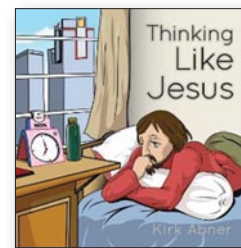
The Unbroken Foundation, co-founded by **Brian Moore** (2011), recently held its Annual Birdies for Brian Golf Tournament, raising more than \$45,000. The organization is dedicated to improving the lives and well-being of individuals living with a spinal cord injury.

Sam Bledsoe (2009) has been drawing celebrity clientele with his graphic designs. His T-shirt designs have been worn by FLO RIDA, Cee Lo, Ludacris and several of the Jersey Shore personalities.

Alpha Phi/Alabama

Author **Kirk Abner** (1979) teaches readers the important concepts from the humanity of Jesus in his new book, *Thinking Like Jesus*.

Drawing on the humanity of Jesus, Abner plants the seeds for five basic concepts critical in the development of the self-image for any child—the concepts of awareness of self, recog-



nition of ego, living in the moment, living with intention and man's eternal journey. For 12 years, Abner trained physicians and nurses on how to use electronic medical records. He has worked at some of the finest medical facilities in the United States, including Stanford University Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, Baylor Clinic in the Texas Medical Center and Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills.

Career counselor and internship placement director for the College of Communication and Information Services, **Jim Oakley** (1957), has been honored with The Jim Oakley Family Scholarship. The scholarship, created by college alumni, will be awarded each year to outstanding undergraduate students participating in summer internship programs.

Retired **Colonel Duane Lamb** (1976) was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Alpha Omega/Lafayette

A groundbreaking ceremony was held April 6, 2013, at Lafayette College for the Oechsle Center for Global Education which was made possible by the support of **Walter Oechsle**, (1957) and his late wife, Christa Huber Oechsle. Oechsle is a retired managing general partner of Oechsle International Advisors at Boston, and an emeritus trustee. He spoke at the event and participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking with Lafayette College President, Daniel H. Weiss, and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Edward W. Ahart. The Oechsle Center, a three-story structure, will house the International Affairs Program and the Department of Anthropology. It will also



Brothers from the 1960s and 1970s gather on the steps of the former chapter house following another successful Gamma Pi reunion.

Reunion tradition continues to provide quality time for Gamma Pi alumni

On an overcast day in the fall of 1973, a group of 43 Gamma Pi/Buffalo alumni decided to get together to reconnect and compare notes on life after graduation. Little did we know that we were about to start a tradition that would endure for decades. At the first reunion, we vowed to reunite as often as possible, but no less frequently than every five years. Since Buffalo was the epicenter of our college life, we chose it as the permanent destination.

Fast forward to the weekend of September 27–29, 2013. Thanks to the efforts by **Joe Bachovchin** (1969) and others, more than 50 brothers from all over the country converged on Buffalo to celebrate our eighth-in-a-row five-year reunion that started 40 years ago. This was our largest turn-out ever! Instead of playing in a choose-up sandlot football game like we did in 1973, the most rigorous activities this time centered on rounds of golf, attending a home football game (our UB Bulls were victorious), and many of us attended the Buffalo Bills game that Sunday, where they vanquished the Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens. Brothers brought great photos and memorabilia, including a great video of our famous “trike race” and our victorious intramural football team.

But the real value to the weekend was the quality time that we were able to spend with each other reminiscing and refreshing our bonds of brotherhood. With all the changes that have taken place in our respective lives over the years, the centerpiece of our discussions focused on the profound impact that our undergraduate Theta Chi years presented to us. Life lessons that made a difference then . . . and still influence our perspective on life today. Here’s to getting together again in 2018!

be a center of activity for the studies programs, including the African Studies Program. The state-of-the-art facilities will also have a 60-seat lecture hall, two 40-seat classrooms, a conference room with video conferencing capabilities and other teaching and learning spaces. The approximate cost of the project is \$10 million.

The 1982 Colley Award recipient, **Stephen Macri** (1982) and his wife were honored by the Catholic Guardian Society at the 28th Annual Child of Peace Award Dinner, held Oct. 10, 2013, at the University Club in Manhattan.

Beta Alpha/UCLA

Beta Alpha Chapter held its 13th Annual Founders Day Weekend in May to celebrate the Chapter’s 82nd Anniversary. More than 170 guests, representing six decades of Beta Alpha’s storied existence and brothers from seven Theta Chi chapters, attended. Events included a poker tournament at the Chapter House and a golf tournament and banquet at Griffith Park Golf Course. Nearly \$5,000 was raised to support the chapter’s Helping Hand Scholarship program.

Steve Maeda (1984) is currently working as an executive producer on his latest project, a TV series for the Syfy Channel, called *Helix*. He shared, “*Helix* is a twisty, science fiction thriller. Cool (we hope), scary, suspenseful. It premiered on Jan. 10, 2014.”

Beta Zeta/Michigan State

David Dyer (VanSlooten) (1990) is on the road playing venues all across the country as a stand-up comedian. He has appeared regularly on radio’s “The Bob & Tom Show.” He frequently contributes and guest co-hosts on “The Tony Gates Morning Show” on 97 WLAV FM in Grand Rapids, Mich. As an undergraduate, he teamed up with Chris Delgado (1987) and Chris Delusky (1990), and toured the Lansing, Mich. area with their cover band, Freeman and the Chasers.

Gamma Delta/Florida Southern



Matthew Cicanese (2013) is now attending Duke University to earn a Master of Fine Arts in Experimental and Documentary Arts, where he was recently featured on Duke’s MFA page, “Viewfinder,” in recognition of his new position at

the E. O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation. Cicanese is also working with National Geographic's Big Cats Initiative at Duke, and was recently a featured artist at Duke's Louise Brown Gallery.

Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State

Charles Lookout (1950) was one of 50 recognized at the 5th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders Honors. The honorees came from different cultures and backgrounds, but all share a common bond of respect, dignity and service to their fellow man.

Lookout, a tribal leader and veteran, continues to serve on the Osage Tribal Council at the age of 90. He is a native of Pawhuska and served in the U.S. Navy aboard the CV-3 U.S. Saratoga from 1942 to 1946. He earned six battle campaign medals as well as the Navy/Marine Corps Combat medal. After his time of service, he attended Oklahoma State University, earning two bachelor's degrees and a master's degree, and was employed by the Tulsa City County Library for 20 years. Lookout also served as Alumni President for the Gamma Zeta Chapter and as VFW Post Commander.

Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH)



John Shertzer (1998) was elected Board President of the Indiana Leadership Association, the membership association for organizations providing leadership development throughout the state of Indiana. Member organi-

zations mostly include countywide leadership programs and nonprofit organizations that teach leadership to adults or youth.

Shertzer, a resident of Indianapolis, is currently the Chief Programs Officer for Kiwanis International, overseeing Kiwanis's youth service clubs and programs, including Key Club International for high school students and Circle K International for college students.

Gamma Omicron/Wake Forest

Wake Forest University has appointed **Rogan Kersh** (1986) as their new provost and professor of political science. As WFU's chief academic officer, he reports directly to the university president and supervises the deans of the undergraduate college, the Schools of Business, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Law, the School of Divinity and the Library.



Multiple generations of Gamma Psis attended the 26th Annual Theta Chi Cup. Standing from left: Steve Aliment, Roger Engberg, Dick Buck, Bill Sheard, Bob Rubnitz, Dan Anderson, Craig Celigoy, Greg Elley, Mike Ramoska, Tracy Bennett, Dave Twitchell, Dave Cottler and Bob Hawkinson. Kneeling left to right are: Wally Adams, Rich Nevitt, Roger Nerland, Brian Nelson, Randy Aliment, Chuck Hanson, Randy Nulle, James Langston and Steve Hanson. Not pictured: Jerry Schwartz and Chuck Shotwell.

Gamma Psi/Puget Sound

Theta Chis, representing classes from the late 1960s, '70s and early '80s, gathered for the 26th consecutive Theta Chi Cup held Aug. 22, 2013. The annual event began with a dinner gathering at the home of **Dave Cottler** (1977) and carried on the next day with lunch, a golf tournament and celebratory dinner and award ceremony. This year's Cup was won by **Craig Celigoy** (1979).

Delta Alpha/Linfield

Alumnus Brother **Ryan Carlson** (1998) received the Linfield College Alumni Of The Year award.

Delta Beta/Georgia

Gov. Nathan Deal announced on Sept. 12, 2013 that he had nominated **Chris Carr** (1995) to succeed Chris Cumiskey as the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Carr assumed the position in early November.

Delta Iota/Northwestern

The **Rev. Canon Louis "Skip" Schueddig D.D.** (1970) was honored with a special eumenical Evening Prayer service, June 11, 2013, at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta.

Schueddig, who has served as president and executive director of the Episcopal Media



Mike Greenberg (Delta Iota/Northwestern 1989)

Center since 1983, has been a leader in church communications, media and technology over the past three decades, producing numerous film, video and audio productions.

Mike Greenberg (1989) co-host of "Mike & Mike," ESPN Radio's daily sports-talk show, returned to the Evanston campus and served as grand marshal of Northwestern's 2013 Homecoming Parade.

Delta Kappa/Ball State

There was a large turnout of alumni, undergrads and pledges at the Delta Kappa Chapter house Sept 21, 2013, as the brothers repaired and painted the stockade fence along the property line of Theta Chi's home. Thanks all around to everyone who participated and gave our home some much-needed curb appeal.



Delta Omicron Alumni Reunite to Dedicate Former Chapter House

More than 100 Delta Omicron alumni gathered for a reunion at Gettysburg College on September 28, 2013 to dedicate their former chapter house at 339 Carlisle Street. The former house was presented as a gift to the college, which invested more than \$2 million in renovations to turn the structure into teaching, lab and office space for the Economics and Africana Studies departments.

Delta Omicron Alumni Association President Mark Gage (1986) was assisted by other members of his board and the college in hosting the reunion. The Alumni Association sponsored a luncheon at the chapter house with more than 200 brothers and guests in attendance. The house was open to tours, and a formal dedication ceremony took place at 12:45 p.m.

Mark Gage expressed his thanks to the many assembled who assisted with the reunion and the chapter house. He presented a personal contribution to the college in hopes that a room in the former house would be named after the beloved former chapter and faculty adviser, the late Dr. Bruce Bugbee (1969).

Charter member Harold "Dick" Carr (1953) shared the history and origin of Alpha Theta Chi at Gettysburg College, its affiliation with Theta Chi Fraternity and how the chapter came to the property at 339 Carlisle Street. Next, Shawn Bunting (1995) offered remarks about his experience in the chapter in the 1990s.

Delta Omicron Alumni Association Secretary Jeff Glisson (1977) asked for a moment of silence for the 46 brothers of Delta Omicron who had joined the Chapter Eternal. A memorial plaque was reinstalled at the carport of the house for Vietnam veteran Capt. Daniel Whipps (1969), who had

lost his life in a plane crash in Spain in 1972. His former wife and her husband flew in from Montana to be part of the ceremony. Captain Whipps was laid to rest at Gettysburg National Cemetery, along with Dr. Bruce Bugbee, who was also recognized by Jeff Glisson.

Associate Executive Director (and Gettysburg native) Ben Hill and Sr. Director for Development Gregg Puls spoke on behalf of the National Fraternity.

Gettysburg College President (and Gettysburg alumna) Dr. Janet Riggs shared the history of the property, which was originally built in 1867 for Colonel Charles H. Buelher, a Civil War veteran and a trustee at Gettysburg College. The house was then used as housing for the college's preparatory division until 1951, when a local fraternity named Alpha Theta Chi acquired the house. After Theta Chi's departure, the college used the building as a student residence from 2003–2010 before moving forward with the renovations. President Riggs then invited the Alumni Association board members to join her for a formal ribbon cutting.

Following a time to view Delta Omicron historical items and a meeting of the Alumni Association, a formal banquet was held that evening at the Gettysburg Hotel. The invocation was given by Rev. Donald Ely (1955). The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi presented alumni awards to Delta Omicron Alumni Association Board Members Mark Gage, Eric Barley (1981), Jeff Glisson and Shawn Prohaska (1989).

Many stories and memories were shared, and the evening concluded with a slideshow of photos of Delta Omicron and the 339 Carlisle Street house over the years.

Delta Upsilon Chapter celebrates 60 years at Arizona State University

On the weekend of November 15–17, 2013, approximately 150 alumni and undergraduate brothers of Delta Upsilon Chapter at Arizona State gathered to celebrate the chapter's 60th anniversary. This was the first major alumni event of its kind in the chapter's history, and it was a resounding success, as brothers came in for the weekend's festivities from all over the state and country, as well as from as far away as Panama and Germany. Notable attendees included Theta Chi Executive Director Michael Mayer, Past National President Michael Maloney (1987), Past Theta Chi Funds board member Walt Davis (1965) and 18 past Delta Upsilon Chapter Presidents.

The weekend's events included a morning golf tournament, cocktail party at the W Hotel in Scottsdale on Friday evening, a pre-game tailgate Saturday afternoon, followed by the ASU vs. Oregon State football game, which the ranked Sun Devils won 30–17. Brothers at the game were surprised with a scoreboard announcement between the 1st & 2nd quarter from the university that read, "Congratulations Theta Chi Fraternity on their 60th anniversary at ASU!"

All six decades of the chapter's roster were represented, including eight brothers who were all surprised and presented with Golden Guard certificates from the Delta Upsilon Alumni Association. The Golden Guard is presented to brothers to commemorate their milestone of being members in Theta Chi for 50 or more years. One of the main organizers for the weekend, Mike Eckel (1996), said in his remarks, "...while we all proudly celebrate our chapter's current success at having 115 undergraduate brothers, including 45 brothers newly initiated last weekend, we must always honor and pay respects to our chapter's past, for without our brothers who came before us, there might not have been a Theta Chi chapter at ASU for us who followed to join."



Delta Phi/North Texas

James "Rusty" Reid (1984) was appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry to the Board of Regents at University of North Texas System. Brother Reid is currently the president and CEO of Higginbotham, a Texas company that specializes in insurance, risk management and financial services. Reid is also a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas; a member and past president of the Young Presidents' Organization, Fort Worth chapter; a board member and executive committee member of the Davey O'Brien Foundation and All Saints' Episcopal School; a board member of the Community Foundation of North Texas; board member and past chair of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth and a board member of Casa Mañana. He is past chair of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Fort Worth Sister Cities International.



The brothers of Delta Kappa gather Sept. 21, 2013 in front of the freshly painted stockade fence along the property line of the Delta Kappa chapter house.

175 Guests Gather for Epsilon Psi's 50th Anniversary at NJIT



(l-r) Brothers Ralph Trallo (1967), Henry Leimkuhler (1965), John Barrett (1964 – Roster #11), John Zozzaro (1964 – Roster #1), Carl Belt (1964 –Roster #3), Bob Trongone (1964) and Regis Zelenz (1964) receive the Golden Guard Award for 50 years of brotherhood in Theta Chi.

November 9, 2013 will go down in the history of Theta Chi's Epsilon Psi Chapter! More than 175 guests gathered to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Our evening began with a cocktail hour and viewing the five tables of memorabilia from the chapter's history brought from the house and on loan from guests. Photo albums (from as far back as the mid '60s), composites from over the years, history of the various chapter houses, plaques, awards, our charter, roster book, chapter flags, sets of letters, bricks and many other pieces of Epsilon Psi history were enjoyed by all.

After a cocktail hour, the room was rocked by the sound of 113 men reciting The Creed. Chapter President Jose Najarro (2015) provided opening remarks. Next, the undergraduates performed the Public Memorial Ceremony to honor our brothers who have joined the Chapter Eternal. All brothers then sang the Fraternity Anthem. Next, Dennis Hagerty (1984) spoke of the brothers in the '80s who put in a massive effort to secure the purchase of our current chapter house, The Firehouse! Marc Fox (1997) then took the microphone and discussed some events that best reminded everyone of life in 1963 (Beatlemania, civil rights, Vietnam, JFK... etc.) and some additional U.S. news from December 8, 1963.

Next to speak were two of our Charter Members: John Zozzaro (1964—Roster #1) and Carl Belt (1964—Roster #3), who both shared fantastic remarks from the heart, touching on their personal journeys through college and through life. These brothers, along with John Barrett (1964—Roster #11), Robert Trongone (1964—Roster #47), Regis Zelenz (1964—Roster #50), Henry Leimkuhler (1965—Roster #52) and Ralph Trallo (1967—Roster #59) were presented with Golden Guard certificates.

Dinner, dancing and photo booth pictures took up the remainder of the evening, with highlights including the "Hawaii 5-0" led by Alex Ruiz (1998) and the final two songs of the evening—"New York, New York" by Frank Sinatra and "Piano Man" by Billy Joel.

Epsilon Eta/IUP

The previous issue of *The Rattle* reported the establishment of the Theta Chi Heroes Scholarship in memory of our fallen brothers **Jim Flannery** (1969) and **Greg Spinelli** (1970). We are proud to report Mission Accomplished! We have reached the endowment level of \$25,000 in time for the scholarship to be awarded in the fall of 2014! On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, we want to thank all who gave to our newly created scholarship, which will be awarded to the top ROTC cadet coming out of summer camp in his or her junior year. We are also pleased to report that IUP President Dr. Michael Driscoll made note of our chapter in his remarks to faculty and staff at the Opening of the Academic Year program: "...IUP builds strong bonds that last a lifetime. That occurs because we know students learn from one another in the communities we help them build. Among my most memorable experiences of the last academic year was attending a dedication ceremony of a mural created in memory of Greg Spinelli, a member of the Class of 1970 and an FBI agent who died in the line of duty. Agent Spinelli's Theta Chi family—his IUP family—made sure this lasting memorial came to reality and established a scholarship in memory of all fallen Theta Chi members." We thank Dr. Driscoll for his kind words and his generous donation to our scholarship fund.

Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri

Wade Eyerly (2002) recently launched a brand new airline in California. His business is called Surf Air and his concept is a members-only service that would provide convenience for frequent travelers between top cities in the United States with a "pay-one-price-fly-all-you-want." He shares, "It works the way Netflix used to. Remember when they had all-you-can-watch DVDs but you could only have four at your house at once? Well, we do the same thing with boarding passes instead of DVDs," he continued. "You can hold four reservations at any given time...and as soon as you fly one, it's open for you to book another. CEOs and entrepreneurs are Surf Air's target passengers, as they are typically people who travel a lot and appreciate convenience. Eyerly and his business were featured in *The New York Times* in August 2013.

Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan

Dr. Tony Lake (1995) was chosen as the new National President of Gamma Sigma Alpha National Academic Greek Honor



Zeta Pi hosts the 8th Annual "Helping Hands" alumni golf outing on October 4, 2013. All proceeds (\$4,600) went to The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. in support of scholarships for Zeta Pi undergraduates.

Society. Lake commented, "There are big things ahead, and I am looking forward to working with some great people to make them happen!"

Zeta Beta/Adrian

Phil Harrington (2007) has been in training to pursue his Olympic dreams. In August, he completed a Skeleton Combine (single-man bobsled) at Lake Placid, N.Y., and did so well that he was invited back to participate in another combine in November 2013. His goal is to compete in the 2018 Olympics.

Zeta Lambda/Westminster

Attention all fans of AMC's *The Walking Dead*: **Greg Nicotero** (1985) is responsible for the special makeup effects, serves as co-executive producer, and has directed a few episodes as well. His special makeup effects have appeared in more than 900 films, including: *Django Unchained*, *Hitchcock*, *Transformers*, *Kill Bill*, *Scream*, *Pulp Fiction* and *Evil Dead II*. His start in the industry was in 1985 as Tom Savini's assistant on *Day of the Dead*.

Zeta Pi/Old Dominion

On May 28, 2013, the Virginia Port Authority board approved the merger of the Virginia Port Authority with Virginia International Terminals, (VIT) Inc. In the restructuring, **Tom Capozzi** (1989) vice president of global sales and marketing at VIT, will become the chief commercial officer of the organization.



Zeta Delta brothers paddle the Mississippi

Saint Cloud State brothers (l-r) **Dr. Ben Johnson** (2004) and **Brent Skaja** (2001) recently paddled the Mississippi River from its headwaters at Itasca State Park, Minn. to their alma mater in Saint Cloud, from Sept. 1-15, 2013, for a total of 422 miles.

Eta Delta/Babson

Alumni of Eta Delta Chapter held a Bone Marrow Drive during homecoming weekend in honor of a brother who is in the process of getting a transplant. More than 25 donors were enrolled. For more information on the American Bone Marrow Registry, visit <http://www.abmdr.org>

Eta Omicron/Northwestern State

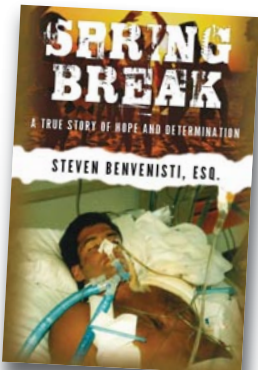
The Downtown Bentonville (Ark.), Inc. Board of Directors has selected **Dr. David Deggs** (1999) as their new executive director. Prior to his new role, Deggs was an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas from 2008 to 2011 and earned two awards, including the college's Rising STAR Award. He joined GED Testing Service in Washington, D.C. in 2011 and directed the implementation of a new national testing program aligned to career and college readiness for adult learners.

Eta Chi/George Mason

Officer **Michael Abate** (1999) was part of a U.S. Park Police helicopter crew involved with rescue efforts during the Sept. 16, 2013 shootings at the Washington D.C. Navy Yard. Brother Abate provided cover as victims and survivors of the shootings were loaded onto the police helicopter and transported to safety.

Theta Beta/The College of New Jersey

Author/attorney/motivational speaker **Steven Benvenisti** (1990) has written a book about the most important case of his career. *Spring Break: A True Story of Hope and Determination*, is an inspirational story about a college senior who was struck by a drunk driver while walking back to the hotel with his Theta Chi brothers while on spring break in Florida, and his remarkable journey to a full recovery.



Theta Rho/McNeese State

Brothers of the Theta Chi Alumni Cooking Team "extended a helping hand" last May by donating and cooking food for Relay for Life and Candace Stracner. Stracner is a Chi



Eta Delta alumni at their Bone Marrow Drive.



In summer 2013, Eta Kappa/James Madison's Phil Vassar (1984) met backstage with current and former members of the IHQ staff during his tour stop in Indianapolis. The notable country music artist has been on tour promoting his new hit single, "Love is Alive."

Omega from MSU who lost her mother, Cynthia Rector Stracner, to cancer just months before her wedding last year. The Stracner family had set up a booth to sell food and drinks at the Relay for Life event to raise money to donate in their mother's memory. The Theta Chi Alumni Corporation donated a large pot of Jambalaya for the family to sell.

Iota Lambda/Longwood

Last summer, Iota Lambda's very first Chapter President **Cory Nichols** (2008), and

his wife Colleen, were featured on the Home and Garden Network's television show, "House Hunters."

Newscaster and reporter for WFLO Radio in Farmville, VA, **Jordan Miles** (2010) serves as host and producer for the opinion-based news program, "People Talk," and received an award for Outstanding News Series at the annual Virginia Association of Broadcasters program held June 21, 2013. Brother Miles serves as the Public Relations Advisor for the Iota Lambda Chapter Advisory Board. ■



Dave Ashby

Theta Lambda's Thomas Yozzo (l) and Chris Moyer (r) seek a spirited second career. Their photo was taken by chapter brother Dave Ashby, Theta Lambda/Bloomsburg 1992.

Theta Lambda Brotherly Spirits

Thomas Yozzo (Theta Lambda/Bloomsburg 1993) and **Chris Moyer** (Theta Lambda/Bloomsburg 1992) are starting a craft distillery named Hudson Valley Distillers, LLC, located on a farm about 100 miles north of New York City, in Clermont, NY. Thomas and Chris met at Bloomsburg University while brothers at the Theta Lambda Chapter. Thomas came to Bloomsburg and Theta Chi after serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and will retire in January after more than 20 years in law enforcement in Newburgh, NY. Chris served overseas in the U.S. Army after Bloomsburg and settled in Northern Virginia in the software industry.

Over the years the two and their families often visited and vacationed together, and invariably they discussed opening a business when Thomas retired. Everything from golf courses to camp grounds was discussed, but nothing seemed to fit. Finally, on a 2009 vacation, Thomas suggested they start a distillery. Chris started to research the emerging craft distilling industry, and after discovering the industry was growing rapidly, the two got serious. In 2012, Chris moved his family from Virginia to New York and in July 2013, the two purchased a small farm and apple orchard and named it Spirits Grove Farm.

The craft distilling industry is exploding, with the number of small distilleries in the U.S. virtually doubling between 2009 and 2013. The two think the Hudson Valley is the perfect place to start a craft distillery due to the tourist draw from New York City and beyond and because the Hudson Valley contains a robust agricultural economy to provide local ingredients for their intended product line of vodka, whiskey and gin.

Although there are more than 30 distilleries in New York, Hudson Valley will be unique. The farm was previously used as a nursery and came with a house, retail center, 120+ year old barn, a four-acre apple orchard and four greenhouses. The two plan to use the apples to make an apple based vodka and the greenhouses to grow botanicals and flavorings for their gin. In addition, the property has very good soil and approximately four open acres to grow produce. They intend to show visitors every step of the spirits production process, from growing grains and fruits, fermenting and distilling to bottling. To that end, they are renovating the 3,300 square foot barn from the ground up to house their distillery and tasting room, with plans to expand the tasting room into the old nursery retail center in the future.

This endeavor has not been without challenges. The distilling industry is unlike other industries in that you need to have your equipment and facilities before you can apply for permits, so the two have been pouring time and money into the business since March 2012 without the possibility of generating revenue until March 2014. In fact, the two were turned down by the SBA for a startup loan, because they couldn't show any revenue in year one of the business plan. As a police officer, Thomas is prohibited from even applying for a permit in an alcohol-related business in New York State until he retires in January. On top of all this, both of them continue to work full-time outside of the business.

Still, the two think they can be open for business in March 2014. In the meantime, you can monitor their progress at www.facebook.com/HVDistillers.

Our Homes Away from Home

Xi/Virginia, Delta Kappa/Ball State, Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin, Zeta Beta/Adrian and Zeta Phi/Cal Poly recently completed renovations to their chapter house. Alpha Pi/Minnesota and Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern both acquired a new space leased from their University. Iota Beta moved into a newly built home. The common tie to all these stories: alumni support!

Xi/Virginia

In order to raise money for renovations, the Xi Alumni Corporation developed a campaign called the Centennial Plan. The goal was to “Honor our past and preserve our legacy for future brothers.”

The Centennial Plan was nurtured by the house corporation board for two-and-a-half years and was completed as intended in January 2013. The keystone of the Centennial Plan was the complete renovation and a major expansion of the chapter house at 600 Preston Place, home to Xi since 1968. The renovation and expansion cost \$1.1 million, and was supported by \$672,000 in pledges of support from more than 390 brothers from the '40s through the current undergraduate classes.



As a result of the Centennial Plan and the involvement of an active alumni corporation board, the Xi Chapter house at the University of Virginia successfully underwent major renovations and expansion.

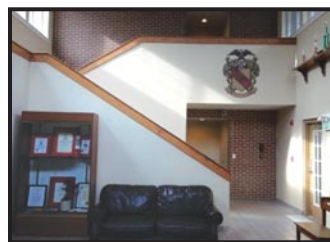
As a result of the Centennial Plan, brothers have a gorgeous chapter house that will serve the needs of the undergraduates for years to come. However, one equally important outcome is a reinvigorated alumni base. Prior to the Centennial Plan, alumni involvement was relatively weak, but now Xi Chapter has more than 50 percent of alumni contributing financially. The alumni have hosted well-attended tailgates during the past four homecomings and have expanded the alumni corporation board from two members to nine.

Alpha Pi/Minnesota

While colony members were still working toward reinstallation, the Alpha Pi Alumni Corporation acquired housing on the University of Minnesota campus. The alumni corporation took advantage of an opportunity pro-



Alpha Pi's new space at Minnesota



Delta Kappa's renovated foyer

vided by the university to help new chapters establish themselves and increase the school's total Greek population. The alumni signed a lease in a newly constructed residence hall located on 17th Avenue, which also provides meeting space. Theta Chi's new space has areas for members to socialize, including couches and a flat-screen TV, all donated by the alumni. The residence hall has housing above the meeting space of which several members took advantage.



Epsilon Tau tree damage

Delta Kappa/Ball State

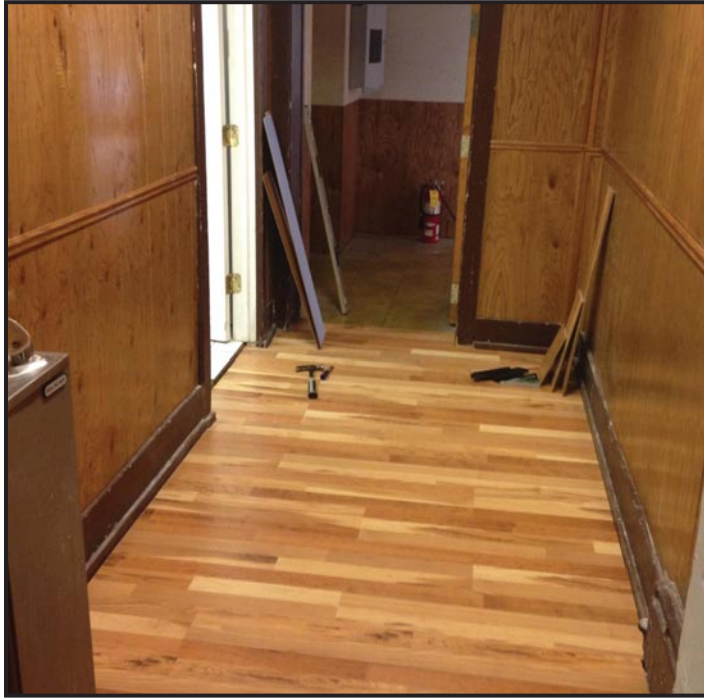
At Delta Kappa Chapter, renovations were done in all parts of the house. In the foyer, '80s-style wallpaper was removed and the area was painted a light beige with tan accent trim. The light fixture was also replaced with an energy efficient LED fixture, and a four-foot Coat of Arms decal was installed.

The TV Room was renamed Delta Kappa Student Room and its new design promotes educational use. There is a new built-in cabinet that encloses the TV and surround-system. The room was painted and trimmed to match the foyer, new carpet was installed, and a five-foot Coat of Arms decal was installed above the TV.

The kitchen at the Delta Kappa house received a new community refrigerator and dishwasher, and in the utility room, the 20-plus-year-old water heaters were replaced with two new 100-gallon water heaters.

The billiards room in the basement was also sealed and painted, the felt on the billiard table was replaced with red felt and a new light fixture was installed.

“The renovations to our house not only make it more efficient in regards to the water heaters and lights, but it is more usable,” said Chapter President Josh



This hallway is one of several areas receiving a facelift at the Zeta Beta Chapter house after the major infrastructure was updated over the summer.



Damage to the Epsilon Tau kitchen



Epsilon Tau's renovated kitchen

Rooney (2015). "The renovations are helping the brothers to get the most out of their four years here on campus. The alumni support for our chapter right now is beyond amazing and all of these additions to our property are the result of this support," he continued.

Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin

A tree limb falling on the Epsilon Tau Chapter house back in March 2013 made major renovations necessary. The falling limb damaged the roof, the attic, a second-floor bedroom and the kitchen. The total estimated damage was \$30,000.

Luckily, homeowners insurance covered the renovations,

which included a new roof, exterior siding replacement, renovation of the bedroom, chimney removal and updated kitchen. The exterior of the house was also recently painted.

Chapter President Connor Murnane (2015) now resides in the room that was once damaged by the falling limb. "I would say the best part about the new renovation would be the kitchen," said Connor. "The kitchen was horribly outdated, with poorly designed cabinets, linoleum countertops and a chimney that had no use. The new kitchen utilizes every amount of space available with taller cabinets, granite countertops and a new dishwasher. The chimney that ran through the

kitchen and up through my room has been removed which gives me plenty of space in my room. The new paint on the house has made an extraordinary difference, and I am proud that it can be called a chapter house for Theta Chi Fraternity," he said.

Blake Broaddus (2012) said, "My favorite part of the renovations is the new roof. The old roof was in bad condition, which made the third floor very hot and uncomfortable. The new roof cools the house off and has made the third floor into the best room in the house."

Zeta Beta/Adrian

In anticipation of their 50th anniversary celebration next year, Zeta Beta has initiated several phases of house renovations. Over the summer, the biggest infrastructure project—the plumbing—was completed. Though there are still a few minor adjustments to be made, the chapter house now has a confident arrangement. The electrical system also received an upgrade.

These improvements, coupled with the reinforced foundation and basement renovations from the past few years, have the house in healthy condition.

On the agenda now is house appearance. Two rooms on the third floor were recently renovated to accommodate a boardroom for committee meetings and storage space for Ritual materials.

The first-floor rooms and back hallway are the current project at hand. New drywall, half-wall paneling, chair rails and refurbishing the doors is taking place.



Zeta Kappa decorates their new home.



Zeta Kappa den.

Stairwells leading to the second and third floors will also be repaired. The front foyer and main sitting room are slated for tidying next summer.

Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern

When Ohio Northern University put a new housing code into place, it affected all off-campus chapter houses. Zeta Kappa Chapter had five years to decide if they were going to overhaul an existing house in the area, build a new house or move onto campus. Last summer, the chapter and house corporation decided that it was in the best interest of the chapter to move on campus. Not only would on campus housing be more affordable, it also offers increased camaraderie, teamwork and coordination between Greeks on campus.

"We are leasing a 'residence hall style' complex from the University," said Tom Gresavage, Past-President of Zeta Kappa Chapter. "We will be occupying one-half of the complex. Our half of the complex has two floors that consist of eight double bedrooms and a "Hut" (common area with furnished kitchen)."

The Hut includes a kitchen, office, study room and common area. The entire building has RFID (card-activated) controlled locks on the exterior doors. All of the doors leading to the common area on the interior also have RFID locks, allowing access to the chapter space to be given solely to our brothers and alumni.

"Brothers can also access the dining hall via a meal plan," said Gresavage "And there is a furnished kitchen that can be uti-



The Zeta Phi house gets an interior facelift.

lized for daily meals, chapter-wide meals and chapter events,” he added. “The kitchen is large and the house corporation has paid for all new plates, utensils and professional cooking implements for use by the chapter for events,” he said.

“When decorating the space, the members and alumni of our chapter took the utmost care to display artifacts of the proudest moments in our chapter’s history,” said Gresavage. “We have our most recent chapter composites hung to showcase the current face of our brotherhood, as well as composites from each of our four previous chapter houses.”

New furniture was purchased for the study by the house corporation. Not only does the room promote academic excellence, but it is also a room where mementos commemorating the chapter’s greatest achievements and chapter history are on display. The space is inviting and an area for the brothers to call home.

“We have also hung vinyl decals in certain windows, which tastefully personalize the space as belonging to Theta Chi,” said Gresavage. “In front of the house (facing the other buildings in the cluster of

complexes) we will have a sign which will have the name and date of founding proudly displayed. On the back of the house (which faces the front of campus and can be seen from the road as well as far onto campus), we will have large letters that further declare the presence of our chapter on campus, and in a growing ‘Greek Center’ (which the University has promisingly named Affinity).”

Zeta Phi/Cal Poly

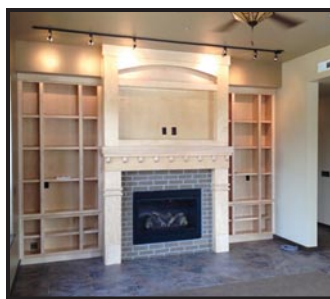
For Zeta Phi Chapter, the renovations to the chapter house were minor. Seven of the chapter brothers worked to give the staircase in the chapter house a face lift. Malik Shahbal (2013), Jaime Ceja (2014), Jason Bertels (2013), Christopher Couto (2012), Matthew Truss (2015), Corey Souza (2013) and Atta Shehadey (2016) prepped and painted the walls, spindles and some of the woodwork, as well as other projects around the house. Afterwards came decorating of the walls with flags and current composite.

“It (chapter house) looks infinitely better than before the summer. I love all the hard work that went into making it happen,” said Malik Shahbal.

“This is the best the house has ever been,” said Zeta Phi Recruitment Chairman Jaime Ceja, “not just the staircase but all the other improvements as well, and I’m excited to see the house continually improve.”



The new Iota Beta Chapter house has ample room for 40 men.



Iota Beta parlor

Iota Beta/Missouri State

With the help and support of their alumni, Iota Beta has constructed a brand new house. The chapter received their occupancy permit for their new chapter house on Aug. 2, 2013. Members began moving in on Aug. 9, and furniture was delivered Aug. 14. Then-President, Taylor Homeyer (2014) shared, “The house has 20 bedrooms and holds 40 men and is full for the 2013/2014 school

year,” said Homeyer. “We upgraded from about 31/32 (residents) at our previous location. Each room holds two brothers.”

This was the first move that Iota Beta had made since 2003. The new chapter house has four floors and is also easily accessible for members and guests with disabilities. “The four floors include a basement with a large living area and three bedrooms, the first floor has a smaller “parlor room,” chapter room, ritual closet/office and three bedrooms, the second and third floors each have seven bedrooms and two study areas with a ‘skybox’ that overlooks the university’s intramural fields,” said Homeyer. The bedrooms feature built-in desks, shelves and drawers and come equipped with ceiling fans.

“I love the new house,” said Homeyer. “It has been a huge upgrade for our chapter and definitely mirrors the quality of work that our chapter has produced at the local and national level compared to our previous location,” he said. “During recruitment, it has definitely been used as a tool to show brothers the great brotherhood and successes that our chapter has had since joining campus in 1999; that being said, we have not relied on the new house to recruit the men for us. I’m very excited to be one of the first brothers to live in this house and excited to visit the chapter in the future to share some of the first stories and memories that were created in the house.” ■



The Iota Beta “Skybox” overlooks the intramural fields.

Theta Chi's 5th Annual National Golf Tournament

BY THE NATIONAL GOLF COMMITTEE: PAUL NORSTREM, ALPHA PI/MINNESOTA, PAT O'CONNOR, CHI/AUBURN, AND JIM POWELL, DELTA PI/INDIANA STATE

The 5th Annual Theta Chi National Golf Outing was held on May 16–18, 2013 in the beautiful resort town of Mesquite, Nev., home of the famed Wolf Creek Golf Club. The Eureka Casino Resort served as host hotel and provided a perfect get away for good food and games of skill and chance. Immaculate weather, great golf courses and a friendly casino made the brotherhood even more outstanding.

The three-day event was highlighted by the annual individual stroke play tournament on Saturday at the unique and challenging Wolf Creek Golf Club,

www.golfwolfcreek.com. Wolf Creek, rated by Golf Europe as “one of the top ten places to golf in the world,” received the prestigious “#1 golf course in America” by *Golf Digest* in 2011 as part of its fans’ choice award. Tucked into the northeast corner of Mesquite, the course is carved out of vast desert hills. The terrain tests any golfer’s game and the views are spectacular. George St. George (Gamma Pi/Buffalo 1970) shot a solid 86 on this most challenging course and took Medalist honors. Steve Yount (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1972) won Individual Champion for the third year in a row with an 89 and a net score of 72.

The four-man scramble tournament on Friday featured Conestoga Golf Club, www.conestogagolf.com, also rated as “One of the Best You Can Play in Nevada,” by *GolfWeek Magazine*. Conestoga was voted by locals as the best golf course in Mesquite in 2011. This challenging golf course was a perfect setting for the scramble event. Tournament honors went to the team of Jack Cowan (Gamma Psi/Puget Sound 1966), Mike Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973), Rich Nevitt (Gamma Psi/Puget Sound 1967) and Paul Norstrom (Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986) with a solid three under par.

The opening round on Thursday featured the two-man scramble tournament and was held at the Palmer Course. The winning team of Jack Cowan and Pat O’Connor (Chi/Auburn) scored a respectable four over par.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and competition throughout the



Alumni enjoyed the golf outing last year in Mesquite, Nev., and hope that you join them for another round this year on May 1–3, 2014.

three-day event. The next tournament is already being planned. All Theta Chi brothers are invited to return to Mesquite for the 6th Annual Tournament, which is set for May 1–3, 2014. We hope you will join us for a remarkable golf experience and an extraordinary brotherhood event. Make sure to save the date.

We are accepting registrations now on www.thetachi.org, so register today! If you would like further information, please email Jim Powell at jpowell@thetachi.org, or call him at International Headquarters (317-848-1856). Join your brothers for this annual tradition. We guarantee you will have an unforgettable golf experience at this outstanding brotherhood event. ■

National Ski Trip

BY HERB MORGAN, THETA IOTA/UC-SANTA CRUZ

The 32nd annual National Theta Chi David E. DeVol Ski Trip was held February 23–27, 2013 in Mammoth Lakes, Calif. Brothers were treated to great conditions, warm fellowship and hearty laughter for the three days of unforgettable skiing.

This year’s attendees included Jeffrey C. Anderson (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1987), Herb W. Morgan (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz 1988), Al Zale (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954), Mark Manlove (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969), Robert Leitch (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996), Mike Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973), Hank Griffin (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969), Dave Atkinson (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1970) and, of course, ski trip namesake (our recently anointed Grand Old Man of Theta Chi) David E. DeVol (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1959).

Brothers came from as far away as Kentucky and Hawaii, while the largest contingent made the six-and-a-half hour trek from San Diego. As per custom, the trip kicks off early on a Saturday morning at the Denny’s restaurant in Rancho Bernardo, Calif., where tearful wives send their rugged men off to the dangers of Mammoth’s jagged peaks. The first night’s dinner kicked off at the world famous Whiskey Creek Wood Fire Grill, just as it has for the majority of the trip’s 32 years. And, of course, the trip would not be complete without the formal “closing banquet” at the magnificent Inn at Convict Lake, where brothers sipped smoky single malts and feasted on bananas foster for dessert.

The 33rd annual trip will be in Park City, Utah on February 28 through March 4, 2014 and we look forward to sharing updates in the next *Rattle*.

Undergraduate brothers make Theta Chi proud!

Delta/RPI

We are proud to announce that RPI football players **Matthew Lane** (2016), **Jay Yaskanich** (2015) and **Nick Borkowsk** (2015) were selected to the 2013–14 Capital One Academic All-District® 3 Football Team. The players were selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Nu/Hampden-Sydney

Each year, Nu Chapter holds a Beat Macon Blood Drive during the week that Hampden-Sydney plays its rival, Randolph Macon, in football. This is the oldest small school rivalry in the south, with more than 100 years of history. This year marked the 119th game, and Hampden-Sydney won 28–26. The Theta Chi-sponsored blood drive brought in 68 units,

beating our goal of 60 by eight units. Considering Hampden-Sydney is a school of 1,000 students, eight units is a lot!

Rho/Illinois

October 16, 2013 marked the 25th anniversary of students coming together to re-establish Rho Chapter, and undergraduates came together to honor the occasion. Our brothers teamed up with sorority members across campus to host Pet-a-Pup for the second time on Oct. 8, 2013. In two hours, the group had raised \$330 for Illini Service Dogs. In the spring of 2013, the chapter raised \$250 for the Illini Service Dogs.

Rho Chapter also raised \$2,083.21 to end world hunger by partnering with UIUC and making and delivering grilled cheese sand-

wiches across campus for a small fee. Another \$736.87 was raised for the Bob Woodruff Foundation during the chapter's GI Theta Chi Dinner.

On Sept. 25, 2013, Austin Walker (2012) delivered a speech to the new member class on Random Acts of Leadership and How to be a Fraternity Man. Rho Chapter also finished second in philanthropy total hours and for average hours per member for the 2012/2013 school year out of 42 fraternities on campus.

Phi/North Dakota State

Brothers of Phi Chapter held a spaghetti dinner to raise money for Chris Baer, who has been battling cancer for more than two years. Approximately \$5,000 was raised, and 15 brothers shaved their heads in Chris' honor.

Psi/Wisconsin

Psi/Wisconsin decided to shake things up by hosting their first fall philanthropy, Shave for Cancer, to benefit pediatric cancer research. During the week, the brothers hosted several fundraiser events, and at the end of the week, 70 brothers shaved their heads and raised more than \$35,000.



Derek Anders (2012), Jon Lawler (2012), Austin Marquardt (2017), Corey Haller (2015) and Rob Haarstad (2015) spent a September day picking fruits and vegetables for a local 4-H Chapter. The fruits and vegetables were donated to Kindred Food Bank and a local high school.

Chapter Secretary **Schuyler Long** (2015) became a member of the Blue Key Honor Society at North Dakota State.

Chi/Auburn

Chi Chapter had tremendous success in intramural sports in the past year. In softball, they fielded a very competitive team that finished 3-1 in the regular season and made it into the Large-Sized fraternity playoffs. In Ultimate Frisbee, the brothers had a very successful regular season, finishing 3-1 and advancing in the playoffs into the semi-finals among all fraternity and independent teams at Auburn. Chi also recently concluded its most successful intramural flag football season, finishing undefeated in the regular season and achieving the overall number two seed among all fraternities in the playoffs. Chi Chapter was knocked out in the semi-finals. The chapter also participated in the intramural soccer season, which is traditionally their best sport.

During Homecoming weekend against Western Carolina, Chi held its annual Parents' and Alumni Weekend. Festivities included an annual golf outing at the Auburn University Club, with many brothers, parents and alumni participating, trying to win various awards for Low Net Score, Low Gross Score, Long Drive and Closest To The Tee. Following the golf outing was a banquet at the house with more than 300 people in attendance. The food was prepared by the in-house cook and music was provided by a local pianist. On game day, the chapter hosted a tailgate, complete with a full band for entertainment and a pig-roast.

Omega/Penn State

Omega Chapter also won first place in the Penn State Homecoming celebration, the largest and most competitive homecoming celebration in the country. Paired with the Tapestry Dance Troupe, the group built a float, competed in numerous spirit points' competitions, created and performed a skit, ran in a 5K and helped with the overall planning of the celebration. Also, John Boston (2014) was honored as a member of the Penn State Homecoming Court.



Omega brothers took a trip to Washington, D.C. last spring to spend some time together. The group, consisting of more than 40 undergraduates and 15 alumni, took in the National Mall and toured the Capital's monuments and museums. They even took time to help another fraternity with its philanthropy on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Alpha Zeta/Rochester

Alpha Zeta Chapter gave up a Saturday in November to assist the ROTC and Delta Gamma with wrapping gifts for soldiers to give to their wives and other important people in their lives. Through a program called Full Circle Home, troops in Afghanistan were able to go online and fill out an application for their spouse to receive a gift for Christmas. The Alpha Zeta brothers assisted with the wrapping of 5,000 gifts.

Alpha Iota/Indiana

Joe Weber (2016) was crowned Big Man on Campus during Zeta Tau Alpha's all-male talent show, which is considered the largest single-house philanthropic effort in the country. Competing against 28 other individuals, Weber assisted Zeta Tau Alpha in raising a total of \$175,003.16 for their NFL Pink Ribbon Project and the IU School of Medicine.

Alpha Kappa/West Virginia

The brothers of Alpha Kappa offered several events for student participation during their philanthropy week. Events included our banner drop competition, coin wars, a kickball tournament, T-shirt sales and a charity car wash. Proceeds for all the events were donated to the Starlight Children's Foundation. More than \$1,500 was raised by the brothers who washed more than 100 cars at \$2 each.

Beta Alpha/UCLA

In May, Beta Alpha raised more money for UCLA Relay for Life (benefiting the American Cancer Society) than any other UCLA fraternity or sorority, and they won the 2013 UCLA Relay for Life Trophy.

In September, 31 members participated in the 5th annual UCLA Volunteer Day and assisted with leading 500 incoming UCLA freshmen and transfer students through tasks at six different locations at Griffith Park.

Beta Iota/Arizona

On September 21, 2013, members participated in a community service event at the Gabriel Gifford Family Assistance Center and "extended a helping hand" to the Southern Arizona Food Bank.

Next came the chapter's week-long philanthropy, G.I. Theta Chi, where they raised money for veterans in need through a variety of activities, such as a percentage night at Jamba Juice, a barbecue, karaoke night and finally a military-themed all-day event with an obstacle course, tug-of-war and much more. At week's end, the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi had come out on top, winning the philanthropy and helping Beta Iota raise more than \$6,000, which was donated to Rally Point/La Fontera, a local veterans clinic in Tucson.

In addition, the chapter won the University of Arizona's Interfraternity Council fraternity golf tournament, with a final combined score of 66 by Brothers **Will Groves** (2016) and **Blair Henning** (2016).

Beta Kappa/Hamline

On Halloween night, brothers of Beta Kappa Chapter, Alpha Pi Colony, the sisters of Delta Tau Sorority and members of the Hamline Community went door-to-door, not to trick-or-treat, but to trick-or-can. Trick-or-Canning is an annual event where the purpose is purely philanthropic: to go around surrounding neighborhoods to collect nonperishable goods to donate to the local food shelf. There were prizes for those who collected the



Beta Alpha proudly displays the 2013 UCLA Relay for Life Trophy after collecting more money than any other sorority or fraternity for the event, which benefits the American Cancer Society.



Members of Beta Lambda Chapter gather for a group photo during a recruitment event at Akron.

most nonperishable items, as well as a costume contest. The turnout was phenomenal and more than 2000 canned goods were collected.

Beta Lambda/Akron

The brothers of Beta Lambda Chapter were happy to support Theta Chi's new national partnership with the USO through our first-ever G.I. Theta Chi philanthropy event. The event carried on for three days and was filled with various activities, including a cookout, writing letters to the troops and an interfraternal tug o' war contest.

Beta Nu/Case Western

Last fall, the brothers of Beta Nu were regular participants in philanthropy events, placing second in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash raft

race event, co-hosting a video game tournament with Phi Kappa Tau, and by holding a Scholarship Mixer, which was praised by the faculty who attended.

Beta Nu also participated in an intrafraternal event, meeting brothers from the Zeta Lambda Chapter at Westminster College, and the Beta Lambda Chapter at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. The event was a big hit with our brothers who drove down. The fall semester has demonstrated an upward trend for the chapter becoming a bigger presence on campus as the brothers become better leaders and men of character.

Beta Psi/Presbyterian

Over the summer, six brothers of the Beta Psi Chapter had the opportunity to travel to



Brothers of the Beta Psi Chapter, Wyatt Mills, Andrew Kocis, William Ward, Parker McTeer, Will Varner and Hal Baird proudly display the Theta Chi flag. The brothers traveled to Cape Town, South Africa last summer in pursuit of business and entrepreneurship knowledge.

Cape Town, South Africa in pursuit of business and entrepreneurship knowledge. With only 25 people on the trip, Theta Chi brothers had a strong presence in and out of the classroom, leading the way on new experiences and ideas. Brothers were able to experience building a school/community center, as well as hiking up to the top of Table Mountain, one of the wonders of the world.

Gamma Omicron/Wake Forest

Brother **Jay Sehgal** (2014), a senior from Pittsburgh, was chosen to be the sole Student Trustee for Wake Forest University's 2013/2014 academic year.



Delta Alpha/Linfield

Delta Alpha's newly-elected Chapter President, **Logan Lamb** (2016), spent his summer interning in Washington, D.C. for Congressman Greg Walden, (R – Ore.) Lamb, along with Brothers **Hayden Richardson** (2016) and **Conner Purnell** (2016), also broadcast a sports radio talk show on Linfield's KSLC 90.3 FM radio station.

Morgan Yarber (2014) devoted his summer to collecting research and statistically analyzing data for the environmental science department. Yarber's findings regarding nitrogenous air pollution are going to be presented around campus and at a research summit in Portland this winter. There is a possibility that his findings will also be published in a scholarly scientific journal.



Brothers of Delta Mu Chapter during a football season tailgate.



Brothers of Delta Omega Chapter gather at Ripon College for a group photo.

Delta Eta/Colorado State

The fall of 2013 was the first semester that Delta Eta Chapter had been an official active chapter in more than four decades. Many of our brothers served as leaders during Orientation and Welcome Week, which kept them busy over the summer and during back-to-school week.

Delta Eta was also part of the team taking first place in the homecoming festivities. They worked with Kappa Delta and Triangle to build a float, play capture the flag, attend study hours and perform in an all-Greek variety show.

The chapter held its first major philanthropy, a Haunted House event, in October.

Proceeds benefitted Crossroads Safe House, the only operating domestic abuse shelter in Fort Collins.

Delta Mu/Texas

Delta Mu Chapter won second place in the Red River Rivalry Banner Competition. They have also hosted several tailgating events during home games and have participated in park cleanups at Waller Creek and at Blunn Creek Nature Preserve, both in Austin, Texas.

Members of the chapter have also been participating in intramural football and co-ed intramural football and both teams are off to a good start.

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Delta Mu's Hunter Wrobleske sets up for a kick during the Southwest Conference Championship game, where the Texas Rugby Team was victorious.

Brother **Tony Chen** (2013) was inducted into Order of Omega, and Brother **Hunter Wrobleske** (2015) was a member of the Texas Rugby team that took home the Southwest Conference Championship trophy.

Epsilon Gamma/Widener

Members of Epsilon Gamma spent Nov. 14, 2013 flipping flap jacks for its annual Chi Hop philanthropy, which benefits the Wounded Warrior Project. The brothers also teamed up with the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma to sell bracelets. Proceeds from the bracelet sales benefitted Brides Across America, an organization that unites military brides and bridal salons across the country for a common purpose.

Epsilon Theta/Tufts

The chapter house at Tufts caught fire in October. Fortunately, all brothers were safe and uninjured. Tufts provided housing arrangements for the affected brothers during the aftermath. The fire started in the third-floor bedroom, with investigators leaning toward faulty wiring of an electrical fan. The sprinklers had controlled the fire and firefighters ran a line to the third floor and finished the job.

Zeta Pi/Old Dominion

The brothers of Zeta Pi raised \$1,000 by having a combined 200 hours of service for



Delta Upsilon/Arizona State Brothers Wade Sarchet (2015) (left) and Zach Kravitz (2015) hoist the Theta Chi flag while donating blood at Memorial Union.



The brothers of Delta Upsilon celebrate beating their goal of 30 donations (50 donations actually collected) during the blood drive for the American Red Cross, Sept. 13, 2013, at Memorial Union.

The Concerned Veterans of America. It was the most hours The Concerned Veterans of America ever received in a seven-day period.

Zeta Rho/Kentucky

Two members of Zeta Rho Chapter, **Thomas Albrektson** (2016) and **Taylor Dahlem** (2014), assisted Counselor **Robert Leitch** with facilitating a Team Building & Strategic Planning Workshop for the local chapter of N.A.W.I.C. (National Association of Women in Construction) at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington, using curriculum from the Initiative Academy. The make-up of this organization was CEOs, Owners of Small Businesses, Engineers, Office/Support Staff and many more from the Greater Lexington Area. Some of the feedback following the

exercise included that their views of fraternities have now been changed significantly in a favorable way.

Derek Novosad (2015) was elected IFC Executive Vice President.

Zeta Upsilon/Hartford

Brother **Scott Schechtman** (2014) lent an assisting hand recently when he donated 65% of his liver to his father, who suffers from Fatty Liver Disease.

Spring also saw five brothers of Zeta Upsilon inducted into the Order of Omega: **Stephen Burke** (2013), **Graeme Mackenzie** (2014), **Sean O'Donovan** (2013), **Jacob Osbeck** (2012) and **Austen Williams** (2014).

The chapter held a successful alumni get-together for the University's Hawktober



Brothers of the Zeta Pi Chapter at Old Dominion University participated in the Haul for Hunger Community Service event in October, bagging 260 bags of sweet potatoes for the homeless.



Brothers of Eta Beta Chapter at Eastern Kentucky sold balloons and bracelets Oct. 21–25 during their annual Breast Cancer Awareness philanthropy. The brothers raised nearly \$1,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Zeta Rho/Kentucky Brothers Thomas Albrekton and Taylor Dahlem and Counselor Robert Leitch pose for a photo with members of the local chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction. The brothers assisted the N.A.W.I.C. members with a Team Building and Strategic Planning workshop.

Weekend. They supported David Dorado (2013) by sending him to the Initiative Academy in Purdue, and they hosted their annual arm wrestling tournament to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project on Nov. 2, 2013.

Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Week, the brothers of Eta Beta Chapter sold bracelets and balloons, and donated the funds, nearing \$1,000, to the local Susan G. Komen Foundation. On Friday, those who purchased balloons gathered for a release.

Eta Zeta/Edinboro

On Oct. 10, 2013, the brothers of Eta Zeta Chapter learned what it was like to play basket-

ball in a wheelchair when they took on Edinboro University's Wheelchair Basketball Team (one of seven collegiate wheelchair basketball teams in the nation) for a fundraiser event. The chapter lost by four points, even after the teams switched scores at the half. More than \$400 was raised.

The chapter also hosted two guest speakers for a campus event to raise awareness of alcoholism on Oct. 13, in the Pouge Student Center. The speakers, who were recovering alcoholics, told detailed accounts of their lives before, during and after their bouts with addiction.

Eta Zeta held its first formal in six years on Oct. 19, 2013, at Hunter Jacks in Girard, Pa. Awards for academics and brotherhood were

handed out. The Scholar of the Year award was presented to Brother **Jamie Prussack** (2013), and The I Believe in Theta Chi Award, the highest brotherhood award, went to Brother **Alberto Rafael** (2015).

On Oct. 31, 2013, the chapter held its annual "Theta Chi MAN Jam," a lip sync/dance event that raises money for Veteran's Hospital of Erie.

Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech

Eta Lambda Chapter participated in events that supported the USO and the Wounded Warrior Project. The projects were spearheaded by a brother who is also a member of the Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets. The chapter had a three-day event in which they raised money via a percentage night at a local restaurant. They had two booths around campus for card signing for former Virginia Tech alumni currently stationed overseas, with donation jars for fundraising. They also had an obstacle course set up, along with some friendly competition events (pushup contest, corn hole tournament and other races) for all the organizations participating. Eta Lambda raised more than \$1,000 for Wounded Warrior Project.

Eta Psi/UAB

In summer 2013, Eta Psi Chapter acquired a house very close to campus. It was a great accomplishment, with many people involved in its success. During the fall semester, the chapter placed first in the Delta Gamma Anchor Bowl philanthropy event and second place in the Alpha Delta Gamma Golf Classic event.



Eta Omega/Chico State

Eta Omega is currently in the midst of intramural soccer and football season and is hoping for a repeat of last year's winning seasons in both sports. Soccer played Kappa Sigma last week and won their first game of the season, 4-2. Football played Sigma Nu and beat them as well.

The chapter held two fundraisers at Woodstock's Pizza, raising just over \$300 to assist with upcoming events.

One of the philanthropies the chapter participated in was a one-mile walk on Oct. 19, in Chico. The chapter also participated in an adopt-a-block program, where they work at cleaning up their adopted area.

Eta Omega teamed up with Sigma Kappa for Greek Week events this year, which had a '50s theme. Their team collected 1,000 cans for a can drive and participated in float building, and also gave blood during the blood

drive. The chapter also shared in a nice pancake, bacon and egg breakfast with Sigma Kappa, followed by some fun '50s jeopardy to get to know their team better. The team ended up winning all of the Greek Week events!

Other fun events for Eta Omega included a social with Alpha Phi, and the Monster Mash date dance held at their chapter house.

Theta Omega/Appalachian State

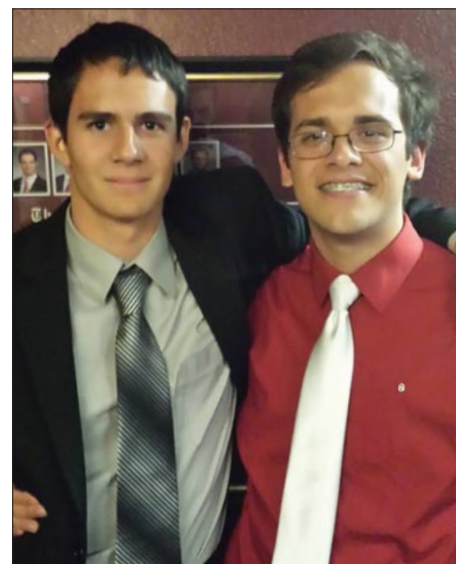
On October 6, 2013, Theta Omega Chapter partnered with the sisters of Chi Omega to hold the first Theta Chi & Chi Omega Charity Soccer Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament benefitted Thompson Child & Family Focus, which helps underprivileged children in Charlotte and surrounding areas. Students came together from multiple Greek organizations, clubs and social circles to support the cause. Seventeen teams ultimately raised more than \$1,000. Due to the huge success of the tournament, it will become an annual event.

Iota Gamma/Grand Valley State

During the Polar Plunge philanthropy on October 21, 2013, the brothers of Iota Gamma Chapter raised nearly \$100 dunking for charity.

Iota Theta/Central Florida

In November, **Cody Lee** (2015) walked 117 miles from the Arnold Palmer Medical Center in Orlando to the University of Florida Shands Hospital in Gainesville to raise money for Knight-Thon and the Children's Miracle Network.



Brother Aaron Weston (left) stands with new member Emilio Espinoza after he receives his new member pin at Iota Kappa Chapter.

Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona

It was announced in October that **Emilio Espinoza** (2017), who at the time was a new member of Theta Chi Fraternity, was the recipient of the NAU Interfraternity Council's New Member Scholarship. Espinoza was awarded \$250 towards his Theta Chi dues.

Iota Lambda/Longwood

Brother **Wil Miles** (2016) was elected by his fellow Greek peers to serve as the IFC Vice



Fork 'em! Brothers of Eta Omicron Chapter gather October 19, 2013 at Northwestern State University for the homecoming tailgate. Throughout the day, more than 60 people attended the tailgate.

President for Recruitment. Brother Miles previously served as the IFC liaison for the Iota Lambda Chapter. In addition to his work with Iota Lambda and the IFC, Brother Miles serves as president of the class of 2016 and a member of the Student Senate.

At the annual Virginia Association of Broadcasters program held June 21, 2013, WMLU 93.1 brought home its fifth consecutive award for Outstanding Sports Broadcasting. **Ben Blumenthal** (2016), **Steve Sommer** (2014), **Brad McCabe** (2013) and **Brandon Kelly** (2014) serve as sports commentators and provide play-by-play, commentary, and studio coverage for Lancer athletic events. Brother Sommer also serves as sports director for the station.

Iota Mu/Missouri

Daniel Ploesser (2014) became a graduate of the Boone County Fire Protection District's Fire Academy. Ploesser shared, "The opportunity to be a fireman and help my friends and neighbors while still pursuing my education and career really excited me."

Haris Fazlic (2015) recently won a regional Emmy for his performance with a traditional Bosnian dance group based in St. Louis. Fazlic was taught about Bosnian folk dance by his father, who was a choreographer for the village dance troupe before the family was forced to flee the country.

Iota Omicron/FIU

We planted two Red Maple trees at the entrance of the FIU Nature Preserve as a gesture of appreciation to the university. We selected the Red Maple, because it will blossom with red leaves in the fall. Since Theta Chi's colors are military red and white, the red leaves symbolize the fraternity. Plaques in front of the trees label them as "Arthur" and "Frederick," and state that they have been "Donated by Theta Chi."

Iota Pi/LSU

In the last issue of *The Rattle*, we shared our efforts in assisting Alzheimer's Services. We later learned that Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area Development Associate, Jeri McCullough, nominated Iota Pi Chapter for the Association of Fundraising Professionals' (AFP) "Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy Award." We are proud to announce that our chapter won the award and attended the presentation banquet in November 2013.

Theta Chi Fraternity's 175,000th Initiate!

Brother **Erik J. Rodriguez**, Iota Omicron/ Florida International University 2014, was initiated on April 7, 2013 as Theta Chi's 175,000th member.

When informed of the distinction, Brother Rodriguez said, "I'm overcome with emotion. This means so much to me. Theta Chi has changed my life. I'm so glad to have, and be, a part of the thousands of brothers that have come before me."

Erik was initiated as a sophomore at FIU. A Miami native, he followed in the footsteps of his family and planned to work hard and get his degree. His cousin, Iota Omicron member Gabriel Bonilla (2013), introduced him to Theta Chi. "...They were totally not what I perceived a fraternity to be...", said Erik, "They were excellent speakers, smart, educated. They were guys that I wanted to associate with—I wanted to be around successful people. After meeting the guys, it just clicked, and I knew Theta Chi was for me."

Erik is a double major in theater and history. He serves as Iota Omicron's IFC Delegate and is a member of the Recruitment and Social committees. He seeks to run for Vice President in the future. He stated, "The involvement of other brothers is pushing me and others to step up and be involved. It's a circle—we see hard work and want to continue that legacy. (FIU) and our community have given us so much—I want to leave a legacy of Theta Chi as the guys that give back"

He is also involved on campus and in the community: He is a DJ at the FIU radio station, an actor in the theatre department and volunteers as Assistant Theatre Arts Director at the Roxy Theatre Group, which helps children learn the performing arts and also provides scholarships to Miami's underprivileged. Erik is also a playwright, and his first work, "Not Ready for Primetime," a show about the first five years of Saturday Night Live, is set to be produced in March 2014.

When asked what advice he would share with Theta Chi's future 200,000th initiate, Erik pondered the question and shared, "Never stop working hard. Give back. Help out. Do your best."



Iota Sigma/Towson

On Sept. 2013, brothers of Iota Sigma Chapter helped make the day a little brighter for the homeless in the Baltimore area by volunteering to make more than 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Our Daily Bread organization.

On November 20, 2013, we participated in a candlelight vigil to honor and remember our brother Gilad Nissim, who had passed away on November 16. Our chapter's award for the most chivalrous brother is going to be renamed in honor and in memory of Gil. ■



Members of Iota Xi/Georgia College and their families enjoy a picnic feast during their Family Day event held in October.

We are honored to call these men our brothers. The condolences of Theta Chi's extended worldwide family are offered to the family and friends of these deceased brothers. This listing includes all deaths reported to the International Headquarters between June 12, 2013 and November 25, 2013. To report news of a brother who has passed on to the Chapter Eternal, e-mail ihq@thetachi.org.

ALPHA

Norwich University
John F. Hammell, 1944

GAMMA

University of Maine
Joseph A. Dion, 1960
Charles W. Kelson, Jr., 1950
Robert B. Trimble, 1950

DELTA

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
George K. Leeson, 1945
James R. Shanley, 2007

ZETA

University of New Hampshire
Richard A. Foote, 1939

ETA

University of Rhode Island
David S. Goulding, 1945

THETA

University of Massachusetts
LTJG Carleton P. "Tony"
Miller, 1966
Gordon P. Smith, 1947

LAMBDA

Cornell University
William J. Bischof, 1942
George W. Teets, 1957

MU

University of California-Berkeley
Joseph W. Golden, 1947
William C. Hart, 1944

XI

University of Virginia
Alfred W. Whitehurst, 1950

OMICRON

University of Richmond
Paul Corrado, 1986
Guy R. Friddell, Jr., 1943
Theodore Groom, 1986
David P. McKittrick, 1987

PI

Dickinson College
James A. Cassel, 1966
Samuel Padjen, 1939
John L. Scott, 1937

SIGMA

Oregon State University
Kenneth M. Ackerman, 1958
Frank H. Allhands, 1939
Hugh M. Amsberry, 1947
Richard E. Corthell, 1948
Robert P. Craig, 1952
Thomas P. Cummings
Donald J. Hockinson, 1951
Ted E. Hollen, 1942
Frederick W. Kroush, 1957
Jack M. Liskey, 1944

Peter R. Lulich, 1952
John D. Selby, Jr., 1944

TAU

University of Florida
G. R. Porter, Jr., 1950

PHI

North Dakota State University
John R. Botts, 1949

PSI

University of Wisconsin
Peter W. Blake, 1975

OMEGA

Pennsylvania State University
John H. Hermanics, 1944
Richard E. Fronko 1954
Francis K. Richwine, 1941

ALPHA BETA

University of Pittsburgh
Elidio J. Monoriti, 1951

ALPHA GAMMA

University of Michigan
Howard W. Crusey, 1938
George Orley, 2015

ALPHA ZETA

University of Rochester
Philip M. Chenoweth, 1942

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana University
Warren E. Albright, 1930
Dean A. Ambrose, 1929
Louis C. Boda, 1951
Alfred A. Bragalone, 1942
Robert E. Cossey, 1946
Raymond E. Dunn, 1942
Carl J. Ebert, 1933
Richard A. Green, Sr., 1952
Darryl C. Harris, 1957
William B. Robertson, 1938
Wayne L. Shook, 1942
Edwin G. Steinel, Jr., 1938
Clarence R. Van Dusen, 1931

ALPHA KAPPA

West Virginia University
William T. French, 1985

Robert W. "Bob" Edgar

Former U.S. representative **Robert W. "Bob" Edgar** (Epsilon Beta/Lycoming 1965) of Pennsylvania died April 23, 2013, at his home in Burke, Va. He was 69.

He was born May 29, 1943, in Philadelphia, and grew up in Springfield, Pa. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Lycoming College and was ordained a minister after graduating with a master of divinity from Drew University. In 1969, he received a certificate in pastoral psychiatry from Hahnemann University and later served as United Protestant Chaplain at Drexel University and as a special assistant to Congressman Bill Gray.

In 1974, Edgar was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 7th District. He was the first Democrat in 36 years to do so. He served six terms in the House of Representatives. In 1986, Edgar ran for the U.S. Senate, but lost to Republican Arlen Specter.

In 1990, Edgar was named President of Claremont School of Theology, where he served 10 years. In 2000, he took over as secretary general of the National Council of Churches until 2007. He also served on boards for several organizations, the National Coalition for Health Care and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment. He also served on the board of directors of the Environmental and Energy Study Institute.

Edgar went on to lead the public interest group, Common Cause, and served as the group's president and CEO until his death. He maintained an active travel schedule, advocating for open government. To read more, go to:

www.commonblog.com/2013/04/23/remembering-bob-edgar/



ALPHA MU

Iowa State University
Karl W. Abel, 1940

ALPHA NU

Georgia Institute of Technology
Charles G. Daniel, 1953
Quentin P. Geiger, 1942
*Wayne L. Klehm, 1974

ALPHA XI

University of Delaware
Ethan P. Connolly, 2016
Richard R. Goldberg, 1952

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State University
Brant W. Koller, 1966

ALPHA RHO

University of Washington
Robert E. Kuehnoel, 1950
Robert H. Smith, 1949

ALPHA SIGMA

University of Oregon
Alec J. Bodenwiser, 1964
Marvin D. Butterfield, 1950
Stuart B. Mockford, 1938
Gerald R. Schwarz, 1959
Ronald L. Stover, 1959

ALPHA UPSILON

University of Nebraska
Leroy L. Verschuur, Jr., 1960

ALPHA PHI

University of Alabama
Earl J. Hadaway, 1953

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse University
Donald J. Decker, 1954
Charles T. Steveskey, 1951

ALPHA PSI

University of Maryland
Vernon F. Ottenritter, 1950

ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette College
Royden A. Jacobus, 1963

BETA ALPHA

University of California-Los Angeles
James Fuller, 1993

BETA DELTA

Rutgers University
Charles W. Heilmann, 1947
Richard J. Humowitz, 1957
Sidney A. Rosengren, 1944

BETA EPSILON

University of Montana
Laurence W. Armstrong, 1950
Paul B. Bean, 1954
Robert L. Conn, 1948
John R. Davies, 1952
Robert H. Garmoe, 1950
William L. Humiston, 1951
V.E. Koerper, 1936
Everett E. Logan, 1932
Earl D. Lovick, 1947
Charles H. Mc Cormick
James D. McElwain, 1950

Guy Friddell Jr.



Longtime *Virginian-Pilot* columnist **Guy Friddell Jr.** (Omicron/Richmond 1943) died July 20, 2013, at the age of 92. Author of several books and a noted speaker, Guy is fondly remembered by many longtime Virginia residents for his folksy spin on various topics and for his generosity. The Virginia Press Association's top award for writing bears his name. For a complete account of Friddell's life, (and to read how he got his moniker, "That Great Man"), read the tribute found in the *Virginian-Pilot*:

<http://hamptonroads.com/2013/07/longtime-virginianpilot-columnist-guy-friddell-dies>

- Charles D. McNicol, 1944
 Darrel G. Minifie, 1950
 Francis C. Mollett, 1940
 Erwin B. Overby, 1948
 Oliver A. Roholt, Jr., 1938
 Dan A. Schoenman, 1955
 Moses H. Smyth, 1940
 Lewis E. Steensland, 1934
 Albert L. Stone, 1938
 Everett R. Sykes, 1948
 James A. Van Sickle, 1950
 Jack A. Warner, 1941
 James A. West, 1935
 James W. Whilt, 1939
- BETA ETA**
Washington College
 John M. Warther, Jr., 1943
- BETA THETA**
Drexel University
 Harold E. Williams, 1936
- BETA IOTA**
University of Arizona
 Frederick D. Kemmeries, 1950
 Walter L. Weissbach, 1942
- BETA LAMBDA**
University of Akron
 John T. Bland, 1959
 Hubert E. Schaneman, 1963
- BETA NU**
Case Western Reserve University
 Anton M. Godez, 1950
- BETA TAU**
University of Southern California
 Paul L. Taylor, 1943
- BETA PHI**
University of Nevada
 Elmo V. Maggiora, 1942
 Martin H. Risard, 1949
- BETA PSI**
Presbyterian College
 Charles C. Williams, 1943
- GAMMA DELTA**
Florida Southern College
 W. J. Lee, 1966
 Andrew C. Scaturro, 1958
 Richard R. Tozour, 1967
- GAMMA THETA**
San Diego State University
 John G. Bills, Jr., 1951
 Delmer C. Burk, 1954
 Thomas A. Collins, 1950
 James L. Donohue, 1950
 William K. Faunce, Jr., 1950
 Edward J. Folse, 1959
 Douglas M. Jones, 1954
 Thomas G. Kaiser, 1956
 Thomas S. Kroschel, 1950
 John G. Largent, 1950
 Benjamin R. Looney, 1950
 John F. Matthews, Jr., 1949
 Theodore R. Pickett, Jr. 1949

- GAMMA LAMBDA**
University of Denver
 John P. Boelte, 1964
- GAMMA NU**
New Mexico State University
 Jesse F. Barnes, 1950
- GAMMA XI**
San Jose State University
 John B. Webb, 1959
- GAMMA OMICRON**
Wake Forest University
 Dale V. Holland, 1957
- GAMMA PI**
University at Buffalo
 Robert N. Kehe, 1960
- GAMMA RHO**
Florida State University
 Roger M. Bickel, 1956
 Harold R. Cameron, 1954
 David R. Chambers, 1960
 Bob H. Delaney, 1953
 Charles M. McAllister, 1961
 Clark S. Pinder, 1961
 Emmett P. Sanders, Jr.
 George R. Schmidt, Jr., 1950
 Eugene L. Striegel, 1958
 Jack R. Wilson, 1950
- GAMMA PHI**
Nebraska Wesleyan University
 Robert L. Thober, 1970
- GAMMA CHI**
Randolph-Macon College
 William A. Jester, 1954
- GAMMA PSI**
University of Puget Sound
 Charles R. Hulden, 1965
- DELTA ALPHA**
Linfield College
 R. P. Carter, 1950
 Jesse M. Grigsby, 1953
 Robert A. Jones, 1960
 George E. Livenspargar, 1957
 Bruce P. Patton, 1954
 Rudolph A. Postweiler, 1948
 Rodney R. Romney, 1954
 Vern L. Simmons, 1950
 Marty D. Small, 1956
 Gerald D. Sullivan, 1953
 William H. Vanvalin, 1961
- DELTA ZETA**
University of Nebraska-Omaha
 Jeffrey A. Strazdas, 1998
- DELTA KAPPA**
Ball State University
 Lawrence R. Briggs, 1975
 Bradley K. Neal, 1958
 J. Craig D. Snider, 2003
- DELTA XI**
Valparaiso University
 Eugene R. Prietzel, 1955
- DELTA PI**
Indiana State University
 Daniel E. Harcourt, 1971

Earl Jackson Hadaway

Earl Jackson Hadaway (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1953) died June 13, 2013. Following a three-year tour of duty in the Army, Hadaway attended the University of Alabama, where he received a degree in communications. After graduation, Hadaway moved to California, where he enrolled at the California Institute of Radio and Technology and started his career in the entertainment industry working as a page and tour guide at the ABC studios in Los Angeles. Hadaway returned East and briefly worked as a radio announcer in Selma and then began a 22-year career in television as a reporter, anchor, news director, and program director at WJHG in Panama City, Fla. In 1980, he left television and joined the staff of Congressman Earl Hutto as District Administrator, serving with him for 15 years.

Hadaway was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Panama City, the Rotary Club (of which he was a Paul Harris Fellow), a charter member and past president of the board for the Boys Club of Panama City, past president of the Panama City Music Association and past president of the Board of the Bay County Library. He was also a talented trumpet player and played in the 610th United States Air Force Band while in the service, with the Million Dollar Band and the Alabama Cavaliers while at the University of Alabama. He later played in the First Baptist Church orchestra and in the Bay Wind Community Band. After his retirement in 1995, Earl and his wife spent summers at Yellowstone National Park greeting and assisting international visitors for 17 years.

Ronald Stover

Ronald Stover (Alpha Sigma/Oregon 1959) died June 15, 2011. Stover played end and defensive end positions for the Oregon Ducks from 1956 to 1958 and will be forever remembered for his record-setting performance in the 1958 Rose Bowl. Stover caught 10 passes for 144 yards, setting a record for receiving yards by a Pacific Coast Conference player.



After graduation, Stover was offered a position with the Detroit Lions, which he turned down because an offer he received to play for the Canadian Football League paid more. He played with the Toronto Argonauts for three seasons when he was drafted by the U.S. Army. He returned from his Army stint to play one more season, and then moved to Portland to begin his 32-year career at Willamette Industries, where he retired as vice president in 1999. He is survived by his college sweetheart, Mimi.

- William D. Payton, 1950
 Jon S. Rajceovich, 1986
- DELTA SIGMA**
Clarkson University
 Gary K. Allen, 1966
 Carlyle J. Cox, 1970
 Earl L. Hover, 1955
- DELTA TAU**
Kent State University
 James S. Ricketts, 1955
- DELTA UPSILON**
Arizona State University
 Michael J. Callicoa, 1964

- DELTA PHI**
University of North Texas
 Jerry C. Bush, 1955
 George R. Hatfield, 1958
 William F. McNamara, 1959
- DELTA OMEGA**
Ripon College
 Kenneth G. Johnson, 1952
- EPSILON BETA**
Lycoming College
 Rep. Dr. Robert W. Edgar, 1965

* served as a Regional Counselor

- EPSILON DELTA**
Youngstown State University
 Frank M. Namesnik, 1964
- EPSILON ETA**
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Eugene B. Brunner, 1961
- EPSILON KAPPA**
University of Idaho
 Kenneth A. Hall, 1968
 Fred H. Winkler, 1947
- EPSILON NU**
California State University-Los Angeles
 Edward D. Bosley, 1966
- EPSILON XI**
Clarion University
 Brett T. Wise, 1993
- EPSILON TAU**
Stephen F. Austin State University
 Louis B. Nivens, 1986
- EPSILON PHI**
University of Central Missouri
 Thomas C. McCausland, 2003

- ZETA BETA**
Adrian College
 Michael K. Pennington, 1981
 Brian K. Steinhebel, 1987
- ZETA EPSILON**
California State University-Long Beach
 Steven S. Silverman, 1976
- ZETA KAPPA**
Ohio Northern University
 Dale W. Tusen, 1999

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ZETA UPSILON

University of Hartford
Eugene J. Callan, 1989
Kenneth L. Vezina, 1968

ETA GAMMA

Morehead State University
Adam S. Smith, 1997

ETA ZETA

Edinboro University
Michael J. Petkavich, 2013

ETA IOTA

Newberry College
Richard H. Cummings, Jr., 1978

ETA LAMBDA

Virginia Tech
John A. Gargano, 1974
Paul K. Hitte, 1972

IOTA ALPHA

University of North Carolina-
Wilmington
Adam J. Chriscoe, 2008

IOTA PI

Louisiana State University
Christopher Broussard, 2013

IOTA SIGMA

Towson University
Gilad Nissim, 2016

The Fraternity was notified of a brother who never returned home from the Vietnam War:

Carleton P. “Tony” Miller

LTJG Carleton P. “Tony” Miller (Theta/Massachusetts 1966) was a Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) attached to Fighter Squadron 21 onboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. Miller flew back seat in an F4J Phantom fighter jet. Miller was well liked by his squadron mates and remembered for his happy smile and free loving attitude.

On Jan. 6, 1971, Miller launched with his pilot, Lt. Larry Rinne, for a night mission over North Vietnam. As they returned to the ship, the aircraft missed catching an arresting wire and the nose of the aircraft rolled off the forward edge of the ship deck. Lt. Rinne called for ejection. Men working on the deck saw both parachutes enter the water ahead of the ship.

Lt. Rinne was rescued within a short time, but despite extensive search by other helicopters and destroyers, they were unable to find any trace of LTJG Miller. Miller is listed among the missing in action, because his remains were never found to be sent home to the country he served.

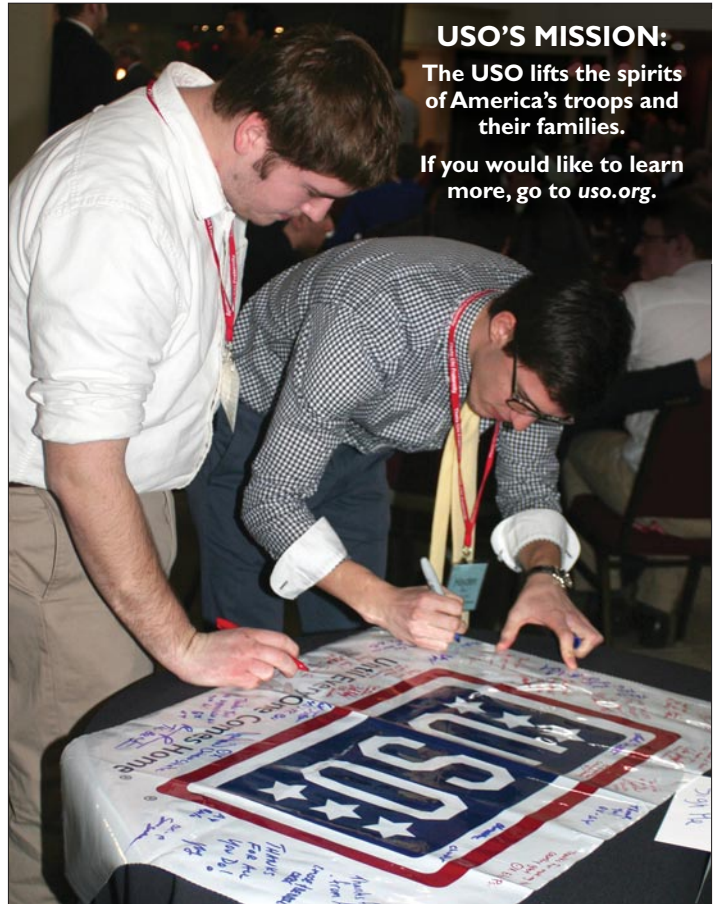


Brother Miller is memorialized at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. He is listed at the Honolulu Memorial’s Courts of the Missing among the others who are the Missing in Action, lost or buried at sea in the Pacific during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Though their remains were never recovered, their sacrifice has not been forgotten.

To view other memories and learn more about LTJG Miller visit <http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/33950/CARLETON-P-MILLER-JR>



A Helping Hand



USO'S MISSION:
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If you would like to learn more, go to uso.org.

Brothers sign a banner with messages of support for our troops overseas.

What Theta Chi Fraternity's Support Can Provide

- \$300 can help relaunch a troop's career. With Career Opportunity Days, wounded, ill and injured troops are given guidance to help them secure jobs as they reintegrate into the private sector.
- \$500 can provide 20 military child-empowerment packs that help military children deal with the challenges of bullying and multiple deployments.
- \$1,000 could sponsor 15 wounded warrior care packs with everyday comfort items our wounded heroes can use on their road to recovery.
- \$3,000 could allow 300 parents to read their children a bedtime story.
- \$8,000 could send a full USO2GO to a unit in the remotest part of Afghanistan.

Until Everyone Comes Home

Theta Chi Fraternity and the USO (United Service Organizations) are proud to formally announce a national partnership. The USO joins the list of Theta Chi Fraternity's preferred philanthropies, to which chapters and alumni are encouraged to contribute.

Executive Director Mike Mayer said, "Theta Chi is proud to announce this philanthropic association with such an outstanding organization. By supporting the USO, Theta Chi not only honors its Creed, but also its storied military roots."

The USO has provided a Resource Kit and an official website to assist with service projects and fundraising efforts. In addition, the USO will provide reporting of participating Theta Chi chapters on an annual basis. The USO also noted that every effort will be made to partner with an equivalent organization to the USO in Canada for our Zeta Gamma Chapter at the University of Alberta.

Prior to this partnership, several chapters of Theta Chi Fraternity across the country held local philanthropy events, called "G.I. Theta Chi." The event had its origin with the Iota Theta Chapter at the University of Central Florida during February 2007. "G.I. Theta Chi" events raised funds for worthy causes, such as the Bob Woodruff Foundation and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Theta Chi Fraternity hopes that its chapters maintain relationships with their established philanthropies, and strongly encourages chapters to also partner with the USO through their local service projects and philanthropy efforts.

"For more than 70 years, the USO has been by the side of our nation's troops and their families, every step of the way," said Tracy Tucker, USO Director of Fundraising and Development. "There are so many ways for Americans to get involved with the USO and help impact the lives of those who sacrifice so much for our country, from volunteering their time, to collecting needed items for our troops at USO Centers, to hosting an event to raise much needed funds that will go to support USO programs and services. For more information about what you can do to help make a difference, visit uso.org."

When asked for comment, Theta Chi alumni strongly encouraged and endorsed the partnership with the USO:

"I commend Theta Chi's joint initiatives with the USO. As a retired U.S. Air Force officer, (and grandfather of a current USAF F-15E Strike Eagle fighter pilot), I was entertained by Bob Hope and his USO entourage many years ago during my Vietnam War combat tour. As such, I have always had a healthy respect for the USO and have contributed MONTHLY to help sustain their operations at home and abroad. Accordingly, I have received their quarterly On Patrol magazine... The byline on that magazine is "Until Everyone Comes Home." —Col. Ray V. Fair (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1956)



"I have been the recipient of the USO's generosity on numerous occasions. From relaxing and talking with veterans in their airport locations, to receiving packages and utilizing their services to communicate with family at home while deployed in the Middle East, the USO's willingness to help our service members is unparalleled."

—Capt. Lucas Elgie, USMC (Alpha Phi/Alabama 2005)



"Great to hear! The USO of South Texas on NAS Corpus Christi always feels like a home away from home. They keep the fridge stocked with cold drinks and food and they serve a free lunch every Wednesday for anyone on base who can come by. It's a great place to get away from the stress of flight school and to relax. I'm excited for the opportunity that Theta Chi has to get involved. I look forward to seeing the chapters embrace the USO and help them become even better."

—1st Lt Tread Snedecor, USMC (Delta Rho/NC State 2010)

"It was truly moving to hear of the partnership between the brotherhood of Theta Chi and the USO. During my 30 years of service on active duty and in the Reserve, I had the opportunity on many occasions to witness the fine work done by the USO in support of our deployed troops. One of my fondest memories of my service in Vietnam was looking forward to, and attending, USO shows that traveled to even the remotest parts of the country. The opportunity for Theta Chi to be associated with the USO will bring honor to us and allow the USO to extend the reach of their important work." —Colonel Jennings F. (Butch) Stright, USAR, Ret. (Epsilon Eta/IUP 1966)

"Glad to hear of Theta Chi's partnership with USO . . . Throughout my Army career, I experienced the terrific worldwide shows sponsored by them . . . Thanks for getting involved with them and their exceptional support of our Armed Forces."

—Col. Michael Cockill, U.S. Army, Retired (Epsilon Gamma/Widener 1958)

Our Mission: A Helping Hand

The USO is looking forward to Theta Chi Fraternity's assistance and support. Theta Chi efforts will not only support our deployed troops and their families, but will also aid the USO in assisting our heroes who return with visible and invisible wounds of war.

"Partners like Theta Chi Fraternity make it possible for the USO to fulfill its mission of lifting the spirits of our nation's troops and their families," said Tracy Tucker, USO Director of Fundraising and Development. "Thanks to their donations and dedication to our mission, together, we are able to provide programs and services that, among other things, keep troops and their loved ones connected during deployments and provide our wounded, ill and injured troops and their caregivers with the resources needed to live full and rewarding lives. It is what they need and deserve and we are grateful to those who help us make it happen." ■

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