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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Your continued commitment is key

Dear brothers:

As you can imagine, the staff and volunteer leadership of our Fraternity was thrilled to learn that *Newsweek* ranked Theta Chi 4th out of 75 fraternities in its 2012 College Rankings. The rankings were developed by analyzing each fraternity's number of total active chapters, number of alumni holding high government office, and the level of support provided by each fraternity's foundation. We all should be very proud of our membership in a fraternity that is so highly regarded by outsiders.

Based upon that strong showing, perhaps it should be no surprise that the number of members initiated into Theta Chi during the 2011/2012 academic year increased by 24 percent over the previous year, or that the Fraternity installed or reinstalled more chapters last academic year than it has in almost 40 years. Clearly, we are a fraternity of choice on college campuses across North America.



There are many reasons why potential members would want to be a part of our Fraternity. As you will read later in this issue, our brotherhood extended a helping hand to the residents of West Liberty, KY, after a tornado devastated the town earlier this year. This edition also highlights the commitment of our undergraduate chapters to campus involvement and recruiting leaders on campus, demonstrating that our maxim, "Alma Mater First and Theta Chi for Alma Mater," extends beyond the actual classroom. The commitment of our chapters and members to not just speaking of our core values but actually living them is a key ingredient to our progress this past year.

Though we have come far, our Fraternity's leadership is determined not to rest on its laurels. You will read about our newly elected National President Richard "Dick" Elder and the bold and ambitious goals that have been set for Theta Chi's future. I encourage every brother to consider how he might contribute to Brother Elder's vision of "extraordinary excellence."

There are many ways that you can play a role in pursuing this vision.

The Fraternity is always in need of volunteers who have a passion for assisting our chapters and members with becoming their very best. If you are interested in taking on a volunteer role, I would encourage you to e-mail *alumni@thetachi.org*. A member of the International Headquarters staff will help identify an opportunity for involvement near you.

Do you know of an outstanding young man on a college campus (or who will soon be on campus) who is not a Theta Chi but should be? Help perpetuate the Fraternity's ideals by recommending him for membership via the Recommend a Recruit form: www.thetachi.org/recommend.

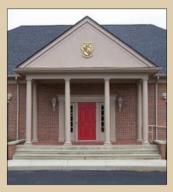
Last, but certainly not least, I ask that you consider making a tax-deductible gift to The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. There is always a need for additional support to our undergraduate brothers to attend our leadership events and acquire an education. You can offer your financial support for our leadership events and scholarships by visiting <code>www.thetachi.org/give</code> and making an online contribution.

On behalf of the staff and volunteer leadership of Theta Chi Fraternity, thank you for your ongoing interest in our brotherhood. I invite you to consider how you might play an active role in making 2013 a great year in the history of our Fraternity.

Fraternally,

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Executive Director

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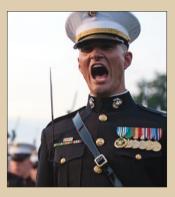
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Rattle publication schedule to change

You may have noticed that this edition of *The Rattle* arrived a little later than usual. That wasn't a mistake—we're rearranging our publication schedule from a fall/spring cycle to winter/summer.

The main reason for this change is to make it easier for brothers to submit chapter news updates. Under the previous model, content deadlines fell in February and August, well after the end of classes and vacations but before anything new had started happening. With the new schedule, content deadlines will fall in May and November, giving everyone plenty of time to report chapter updates before leaving for summer and winter travel plans.

Starting with the Summer 2013 edition, you can look forward to receiving future copies of *The Rattle* in August and February. If you have not been receiving *The Rattle*, please log in to myThetaChi and update your mailing preferences and contact information.

We feel strongly that these new deadlines will make it easier to report your chapter and alumni news than ever before, and more news reports means a more interesting magazine. Please continue to send news of your reunions, stories, and achievements to us at *news@thetachi.org*. And as always, thank you for reading.

Bart Zino

Director of Communication



Let's Move the Needle Together

Theta Chi's new National President says now is the time to **be bold**.

Richard D. "Dick" Elder has practiced being bold for most of his life—starting as a field representative for Theta Chi (and later as National Vice President), then as a husband and father of four, and currently as president of TEAM



Marketing Group, which helps Fortune 250 companies learn to successfully compete in the business world.

Now, as Theta Chi's 36th National President, he's putting that experience and competitive spirit to work once again. And he's calling on all of Theta Chi to join him.

"My vision for the Fraternity is extraordinary excellence, and I believe Theta Chi must

compete at the highest levels in every facet of our organization," he said.

An alumnus of Gamma Theta Chapter at San Diego State University, Brother Elder's impressive record of service to the Fraternity more than prepares him for the rigors of the role of National President. After graduating from SDSU in 1971, he traveled as a field representative for three years before being named Deputy Regional Counselor (and later Regional Counselor) in 1974. In 1988, he was elected to the Grand Chapter and served as National Marshal until 1990 when he was elected National Vice President.

In the years since, Brother Elder supported Theta Chi's leaders and staff in various advisory roles, including as a mentor and host to the field staff who were fortunate enough to travel through Denver, where he lives with his wife, Terri. As recognition for his contributions over the years, the Fraternity has presented him with the Citation of Honor, Alumni Award, Theta Chi for Life Award, and in 2010, the Distinguished Service Award—Theta Chi's highest honor.

As National President, Brother Elder and the rest of the Grand Chapter have laid out an ambitious agenda for the next two years that focuses on strengthening opportunities for Theta Chi's members, like providing access to leadership education programs for undergraduates and creating advisory and volunteer roles for alumni.

Moving the Needle

Acknowledging the Fraternity's explosive growth in recent years, Brother Elder has

Brother Elder (fifth from left) hangs out with some undergraduates at the Palm Springs Power baseball game on July 4.



often made use of the phrase "moving the needle" to describe his vision for the future. Just as a driver uses a speedometer to monitor the speed of his or her vehicle, the Fraternity measures its own performance in order to develop ways to perform better, faster and stronger over time.

"When I talk about moving the needle, the first thing I'm doing is looking at where we are right now," he explained. "That's our baseline gauge, and I want to move that needle in every single area in which we can measure ourselves." For Brother Elder, those areas include growth, expansion, scholarship, educational programming, volunteerism and alumni involvement.

"We have the ability, through technology and expanded communication, to increase communication with all of our stakeholders," he said. "And those stakeholders are undergraduates, alumni, parents, university administrators, and the public at large."

Fortunately, the previous biennium has given the Fraternity a strong starting position. In just two years, Theta Chi's average chapter size increased 13 percent, while its overall undergraduate membership jumped from about 5,700 to more than 6,700. And, last academic year, Theta Chi opened six chapters, the most installations in a single year since 1971/1972.

"I think we're in a good place," he said.
"Our membership is up, our alumni involvement is up. I think we've solidified a lot of positions on our Headquarters team, and I think our educational programs are the best they've ever been."

Brother Elder credits this upward surge in part to improvements in the Fraternity's educational programs—like the Initiative Academy, Deranian Presidents Conference and School of Fraternity Practices—and other factors.

Those improvements have allowed the Fraternity to shift its attention to other important goals, like reaching out to more of its stakeholders. Brother Elder says it's a major priority this biennium to strengthen those relationships—not just with undergraduates and alumni, but also with university administrators and especially parents.

"Obviously our undergraduate brothers, to me, are critical to us," he said. "They are the primary stakeholder. But another stakeholder group is the people who are really right behind those students, and that's the parents."

To better serve this group, Brother Elder facilitated the launch of the Theta Chi Parents Club earlier this fall. For an annual gift of \$100, Parents Club members will receive a



National President Elder addresses the crowd at Convention's Saturday night closing banquet.

print subscription to *The Rattle* and periodic updates from the International Headquarters about upcoming scholarship opportunities, chapter news and other information regarding their son's fraternity.

"Part of the role that I played as a parent was financial," he said. "I think many parents work their entire lives and save for a long time to provide their children with an opportunity for a great education. Membership in Theta Chi Fraternity can also make a great contribution to that educational investment."

A Clear Vision

Another reason Brother Elder wants to engage with parents is because they can potentially play a very significant role in influencing their sons' involvement as undergraduates. By reaching out to parents, the Fraternity can help paint a clearer picture of what Theta Chi is all about and how it can help make a difference in the lives of its members.

"I think an overarching theme or goal or part of our brand is that we are recognized by all stakeholders and by the court of public opinion that, as an organization, we in fact positively influence the life of a young man," he said.

As to how exactly Theta Chi influences its members, Brother Elder says the vision is very clearly articulated in the Creed and in the ideals that the Fraternity's founders laid out more than 156 years ago. And, each successive generation of brothers has helped execute that vision, even as the methods and programs have changed over time.

"All of the things you've seen are nothing more than today's version of making that vision come to life," Elder said. "And there's more in the future."

Being Bold

Whether you look at growth, relationship building or any of the other items on this Grand Chapter's agenda this biennium, it's the theme of boldness that ties everything together. Brother Elder describes it as the drive to "to reach out and do things that we've never done before."

Boldness may not be as easy to quantify as growth or scholarship, but in a sense the Fraternity has already been making progress in this area. Programs like the Initiative Academy, Roster Book Rally national competition and Parents Club have shown that Theta Chi is able to change and adapt to its members' evolving needs.

"We need to embrace what's new and different and be bold enough to be first; to be an initiator without losing the heritage or sacrificing any of the values we believe in," he explained.

Ultimately, he says, greatness is in Theta Chi's very DNA: every brother who takes the oaths of membership makes an unconditional commitment to live the values of those oaths and of the organization. It's what has allowed Theta Chi to be so successful for so long, and it's the reason right now is such an exciting time to be a Theta Chi.

"Collectively, as an organization, by being bold we have an opportunity to make history."

International Headquarters expands again

The International Headquarters staff has grown even bigger in recent months with the addition of two new director-level positions and three part-time support staff positions.

Bill Russo



Bill Russo has returned to the International Headquarters staff as Theta Chi's first Director of Volunteer Development.

Brother Russo will coordinate the Fraternity's recently unveiled Counselor program and will be responsible for recruiting, training

and assigning Counselors and other volunteers to work with chapters in need of help. He will also work with the staff to develop volunteer and advisor resources and answer questions.

Prior to his return to the IHQ, Bill was a Community Representative for the American Cancer Society where he helped recruit and manage volunteers on Indianapolis' West Side. He was one of his region's top recruiters, and in 2011 was presented with the ACS Star Award for his efforts.

From 2002-2009, Brother Russo was Theta Chi's Director of Leadership Development and planned the Fraternity's leadership education events, including the Chapter Leadership Conference, Deranian Presidents Conference and Mid-Year Leadership Conferences, among others. He is a 2002 graduate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

William Toothaker

Since August, Brother Toothaker has been working as Theta Chi's Director of Housing. Also a new role, the Director of Housing supports both the International Headquarters and The Norwich Housing Corporation (NHC).



Brother Toothaker handles current and new loans for Theta Chi house corporations looking to build, purchase or renovate a chapter house, refinance an existing loan, or fund life safety projects. He also helps house corporations develop their long and short-term housing strategies.

A graduate of Auburn University, Brother Toothaker was a member of the Auburn Judicial Board and led a project to redevelop the Auburn Interfraternity Council's fire and life safety programs.

Monroe Caper

Monroe joined the support staff in January as an Administrative Assistant for The Foundation Chapter, where he helps out with various mailings and campaign letters.



In addition to his work for The Foundation Chapter, Monroe is pursuing his degree in criminal justice and aspires to one day become a police chief.

Kelly Jones

A former employee of the Indianapolis Star, Kelly joined the support staff in September as Assistant Editor of The Rattle. At the Star, she was a news paraprofessional and served on



the Customer Service Task Force.

Kelly works primarily with the Chapter News and Alumni News departments, and also helps out with copy editing, proofreading and photo selection. She also helps maintain the Fraternity's photo archive.

Nancy Knight

The most recent addition to the staff. Nancy helps out in the mailroom, answers phones and processes chapter letters. She was previously a claims associate and administrative assistant at a major insurance provider for 30 years.



Keelie Souders



Although Keelie has been on staff for over a year, she has recently assumed new responsibilities as an Administrative Assistant. She now coordinates event registration for the Fraternity's leadership conferences, assists the

Membership Department and works in the mail room. In January, Keelie will begin work on her degree in business administration.

5th Annual National Golf Outing goes to Nevada

You don't even have to be a golfer to enjoy this great weekend with your brothers! This year's Golf Outing will take place May 16-18, 2013, in Mesquite, NV, at the Eureka Hotel and Casino.

We have reserved rooms and tee times—all you have to do is register online at www.thetachi.org/golf, or contact Jim Powell at either jpowell@thetachi.org or 317-824-1881, ext. 111 for more information

Schedule of events:

Thursday, May 16, 2013 18 Hole Scramble, The Palmer at the Oasis Tee times start at 2 p.m.

Friday, May 17, 2013 4 Man Scramble, Conestoga in Sun City Tee times start at 12:40 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 2013 Individual Stroke Play, Wolf Creek Golf Club Tee times start at noon

Carved artfully from the surrounding desert in the northeast corner of Mesquite, Nevada, the Wolf Creek Golf Club was rated No. 1 in Golf Digest's People's Choice, making it the top public golf course in the United States.



Theta Chi's new volunteer strategy

Last year, the Grand Chapter studied Theta Chi's volunteer model to determine how the Fraternity could best meet the growing demand for consistent chapter support at the local level. After many hours of study and thoughtful discussion, the decision was made to replace the Fraternity's Regional Plan model with a new plan—the Counselor Program. Counselors will be charged with supporting local alumni who serve in advisory roles for undergraduate chapters.

A Counselor's duties include:

- Recruiting, training, placing and developing local chapter advisers and Chapter Advisory Boards (CABs) for groups that have minimal or no local support
- Providing ongoing training, support, and consultation to Theta Chi's local chapter advisers already in place
- Serving as a communication link between the Grand Chapter/International Headquarters staff and chapter advisers
- Recruiting, training, and coordinating local volunteers to plan and execute the Mid-Year Leadership Conferences

What is a Chapter Advisory Board (CAB)?

The support of the university, local community and alumni is critical to the long term success of any chapter. The Chapter Advisory Board's role is to bring these groups together so that they can coordinate mentoring efforts in order to provide counsel, advice, leadership, and to assist in the direction of the chapter.

All CABs are volunteer-driven and may be called upon to advise the chapter on topics like academics, leadership development, recruitment, chapter finances, philanthropy and public relations.

How can you get involved?

We are looking for dedicated brothers to serve as Counselors, chapter advisors, and Chapter Advisory Board members. We want you to get involved, regardless of where you live or even if your chapter has closed. If you have a passion for Theta Chi and would like to share your time and talent with us, please call Director of Volunteer Development Bill Russo at 317-824-1881 or e-mail bill@thetachi.org.

Four installations last spring—the most in six years!



Members of Iota Omicron Chapter at Florida International University take a quick photo after their installation.

In the spring of 2012, Theta Chi installed four chapters, the most installations in a single semester since the spring of 2006. Two of those chapters, Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska and Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State, returned to active status while Iota Omicron/Florida International and Iota Pi/LSU were welcomed as brand new chapters.

Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska

On March 10, Alpha Upsilon Chapter at the University of Nebraska returned to Theta Chi. Alpha Upsilon had been inactive since 1998.

Forty-nine members, including eight alumni, were initiated into the chapter at the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE. Past National Treasurer Eric Raasch served as installing officer, and was assisted by Past National Marshal Dana Richardson.

Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State

Gamma Zeta Chapter officially returned to the Oklahoma State campus on April 28 with 39 Founding Fathers. National Historian Thomas G. Tinnin was the installing officer.

Also in attendance were CAB Chairman Jeff Kline (Delta Phi/North Texas 2009) and Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) members/ Gamma Zeta alumni Daniel Bays (2001), Brad Carr (2003), George Duckwall (1956) and S.T. Ayers (1951).

Other guests included Philip C. Thornton (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 2005), Leadership and Education Consultant Jason

Howeth, Travis Vance (Gamma Zeta/Oklahoma State 2005), and Andrew Curtis (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2007). Representing the International Headquarters staff were Director of Recruitment and Expansion JD Ford and past Leadership and Education Consultants Beau Slayton and Chris Ludwig.

Originally installed May 10, 1947, Gamma Zeta was recolonized in the fall 2009 semester after a four-year absence from campus. National Historian Tinnin played an integral role in recruiting the initial group of new members and energizing the local alumni base.

Iota Omicron/Florida International

Forty-three Founding Fathers were initiated at FIU's Wolfe University Center in Miami, April 14, with National Counselor Joseph Couch acting as installing officer.

Joining him were members of the Chapter Advisory Board: Jon Fernandez (Tau/Florida 2008), Dr. Tony Lake (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1995) and Dave Finneran (Alpha Xi/Delaware 2002).

J.C. Byrd (Alpha Eta/North Carolina 1960) assisted with the initiation ceremony as well.



Members of the reinstalled Alpha Upsilon Chapter at the University of Nebraska stand outside Lincoln's First United Methodist Church. The chapter had been inactive since 1998.

Also present were Executive Director Mike Mayer and past Leadership and Education Consultant Stepheno Zollos of the International Headquarters staff. University of Miami Dean of Students Steve Priepke attended the installation banquet.

Forming a chapter at FIU was originally the idea of Stephen Nunez and Aaron Bethencourt, who had visited with members of Epsilon Chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the spring of 2010. The fledgling interest group grew over the course of the next year and a half and was colonized on Aug. 27, 2011.

Iota Pi/LSU

Forty-three Founding Fathers were initiated into Theta Chi's 222nd chapter on April 21. National Historian Tinnin presided as installing officer and was assisted by Chapter Adviser Steve Mannear.

Joining them were Chapter Advisory Board member Joseph Thomas (Theta Rho/McNeese State 2000), Counselors Allen Carter, James Guillory and Jared Lognion, and past Leadership and Education Consultants Eddie Higginbotham and Zach Smith. Representing the International Headquarters staff were Director of Recruitment and Expansion JD Ford and Director of Standards Jason Handberg. Brothers representing nine different chapters showed their support as well.

Alex Mouhot (2013) and Alex Harvey came up with the idea of bringing Theta Chi to LSU. Plans were set into motion in early 2010, and recruitment began on a small scale but was disrupted when Harvey withdrew from the University.

Mouhot and the remaining undergraduates pressed on and the group grew to 27 members. Three members—Mouhot, Ethan Gremillion (2013) and Matt Darouse (2012)—represented the interest group at the 2010 National Convention in Orlando. Gremillion would become the group's first president. A colony was formally recognized on Jan. 15, 2011.

We need your help!

Theta Chi is looking for new expansion opportunities and brothers to help support them. Are you attending school where the Fraternity is not yet represented? Do you have a son, friend or relative who is interested in opening a chapter? E-mail Director of Recruitment and Expansion JD Ford at jdford@thetachi.org to learn how you can help. Or, visit www.thetachi.org/expansion.



Alpha Upsilon's Founding Fathers and Installation Committee members pose for a photo together. Pictured in the front row, fourth from left, is Stuart H. Kelley, who wrote of his experience in the January 1926 edition of The Rattle.

Installations — a rare, special experience

BY BART ZINO, EDITOR

It's not often that someone would willingly spend his Friday night driving to Nebraska in the dead of winter, but on the morning of Dec. 4, 1925, six brothers did exactly that, and for good reason—they were on their way to welcome Theta Chi's newest chapter, Alpha Upsilon, at the University of Nebraska.

For one of those brothers, Stuart H. Kelley (Phi/North Dakota State 1920), it was a trip through a "long, black, blizzardy, sleety interlude, which for lack of better name we shall call the night." Brother Kelley, who would later become National President, knew the significance of his adventure—he was visiting Lincoln as a member of the Alpha Upsilon Installation Committee.

In total, 18 brothers representing 11 chapters and hailing from as far away as Minnesota, North Dakota and Kansas comprised the committee. At that time, they would have accounted for about a quarter of Theta Chi's active chapters, though the total number of guests would swell to just over 150 by the time the Saturday night banquet arrived. According to Brother Kelley's account of the weekend in the January 1926 edition of *The Rattle*, it was "the most elaborate installation taking place on that campus within the last decade."

Even though 1926 seems like a long time ago, is an installation in 2012 really any less important? Even though it's unlikely that you'll have to endure a drive like the one Brother Kelley had to, any brother will tell you it's one of the most unique and rewarding experiences a Theta Chi can participate in.

Today, every brother who attends an installation ceremony becomes an honorary member of that chapter. You'll have plenty of opportunities to see for yourself what all the hype is about—just keep an eye on Theta Chi's Facebook fan page for upcoming installation dates and locations. And, to learn more about how you can lend a hand to a colony near you, e-mail Director of Expansion and Recruitment |D Ford at jdford@thetachi.org.

156TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Editor's note: Theta Chi is tremendously grateful for the talented work of Ryan Tubongbanua (Beta Upsilon/Fresno State 2009), who served as this year's Convention photographer. To see more of Ryan's work, visit rtphoto.biz



Runners participate an early morning run through the hotel grounds. This year's Freeman and Chase 5K Run/Walk was a team event and had record attendance.

for the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, presents an official proclamation to emcee Doug Allen during the opening session of the Convention. The City of Indian Wells declared July 4–7 as "Theta Chi Week" in honor of the festivities.



Is Convention on your "bucket list"? It should be.

Notes on the 156th Anniversary Convention from a first-timer

BY DON CLARK (ALPHA SIGMA/OREGON 1960)

Ave you ever been to a national Theta Chi Convention? Or has it been a while since you've been to one? Take it from me, a first-timer at age 70: it's totally worth the effort and expense required to be part of these extraordinary gatherings. The most recent Convention at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort in Palm Springs, CA, was my first, and I can say absolutely that you're neither too old to go nor is it too late to make a host of new friends and hear the best of new ideas. Most importantly, once you're there, it's impossible not to be greatly impressed by our fraternity's national dimensions and to be deeply inspired by its positive spirit and powerful impact on the lives of men all over this great land.

My trip to Palm Springs was both a fluke and a chance to live out our fraternal motto of extending a "helping hand." In this case, the one needing help was a Theta Chi alumnus from Fresno State, Bernie Herman (1973), who'd been invited to deliver the keynote address at Friday's Alumni Luncheon. Bernie is a highly regarded leader in Bakersfield, CA, where he is a past president of a major hospital and now

serves as president of the Bakersfield Museum of Art and is leader of many fine arts initiatives in our city. Given his crowded schedule, something came up and he couldn't go.

When Bernie asked me to fill in for him, I was awed by the importance of the task and dubious about my ability to fulfill such a high responsibility. Even so, I said yes. I did so, in part, because I'd just been reflecting on the Old Testament story of Gideon, the man who received an angelic message that he was the one chosen to deliver his people from the power of a cruel foreign nation oppressing them. Gideon's response, in essence, was: "Who, me?" He tried to beg off, saying his tribe was the least of all the tribes, his family was the least within the tribe, and he was the least member of his family. But the angel's response, in essence, was: "Yes, you!" So Gideon took on the task and accomplished exactly what he'd been assigned to do. With that story fresh in my mind, I, too, accepted the task that suddenly had been put in front of me.

After saying yes to the job, it came as a shock to discover that I was responsible for covering most of my expenses, which were considerable.

Is Convention on your bucket list? (continued from page 11)

But I've always believed opportunities like this come along for their own important reasons, whether or not we can readily discern those reasons. So, I stood by my promise, scraped up the funds, and carried out the assignment. At the end of it all, I came away convinced that it was the best-spent money I've shelled out in a long, long time.

Here's why.

First, my Convention experience vastly expanded both my understanding and my appreciation of the fraternity that had meant so much to me in my years at the University of Oregon. For a long time, Theta Chi at Oregon was the fraternity. You never had to brag about it. Everyone just knew it. There were, of course, other good fraternities and other good men. But Theta Chi was special—almost a thing apart from all the rest, a thing universally admired—with the top scholars, the best athletes, the preeminent campus leaders, the most beautiful house, the classiest functions, and the strongest commitment to excellence.

I carry forever within me an enduring gratitude for the privilege of being a part of that company of men. But it was the Convention that revived those hallowed memories and renewed my commitment to all the noble things our chapter stood for. Even more, it was the Convention that showed me in a dramatic way that the high ideals of Theta Chi extend to great campuses all across this country. It was the Convention that impressed upon me the great fact that this circle of brothers I was once part of at Oregon so long ago is far wider and far stronger than I ever stopped to consider and is far more dynamically active than I ever imagined.

One could not ask for more dramatic proof of Theta Chi's preeminent place in the fraternity world than the stunning prize presented at the Convention to the leaders of Iota Beta Chapter at Missouri State University, who received the honor of "Chapter of Distinction" from the North-American Interfraternity Conference as the best fraternity chapter, not just of Theta Chi, but of any fraternity in America—their second win in four years. As Iota Beta alumni Corey Fischer (2008), Paul Spiker (2015) and Kris Wolfe (1999) approached the stage amid thunderous applause to receive the award and pose proudly for their commemorative photo, you could literally see in their faces and sense in their physical bearing that these men are the kinds of leaders and winners that Theta Chi is all about. In short, the men you meet and the achievements you see at these Conventions connect you, personally and organically, to something far greater than you will ever understand at the local chapter

Second, the keynote speakers and the seminar leaders at the Convention—all of whom are Theta Chis—were veritable fountainheads of new insights, innovative ideas, proven wisdom, invaluable suggestions, sage advice, and even personal, one-on-one counsel-all of it drawn from rich experience in the real world. I loved famed motivational speaker Tony D'Angelo (Zeta Omega/West Chester 1994)'s definition of true leadership as being the one who flat out makes great things happen. I prized his insight that it's a whole new world in which we're living that requires new strategies to achieve success, including new levels of personal development. I loved the challenge set forth by Dr. John Hanes (Beta Omicron/Cincinnati 1976), advisor to top business leaders, that the example and influence of a true leader can literally change the entire culture around him simply by where he spends his time, by the kind of questions he asks, by the statements he makes, by the things he approves and disapproves, and, most of all, by the decisions he makes when great pressures are in conflict with his core values. As an entrepreDon Clark gives a rousing presentation during Friday's Alumni Luncheon. Brother Clark is an accomplished journalist and writer.



neur, I was greatly encouraged by Hollywood screen writer Steve Maeda's (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1984) challenge to "dare to fail early and often," and not to be afraid to tackle things you initially struggle with. I took to heart National President Dick Elder's challenge that wherever one happens to be at the moment there is always an opportunity to be there as a leader.

Once I realized how impressively credentialed and highly respected each of our presenters were in their respective fields, I made it a point to show up early, sit on the front row, and take extensive notes. That notebook is now a treasure chest of useful information. It should be a source of pride to us all to note how successful so many of our brothers have become in so many fields of endeavor. I cannot help but believe that their success is due, in part, to the fact that the values Theta Chi seeks to encourage and instill in its members apply across the board in any area of human enterprise.

Some of the best-spent time at the Convention, however, was the socalled "down time": time at the baseball game and the fireworks show; time in the swimming pools and the hot tubs; time on the golf course and the tennis courts, in the bar and in the rooms; time to connect, time to reflect, and, yes, for me, I admit it, to shop. Take a hint. Whenever you find yourself in an affluent area like Palm Spings and its unbroken string of adjoining rich communities, never miss a chance to hit as many thrift shops, consignment stores, Goodwill outlets, and bargain boutiques as you can find. I came home with a trunk full of such stuff, and I've been getting spontaneous compliments every time I wear those items out the door—often from my wife even before I get out the door.

So for me, late in life, the Convention experience at every level was a life highlight. If you've never been, I recommend putting it near the top of your "bucket list." If it's been a while since your last one, Theta Chi is a dynamic organization that is constantly growing, continually changing, and always beckoning its sons to rejoin its dynamic ranks, to renew their commitment to its highest principles, and to reinvest themselves in promoting its on-going success.

Bottom line: I'll be forever glad I said to Bernie, "Sure, brother, I'll be glad to fill in for you."

Don Clark is a 1966 graduate of the University of Oregon who has invested his 45-year-long career in every aspect of professional journalism—newspapers, magazines, radio, and television.



156TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION



Dr. John Hanes delivers a keynote presentation on Friday, titled "Success as a Leader." Brother Hanes has previously presented at Theta Chi events, most recently at the 2011 Deranian Presidents Conference. 14 THE RATTLE/FALL 2012

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At this year's Convention, brothers got to connect at a variety of events ranging from a Fourth of July baseball game and cookout to a live performance from comedian Evan Wecksell.

And the Colley Award goes to ...

BY BART ZINO, EDITOR

Missouri State University's Scott A. Turk has been named the 2011/2012 recipient of Theta Chi Fraternity's Reginald E.F. Colley Memorial Trophy, Theta Chi's most prestigious undergraduate honor for distinguished service to alma mater, Fraternity and chapter. Brother Turk was nominated by his chapter and was recognized at the closing banquet on Saturday night.

The Colley Award is presented annually by a committee of past award recipients. The winner and two runners-up each receive academic scholarships furnished by The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi.

Originally from Springfield, MO, Scott majored in socio-political communication and earned a 3.5 GPA. Brother Turk was a Student Senator from 2009-2011 and Student Body President from 2011-2012, where he was involved in the Executive Budget Committee, Executive Enrollment Management Committee, and Public



National Vice President Bill Palmer presents the Colley Trophy to Brother Turk at the closing Saturday night banquet.

Affairs Committee. He lobbied on behalf of the North-American Interfraternity Conference in 2012. Scott was a Student Orientation Advisement and Registration (SOAR) Leader, member of the Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. He was named MSU's Junior of the Year in 2011.

In his chapter at MSU, Scott served as Vice President in 2010 and also worked on the chapter's Public Relations, Standards, Brotherhood and Campus Involvement committees. In 2011, he was the main event coordinator for the Lower Plains Region Mid-Year Leadership Conference, Theta Chi's regional leadership program. In that role, he served as the main point of contact, booked meeting spaces, organized a regional retreat for event participants, and acquired a grant from MSU to help fund the event.

In his community, Brother Turk participated in Songs for Joplin, which raised over \$5,000 in aid for the Joplin, MO, tornado relief. He independently raised \$300 in supplies and donations for tornado survivors and gave 20 hours of service working at donation collection locations. In 2010, he was selected to participate in the Missouri Governor's Leadership Forum, a gathering of Missouri's top collegiate student leaders hosted by Governor Jay Nixon. Scott has also volunteered with or worked for the Ozarks Literacy Council, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Civility Movement, and Alternative Spring Break.

"It was an honor to Chair the Colley Award Committee, serving with distinguished alumni and academicians from University of Alabama, MIT, the University of Illinois, and other top educational institutions," Colley Committee Chairman William W. Palmer said from his home in Sacramento, CA. "The problem comes down to trying to select the Colley Award winner from the 'best of the best.' The final vote really does come down to splitting hairs or counting angels on the head of a pin, because these young men are truly outstanding."

FIRST RUNNER-UP: Brian Kelinson (Rho/Illinois 2012) SECOND RUNNER-UP: Matthew Richter (Beta Nu/Case Western 2011)

AWARDS

More than 80 brothers, chapters and friends of Theta Chi were honored for their outstanding service to the Fraternity at this year's Convention. Some awards are by application only; others are decided on by committee, the Grand Chapter or the International Headquarters staff. The recipients are:

Distinguished Service Award

Ronald J. Ramos (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1968)

Douglas G. Schemenauer (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1989)

Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award

Donald E. Fine (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 1963)

Daniel W. Fleetham, Sr. (Alpha/Norwich 1934) Terry A. Johnson (Gamma Pi/Buffalo 1971) Mark A. Manlove (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1969)

Russel D. Van Tassel (Epsilon Delta/ Youngstown State 1963)

Albert A. Zale (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954)

George T. Kilavos Alumni Award

Shawn A. Bennett (Gamma Tau/Drake 1992) Joseph S. Couch (Chi/Auburn 1996)

Jereme W. Grinslade (Delta Kappa/Ball State

James. S. McEachern (Beta Psi/Presbyterian 1989)

Patrick T. O'Connor (Chi/Auburn 1978) William W. Palmer (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1985)

David E. DeVol Award

James A. Black (Gamma Rho/Florida State 2008)

Sean M. Cain (Iota Beta/Missouri 2007) Howard B. Cates, III (Beta Theta/Drexel 1983) Thomas J. Dolan, III (Iota Lambda/Longwood

David C. Donahue (Delta Kappa/Ball State

Sean M. DonCarlos (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley

Daniel W. Fleetham, Jr. (Alpha/Norwich 1969) Micah Harrell (Gamma Xi/San Jose State 1989) Warren E. Hoffman, II (Alpha Iota/Indiana 1976)

Michael J. Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973)

Robert E. Leitch (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky

Jeffrey W. Mahony (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1989) Tait J. Martin (Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1997)

Sean M. Meusch (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 2006)

Douglas A. Miller (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990) Paul R. Norstrem (Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986) Lucas W. Nurmi (Alpha Omicron/Washington State 2006)

Matthew C. Poland (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 2007)

Scott P. Sutherland (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1993) Gary Tilles (Beta Sigma/Lehigh 1967)

Raymond W. Vanlanot II (Alpha Iota/Indiana

Tyler J. Whaley (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State

Wesley K. Wicker (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1979) Scott M. Young (Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State 2004)

Reginald E.F. Colley Award

RECIPIENT: Scott A. Turk (Iota Beta/Missouri State 2012)

1ST RUNNER-UP: Brian R. Kelinson (Rho/Illinois 2012)

2ND RUNNER-UP: Matthew R. Richter (Beta Nu/Case Western 2011)

Howard R Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

Phi/North Dakota State

Beta Kappa/Hamline

Beta Nu/Case Western

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan

Epsilon Kappa/Idaho

Zeta Beta/Adrian

Zeta Lambda/Westminster

Zeta Tau/Michigan-Flint

Iota Beta/Missouri State

Iota Lambda/Longwood

Grand Chapter Scholarship

Gamma Lambda/Denver

Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

Psi/Wisconsin

Most Improved Chapter Award

Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky

James M. Holland Award

RECIPIENT: Gamma Rho/Florida State 1ST RUNNER-UP: Iota Mu/Missouri 2ND RUNNER-UP (tie): Alpha Delta/Purdue 2ND RUNNER-UP (tie): Alpha Iota/Indiana

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

RECIPIENT: Delta Mu/Texas 1ST RUNNER-UP: Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 2ND RUNNER-UP: Beta Alpha/UCLA

Phil S. Randall Success in **Retirement Award**

Rho/Illinois Sigma/Oregon State Tau/Florida Chi/Auburn Psi/Wisconsin Alpha Delta/Purdue Alpha Iota/Indiana Alpha Xi/Delaware Alpha Phi/Alabama Beta Alpha/UCLA

Beta Delta/Rutgers

Beta Zeta/Michigan State

Beta Upsilon/Fresno State

Gamma Kappa/Miami-OH

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Delta Beta/Georgia

Delta Rho/NC State

Delta Upsilon/Arizona State

Epsilon Tau/Stephen F. Austin State

Zeta Epsilon/Long Beach State

Theta Epsilon/Kennesaw State

Iota Beta/Missouri State

Iota Eta/Pacific

Iota Theta/Central Florida

Iota Mu/Missouri

Iota Xi/Georgia College

Mabel Oswaldt Appreciation Award

Tori Mayer, wife of Michael Mayer Lynda Bennett, wife of Shawn Bennett Rebecca Couch, wife of Joseph Couch

Attendance Trophy (Man-Mile Award)

Gamma/Maine



Norwich Housing Corporation Past President Patrick O'Connor poses with Jordan Award winner Brandon Taylor at Saturday's closing banquet.

Ripon undergrad is Theta Chi's top scholarathlete

BY BART ZINO, EDITOR

Ripon College's Brandon Taylor has been named the 2011/2012 recipient of Theta Chi Fraternity's James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award, which recognizes Theta Chi's top scholar-athlete.

Consideration for the Jordan Award is by application only. A committee appointed by the Fraternity's board of directors (the Grand Chapter) reviews the applications and selects a winner annually.

Brandon majored in physics and graduated with a 3.63 GPA. Originally from Arlee, MT, he was named Most Outstanding Newcomer during his freshman year and "Best Stroke Swimmer" as both a sophomore and a junior. From 2011-2012, he was cocaptain of his school's varsity swim team. Outside of athletics, Brandon was president of the Student Media and Activities Committee (SMAC), Ripon College's student programming board, from 2010-2012. He was also a peer mentor in the Physics Department, an Admissions Tour Guide and Intern, and was a member of the Ethical Leadership Program.

In his chapter, he served as Social Chair from 2009-2011, was a member of the Orientation Committee and was his chapter's IFC representative from 2009-2012.

Schemenauer, Ramos receive Distinguished Service Award

BY BART ZINO, EDITOR

Longtime Theta Chi leaders Douglas G. Schemenauer and Ronald J. Ramos were honored with the Distinguished Service Award, the Fraternity's highest honor. The awards were presented during the closing banquet of the 156th Anniversary Convention in Palm Springs, CA.

Douglas G. Schemenauer (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1989) is a past member of the International Headquarters staff, Regional Counselor, board member and president of The Norwich Housing Corporation. The inscription on Brother Schemenauer's award reads:

"Brother Schemenauer has been the catalyst for the establishment and advancement of many chapters through his distinguished and continuous service. He has been a champion for safe and quality housing for our members. His numerous contributions to our Fraternity have been incalculable."

Ronald J. Ramos (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1968) served the Fraternity as a board member on the Gamma Theta Alumni Association, member of the Gamma Theta House Planning Committee, and from 2002-2010 on the Grand Chapter as National Chaplain and National Treasurer. The inscription on Brother Ramos' award reads:

"Active for 45 years in the national and local affairs of Theta Chi, Brother Ramos elevated the role and importance of the Ritual for the Fraternity's membership. He worked to enhance the fiscal condition of the Fraternity, and modeled the way for bringing brotherhood from an abstraction to an experience."



Distinguished Service Award recipient Ron Ramos shows off his award plaque with Gamma Theta chapter brother Dick Elder. Brother Elder received the award at the 2010 National Convention in Orlando.



A secret committee considers all award nominees and selects a recipient or recipients. The members of the committee are known only to themselves, the National President and the Executive Director.

Doug Schemenauer poses for a quick picture with National President Elder, National Treasurer Doug Allen and fellow Epsilon Phi Mike Mayer.





Theta Chi's national board of directors, the Grand Chapter, is the Fraternity's top administrative, executive and judicial body. Each term of office is two years, and no board member may serve for more than two consecutive terms. Elections are held every two years during the National Convention. The 2012/2014 Grand Chapter is:

National President: Richard D. Elder (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1971) National Vice President: William W. Palmer (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1985) National Secretary: Joseph R. D'Amore, Jr. (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1977)

National Treasurer: Douglas M. Allen (Delta Beta/Georgia 1990)

National Counselor: Joseph S. Couch (Chi/Auburn 1996)

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

National Chaplain: Douglas A. Miller (Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990)

National Historian: Thomas G. Tinnin (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri 1984)

National President

Richard D. Elder Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1971

A full bio on Richard Elder, and his vision for Theta Chi can be found on page 4.

National Vice President

William W. Palmer Beta Alpha/UCLA 1985

Bill is an attorney in California where he practices civil rights and constitutional law. He has litigated cases up to and including the United States Supreme Court, served in Iraq at the request of the



William W. Palmer

United States (2006), and appeared before the governments of Germany, France, England, Israel, and China. Brother Palmer has been published in the areas of insurance and Holocaust reparations, and was once thanked by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his "determined efforts to achieve justice" for victims of the Holocaust. Brother Palmer is a former Beta Alpha president, and during his term he helped double the size of the chapter. He also competed on the NCAA Intercollegiate Crew Team.

National Secretary Joseph R. D'Amore Jr. Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg 1977

Brother D'Amore was a Regional Counselor for 11 years, and has served on more than nine Grand Chapter committees. In 2006, he was elected to the Grand Chapter and named National Historian and in 2008 became National Secretary. He was elected



Joseph D'Amore Jr.

National Vice President in 2010 and again was named National Secretary in 2012.

He is the recipient of numerous Fraternity awards, which include Eta Pi Alumnus of the Year (twice), Grand Chapter Alumni Award, Citation of Honor, Kilavos National Service Award and Theta Chi for Life Award. Joe has been a faculty member at numerous MYLCs, CLCs, and SFPs and has attended a total 30 National Conventions or CLCs.

National Treasurer

Douglas M. Allen Delta Beta/Georgia 1990

Brother Allen's long record of service to Theta Chi began after graduation in 1990 when he became a Leadership and Education Consultant for Theta Chi. From 1991-1992, he was the Director of Chapter



Douglas M. Allen

Operations at the International Headquarters.

From 1992–1999 he was a member of the Alter Award Committee and a Regional Counselor in the Plains Region from 2002–2006. He served on the 150th Anniversary Convention Committee as cochair of the Historical Archive subcommittee, which led the effort to preserve many of Theta Chi's historical items. Brother Allen did much of the initial development of the "I Believe" New Member education program as well.

In 2006, Brother Allen was elected to the Grand Chapter and served for two years as National Secretary. In 2008, he was elected National President and was re-elected to that position in 2010. He currently serves as the Fraternity's National Treasurer.

Brother Allen has received the Citation of Honor, the David E. Devol Award and the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award from the Grand Chapter. In 2012, he received Sigma Chi Fraternity's Grand Counsel Award for his interfraternal friendship and service.

National Counselor

Joseph S. Couch Chi/Auburn 1996

Elected to the Grand Chapter in 2010 and appointed National Chaplain, Brother Couch was the Regional Director of the Southeast region from 2008–2010 and was a Regional Counselor from 2004–2010.



Joseph S. Couch

Brother Couch was a member of Chi Chapter's house corporation from 2000–2008, and was president from 2001–2008, where he played a significant role in the planning and construction of Chi's new chapter house.

Brother Couch was awarded the David E. DeVol Award in 2004, the Alumni Award in 2007 and the Citation of Honor in 2008.

National Chaplain Douglas A. Miller Zeta Beta/Adrian 1990

Douglas Miller received a BBA degree in Management from Adrian College in 1990 and a M.Ed in Higher Education Administration from Ohio University in 1994. While an undergraduate he served the Zeta Beta Chapter twice as Marshal



Douglas A. Miller

and as the Assistant Marshal, Historian, Social Chairman and as the First Vice President of the IFC.

Prior to being elected to the Grand Chapter, Miller served on the Zeta Beta House Corporation as an officer or committee member for the previous 21 years. He has served as head of the board for the previous four years, editor of the newsletter, fundraising chair and on homecoming committees.

As a member of the Official Family of Theta Chi since 1995, Miller has served as a Remote Regional Counselor to chapters in New York and California, Regional Counselor for chapters in Texas and as the Southwest Regional Director. He has served a total of eight years on the Regional Plan Committee (1996-1998, 2004-2008). He has been the Chair of the Alumni Volunteer Committee (2008–2010) and a member on the Alumni Engagement Committee (2010–2012). He has taken great pride in working with IHO staff in the planning and execution of 10 alumni training programs (2000-2012) at Conventions, Chapter Leadership Conferences, Mid-Year Leadership Conferences and Deranian Presidents Conferences. He has attended 24 national events dating back to 1987. He has been honored by the Grand Chapter with the George T. Kilavos Alumni Award in 2010 and the David E DeVol Award in 2012.

Currently, he is employed in Houston as an Energy Trader for Calpine Corporation. Miller, and his wife Michell, live in Spring, TX with their four children.

National Marshal Dr.Tait J. Martin Eta Omicron/Northwestern State 1997



Brother Tait Martin is an alumnus of the Eta Omicron Chapter at Northwestern State University where he served as Chapter and Interfraternity Council President; Chapter Vice President; and Chapter Treasurer. In addition to his

Tait J. Martin fraternity work, he was president of the Student Activities Board; active member of the Order of Omega; and a campus orientation leader.

Martin presently serves as National Marshal on the Grand Chapter. Previously, he served as a Regional Counselor and worked with the Gamma Rho Chapter at Florida State and the Gamma Delta Chapter at Florida Southern College. In addition, he served on the Grand Chapter's Communications Committee and Chairman of the Eta Omicron Alumni Corporation. Martin has received the Grand Chapter Alumni Award for his overall service to the Fraternity, a Citation of Honor from the Grand Chapter for his service on the National Standards Committee and named "Greek

Advisor of the Year" by his alma mater. Since graduation, Martin has facilitated and presented at more than 20 national and regional Theta Chi events.

An Emmy, Silver Anvil, Telly and Addy award winner, Martin is currently the President and CEO of The iNSiGHT Cooperative (www.insightcoop.com), a national network of researchers and content professionals who help organizations better define the way they reach the people who matter to them.

In addition, Martin is a speaker for CAM-PUSPEAK, the nation's premier agency for college speakers. He speaks to approximately 10,000 college students a year—predominately fraternity and sorority members—on subjects ranging from campus image and Greek organization marketing to member retention and recruitment.

Martin's career experience includes stints as vice president and director of research for a national social marketing and advertising agency; the communication director for one of the largest United Way organizations in the South; spokesperson for a major state government agency in Florida; marketing consultant to several industry and professional organizations; and faculty member at four top-tier higher education institutions.

Widely cited in both academic and industry circles, Martin holds a Ph.D. in Communication Theory and Research (emphasis in persuasion and cognitive processing) from Florida State University, as well as a Masters in Organizational and Interpersonal Communication from the University of Louisiana.

National Historian Thomas G. Tinnin Eta Phi/Central Missouri 1984

Brother Tinnin served as a Theta Chi Field Representative from 1984 until 1986 and became a Regional Counselor/Special Consultant in Texas from 1986–1996 and again from 2006–2008. Since 2008, he has been a member of the Grand Chapter—

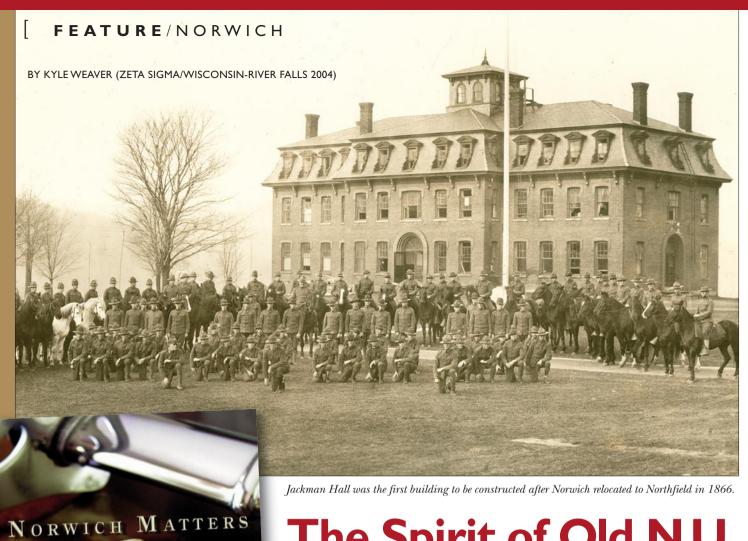


Thomas G.Tinnin

as National Vice President from 2008–2010; National Counselor from 2010–2012; and currently as National Historian.

In addition to his service as a Regional Counselor, he has served on the IHQ Expansion Focus Group Committee, was formerly Chairman of the National Growth and Recruitment Committee and served on the Epsilon Phi Alumni Scholarship Committee.

Brother Tinnin is the recipient of the Alumni Award. ■



The Spirit of Old N.U. takes book form

New Norwich history book looks at Theta Chi's founding



Randall H. Miller, Norwich enthusiast, friend of Theta Chi, and author of Norwich Matters

Editor's note: While Mr. Miller is not an initiated member of Theta Chi, we know that many brothers will find his research on and experiences at Norwich University interesting nonetheless.

Randall H. Miller has a profound enthusiasm for Norwich University.

Throughout the narrative of his 2011 book Norwich Matters, Miller's reverence for Norwich echoes the reverence many Theta Chis also have for the institution where the Fraternity was born.

"(T)hat true feeling of nostalgia and sense of belonging to something greater than oneself is most powerful when alumni take the time to return to the Hill." Miller writes of

A 1993 Norwich graduate, Miller didn't quite feel that way when he graduated. He was

"When I drove away, I was under the belief that I'd spent my last time there in a classroom," Miller said. "But there's something about Norwich that keeps pulling you back to it." — Randall H. Miller

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grateful for the experience, of course, and the mentoring he received from a number of great role models.

"I had a great experience at Norwich," Miller said. "We always say 'life gets easy after Norwich."

Yet as many recent graduates often are, Miller was eager to move on from the institution.

"When I drove away, I was under the belief that I'd spent my last time there in a classroom," Miller said. "But there's something about Norwich that keeps pulling you back to it."

Indeed, the "Spirit of Old N.U." has pulled Miller back in numerous ways. Years after graduating, Miller returned to Norwich after a mailer from the university's College of Graduate and Continuing Studies reached him. In 2007, Miller obtained his master's degree with concentrations in diplomacy and international terrorism. He's now a member of the Norwich University Alumni Association board of directors and is also a part-time instructor there, teaching both online and traditional courses in comparative politics and terrorism.

Miller's book, then, was a logical extension of his fascination with Norwich. In the Norwich University Archives, Miller discovered "a treasure trove of information." His process for researching and writing *Norwich Matters*, thus became one of complete immersion.

Miller ate, slept and breathed Norwich while creating the book. He surrounded himself with photocopies of documents from the Norwich University Archives, interviewed local alumni, and even listened exclusively to music from the various time periods as he researched them. The book went from concept to completion in 10 months.

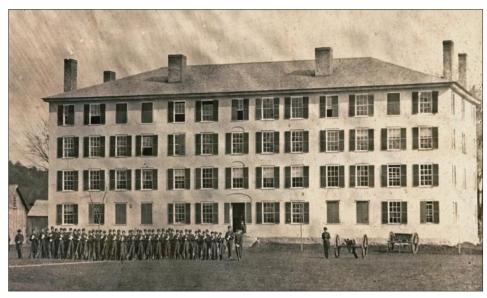
"I usually don't stick my toe in the waters," Miller said.

At 136 pages, Miller's *Norwich Matters* is by no means comprehensive. Other books have come closer to accomplishing that measure. Instead, any lack in depth it may have is more than covered for in light-hearted humor and enthusiasm.

National Treasurer (and past National President) Doug Allen, a history buff among Theta Chi history buffs, said he thoroughly enjoyed *Norwich Matters*.

"I thought it was fun," Allen said. "It really offers a good perspective on Norwich and is reflective on how a lot of people feel about it."

Though light in tone, Miller's book doesn't intentionally dodge any controversies.



The Old South Barracks, site of the Fraternity's founding, burned down in 1866.

Figuring prominently in Miller's writings are Norwich's numerous fraternities and secret societies. The book discusses in detail the establishment, growth and eventual prohibition of groups such as The Regulators, The Skull and Swords Society, The Royal Order of Night Riders and, of course, Theta Chi. Tongue firmly in cheek, Miller postulates that, given the seemingly unusual number of such organizations, there may be (or have been) "something in the water" at Norwich.

Regarding Theta Chi's origins, Miller's book draws the fairly assertive conclusion that Theta Chi's founding had direct connections to the existence and disbanding of The Regulators—a viewpoint that conflicts with some of Theta Chi's own history buffs.

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Brother Allen is among those who believe Theta Chi's founding occurred independent from any influence from The Regulators. At a minimum, Allen concludes from his own research that any connection between the two societies likely can neither be proven nor disproven.

"It's not a slam dunk," Allen said. Miller, for the most part, agrees.

"I was 100 percent sure when I started my research, and I'm 99 percent certain now," he said. "We'll likely never know definitively."

Of course, Miller anticipated that his book would evoke strong feelings somewhere along the line. That Theta Chi members would be among the book's most enthusiastic readers isn't surprising.

"Theta Chis are passionate about their history," Miller said. "I have always appreciated the appreciation that Theta Chis have shown for Norwich. ... [For that reason] I treat [Theta Chi members] the same way I would treat a fellow Norwich cadet."

Miller isn't done with researching and writing about Norwich.

"I've barely scratched the surface," he said. "I just keep getting bitten by the bug." In fact, Miller's second book about the university, focusing on Norwich's alumni, is set to be released this fall. Titled *Norwich Heroes*, the book will detail the extraordinary lives, leadership and military careers of but a handful of now-famous Norwich graduates, from the Civil War to veterans of Vietnam, Korea and Mogadishu.

The challenge, Miller said, was in choosing a few to write about from among the many.

To order your own copy of Norwich Matters, visit www.RandallHMiller.com. ■



As second runner-up for the Colley Award, Beta Nu Chapter's Matthew Richter received a \$1,500.

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The Foundation Chapter

During an average year, The Foundation Chapter provides over \$350,000 in support of leadership and education activities and academic scholarships.

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For that reason, our brothers make it a priority to stay involved with their college or university alumni associations, foundations and booster clubs, and stay active in the social circles they formed as undergraduates.

That's also why our alumni networks are such a tremendous resource for undergraduate members. Theta Chi alumni hold positions of importance in nearly every industry, discipline and profession—from business and finance to engineering, research, academia and the Armed Forces—and can help your son achieve his goals after he graduates.

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The NHC: As strong as ever

BY PATRICK T. O'CONNOR (CHI/AUBURN 1978)

When I was in the third grade at Moore Street Elementary School in Dublin, GA, my teacher, Mrs. Minton, announced one day that it was her birthday. One of the students commented that it always seemed like a long time from one of his

birthdays to the next. Mrs. Minton, who was 35, advised all of us that birthdays came around quickly for her because a year was 1/35 of her life; in contrast, for the 8-year-old children in the class, a year was 1/8 of their lives. Over the years, I have come to appreciate Mrs. Minton's wisdom.

In the same context, 10 years is not as long as it used to be. The last 10 years, during which I served on the board of the Norwich Housing Corporation, have passed quickly. I have enjoyed immensely the fellowship of the NHC. Each board member with whom I served added to my Theta Chi experience. Jim Thompson (Beta/MIT 1979) taught me patience, basic architectural skills, and the value of vectoring on a pool table. Dale Taylor (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1969) showed me how to run a meeting with class, passion and an iron fist. And he always added a creative outlook to every discussion.

Lindsay Olsen (Delta Psi/Kansas 1983) brought extensive entrepreneurial talent and patience to the board. And I have always admired Lindsay's ability to engage in conversation with the best looking lady in any room within moments of entering. Doug Schemenauer taught me the intricacies of sandbagging LECs in games of skill and chance. Brother Schemenauer recently reappeared at Theta Chi's convention in Palm Springs, CA, to again exhibit his sandbagging skills. Unfortunately, this time I was the sandbagee. Thanks, Brother Schemenauer.

Jeff Anderson, a lifelong Californian and a committed family man, taught me that some people can understand that rare dialect known as Moylanese. And anyone who can understand Moylanese can figure out the most complicated financial statement. Mike Kistler (Epsilon Upsilon/Central Michigan 1973) became a serendipitous member of the Norwich board after a chance business meeting in my office in Savannah several years ago. Brother Kistler, like Brother Anderson, has the ability to understand Moylanese. But Brother Kistler not only understands Moylanese, he can speak it.

Paul "Yogi" Norstrem (Alpha Pi/Minnesota 1986) was a rip roaring Regional Counselor when I first got to know him in the early '90s. Then he rose to serve two significant terms as Theta Chi's National President before joining the Norwich board. Our interests are uniformly consistent: good drink, golf, good food and fishing. He

also has a prized trait dear to my heart and learned from our distinguished predecessor, Howard Alter: he does not suffer fools well.

Jim McEachern, (Beta Psi/Presbyterian 1982) a fellow Georgian and banker nonpareil, has likewise walked the same Theta Chi paths that I have trod—with the Grand Chapter and now Norwich. Brother McEachern eschews games of skill and chance, but is the perfect traveling host—always packing boxes of the finest cigars, traveling cases of vintage liquids, and stories of days gone by.

Wes Wicker (Alpha Phi/Alabama 1979) has recently joined the board after prior years of yeoman service to our Fraternity as the Director of Development Wes, a consummate historian, academician, and critical thinker, has lived the maxim Theta Chi for Life. His reemergence as a national leader is long overdue. I am also proud that Brother Joe Clack (Eta Sigma/Arkansas Tech 1980) has replaced me on the Norwich board. We are fortunate to have Brother Clack, who, like Brother Wicker, had been absent from the national scene for many years, back in the saddle.

I wish to especially thank Jereme Grinslade (Delta Kappa/Ball State 1999) who served as the Director of Alumni and Real Estate from 2004 until this year. Brother Grinslade always made my job easier, especially during my two years as President of the board, and became a consummate event planner, most notably planning the ultimate board meeting in New Orleans by capitalizing upon his personal relationship with restaurateurs, vendors of fine drink, Dixieland jazz bands, owners of homes with verandas on Bourbon Street, and purveyors of other myriad talents. Brother Grinslade also has a unique penchant for finding diverse restaurants with excellent exotic cuisine. Sweat never crossed his brow during his service to Norwich, despite his inability to discern the value of two kings in a five-card game.

These men are all part of the fabric of Theta Chi and it is their friendship, character and commitment to our Fraternity that compels me to say that I have not left the Norwich board better than I found it, only because it was in great shape before I ever had the opportunity to serve. Norwich is as solid as granite and I am convinced that the current board is poised to continue the Norwich tradition of excellence in an atmosphere of celebration—of life and of the brotherhood known as Theta Chi. It has been a singular pleasure and an honor to serve on the Norwich Housing Corporation board. Thank you for the opportunity.

The members of The Norwich Housing Corporation board of directors are: Michael J Kistler, President; Paul R. Norstrem, Vice President; Dr. Wesley K. Wicker, Secretary; Jim S. McEachern, Treasurer; Joe L. Clack. Counselor.



Brothers help a resident salvage his missing keepsakes and valuables. Pictured from left to right: Bodie Stevens (1989), Mark Reichert, Mark Fairchild (1997), Craig Dennis (1989), Donnie Bowling (2013), Morgan Webb.

Rally for West Liberty

A town leveled by a massive storm gets a leg up from Kentucky-area Theta Chis

BY DARICK BROWN (ETA GAMMA/MOREHEAD STATE 1989)

est Liberty, KY. is a friendly Southern town nestled in the state's Eastern foothills. With a population of 3,400, it is the county seat of Morgan Co. and home to over 50 Theta Chi brothers, all initiates of Eta Gamma Chapter at Morehead State University.

Even though some of these brothers have moved away over the years, many still call West Liberty "home." For over a decade, Eta Gamma brothers have worked at the annual Morgan County Sorghum Festival parking cars, directing traffic, providing security and showing brothers visiting from faraway cities how a small town in America celebrates in its heritage.

In March of 2012, things changed dramatically when a string of tornadoes tore through Eastern Kentucky, devastating the small towns dotting the region, including West Liberty.

The worst storm, rated as an EF3, rampaged for more than 60 miles with winds that likely peaked at around 140 mph and a damage radius of approximately one mile. In West Liberty alone, six people were killed and 75 others were injured as the monster of a storm reduced the small town to a pile of rubble. Though such a horrific natural disaster can be shocking, the brothers of Theta Chi sprung into action to help the town that they loved so much.

After the storm had passed, West Liberty was barely recognizable. In the core of downtown along Riverside Drive and the valley along the Licking River, roofs had been torn off many buildings, including the bank, City Hall and several churches and downtown shops. Many people lost their homes and possessions—about 20,000 were without power.

That a storm of that size had been able to do so much damage came as a surprise to many residents. The city sits in a bowl of treelined hills and many people, including Eta Gamma alumnus Kent Nickell (1979), had assumed that the terrain would have afforded the town some natural protection. "It's one thing I never, ever believed would happen to West Liberty, because you think you're protected by the hills," he said. Nature proved otherwise.

"You don't know what to do from this point on," Nickell, an optometrist who had been in business in West Liberty since 1983, said. "You don't know what your first step would be."

Many brothers scrambled to find out what had happened to their loved ones, but communication was spotty at best. Insurance agent John Ison (Eta Beta/Easten Kentucky 1993)



family member lost his farm and another lost

The Kentucky National Guard was soon called in to support rescue efforts. Several days passed before power and phone service was restored. It was a little more than a week before any volunteers were allowed in the county to help. Theta Chi was one of the first groups to extend the helping hand.

"Some of the first calls I received were from fraternity brothers" Ison said. "All wanted to know how they could help."

Calls from concerned brothers poured in, including from undergraduates at the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University. Craig Dennis (Eta Gamma/ Morehead State 1989) and Brown organized a group cleanup effort for the following weekend, and were assisted by Robert Leitch (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996). After meeting at the Eta Gamma Chapter house at Morehead State, more than 40 brothers traveled to West Liberty to help with cleanup efforts. They were joined by Morgan Co. Magistrates (and Eta Gamma chapter brothers) Frankie Spencer (2001) and Jon Brown (2000), whose districts were among the county's hardest-hit areas.

"The very first day when I went to the MSU center, I saw all the Theta Chi shirts and I knew my brothers were there to help. It meant so much to me," Spencer said. "Whenever I saw them it came back to me; extend the helping hand."

Before work started for the day, Spencer talked to the brothers about what their presence in West Liberty meant to the town. As Spencer addressed the group, he was reminded of a similar experience he had had as an undergraduate: "In that moment, I remembered back when I was in college and 28 brothers went to the hospital to try to donate bone marrow for a brother's mom who they had never met. Right then I knew Theta Chi was right for me. That shows you what brotherhood can be. I told the guys this is much deeper than picking up some garbage. You are really impacting peoples' lives. You make a living off what you get; you make a life out of what you give."

That morning the brothers picked up tree limbs, trash and debris from several homes. They also helped clear glass and debris from the parking lot of Citizen's Bank, which had been destroyed.

"It took a load off me because I could do my job helping my customers get access to the money they desperately needed and I didn't have to worry about who I could find to clean up the mess," said Bank Manager Cody Prater (1994). "I hope these young guys understand that this is what true brotherhood is. When guys show up at your door to haul junk and trash and just help you out when you didn't even ask for it, that's brotherhood at its best."

After lunch the groups split up and spent the rest of the day in Spencer and Brown's rural districts. On the drive home Brandon Loschiavo (Zeta Rho/Kentucky 2014) reflected on his day: "We had done service work before, but what was so cool about todaybeing a newly initiated brother at Zeta Rho—was this was the first time to really help brothers in need. It meant so much more because these were brothers and their hometowns."

In the following months, many brothers would return to Morgan County to lend their support in the cleanup efforts. More than 5,000 hours of volunteer service were given back to the place which gave Eta Gamma so much. Local businesses have begun to reopen, like popular burger joint Freezer Fresh Dairy, which on its grand reopening had people waiting in line for over two hours. And, in September, West Liberty again held its Sorghum Festival. Attendance was reportedly the highest it had been in years—surely a testament to the area's tenacious spirit, and of the power of Theta Chi's fraternal bonds.

surveyed the town and found that the local hospital, elementary school, and much of the city and county government buildings had been destroyed.

News of the damage spread quickly to the national outlets. "I moved away more than 20 years ago," said Darick Brown (Eta Gamma/Morehead State 1989). "It was surreal to watch your hometown devastated on the national news. I still have family there and didn't know if they were safe. I made the three-hour trip home to check on them not knowing what I would find or even if the county roads were open. Some were lucky and received little damage. Others were not. One



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Annual giving recognition is based on the fiscal year (July 1–June 30). We will continue to indicate the lifetime giving of our donors, but our annual report will be based on the annual giving recognition societies listed below.

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Members of this giving society will receive a(n):

- Acknowledgment letter
- Cumulative annual giving statement
- Donor certificate
- Donor newsletter

The Ruby Eye Society

This giving society recognizes brothers who make gifts to any fund totaling more than \$5,000 during the fiscal year. The levels of this giving society are:

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Diamond \$100,000-\$249,999.99

Members of this giving society will receive a(n):

- · Acknowledgment letter
- Cumulative annual giving statement
- Donor certificate
- Donor newsletter
- Appreciation gift
- Invitations to special events

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Senior Director for Development Gregg Puls either by phone at 317-824-1881 or by e-mail at *gpuls@thetachi.org*.



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Beta/MIT

The brothers of Beta Chapter, Theta Chi's oldest active chapter, celebrated the chapter's 110th anniversary and recent renovation of their elegant five-story Back Bay townhouse in Boston's historic Back Bay neighborhood on Oct. 12–14.

The renovation plan was designed to restore and maintain the historic character of the original Back Bay townhouse, but adapt to the needs of today's students.

A number of Theta Chi national officers and guests attended this special occasion with Beta's chapter alumni and active brothers from all over the country.

Eta/Rhode Island

Eta alumni and undergraduates celebrated the chapter's 101st anniversary in April as well as its first full year back on campus. Eta had been inactive from 1998 until its reinstallation in 2011.

Colonel Philip J. Saulnier (1962) was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by the University of Rhode Island for his years of service both in and outside of the military in May. Saulnier, who served 24 years in the Army, in 2003, founded America's Pride, a service-connected, disabled-veteran-owned company focused on providing employment opportunities for the dependents of service members and for disabled American veterans.

Also, Lorne Adrain (1976) a successful businessman and founder of KindMark, a philanthropy-based technology producer, was recently appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors for Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island.

Theta/Massachusetts

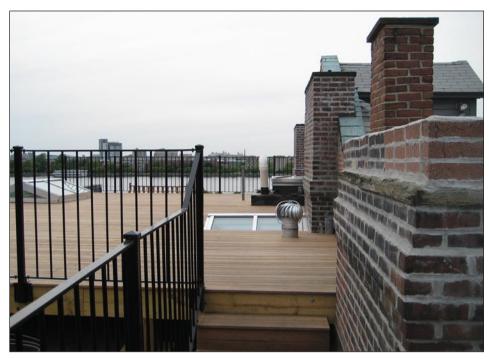
170 people attended the 100th Anniversary celebration of Theta Chapter on March 31, 2012. The program began at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Guest speakers included Corporation Board President **Kevin Narbonne** (2004), **Dan Fleetham Jr.** (Theta Chi/GC Honorary 2006), and **Jason Morris** (2012).

Xi/Virginia

Grady Lewis (1965) received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the

Got News?

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The new roof deck on top of Beta Chapter's elegant five-story townhouse in Boston's historic district.

Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Virginia. The award is given each year to a fraternity alumnus who has made significant contributions to the betterment of his chapter at the university though their role as an advisor.

Omicron/Richmond

Rusty Friddell (1943), executive vice president of Landmark Media Enterprises LLC, was mentioned in the Sept. 5, 2012 issue of The Virginian-Pilot. Landmark Media is involved with the sale of Nashville's WTVF News Channel 5 Network to a Milwaukee company for more than \$215 million. The sale is pending approval by the Federal Communications Commission.

Chi/Auburn



Robert H. Turner III

Robert H. Turner III (1995) has been named to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities (ARMHC) Board of Directors.

In 2000, Brother Turner became involved in ARMHC through volunteering with the Port O' Call

fundraiser and later co-chaired the event with

his wife, Alice. He has been an Advisory Council member since 2007, and has served as Chair of the Advisory Council since 2010. Brother Turner has previously served as cochair for the Host Committee for ARMHC's Hearts and Hands Gala. He resides in Brookhaven, GA.

Omega/Penn State

At Penn State's 2012 Greek Column Awards Ceremony, Omega Chapter Adviser **Rich Bartnik** (2008) was named Chapter Adviser of the Year.

Alpha Delta/Purdue



Randy Royer

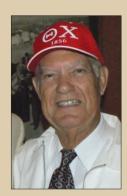
Randy Royer (1994) and business partner M.J. Meneley (Sigma Chi Fraternity) have launched a landscape architecture firm called Blue Marble Design, LLC. Both are registered landscape architects in Indiana and LEED Accredited Professionals. Royer

and Meneley were long-time employees of Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf Architects where they led the design of projects including the new Indianapolis Airport landscape and "A Greener Welcome," the I-70 corridor.

Buddy Davis inducted into Hall of Fame

BY KELLY JONES, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Brother Charles E. "Buddy" Davis (1959) was recently inducted into the Murphy High School Hall of Fame. While attending Murphy High School, Davis was active in student government all four years and ran for Student Body President his junior year. He represented Murphy at the University of Alabama for Student Government Week, served on the newspaper staff, the stage production crew, participated in the music department and received academic honors all four years. After graduation, Davis attended Auburn University where, in addition to being a member of Theta Chi, he was a member of the 1856 Keystone Society, and the George Petrie Society. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1959. In 1963, he received a master's degree from UCLA.



Charles E. "Buddy" Davis

Davis began his career with Douglas Aircraft, known today as Boeing

Corp., where he played an instrumental part in contributing to the design method used to assemble and move the Apollo rocket to the launch pad. Davis worked on the Apollo program for 12 years.

From 1965-69, he was the director for his own company, and later was a designer on the Harpoon Missile, the KC-10 aircraft aerial refueling tanker, the Mast-Mounted Sight for Scout heli-



Buddy Davis visits the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with former IHQ staff during the 2008 National Convention. Brother Davis was a guest speaker at the School of Fraternity Practices.

copters, and the shuttle and space station programs. Davis was also the designer of the Delta rocket.

Although Davis is known for his work on the Apollo, Shuttle, and Space Stations programs, he is also known for his \$4 million leadership gift to Auburn University's College of Engineering. Auburn's Aerospace Engineering Hall was also named in his honor in 2007.

Their work can also be seen at IU Health Saxony Hospital, Lawrence Village Center, Eli Lilly Technology Center South perimeter, and Indianapolis Zoo Flights of Fancy exhibit.

Royer now serves as president of the Columbus, IN. Architectural Archives Board. is on the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Board and is involved in Leadership Bartholomew County. He previously served as president of the Columbus Area Visitors Center Board of Directors and on various community art committees.

Alpha Xi/Delaware

In June, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity presented David Conner (2003) the Outstanding Greek Adviser Award for his work with their Chapter at The College of New Jersey.

Beta Theta/Drexel

John Gerlach (1955) was awarded the Golden Dragon Society Award by Drexel University. The award is presented to individuals who attended Drexel for at least two years and who graduated 50 years ago. Gerlach is the senior business executive in the College of Business at Sacred Heart University, serves on the boards of directors of several corporations in the United States and France, and makes venture capital type investments in startup companies. He is an active member of Theta Chi Fraternity, and a member of the Sports Fans of the '50s, and has volunteered as a guest speaker for programs at the LeBow College of Business.

Gerlach provided the following statement after receiving the award, "I have to thank a person and a group for my success during and beyond my years at Drexel. The person is Dr. John Clark, associate dean for graduate programs at LeBow, who encouraged me to get an MBA and then gave me the opportunity to teach a course at Drexel which subsequently led me to a second career in academia. The group is my fraternity brothers at Theta Chi, who were an enormous help in developing my social skills, which were sorely lacking when I matriculated, having grown up in a small town in the coal region of northeastern Pennsylvania."

Beta Omicron/Cincinnati

Jim Serger Sr. (1969) and his son, James Serger Jr., have published a book, Go the Distance: A True Story of a Father and Son's Road to Recovery. The book provides a first-hand account of the struggles an individual and his/her loved ones go through in dealing with alcoholism.

Theta Chi's 4th Annual National Golf Outing nothing less than spectacular

Perfect weather, beautiful courses and outstanding brotherhood characterized the 4th Annual National Golf Outing at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail on the Grand National courses in Opelika, AL.

Held April 26–28, the event was highlighted by individual stroke play on Saturday. For the second year in a row, Thomas O'Connor was the tournament medalist with a solid 82 on the challenging Links Course. The individual champion was Steve Yount who shot 90 with a net score of 71 followed close behind by Christian Chace with a net 72. Brother Chase came within one stroke of winning in all three events over the weekend.

The Thursday Par Three Tournament was won by the team of George St. George and Christian Chace with 2 under par. The Friday Scramble Tournament was captured by the team of Tyler O'Connor, Will Routh, Jim Powell, and Christian Chace with an impressive 8 under par on the difficult Lake Course.

The 5th Annual Golf Outing will be held May 16–18 in Mesquite, NV. More information can be found on page 6.

Allan Bense named Chairman of FSU Board of Trustees

Brother Bense (Gamma Rho/Florida State 1972), has been named chairman of the Florida State University Board of Trustees. Originally from Panama City, FL, Bense represented Florida's 6th District from 1998–2006 in the Florida House of Representatives, and served as Speaker from 2004–2006. Today, he is president and CEO of Bense Enterprises, Inc., which is involved with construction and insurance projects. He holds a B.A. and M.B.A. from FSU. Brother Bense is also the immediate past chairman of the Florida Chamber of Commerce as well as many other boards and councils. His sister; Dr. Judy Bense, is president of the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

Dennis Demoss (1977) became the fifth recipient of the Herman Schneider Distinguished Alumnus Award for contributions to the field of nuclear engineering.

Brother Demoss is currently serving as Vice President and Project Director for Sargent & Lundy LLC, one of the energy industry's most well-established consulting, engineering and analysis firms. He has more than 30 years experience in mechanical engineering and nuclear power plant design and has been a project director at Sargent & Lundy since 1998. Brother Demoss is a licensed Professional Engineer in eight states.

Named in honor of former University President Herman Schneider, the Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented by the University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering and Applied Science. Schneider, a former dean of the college, is remembered best for establishing the nation's first co-op program in 1902.

Gamma Kappa/Miami-OH

Two Theta Chis met in the President's Cup Finals at Lake Forest Country Club in Hudson, OH on Aug. 11, 2012. **Shawn Dyer** (1992) defeated **Bob Gynn** (1994) on the 18th hole.

The 15th annual CheddarPalooza alumni golf outing was held Aug. 3–4, 2012, at Hueston Woods State Park, near Oxford, OH. Fifty alumni golfers showed up along with dozens of wives and family members for the weekend. A reception and cookout were held Aug. 3 at the chapter house for alumni and friends, followed by the four-man scramble golf tournament on August 4.





Past Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer David Westol receives the 2012 North-American Interfraternity Conference Gold Medal, the most presigious honor in the interfraternal world.

Dave Westol receives NIC Gold Medal

Past Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer David L. Westol (1973) has been named one of two recipients of the 2012 North-American Interfraternity Conference Gold Medal, the most prestigious honor in the interfraternal world.

Brother Westol is the fourth Theta Chi recipient of the Gold Medal, after George Chapman (Omega/Penn State 1920), Earl D. Rhodes (Delta/RPI 1921) and Howard R. Alter, Jr. (Omega/Penn State 1941). His prodigious record of service to fraternity and sorority life is well-documented within Theta Chi and the greater interfraternal world.

After graduating in 1973, Dave worked for his alma mater as Assistant Director of Student Activities and Adviser to Fraternities while commuting to law school in Detroit three days a week. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in Nov. 1979 and became an assistant prosecutor for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in Kalamazoo County, MI, where he worked for nine years. He was chief of the Juvenile Court division for two years and chief of the Circuit Court Felony Trials Division for nearly five years. He has tried over 55 juried felony cases.

From 1975–1980, Westol served as a Regional Counselor for Theta Chi before being elected to the Grand Chapter as National Vice President in 1980. He remained in that role until completing his maximum second term in 1988. In December of that year, he was named the Fraternity's Executive Director and held that position for 18 years. Today, he is the founder, owner and CEO of Limberlost Consulting.

Dave has become a ubiquitous figure at fraternity and sorority leadership development events. He has performed his signature anti-hazing presentation "Hazing on Trial" over 1,800 times since 1981 and has spoken on more than 350 campuses and at over 200 Greek leadership events. Dave has served as a faculty member for AFLV, the Northeast Greek Leadership Association, the Southeast Interfraternity Conference and the Fraternal Risk Management Trust, (FRMT) Inc. From its first session in the early 1990s through 2010, he was a faculty member for "Risk Management on the Road," an annual traveling consultants' workshop for women's national fraternities and sororities.

First presented in 1940, the NIC Gold Medal is the highest honor in the interfraternal world. It is presented in recognition of lifetime service to the fraternity movement. Consideration for the award is by committee, which takes into consideration a nominee's tenure of service, interfraternal leadership, and dedication to advancing the fraternal movement. Accompanying Westol's nomination submitted by the Grand Chapter, were letters of support from Theta Chi Fraternity members, interfraternal friends, past Gold Medalists and others.

Delta Kappa alum hikes Appalachian Trail, visits Theta Chi Monument

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO (IOTA XI/GEORGIA COLLEGE 2012)

Recent graduates don't always have it easy. Between job searching and trying to build a savings account, many alumni can lose track of their other dreams. But Chris Clemens (2006) followed his dream—all the way from Georgia to Maine.

The Appalachian Trail spans over 2,000 miles between Mount Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain in Georgia. Different sections of the trail are graced by thousands of hikers each year, but the masters of the trail known as thru-hikers cover the whole distance.

Clemens finished this trek in a total of 136 days. He started at Amicalola Falls, GA, in March and finished in Maine in late July. He made the decision after tossing around the idea with two of his friends while hiking the Half Dome at Yosemite National Park.

"I guess I've always kind of thought about doing it," Clemens, who currently lives in Santa Barbara, CA, said. "Looking back, I



Chris Clemens takes a quick detour to the site of the Theta Chi Monument in Norwich, VT, commemorating the Fraternity's founding. Chris' journey lasted more than 130 days and spanned approximately 2,000 miles.

never thought I'd ever go through with it though."

Clemens has always been an athlete. He got his initial interest in hiking from his aunt and uncle, who used to take him on their trips. He also learned a lot from his father, a runner and fellow Delta Kappa.

Brother Clemens had a lot of support from his family. His wife sent him care packages as he reached different sections of the trail, mostly consisting of lightweight trail food like Pop Tarts and instant potatoes (which he would eat cold out of a water bottle).

"My wife was actually OK with it," Clemens said. "I don't think many married guys could get away with it, but it was the perfect time to get this out of my system."

In addition to the beautiful vistas and wildlife, Clemens was also able to see the Theta Chi Monument in Vermont.

"I was hiking by myself somewhere around New York," he said. "I saw in the guidebook and saw that I'd be near Norwich. I was planning on finding the monument and once I got there... and then I just looked up and there it was, right across from the trail."

Other highlights on his trip included the White Mountains in New Hampshire.

"It's just a beautiful area," he said. "The mountains in southern Maine were pretty nice too. Pretty much everything in Maine was beautiful."

Clemens finished hiking the trail well ahead of the friends he started with. On the way he met many other hikers, some of whom he has kept in touch with since finishing.

"The people in general are what made the trail interesting. You can wake up everyday at sunrise, hike, and then go to bed at sunset. But it's really the people who make the trip memorable."

Gamma Lambda/Denver

Brother **Al Zale** (Gamma Theta/San Diego State 1954,) was honored for his 80th birthday at the 31st Annual National Ski Trip, held in conjunction with the 10th Annual Gamma Lambda Family Ski Trip, March 2–6, 2012, in Steamboat Springs, CO.

Helping celebrate with brother Zale were Norwich Housing Corporation President Mike Kistler and past and present Grand Chapter members: Rich Partridge (Theta/ Massachusetts 1991), National Secretary Joe D'Amore, National Counselor Joseph Couch and National Historian Tom Tinnin.

Executive Director **Mike Mayer** and Senior Director for Development **Greg Puls** from the International Headquarters in Indianapolis were also on hand.

Brother Zale's Gamma Theta Chapter brothers: **Dave DeVol** (1959), **Mark Manlove** (1969), and **Dave Atkinson** (1970) also made the trip to Steamboat, as did **Herb Morgan** (Theta Iota/Santa Cruz 1988), **Jeff Anderson** (Beta Alpha/UCLA 1989), **Rob Leitch** (Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky 1996), and Rob's wife, Jenny.

Rounding out the ski team was Steamboat Springs resident **Jim Moylan** (Gamma Lambda/ Denver 1969)

While in town, the Ski Team took advantage of all the culinary delights Steamboat has to offer. Saturday night was a low key affair with pizza in the clubhouse at the Timber Run Condos. Sunday evening we dined in a private room at Rex's American Grill, and ended the weekend in a traditional manner with the closing banquet at Riggio's Restaurante in downtown Steamboat Springs.

The 32nd Annual Ski Trip will return to Mammoth Lakes, CA, Feb. 21–26, 2013. For details contact Dave DeVol at ddevol@aol.com.

Gamma Rho/Florida State

Matthew Becker (2007) was awarded the prestigious David L. Boren Fellowship from the National Security Education Program.

Boren Fellowships support U.S. graduate students who are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian and Swahili. Although Boren Fellows come from a variety of academic disciplines, they are typically interested in studying or researching in areas of the world that are deemed "critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Middle East."

Brother Becker is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Mississippi; his fellowship will fund one year of dissertation research abroad in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has previously been awarded Title VIII Fellowships to study Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian languages from the State Department, and earned his master's degree in international affairs from Florida State in 2009.

Gamma Tau/Drake

Gamma Taus gathered in Wisconsin at Chris Faber's vacation home for a weekend of fishing, camaraderie and storytelling from the good old days.

Thirty-five Gamma Tau alumni from the early to mid-80s reunited in early fall of 2012 in Lake Geneva, WI. Over the course of three days, they were reminded why Theta Chi was and is such an important part of their lives. They fished, golfed, biked, told stories, but barely slept.

Gamma Taus gathered for a second reunion on Sept. 27-30, 2012, at Big Timber Ranch in Malmo, MN. Gaumerfest, as it is referred to by the brothers, is held each year to celebrate the life of Brother Matt Gaumer, who passed away in 1999. Commemorative sweatshirts with a dragonfly on the front were created for this year's event. The dragonfly symbolizes the first Gaumerfest where a "glowing" dragonfly flew among the group from one brother to the next.

Sam Passer (1995), who served as a Leadership and Education Consultant from 1995-1997, was included in Ingram's Magazine's "40 Under Forty" list, which honors "the most influential and accomplished leaders of business, government, and community in Kansas City, KS." Passer, a Colley Award Runner-Up, lives with his wife and two children in Overland Park, KS.



Gamma Taus hang out in Malmo, MN, to commemorate the life of Matt Gaumer, who passed away in 1999.



Fifty Gamma Kappas from various generations turned out for the CheddarPalooza alumni golf outing Aug. 3-4, 2012, at Hueston Woods State Park.



The intrepid Gamma Lambda 31st Annual Ski Trip team pauses for a photo on the slopes.



Gamma Taus gathered in Wisconsin at Chris Faber's vacation home for a reunion.

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Keeping a fallen brother in their thoughts, the brothers at Epsilon Eta Chapter commissioned a memorial tribute portrait to honor 1st Lt. James Flannery (1968).

Epsilon Eta/IUP brothers create a permanent memorial



Bruce Smith (1968), Bob Clarke (1969) and Carl Amenhauser (1967) pause for a snapshot in front of the Flannery Memorial.

Theta Chi brothers gathered on Memorial Day to honor one of their own. Ist Lt. James Flannery (Epsilon Eta/IUP 1968) was killed in action in April 1970 while serving in the Vietnam War. For his heroic actions, Brother Flannery earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Over the years, the brothers at Epsilon Eta Chapter have remembered the loss and always kept their fallen brother in their thoughts. Still, they felt that something more was needed to honor Brother Flannery and so commissioned a new memorial tribute portrait to honor his memory. The portrait was completed by one of

Flannery's chapter brothers, Bob Clarke (1969) and was unveiled at a ceremony attended by over 100 fraternity brothers, spouses, family members, university officials, ROTC representatives, former Army colleagues and friends.

The memorial portrait now permanently resides in Pierce Hall on the IUP campus, home of the campus ROTC program.

Gamma Upsilon/Bradley

Mike Golden (1973) was honored by the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce as their 2012 Business Person of the Year on May 11, 2012, at the Wildlife Experience in Parker, CO. The Chamber recognizes business owners and/or management demonstrating strong

financial performance in their industry by competitively positioning their business, achieving success through growth of their company, utilizing innovative and creative business methods in response to economic adversity and demonstrating a solid commitment to the enrichment of the Castle Rock community.

Golden's company, MW Golden Constructors, received the 2012 National Construction Company Award of Excellence from the Construction Certification Commission of the American Institute of Constructors at their annual Forum April 20, 2012, in Tampa, FL.



Mike Golden

Delta Kappa/Ball State

Delta Kappa will own its chapter house, one of the largest Greek properties on campus. The property had previously been leased for seven years from the University.

The house dedication was held Oct. 13, 2012, during Ball State's Homecoming celebrations. Chapter presidents were honored, and Golden Guard and Silver Legion certificates were presented to alumni for their years of service and membership.

Counselor Josh Wilson (2003) was honored with the White House's Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award for his time spent volunteering through AT&T, where he works, and also at his church and for Theta Chi. The Bronze award is presented to volunteers who log between 100 and 249 service hours.

This prestigious national honor is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service, and civic participation. For his work, Brother Wilson was recognized in the March 28, 2012, edition of USA Today along with the other recipients.

Brother Wilson was also recognized by his alma mater, Ball State University, as a G.O.L.D. Award recipient. According to the award website, "The Graduate Of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) Award annually recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of recent graduates of Ball State University."

Delta Omicron/Gettysburg

The Delta Omicron Chapter at Gettysburg may be inactive, but alumni brothers are still extending the Helping Hand. Shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of James Mackey (1979) alumni, brothers raised a collective donation of \$1,000 and presented it to the Montgomery County (PA) SPCA in James' name. Brothers who participated in the effort



In memory of James Mackey, Delta Omicron brothers collect donations and present a check to the Montgomery County, PA, chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in the amount of \$1,000. Pictured from left are: Will Agate, Phil Janke, Richard Robb, SPCA Operations Manager Ed Davies, and Tom Vignola.

included: Will Agate (1980), Jim Banks (1980), Mike Burrows (1979), Dave Cowan (1980), Jack Duffy (1979), Bob Fuoco (1980), Jeff Glisson (1977), Phil Janke (1980), Gordie Jones (1980), Bryan Kluck (1977), Scott McArthur (1980), Jeff Pearson (1979), Dave Petry (1979), Vance Powers (1978), Rick Robb (1979), Jeff Shultz (1980), Greg Skalny (1980), Vinnie Vignola (1979), and Mike Weiss (1980).

Zeta Beta/Adrian

Keenan Robinson (2002) joined the U.S. Swim Team in London as athletic trainer and strength and conditioning coordinator for Michael Phelps and Allison Schmitt. Robinson is also the director of athlete services for the North Baltimore Aquatic Club.

Zeta Gamma/Alberta

The Geological Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining (CIM) awarded **Garth Kirkham** (1981) with one of its highest honors, the Julian Boldy Award.

The Boldy Award recognizes exceptional service to the Geological Society of the Canadian Institute of Mining and the exploration industry. Brother Kirkham was recognized for his exemplary efforts in mineral resource modeling and estimation, and for his outstanding leadership to both the Geological



Zeta Gamma's Garth Kirkham, left, is presented the Julian Boldy Award by Chuck Edwards, CIM past president.

Society of CIM and the geosciences profession. This is Brother Kirkham's third national award from the CIM.

Brother Kirkham is the founder of Kirkham Geosystems Ltd., which provides 3D modeling and resource/reserve estimation services to the mining industry and consulting services to the mineral exploration community. He holds professional designations in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, the

Northwest Territories and Nunavut. He is currently the Chair of the Best Practices Committee and Past President of the Geological Society, Chair of the Securities Committee with Geoscientist Canada, Past Councilor and Vice Chair of the Geoscience Committee for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC). He is also a director Romios Gold Corp., Kivalliq Energy Corp., Kaminak Gold Corp. and Sierra Madre Developments Inc.

Zeta Delta/St. Cloud State

Brent Skaja (Zeta Delta/St. Cloud State 2001) has been named St. Cloud State University Alumni Association President.

Brother Skaja is a past president of Zeta Delta Chapter, past Regional Counselor, and current Theta Chi Twin Cities Alumni Chapter coordinator.

Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern

Ohio Northern University professor **Brit Rowe** (1993) has been named the Eleanor H. and Robert W. Biggs Endowed Chair in the Fine Arts for the 2012–13 academic year.

Rowe is associate professor and chair of the Department of Art and Design, joining the faculty in 1999 after receiving his master's degree in graphic design from the University of Michigan. He is a member of AIGA and the University and College Designers Association.. Rowe also was inducted into Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

The Eleanor H. and Robert W. Biggs Endowed Chair in the Fine Arts was established to recognize outstanding contributions to the University by faculty in the departments of art & design, communication and theatre arts, and music. Rowe teaches undergraduate level courses including visual communication design, typography, narrative structures, persuasive design, identity design, and design research.

Zeta Pi/Old Dominion

Sewells Point Golf Course, in Norfolk, VA, was the setting for the 7th Annual Helping Hand Golf Tournament. The tournament, held Homecoming Weekend, gave alumni a chance to visit the University and see first-hand the great progress on campus.

The tournament benefits the Theta Chi undergraduate chapter by raising funds for the Scholarship Foundation. Each year these funds are distributed to Zeta Pi undergraduates to reward academic excellence.



Associate Executive Director Ben Hill, right, presents Dr. Clive Hallman with the Theta Chi for Life Award for his service to Theta Chi.

Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky

Eta Beta Chapter past president and current Marine Corps Captain, Matthew Smith (2000), was featured on the homepage of www.marines.mil as he called a command during a retirement ceremony in Washington.

Eta Delta/Babson

Brothers Matt Miller (2009) and Marc Mallegni (2009), owners of Toy Motorsports, have added a third brand to their company, Driven Limousine Service. The service offers luxury limousine service throughout New England.

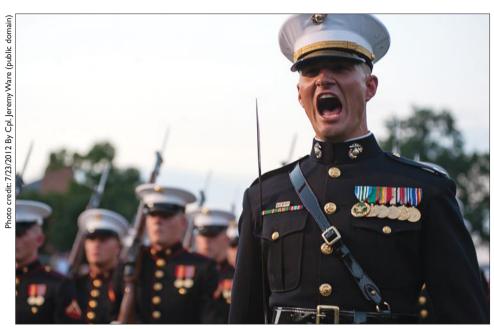
Eta Kappa/James Madison

Alumni of Eta Kappa and Phi Alpha Pi (the society preceding Eta Kappa) held the largest reunion in chapter history April 19-22.

The fraternity that would become Eta Kappa Chapter traces its roots to Phi Alpha Pi Fraternity, which was based at nearby Frederick College. When Frederick College closed in the 1960s, the members transferred to JMU. Wanting to affiliate with a national fraternity, the Phi Alpha Pi brothers contacted Theta Chi and later asked a professor there, Dr. Clive Hallman (1970), to serve as advisor, a role he has fulfilled ever since.

Several Phi Alpha Pi brothers, including cofounders Jim Bailie and Tom Millen, attended the event, which featured a Friday night social, tours of the JMU campus on Saturday, and a special initiation for the original colony members who were not able to be present during the installation ceremony in 1970 on account of the draft.

On Saturday, the chapter honored and celebrated Dr. Hallman's retirement by presenting him with the Theta Chi for Life Award as thanks for his guidance and exemplary service



Capt. Matthew Smith, Company B, 1st platoon commander, calls a command during a retirement ceremony at Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. on July 23, 2012.

as a mentor and a brother. More than 175 brothers and guests were in attendance to honor Dr. Hallman, who has been adviser since 1970.

The evening followed with dinner, dancing and karaoke with Gary Watson (1969) manning the DJ table. Special thanks went out to Larry Short (1969) and board members Tim Miller (1996) and Mike Keens (1998) for organizing the reunion.

Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg

In June, the Eta Pi Alumni Association held its 8th Annual Golf Outing at Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort and raised nearly \$4,000 for the chapter.

Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona

Officer Andrew Bauman (2008) was presented with the Meritorious Service Award by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for his efforts to subdue a subject seen striking an unknown male in the head repeatedly with a large rock. Bauman attempted to control the situation, but was struck in the head by the suspect and rendered unconscious. When Bauman regained consciousness, the subject was on top of him and striking him with the rock. Despite numerous lacerations, Bauman was able to fight off the suspect with the assistance of arriving officers. For his heroic actions, he was also awarded a Purple Heart for risking his own personal safety in order to save a human life.



Sheriff Douglas Gillespie of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, left, presents the Purple Heart to Officer Andrew Bauman.

Iota Theta/Central Florida

Tim Mason (2010) has been elected president of the Florida College Democrats for the 2012/2013 school year.

Mason, currently attending law school at the University of Florida, sits on the UF Supreme Court as an associate justice. He was the only UF student to run for a position on the executive board.

As president, Brother Mason will lead the Florida College Democrats' 22 chapters. He was an active member of the College Dems' UCF chapter before graduating in 2010 with a degree in political science, and currently heads a constitutional committee responsible for reviewing the UF chapter's constitution.





Mu Chapter brothers serenade Ray Horton (1951) and his wife on the stairs of the Alpha Omicron Pi house.



Members of Epsilon Chapter ready flyers for their Care Package Drive. The brothers raised more than \$330, and collected items to assemble care packages for marines stationed abroad.

Epsilon/Worchester Polytechnic

During the past academic year, the members of Epsilon Chapter contributed 4,500 service hours in support of various causes, including the Care Package Project, which sends care packages to Marines stationed abroad. The brothers donated more than 100 hours to the event by collecting items for and creating care packages throughout the week and raised more than \$330.

Other organizations to which the donated their time were the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, the American Cancer Society, and the Second Chance Dog Shelter.

Theta/Massachusetts

Akshay Kapoor (2013) was elected Student Government Association President for the 2012/2013 school year.

Mu/California

Early in February, the Mu Chapter was contacted by the daughter of UC-Berkeley alumnus Ray Horton (1951). Julie was planning on surprising her parents by re-enacting the night of the announcement of their engagement, when the brothers of Mu gathered on the steps of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority house and serenaded the couple with "Dream Girl of Theta Chi." A week later, her plan came through. The undergraduates surprised Brother Horton and his wife with a rendition of "Dream Girl of Theta Chi," sung on the same steps as 60 years earlier. Ray and his wife were delighted, and they thanked the chapter for their efforts.

Nu/Hampden-Sydney

Christopher A. Stockinger (2014) received the Macon Reed Award in Mathematics at Hampden-Sydney College's Final Convocation in April. The award is presented to "the outstanding mathematics major in the sophomore class."

Xi/Virginia

On April 1, 2012, the Xi Chapter Alumni Corporation voted to begin a \$1 million renovation and expansion of the chapter house. Dubbed the Centennial Plan, the project calls for a 2,500 square foot addition with four additional bedrooms. The renovations were made possible thanks to a successful capital campaign that raised \$630,000 as of July 19, 2012. More than 300 alumni have contributed to the campaign so far. More information can be found at the Xi Chapter alumni website (http://xi-thetachi.blogspot.com/).

UNDERGRADUATE/NEWS AND NOTES

Theta Chi hold top spots at NJIT

The presidents of three out of NJIT's four largest student-run organizations are Theta Chis: John Weiss (2014) is the Student Senate President; Vikram Ramkumar (2014) is editor-in-chief of The Nucleus, N|IT's student yearbook; and Jed Medina (2013) is editor-in-chief of The Vector, N|IT's student newspaper.

The chapter also received the 2011/2012 Risk Reduction Award, Excellence in Chapter Programming Award, and Outstanding Service to the Community Award from the NIIT Office of

Greg Brendlinger (2012) won a contest for NJIT's chapter of the Hero Campaign for his work to combat drunk driving by helping with the chapter's annual laws of Life demonstration during NIIT's Alcohol Awareness Week. He was featured on a billboard in the city of Newark for his contributions.

Hero Campaign contest winner Greg Brendlinger stands between Officer Eric DeFranceso of the NJIT Police Dept. (left) and President of The Hero Campaign Chapter Chris DeSousa (right).





Newark firemen demonstrate how to operate the laws of Life during a demonstration held during NJIT's Alcohol Awareness Week. Theta Chi's Ebsilon Psi chapter sponsor's the annual demonstration.

Members of the Epsilon Psi Chapter pose with members of the local fire and police departments during NIIT's Alcohol Awareness Week.



Chi/Auburn

In spring 2012, four brothers of Chi Chapter were selected to serve Auburn University on the Student Government Association Cabinet. The brothers who were selected are Kohl Weir (2015), Director of Freshman Forum; Eddie Seay (2015), Director of Information Technology; Gavin Rawls (2015), Co-Director of Academic Affairs; and Kevin Parnell (2014), Co-Director of Research and Assessment.

In July 2012, it was announced that Brother Sterret Seckman (2013) was appointed as the **Executive Vice President** of Initiatives for the Student Government Association. This position places him in charge of



Sterret Seckman

Auxiliary Services, Facilities, Research and Assessment, and Academic Affairs for the students of Auburn.

Omega/Penn State

On April 25, 2012, the Penn State office of Fraternity and Sorority life held its annual Greek Column Awards Ceremony, where Omega Chapter was named as a Chapter of Excellence and IFC Fraternity of the Year. Omega also received the Penn State Presidents Cup, recognizing them as the top chapter out of more than 90 Greek organizations in 2012.

Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech

The brothers of Alpha Nu raised \$3,216 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation as part of the annual St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser. More than 200 fraternity men shaved their heads in support of childhood cancer research and raised a total of \$67,631.

Alpha Chi/Syracuse

After a major rebuilding period, Alpha Chi Chapter at Syracuse University was presented with the Chancellor's Award of Excellence at Syracuse's annual Greek Awards for making significant improvements in its Chapter Accreditation Score over previous years.

Beta Iota/Arizona

Beta Iota Chapter received Chapter of Achievement Awards in the categories of Leadership and Involvement, Chapter Management, Membership Education and Health and Wellness. The chapter also received an award for Excellence in



New brothers of the Beta Iota hold bricks displaying their roster number following initiation.

Recruitment. The City of Tucson also recognized the chapter for its yearlong participation in the city's Adopt-a-Street program. The brothers moved into a new chapter facility earlier this semester.

Beta Kappa/Hamline

The Beta Kappa Chapter at Hamline University was recently named Outstanding Student Organization by the Office of Student Activities. In addition, Coleton Hanson (2013) and Wyatt Anderson (2012) were named Outstanding Student Leaders.

Beta Nu/Case Western

Beta Nu won Case's Can Castle competition for the third time in a row, and the Spirit Award for the sixth consecutive time at this vear's Greek Week. Additionally, Brother Evan Gallo (2014) was elected as the Vice President of Communication for IFC.

On Feb. 25, 2012, the chapter hosted its second annual VOX, a lip-sync philanthropy event, that raised \$938 to help Community Greenhouse Partners bring healthier food to the Cleveland area. Sophomore Aditya Rengaswamy (2015), founder of the Cleveland chapter of Kids Against Hunger, held a launch event April 14 to pack and provide nearly 29,000 meals to local food banks.

Gamma Lambda/Denver

Brothers at the University of Denver were recognized by local media for their Safe Walk program, in which brothers offer to escort female students within a one-mile radius of campus. The chapter was featured in the University of Denver's student newspaper and Denver's ABC news affiliate. The Safe Walk program was the idea of **Chris Guthrie** (2014), who came up with the idea while walking a friend home from a date. After talking it over with his chapter brothers, the plan went into effect. Guthrie estimates that about 50 women took advantage of the program in the spring.



lota Beta undergraduates stop for a photo with representatives from the Grand Chapter and International Headquarters. From left to right: Shane Sullivan (2014), National Treasurer Doug Allen, Garrett Mueller (2013), Scott Turk (2012) and Executive Director Mike Mayer.

Iota Beta/Missouri State wins top Award of Distinction

Theta Chi's lota Beta Chapter at Missouri State University was named one of four recipients of the North-American Interfraternity Conference's Chapter Award of Distinction. The NIC presented the award at its annual meeting on April 22 in Washington, D.C.

The Chapter Award of Distinction recognizes "the undergraduate chapter that is highly functioning in compliance with NIC Standards, seeks to educate others about the benefits of a values based fraternity experience, and works to maintain a healthy relationship with their inter/national organization." This is the second time since 2008 that lota Beta has received the award.

NIC President and CEO Pete Smithhisler commended the award recipients and nominees saying, "The Awards of Distinction allow the NIC to recognize outstanding achievement and to publicize best practices among its members. This year, we had many qualified nominations and we are proud to honor these individuals and chapters for their accomplishments."

lota Beta had a very successful spring semester with the highest fraternity GPA, highest new member GPA, most community service hours, and most community service house per member among fraternities. Additionally, the fraternity won IFC intramural sports in volleyball, pool, ping-pong, and tennis. Some brothers also spent the semester studying at Walt Disney World and in China.

Delta Zeta/Nebraska-Omaha

In April, Delta Zeta Chapter and partners Chi Omega placed first in Greek Week. This is Theta Chi's second consecutive Greek Week win. During the same week, the chapter held its 62nd Theta Chi Olympics and placed first.

The philanthropy for the week was a penny war, which raised over \$2,500, of which \$850 was raised by the Theta Chi/Chi Omega team. Theta Chi Faculty Adviser, Maria Knudtson won the award for Best Adviser, and Theta Chi also took the Award for best risk management practices throughout the 2011 year.



Beta Nu brothers pack nearly 29,000 meals for local food banks.

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Theta Chi Olympic competitors see who can shave a balloon the fastest at the Delta Zeta chapter fundraiser.

Delta Iota/Northwestern

After nearly 50 years in the same house, the Delta Iota Chapter moved to a new facility previously known as Lindgren Hall. The move has come as a result of Northwestern University's desire to use the property of North Campus more efficiently for student living. The new house has more than twice the capacity of the previous house and is more centrally located on campus.

Delta Kappa/Ball State

Delta Kappa Chapter partnered with Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority in hosting its 22nd WaterDaze on Aug. 25, 2012. Their combined efforts helped to raise \$4,800 for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. A record 35 teams entered and raised a record amount of donations for children afflicted with life-threatening illnesses or debilitating diseases.

Event chairs Shelby Scott and Jarrod DeVries (2013) traveled to RHC headquarters in Indianapolis Sept. 7, 2012, to make the check presentation in person.

Delta Phi/North Texas

At UNT's annual awards ceremony in March, Theta Chi received the Excellence in Service Award and was named runner-up for Chapter of the Year. Justin Pedigo (2013) was named UNT's New Member of the Year.

Epsilon Kappa/Idaho

In addition to earning the top chapter GPA in the spring 2012 semester and being voted the 2011/2012 Chapter of Choice, a number of Epsilon Kappa brothers took on important leadership roles in the University of Idaho Interfraternity Council. Jared Lyons (2014)



The brothers of Delta Zeta collect multiple awards during Greek Week.



Delta Iota brothers stand outside their new chapter house, which was previously Lindgren Hall.

was elected Treasurer for 2012, and Justin Novacek (2014) was elected Assistant Recruitment Chairman. Brother Novacek received Idaho's Greek Director's Choice Award "for making the greatest contribution to the Greek Community." Next year, he will take on the responsibilities of IFC Recruitment Chairman.

Zeta Lambda/Westminster

In April, Zeta Lambda Chapter hosted its annual Date Auction, where members of the campus community volunteered to be auctioned off as dates to potential buyers. The auction raised more than \$2,000 and all pro-



WaterDaze chairpersons Shelby Scott and Jarrod DeVries present Riley Hospital for Children's Katie Glesing with a check for \$4,800.

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ceeds were donated to the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County, providing 14.000 meals for those in need.

The brothers also hosted Take Back the Night, a campus-wide event to raise awareness of domestic violence. The event featured a speaker from the local crisis shelter and a candlelight vigil.

Additionally, the members of Zeta Lambda won the 2012 Greek Week Sing & Swing competition, and were recognized for earning the highest fraternity GPA.

In individual accomplishments, Brothers Nick Dalessio (2013) and Jeff Finafrock (2013) were selected by the student body as associate members of the college's Board of Trustees for the 2012/2013 academic year.

Zeta Rho/Kentucky

In addition to winning Greek Week, Zeta Rho Chapter won a number of awards at this year's UK Greek Awards Ceremony, including Level of Excellence recognition in financial management, international relations and recruitment/retention and a Level of Achievement in scholarship. Tony Williams (2013) received the UK Fraternity Academic Excellence Award.

Ray Grijalba (2015) volunteered to help set up a September 11th tribute in downtown Lexington. The flag memorial consisted of nearly 3,000 flags for each of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Zeta Upsilon/Hartford

The Brothers of Zeta Upsilon Chapter hosted their 17th annual Couch-A-Thon this spring, raising \$400 for Mercy House, a local homeless shelter. The brothers also held an arm wrestling contest that raised \$200 for the Honor the Fallen Foundation.

Ja Lee (2015) raised \$1,000 for the chapter's Relay for Life team. Brother Gabriel Mills (2014) took first place in a Rock Paper Scissors contest benefiting Children's Miracle Network. The chapter came in 2nd place in Delta Zeta's Turtle Tug, which benefited The Painted Turtle Fund.

Zeta Upsilon has a number of brothers in leadership roles on campus: Daniel Arsenault (2012) was named IFC President and received the M. Kevin Fahey award from the University for demonstrating "significant leadership in the development of the overall program and mission of the Gengras Student Union." Sean O'Donovan (2013) was elected as IFC's Vice President of Standards and Practices and David Torres (2015) was elected Vice



Zeta Upsilon brothers get comfy during their 17th annual Couch-A-Thon.

President of Communication and Public Relations. Charles Paullin (2013) is editor-inchief of the The Informer, UH's student newspaper. Dan Gonzalez (2013) is Lead Manager for the Hawk's Nest in the Student Union and Stephen Burke (2013) was made Lead Manager for the Student Centers Administration, which coordinates student events and activities.

Evan Wadsworth (2012) was named Hartford's Greek Man of the Year and was also lauded for overhauling the IFC judicial process. Brother Alex Samson (2013) spent the spring semester abroad in Kenya.

Eta Beta/Eastern Kentucky

Eta Beta received the Most Improved Chapter Award at EKU's Annual Greek Awards, which is given to a fraternity or sorority that "has improved in all aspects of operations throughout the year." This award winner is determined based on its improvement in the areas of academics, recruitment, retention, new member education, community service, chapter accomplishments and awards, participation on campus, programming, behavior according to Ritual, and peer perceptions compared to past years.

Eta Mu/Findlay

Eta Mu Chapter was recently recognized as the University of Findlay's "Most Improved Chapter" at A Night Among the Stars, Findlay's annual awards ceremony.

The chapter's Mid-Winter Warm Up event was also lauded as the January Event of the

On Sunday, April 22, Eta Mu participated in Findlay's annual "Box City" event, in which participants build makeshift shelters out of cardboard to generate awareness for efforts to combat poverty and homelessness.

"We decided to attempt to build a structure similar to Old South Barracks," said Derek Putnam (2013). "Although it may not have turned out too well, everyone that asked what it was found out a little bit about our Fraternity's founding."

Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg

The entire Eta Pi Chapter traveled to Bloomsburg, PA April 22, to participate in the annual MS Walk to support brother Nate Lawrence (2000), who was recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Theta Eta/Sam Houston State

Theta Eta teamed up with Zeta Tau Alpha for a can drive contest and together donated more than \$500 in canned goods. Theta Eta has also been helping out Head Start, a federally funded program that benefits children from low-income families. In addition to visiting Head Start once a month to read to children, the brothers have also assisted with other programs and events, including the Father and Daughter Dance, Family Fun Night, and Easter Egg Hunt and Field Day. The brothers report that they have contributed over 400 service hours, and have had a relationship with Head Start since the chapter's installation in 1989.

Theta Rho/McNeese State

In the spring semester, the brothers of Theta Rho Chapter were awarded the 2011/2012 Community Service and Philanthropy Award by the McNeese State Student Union Office and Alumni Association.

Iota Zeta/Radford

Iota Zeta received Radford University's 2012 Greek Chapter of the Year Award, placed second in Radford University's Greek Week, and Jared Fraser (2014) received Radford University's 2012 Greek Inspiration Award.

Iota Theta/Central Florida

Brother Chad Biller (2014) is a UCF Housing Head Ambassador. Chapter President Shea Taylor (2013) is Honors Congress Philanthropy Chair and Team Leader and Honors College Senior Class Campaign

Lucien Charland (2015) is a National Scholars Peer Mentor, Global Perspectives Office fellow, Honors Congress officer, and President's Leadership Council member.

Tolya Korzhuk (2014), Scott Lougheed (2014), Anthony King (2014) and Fayaz Ajib (2014) were elected to the SGA Senate in the fall. Brother King will be serving as Speaker of the Senate for the 2012/2013 academic year, and had previously been Executive Vice President of the UCF Interfraternity Council, Senate President Pro-Tempore and Vice Chairmen in Activities and Service Fee budget committee.

Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona

Iota Kappa raised \$705 for the MD Anderson Cancer Center of Gilbert, AZ. The chapter had its first philanthropy event, Recess: 2012, to raise money for cancer research. Brother **Blaise Caudill** (2013) recently completed his term as president of Associated Students of NAU for the 2011/2012 academic year.

Iota Nu/South Florida

Stephan Hoda (2013) was awarded the title of Mr. People's Choice at the University of South Florida's Mr. and Miss USF Pageant. The award is presented to the contestant that receives the most audience support through sign-ins and votes on Facebook, as well as who raises the most money for the pageant's philanthropy, Don't Stop, Don't Drop. Brother Hoda's fundraising efforts accounted for approximately 20 percent of the pageant's overall fundraising total.

Iota Omicron/Florida International

Just before Iota Omicron's installation in the spring, **Steven M. Gonzalez** (2014) was elected SGA Senator-At-Large. **James Harden** (2014) and **Aaron Bethencourt** (2013) were selected from FIU's IFC Intern Program as the new Vice President of Management and Vice President of Membership, respectively. **Luis Cabrera** (2014) was chosen to serve as FIU's Dance Marathon's Fundraising Chair and Fernando Monge (2014) as FIU's Relay for Life Activities Chair.



Iota Omicron brothers participated in Relay for Life at FIU and raised more than \$1,600.

We are honored to call these men our brothers. The condolences of Theta Chi's extended worldwide family are offered to the family and friends of these deceased brothers. This listing includes all deaths reported to the International Headquarters between February 15, 2012 and October 15, 2012.

DELTA

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Schuyler J. Stewart 1937 Everett J. Norman 1944 Dana Covill 1973

THETA

University of Massachusetts Thomas C. Moschos, 1958

OMICRON

University of Richmond Kenneth T. Whitescarver, 1972

RHO

University of Illinois Michael A. Hartter, 1999

PHI

North Dakota State University Donald W. Loder, 1945 Roland E. Grosshans, 1961 R. Brustuen, 1965

CHI

Auburn University Richard C. Welty, 1936

PSI

University of Wisconsin Dale J. Jennerjohn, 1944

OMEGA

Pennsylvania State University Francis J. Conte, 1964

ALPHA IOTA

Indiana University Robert G. Thorgren, 1974

ALPHA OMICRON

Washington State University Robert W. Bucklin, 1950 William W. Treverton, 1995

ALPHA TAU

Ohio University John J. Utts, 1947

ALPHA UPSILON

University of Nebraska Bernard A. Gleason, 1956

ALPHA PHI

University of Alabama John E. Miller, 1951 Barry L. Mullins, 1974

ALPHA CHI

Syracuse University Jack M. Friel, 1945



ALPHA OMEGA

Lafayette College Bruce E. Pavlovsky, 1974

BETA ZETA

Michigan State University Ujash A. Gandhi, 2012

BETA KAPPA

Hamline University Eugene W. Steele, 1951

BETA LAMBDA

University of Akron Wayne V. King, 1945 Clifford E. Chapman, 1957

BETA OMICRON

University of Cincinnati James D. Ireland, 1966

BETA TAU

University of Southern California A. D. Cornelsen, 1950

BETA PHI

University of Nevada Richard K. MacAuley, 1968

GAMMA ZETA

Oklahoma State University S. T. Ayers, 1951

GAMMA ETA

Bucknell University
Bruce S. Christman, 1957

GAMMA MU

Bowling Green State University Shawn T. Hannon, 1990

GAMMA OMICRON

Wake Forest University Wendell C. Owen, 1949

GAMMA UPSILON

Bradley University William C. Martin, 1951

DELTA ALPHA

Linfield College William B. Warberg, 1954 James Hanson, 1960

DELTA EPSILON

University of Miami Edmond J. Angelil, 1961

DELTA KAPPA

Ball State University James C. Harris, 1955 James F. Burns, 1955 Dale K. Fozo, 1958 Leonard F. Johns, 1960 Ronald W. Sager, 1963

DELTA PI

Indiana State University Jack D. Rees, 1966

DELTA PHI

University of North Texas T. E. Zachary, 1956

DELTA CHI

Lenoir-Rhyne University Robert F. Shelby, 1964 Alan R. Payne, 2005

ETA LAMBDA

Virginia Tech
David W. Morey, 1971

ETA CHI

George Mason University
Thomas B. Mays, At-Large



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