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OF THETA CHI

SPRING 2010

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Dear Brother,

I know that, as a reader of *The Rattle*, you have a sincere interest in your fraternity and that you hope to see Theta Chi's influence and accomplishments increase.

The great news is that despite recent economic conditions, Theta Chi Fraternity continues to grow at a rate we've not seen in decades. More and more young men are realizing that the values of our fraternity create a real value in their lives. As a result of this growth we now have the welcome challenge of working to gain even greater involvement and support from our alumnus members.

In this issue of *The Rattle*, you will read about several alumnus brothers who have recently become more involved in Theta Chi. I hope these stories inspire you to do the same.

There are several ways that our alumnus members can become involved with and support Theta Chi Fraternity. In past issues of *The Rattle*, I spoke of becoming a mentor to an undergraduate brother, serving as a volunteer for Theta Chi or reconnecting with your chapter's alumni network. And, of course, your financial support of our Foundation Chapter that provides academic and leadership education scholarships for our collegiate brothers is always greatly appreciated, especially by those young men who receive a "Helping Hand."

But now I would also like to encourage you to become involved in the governance of Theta Chi Fraternity.

As you may recall, the National Convention is the ultimate governing body of our fraternity and is composed of one undergraduate and one alumnus delegate from each active chapter. This year, the National Convention will be conducted from June 30 to July 3 in Orlando, Florida. The National Convention has the authority to adopt resolutions concerning matters of interest to the Fraternity, including resolutions to amend, alter or revoke any portion of our National Constitution and Bylaws, elect members of the Grand Chapter and select the National President and Vice President.

Our alumnus brothers need to join our undergraduate brothers at the National Convention. Alumnus delegates can advise and assist our undergraduate members and ensure that all alumnus members have a voice in Theta Chi. Please consider joining us in Orlando and, at the very least, ensure that your chapter has both a collegiate and alumnus voice at the National Convention.

For more information about our National Convention, please visit [www.thetachi.org](http://www.thetachi.org).

I hope to see you in Orlando!

Most fraternal regards,

Douglas Allen (Delta Beta/Georgia 1990)  
 National President





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Our sample picture is of Beta Lambda brothers at the University of Akron's 2009 Greek Awards. Read more in ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES, page 22.



# Editorially Speaking



Bart Zino

It is a great privilege and honor to have been selected to carry on the responsibility of editing our fraternity magazine. To follow in the footsteps of Theta Chi greats like George Starr Lasher and Dale Slivinske is both exciting and humbling. Every effort will be made to ensure that their high standards are maintained.

You may have noticed that our magazine has undergone some significant style and content changes. We hope you will enjoy the new look of *The Rattle* and its renewed focus on the Fraternity's undergraduate chapters and distinguished alumni.

Also of note is the magazine's digital transition. With printing and postage costs at an unprecedented high, mailing a print copy of the magazine to our more than 125,000 living undergraduate and alumnus brothers has placed a heavy financial strain on the Fraternity.

By switching to a digital format, we are able to continue to deliver a great magazine while still making prudent use of Theta Chi's limited resources. We are confident that you will enjoy the new features offered by the digital

version, including links to related stories, videos and other components available exclusively online.

Although the look and format of our magazine has changed significantly since it was first published in 1912, its mission has not. Brother Lasher perhaps put it best in his opening editorial in 1925:

"To entertain, to instruct, to arouse mentally, and withal to make for more real brotherhood—such is the function of the fraternity magazine."

For nearly 100 years, *The Rattle* has served this vital function by enabling us to share our ideas, stories, challenges and triumphs with each other and to connect with brothers from every generation. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, *The Rattle* is a call for all of us to live one of the Fraternity's core values: the idea that membership in Theta Chi is for life.

Of course, your editor can only do so much on his own. In order to continue serving the Fraternity, we will need your help. If your chapter is doing something great in the community; if you or a chapter brother have an inspiring story to tell; if you have an idea for an article or feature, please do not hesitate to share your thoughts by e-mailing us at [rattle@thetachi.org](mailto:rattle@thetachi.org).

I eagerly await your feedback.

Fraternally,

Bart Zino (Iota Theta/Central Florida 2008)

Editor

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**Rosen Plaza Hotel**  
Orlando, Florida  
June 30–July 3, 2010

## Brothers Together Transforming Theta Chi

We are very pleased to invite all members to attend Theta Chi Fraternity's 34th School of Fraternity Practices and 154th Anniversary National Convention. Held every other year, the National Convention is our biggest and most important gathering. This year, hundreds of Theta Chi members will flood Orlando, Florida as we seek to connect as brothers, celebrate our rich past, and prepare for a prosperous future.

### Why should you attend Theta Chi Convention?

- Enjoy meeting and networking with hundreds of Theta Chi undergraduate and alumnus brothers.
- Learn from outstanding national speakers who will share ideas that are relevant to our fraternity and to our lives as men.
- Discover the keys to success as we focus our educational programming on chapter operations, leadership, finding a successful career, and creating a positive life.
- Attend our outstanding Alumni Program featuring the “best of the best” in ideas for our alumni advisers, alumni corporations, and alumni associations.

- Join us following our Saturday evening pool-side cookout, as we hit the town during our outing to Universal City Walk—the Entertainment Capital of Orlando!
- Participate in the election of our next Grand Chapter and steer the direction of the Fraternity through our legislative process on Saturday.
- Attend our Friday night banquet where we will honor our most outstanding brothers. And, most importantly we will celebrate that Theta Chi is for life.
- Witness the demonstration of our newly updated initiation Ritual.

No matter what age, men will leave this event with a greater sense of how our fraternity works on an international level. Truly, you will gain the resources and skills to further your chapter and deepen your Theta Chi experience.

To learn more, hit the appropriate box below:

- Convention programming
- The Rosen Plaza Hotel
- Undergraduate registration
- Alumni registration



## Theta Chi recognizes eight new colonies and interest groups

*Undergraduate and alumnus members of the Eta chapter at the University of Rhode Island following their recolonization ceremony in February.*

### Eta/Rhode Island colony

One of Theta Chi's newest colonies is also one of its oldest chapters! Colonized on Feb. 20, 2010, the men of the Eta colony are on track for a late fall 2010/early spring 2011 installation. The effort to reinstall Eta chapter is bolstered by outstanding alumni from across the region, including Kevin "Rook" Chronley (1982) and Bob Weygand (1971), who is featured on page 18 in this issue of *The Rattle*.

### Psi/Wisconsin colony

Theta Chi is back in a big way at the University of Wisconsin! The group restarted its philanthropy Ski for Cancer on Feb. 20, 2010 and raised more than \$15,000 to benefit the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer (MACC). The group followed this up by becoming Theta Chi's newest colony on Feb. 21 with a ceremony presided over by former Executive Director Dale Taylor. The colony is quickly making its way towards reinstallation, receiving a large amount of support from alumnus members, including Jon Graan (1969), Dave Bunzel (1977), and Tom Farin (1969), among many others.

### Alpha Lambda/Ohio State colony

The men of the Alpha Lambda colony continue to make progress towards reinstallation. They recently participated in CleanSweep, a campus clean-up project run by the Student Government Association, and donated more than 70 hours. They are focusing on recruitment and hope to be installed in fall 2010. The colony also looks to hold its own philanthropy event next fall.

### Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska colony

The men of the Alpha Upsilon colony continue to make a difference both on and off campus. The men participate in the Student Government Association, the Nebraska Pep Band, and Circle K (a service organization), among others. The men also celebrated Founder's Day by participating in The Big Event, a campus-wide community service event. The men look to be reinstalled in fall of 2010.

### Beta Iota/Arizona interest group

The Fraternity received approval from the University of Arizona in October of 2009 and began recruiting in the spring of 2010. With the help of graduate assistant Philip Thornton (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 2005), Beta Iota is now up to more than 12 members and growing. The members are involved in residence hall leadership, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), and the Entrepreneurship Student Association. The men of Beta Iota sent two members to the Deranian Presidents Conference and five members to the MYLC at Long Beach State in February.

### Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State colony

The Gamma Zeta colony at Oklahoma State University has made significant strides since being recognized as an interest group in the fall of



*Members of the Delta Pi/Indiana State interest group with Expansion Coordinator Corey Fischer (far right). Brother Fischer led a retreat with the interest group at the International Headquarters in March.*

2009. The colony currently has 37 men and is working toward becoming initiated and installed in the fall of 2010. With the support of local alumni, the members have done a great job of recruiting quality men that want to make Theta Chi the best fraternity on campus.

### Delta Pi/Indiana State interest group

Theta Chi returned to Indiana State University in the spring of 2010, and recruited multiple RAs, orientation leaders and the newly-elected student body president. The interest group is planning on colonizing in early fall of 2010 and is being aided by Colony Advisory Board chairman Craig Simpson (1981) and many others.

### Georgia College and State University interest group

In the middle of the spring 2010 semester, Theta Chi was approached by a group of men started by two legacies, who wanted to create a fraternity that was different from the status quo at GCSU. With training from the IHQ staff, the group grew to 20 men in just two weeks. The interest group reached 25 members by the end of the semester and is expected to colonize at the beginning of the fall 2010 school year.

## Theta Chi celebrates three installations this spring



*Gamma Eta chapter at Bucknell University*

### Gamma Eta/Bucknell

One of two chapters to be reinstalled on Founder's Day (April 10), the Gamma Eta chapter at Bucknell University boasts the best cumulative grade point average of any fraternity on campus for the past four years. This achievement, along with their dedication to community service and involvement on campus, has led to the chapter receiving a Silver Star from Bucknell's "Plan for Prominence" for four years in a row. At the chapter's installation, 33 undergraduates and 12 alumni were initiated into our brotherhood. During their time as a colony, the chapter received guidance from many different alumni, including Lewis "Chip" Marrara (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1989), who was presented Theta Chi's George T. Kilavos Alumni Award during Gamma Eta's reinstallation banquet.

### Eta Alpha/Clemson

The second of two chapters to be reinstalled on Founder's Day, the Eta Alpha chapter at Clemson University, has worked hard in the classroom, around the community, and with one another to bring Theta Chi back to their campus. However, the men did not bring our Eta Alpha chapter back by themselves; graduate adviser Daniel Lepper (Iota Beta/Missouri State 2008) stepped up and helped show the men what it means to be a Theta Chi. Using his undergraduate experience as Marshal, Brother Lepper taught the members about Theta Chi, while also advising them on day-to-day operations. Thanks to Brother Lepper's hard work, the men have since risen through the ranks of Clemson's student organizations to establish themselves as one of Clemson's strongest fraternities. The chapter also received help from chapter adviser Col. Lance Young (Eta Iota/Newberry 1976) and Eta Alpha alumnus Dwayne Wood (1974), among others, during the rechartering process.

### Iota Nu chapter/University of South Florida

Theta Chi's newest chapter is the Iota Nu chapter, located at the University of South Florida. The USF colony began after a small group of friends, spearheaded by Bryce Forbes (2010), whose brother was a member at Tau/Florida, decided to start a new fraternity on campus. The members continue to demonstrate their determination through their philanthropic work and commitment to recruitment. The chapter also received assistance from the Tampa Bay area's many alumni, including Scott Passmore (Rho/Illinois 1992), Adalberto "Junior" Torres (Epsilon



*Eta Alpha chapter at Clemson University*



*The newly installed Iota Nu chapter at the University of South Florida.*

Zeta/Tampa 2003), Justin Osborne (Gamma Delta/Florida Southern 2009), and Stephen Gorham (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2000).

### Where Did My Chapter Go?

A common question asked by alumni interested in reengaging the Fraternity is, "I want to help out and give back, but not unless I see my chapter back." Theta Chi wants to reopen your chapter too, but we need your help to make it happen! Each expansion project that Theta Chi takes on requires tremendous amounts of time and energy, and it often starts at the alumni level. Contact the International Headquarters by calling 317-824-1881 or e-mailing us at [ihq@thetachi.org](mailto:ihq@thetachi.org).





In 2009, 81 Theta Chi brothers were accepted into the Order of Omega. Founded in 1959 at the University of Miami, The Order of Omega seeks to recognize those outstanding Greek men and women who have provided outstanding service to their university and the fraternity world.

Since its founding, the Order of Omega has grown to more than 500 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, inducted more than 200,000 members, and awarded more than \$800,000 in scholarships to well-deserving undergraduate and graduate students.

In 2009, the Order of Omega celebrated its 50th year.

**Beta**

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
Ryan Andrews

**Mu**

*University of California*  
Daniel Berson  
Naveen Jayaraman  
Alex Ochoa

**Xi**

*University of Virginia*  
Stephan Bandini  
Philip Yeung

**Tau**

*University of Florida*  
Aaron Crespin  
Ryan McCarthy  
Brandon White

**Alpha Phi**

*University of Alabama*  
Sam Bone  
James Kenny Crow III  
Daniel R. Hightower  
Clay Looney  
Steven Mote  
Cory Vaughn  
Joseph Ziemann

**Alpha Psi**

*University of Maryland*  
Spenser Peterson

**Beta Lambda**

*University of Akron*  
Anthony LoVullo

**Beta Xi**

*Birmingham-Southern College*  
Ben Jones  
Ben Roberts  
Brian Smith

**Beta Rho**

*Illinois Wesleyan University*  
Kyle Borkowski

**Beta Omega**

*Susquehanna University*  
Mike Bell  
Colin Hutchison

**Gamma Omicron**

*Wake Forest University*  
Taylor Donner  
Michael Marks  
Brendan McNickle

**Gamma Rho**

*Florida State University*  
Marlon Alvarado  
Ryan Becker

**Gamma Tau**

*Drake University*  
Dustin Baker  
Jason Joerling  
John Klebba  
Blake Weihs

**Gamma Phi**

*Nebraska Wesleyan University*  
Corey Allard  
Macklin Warrington

**Delta Alpha**

*Linfield College*  
Will Hermens  
Devin Salinas

**Delta Kappa**

*Ball State University*  
Demar Amacker  
Ryan Bishop  
Adam Cooper  
Zachary Enos

**Delta Xi**

*Valparaiso University*  
Bradley S. Dupay

**Delta Phi**

*University of North Texas*  
Brad Boccaccio  
Rustin Dakota Carter  
Jeff Kline  
Adam Rosenfield

**Epsilon Delta**

*Youngstown State University*  
Troy Magrini

**Epsilon Zeta**

*University of Tampa*  
Andrew Learned  
Sterling McLean

**Epsilon Psi**

*New Jersey Institute of Technology*  
Andrew Bizub  
Marc Sohayda  
Richard Thompson

**Zeta Epsilon**

*California State University-Long Beach*  
Jason Ram

**Zeta Kappa**

*Ohio Northern University*  
Jay Anderson

**Zeta Pi**

*Old Dominion University*  
Stepheno Zollos

**Zeta Sigma**

*University of Wisconsin-River Falls*  
Michael Arguello

**Eta Zeta**

*Edinboro University*  
Joseph A. Brown

**Eta Omicron**

*Northwestern State University*  
Eddie Higginbotham IV

**Eta Pi**

*East Stroudsburg University*  
Vincent Biancamano  
Spencer Cameron

**Eta Rho**

*Centenary College of Louisiana*  
Riley Adams  
Mark Moehle  
John Ramsey  
Vincent Turregano  
Garrett Vick

**Iota Beta**

*Missouri State University*  
Shawn Rigger  
Zach Smith

**Iota Eta**

*University of the Pacific*  
Justen Beffa  
Christopher Hewitt  
Gerald Latasa  
Joseph Styers

**Iota Theta**

*University of Central Florida*  
William Bradford  
Timothy Hartzog  
Warren Jackson  
Timothy Mason  
Joseph Olympio  
James Park  
Benjamin Wallinger

**Iota Kappa**

*Northern Arizona University*  
Nick Olm

**Iota Lambda**

*Longwood University*  
Tom McArdle



# Getting “the call”

BY JEREME GRINSLADE (DELTA KAPPA/BALL STATE 1999)  
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND REAL ESTATE

## Are you ready for summer?

Every year, undergraduate and alumnus brothers look forward to camping, barbecues and tailgating. However, this is also a perfect time to do some much-needed house renovations, and more importantly, review a yearly life safety checklist for the chapter house, or even your own home.

## Before you fire up the grill, ask yourself:

- When was the last time you checked all of the smoke detectors?
- When was the last time you checked the fire extinguishers?
- Do you have an emergency evacuation plan in place?

No matter what type of house is being discussed, life safety is an issue that needs to be addressed by every house corporation, chapter adviser, alumnus, and parent, because you never know when you might receive “the call.”

## The Call

Some of you already know what I am talking about, but if not, allow me to enlighten you: For the small percentage of our alumni who are, or have been, involved as local chapter advisers or house corporation officers, “the call” can come from a concerned parent or the school, the local fire marshal, or an undergraduate with a late night emergency. These alumnus brothers are often the ones who become the “point people” when chapter issues pop up.

As a former chapter adviser and house corporation director, I have received multiple “calls,” but never like the alumni of Zeta Phi chapter did at California Polytechnic State University earlier this year.

On March 12, the San Luis Obispo, California fire department responded to a call at the Zeta Phi chapter house. After several hours of fighting the flames, 40 percent of the chapter’s 100-year-old house was damaged, and the remaining structure sustained damage from the smoke and water. While laptops and some personal belongings were destroyed, Theta Chi is very thankful that no one was hurt in the fire.

This issue brings up a great discussion about what Theta Chi’s role is in life safety issues at our chapter houses, off-campus apartments and houses.

## Education and Assistance

Since 1998, the Norwich Housing Corporation has loaned over \$1 million in life safety upgrades for new and old Theta Chi chapter houses. Norwich has also provided funds to help reduce the cost at multiple alumni programs, including the Alumni Program for house corporation officers and chapter advisers at this year’s Convention in Orlando.

Brothers should also review the housing section of the Theta Chi website ([www.thetachi.org/housing](http://www.thetachi.org/housing)). There are several life safety resources and checklists that can be used for the chapter house or modified for your home or business.



*The Zeta Phi chapter house following a massive fire that destroyed 40 percent of the structure. The fire started after painting supplies on the porch spontaneously combusted and spread to a can of paint thinner.*

## So What Can You Do?

- Take the time to do monthly/quarterly/yearly life safety inspections of the chapter house.
- Conduct presentations for the chapter about life safety issues within the chapter house and members’ off-campus houses/apartments.
- Develop and implement a plan with the house corporation that will address all the life safety issues within the chapter house and stick to your timeline.

These three simple items can be implemented at your chapter and even within your own home, so that you are less likely to receive “the call.”

To learn more about life safety and other housing issues, please visit Theta Chi’s official housing blog *Within These Walls* ([www.thetachihousing.org](http://www.thetachihousing.org)). Here, you’ll find consistent housing communication to those brothers that are involved with the management of a Theta Chi house or in property management and chapter real estate. By bringing this consistent message to our brothers in the form of announcements, education, news about what’s going on, and new ways to improve your facility or operations, Theta Chi is taking the extra steps to make the Fraternity the leader in the fraternity housing business. ■

# 2008/09 Chapter Leadership Conference Award Winners

*Editor's note: The Chapter Leadership Conference took place in July 2009 at Villanova University. Earlier that year, the Fraternity lost a great friend and brother in Howard R. Alter, Jr. For that reason, The Rattle chose to honor his memory in the 2009 edition, published in October. We present to you the 2009 award recipients here.*

## Howard R. Alter Jr. Award for Excellence

First presented in 1986, the Alter Award is given annually by the Fraternity to those chapters that demonstrate excellence in all aspects of fraternity operations. The Alter Award is the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow upon an undergraduate chapter.

- Iota/Colgate
- Tau/Florida
- Phi/North Dakota State
- Delta Kappa/Ball State
- Zeta Beta/Adrian
- Iota Beta/Missouri State
- Iota Theta/Central Florida
- Iota Lambda/Longwood

## Chapter Achievement Award

The Chapter Achievement Award is presented annually by the Fraternity to those chapters that demonstrate substantial progress and improvement in chapter organization and operations.

- Epsilon/WPI
- Chi/Auburn
- Omega/Penn State
- Alpha Rho/Washington
- Alpha Phi/Alabama
- Beta Delta/Rutgers
- Beta Kappa/Hamline
- Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern
- Beta Sigma/Lehigh
- Gamma Rho/Florida State
- Gamma Tau/Drake
- Delta Omega/Ripon
- Epsilon Kappa/Idaho
- Eta Rho/Centenary



*Representatives from each of the 2008/09 Alter Award-winning chapters. From left to right: Rob Magyar (Zeta Beta/Adrian 2010), Karl Fries (Iota/Colgate 2010), Ben Wallinger (Iota Theta/Central Florida 2010), Robert Duprey (Tau/Florida 2010), Zach Smith (Iota Beta/Missouri State 2010), Dean Derfus (Phi/North Dakota State 2013), Patrick Crute (Iota Lambda/Longwood 2010) and John O'Dell (Delta Kappa/Ball State 2010) with National President Douglas Allen. Photo by Amber Ray*

## Chapter Excellence Awards

The Chapter Excellence Awards recognize excellence in specific areas of chapter operations and programming. The following chapters received recognition in at least one area of chapter operations:

- Theta/Massachusetts
- Rho/Illinois
- Alpha Delta/Purdue
- Alpha Iota/Indiana
- Alpha Mu/Iowa State
- Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech
- Alpha Omicron/Washington State
- Beta Nu/Case Western
- Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH)
- Gamma Upsilon/Bradley
- Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan
- Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon
- Delta Alpha/Linfield
- Delta Gamma/West Virginia Wesleyan
- Epsilon Zeta/Tampa
- Epsilon Psi/NJIT
- Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern
- Zeta Pi/Old Dominion
- Eta Mu/Findlay
- Eta Omicron/Northwestern State
- Eta Phi/Oakland
- Eta Chi/George Mason
- Theta Eta/Sam Houston State
- Theta Kappa/Texas Tech
- Theta Rho/McNeese State
- Iota Gamma/Grand Valley State
- Iota Eta/Pacific



*2009 Colley Award winner Daniel Neumann with past Colley winners Dale Taylor (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1969), Kevin Reilly (Tau/Florida 2008), Al Bulliner (Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1965), and Brian Rinker (Rho/Illinois 2001). Photo by Kyle Weaver*

## Reginald E.F. Colley Award

First presented in 1929, the Colley Award is the highest undergraduate award in Theta Chi, and is presented in recognition of distinguished service to alma mater, Fraternity and chapter.

- Winner:** Daniel Neumann (Beta Nu/Case Western 2009)
- First runner-up:** James M. Cox (Alpha Delta/Purdue 2009)
- Second runner-up:** Eddie Higginbotham IV (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 2010)





Representatives from each of the 2009 Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award-winning chapters.  
Photo by Amber Ray



Brother Pat O'Connor (Chi/Auburn 1978) with 2009 Shug Jordan Award winner Rodrigo Correa. Photo by Kyle Weaver

### The George T. Kilavos Alumni Award

The Alumni Award is given to alumnus brothers who have demonstrated exceptional service, personal effort and unselfish interest in meritorious service to the local, regional or national welfare of Theta Chi Fraternity.

David M. Deggs (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1999)

Tait J. Martin (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1997)

Kirby V. Montgomery (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1975)

Daniel P. Reilly (Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1993)

### James M. Holland Award

The Holland Award is presented each summer to the chapter that initiates the most new members in a school year.

**Winner:** Gamma Rho/Florida State (49 initiates)

**First runner-up:** Tau/Florida (48 initiates)

**Second runner-up:** Alpha Iota/Indiana (46 initiates)

### Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

The Randall Award is presented annually to those chapters that initiate 25 men or more over the course of a given school year.

- Iota/Colgate
- Rho/Illinois
- Tau/Florida
- Phi/North Dakota State
- Alpha Iota/Indiana
- Alpha Omicron/Washington State
- Alpha Rho/Washington
- Alpha Sigma/Oregon
- Alpha Phi/Alabama
- Beta Delta/Rutgers
- Gamma Kappa/Miami (OH)
- Gamma Rho/Florida State
- Delta Beta/Georgia
- Delta Phi/North Texas
- Eta Chi/George Mason
- Eta Omega/Chico State
- Theta Epsilon/Kennesaw State
- Iota Beta/Missouri State
- Iota Theta/Central Florida

### Henry B. Hersey Significant Increase in Membership Award

The Hersey Award is presented to the chapter that officially posts the greatest percent membership increase during the preceding academic year.

**Winner:** Theta Rho/McNeese State (233 percent increase)

**Honorable mention:** Delta Mu/Texas (133 percent increase)

**Honorable mention:** Zeta Gamma/Alberta (125 percent increase)

**Honorable mention:** Delta Theta/Toledo (63 percent increase)



National President Douglas Allen presents John Meadows (Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern 2010) with the Stanford Trophy.

**Honorable mention:** Beta Kappa/Hamline (61 percent increase)

**Honorable mention:** Eta Phi/Oakland (52 percent increase)

**Honorable mention:** Eta Tau/CSU Stanislaus (50 percent increase)

### James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award

The Jordan Award is presented annually to a Theta Chi undergraduate scholar-athlete who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, brotherhood, and commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

**Winner:** Rodrigo Correa (Epsilon Psi/NJIT 2009)

### Floyd W. Field Award

The Floyd Field award is presented to an outstanding Greek Affairs professional for commitment to and support of the ideals of Greek student life.

**Winner:** Wesley Schaub IV, Director of Greek Life at Case Western Reserve University

### Man-Mile Award

The Man-Mile Award is presented annually to the chapter that has traveled the most combined miles to attend a leadership event.

**Winner:** Phi/North Dakota State (10 brothers; 1,392 miles each; total miles traveled: 13,920)

### Stanford Trophy

The Stanford Trophy is presented to the chapter that records the highest grade point average in the fraternity each school year.

**Winner:** Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern





Photo by Amber Ray

REFLECTIONS BY DR. MEL GEORGE  
(DELTA IOTA/NORTHWESTERN 1956)

## The Quest

*Editor's Note: Brother Mel George (Delta Iota/Northwestern 1956) is a president emeritus of the University of Missouri system. At the 2010 Deranian Presidents Conference in Indianapolis, Brother George presented a keynote speech on the power of courage. He shares his thoughts on his experience at the Deranian below.*

“The Quest” was the theme of the 16th annual Deranian Presidents Conference, held on Jan. 8–9 in Indianapolis. It was the first one I’d ever attended—back in my undergraduate days at Northwestern in the 1950s, there was no such thing! Fortunately, I was able to be present for the entire conference and am glad to have this opportunity to tell about my impressions and reactions.

There are several large plenary sessions at each Deranian, but the most impressive parts for me at the 2010 conference were the small-group breakout sessions, where attendees could choose among several options offered during each of the breakout periods. These were highly interactive sessions, dealing with everything from recruiting to what the phrase “Theta Chi for Life” means. I did a lot of listening and observing in these sessions and was greatly impressed with the comments of my young brothers from all over the country. It was inspiring to hear them articulate with such sincerity what Theta Chi means to them and why it is such an important part of their lives.

One breakout that impressed me as a faculty member very much was a session titled “The Pillars of Chapter Academic Excellence.” The participants were very serious about improving academic performance in their chapters, and lots of good ideas were exchanged about how to do that. It was a refreshing change from the picture that many people have in mind about fraternities and their lifestyles.

In a typical group of young men college students, it would be unusual to hear conversations about “values” and such things—but such language was often heard in the sessions I attended. These are young men who really believe in and practice brotherhood and strive for excellence in all they do. It was extremely reassuring to know that such young men are coming along not only to lead my fraternity and its chapters but to contribute more generally to the well-being of their campuses and the nation and the world.

I also had a chance before leaving Indianapolis on Sunday to visit IHQ and sense the tradition of Theta Chi represented there and in the staff of the Fraternity whom I met. My overriding impression by the end of Deranian was one of pride, not only in what Theta Chi has been but also what it will become, with the kind of young leaders I met, listened to, and enjoyed during the conference. All Theta Chi members and alumni can feel good about their fraternity and its prospects, and I hope those of us who are alumni will get even more involved in supporting and participating in the fraternity we care about and ensuring its strong and proud future. ■



# Building Bridges at the Deranian

REFLECTIONS ON THE DERANIAN CONFERENCE FROM  
DR. JOHN W. HANES (BETA OMICRON/CINCINNATI 1976)



Photo by Amber Ray

*Editor's Note: Dr. John W. Hanes is president of Effectiveness Dimensions International and the author of Change Focused Leadership. You can find more information at [www.changefocusedleadership.com](http://www.changefocusedleadership.com).*

In the spring of 1974 as the newly elected president of Beta Omicron chapter, I was asked to speak at an alumni gathering on the concept of “Theta Chi for Life.” I vividly recall telling a favorite story of *The Bridge Builder*, where an old man expends a great deal of effort building a bridge for others that he will never have the opportunity to personally walk across. Looking back, I really had no idea how powerful the notion of selfless sacrifice could be, nor for that matter, what it really would mean to be a “Theta Chi for Life.”

Fast forward to the autumn of 2009: Now in the latter stages of a career dedicated to helping corporate, military and governmental leaders maximize their potential, I had just written my first book, *Change Focused Leadership*. Out of the blue, I got a call from Shawn Bennett of the Theta Chi International Headquarters, asking if I would be willing to give a keynote speech to a few hundred chapter leaders at the 2010 Deranian Leadership Conference.

While I enthusiastically agreed to do so, I immediately felt a sense of anxiety. What could I possibly say to a group of men, 35 years my junior, that would hold their attention? Could they really grasp what change focused leadership is all about? Would they even care to learn anything or were they just treating the conference as an opportunity to party, as I most likely would have when I was their age? After years of an on-again, off-again relationship with Theta Chi, how would the national officers and staff at headquarters view me? After all, I certainly was not a “Theta

Chi for Life” in the truest tradition of a Howard Alter, George Kilavos, Dale Taylor or Doug Allen.

On a frigid and snowy Friday evening, I entered the conference hotel still harboring some degree of trepidation. Within seconds a phalanx of young men in Theta Chi sweatshirts approached me, gave me ‘the handshake’ (which I hadn’t used in years) and said, “you must be Dr. Hanes. We are really looking forward to your presentation.”

I was quickly ushered into the hospitality suite, where I was introduced to several brothers who were each vying for spots on the national field staff, a position I held in 1976–77. Their enthusiasm, energy and inquisitiveness blew me away. I felt this immediate connection with a group of guys who minutes earlier were total strangers from a vastly different generation. Could this be a bit of what “Theta Chi for Life” was meant to be?

As it turns out, I learned far more than I taught that weekend. I found that being a “Theta Chi for Life” did not require that one dedicate his life to the Fraternity, nor did it mean holding a formal position. I was surprised to learn that most Theta Chi’s have the same on-again, off-again relationship I did, where we give what we can for awhile, fade away to other pursuits and re-emerge to serve again. I rediscovered the instant bond that being brothers affords each of us with one another, regardless of age or chapter affiliation.

Most of all, I was mystified to find that this current generation of our Brothers possesses the interest, intellect, tenacity, maturity and integrity to lead our beloved Theta Chi to even greater heights. And, that taking the time to build a bridge for others that we may never cross ourselves can indeed come back to us in ways that we scarcely imagined. ■





# Tuning in: business advice from Sears' newest executive

BY BART ZINO (IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA 2008)  
EDITOR

*Jim Haworth with suppliers and executives of C.P. Lotus, a retail company based in Shanghai, China. Haworth lived in China for three years working with C.P. Lotus, first as a consultant and later as chairman, president and CEO.*

Whether you're a chapter president or the head of a major corporation, knowing how to work with people is critical to being successful.

Just ask Jim Haworth (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1984), a 25-year veteran of the retail and merchandising industry. He's used his people skills to turn failing stores around, empower employees hundreds of miles away, and even help a major overseas corporation turn a profit for the first time in three years.

His secret? Listen.

It's a philosophy that he's been practicing for most of his professional career—one that has taken him all over the world and most

*"The most important people that we have are the folks that interact with our customers every day," he said. "I wanted to really listen . . ."*

recently to the top of the Sears Holdings Corp.

While he's got plenty to keep him busy at Sears' Hoffman Estates, Illinois, headquarters, however, Haworth spent most of his first weeks on the front lines of Kmart and Sears stores in managers' offices and loading docks, and interacting with customers.

"The most important people that we have are the folks that interact with our customers every day," he said. "I wanted to come out and really listen to what their needs were, and the

things we can do to help them satisfy the customer better."

Haworth has been honing his people-focused approach for years, first as an assistant manager at Walmart and later as Walmart's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

"I love to sell merchandise," he said. "There's a satisfaction that comes from helping them [customers] satisfy what they want and need."



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they want to be recognized;  
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they have to say . . .”

He’s also helped employees and troubled stores reach their potential. Not every project was easy, but he says that’s the best part.

“I ran tough stores when I was at Walmart; stores that maybe hadn’t made a profit before, and I was given those as a challenge,” he said.

As a student at the University of Central Missouri, Haworth says his time as an undergraduate brother of the Epsilon Phi chapter helped him develop the people skills he would end up using later in life. He and National Vice President Tom “Bo” Tinnin (1984) pledged together, and saw Theta Chi as a fraternity that really cared for its members.

“When you really got to know the group, there were some great people,” he recalled. “They were open, they were willing to know us and who we were; they really cared about us and wanted to see us grow in college and get through.”

Haworth said that it was fun to interact with so many people with so many different backgrounds. By being around such a diverse group, Haworth says his time in the chapter really prepared him for the business career that was to come next.

“People want to be appreciated; they want to be recognized; they want people to listen to what they have to say, and as I think back at the brotherhood of the fraternity, we really built that,” he said. “Those experiences really helped me to prepare myself.”

Corporate experience aside, nothing could have prepared him for the opportunity that came in 2006: China. Haworth left Walmart to be a consultant for C.P. Lotus, a hypermarket chain and China’s fourth largest retailer, headquartered in Shanghai. A year and a half after moving to China, Haworth was asked to become chairman, president and CEO. In the three years that he was with C.P. Lotus, he



*Jim at a Lotus store grand opening in Guangzhou, China.*

helped the company cut losses, improve sales, and eventually become profitable.

Part of the challenge for Haworth was overcoming the cultural differences that exist between American and Chinese business practices. But that’s where Haworth’s philosophy became especially useful.

“We ought to listen first, and then decide,” he explained. “Especially in a Chinese culture; if you walk in and think you have all the answers, you won’t understand all the different nuances about the business.”

Haworth’s success hasn’t come without encountering some difficulties along the way, but he added that it’s OK to make mistakes as long as you can learn from them.

“Don’t be afraid to try things; don’t be afraid of failure,” he said. “I really believe that if you’re really focused, and listen to what the opportunities are—and how you pick yourself up in those tough times—is really what builds character.”

Today, as executive vice president and president of retail services, Haworth is in charge of leading and overseeing the strategic growth of Sears Holdings’ Kmart and Sears stores nationwide. It’s a responsibility that he’s taken on



*Jim and his wife Kathy*

enthusiastically, in a field that he is passionate about. And that, perhaps, is the most important thing for undergraduates and young adults to keep in mind.

“Life is too short to get hung up on something that you’re really not engaged in.

“If you really want to grow and really want to do things for the future, don’t be afraid of failure. You have to embrace it, learn from it, and move on.” ■

“As a student at the University of Central Missouri, Haworth says his time as an undergraduate brother of the Epsilon Phi chapter helped him develop the people skills he would end up using later in life.”

# The good fight: protecting an American export

BY BART ZINO (IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA 2008)  
EDITOR

**B**ob Pisano (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1965) didn't always picture himself working in Hollywood. But today, as president and interim CEO of the Motion Picture Association of America, Pisano says it's a journey that he's found both challenging and rewarding.

"It was strictly by accident," the San Jose native says. "I had no knowledge of the film industry. It had never entered my contemplation. I wanted to go into politics when I was in college and decided when I graduated to go to law school."

As an undergraduate, Pisano took an interest in student government, and at San Jose State in those days, getting involved in student government meant getting involved with Theta Chi.

"Some fraternities tend to draw people of like minds and like inclinations and it turned out, for whatever reason, that Gamma Xi at that point tended to draw people who were active in student affairs," he said.

Brother Pisano says he got a lot out of his time with the chapter.

"It was a really satisfying experience," he said. "We didn't just play. There was a sense of contributing to the school through volunteerism, student government, and the like."

Pisano has taken many of the lessons he learned in Theta Chi and applied them to his work with the MPAA.

"I am a big believer in teamwork," he said. "It's the only way that an organization succeeds. All of my business experience in the last 20-plus years has been as a member of a high-performance team."

In 2009, things came full circle when San Jose State honored Pisano with the Outstanding Alumnus Award, the highest honor given to someone in the College of Social Sciences for outstanding professional achievement.

However, Pisano insists there is more work to be done. "I measure our success by how healthy our American film and television industry is," he said. "We have not succeeded in changing the dialogue for respecting intel-



*College of Social Sciences Dean Tim Hegstrom presenting Pisano with the 2009 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Photo courtesy of the College of Social Sciences, San Jose State University*

lectual property." But, he added, it is a very interesting time for the film industry, and educating the public will be key in the fight for copyright protection.

Each year, filmmakers make a living translating ideas into movies for the big screen. Massive teams of producers, writers, set designers, technicians and engineers can spend months, even years, working on a single project. The hours are long, but the end results can mean millions of dollars in profits.

With the increasing popularity of illegal file sharing, however, not everyone is getting his or her fair share of the rewards. Bob Pisano is determined to change that.

Pisano says a common misconception people have is that illegal downloading is a victimless crime because the most visible players in the film industry—producers, directors and actors—can afford to take the loss.



*Pisano with members of the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel in 2009.*

However, for the other 2.5 million men and women who rely on the residual pay that comes from movie ticket and DVD sales, the story is much different.

"When people download movies illegally, they're not hurting [actors like] Tom Cruise



or Will Smith,” Pisano says. “They’re hurting the people who work behind the scenes. They’re taking money out of the pockets of middle-class Americans.”

To address this sometimes complicated, frequently frustrating challenge, Pisano travels around the world to meet with government officials and speaks to audiences about the importance of respecting intellectual property.

Some meetings have been more productive than others, and urging lawmakers to take action can sometimes involve navigating through complicated layers of political and cultural barriers. In the United States, Pisano says the problem isn’t getting lawmakers to agree about the problem, but on what to do about it.

“Most of our issues are nonpartisan,” he said. “Whether you’re a Democrat or a Republican, you support free trade for the film industry and content protection.”

Abroad, the challenges are slightly different. In Germany, for instance, Pisano says there is a very strong cultural and personal concern about privacy, which has made passing legislation that would enforce file-sharing laws difficult. On the other hand, Pisano said working with the Chinese government has exposed him to other challenges: namely, that China is highly protective of its markets.

Regardless of where he goes, the objective stays the same: educate the public about why illegal downloading is hurting Hollywood.

“The thing that’s troubling to me is the notion that in a real physical world, you wouldn’t go to Blockbuster and stick a DVD in your pocket, but people go home and download illegally the same movie because it’s on the Internet and it should be free,” he said.

Looking back on his time in school, he offered this advice to Theta Chi’s current undergraduates: enjoy your college years.

“There’s so much pressure on [undergraduates] today and I guess it’s a product of our environment, but obviously you have to learn; obviously you have to develop your intellect; but you also need to enjoy your college years because you won’t have that opportunity again,” he said.

“Also, you can make mistakes in college,” he added. “Because of the kinds of mistakes you make, it’s an opportunity to spread your wings in a way that’s a learning experience.” ■

*RIGHT: Bob Pisano speaking at the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel after receiving the Founder’s Award in January 2009.*



Photo courtesy of Terry Chan

# People Person

*Bob Weygand on politics, fraternity life, and building consensus*

BY BART ZINO (IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA 2008)  
EDITOR

“No one thinks that these guys you pledge with are going to be your best friends,” says Robert “Bob” Weygand (Eta/Rhode Island 1971). A former state representative and congressman from Rhode Island, Weygand has encountered a lot of people over the course of his career, but he’ll probably tell you that he formed some of his closest personal relationships with the people he met through Theta Chi.

As a freshman at the University of Rhode Island, however, joining Theta Chi had not yet crossed Weygand’s mind. His friends in the dorms had pledged other fraternities, including a neighbor who had pledged Theta Chi, but it wasn’t until the fall of his sophomore year that Brother Weygand decided to rush. He hasn’t looked back since.

“It was and still is a very important part of my life,” he said. “I never thought it would be like that.”

With the shadow of the Vietnam War looming overhead, Weygand described his undergraduate experience as “fun, but also serious.” He says his time in the chapter helped him develop skills that he would end up applying later in life.

“We learned a lot as students about how to manage our own business affairs. If something got broke, we fixed it. If someone did something wrong, we disciplined him.”

Today, Weygand is vice president for administration at his alma mater, a post he has held since 2004. It’s the most recent step in a distinguished and varied career that has taken him from his hometown of Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the state capital, the U.S. Congress, and back again.

After earning his B.F.A. in theater in 1971, however, Weygand says that it wasn’t politics that he was preparing for a career in, but landscape architecture.

“It was never planned,” he said. In 1973, Weygand began his professional career at the Rhode Island Department of Natural Resources before returning to URI in 1976 for a second bachelor’s degree in civil and environmental engineering and a master’s degree



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in political science. He spent the next eight years working with other landscape architecture firms around Rhode Island.

In 1984, Weygand was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives and served for four terms until 1993 when he ran successfully for lieutenant governor. After spending two terms in the state capital, Weygand was elected to the United States House of Representatives, where he served two terms from 1997–2001.

Weygand described his time in politics as a “fascinating career that has been a tremen-

dous experience,” but says he hasn’t forgotten the people who helped him: “I’ve been lucky. A lot of good people helped along the way.”

Weygand didn’t forget about Theta Chi, either. His experiences living in the chapter house taught him a lot about working with people.

“It’s very much like living in a fraternity,” he explained. “Public policy takes teamwork and collaboration. To be elected means to be more than a politician. You have to address the concerns of a diverse population.” Building a consensus can be difficult, especially when dealing with stubborn personalities, he said. And no one person can change.

Weygand lived in the chapter house (now Newman Hall) and looks back on his time there proudly.

“We were a team. Through thick and thin, we were going to hang in there together.”

He says he still keeps in touch with a lot of his chapter brothers, and even has his 1971 chapter composite hanging in his home, along with some other Eta memorabilia.

In 1988, Eta chapter closed, but in September 2009, the International Headquarters sent two expansion coordinators to form an interest group with the intention of eventually restarting the chapter. Eta officially recolonized in February 2010 with 20 undergraduate members and more than 30 alumni present. Weygand’s advice to them, and to other undergraduate members of Theta Chi, is simple: stick together.

“Do as much as you possibly can do together,” he said, adding that Greek life can open tremendous opportunities for personal growth. The people that have the closest ties to the university are the ones who can say they have a tie back to fraternities and sororities. He also advised brothers to remember Theta Chi’s core values.

“Don’t lose sight of what we are as a fraternity. This is not *Animal House*. You have a responsibility to give back in a positive way. We often think of fraternities and sororities as a place to socially gather. There is more than that.” ■



# Brother awarded Silver Star for heroism

BY BART ZINO (IOTA THETA/CENTRAL FLORIDA 2008)  
EDITOR

A Theta Chi brother was honored in December for risking his life to help members of his unit during a patrol mission in Afghanistan.

Army Staff Sgt. Linsey Clarke (Eta Kappa/James Madison 2005) was presented the Silver Star, the Army's third highest combat medal, after taking his teammates out of harm's way during an ambush in February. He was one of two Special Forces soldiers to receive the award.

In February 2009, Clarke and his team were approaching a river crossing during a reconnaissance patrol when a roadside bomb destroyed one of their vehicles. Ammunition on the truck started going off, and the convoy began taking small arms fire from insurgents across the river.

Clarke, a patrol medic, heard from his truck's gunner that someone had been injured in the explosion. He backed his truck up to where the bomb had gone off, and found Staff Sgt. Eric Engelhardt, who had been thrown into the air in the explosion and was unable to walk. With the help of fellow soldier Staff Sgt. Gus Malarcher, Clarke was able to drag Engelhardt to safety before returning to the bombsite, where he found

Master Staff Sgt. David Hurt, who had been burned in the explosion. Clarke provided medical treatment and helped Hurt to safety, but remained at the bombsite to secure the area and look for the remaining members of his company.

Although he feels humbled to have received the Silver Star, Clarke insists that he didn't act alone.

"I did what any of my teammates would have done for me or would have done if they were in the same position," he said. "It was a moment where all of us worked together to accomplish what needed to be done. I feel that my teammates deserve the same award for their actions that day as well."

Clarke returned to Afghanistan earlier this year and will return home in July 2010. ■





## A message from the President of the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc.

Greetings brothers!

I am humbled to report that my brothers on the Board of Directors of the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc., have elected me to serve as president for the remaining two years of my second and final term of office.

I promise you that I assume the mantle of president with a renewed sense of energy and vigor for our mission: “to develop and provide financial resources to promote the academic, leadership and service ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity.”

In addition to our annual campaign, (which is experiencing an upswing due to the work of Vicki Wilson, our director of foundation services, board member Brad Burk, and your generosity) and our other ongoing fundraising programs, we are deeply into our planned giving program, the 1856 Legacy Society.

I encourage all of you to consider charter membership in the 1856 Legacy Society by including the Foundation Chapter in your will, insurance policy, or estate plan for the minimum sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and by notifying us of that bequest by Dec. 31, 2010. In addition to a number of other benefits, your name will be on the 1856 Legacy Society charter member plaque, which will be displayed at Theta Chi’s International Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

I also want to share that one of my major goals before leaving office will be to lay the groundwork for a major gifts program that will carry on and refine itself in the years to come.

Brothers, if we are to be in the “big leagues” of fraternity and sorority foundations and provide funding for the leadership and educational programming activities that our Grand Chapter provides for our undergraduate brothers, we simply must have a major gifts program established and nurtured over the coming years.

Again, my deepest appreciation for being able to serve as president of the Foundation Chapter in my final two years of service.

Better because of Theta Chi!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. Moylan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

James J. Moylan (Gamma Lambda/Denver 1969)

President, the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc.



If the strength of a chain lies in the weakest link, then Theta Chi's bond will never break!



Photo by Jereme Grinslade

*Brothers from Indiana area chapters help with repairs and maintenance of the Foundation Chapter's Pathway of Brotherhood located in front of the IHQ.*

We fortify our brotherhood with dedicated alumni and students year after year. Loyal brothers, such as you, join our ranks daily. Your continued support strengthens our educational and leadership programs. From 2007 to 2009, the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to our undergraduate and graduate brothers. Today, you have the opportunity to strengthen your commitment once again. See below for the many different ways you can participate. Just visit the Theta Chi Website at [www.thetachi.org/foundation](http://www.thetachi.org/foundation) or contact Vicki Wilson, Director of Foundation Services at [vicki@thetachi.org](mailto:vicki@thetachi.org) or 317.824.1902.

Gift Option	Benefit of Gift
General Fund	It derives its income from the Foundation's Annual Campaign and administrative fees from endowments within the Foundation's portfolio.
Leadership Fund	Helps underwrite the cost of attendance for undergraduates for educational programs and leadership conferences.
Communication Fund	Helps pay for the publication of <i>The Rattle</i> magazine, as well as development and maintenance of the Theta Chi website.
Dale Slivinske Scholarship Fund	Provides grants to assist members with the cost of attending the National Convention.
Sherwood Blue Scholarship Fund	Provides academic grants-in-aid to undergraduate and graduate student members of Theta Chi Fraternity.
Colley Award Scholarship Fund	Provides academic grants-in-aid to the Reginald E.F. Colley Award recipient and two runners-up.





Anthony Capozzi with chapter president Mike Nalepka (2011). Beta Lambda chapter was recognized as Akron's Most Improved Chapter for 2009. Photo courtesy of Chris Conley

### Beta Lambda/Akron

The Beta Lambda chapter was proud to have one of its alumni, Anthony J. Capozzi (1982), honored with the University of Akron's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. This award is presented to an alumnus/a who demonstrates a significant and consistent contribution to his/her chapter's positive improvement, the welfare of the University of Akron's Greek community, and the support of his/her community through philanthropic and service efforts.

Brother Capozzi exemplifies these qualities through his work as the current vice president of the Beta Lambda Alumni Association. He is also a volunteer member of the University of Akron Greek Alumni Board and volunteers in various places throughout his community.

### Beta Nu/Case Western

For the third year in a row, a Reginald E. F. Colley Award recipient has also been named one of four recipients of the North American Interfraternity Conference's Undergraduate Award of Distinction.



Daniel Neumann

This year's winner is brother Daniel C. Neumann (2009). The NIC Award of Distinction seeks to recognize the fraternity man who has found in his experience an outlet for developing as both a leader and a better man. The award was presented at the annual NIC meeting in Washington, D.C. on Apr. 18th.

Brother Neumann has a master's degree in structural engineering and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. He received the Reginald E. F. Colley Award at the 2009 Chapter Leadership Conference.

In winning this prestigious award, brother Neumann joins fellow Colley winners Kevin Reilly (Tau/Florida 2008) and Erik Lange (Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern 2008) as NIC Award of Distinction winners.

### Beta Upsilon/Fresno State



Mike Villines

Photo courtesy of the California State Assembly

Brother (Mike Villines, Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 1990) has been named as one of four recipients of the John F. Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award for 2010.

The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation presented the award on March 16 to

four members of California's legislative leadership, who in 2009 led a bi-partisan effort in a bid to close the state's devastating budget deficit.

"Faced with the most difficult choices and a budget crisis of unprecedented magnitude, these legislative leaders had the courage to negotiate a compromise that they felt was in the public's best interest," Caroline Kennedy, President of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation said.

"They did so knowing they would suffer the wrath of their constituents, powerful interest groups, and their own party members. The members of the Profile in Courage Award Committee chose to herald this story of political courage and bi-partisan compromise with the hope that it will inspire other elected officials facing similar challenges to stand up with courage, to cross party lines, and to do whatever is necessary to better serve the public interest."

Brother Villines is a California State Assembly member. He was elected to the 29th Assembly District in 2004, a Central Valley seat that encompasses Fresno and Madera counties, and has served as the Republican leader in the Assembly. He is currently a candidate for California Insurance Commissioner.

Kennedy presented this prestigious award at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston on May 24.

### Delta Iota/Northwestern

Cliff Garstang (1975) recently wrote his first book, *In an Uncharted Country*, in 2009. A series of short stories focusing on the ordinary lives of people in a small Virginia town, *In an Uncharted Country* won several awards. You can learn more about Brother Garstang at <http://www.cliffordgarstang.com>.

### Delta Upsilon/Arizona State



Brian Camen

Brother Brian Camen (2007) won big on a December episode of *Let's Make a Deal*. After making it through the first round and winning a year's supply of coffee, an iPod and a motorcycle, Camen decided to risk it all for a 2010 Chrysler Sebring and \$1,000 worth of gasoline

instead. Camen successfully picked the right letters and won. The episode aired on Dec. 11, 2009.

### Epsilon Gamma/Widener

On Feb. 20, Epsilon Gamma chapter hosted an alumni walk-through of Victory Hall on campus, which is being razed to make way for a new School of Nursing building.

In the 1960s, the institution was named Pennsylvania Military College, and cadets were not allowed to sleep outside of barracks. A "Theta" and a "Chi" were tiled into the hearth of the fireplace in those early days. The undergraduate members carefully removed this hearthstone, and it has been placed in the current chapter house on display.

Several Epsilon Gamma chapter members and alumni attended the event, in particular, a gentleman by the name of Ollie Armitage. Ollie was the cadet that founded the local fraternity of Pi Mu Chi, which successfully petitioned the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi for a charter in 1956. By then Ollie had graduated, but remains so very proud of his legacy at Widener.

### Zeta Gamma/Alberta

Millions watched the Vancouver Olympics this year, but at least one Theta Chi got to experience one of the event's most famous traditions up close and personal. Brother Rod Proudfoot (1972) was asked to carry the Olympic torch as it passed through Edmonton on its 27,961-mile (45,000 km) journey to





Army Maj. Matthew Alexander, Shayan Farazmand, Magid Elabyad, and Michael Sakata at the 2009 Ragnar Relays in Cumberland, Maryland. Photo courtesy of Shayan Farazmand

Vancouver. Proudfoot, who has coached boxer Willie DeWitt and worked with hockey legend Wayne Gretzky when he played for the Calgary Flames, carried the torch through a 984-foot (300 m) stretch of Groat Road near downtown Edmonton.

### Zeta Pi/Old Dominion

Brother Stephen Murphy (2002), project manager for general contractor Spacemakers, announced the recent renovation of the Center for Families of the Fallen at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware. Brother Murphy and his team completed the 6,000 square-foot, \$1.6 million project in just 60 days, well ahead of schedule. Dover Air Force Base is home to the nation's only military mortuary.

### Eta Chi/George Mason

In September 2009, Brothers Shayan Farazmand (2004), Magid Elabyad (2001), Michael Sakata (2001) and Army Maj. Matthew Alexander (Northwestern State/Eta Omicron 2000) ran from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington, D.C. in the Ragnar Relays, a 200-mile race held in various locations throughout the United States.

## Eighth annual ski trip a success

BY JAMES J. MOYLAN (GAMMA LAMBDA/DENVER 1969)  
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

What started out as a "brothers and sons" ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, has since evolved into an annual ski trip for family and friends of Gamma Lambda chapter and Theta Chi Fraternity.

Those attending January's eighth annual ski trip enjoyed lots of snow, brotherhood, camaraderie and fellowship.

We were particularly honored by the attendance of National Secretary Joe D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1977) who brought his East Coast "ice skiing" talent to the champagne powder of Steamboat, showing us all how it is done.

Back for his second time to enjoy all Steamboat had to offer on the slopes and après ski was brother Hank Griffin (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969) and his fiancée Ronda Grillone.

Participants began to arrive on Wednesday and Thursday. After skiing on Thursday, we ventured downtown to Noodles and More where we partook of the offerings by Steamboat's only Vietnamese restaurant.

Friday was another ski day for some of the participants, and a few even got to enjoy a soak in the hot springs at Strawberry Park, about 10 miles out of town.

We had a cozy Mexican dinner at the Timber Run Lodge Club House prepared by Theta Chi friends Matt and Shad Townsend, and watched videos of the 1989 and 1994 Gamma Lambda chapter reunions. Many of the kids in these videos now have kids of their own!

After a good ski day on Saturday, we wrapped up the weekend with our traditional closing banquet at Riggio's Ristorante in downtown Steamboat Springs. Our hosts, Stacy and Rich Most favored us with an outstanding family-style Italian dinner that was enjoyed by all.

The Ninth Annual Gamma Lambda chapter family ski trip is set for Wednesday thru Sunday, Jan. 19-23, 2011. Contact Jim Moylan at [jimoylanlaw@aol.com](mailto:jimoylanlaw@aol.com) for details.



Members and friends of Gamma Lambda chapter (clockwise from lower left): Denise Roach, Celia Dunham, Matt Townsend, Carl Dunham, Joe Moylan, Jim Moylan, Joe D'Amore, Hank Griffin, and Ronda Grillone.

Photo courtesy of Jim Moylan



Alumnus and undergraduate brothers of Epsilon Gamma chapter with the hearthstone from Victory Hall, which was recently razed.



# Intrepid Eight hit the slopes for 29th ski trip

BY JAMES J. MOYLAN (GAMMA LAMBDA/DENVER 1969)  
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Photo courtesy of Jim Moylan

(L-R): Hank Griffin, Mark Manlove, Al Zale, Herb Morgan, Jim Moylan, and Dave DeVol.

The 29th Annual Theta Chi Ski Trip to Mammoth Mountain in California concluded successfully over the long weekend of Feb. 27 to Mar. 3, 2010.

Brothers participating in the ski trip included annual expedition organizer David E. “Down Hill Dave” DeVol (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1959), mountain and culinary guide Al “EZ AZ” Zale (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954), Mark Manlove (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969), and Hank Griffin (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1970). Also participating were Herb Morgan (Theta Iota/UC Santa Cruz 1988) and Chris Hackett (Theta Iota/UC Santa Cruz 1989). Rounding out the ski team were Jeff Anderson (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1989) and yours truly, Jim Moylan.

The Intrepid Eight arrived in Mammoth Lakes, California late Saturday afternoon on Feb. 27, checked into the condo and made the obligatory trip up the mountain for ski equipment, waxing, lockers and more so we could hit the slopes at the rope-drop on Sunday morning.

The kick-off dinner on Saturday evening was held at the customary venue, Whiskey Creek Restaurant, where everyone enjoyed an excellent meal, complete with libations, camaraderie and brotherhood.

Ski conditions were excellent on Sunday morning and only got better as the weekend skiers began to return home. After a full day of skiing and a dip in the hot tub to refresh sore muscles, it was off to Roberto’s for Mexican fare.

Monday morning was perfect. We were greeted with blue skies, mild temperatures, and uncrowded slopes; we skied “corduroy” for most of the morning. After a full day of skiing and a restorative plunge into the hot tub, we tried a new place for dinner—Hot Chicks (a barbecue restaurant)—and were not disappointed.

Tuesday began bright and sunny and we were on the slopes again at the rope-drop at 8:30 a.m. Unfortunately, a severe snow storm blew into the area at about 1 p.m. creating white-out conditions, and so the Intrepid Eight headed into town for other diversions.

We held the closing banquet on Tuesday evening, at our alternate venue, Tamarack Lodge. We enjoyed an excellent gourmet dinner, preceded by cocktails in the “Great Room” of the Lodge before a roaring stone fireplace.

Next year’s annual ski trip—the 30th—is a special one, and activities may be planned. Contact “Downhill Dave” DeVol at [ddevol@aol.com](mailto:ddevol@aol.com) for further information.



Photo courtesy of Jim Moylan

Ski bums 2010 (L-R Front): Mark Manlove, Herb Morgan, Al Zale. (Back): Jim Moylan, Chris Hackett, Dave DeVol, Jeff Anderson, and Hank Griffin.



## Delta Iota celebrates new floors, sprinkler system

BY BRUCE PETSCHÉ (DELTA IOTA/NORTHWESTERN 1953)

Undergraduate and alumnus brothers of the Delta Iota chapter at Northwestern University recently celebrated the completion of some major renovations to their chapter house.

Participating in this herculean effort were Dr. Jim Bock, Sr. (1981) and his two sons, Jim Jr. (2009) and Steve (2011). Also involved were Jim Sr.'s daughter Kate and brother Jerry, all of whom took a "long weekend" off work to "vacation" in the Evanston chapter house. Together, they replaced the house's 66-year-old hardwood floors, a project that the Delta Iota alumni board estimates would have cost at least \$17,000 to contract out. In all, the five Bocks put in a total of 215 man-hours of work on the project.

"We got a great deal on 750 square feet of maple flooring," Jim Sr. said.

His son Steve added, "it took us more than a week to finish the job. It was the hardest week's work I ever put in—anywhere!"

After the Bocks returned to their home in Blue Mound, Illinois, brothers Dave Gundrum (2011), house manager, and Sam Hobbie (2009) worked an extra 10 days to finish the job. The entire room, measuring 33 by 22 feet, had to be stripped of its original oak flooring, replaced with new maple boards and covered with two coats of urethane finish. Overall, about 295 man-hours went into the project.

Other major projects that Delta Iota recently completed include the installation of a brand new house sprinkler system, complete with controls and an alarm. The alumni board raised a majority of the funds for the project, totaling nearly \$70,000. Delta Iota also retiled two stairways, the library, chapter room and the large hall adjacent to the chapter dining hall. The library benefitted from a new wall-to-ceiling repair, plus new shelving. The alumni also had new floor-to-ceiling tile on all walls and the floor of the first floor main bathroom facility installed.

"We're proud of what we've accomplished this past five years," said alumni housing corporation board member Bruce Petsche (1953), who stopped in on Sept. 8 to inspect the work. "The house was a wreck five years ago, but right now it looks terrific." Petsche also helped raise the \$70,000 for the sprinkler installation.

The Delta Iota brothers look forward to a successful pledging program this year to cap off a highly successful past five years of house repairs and campus event participation.



# National Golf Tournament Swings Through Second Year

BY PAT O'CONNOR (CHI/AUBURN 1978)

Windy conditions gave way to a grand weekend of fellowship and brotherhood in Savannah, Georgia, on Feb. 26–27 for the Second Annual Theta Chi National Golf Tournament. Several golfers arrived early for a Thursday practice day at the world-class May River Golf Club at the Palmetto Bluff Resort in nearby Bluffton, South Carolina, courtesy of brother Pat O'Connor.

Later in the evening the early birds gathered for a social hour at the renowned Forest City Gun Club in Savannah. Then on Friday, the tournament began in earnest at the highly regarded Crosswinds

Golf Club, courtesy of owner and participant Brother Mike Kistler. The Friday event, as in the inaugural year, was a scramble format. Behind the usual strong play of Brother Bob McConnell, the threesome of McConnell and brothers Jim "Face Time" Powell and Eric "I'm Sweatin'" Templin took the prize.

Immediately following the Scramble event, the group convened for a 9-hole par-three tournament at Crosswinds' wicked but exciting par-three course. Winners of the Second Annual Par-Three event were Mike Kistler and Jim Powell.

The Saturday individual tournament, dubbed "The Main Event," was marked by wind, cold temperatures and delays as the Theta Chi band teed off behind a batch of greenhorns playing in an amateur tournament that undoubtedly gave prizes for slow play. The saving grace was that the course—Savannah Harbor—was in prime condition, and the refreshment cart had warm drinks and nice hostesses to warm the hearts of all who participated.

High scores were the order of the day, with brother George St. George, who had been playing at least 36 holes a day for several months to get ready, posting a 91 to win the medalist trophy.

Photo courtesy of Pat O'Connor



*Participants from the second Alumni Golf Tournament (L–R): Pat O'Connor, Christian Chace, Paul Norstrom, Eric Templin, Mike Kistler, Eric Raasch, Bob McConnell, Jim Powell, George St. George, Warren Hoffman, Steve Yount, and Brian Hall.*

Fortunately for brother St. George and everyone else, the previous year's medalist, brother McConnell, had to miss the Saturday event for a prior engagement. Brother Jim Powell missed an opportunity to win both trophies with a double bogie, triple bogie and double bogie on the final three holes, but still had enough gas in the tank to win the championship honors with a net 76 (gross 93).

Congratulations to the winners and to all participants. The camaraderie was top drawer, and the golf, food, drink and games of skill and chance were unmatched. A special thank you goes to brother Jim McEachern for joining the group. There was no golf for the Makeech, but loads of fun and many a well-deserved wisecrack. Finally, another special thank you goes to Carol O'Connor for helping to fix up a mighty fine low country boil at the O'Connor home for the post-tournament awards dinner on Saturday night.

Next year promises to be even better and the Golf Committee (or whatever committee this soiree is assigned to) will be planning well in advance for the Third Annual Theta Chi Golf Tournament, at a location to be announced. Stay tuned for details and plan to join in next year, especially if you think you can break 90 to win the big trophy.

## Teams and results

### First Place (Scramble): net score 71

Bob McConnell (Delta Kappa/Ball State 1962)  
Jim Powell (Delta Pi/Indiana State 1981)  
Eric Templin (Epsilon Gamma/Widener 1997)

### Second Place: net score 73

Pat O'Connor (Chi/Auburn 1978)  
Warren Hoffman (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1976)  
Steve Yount (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1972)

### Third Place: net score 74

George St. George (Gamma Pi/Buffalo 1970)  
Mike Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973)  
Christian Chace (Epsilon Gamma/Widener 1998)

### Fourth Place: net score 77

Paul Norstrom (Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986)  
Brian Hall (Theta Eta/Sam Houston State 1988)  
Eric Raasch (Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska 1988)

### Final scores in the championship were:

Jim Powell, net 76/gross 93  
Mike Kistler, net 78/gross 97  
George St. George, net 80/gross 91  
Pat O'Connor, net 82/gross 96  
Brian Hall, net 82/gross 106  
Steve Yount, net 85/gross 100  
Christian Chace, net 86/gross 118  
Eric Templin, net 87/gross 114  
Eric Raasch, net 88/gross 109  
Paul Norstrom, withdrawn

### Par 3 scores:

1st: Kistler/Powell 25(-2)  
2nd: Hoffman/Yount 27 (E)  
3rd: St. George/Templin 28 (+1)  
4th: Chace/Norstrom 32 (+5)  
5th: O'Connor/Raasch 33 (+6)  
6th: Hall/McConnell 34 (+7)

Stay tuned for future information on the Third Annual Theta Chi Golf Tournament at [www.thetachi.org](http://www.thetachi.org).





*Jimmy Cox standing outside the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. This year, Brother Cox visited 42 chapters in the Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern regions. Photo courtesy of Jimmy Cox*

## Dispatches from the road: thoughts from a first-year consultant

BY JIMMY COX (ALPHA DELTA/PURDUE 2009)  
LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION CONSULTANT

*Editor's note: Every year, Theta Chi Fraternity employs several outstanding recent graduates to serve the Theta Chi field staff. These dedicated brothers travel across North America to provide advice and guidance to active chapters and assist our expansion groups. Future editions of The Rattle will invite current consultants to share their thoughts and experiences about "life on the road." Jimmy Cox is the 2009 first runner-up of the Reginald E.F. Colley Award.*

As I finished up my senior year of high school, I would often engage my friends in conversations about what they were interested in doing with their lives. Most of us agreed that it would be nice to move away to somewhere new, but I never imagined that I would get to actually live up to that dream. It seemed even less likely that I would end up as a Leadership and Education Consultant.

After all, the thought of living out of a car for a year (or more) was a far cry from the stable life that I thought I was looking for as a college graduate. Thinking back on it now, I couldn't dream of doing anything else.

The first time I seriously considered the job was in 2008 at the National Convention in Indianapolis. I had the opportunity to spend time with Howard Alter, who introduced me to some former consultants who had worked for him when he was executive director. Hearing their stories and views on the Fraternity were very eye-opening. Every day for them seemed like an adventure; nothing about working with Theta Chi was ever boring. Most important, though, was the constant emphasis on the people that they had met along the way. Today, I am proud to say that I share that perspective.

I eagerly applied for the job, and was hired in 2009. That summer, we spent hours meeting and speaking with former consultants who shared their stories from the road, and gave advice about how to handle certain situations. It was fun, but truthfully, I could not wait to get on the road.

In August, I packed my bags and left for the Southeast Region. Now, less than a year later, I can truthfully say that I've been to some of the

best cities the United States has to offer, like Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and New York, among others.

One of my favorite visits was to Alpha Nu chapter at Georgia Tech, where I arrived in the middle of their homecoming festivities. During that visit, I helped them build their homecoming float and got to cheer on the Yellow Jackets against the Virginia Tech Hokies. Though the weather did not agree with us, the float we built came in third place, and when the team won, we all rushed the field. I felt like I was back at my own chapter.

Another of my visits was to Theta Omega at Appalachian State, where I arrived during formal recruitment. The chapter was hosting numerous events but one in particular was their chili cook-off where the potential members judged who had the best chilli out of the six teams. I attended two more recruitment events with the men and at the end of the week we celebrated the bids at the football game.

One of the perks of traveling in the South was the opportunity to see some good SEC football. Before I left in August I made sure to schedule my visits accordingly in order to be in town for some of the best games that I could find. During the fall semester I was able to see Alabama, Auburn, and Florida all play at home. Specifically, the Alabama game was the most exciting. I got to see the National Championship team play against Tennessee and win in the final seconds by blocking a field goal.

True to the word of my predecessors, it was the people I met in these cities and colleges that I enjoyed the most. They were very hospitable hosts and great examples of the "Helping Hand." Before taking this job I did not think a person could have this much fun.

The traveling, the people, and my experiences at different chapters have all been wonderful, and I am so thrilled to be coming back for a second year. This summer I am excited to be able to share my experiences and stories with the new consultants. Creating my own stories this year has been fun, and after everything I have experienced and everyone I have met, I cannot wait to see what next year will bring. ■



### Iota/Colgate

Iota chapter brothers held a fundraiser in January to benefit Partners in Health, a fund-raising organization that works with various organizations to provide health care to individuals and families in Third World countries. Iota brothers tabled on campus and held a fund-raising event at the chapter house. In only 72 hours, the chapter raised just over \$2,800.

### Xi/Virginia

The Xi chapter at the University of Virginia raised \$3,500 to benefit Toys for Tots over Christmas break.

### Rho/Illinois

The Interfraternity Council at the University of Illinois recently recognized Rho chapter as an Exceptional Chapter for 2009. Chapters are considered for this award based on their performance in 11 different categories related to chapter operations, risk management, recruitment and more. This year, Theta Chi was one of two chapters to receive this honor.

### Tau/Florida

In April, Jake Gipson (2010) participated as part of a two-man team in the 2010 FLW College Fishing National Championship. Jake and friend Matt Wercinski won first place. For their efforts, Gipson and Wercinski walked away with a \$100,000 total prize package—\$50,000 for their university, \$25,000 for their bass club and a brand new, fully rigged Ranger 177TR bass boat wrapped in their school colors. The three-day tournament took place in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Fort Loudoun Lake and featured the top 25 teams in the country. Gipson and Wercinski recorded a three-day stringer weighing 29 pounds, 10 ounces.

### Chi/Auburn

Chi chapter at Auburn recently completed their Jail and Bail philanthropy for the Red Cross. Also, brother Tyler Sample (2010) was elected president of Auburn's Interfraternity Council.

### Omega/Penn State

The Penn State Interfraternity/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON), the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, is a 46-hour dance marathon that raises money to help conquer childhood cancer. All proceeds go to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State's Children Hospital, and are used to help

### Psi colony skies for cancer

On Feb. 20, 2010, the members of the Psi colony hosted their philanthropy Ski For Cancer for the first time in over a decade. The colony, aided by a dedicated network of alumni, put on a successful event at Tyrol Basin Ski and Snowboard Area in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Through alumni donations, concessions revenue, ticket sales, local sponsorships and a silent auction, Psi donated \$15,500 to the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer (MACC) Fund.

The proceeds will be sent to the UW Carbone Cancer Center, on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The Carbone Center is the state of Wisconsin's only comprehensive cancer center, and is on the leading edge of cancer research.

Psi chapter first ran Ski For Cancer in 1969. In its inaugural year, the brothers donated approximately \$600. Over the next 15 years, Ski For Cancer raised more than \$250,000, establishing itself as one of the premier philanthropic events on campus and in the Fraternity. Alumnus and undergraduate members of Psi are proud to continue the time-honored tradition of extending the helping hand, and are already looking forward to next year.

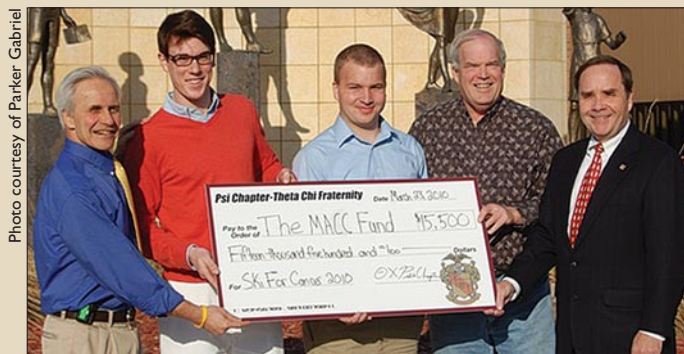


Photo courtesy of Parker Gabriel

*Psi colony President Brock Hensen and Ski for Cancer Chairman Parker Gabriel with Dr. Paul Sondel and John Cary, MAAC Executive Director.*

families with expenses while also providing funds to find a cure for childhood cancer.

Every year, students raise money for THON by asking for donations outside of businesses, corporate sponsors, and mailings to families and friends. This year, THON raised more than \$7.83 million.

Brothers were out in full force soliciting donations from passersby and businesses. The chapter sent hundreds of letters to family and friends asking to join in the fight against childhood cancer and also took part in the planning and execution of THON weekend, with brothers counting money and serving as security and morale leaders for dancers.

Finally, Omega chapter adopted a THON family, the Mitchell family, whom they visit and keep in contact with throughout the year. They have developed a great relationship with the family, and supported Carly as she fights cancer.

### Alpha Gamma/Michigan

In fall, Alpha Gamma chapter raised \$1,000 for the charity Save a Child's Heart through its annual PULSE! event. This year's PULSE! was



*The Omega chapter at Penn State participated in another successful Dance Marathon this year, raising more than \$29,000 to help fight childhood cancer.*

sponsored by a charity concert featuring headliner Mike Posner. Alpha Gamma held a second benefit concert in April, and raised more than \$1,500.

### Alpha Delta/Purdue

Brothers at Purdue recently placed first in the Big Man on Campus talent show, hosted



## Where's my chapter?

We are always looking for news stories to include in future editions of *The Rattle*. Please send your chapter news, philanthropy results, awards announcements, and other items to the editor at [rattle@thetachi.org](mailto:rattle@thetachi.org).

Photos are highly encouraged. When sending photos, please be sure to include a caption and photo credit. High-resolution photos (minimum 300 dpi) only, please.

When writing your news briefs, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Keep all news briefs to between 100 and 200 words
- Keep it clean—before you shoot, please put down the cups
- Be specific- if you raised money, tell us how much; if you're involved on campus, tell us who/where/what
- Please identify all the people in the photo and include their graduation year.
- Sorry—due to space restrictions, we cannot advertise for upcoming chapter events

*Decisions to publish submitted content are at the sole discretion of the Editor.*



*Brothers from Phi chapter take a break while fighting back flood waters in Fargo. Photo courtesy of Cory Loveless*

## North Dakota State gets top honors

Phi chapter has been battling yet another flood in Fargo and was recognized by the city for its efforts in donating 381 hours of sandbagging in little over a week and a half. The chapter raised \$525, donating \$325 to the local YWCA and \$200 to the Red Cross of Fargo. In other news, the chapter has continued to excel in leadership on campus, with brothers serving in IFC/GPC, Student Government, Campus Attractions, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Key Honor Society, Order of Omega, and more.

Two brothers at NDSU received top honors at the 2009 Greek Gala. Chapter President Cory Loveless (2011) was named Greek Man of the Year and Chaplain John Lynch (2013) won the award for New Member of the Year. Additionally, the Phi chapter was recognized for having contributed the most service hours for a Greek organization with a staggering total of 3,735 hours donated. Finally, Phi earned chapter excellence awards in the categories of Greek Relations and Social and Civic Responsibility from NDSU.



*Brothers of Beta Lambda chapter following the 2009 Greek Leadership Awards. Beta Lambda was recognized by Akron's IFC as this year's Most Improved Chapter. Photo courtesy of Chris Conley*

by Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Also, eight brothers from the chapter spent their spring break in Mississippi to help with Hurricane Katrina cleanup efforts.

## Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech

Theta Chi at Georgia Tech raised \$9,600 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, an organization that raises money to support research for children with cancer. The brothers spent days calling friends, family and alumni for donations, and in exchange pledged to shave their heads.

Altogether, 32 brothers shaved their heads in support of the event.

## Alpha Omicron/Washington State

David Cuthbert (2011) recently succeeded his brother Ray Cuthbert (2009) as the IFC director of policy and procedure. At the end of March, they held their annual philanthropy March Madness which raises money for the Lupus Foundation of America, in honor of brother Kyle Prescott who lost his battle to lupus in 2008.

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## Fall 2009 top recruiting chapters

The following chapters had the most new initiates for the fall 2009 semester:

Chapter	School	Count
Iota Theta	Central Florida	44
Gamma Rho	Florida State	36
Alpha Phi	Alabama	33
Phi	North Dakota State	32
Alpha Iota	Indiana	27
Iota	Colgate	25
Chi	Auburn	24
Delta Alpha	Linfield	23
Epsilon Kappa	Idaho	23
Alpha Delta	Purdue	22
Iota Beta	Missouri State	21
Delta Phi	North Texas	20
Eta Mu	Findlay	20
Gamma Phi	Nebraska Wesleyan	19
Delta Beta	Georgia	19
Gamma Delta	Florida Southern	18
Delta Kappa	Ball State	18
Zeta Epsilon	Long Beach State	18
Tau	Florida	17
Zeta Phi	Cal Poly	17
Theta	Massachusetts	16
Sigma	Oregon State	16
Alpha Nu	Georgia Tech	16
Alpha Omicron	Washington State	16
Gamma Tau	Drake	16

\*Membership totals were calculated based on numbers reported to the International Headquarters as of Dec. 31, 2009.

This list does not reflect award winners for the 2009/2010 academic year. Award winners will be announced at the National Convention in Orlando.



Brother Garrett Swinhart calms the nerves of Brittany Wilson, an Alpha Delta Chi, as the nurse preps her for her blood donation. The blood drive was held inside the Beta Upsilon chapter house.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Tubongbanua

### Alpha Rho/Washington

The Alpha Rho chapter recently held an 80s-themed philanthropy concert to benefit Relay for Life. The chapter house played host to several Seattle-based rap artists and raised more than \$2,000 in a single night. More than 200 students and other guests attended.

### Alpha Phi/Alabama

Alpha Phi has put a renewed, stronger focus on community service, but a few brothers have taken this a step further.

Davis Looney (2012) has started his own missions program called Students on a Mission, which is dedicated to doing mission and community service work around Tuscaloosa. Students on a Mission has built partnerships with Davis Emerson Middle School providing mentors to troubled kids, and the Sickle Cell House, where volunteers have been helping re-landscaping the facility and building a new garden.

Another student who has taken a special interest in furthering Theta Chi's involvement within the community is Jake Rogers (2011). He has recently been involved with Outback University, an entirely student-led 48-hour weekend of ministry and reflection, through music, drama, recreation, team-building activities, and small group sessions. This is Outback University's second year and had 150 participants.

### Beta Delta/Rutgers

Brother Bryan Wilson (2011) was recently elected to replace brother Nick Capuano (2011) as Director of Service on the Interfraternity Council, so that Capuano can serve his chapter as president.

### Beta Lambda/Akron

Akron's Interfraternity Council voted Theta Chi as Akron's Most Improved Chapter in March. The award is given to the chapter that shows the most significant improvement in chapter operations, leadership, interfraternal participation, and community service/philanthropic programming.

### Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan

Theta Chi teamed up with the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority in February for Calling Home for Haiti, a telethon aimed at raising money to benefit the Haiti earthquake victims. Together, they raised just over \$2,100.

### Beta Sigma/Lehigh

In the fall, more than 24 teams registered for Beta Sigma chapter's annual Strykes for Tykes bowling tournament, and raised nearly \$2,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. During Lehigh's Pink Week, the chapter hosted a dodgeball tournament and participated in a flash mob exercise to raise awareness about sexual violence. Earlier this spring, Beta Sigma traveled to churches and gave presentations to children about the life



and dreams of Martin Luther King, Jr. A spring break to Jamaica prefaced their first Lend a Helping Hand Week, during which brothers helped at local soup kitchens and nursing homes. Beta Sigma also helped co-found Lehigh's Beat It for Charity Week, a massive fundraising campaign. The week's most profitable event was Theta Chi's Fashion for a Cure, where students modeled to a sold-out crowd, raising upwards of \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society.

### Beta Tau/Southern California

This semester, Theta Chi at USC has been busy with philanthropies and numerous brotherhood events. Specifically, the brothers have participated in monthly sandwich-making events for the homeless, and held their first philanthropy, G.I. Theta Chi, in April. Theta Chi was awarded Most Spirited House for homecoming and placed third for lawn decorations during Greek Week.

### Beta Upsilon/Fresno State

The Beta Upsilon chapter held its second annual philanthropy on Mar. 5. This year the chapter reached its goal of raising over \$1,200 for the American Red Cross. New to this year's philanthropy was a blood drive at the chapter house. Beta Upsilon and the Central California Blood Center teamed up to help Valley patients. More than 92 people donated blood, with at least one representative from each of Fresno State's fraternities and sororities present. A total of 73 pints of blood were donated. The next morning, the chapter hosted a day of games including tug-of-war, bucket brigade, and an obstacle course.

### Beta Psi/Presbyterian

Four brothers were recently elected to hold offices around Presbyterian College: Nick Baer (2011), Sean Tropea (2011), Grayson Sumner (2011) and Ryan Morris (2011) were elected to the positions of senior class vice president, SGA treasurer, Honor Council vice president, and ROTC Platoon Leader, respectively.

### Gamma Lambda/Denver

Theta Chi at the University of Denver hosted a bowl-a-thon in January benefitting the Susan G. Koman for the Cure. The men chose the Susan G. Koman after learning that one of a brother's mother had been diagnosed with breast cancer. The event was open to all Greek and campus organizations, and raised nearly \$1,000.

## Fall 2009 top 20 chapters above the All-Men's average

These are the top 20 chapters that had a grade point average at or above the All-Men's Average for the fall 2009 semester.

Chapter	School	Fall 2009 GPA	Fall 2009 All Men's Avg.
Gamma Eta	Bucknell	3.44	3.17
Beta	MIT	3.38	3.37
Beta Delta	Rutgers	3.36	2.90
Alpha Gamma	Michigan	3.32	3.21
Iota Beta	Missouri State	3.27	2.72
Beta Tau	Southern California	3.25	3.20
Mu	California	3.24	3.24
Alpha Iota	Indiana	3.24	3.03
Delta Beta	Georgia	3.23	3.04
Omega	Penn State	3.22	3.04
Xi	Virginia	3.21	3.15
Gamma Omicron	Wake Forest	3.17	3.08
Gamma Kappa	Miami (OH)	3.11	2.95
Zeta Beta	Adrian	3.11	3.05
Alpha Xi	Delaware	3.09	2.97
Iota Gamma	Grand Valley State	3.09	2.91
Eta Omicron	Northwestern State	3.06	2.58
Beta Sigma	Lehigh	3.05	3.04
Epsilon Kappa	Idaho	3.05	2.83
Theta Epsilon	Kennesaw State	3.01	2.76

\*Semester grade point averages were calculated based on numbers reported to the International Headquarters by individual universities and the NIC as of Mar. 22, 2010. Not all universities provided complete grade reports to the IHQ in time for publication.

This list does not reflect award winners for the 2009/2010 academic year. Award winners will be announced at the National Convention in Orlando.

### Gamma Rho/Florida State

This year at FSU's Dance Marathon, Gamma Rho raised more than \$5,500, more than any other chapter at FSU. The chapter's local philanthropy, G.I. Theta Chi, has already signed corporate sponsorships from Winn-Dixie and Publix supermarkets to support the Wounded Warriors Fund. Brother Brazos Barber (2011) was recently elected vice president of membership of the FSU Interfraternity Council, and brother Justin Gilchrist (2012) was selected to serve as chief justice of the Student Judicial Board.

### Gamma Upsilon/Bradley

In the week leading up to Valentine's Day, Theta Chi at Bradley University raised \$3,000

for the American Heart Association. With support from the sororities on campus we held many events including a beauty pageant and speakers from the AHA about heart disease prevention and awareness. In addition, brothers were coining for money outside of local businesses for the whole month of February.

### Delta Alpha/Linfield

Theta Chi at Linfield College had another successful 12 Days of Christmas philanthropy last semester. Brothers collected more than 300 pounds of food, 20 bags of clothes and 15 boxes of toys. Two of the chapter's members are also leaders in Order of Omega: Devin Salinas (2010) and Beau Slayton (2011) are president and vice president, respectively.



Members and friends of Delta Gamma chapter (L–R): John Bowman (Director of Greek Management), Keith Buchanan (Alumni Adviser), Pamela Balch (College President), Chris Tichnell (former President), Gram Kenneweg (alumnus member). Photo courtesy of Jason Huffman

### Delta Gamma/West Virginia Wesleyan

The Delta Gamma chapter currently holds campus-wide honors for earning West Virginia Wesleyan's coveted President's Cup—an award that is based off of Greek Week standings, service projects, Spring Sing standings, Fraternal Council participation, and academic achievement, among others.

### Delta Pi/Indiana State interest group

Steven Flowers (2012) was elected as the new student body president.

### Delta Rho/NC State

Nineteen Delta Rho brothers raised more than \$3,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation in February. Every year, the St. Baldrick's Foundation hosts St. Baldrick's Day, an event where volunteers shave their heads in exchange for donations to benefit cancer research. This is Delta Rho's first year of participating.

### Delta Phi/North Texas

The Delta Phi chapter at the University of North Texas held the university's first Pre-Spring Break Safety Brief, aimed to help students make the right decisions during spring break. Brother Russell Serna (2011), who was also named IFC's New Member of the Year, organized the event. Delta Phi also had the highest overall GPA for Greek men, and won runner-up for Chapter of the Year and the Excellence in Service Award for their Save Our Students program, which helps underprivileged elementary school students. Additionally, four Theta Chi's are serving as



Eta Alpha brothers with students at the SOAR Academy. Photo courtesy of Will Ryan



Delta Rho brothers after shaving their heads for St. Baldrick's Day. Photo courtesy of Adam Taylor

orientation leaders, and nine will be Eagle Camp counselors.

### Delta Upsilon/Arizona State

The Delta Upsilon chapter has been hard at work to make Theta Chi a major name on campus. The chapter recently placed second in both Delta Zeta and Alpha Delta Pi's philanthropies, and first for Pi Beta Phi.

### Delta Psi/Kansas

Theta Chi was one of five teams selected to compete in 2009's Rock Chalk Revue at the University of Kansas. This major KU tradition is part philanthropy and part skit competition that raised more than \$60,000 for the United Way. This year, Theta Chi won four awards:

Best Script, Best Male Lead Actor, Best Supporting Actor and Honorable Mention for most service hours per member. Currently, Theta Chi has the longest active participation streak on campus.

### Delta Omega/Ripon

In September, Delta Omega chapter hosted its 34th annual Frisbee Golf Tournament to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of one of their brothers who passed away. This year, the chapter was given an additional opportunity to run another annual fundraiser during Jamaican Week in January. Altogether, the chapter donated more than \$3,100 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Blue Mountain Project, and the Haiti earthquake victims.

### Epsilon Zeta/Tampa

The Epsilon Zeta chapter won Most Outstanding Fraternity of the Year and was selected as Most Outstanding Volunteer Organization of the Year out of 100 other campus organizations at the University of Tampa's Leadership Awards Night in April. Brother Sterling McLean (2010) also won Greek Man of the Year.

### Epsilon Theta/Tufts

The Epsilon Theta chapter at Tufts University has been selling wristbands to raise





Brothers of Delta Xi chapter with Valparaiso University President Mark Heckler. Photo courtesy of Alex Soller

## Delta Xi/Valparaiso

On Jan. 29 and 30, the Delta Xi chapter hosted its 2nd Annual 24 Hour Basketball Game to raise money for the American Cancer Society. For 24 hours straight, the active brothers played different competitors every 30 minutes. Although this is only the tournament's second year, the inspiration for this event came from the 1970s.

After chapter brother Doug Zuhone (1979) was stricken with cancer, doctors were forced to amputate his legs in order to save his life. Determined to turn tragedy into triumph, his chapter brothers organized a marathon basketball game to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Ten Theta Chi members, with strong support from the rest of the Fraternity, the University, Northwest Indiana, and parts of Illinois and Michigan played basketball continuously for 66 hours and two minutes. After three sunrises they had established a new Guinness World Record.

This year's event raised more than \$2,500 in donations. Valparaiso University President Mark Heckler tossed the opening tip and a large group of alumni strapped on their tennis shoes and knee braces to participate. The tournament was a huge success for the Fraternity and around campus.

money for the Haiti earthquake victims. They also hosted a successful comedy night, headlined by comedian and brother Evan Wecksell (2001). To date, the chapter has raised more than \$2,500. Anyone interested in helping the chapter reach its goal of \$4,000 can e-mail [thetachi.tufts@gmail.com](mailto:thetachi.tufts@gmail.com).

## Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin

Brother James Miller (2009) was elected president of the Student Activities Association (SAA) and was recently named student director of Jack Camp, Stephen F. Austin's freshmen transition camp. Joining him is Jamal Smith (2009), orientation supervisor for the University's orientation programs and SAA

public relations officer. Miller and Smith will join brothers Scott Shuman (2012) and Ronnie Hall (2012) as Jack Camp counselors this fall.

## Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State

Three undergraduate brothers were recently elected to hold office on Long Beach State's Interfraternity Council: Jessie Fragoso (2011), Jerry Rodriguez (2010) and Stephen Thomas (2012) were elected to the positions of administrative secretary, director of graphic design, and president, respectively. Brother Thomas is also currently serving as chapter vice president.



Brother Rob Magyar (2010), Homecoming King, pauses for a picture with his brothers. Photo courtesy of Greg Bartosch

## Adrian extends a helping hand

The Zeta Beta chapter of Theta Chi is extending the helping hand to not only enrich the outside community, but also to fulfill its own desires of development and community involvement.

A major partner of the Zeta Beta chapter has been the HOPE Community Center of Lenawee County, an organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities. The chapter has been working with the center for nearly three years, organizing game nights and basketball games with the members of the center. The chapter also recently held its second annual Walk for HOPE philanthropy, and raised \$1,500.

In addition to their work with the HOPE Center, the brothers of Zeta Beta keep active in other community service projects throughout the year. The chapter adopted a two-mile stretch of Michigan highway that they clean each semester. Also, the chapter participated in Adrian's annual Rake 'n Run, an annual event where Adrian students rake leaves for the elderly, and helped supervise a Halloween party for the Boys and Girls Club.

Theta Chi has also recently been involved with a program through the elementary school system called Lunch Buddies. Each Tuesday, five brothers travel to a local elementary school and have lunch with students. The program is designed to help students who are shy or need positive role models in their lives. Through the Lunch Buddies program, Zeta Beta was invited to assist two local elementary schools with their after-school programs.

### Iota Lambda takes pride in campus involvement

Iota Lambda chapter takes pride in its many accomplishments, and especially in its outstanding campus involvement at Longwood University.

Brothers Cameron Patterson (2010), Brandon Fry (2011), Patrick Crute (2010) and Matthew Hovey (2012) serve on Longwood's Student Government Association as president, secretary, and senators, respectively. Brother Brian Reid (2013) was elected to serve as SGA freshman class president.

In addition to Student Government, brother Jordan Miles (2013) is the chairman of Longwood's judicial board. Joining him are Justices Phillip Kada (2011), Edward Sorrentino (2011) and Matthew Jones (2011) as well as Sergeants-at-arms Brandon Clemmons (2011) and Robert Smith (2012). Brother Dane Summerell (2011) also serves as Standards Board Chair of the Interfraternity Council.

Recently Longwood University selected a new group of roughly 60 peer mentors to help guide incoming freshman through their first year in college. Of this group, Brother Benjamin Brittain (2011) was selected as a coordinator. Brothers Dane Summerell, Edward Sorrentino, Robert Smith, Logan Miller (2012) and Matt Jones, along with Iota Lambda new members Brian Reid, Kevin Bradtke (2013), and Matthew Froestad (2012) were also invited to be a part of this prestigious group of student leaders.

In the community, brother Richard Brindle III (2010) is the head coordinator of the Longwood University Big Event, the single biggest event dedicated to community service in the Farmville community. Last fall, Iota Lambda headlined and worked the community service event known as Stop Hunger Now, which has become Iota Lambda's philanthropy event. Within the next year the brothers of Iota Lambda hope to take over Homeless Awareness Week, which falls directly after Stop Hunger Now.

Iota Lambda brothers are also active in the Honor Board, Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi and Gamma Sigma Alpha honor societies.



Brothers outside the Theta Rho house in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Photo courtesy of Kelly St. Germain



Brothers Brian Reid, Patrick Crute, Cameron Patterson and Matthew Hovey of Iota Lambda.

### Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint

In April, the Zeta Tau chapter recently completed its third annual Week of the Helping Hand, a series of events devoted to helping out the community, raising awareness, and helping out those in need. During this year's Week of the Helping Hand, brothers cleaned up a mile-long stretch of highway along the I-475 corridor and collected 50 bags of garbage. The next day, brothers hosted an Easter egg hunt for the children at the Early Childhood Development Center in Flint. Finally, Zeta Tau

wrapped up the week with their Shave-a-Guy event, in which brothers shaved their heads to collect donations for Relay for Life. Altogether, the chapter raised more than \$600.

### Eta Alpha/Clemson

On Feb. 20, the members of the Eta Alpha chapter cleaned up a two-mile section of U.S. 123 and erected a sign bearing Theta Chi's name as a part of the Adopt-a-Highway program. Also, in addition to participating in





*Zeta Tau brothers with children from one Early Childhood Development Center following their annual Easter egg hunt.*

Alpha Delta Pi sorority's Hoops & Hogs philanthropy, Kappa Delta sorority's Shamrock Tournament, and Delta Zeta sorority's Spring Clay Classic, Eta Alpha raised money for a playground set for the SOAR Academy of Spartanburg, which aids children living with disabilities like autism. Finally, Chapter President Ben Boone (2011) was re-elected to the Student Body Senate.

### **Eta Kappa/James Madison**

The brothers of Eta Kappa chapter just completed their 10th Annual 12 Days Project. For 12 straight days, the brothers camped out in the middle of JMU's campus to raise money for the Mercy House, Habitat for Humanity and a new scholarship to benefit the student body. With the help of the local community and donations from the student body, the brothers raised more than \$5,000.

### **Eta Mu/Findlay**

In fall 2009, the Eta Mu chapter participated in Hands Across America, a campaign to fight hunger. The brothers collected 1,068 pounds of food, the most of any other participating group at the University of Findlay. The brothers also participated in this year's Relay for Life, and raised more than \$2,000.

### **Theta Rho/McNeese State**

The Theta Rho chapter at McNeese State logged more than 250 service hours this semester, and also won second place for Greek Week. Also, two brothers from McNeese were elected to top positions in the Greek and campus community: Daniel DeJean (2010) was elected president of the Greek Unity Board and Timothy Rye (2010) became Student Government Association president. Brother DeJean also won the Mr. Greek competition.



*Zeta Pi brothers take a break during a game of broom ball at the Iceland Ice Rink Arena in Virginia Beach.*

### **Zeta Pi makes service to Old Dominion area, campus a priority.**

The brothers of Zeta Pi have been hard at work this year at Old Dominion University. Each semester, the chapter works with ForKids to help children and homeless families find permanent homes. The chapter contributed 200 service hours last semester, and has been featured in the local media for its efforts.

The chapter also participated in a food drive over the Thanksgiving holiday, donating more than 400 cans of food to the Storehouse Food Shelter. The chapter has also built relationships with the Bon Secours Healthy Community Initiative, a program headed by a local hospital focusing on improving the conditions of various struggling neighborhoods, and Ramps Across America, which serves to improve the lives of wheelchair-bound individuals. Through these partnerships, Zeta Pi was able to get involved in building a wheelchair ramp for the Storehouse. Finally, on Dec. 5, seven brothers raised more than \$300 in the Jingle Bell Run for the Arthritis Foundation.

On campus, Zeta Pi has built a commanding presence in student government and ODU's Interfraternity Council. Three brothers, Dan Sanford (2010), Stepheno Zollos (2011) and Bo Gurkin (2011) are serving as Student Government Association president, vice president of campus affairs, and treasurer respectively. Brothers Ben Thompson (2012) and Steve Hartmann (2010) serve as secretary and SGA delegate of the IFC, where brother Zollos is also president. Finally, brothers Hartmann and Thompson join Guy Paddock (2011) and Matthew McClure (2012) as SGA senators.

### **Iota Beta/Missouri State**

Brothers Alex Johnson (2012), Kyle Copeland (2012), Travis White (2011), Austin Kramer (2012), Brian Chura (2012), Joe Ivancic (2010), Nick Addis (2010), and Curtis Roller (2010) spent their spring breaks working as part of their school's Alternative Spring Break Program, which extended the helping hand to a variety of organizations in the Springfield area. The projects included painting rooms at the Boys and Girls Town, packing food bags for The Kitchen (a local food bank), playing Bingo at a local retirement center, and spreading mulch for the conservation depart-

ment, among several others throughout the week. The brothers selflessly contributed more than 166 hours of service to their community while growing as brothers in service.

### **Iota Zeta/Radford**

Theta Chi at Radford University logged more than 200 hours of community service in the fall semester. The brothers collected toys for Toys for Tots during their annual philanthropy Week of Giving, sold tickets for the Black, White and Yellow Ball supporting the Lance Armstrong Foundation, and sent care packages to troops serving overseas.





*Iota Beta chapter outside the chapter house in 2009. Photo courtesy of Adam Murphy*



### **Iota Theta/Central Florida**

The Iota Theta chapter had great success this year in philanthropies. The chapter won both the Chi Omega 5K and Alpha Epsilon Phi's Bowlanthropy. Sean Fletcher (2011) won Alpha Xi Delta sorority's 2010 Xi Man competition, making him the third Theta Chi in four years to become a Xi Man. Iota Theta also recently completed its Third Annual G.I. Theta philanthropy, and raised more than \$4,000 for the Bob Woodruff Foundation

### **Iota Mu/Missouri**

Theta Chi was recently granted full membership in Mizzou's IFC, the culmination of a process that began more than a year ago when the chapter was first developing as a colony.

*Spectators cheer on their favorite team during Iota Theta's G.I. Theta Chi philanthropy at the University of Central Florida.*



**BETA**

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
 Christopher Boland III, 1945  
 Edwin L. Child, 1952  
 Kenneth G. Harms, 1950  
 Paul C. Huber, 1978  
 George E. McKewen Jr., 1945  
 C. M. Reedy, 1960  
 Robert G. Wilson, 1946  
 John E. Wylie Jr., 1946

**GAMMA**

*University of Maine*  
 Albert R. Barmby, 1945  
 Herman C. Lamoreau, 1949

**DELTA**

*Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*  
 Robert H. Blount, 1947  
 Robert P. Kahn, 1950  
 David L. Snow, 1948

**EPSILON**

*Worcester Polytechnic Institute*  
 Kenneth A. Backer, 1963  
 Scott K. Goodwin, 1936  
 Alfred W. Rothwell, 1943  
 James R. Witt Jr., 1983

**ZETA**

*University of New Hampshire*  
 Richard C. Austin, 1954  
 Thomas L. Snow Jr., 1954

**IOTA**

*Colgate University*  
 Jack B. Horner, 1944  
 James H. McComish, 1960

**KAPPA**

*University of Pennsylvania*  
 B. Franklin Reinauer II, 1938

**LAMBDA**

*Cornell University*  
 Christian R. Kemp, 1935

**MU**

*University of California*  
 Beverly W. Rohrbough, 1933  
 Michael O. Stewart Ph.D., 1960  
 Sherwood E. Wirt, 1932

**OMICRON**

*University of Richmond*  
 John Paul Berry, 1956  
 Grayson L. Nickel Jr., 1934  
 W. Dortch Oldham, 1941

**PI**

*Dickinson College*  
 Harry D. Lewis, 1963

**RHO**

*University of Illinois*  
 Elmer B. Fogelsong Jr., 1944  
 George Powers, 1942

**SIGMA**

*Oregon State University*  
 Leo E. Chaffin, 1943  
 Frank E. Hawley, 1962  
 Carl B. Krueger, 1960  
 Ronald R. Lethin, 1956  
 Murel A. Long, 1938  
 Charles R. Marsh, 1957  
 Jack L. McIsaac, 1957  
 Warner T. Palmer, 1930  
 John C. Plankinton, 1939  
 Joseph E. Scott, 1952  
 Walter H. Stastny, 1939  
 Richard D. Swanson, 1951

**TAU**

*University of Florida*  
 Charles A. Kent Jr., 1947  
 Henry C. Skinner, 1937

**PHI**

*North Dakota State University*  
 Anthony C. Hanson, 1998  
 Manual E. Talley, 1955

**CHI**

*Auburn University*  
 Gary P. Hendry, 1965

**PSI**

*University of Wisconsin*  
 Harold C. Gerboth, 1934

**OMEGA**

*Pennsylvania State University*  
 Howard R. Alter Jr., 1941  
 George C. Poore, 1980  
 David Robertson, 1941  
 Robert J. Sorisio, 1961  
 Edgar E. Strickler, 1924

**ALPHA BETA**

*University of Pittsburgh*  
 Joseph A. Campbell Jr., 1951  
 Thomas L. Cocheres, 1948  
 Thomas R. Wadkowski, 1972

**ALPHA GAMMA**

*University of Michigan*  
 Homer L. Claypoole, 1946  
 Keith E. Dixon, 1940

**ALPHA DELTA**

*Purdue University*  
 Lewis E. Unnewehr, 1946

**ALPHA EPSILON**

*Stanford University*  
 Cecil L. True, 1926

**ALPHA ETA**

*University of North Carolina*  
 William F. Giles, 1956  
 Henry B. Lewis, 1953  
 Hill Mack A. Moore Jr., 1954

**ALPHA IOTA**

*Indiana University*  
 John N. Crone, 1939  
 Melvin L. Detmer, 1942

## Fellow field men remember Tony Hanson



*Past field staff from 1998/99 (Top left, clockwise): Scott Thomas (Delta Kappa/Ball State 1997), Steven Pendergraft (Theta Omega/Appalachian State 1998), Brad Vance (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1998), Tony Hanson (Phi/North Dakota State 1993), Mike Price (Alpha Sigma/Oregon 1998), and Steven Anderson (Delta Alpha/Linfield 1998). Photo courtesy of Brad Vance*

Brother Tony “Nony” Hanson had a smile that would instantly light up a room and a laugh that was easily distinguishable within a crowd.

Tony and I worked and lived together as expansion coordinators during the 1998/99 school year. When you live and work with a group of men as closely as we do as LECs, you have many memories; I’ll share one.

Our first expansion effort was at Beta Phi/Nevada, where

we had absolutely no presence on campus and no name recognition, so our task was daunting. We arrived on campus for the first day of classes and went straight to meet with the head of Greek Life on campus. After getting the lay of the land, Tony and I were asked if we wanted to attend a welcoming celebration to the campus. Knowing we needed to meet students, we decided it would be best to attend.

We entered into the Student Life Center excited to get the name of Theta Chi out to the campus and as we entered the event, we were greeted by an empty room—not a single student was in attendance. The only people in the room were staff members and legendary comedian Bob Newhart, who was being used as the draw to the event. After a moment or two of uncomfortable silence, Tony looked at Bob and asked, “Would you like to join a fraternity?” That was Tony.

Tony was the one you wanted to be around, because you knew it was going to be a great time and that you would live those moments with Tony to the fullest. —SCOTT THOMAS (DELTA KAPPA/BALL STATE 1997)

“Tony Nony” was his nickname when we started our tour of duty as Leadership and Education Consultants in the fall of 1998. I immediately liked him.

He was from Minnesota and had a slight hint of the humorous *Fargo* Midwest accent, a laugh that was completely infectious and a personality that lit up the room.

Tony was, without a doubt, the person to be around; he was always looking for the humor in life, but still had the serious side to him.

He called me “Bradley Bear” (my name misspelled, but there’s a story there). He was someone I always kept in the back of my mind as the person I knew I could run to in times of need.

He exemplified Theta Chi. He was always there for friends, family and strangers alike. I will always remember him for his mixed music CDs that he would send out come the holidays, his laugh and his love of life.

My time with him working at IHQ was too short (as was his time on Earth), and I look forward to when we meet again. He better be saving “Bradley Bear” a seat in heaven. First Class indeed. —BRAD VANCE (ZETA BETA/ADRIAN 1998)

## Brother Bill joins Chapter Eternal

BY MARVIN MCCONAGHY (ALPHA PHI/ALABAMA 1972)



Photo courtesy of Cindy Billmann

William Holcombe Crawford Thomas (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1963) joined the Chapter Eternal on Jan. 18, 2010. . . 11 days after willing his beloved Alabama Crimson Tide to its 13th national football championship.

Known as “Brother Bill” throughout the Fraternity and as “Good Ole Bill” to many of us in Alpha Phi who mourn his passing, he lived a life exemplary of the Helping Hand. He was chapter president as an undergraduate, and as an alumnus served as president of the house corporation, was an

alumnus adviser, and was the deserved recipient of every award his chapter could bestow. He was the consummate encouraging force in Alpha Phi chapter—dreaming the big dreams, spinning the tales of success, and celebrating achievement.

Nationally, Bill served as a Regional Counselor and as a member of various committees of the Grand Chapter. He was a stalwart fixture at regional conferences and National Conventions. He was the recipient of virtually all of the Fraternity’s service awards, including the Theta Chi for Life Award, the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award and the Citation of Honor. At one point in the 1980s the Grand Chapter bestowed upon him the unofficial title of Regional Counselor At-Large because of his involvement in the lives of chapters and undergraduates across the nation. Prolific in his correspondence, Brother Bill was a natural facilitator constantly connecting people with one another and seeing to it that his contacts were put to mutually beneficial use.

Professionally, Bill Thomas was a dedicated educator. He spent most of his career at A.H. Parker, an inner-city high school in Birmingham, Alabama, where he taught history and, I am certain, “life,” again using his ability to connect people to improve the lives of his students.

Ever in the service of others, he moved back to his family home after retirement to care for his aging mother until her death. He remained active in his church, the University of Alabama, and Theta Chi until his death.

Some 40 brothers—ranging from upperclassmen from his undergraduate days at Alpha Phi, to Josh Wilson (Delta Kappa/Ball State 2003), a former LEC who drove from Atlanta, to Chi/Auburn chapter’s alumni corporation president B. Harry Strack (1965), to undergraduates representing Beta Xi/Birmingham-Southern chapter to those who followed in his footsteps at Alpha Phi—served as honorary pallbearers and carried him to his rest. Many Brother Bill stories were exchanged—all accompanied by nostalgic smiles and in appreciation of a Theta Chi life well lived by a brother on whom we all knew we could depend. So it should be with us all.

Tony W. Feller, 1995  
Richard L. Hitchner, 1954  
Bruce L. Imhoff, 1970  
Michael L. Jennings, 1975  
Louis A. Nelson III, 1968  
Mark A. Skarich, 1971

**ALPHA KAPPA**  
*West Virginia University*  
David B. Synowiec, 1966

**ALPHA LAMBDA**  
*Ohio State University*  
James R. Kaser, 1960  
Brad A. Obenauf, 1973  
David H. Parmenter, 1934

**ALPHA MU**  
*Iowa State University*  
Mark F. Benda, 1973

**ALPHA NU**  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*  
John W. Keys III, 1964

**ALPHA XI**  
*University of Delaware*  
Harold G. Shaub Jr., 1945

**ALPHA PI**  
*University of Minnesota*  
John W. Stanek, 1959

**ALPHA RHO**  
*University of Washington*  
Carl E. Aaberg, 1943  
Robert B. Dalton, 1949  
John F. Gaston, 1950  
Robert J. Groce, 1944

**ALPHA TAU**  
*Ohio University*  
William K. Hamor, 1931  
Rudolph G. Imondi, 1982  
Robert S. McConnell Jr., 1952  
James W. Pietrowski, 1946  
Donald L. Sneary, 1952  
George W. Starcher, 1926

**ALPHA PHI**  
*University of Alabama*  
James W. Almon, 1956  
Thomas P. Anton, 2012  
W. A. Barnett, 1927  
Jack W. Chambliss, 1948  
Herman H. Chisholm, 1950  
Robert G. Dillenback, 1944  
Melford E. Espey Jr., 1977  
Howard S. Fleck Jr., 1940  
William M. Fuller Jr., 1956  
Bruce D. Graham, 1938  
Everett L. Harper, 1947  
James W. Harris, 1950  
Otis B. Jones Jr., 1955  
Glenn L. McDuffie, 1947  
H. F. Meyer, 1932  
William H. Thomas, 1963

**ALPHA CHI**  
*Syracuse University*  
Donald C. Moller, 1954

**ALPHA PSI**  
*University of Maryland*  
Herbert E. Clark, 1949  
Charles Rich Harner, 1940  
Jacob R. Jacobsen, 1954

**BETA DELTA**  
*Rutgers University*  
Harold A. Gregory, 1952  
Roger E. Hernandez, 1977  
Raymond M. Porman, 1977  
Ashish Sachdev, 1999  
Stephen G. Tracey, 1978

**BETA ZETA**  
*Michigan State University*  
Robin L. Alexander, 1949  
Hugh J. Bond Jr., 1958  
George C. Borst, 1945  
Robert D. Bushfield, 1944  
Robert C. Carlson, 1943  
John T. Chivas, 1965  
Llewellyn L. Coulter, 1943  
Thomas E. Courneya, 1958  
Nathan B. Cronk, 1998  
F. L. Daniels, 1927  
Walter E. Davison, 1971  
Robert D. Erich, 1955  
Donald E. Fugere, 1941  
James W. Gilbert, 1951  
James M. Greenwood, 1956  
Edwin E. Harris, 1944  
E. Douglas Heisler, 1957  
Richard S. Jarmus, 1951  
Winston C. Kee, 1958

Arthur S. Larson, 1943  
Robert D. Lindsay, 1945  
George B. Loucks, 1955  
Millen E. Luhrs, 1948  
Warren P. Lutey, 1943  
John K. MacLean, 1941  
Henry S. Maentz, 1954  
William J. McCarty, 1944  
Robert O. Olson, 1941  
Thomas H. Phillips, 1944  
Raymond L. Pleiness, 1942  
Robert J. Robillard, 1942  
Daniel E. Ryan Jr., 1952  
Edward M. Sharp, 1949  
James R. Sink, 1967  
James E. Smallegan, 1952  
Douglas J. Smith, 1948  
Theodore C. Smolinski, 1949  
Thomas J. Smollett, 1947  
Christopher N. Stajda, 2008

**BETA THETA**  
*Drexel University*  
Richard S. Gangwisch, 1946  
Philip J. Kolea Jr., 1988  
Todd G. Vandegrift, 1986

**BETA IOTA**  
*University of Arizona*  
Russell C. Byrd, 1955  
Harold M. Gilbert, 1950  
Dick L. Greer, 1950  
Phillip E. Hinton, 1950  
John F. Molloy, 1942  
Jack D. Morris, 1949  
Wayne R. Mueller, 1959  
Alfred J. Pfister, 1955  
Omer J. Taylor, 1954  
Stanley L. Waitman, 1954

**BETA LAMBDA**  
*University of Akron*  
Paul G. Adams, 1957  
William P. Armica, 1951  
Myron J. Barden, 1949  
Wm Jarvis Barkley, 1940  
John W. Berry, 1962  
Robert E. Bloom, 1945  
Vernon C. Bulgrin, 1945  
Bruce U. Capes, 1951  
William F. Fisher, 1943  
Richard R. Fouse, 1948  
John H. Frye, 1940  
Philip M. Hamilton, 1957  
Harry A. Joy, 1941  
William H. Kirk, 1959  
Kenneth Morgan, 1941  
Charles E. Robison, 1929  
David S. Tarbox, 1943  
Harold J. TRUE, 1946

**BETA NU**  
*Case Western Reserve University*  
William W. Erskine, 1951  
Sean C. O’Toole, 1995



**BETA OMICRON**

*University of Cincinnati*  
William H. Gillen, 1947  
Fredrick S. Kotte Jr., 1931  
Charles J. Schaefer, 1950

**BETA RHO**

*Illinois Wesleyan University*  
L. Eugene Rudd, 1944

**BETA SIGMA**

*Lehigh University*  
Joseph A. Ashworth, 1960  
Paul H. Butler Jr., 1941  
Frank J. Fornoff, 1946  
William C. Savage, 1946  
Charles D. Thompson, 1951  
William S. Werner, 1959

**BETA TAU**

*University of Southern California*  
Palmer T. Van Dyke, 1955

**BETA UPSILON**

*Fresno State*  
Edwin A. Andress, 1941  
William E. Forbes, 1948  
Jack E. Williamson, 1949

**BETA PSI**

*Presbyterian College*  
Richard R. Infinger, 1955  
Grover C. Nabors, 1943

**GAMMA DELTA**

*Florida Southern College*  
Paul C. Burns, 1942  
Bruce W. Johnston, 1954

**GAMMA ZETA**

*Oklahoma State University*  
Richard B. Pennington, 1944

**GAMMA ETA**

*Bucknell University*  
E. William Sanders Jr., 1957

**GAMMA THETA**

*San Diego State University*  
Phillip D. Bertrand, 1952  
Peter G. Ginsberg, 2003

**GAMMA IOTA**

*University of Connecticut*  
John M. Mancano, 1959

**GAMMA MU**

*Bowling Green State University*  
Charles A. Schneider, 1950

**GAMMA XI**

*San Jose State University*  
Barry T. Rilliet, 1965

**GAMMA OMICRON**

*Wake Forest University*  
William H. Kirk Jr., 1959

**GAMMA PI**

*State University at Buffalo*  
Harold C. Domres Jr., 1959

**GAMMA RHO**

*Florida State University*  
Allen E. Schmelz, 1951

**GAMMA SIGMA**

*Duke University*  
Jeffrey D. Colby, 1973  
Luther P. Gahagan Jr., 1968  
Ernest W. Sternberg III, 1973  
Stephen A. Tice, 1967  
William O. Wagner, 1967  
William B. Weaver, 1972

**GAMMA UPSILON**

*Bradley University*  
Harry C. Dunn ED, 1950  
Robert O'Farrell, 1954

**GAMMA CHI**

*Randolph-Macon College*  
James Bolton Jr., 1952

**DELTA ALPHA**

*Linfield College*  
Leroy D. Flatt, 1952  
Robert A. Lee, 1960  
Noel A. Martin, 1958  
Walter J. Reeder, 1956  
John R. Schroeder, 1939

**DELTA BETA**

*University of Georgia*  
Lee K. Miller, 1968

**DELTA THETA**

*University of Toledo*  
Michael M. Cullen, 1956  
David W. Keller, 1955

**DELTA IOTA**

*Northwestern University*  
Richard M. Croake, 1960  
Paul A. Newton, 1952  
Paul L. Winter, 1953

**DELTA KAPPA**

*Ball State University*  
Raymond L. Brotherton, 1951  
Ronald G. Crouse, 1962  
Barry E. Fritz, 1962  
Trosseau W. Heck, 1957  
James S. Kennedy, 1959  
Keith E. Miller, 1960  
David E. Olsen, 1953  
Harry G. Proctor, 1950  
Dwight L. Shelton, 1965  
Carl V. Specker, 1972

**DELTA NU**

*University of Vermont*  
Ronald C. Ross, 1952

**DELTA XI**

*Valparaiso University*  
Robert H. Beer, 1957  
Don F. Heckler, 1956

Terry M. Medicott, 1959  
James D. Nelson, 1970

**DELTA PI**

*Indiana State University*  
Charles W. Crist, 1949  
Rupert K. Shook, 1959  
James H. Wiseman, 1959

**DELTA PHI**

*University of North Texas*  
Wesley E. Box, 1971  
Edwin R. Buford, 1957  
Frank Collendrina, 1957  
Lee S. McCown, 1967  
Jerry J. Moore, 1958  
Clarence L. Nobles, 1969  
Jackie D. Renfro, 1960  
James H. Wysong Jr., 1965

**DELTA PSI**

*University of Kansas*  
Robert J. Austill, 1954

**EPSILON UPSILON**

*Central Michigan University*  
Paul H. Eilers, 1983

**EPSILON PSI**

*New Jersey Institute of Technology*  
Gregory R. Effner, 1975

**ZETA BETA**

*Adrian College*  
Thomas S. Cornelius, 2004

**ZETA KAPPA**

*Ohio Northern University*  
Raymond K. Esarey, 1966

**ZETA PI**

*Old Dominion University*  
Raymond Z. Rayeski, 2010

**ETA ALPHA**

*Clemson University*  
Robert D. Brown, 1974

**THETA XI**

*Virginia Commonwealth University*  
Cameron D. Richardson, 2006

**THETA PHI**

*California State University-Bakersfield*  
Jesse A. Aguilar, 2002

**IOTA KAPPA**

*Northern Arizona University*  
Thomas R. Gardner, 2006

**Rev. Michael O. Stewart, Ph.D.**

*Dr. Stewart and other 1978–80 Grand Chapter members at the Executive Office in Trenton, New Jersey. From left to right: Richard L. McCauley (Delta Kappa/Ball State 1964), Dr. P. Alan Bulliner (Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1965), Willis P. Lanier (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech 1927), Thomas R. Van Cleave (Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan 1972), David E. DeVol (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1959), Michael O. Stewart (Mu/California 1960), Richard H. Meyer (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan 1950) and Lenard H. Mayrisch, Jr. (Mu/California 1938).*

Theta Chi Fraternity is saddened by the loss of Dr. Michael O. Stewart (Mu/California 1960), a former member of the Grand Chapter. Brother Stewart had a long and distinguished career in the field of higher education administration, and later, the military and the ordained ministry. He served primarily in the capacities of vice president and chief financial officer for colleges and universities across the United States, including San Jose State University, Fort Hays State University and the University of South Dakota, among others. He also served his country in the Army and Army Reserve, and retired at the rank of colonel. Most recently, Brother Stewart was an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church, and helped with the Sept. 11 recovery effort as a hospital and disaster response chaplain.

Brother Stewart was elected to the Grand Chapter in 1972 at the 116th Anniversary Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. He served two terms on the Grand Chapter, first as National Chaplain from 1972–1978 and then as National Secretary from 1978–1980. Prior to serving on the Grand Chapter, Brother Stewart had been a Regional Counselor for Region XIV (today the Lower Plains Region) and received the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award from the Grand Chapter in 1970.

Former Grand Chapter member Tom Van Cleave, who had served with Brother Stewart, remembered him this way: “Mike was a great Theta Chi; Mike was a very thorough member of the Grand Chapter. I enjoyed serving with Mike.”

His passionate service and dedication to his fellow man and his fraternity will be sorely missed.

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## THETA CHI 2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND SCHOOL OF FRATERNITY PRACTICES

### CONVENTION Things to Do Checklist



#### June 8, 2010

Deadline to make your hotel reservations.  
This is the last day to be guaranteed a room.  
Deadline for the Standard Registration rate.

#### June 28, 2010

Deadline to reserve your airport shuttle.

#### June 30, 2010

Arrive by 2:00 p.m. for our special pre-conference session.

#### July 4, 2010

Arrange to depart from Orlando or perhaps plan to visit one of Orlando's theme parks.

For more information, see page 5.

