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So, please stick with us for today and for the Future.



Our Focus and Framework

By Mike Maloney, National President (Delta Upsilon/Arizona State '87)

My name is Mike Maloney and I am currently serving as National President of Theta Chi Fraternity. In this space I hope to share with you the process by which I became National President, inform you of the Grand Chapter's focus for this academic year and thank a few Brothers who make Theta Chi better every day.

First, allow me to refresh you on the Grand Chapter's framework. The Grand Chapter is the governing body of Theta Chi Fraternity and is composed of eight, volunteer, alumnus members. Undergraduate and alumnus delegates attending the biennial Theta Chi Convention elect members of the Grand Chapter to staggered four-year terms. A Grand Chapter member may serve two consecutive terms. Also, Convention delegates elect the National President and National Vice President to two-year terms.

Delegates at last year's Sesquicentennial Convention in Northfield, Vermont elected Brother Dale Taylor as National President and myself as National Vice President. This summer, Brother Taylor resigned as National President to accept the position of Theta Chi Fraternity's Executive Director. Brother Taylor moved to Indianapolis and is now employed full time at the International Headquarters. When the National President resigns, Theta Chi National Bylaws prescribe that the National Vice President assume the position of National President. I am serving the final year of my second four-year term, so I will be National President until the next year's Convention at Indianapolis when a new National President will be elected. Further, the Grand Chapter has elected former National Vice President, Brother Brian Hall, to serve the remaining three years of Brother Taylor's original overall term on the Grand Chapter.

Second, let me detail a few areas that the Grand Chapter will focus on this academic year:

Membership Growth: The International Headquarters staff will concentrate on chapter recruiting efforts, alumni volunteer growth and increasing the number of Theta Chi chapters.

Financial Strength: The Grand Chapter, the Foundation Chapter and the Norwich Housing Corporation are committed to improving Theta Chi's financial position.

Communication/Technology Integration: The IHQ staff will continue to work towards improving communication between all parts of our Fraternity through use of *The Rattle*, the website (www.thetachi.org), direct mail, e-mail, and the telephone.

Scholarship: We intend to strengthen the Fraternity's emphasis on scholarship. There is a strong belief within the Grand Chapter that improved member scholarship offers countless positive side effects beneficial to our chapters.

Third, I want to thank my fellow Grand Chapter members: Eric Raasch (Alpha Upsilon/Nebraska), Dana Richardson (Delta Psi/Kansas), Ron Ramos (Gamma Theta/SDSU), Rich Partridge (Theta/U Mass), Doug Allen (Delta Beta/Georgia), Joe D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg), and Brian Hall (Theta Eta/Sam Houston State). All serve honorably and generously give their time and talent to Theta Chi. Our Fraternity is better due to their efforts. In addition, I want to thank Executive Director Dale Taylor for stepping up to manage our Fraternity at a crucial time.

Finally, as I write this, we are only a few days removed from this year's Chapter Leadership Conference held at the University of South Carolina. Close to 300 Theta Chi brothers met for three days of learning, brotherhood and fun. I am well aware of the time and effort spent preparing for our Fraternity's summer events. For the last five years, I was honored to serve as Chairman of the Leadership Education Committee. The LE Committee is responsible for planning and executing Theta Chi's conventions and conferences. I want to thank all those who have served with me on the Leadership Education Committee. In particular, I would like to thank Director of Leadership Development, Bill Russo (Epsilon Xi/Clarion), for his tireless work planning, organizing, and executing our Fraternity's conferences and conventions for the past five years. He does a great job with each event and we owe him many thanks.

Fraternally,
Michael P. Maloney
National President

COMING SOON TO AN INTERNET NEAR YOU!

The Circle of Brotherhood

Let's face it: we're a highly mobile, fast-paced society. The nine to five work day is a thing of the past as mobile phones, the Internet, and Blackberries keep us linked to the office nearly 24 hours a day. However, relocations, families and retirements make it nearly impossible to keep in touch with chapter brothers, let alone stay connected with your chapter.

Soon you will be notified of an exciting new tool, The Circle of Brotherhood. This private, online community allows Brothers of the Helping Hand to securely connect with brothers from their era and home chapter, while linking them with other alumni and undergraduates with shared interest and professions within their region and around the world.

The Circle of Brotherhood will provide an outlet for networking between Brothers. Members do this by creating personal profiles and groups, and by having the ability to post jobs and comments about various topics in and outside of Theta Chi Fraternity. Personal profiles contain both personal and professional items about themselves, including their resume, interests and industry. The Circle can be used by Theta Chi's from all generations searching for those in their area of study, their chosen career, or their immediate location.

Theta Chi has always claimed to be a Fraternity for Life, but never had a way to link all members. Within The Circle, there are numerous opportunities for Theta Chi's to connect with Brothers that they lost, or that they didn't even know they had, who share common interest, affiliations, and careers. A comprehensive member search will allow you to find out what happened to the men in your pledge class or reach out to a Brother that you have never met before within your industry.

WATCH FOR IT!



Theta Chi is part of each of us!

By Dale Taylor (Alpha Phi/University of Alabama '69)



From the time we are born, we travel a road of life filled with experiences. Some are good and some are bad, but we learn from each of them and that is what molds us as individuals. Our parents strive to give to us the ability to make good choices and to have good values that will insure our fortunes in life. They cannot choose our friends, nor can they live our lives—we do that! We go through school choosing both the guys and the girls we like and enjoy, but it is only when we reach college age and become independent of our parents, that we actually begin to develop intense interactions. This does not mean that high school friends are not still there, but our interactions and experiences in college usually lead to bonds that are more lasting. Fraternity can, and does, play a significant role in establishing those life-long friendships.

When I speak to new member classes, I always tell them to look around the room because they will see the individuals who will be in their weddings, will be there in times of need, or, in the ultimate, there when the end of life closes the book of life on us. I know that it does not truly “sink in” at that moment, but it is true that Theta Chi friendships do last forever—a lifetime experience!

So, why am I talking about friendship and lifetime experiences? Because we need to remember that Fraternity is relationships and not just some entity in Indianapolis. It is shared experiences and people that have significantly affected our lives in one way or another. As I seek to improve our contact with and linkage to alumni, I want to see us pause more often and thank Theta Chi for the impact it has had on our lives. Would you have known this individual, or had that leadership opportunity, or met your wife without membership in our Fraternity? Sure, other events or organizations might have balanced things out and, probably, our lives would have turned out similar to what they are now, but they wouldn't be quite the same. We are, indeed, products of what we bring with us from our parents and what we experience.

Theta Chi needs you now so that your life and your success and your thoughts and your experiences can become part of the life of a chapter, or of many chapters, in all parts of our great nation. Won't you join us in assisting our undergraduates as they grow and develop that interdependence so necessary in our future society? If you have the time, a commodity we all have too little of today, contact me to learn about volunteer opportunities near your home or at your Alma Mater.

Please share your life and abilities with us and with our undergraduate Brothers!

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Taylor".

Dale Taylor
Executive Director



The Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship Fund was endowed October 2006, more than doubling the Foundation's net assets!

Based on a 2007 NIC report, the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi now ranks 16th among the top 60 men's Greek Foundations thanks to a generous bequest by Sherwood and Janet Blue.

The Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity has been notified that it is the primary beneficiary of the Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Trust, which, when fully settled, will provide an estimated \$250,000 annually in scholarships for Theta Chi Brothers pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees nationwide.

The Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship Fund was endowed in October 2006 upon the death of Janet Roberts Blue, wife of **Sherwood Blue** (Alpha Iota/Indiana '26). The bequest of 75% of the residual value of the Blue Trust was made to honor Sherwood Blue's life-long love of Theta Chi Fraternity. The purpose of the bequest is to establish a permanent fund within the Foundation Chapter in the name of Sherwood and Janet Blue which will be used to support learning and the academic success so valued by the Blue's during their lifetimes.

Born in 1905, Sherwood Blue was raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. After enrolling at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana in the fall of 1922, Sherwood and his brother, Schyler Blue, were initiated together into the newly formed Alpha Iota Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity in the spring of 1923. Sherwood served the Chapter in several capacities as an undergraduate



Sherwood showed his devotion to Theta Chi Fraternity through constant support. Instrumental in the building and purchase of the current headquarters building, he is shown here with Howard Alter (Omega/Penn State) and David DeVol (Gamma Theta/SDSU) at the May 1994 ribbon cutting.

including Secretary and President. During his time as President, he presided over the Chapter's move to its newly built Chapter house in the fall of 1926. Letters he wrote his parents during this time at IU made it obvious that he felt he had found a home away from home in Theta Chi Fraternity.

After graduating in 1926, Sherwood attended law school at IU and continued his involvement with the Chapter by becoming a member of its newly formed alumni corporation. Following law school, he started practicing law in Indianapolis.

After establishing his law practice, he became active in civic affairs and local politics. In 1948, he was elected Marion County (Indianapolis) Prosecutor, where he served for four years before returning to private practice in 1952. He was very active in Republican politics throughout his lifetime.

Always an active alumnus with his Chapter, Sherwood's participation on the 1928 Convention Committee laid the groundwork for a lifetime of service to the National Fraternity. He was elected to the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity in 1946 and served on that Board for eight years, holding the offices of Secretary, Vice President and, ultimately, President. On October 16, 1952, while serving as National President, Brother Blue established the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity with a bequest from the Krannert estate. He served as the Foundation Chapter's President from 1953 to 1992 and as President Emeritus from 1993–1999.

Sherwood married Janet Roberts in 1961, shortly after she graduated from the IU School of Law in Bloomington. As one of the first women to graduate from IU's law school, Janet practiced law with her husband until 1967 when she was appointed Clerk of the Indiana Appellate Court. Janet

Foundation *Tribute*



Sherwood and Janet as convention attendees during the 1970s.

continued to have a very successful law career. In 1970, she was appointed Commissioner of the Court of Appeals of Indiana. Janet was bestowed the honor of Sagamore of the Wabash in 1992. She was included in Who's Who in American Law and enjoyed a long and distinguished career until her death in 2006 at the age of 73. Throughout their marriage, Sherwood and Janet attended many National Conventions and Board meetings in support of Theta Chi Fraternity and Janet was a recipient of Theta Chi's Appreciation Award.

Sherwood was the recipient of the Citation of Honor, three Alumni Awards (from Alpha Iota Chapter, Indianapolis Alumni Chapter and the Grand Chapter), the Grand Chapter Service Award, Theta Chi for Life Award, and the Theta Chi Distinguished Service Award. Sherwood joined the Chapter Eternal in 1999 at the age of 85. His hard work and love for Theta



Sherwood being sworn in as Marian County Prosecutor, 1948

Chi have been missed ever since. To date, thanks to Sherwood Blue's hard work and foresight, the Foundation Chapter has been able to award more than \$500,000 in scholarships and grants to worthy Theta Chi members since its creation in 1953.

In 1993, Sherwood Blue explained why he established the Foundation Chapter in these words, "I did it for the undergraduates. I worked my way through Indiana University, waiting tables in the fraternity house. So, I understand how tough it can be on undergraduate brothers trying to find a way to get through school."

Throughout their lives, Janet and Sherwood gave generously to their church,

their community, their university and Theta Chi Fraternity. Now, their dreams will be fully realized. The Foundation Chapter will receive the first full distribution from the Blue Trust in February 2008. Scholarships for academic year 2008–2009 will be awarded beginning in May 2008 with applications available online or from the Foundation office in January. ■

To discuss including the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi in your estate plan, contact the Foundation office at cmorgan@thetachi.org or (317)824-1881.

Bequests

Bequests, which are gifts made through a will, are an extremely popular way of providing long-term support for the charitable organizations that are so important in our lives. They provide the opportunity to:

- Perpetuate an important cause for future generations as Sherwood Blue has done.
- Enhance estate planning in a way that permits you to accomplish other estate objectives.

Charitable bequests can take many different forms, so it's important to plan your bequest in a way that will best accomplish all your estate objectives. When you make a charitable bequest, you can retain full use of your property during life, so there is no immediate out-of-pocket cost, reduction in net worth, or disruption of cash flow. What's more, you can change any bequest provision, which means you remain in control of the process.

Typically, when we think of a charitable bequest, we see it as a direction to distribute a specific asset, or to pay a certain sum of money to the desig-

nated charitable beneficiary. This is an "outright" bequest and is clearly the most popular method of benefiting Theta Chi. But, a charitable bequest can be "deferred," with individual beneficiaries receiving immediate benefits and Theta Chi receiving benefits at some later time, as in the case of the Blue Trust.

For example, in your will, you can direct that a sum of money or a particular property be held in a "charitable remainder trust." The trustee can be directed to pay an annual income to family members or other beneficiaries for their lives and to distribute the property to us after the death of the income beneficiaries. In short, through a charitable remainder trust, you can provide immediate benefits for family members, gain significant tax benefits, and also provide a generous deferred bequest to Theta Chi.

There are, indeed, many exciting and practical ways to make a charitable bequest. Please contact us if we can discuss with you how your bequest can play a meaningful role in our future and perpetuate your life values.

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Gift How and Why

OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Cash	Write check, or use credit card. Easy to make; income tax charitable deduction for full amount of gift (subject to 50% of Adjusted Gross Income limit)
Securities	Typically, transfer to charity an appreciated asset (stocks, bonds) held for more than one year. Income tax charitable deduction for full fair market value; no capital gains tax payable on asset's appreciated value.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT)	Set up trust that pays specific annual benefit for life of beneficiary, or for a period of up to 20 years; trust property transferred to charity when donor benefits end; usually funded with cash or securities. Income tax charitable deduction; possibly avoids capital gains if trust funded with long-term appreciated property.
Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT)	Similar to CRAT, except income amount varies each year as trust assets are re-valued; may be funded with cash, securities and other assets. Same benefits as CRAT.

REVOCABLE GIFTS

Bequest in a Will	Use a will to direct property to a charity at your death. Estate tax charitable deductions available for value of gift; as donor you retain lifetime use and control of the asset intended as a bequest gift. This is the most popular form of planned giving.
Revocable Living Trust	Set up trust that directs disposition of assets, including gifts to charity; trust can be revoked or changed. Minimizes costs and delays of probate; facilitates transfer of assets; plan is private, not public (unlike a will); provides continuity of asset management in the event of death or disability
Retirement Plan Assets	Charity named as beneficiary of retirement plan assets. May have estate planning benefits, because income in respect of a decedent is taxable to heirs, but not to charities.

OTHER GIFTS

Donor Advised Fund	Donor makes irrevocable contributions to a restricted fund maintained by the charitable organization. Income tax charitable deduction for full amount of gift; donor may advise regarding fund distribution, but donor may not place material restrictions on fund.
Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)	Charity receives annual trust income; trust principal revert to donor or beneficiaries at end of trust term. CLT may qualify for a gift tax or estate tax charitable deduction, and sometimes income tax charitable deduction depending on type of CLT.
Life Insurance	Give a life insurance policy to charity, or designate charity as beneficiary of your policy, or use your policy as wealth replacement tool for CRAT or CRUT. Income tax charitable deduction can be taken for donated policy.

2007–2008 Dale A. Slivinske Scholarship Recipients

Brian Banker (Alpha Mu/Iowa State '08)

Brian is a senior studying aerospace engineering. He is currently the President of Alpha Mu Chapter. In the spring of 2006, Brother Banker worked for NASA creating simulations for its Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV). He is also active in many student organizations at ISU including Sigma Gamma Tau (Aerospace Honor Society), Tau Beta Pi, Order of Omega, and Golden Key.



James Black (Gamma Rho/Florida State '08)



A senior studying mechanical engineering, James is the President of Gamma Rho Chapter. He has assumed leadership roles in the National Senior Classical League and in residence hall government. He is a member of Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Brother Black has maintained a 3.894 GPA at Florida State.

James Brink (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '08)

Brother Brink is a rising senior studying finance at Lehigh. Within his chapter, he has served as Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Web Administrator, and Librarian. He, also, started a committee to improve the Beta Sigma chapter house. Outside of Theta Chi, he is serving his third term on the IFC Executive Board, and has received the Emerging Greek Leader and Greek Man of the Year awards.

Kale Burdick (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '08)

Kale is a rising senior studying business and sociology. He is the President of Gamma Phi Chapter and has, also, served as House Manager and Philanthropy Chairman. Brother Burdick is actively



involved in the Student Affairs Senate, Interfraternity Council, and Order of Omega. He has maintained a 3.75 GPA during his first three years at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Dylan Coonrad (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '09)



Brother Coonrad is a junior majoring in architecture at Lehigh and carries a GPA of 3.87. Within Beta Sigma Chapter, he has served as Chaplain and Greek Week Chairman. He is on the crew team and teaches salsa style dance lessons outside of the university.

Brett Milke (Tau/Florida '08)

Brett is a senior majoring in Building Construction Management. He has served Tau Chapter as Vice President, Alumni Relations Chairman, and was the President of his New Member class of 43 men. He is currently the VP of Finances for Florida's IFC. Brett, also, is an active member of Florida Blue Key Leadership Honorary, Student Government, and Order of Omega.



Samuel Plotkin (Theta/Massachusetts '08)



Brother Plotkin is a senior studying finance. He is currently President of Theta Chapter and has, also, served as First Guard and Assistant Treasurer. Sam is a member of the Commonwealth College honors program and the Order of Omega. He has traveled to Ghana to teach sustainable business skills in order to improve poor communities. Sam participates in the Relay for Life, Big Brothers, The Children's Miracle Network and recently made his first monetary contribution to the Foundation to help insure the future of Theta Chi Fraternity.

Ryan Post (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '08)

Ryan is a rising senior studying history and political science, maintaining a 3.9 GPA while serving as Gamma Chi Philanthropy Chair, Alumni Relations Chair, and Summer House Manager. He is a member of the Nebraska Wesleyan Competitive Speech Team, Men's Glee Club, Blue Key, and the Interfraternity Council, where he serves as Vice President.



Kevin Reilly (Tau/Florida '08)

Kevin is a rising senior majoring in political science at UF. He has served his chapter as President, Social Chair, Historian, Assistant Treasurer, and Awards Chair. He is an active member of the UF Student Senate, where he is currently the President. On IFC, Brother Reilly has served as the Director of Public Relations and co-Chairman of the Recruitment Committee. He is a member of honor societies including Florida Blue Key, Order of Omega and Golden Key. Brother Reilly was also a runner-up for the Colley Award this past year.



Zachary Smith (Iota Beta/Missouri State '10)



Brother Smith is a sophomore studying Cell and Molecular Biology at Missouri State. He was President of his New Member class and served as Public Relations Chairman in his first full semester as a Brother. Zachary was named Male Greek Freshman of the Year and is a member of Student Government Association, Phi Eta Sigma, and University Ambassadors. He earned a 3.76 GPA in his first semester and completed 28 hours of community service in his first six months as a Brother.

"You are here to enable the world to live more amply with greater vision and with finer spirit of hope and achievement." —Woodrow Wilson

Thanks to all who make the Foundation's work possible!

The Foundation Chapter is grateful to all those who have contributed to our mission of promoting the academic, leadership, and service ideals of Theta Chi Fraternity. We are very proud of the men who continue to give back to their Fraternity regardless of their personal circumstances, ages, or chapter affiliations.

We would especially like to acknowledge Theta Chi's most generous members, without whose gifts these scholarships would not have been possible. Special acknowledgment goes to Randall M. Jacobs (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley '66), the newest member of Freeman Fellows, for his very generous gifts this Fall.

Membership in the Foundation Chapter's Giving Clubs is based on cumulative lifetime giving: (Names are listed in order of members' total contributions.)

Matthew Strausburg (Alpha Iota/Indiana '09)



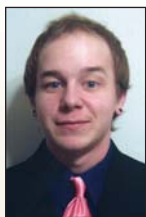
Matthew is a rising junior majoring in biology and chemistry. Within his chapter, he has served as Scholarship Chairman for three semesters, and is a member of the Honors College at IU. He is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies. He has maintained straight A's since enrollment at IU.

Richard G. Wilson (Phi/North Dakota State '08)

Brother Wilson is a rising senior at NDSU majoring in Mathematics Education. He has held the offices of President, Vice President, Philanthropy Chair, and IFC Representative during his time at Phi Chapter. He is a member of Order of Omega and was voted the Outstanding Member of the Year at NDSU in 2006–2007.



Kellyn Wolff (Phi/North Dakota State '08)



Kellyn is a senior majoring in Pre-Actuarial Science with a 3.91 GPA. He has served as Secretary and Website Administrator, and he compiled two successful Alter Award applications for Phi Chapter. He is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and has made the Dean's List every semester since enrolling at NDSU.

Andrew Young (Gamma Rho/Florida State '08)

Andrew is a rising senior majoring in Finance and Real Estate with a 3.84 GPA. He is a founding father of Gamma Rho Chapter and has served as Philanthropy Chair. Brother Young is a mentor for freshman students through the Peer Leader program at FSU, and is a member of several honor societies including Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and Golden Key.



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Sherwood and Janet Roberts Blue Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Michael Altrichter (Beta Kappa/Hamline '09)

Michael is a junior at Hamline studying Criminal Justice and Sociology. He has served his chapter as Treasurer and House Manager. He plays football for Hamline and has been on the track and field team there as well. Brother Altrichter also is an active member of the Hamline University Gun Society, which helps students get access to gun safety courses.



Dustin Baker (Gamma Tau/Drake '09)

Dustin is a rising junior at Drake majoring in Psychology. He has served his chapter as Chaplain and Social Chairman, and he was named New Member of the Year for 2005–2006. Outside of the fraternity, he is a DJ at Drake's radio station and is a member of Psi Chi Psychology Fraternity.



Erik Bowman (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '05)

Brother Bowman is an alumnus in good standing from Gamma Phi Chapter, where he graduated with degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a GPA of 3.95. He is currently attending the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. During his undergraduate years, Erik served as President, Scholarship Chairman, and First Guard. He is involved currently with a campaign to educate grade-school children about the dangers of smoking and is a member of the American Medical Student Association and the Student Alliance for Global Health.



Matthew Brim (Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon College '08)

Matthew is a rising senior studying biology at Randolph-Macon. He served as President of Gamma Chi Chapter this past year, and has also served his chapter as Secretary, IFC Representative, Philanthropy Chair, and Alumni Relations Chair. He is captain of the R-MC men's varsity soccer team and maintains an active role in Students for Environmental Action.



James Brower (Eta Chi/George Mason '07)

James graduated from George Mason University this spring with degrees in Political Science and Cultural Studies. As of his application date, he planned to attend Brooklyn Law School in the fall. He served his chapter in several capacities including President, Vice President, and Standards Board Chairman. As a law student, Brother Brower will focus on law pertaining to the environment and natural resources.



Bryan Caplan (Alpha Sigma/Oregon '08)

Brother Caplan is a rising senior at the University of Oregon majoring in Business and Spanish with plans to acquire a concurrent JD/MBA after graduation. He has worked as chapter President to renew a positive culture at Alpha Sigma Chapter and contributed to a one million dollar campaign to benefit the Alpha Sigma chapter house. Bryan currently holds a 3.86 GPA at Oregon.



David Cohn (Epsilon Zeta/Tampa '04)

Brother Cohn graduated from the University of Tampa in 2004 with a degree in Communications with Advertising. He was named the Tampa Greek President of the Year in 2003–2004 and received the Spartan Award, given to the overall top senior. David was a Founding Father, and served as Chapter President, during which time he established a lasting relationship between Epsilon Zeta Chapter and Shriners' Hospitals for Children. He is now attending law school at Nova Southeastern University with aspirations of becoming a full time politician.



Paulo Garcia (Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon '06)

Paulo graduated in 2006 with a degrees in Physics and Mathematics, maintaining a GPA of 3.83. After graduation, he became a high school math teacher, where he also serves as the mentor for the Key Club. He has organized several volunteer events for his students in this capacity. As an undergraduate, he received the Slivinske and Blue scholarships, and he plans to use his Blue scholarship this year to attend Virginia Tech, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering.



John Gillett (Delta Iota/Northwestern '06)

John graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in biology. As an undergraduate, he served as Social Chairman and also contributed a great deal of work to improve the condition of the chapter house.



Brother Gillett is entering his second year of medical school at the Chicago Medical School, and has a 3.925 GPA since enrolling there.

Philip Giordano (Eta Kappa/James Madison '07)

Philip graduated from James Madison University with a degree in kinesiology. He held the offices of Treasurer, First Guard, and Athletics Chairman. Outside of Eta Kappa chapter, Brother Giordano served terms as President and Recruitment Chair of IFC at James Madison. He is now attending The College of William and Mary pursuing an MBA.



Nathaniel Hibben (Alpha Mu/Iowa State '04)



Brother Hibben graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in history. As an undergraduate, he served as President of Alpha Mu Chapter and received the President of the Year award at Iowa State. The chapter grew from under 10 men to over 40 during his tenure as Chapter President. Nate also served Theta Chi as a Leadership and Education Consultant, focusing on expansion and recolonization. Brother Hibben is currently in law school at Liberty University.

Brett Langner (Iota Beta/Missouri State '08)

Brett is a rising senior at Missouri State University studying finance. He is a member of the Interfraternity Council, where he is VP of Academics. Brother Langner is, also, on the Executive Board of Golden Key honor society as the Social/Philanthropy Chairman. He has maintained a 3.93 GPA at Missouri State.



Matthew Levine (Gamma Tau/Drake '06)

Matthew graduated from Drake with a degree in Psychology. While at Drake, he was a member of Order of Omega honor fraternity. As President of Gamma Tau Chapter, he helped lead his chapter Brothers after a reorganization to a successful recruiting year and supervised progress to the point that their chapter was granted full privileges three months ahead of schedule. He is now continuing his studies at Iowa State University where he is studying higher education.



Trevor Michels (Theta Iota/UC-Santa Cruz '04)



Brother Michels graduated from UC-Santa Cruz with a degree in history. At Theta Iota Chapter, he revamped the position of Scholarship Chairman, taking an active role to help his chapter Brothers in the classroom. He worked full-time during his undergraduate years as a home care specialist for mentally and physically handicapped people. He is an active volunteer for the YMCA and in the Theta Iota Alumni Corporation, where he now serves as Secretary. He is currently attending law school at McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific.

Andrew Mitchell (Gamma Omicron/Wake Forest '07)

Andrew graduated from Wake Forest this spring with a degree in political science. As an undergraduate, his work as Scholarship Chairman saw Gamma Omicron Chapter go from 9th to 2nd best in GPA out of 12 fraternities in just one semester. Brother Mitchell has member-



ships in Order of Omega, Golden Key, Phi Beta Kappa, and Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society). After making the Dean's List every semester as an undergraduate, he is now attending the George Washington University, seeking a master's degree in European and Eurasian Studies.

Adrian Morrison (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion '06)



Adrian graduated from ODU with a degree in history, carrying a 3.73 GPA. During his time as an active Zeta Pi Brother, he served as Philanthropy Chairman and helped his chapter to set a record for volunteer hours, as well as personally winning the 2006 Hampton Roads Organizational Volunteer Award. He also won the Norfolk Hometown Hero Award for his involvement with the F.O.R. kids tutoring and mentoring program. Brother Morrison will be attending George Washington School of Law in the fall.

Matthew Olson (Iota Eta/University of the Pacific '04)

Brother Olson graduated from the University of the Pacific with degrees in business administration and political science. As an undergraduate, he served for three years as the President of the Associated Students. Matt also was an active member of the Iota Eta Colony/Interest Group, and now serves his chapter as the President of the Iota Eta Alumni Corporation and Housing Corporation. Brother Olson is a Theta Chi Regional Counselor for Northern California and a loyal donor to the Foundation Chapter. He is currently attending McGeorge School of Law at University of the Pacific.



Foundation Scholarships

Robert Phillips (Alpha Iota/Indiana '09)



Brother Phillips is a rising junior at Indiana studying biology. He is a Founding Father of the newly reinstated chapter there, and is active in the Little 500 cycling event, an IU tradition. He is a volunteer for the National Multiple Sclerosis

society, for which he is helping organize the first Indiana MS Bike Tour. Robert has aspirations to attend medical school and working in pediatrics or emergency care.

Seth Rubinstein (Beta Sigma/Lehigh '06)

Seth graduated from Lehigh with a degree in biology. During his senior year, he was named Fraternity President of the Year at Lehigh, and 2nd Runner-up for the 2007 Colley Award. He, also, served as Secretary and Recruitment Chair as an undergraduate. Brother Rubinstein remains involved with Beta Sigma Chapter, holding two positions on their Alumni Board. He is attending New York University School of Dentistry this fall.



David Seitzinger (Alpha Kappa/West Virginia '09)



David is a rising junior with aspirations of attending pharmacy school. He has already served his chapter as Scholarship Chairman and Recruitment Chairman. Brother Seitzinger is also a member of the WVU Men's Ice

Hockey team and the Apha-ASP, a pharmacy student group which performs service projects in the Morgantown area. He has maintained a 3.76 GPA in pre-pharmacy coursework to this point.

Scott Steiskal (Beta Kappa/Hamline '08)

Brother Steiskal is a rising senior at Hamline pursuing degrees in English and art history. He has served his chapter as President and Vice President. Scott is a member of the Hamline University Media Board and MamaDada

student art group. His passion for media and communication has motivated him to seek graduate education in marketing or advertising.



John Swon IV (Beta Kappa/Hamline '08)



John is a rising senior studying history. At Beta Kappa Chapter, he served as Philanthropy Chair, starting a new tradition of holding chapter-sponsored events in addition to helping at other events. Brother Swon started

his own independent film production company in 1999, and has returned to school to finish his degree before finishing the work he started with his company. Outside of Theta Chi, John is involved with the Edina Chamber of Commerce, the Minnesota Republican Party, and the American Red Cross.

Raymond Vanlanot (Alpha Iota/Indiana '08)

Raymond is a senior at Indiana pursuing a triple major in Biology, Psychology, and Neuroscience. He has served Alpha Iota Chapter as President for two terms, Recruitment Chairman, and IFC Representative. Brother

Vanlanot is an active member of many campus organizations including the College Republicans and Student Alumni Association. He was recently recognized as one of IU's "Top 10 Student Leaders" in Spring 2007.



Justin Wasko (Tau/Florida '07)



Brother Wasko graduated from UF with a degree in Food Science and Nutrition. At Tau Chapter, he organized communications for one of the largest alumni groups in the Fraternity, including publication of a quarterly newsletter.

Justin was named in the "Who's Who Among America's Students" and is a member of Order of Omega. He is currently attending pharmacy school at UF.

Corey Wielert (Iota Beta/Missouri State '08)

Brother Wielert is a rising senior studying economics, currently maintaining a 3.73 GPA. Though he is an RA at Missouri State, he led the Iota Beta Chapter as Philanthropy Chair to over 1,000 hours of community service in one semester. He started a tradition of a week-long philanthropy effort put on by the entire chapter. Corey plans to attend law school in Fall, 2008.



Brock Wurl (Gamma Phi/Nebraska Wesleyan '04)

Brock graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan with a degree in Business Administration. During his time as an undergraduate, he served his chapter as Recruitment Chairman and Marshal. Outside of Theta Chi, he was Treasurer of the Student Affairs Senate, a member of the University Ambassadors, and on the junior varsity

basketball team. Since graduation, he has remained committed to Theta Chi, creating a Chapter Advisory Board for Gamma Phi Chapter, receiving a Citation of Honor from the Grand Chapter for his work. He is currently attending the University of Nebraska College of Law.



Chapter Leadership Conference

By James J. Moylan, Director (Gamma Lambda/University of Denver '69)



By the time you read this column, our Chapter Leadership Conference ("CLC") will have been held at the University of South Carolina, in Columbia, S.C.. Assuredly, over three hundred undergraduate and alumnus brothers, as well as many friends of Theta Chi Fraternity, will have participated in the long summer weekend of learning, sharing and Brotherhood.

CLC is our odd-numbered year, summer, fraternal gathering where leaders, and those who want to become leaders, of our undergraduate chapters meet in educa-

tional sessions and cover topics designed to teach them about: effective leadership skills, constructive confrontation, holding a chapter meeting, motivational skills, interacting with the campus administration, etc. All of these are skills that will benefit our chapters now and that our chapter leaders will take with them into 'the real world', after completing their higher education as they become contributing members of our society.

Why is CLC the subject of my column for this issue? It is because the money you donate to the Foundation Chapter can be 'earmarked' for the Leadership Fund, an endowed fund from which we provide an annual grant to the Grand Chapter to help underwrite the cost of the educational and leadership programming our Fraternity provides for our undergraduate brothers. These leadership programs include CLC, The School of Fraternity Practices, The Deranian Presidents Conference, and the regional Mid-Year Leadership Challenges.

Individual contributions directed to the Leadership Fund, as well as brick purchases and pledges to special room purchases are deposited in this endowed fund and are used exclusively for the above identified educational and leadership programs. Please consider a contribution to the Leadership Fund. I know where those dollars go and I know the great work that your contributions enable our Fraternity to do.

We, also, have ways for you to contribute tax deductible dollars to benefit both our Fraternity and your specific chapter through our Chapter Specific Scholarship Fund ("CSSF") program. If you would like information on other ways to contribute to our Fraternity, or if you need information on establishing a CSSF for your chapter, please contact Cathie Morgan, our Director of Foundation Services, at 317-824-1881 or email cmorgan@thetachi.org. to obtain materials and requirements to establish a CSSF.

Of course, our **greatest** need is for unrestricted funds and you can help us there by your donations to the Annual Campaign, which will be deposited to our general fund and allocated by the Board to the areas of our greatest need.

This is my last column as President of the Foundation Chapter, though I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for my second 4 year term. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers who have supported our fund raising efforts with their generous contributions over the past four years.

Finally, at the conclusion of my term as President, I also want to acknowledge and thank Brother Bruce Hoffmann, (Tau Chapter/University of Florida '69), Vice President, who has decided to step down from the Board at the conclusion of his four year term in office. Thank you, Bruce, we very much appreciate your service on the Foundation Chapter Board of Directors.

I want to welcome Michael Roe (Alpha Upsilon/University of Nebraska '86) to the Board of Directors. Michael is a CPA by training and profession and will be an invaluable asset to our Board. We are looking forward to working with Michael and welcome him to the Board.

Your new Foundation Chapter officers for 2007-2009 are: President, Warren E. Hoffman, II (Alpha Iota/Indiana University '76); Vice President, David A. May (Zeta Sigma/University of Wisconsin-River Falls '70); Secretary, James R. Morgan (Delta Xi/Valparaiso University '73); Treasurer, Michael Roe (Alpha Upsilon/University of Nebraska-Lincoln '86). Herb Morgan, (Theta Iota/University of California-Santa Cruz '88) and I will serve as directors.

Thank you, Brothers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. Moylan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Director
Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc.

BETTER BECAUSE OF THETA CHI.

The Reginald E.F. Colley Award is presented annually by the Grand Chapter and is the highest honor for an undergraduate brother in our fraternity. It is given to the undergraduate member who best demonstrates distinguished service to Alma Mater, Fraternity and chapter. The award, which originally was a trophy, was first presented to the Fraternity in 1929 by Frederick Ladue (Iota Chapter/Colgate University) in memory of Reginald E.F. Colley (Phi Chapter/North Dakota State University), who was a member of the Grand Chapter from 1925 to 1926. The original trophy was retired in 1950 and was replaced by the large plaque used today. Each year, a committee composed of past Colley Award recipients reviews applications and determines the recipient and two runners up.



Kevin Keilly accepts the Alter Award for his chapter, Tau/University of Florida

This year's second (2nd) runner up, Kevin F. Reilly, Jr. (Tau/University of Florida '08) just finished his junior year. In his application this brother said "Coming to college, I had never intended to join a fraternity." But since his initiation into Theta Chi, this brother used his leadership skills and outgoing personality to improve his chapter. He has served on his chapter's Risk Management Committee and Bylaw Revision Committee and as Assistant New Member

The 2007 Reginald E.F. Colley Award



Colley Award Recipient Erik D. Lange (Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern '07), his parents and National Historian Joe D'Amore (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '77)

This year's recipient of the Reginald E.F. Colley award is a graduating senior who has held a 4.0 GPA for the past eight semesters while being his Varsity Swim Team's co-captain, representing Theta Chi as the IFC's Vice President for Public Relations, and serving as his Chapter's President. As a Co-Captain, this brother led his swim team to their third conference championship, winning the 100 breast stroke, 200 medley relay, and 400 medley relay. As the IFC Vice-President of Public Relations, he helped bridge the gap between his chapter and the IFC. When he graduated, he motivated two younger brothers to keep that legacy intact and they are now members of the IFC Executive Board.

Along with being a varsity swimmer and the IFC Vice President of Public Relations, this brother took on the challenge of being Chapter President where he knew he could help save a struggling chapter. Recruitment was an issue and, with his help, the chapter membership nearly doubled growing from 11 brothers to 21. The chapter was struggling academically and this brother pushed every member improve his

Educator, Historian, Assistant Treasurer, Awards Chairman, Social Committee Chairman, and President. As Chapter President, Kevin wanted to make improvements and, by encouraging membership growth, he saw his chapter become one of the largest in Theta Chi. He wanted to improve Alumni Relations, which was accomplished by doubling the size of their alumni data base. He also knew the condition of the house was not the best and, by working with local authorities, increased the safety and quality of living in the house. He played a crucial role in making his chapter's annual philanthropy and helped his chapter raise over \$1,600 dollars during the past two years for their charity.

Kevin is a respected leader on campus and a good role model for all brothers. In his second semester as a student, he was elected to his school's Senate where he quickly became involved and an influential part of his university. Our brother has been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society and Order of Omega. He is not just a leader in his chapter and on his campus, but also within his community, where he is involved with "Keeping Alachua County Beautiful," and the Alachua County Humane Society.

In his recommendation letter, a fellow chapter brother said "During my time at Theta Chi there have been few people that can command and lead the Brotherhood with such poise and charisma. He has been a dramatic influence on all of our members and specifically on me. It is my pleasure to be able to recommend him for such an Award."



First runner up, Sean Cain (foreground) in his first movie, *Passing Through*.

In one letter of recommendation for our first (1st) runner up to the Colley Award, it was written "His willingness to always extend the helping hand never ceases to amaze me. He sets a wonderful example for all our brothers, and his sense of humor allows him to get along easy with others." In another letter, one of the university's vice presidents said, "He has the strength of character to hold fast in the face of adversity and, given the steps he takes before making a decision, is comfortable with that decision. He seeks advice and is well respected by faculty, staff, senior level administration and the University Board of Governors. He has a certain charismatic quality that draws people to him."

This brother is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Order of Omega Honor Society. He graduated Cum Laude in his University's Honors College with a 3.71 GPA and was on the Dean's list every year he was in school.

He has been active since his initiation and holds the distinction of being the youngest elected officer for his chapter. He held the offices of Recruitment Chairman, Greek Week Chairman, and Chaplain. He

grades. Since he, personally, held a 4.0 for eight semesters, he expected nothing less from everyone in his chapter. Noting that Theta Chi did not have a very strong presence on campus, this brother changed that by getting involved with IFC and making sure the tradition would continue after he left.

He is also an executive officer for his honorary engineering service society, Tau Beta Pi, and is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Phi Kappa Honorary. If that does not seem like enough, he is also very active with his Boy Scout Troop where he achieved the level of Eagle Scout and he volunteers his Sunday evenings teaching young children how to swim. He helped organize the Swim for Cystic Fibrosis this past winter and works the time clock at numerous high school academic competition events.

In his recommendation letter, his Greek Advisor wrote, "His extreme dedication to Theta Chi is very heart-warming to me as a full-time Greek professional. He has worked diligently to keep his chapter running smoothly while consistently juggling all the other aspects of his college career. He has a very kind and gentle demeanor which has helped motivate his chapter members to accomplish the necessary tasks to stay highly involved."

Our recipient attended the Chapter Leadership Conference in Dayton, Ohio and Deranian President's Conference in Indianapolis. He joined us last year at the 150th Anniversary Convention at Norwich University where he was the recipient of the "Shug" Jordan Award.

All of these very impressive attributes are the reasons this member of Zeta Kappa Chapter at Ohio Northern University is the 2007 recipient of the Reginald E.F. Colley Award... Brother Erik David Lange.



Former and present Colley Award winners: Lucas Elgie (Alpha Phi/Alabama '05), Mike Mayer (Epsilon Phi/Missouri State '04), Erik Lange (Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern '07), Dale Taylor (Alpha Phi/Alabama '69), Brian Rinker (Rho/Illinois '01).



The original Colley trophy, created in 1929 by Frederick Ladue, was resilvered in 2006 through a grant from the Foundation Chapter.

also served on the Ritual Committee, Housing Committee, Finance Committee, and Public Relations Committee. As the Recruitment chairman he increased the chapter's membership 40 percent by implementing new and creative programs.

On campus he oversaw his school's efforts this year to send students to New Orleans for their second annual "Hurricane Katrina Relief" alternative spring break, where in the past two years he was able to send over 150 students to help the people of Bogalusa, Louisiana.

This brother's most outstanding achievement came in April 2006 when he was elected Student Body President. As President, he led a referendum approval process for a \$23,000,000 University Recreation Center. He also created a consortium of student leadership from the 12 public universities in his state to advocate on behalf of higher education at his state capital.

Our first (1st) runner up for the 2007 Reginald E.F. Colley award comes from Missouri State University home of our Iota Beta Chapter, Brother Sean Michael Cain.

CLC 2007 AWARDS

Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence

The Howard R. Alter, Jr. Award for Chapter Excellence was developed and approved in 1984. The award was presented to the Fraternity by former Field Representatives (now called Leadership and Education Consultants) of Theta Chi who had served under Brother Alter during his tenure as Executive Director, from 1968 to 1984. The Alter Award is given annually by the Fraternity to those chapters that demonstrate excellence in all aspects of fraternity operations. The Alter Award is the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow upon an undergraduate chapter.

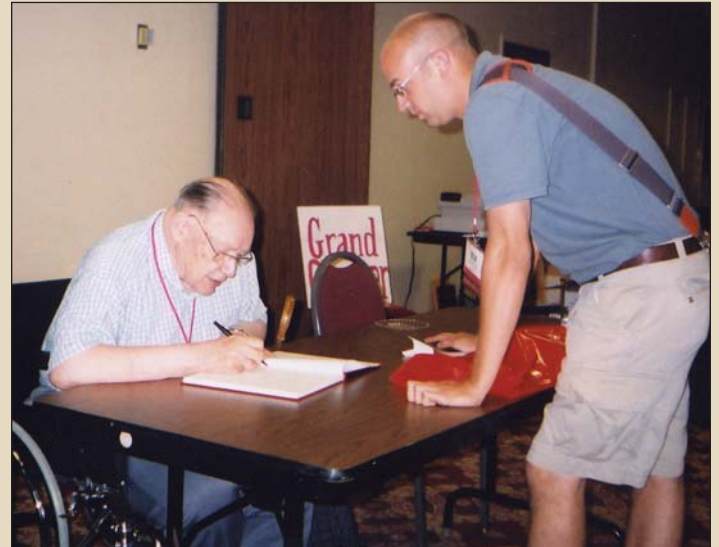
2006–2007

- Tau—*University of Florida*
- Alpha Phi—*University of Alabama*
- Epsilon Kappa—*University of Idaho*
- Iota Beta—*Missouri State University*
- Iota Theta—*University of Central Florida*

2007 Chapter Achievement Awards

The Chapter Achievement Award was created in 1991 to recognize those chapters that apply for the Alter Award and do not receive the award, but demonstrate substantial progress and improvement in chapter organization and operations. The Chapter Achievement Award is presented annually by the Fraternity for those chapters that demonstrate excellence in a number of aspects of fraternity operations.

- Phi—*North Dakota State University*
- Theta—*University of Massachusetts*
- Omega—*Pennsylvania State University*
- Alpha Xi—*University of Delaware*
- Alpha Omicron—*Washington State University*
- Beta Xi—*Birmingham-Southern College*



Howard Alter (Omega/Penn State) signs history books at CLC Marketplace for Ben Ciesinski (Eta Mu/University of Findlay).

- Beta Sigma—*Lehigh University*
- Gamma Kappa—*Miami University*
- Gamma Phi—*Nebraska Wesleyan University*
- Delta Kappa—*Ball State University*
- Delta Omega—*Ripon College*
- Epsilon Phi—*University of Central Missouri*
- Zeta Lambda—*Westminster College*
- Eta Rho—*Centenary College*

- Eta Tau—*California State University-Stanislaus*
- Theta Xi—*Virginia Commonwealth University*

The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy

The Sidney Ann Gilpin Lewis Memorial Trophy was presented to Theta Chi Fraternity by James G.



203 undergraduate brothers attended the 2007 CLC in Columbia, South Carolina. 25 alumni brothers facilitated the weekend.

CLC Fun!



Didn't your mother warn you about hypnotists? CLC was not all games, though, 48 educational sessions filled three days of intensive leadership training.



Mat Hotho, Mark Hastings (Gamma Delta Colony/Florida Southern), 2007 Floyd W. Field Award Recipient, Amanda Dunevin, Lucas Elgie (Alpha Phi/Alabama '05)

Lewis (Alpha Xi/Delaware '12) in memory of his daughter. The award, which is made on an annual basis, recognizes the undergraduate chapter that, in the judgment of the Grand Chapter, has made the greatest amount of progress in the preceding academic year.

Recipient:

Nu—*Hampden-Sydney College*

Honorable Mention:

Rho—*University of Illinois*

Omega—*Pennsylvania State University*

Alpha Mu—*Iowa State University*

Gamma Tau—*Drake University*

Zeta Beta—*Adrian College*

Zeta Kappa—*Ohio Northern University*

Eta Iota—*Newberry College*

Eta Rho—*Centenary College*

Eta Tau—*California State University-Stanislaus*

Theta Eta—*Sam Houston State University*

Iota Gamma—*Grand Valley State University*

Iota Delta—*Southeastern Louisiana University*

James Michael Holland Award

The James Michael Holland Award is presented each summer to the chapter that initiates the most brothers in a school year.

Recipient:

Alpha Phi—*University of Alabama*

1st Runner-Up:

Iota Beta—*Missouri State University*

2nd Runner-Up:

Iota Theta—*University of Central Florida*

Phil S. Randall Success in Recruitment Award

Presented to those chapters that initiate 25 men or more during the preceding school year.

Tau—*University of Florida*

Alpha Xi—*University of Delaware*

Alpha Phi—*University of Alabama*

Beta Sigma—*Lehigh University*

Gamma Kappa—*Miami University*

Gamma Rho—*Florida State University*

Delta Alpha—*Linfield College*

Delta Upsilon—*Arizona State University*

Iota Beta—*Missouri State University*

Iota Theta—*University of Central Florida*



"Shug" Jordan Award Recipient, Jason D. Carmichael (Gamma Chi/Randolph Macon)

Reginald E.F. Colley Awards

The Colley Award, named in honor and in memory of Reginald E.F. Colley, Phi/North Dakota State '15, was presented to the Fraternity by Past National President Frederick W. Ladue. Brother Colley served on the Grand Chapter from 1925 to 1926. The award has been presented since 1929. The Colley Award is the highest undergraduate award in Theta Chi Fraternity. A complete

article about the 2007 Colley winners can be found on page 16.

Recipient:

Erik David Lange—*Zeta Kappa/Ohio Northern University*

1st Runner-Up:

Sean Michael Cain—*Iota Beta/Missouri State University*

2nd Runner-Up:

Kevin Francis Reilly Jr.—*Tau/University of Florida*

James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award for Outstanding Scholar Athlete

The James Ralph "Shug" Jordan Award is named in honor and memory of Brother Jordan (Chi/Auburn '32), who was head football coach at his alma mater from 1951 through 1975. Brother Jordan led his team to a national championship in 1957. This award was first presented in 1996. The Jordan Award is presented annually to a Theta Chi undergraduate scholar-athlete who exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, brotherhood, and commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics.

Recipient:

Jason D. Carmichael—*Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon College*

Floyd W. Field Award for Outstanding Greek Affairs Professional

The Floyd W. Field Award was commissioned by the Grand Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity to honor an outstanding Greek Affairs Professional for commitment to and support of the ideals of Greek student life. The award is named in honor of Floyd Field, the first initiate of our Alpha Nu Chapter at Georgia Tech Institute of Technology. Brother Field exemplified our motto of The Helping Hand by reaching out to students in all areas, by creating the first representative Student Government and establishing the first Dean of Men position at Georgia Tech. His outstanding character and determination to address student needs serve as an example to all.

Recipient:
Amanda Dunivan, *Director of Fraternity and Sorority Programs at Florida Southern College*

Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award

The Mabel M. Oswaldt Appreciation Award was authorized and established by the Grand Chapter on July 15, 1946, as a means of recognizing women who have rendered service worthy of recognition to Theta Chi Fraternity

Recipient:
Cindy Meeks— *Assistant to the Directors of Chapter and Leadership Development*

5K Run/Walk

Winner:
David Seitzinger (*Alpha Kappa/West Virginia '08*) 22:13

Second Place:
Eric Berntson (*Beta Delta Interest Group/Rutgers*) 23:30

Third Place:
Brian Buchholz (*Beta Sigma/Lehigh*) 23:55



Cindy Meeks, assistant to the Directors of Chapter Development and Leadership Development received the Mabel M. Oswaldt Award. She was nominated by Bill Russo (Epsilon Xi/Clarian '02), Director of Leadership Development.

THETA CHI SCHOLARSHIP

Gamma Chi's

By Andrew Price (Gamma Chi/Randolph-Macon '04)

*(Editor's Note: Gamma Chi doesn't just re-peat their triumphs; they **five-peat!** Matthew Brim, Andrew Price and Brian Bielecki have all been recipients of a Foundation Chapter scholarship.)*

When Matt Brim ('08) walked on stage to collect the Outstanding Chapter President award at the annual Greek Awards Ceremony last spring, he received a hero's adulation. Brim collected the award in style, being carried to the stage by another brother with the rest of the fraternity standing and cheering "as if you just scored a touchdown for your college football team in over-time," he said.

This was not the only occasion a Gamma Chi brother was recognized on that stage.

For the fifth year in a row, the President of the Gamma Chi Chapter at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. was honored as a leader of the campus and Greek community.

The first president to earn the award was Andrew Price ('04) in 2003. He was followed by Brent Wagner ('05), Brian Bielecki ('06) and Jason Carmichael ('07). The recipients say the award is just a reflection of the chapter in general.

"I was more happy to win the award on behalf of my chapter, than I was to receive the individual credit," said Wagner, who recently completed his second year in an MBA program at Virginia Commonwealth University. "A good chapter president is a reflection of having a strong supporting cast of brothers, and I most certainly had that." "We have so many strong leaders in our chapter that it is difficult to select a president each year, but the streak of awards shows that we have consistently done a good job," agreed Carmichael, who is currently teaching fifth grade in Portsmouth, Va. "The chapter has gone from probationary status to three straight Chapter of Excellence awards on top of the Outstanding President awards. It just speaks to the accomplishments and hard work of our chapter."

With five consecutive winners, joining the list has almost become one of the requirements of being a chapter president.

"I didn't think it would grow into what it is today," Price said. "The younger guys have taken a lot of pride in keeping this tradition going and have put in a lot of hard work into NOT being the guy who ends the streak! It is really special to see that and it gives me a lot of pride to see the leadership of the chapter so determined to do well."

Bielecki said he noticed two big factors playing a role in each president's ability to succeed: the timing of the turnover in the spring, which allows the president to hold the position throughout

WINNERS TAKE HONORS AT RANDOLPH MACON!

Five-Peaters!



Gamma Chi Five Presidents Andrew Price '04, Brent Wagner '05, Brian Bielecki '06, Jason Carmichael '07, Matthew Brian '08.

his entire junior year while the past president is a senior, and the fact that the winners have continuously stayed in tough for support and guidance. "Having access to the Past President is very beneficial and has seemed to allow for a smooth transition," said Bielecki, an analyst in the Transaction Advisory Services for Ernest and Young in Philadelphia.

In addition to the Outstanding Chapter President award, these five brothers have plenty of other interests in common. All five were athletes, with four playing soccer and Price representing the Yellow Jackets as a pitcher on the baseball team. Price, Carmichael and Brim served as captains of their respective teams. Bielecki, Wagner and Price were selected as orientation leaders to guide new students during their first week at R-MC. The four most recent presidents all served on the steering committee for Dance Marathon, an annual fundraiser that raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. "It just shows how well-rounded our brothers are and how they take the leadership experience gained through the fraternity and apply it to other aspects of college life," said Price, who is currently employed a mortgage loan officer with SunTrust Mortgage in Richmond.

That versatility was honored this past summer when Carmichael was awarded the 2007 national Shug Jordan Award given annually to a brother who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership, citizenship, brotherhood and a commitment to excellence in intercollegiate athletics. "I have seen others win it, but didn't really think it would be something that I would have a shot at," Carmichael said. "The fact that I received the honor is truly a reflection on our chapter and the support that the brothers give to one another."

While each of the Presidents had different experiences while guiding the chapter—from Price and Wagner leading the transition to alcohol-free housing to Bielecki, Carmichael and Brim setting the stage to earn consecutive Chapter Excellence Awards—there are always several pieces of the puzzle that remain the same for a chapter's leadership regardless of the situation. **Bielecki said there were several traits that come with being a good president.** "I think a good president is one with a level head, the ability to weigh various decisions, who has the ability to influence people, and be flexible but also consistent in decision making," he said.

"I made mistakes, as all leaders do, in the process of improving my chapter and brothers. My experience as president gave me much pain, stress, joy, and excitement in the process," said Brim, a senior and biology major from Jacksonville, Fla. "A good president is one who dedicates leadership, responsibility, and countless hours of work for the improvement and survival of his chapter, knowing that he will probably not be rewarded, applauded, or talked about on a stage in the auditorium on his campus."

And, with Brim turning the role over to Sam Cappellanti, he hopes the chapter will continue to improve in the areas of "leadership, academics, philanthropy, social activities, and community service," he said. "Currently, our chapter is very active on campus. We have two brothers on IFC and one in Student Government and over 80% involved in intercollegiate athletics. Our brothers share a common interest and goal, but at the same time express unique personalities that contribute to the chapter's improvement and presence on campus."

... and, hopefully, to a sixth, consecutive Chapter President of the Year.



"Men may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."

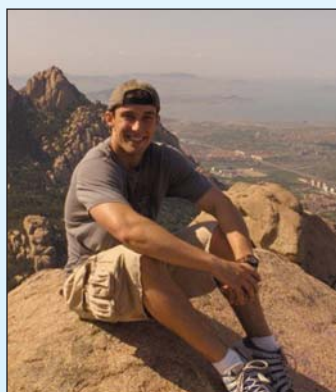
—Lewis Cass

Editor's Note: Foundation scholarships enable Theta Chi students in many ways. The following story details how one such scholar became a student of the world, moving Theta Chi into an international setting. Corey Wielert is a multiple year winner of Foundation scholarships. In his article, he shows how his academic adventures allowed him to further his Theta Chi ideals and become "a promoter of knowledge, an advancer of culture and a builder of character."

It was less than a year ago that I began my adventures. As a brother of Theta Chi, a student at Missouri State University, and a citizen of the United States, I had the great opportunity to study in the Netherlands and the People's Republic of China for five months and two months, respectively.

Exploring the unknown was my objective, but what followed within the next year was nothing I could have ever imagined.

It had always been my dream to travel abroad, but the dream began to become a reality last year on a typical, rainy day in late March when I walked into the study abroad office at my university with few expectations, only the curiosity of a college student eager to travel. It was then that it came to me, "What better time to travel than during college?" Studying became the impetus for my decision to journey abroad, along with my strong desire to travel and inquisitive desire to learn about another culture. Given the travel opportunities, classes, city, and many other factors, Tilburg, Netherlands became the choice for my lengthy adventure to Europe. Leaving my friends and family behind wasn't easy. Additionally, the comfort of the American lifestyle, familiarity of the culture, and commonality of



Corey in Laoshen, China

Into the Unknown

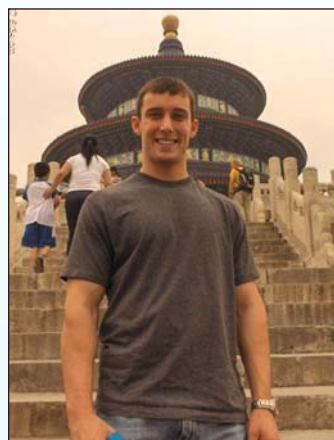
By Corey Wielert (Iota Beta/Missouri State '08)

the language made for a somewhat difficult departure. But all that disappeared once I boarded the plane. Twelve hours later, I arrived in Amsterdam knowing that the next five months would be like no other time in my life.

A short train ride took me to the quiet Dutch city of Tilburg, close to the Belgium border. The relatively peaceful, tranquil environment was flooded with bicyclers, the number of which I can only compare to that of the Tour de France. At no other time in my life have I seen so many people riding bicycles. From elderly couples and young children to families and college students, bikes were the main mode of transportation for many, including myself. A 23-minute bike ride from my apartment to the university took me through Dutch neighborhoods, shopping districts, and forests. I hadn't biked so much since I was 10 years old. Although the experience was an enjoyable one, the Dutch weather persistently tested my tolerance as rain was common and the bike rides were usually the worst around the time I needed to shop for groceries.

Have you tried grocery shopping without knowing what you're buying?

I do enjoy shopping for groceries, but I did become smarter the day I brought home pig's stomach. My Dutch wasn't good enough at that point to decipher what I was buying, but my dare-to-try-anything attitude made me realize maybe I should do a little more research the next time I went shop-



Corey Wielert in Beijing

ping. The one thing I could depend on tasting good was my weekly block of cheese. The Dutch pride themselves on their cheese and it's apparent why. My post-study snack every night brought me to the refrigerator in search of my delicious block of cheese.

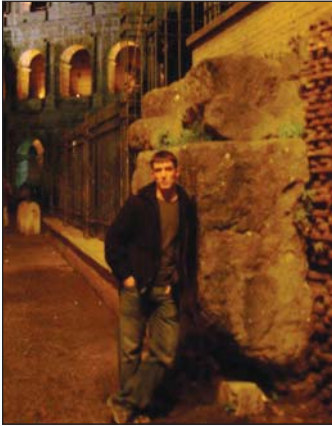
More than bikes and cheese, my five months in the Netherlands introduced me to a whole new world—a world with many diverse cultures, languages, and lifestyles. By far, the most valuable part of both my trips was the opportunity to meet students from all around the world. Yes, international students do attend our stateside universities, but it wasn't until I became one such student myself that I appreciated their presence. My three roommates, for example, were from Denmark, Bulgaria, and Hong Kong. By the end of our stay together, our daily discussions had led us to a better understanding of each other's culture and of one

another. I learned more about each of their cultures in a few weeks than I ever did throughout years of classroom education. It's this information that I used to understand the cultures of others, and it will be this information I intend on using throughout my life.

As I began to talk more about the cultures of others, I began talking about my own. It was meeting students from around the world and talking with them that not only gave me insight into their worlds, but helped me realize how they thought about ours. The five months I spent in Europe opened my eyes to the magnitude of differences around the world.

It was January, 2007 when I returned from Europe. Elevated and exhausted from my time overseas, I thought it would be a good idea to take some time off and continue my education back home. The semester was ending, so I began thinking of my summer plans. As any college student would do, I made a list of all my options: summer school, part-time job, or another internship. Thinking back from my time in the Netherlands, I knew I wanted to find another reason to travel. "Maybe I can learn Chinese," I told my mother over the phone. The hesitant and cautious response from her gave me some doubts about China, but her supportive attitude made me realize it was China I wanted to visit, and Chinese I wanted to learn.

Once again, my travels began. A trans-Pacific flight led me to Beijing where I spent the next three days touring. After learning how to use chopsticks on the flight to China, at least I could now successfully eat. It took me many tries, and a lap full of food, before I grasped how difficult it was to use chopsticks. So it was then that I asked an English-speaking local, "How come you use chopsticks knowing that a fork is so much easier?" "It's tradition," he replied.



Corey in Rome

From that moment, I knew the next two months would introduce me to a culture full of traditions foreign to me and so unique to the customs with which I grew up.

After touring Beijing, I spent many hours on a train to Qingdao, the city where I was to be study Chinese. Unlike the smaller Dutch city of Tilburg, Qingdao was a bustling port city of eight million people along the Yellow Sea in Shandong Province across from the Korean peninsula. As you can imagine, nothing would be the same for the next two months.

Classes began the next day, in which I was introduced to the interesting, but difficult language of Mandarin. I guess you could say I underestimated the intensity of this summer program, but with the passing of each week I became more fluent in the language. The first month was filled with much confusion and hopelessness, for there has never been a time in my life where I was so confused with my surroundings. But there was a sense of achievement and fulfillment that I received after communicating with the locals. Of course I was laughed at, but I didn't care, as long as they understood me.

My time in China, like the Netherlands, brought me closer to many international students. I will never forget the daily hikes to our

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favorite restaurant around the corner or the weekly trips to the Western bars downtown. We learned so much from each other. Although arguments regularly occurred, it was these arguments and conversations that made us realize how different we all were. To this day, I remain in communication with the friends I met in the Netherlands and China, and, hopefully, one day we will meet up again.

It was traveling that had sparked my interest in these endeavors.

Not traveling in the sense of 12-hour flights, six-hour train rides, or 14-hour bus trips, but traveling in the sense of walking along the streets of a foreign city. Whether it was stargazing at St. Paul's Cathedral, napping in the Roman Forum, or relaxing on the beaches of Barcelona, it was traveling that kept my curiosity alive. I made it a goal of mine to travel every weekend while in the Netherlands. One might think this would be a costly goal and they would be right. But, never underestimate the minimalist nature of a college student. Students are known for their cunning, yet simplistic ways of finding deals, and I did just that. The low cost transportation, as well as hostel living and budget foods helped keep my goal attainable. Living in a hostel nearly every weekend, while having a diet consist of only bread, ham, and water did have its unpleasant moments, but it was all for good fun. Every trip ended with many great stories to tell, but it wasn't until my arrival back to the United States that I could share them all.

I've always been amazed at how other societies can develop so differently than ours. I learned about

the lives of people living all over the world, how they spend their days, what they view as important in life, and how they analyze other cultures. But more surprisingly, I learned a lot more about my own country.

I don't think I've ever talked more about the United States—its history and politics—as I did while studying abroad in Europe, and China was no different.

The two things I spent most of my time talking about in the Netherlands, as well as in China, were American foreign policy and McDonalds. Curiosity overwhelms the minds of foreigners. Their interest in understanding the American lifestyle was not so oblivious to me until my time abroad. Whatever it was I talked about, I knew there was more of a curiosity about our culture than vice versa.

It was less than a year ago that this all occurred. The lessons and leadership I gained throughout my time as a brother of Theta Chi and as an American university student tremendously helped. As a representative of both, I took pride in



Corey in Paris

what each aspect endeavors to support, "...a promoter of knowledge, an advancer of culture, and a builder of character." Studying abroad does just that: it puts one in an unfamiliar environment, forcing them to depend on those principles that encourage understanding. As I begin my senior year of college in pursuit of law school, I look back and appreciate every day I was abroad. It was difficult at times, but worth it in the end; and if there was anything I would have to say to my fellow Brother in Theta Chi or my fellow American, it would be to recommend travel abroad. Nothing has been more fulfilling throughout my college career than that, so please take advantage of the opportunities before you and dare to venture into the unknown. ■



Corey in Amsterdam.

In the Life of Theta Chi

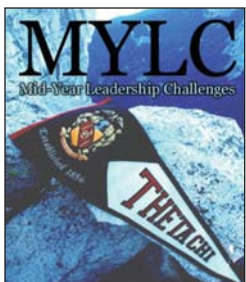
Title Resource Group has Appointed Elliot Rose as Senior Vice President



Title Resource Group (TRG), a full-service provider of title, settlement and vendor management services, announced the appointment of **Elliot Rose** (Gamma Pi/SUNY-Buffalo '69) as senior vice president for TRG's Southeast Region. Rose, a seasoned executive with 35 years of experience in real estate operations and sales management, will help lead the region's overall strategic direction and administer all aspects of its growth and expansion plans.

Congratulations are in order!

Gamma Sigma Alpha, a National Greek Academic Honor Society which recognizes greek scholars who excel in academics, has inducted Iota Alpha, University of North Carolina Wilmington Brothers, **Erik Autenrieth '07** and **Zane Whitner '07**. Gamma Sigma Alpha recognizes outstanding Greek community academic performance as compared to the all university average through regional academic achievement awards. This organization grants scholarships for graduate study to its members. One of the organization's top priorities is creating partnerships to engage a wide range of fraternal movement constituents in the pursuit of academic excellence. In addition, they seek to create dynamic and member-focused relationships with companies and other institutions that support academic excellence.



Register online at www.thetachi.org/events/mylc.
November deadline is October 22, 2007.
February deadline is January 21, 2008.

The 2006 Floyd W. Field Award goes to Professor Renninger

The prestigious Floyd W. Field Award for outstanding Greek advisor was bestowed on **D. Scott Renninger**, Associate Professor of Physical Education at Westminster College in May 2006. Brothers of Zeta Lambda Chapter presented the award in a special program held during Westminster's Greek Week. Dr. Renninger writes, "To say I was stunned would be an understatement, and to be able to share this prestigious honor with the entire Westminster Greek Community in the manner in which it was presented is a moment I will never forget." "We have done a lot here during the past 25 plus years with I.F.C. and the Greek Community, and I have been enriched beyond expression by being able to enjoy our students on a different field than those of my traditional coaching duties."

Brother Suzuki receives Presidential Appointment

Jon B. Suzuki, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.B.A. (Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan '68) has received a Presidential Appointment as Professor of Microbiology in the School of Medicine and Professor of Periodontology in the School of Dentistry at Temple University. He also serves as the Associate Dean for Graduate Education, Research and International Affairs as well as Director of Graduate Periodontology at Temple University. He has served as Dean of the School of Dental Medicine and Chief of Hospital Dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh. Brother Suzuki received his D.D.S. from Loyola University, Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Microbiology from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Recently, he completed an M.B.A. from the Katz Graduate School of Business of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Suzuki has published over 100 papers, chapters, and symposia; 175 abstracts; and one textbook in Medical Technology.



David Westol Wins the Campuspeak Anti-Hazing Award



"The name of this award was 'Anti Hazing Hero,'" writes **Ted Bodine**, President (Rho Chapter, Illinois '07), "and the first man that came to my mind was **Dave Westol** (Beta Zeta/Michigan State '73). Earlier in the year, he (Dave) had come to the

University of Illinois and had given a powerful speech about hazing to the entire greek community. Of course, this was not the first time I had met him, but I had heard rumors about his 'famous' anti-hazing speeches. Actually seeing one with my own eyes was an unforgettable experience. After hearing Brother Westol deliver such a powerful message, I knew that this man would never rest as long as there was hazing going on somewhere, sort of like a modern day Superman that fights hazing instead of street crime. I figured that would qualify him for the title of 'Hero,' and I'm glad that Campuspeak agrees."

Dave was nominated for this award by Brother Bodine who provided this support for his nomination, "Never in my life have I met a more enthusiastic, anti-hazing activist. One thing that is truly ingrained in the minds of every Theta Chi member is that hazing is a terrible thing that needs to be abolished. Dave has taken it upon himself personally to insure that no chapter of Theta Chi hazes its members. Our fraternity prides itself on being non-hazing, and we primarily have Dave Westol to thank for that."

Dave Westol has tirelessly served fraternities and sororities in nearly 30 years as a well-known, anti-hazing speaker, volunteer in numerous capacities and as a professional in the field. Not only has he been one of the most well-respected and sought-after speakers on the subject, but he donated much of the proceeds from these speeches to Theta Chi's Foundation. His program, "Hazing on Trial," woke students up to the liability they could face as leaders for violating national policies and the law. Its pre-

sentation more than 1,600 times to 300+ campuses across the country, and more than 100 national fraternity and sorority conventions and leadership conferences, has had an immeasurable impact on student leaders.

Brother Westol is a member of the highest Foundation Chapter Giving Club, the Board of Visitors, which requires a minimum of \$25,000 in donations for membership.

Museum Professional Honored

Museum professional, **Don Zuris**, (Beta Chi/Allegheny '66) has been honored by the American Association of Museums with the Excellence in Peer Review Award. Museums participate in several museum assessment programs in the categories of general assessment, collections management, public dimension and governance. The museum undergoes a self evaluation followed by an on-site visit from a peer reviewer followed by a written report. Brother Zuris was one of six peer reviewers out of 1,200 to be honored with the award this year. Head curator of the Corpus Christi Museum in Corpus Christi, Texas, Brother Zuris participates in the Coastal Bend alumni chapter and has shared his love of baseball with the group by providing special tours of his museum's Baseball Hall of Fame.

75 Years Young with Theta Chi

Dr. James W. Kelley (Xi Chapter of Beta Kappa Fraternity/Allegheny College '32) celebrated his Diamond Brigade (75th) anniversary with fellow Diamond Brigade member, Judge **Daniel W. Fleetham Sr.** (Alpha/Norwich '34). Dr. Kelley obtained his Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and went on to attend Boston University for his Ph.D. During World War II, he served in Washington with the Labor Department. In 1946, he returned to the Boston area and Boston University where he remained until his retirement in 1979. After serving as Dean of the Graduate School, College of Business Administration, Brother Kelley taught a graduate seminar at BU and UNH for a few years after retirement.

Valpo's Koepke Earns Coca-Cola Community All-American Award

Coca-Cola North America and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) announced that Valparaiso University's **Ryan Koepke** (Delta Xi '08) is one of seven recipients of the 2006-07 Coca-Cola Community All-American Award. The Coca-Cola Community All-Americans program recognizes, celebrates and applauds student-athletes who are making a difference in their communities. To be eligible for the honor, nominees are required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20, and be a starter or key reserve with legitimate athletic credentials. In addition, they must be of at least sophomore standing in both academics and athletics and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominee institution.

The Coca-Cola Community All-Americans received their awards during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon at NACDA's annual convention. Additionally, Coca-Cola makes a \$5,000 donation to the community/philanthropic cause of each recipient's choice. One winner was selected in each of the following categories—Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A), Football Championship



Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA), Division I (formerly Division I-AAA), Division II, Division III, NAIA and Junior/Community College. Koepke represented the Football Championship Subdivision.

Koepke is a linebacker majoring in mechanical engineering with a 3.68 GPA. He was recognized as a 2006 Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star and was honored on the 2005 and 2006 Pioneer Football Academic Honor Roll. A member of the Academic All-PFL First Team and the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team, he was Valpo's leading tackler in 2006. He led the Crusaders in tackles with 67 on the season. In addition, he had 5 tackles for loss, including a quarterback sack, and forced a fumble. The redshirt-sophomore was one of 54 winners selected for the prestigious award and one of just two players from the Pioneer Football League (Wes Doyle, San Diego) to receive the honor.

This outstanding Theta Chi averages 30 hours of community service each month at a variety of organizations. He volunteers at several local elementary schools teaching young students the importance of staying in school. Koepke has also volunteered his time at Camp Watcha Wanna Do for young cancer patients and survivors, Habitat for Humanity, the Spring Valley Homeless Shelter and the Porter County Hospital. Additionally, he participated in the "I Need A Hug" Program and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This past summer, Koepke visited Guatemala on a Hands of Hope International Medical Mission Trip. He assisted in the treatment of 1,021 patients, personally pulled 29 teeth and gave 8 Lidocaine shots.

Koepke is the Vice President and Philanthropic Chairman of Delta Xi Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Furthermore, as a Type 1 diabetic, he has to give himself four shots a day and check his blood sugar 12-14 times daily. Instead of using his condition as an excuse, he uses it as motivation with the hope of being a positive example for others experiencing challenges.

Valpo has been predicted to finish in eighth place in the Pioneer Football League this season according to the preseason balloting done by the league's head coaches.



Dr. James W. Kelley (Xi Chapter/Beta Kappa Fraternity '29) and **Dan Fleetham Sr.** (Alpha/Norwich '34) celebrate **Dr. Kelley's** Diamond Anniversary.

In the Life of Theta Chi

Ball State Brother Receives Community Service Award

Volunteering in the community takes time, effort and compassion. But even with the pressures of college life, students at Ball State are working hard as volunteers to bridge the gap between community and campus. In 2005, the volunteer rate among college students was 30.2 percent, compared to 28.8 percent for the general adult population nationally. In 2005, the volunteer efforts of Indiana's college students ranked 13th nationally, while the state's general adult population ranked 29th, according to the report released by the Corporation for National and Community Service.



Johnathan Karch (Delta Kappa '07), majored in public relations and minoring in communication studies and recently received Ball State's Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Community Service by exemplifying exceptional commitment to volunteering throughout his college career. "Having Ball State recognize me with this award is the highest honor I could ever receive from Ball State, next to a diploma," said Karch.

Brother Karch was nominated for the award after working as a program coordinator for Student Voluntary Service and volunteering nearly 500 hours during his college years. As a young boy, he became involved in service after working at a soup kitchen for many years with his father. He is now especially involved with the Community Alliance to Promote Education, Motivate Our Minds and Lend a Hand Day. "I work for these projects because they help children or the elderly," Karch said. "I enjoy helping those who have a hard time helping themselves."



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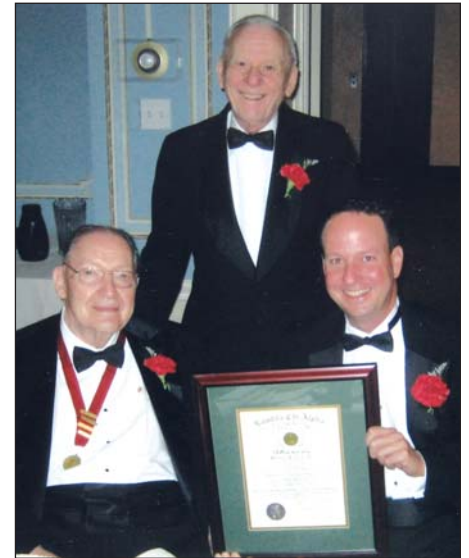
Fort Meyers Alumni gathered to plan a trip to Bradley for Homecoming 2007 and their 50th reunion, both held September 27-30. From left, back are Ken Hollmann '54, Roger Roszell '57, Tom Farr '57. From left, front are Lou Deardorff '58 and Lynn Gundersen '57.

Planning a Reunion

Roger Roszell (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley '57) writes about the planning of his 50th Anniversary Homecoming for September 2007. "Tom Farr was president of our fraternity in 1957. I was the secretary that same year. Ken Hollmann, who with his wife, Nancy, hosted this gathering at their club in Ft. Myers, was the one whom I first met in the Fall of 1953 as a potential pledge of Theta Chi. He convinced me I should join his fraternity. This connection and our close friendship/relationship has continued now over these many years.

Lending a Helping Hand

Zeta Pi/ODU '07 alumnus and 2007 Blue Scholarship winner, **Adrian Morrison** was recently honored as Hampton Roads Hometown Hero for his work with F.O.R KIDS, an organization that helps homeless families with children. The award was given during a Norfolk Admirals hockey game last March. Morrison, who is visually impaired will be attending law school this Fall with the help of a Foundation Chapter Blue Scholarship.



George Spasyk, Executive VP Emeritus of Lambda Chi Alpha looks on as William Farkas, Executive VP of Lambda Chi Alpha presents the award to Howard Alter, Jr.

Alter Wins Interfraternity Service Award

Theta Chi's own **Howard Alter** (Omega/Pennsylvania State '41) was presented the George W. Spasyk Order of Interfraternity Service Award for "sustained and successful leadership in Interfraternity affairs." The award was to have been presented at the Lambda Chi Alpha General Assembly (convention) in Orlando in July 2006, but Brother Alter was unable to make the trip so Lambda Chi Alpha presented it at the 2006 Slivinske dinner.

Auburn Renames Aerospace Engineering Building for Brother Buddy Davis

During a ceremony attended by state and local dignitaries, faculty, students, alumni and friends, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University rededicated its aerospace engineering building in honor of distinguished Auburn alumnus, **Charles E. "Buddy" Davis** (Chi/Auburn '59). The building, which houses the Department of Aerospace Engineering, will now be called the Charles E.

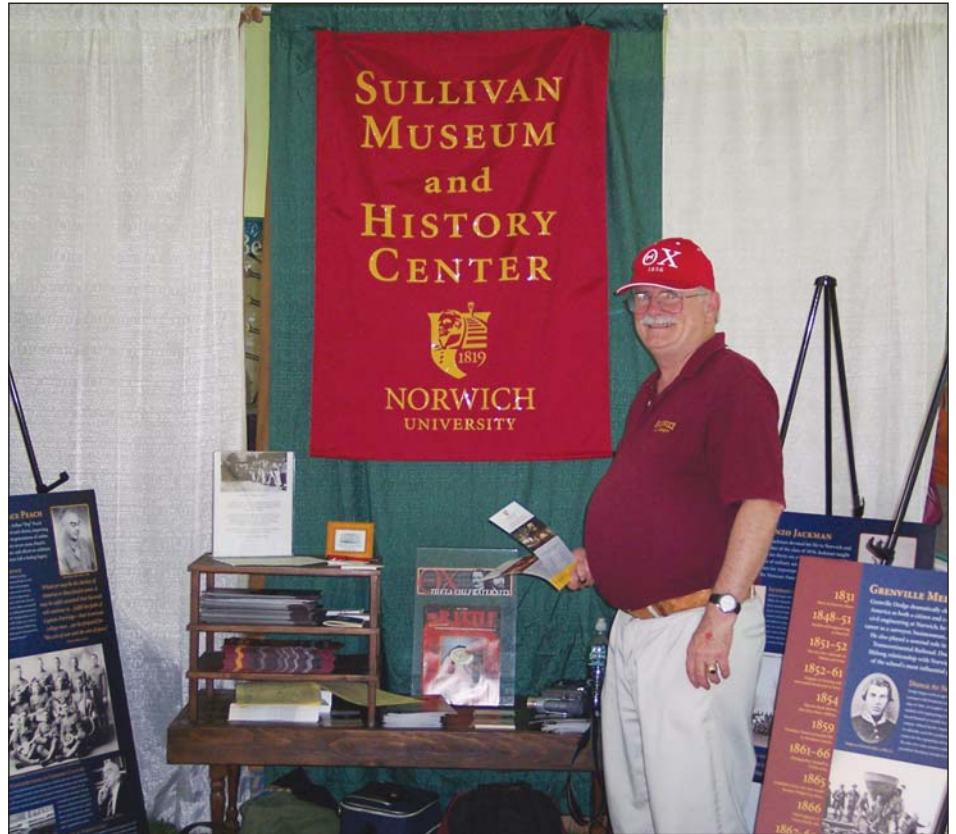


Charles and Charlotte Davis celebrate the opening of Charles E. Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall at Auburn University.

Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall, or simply Davis Hall. Davis and his wife Charlotte recently committed a \$4 million gift to the College of Engineering, the third largest individual gift in the history of the college.

“Buddy and Charlotte’s gift is significant because it will enable our Department of Aerospace Engineering to expand its fluid dynamics and advanced simulation lab capabilities, as well as relocate the wind tunnel facilities and expand the unique hardware-in-the-loop simulation program,” said College of Engineering Dean, Larry Benefield. “This gift will certainly have far-reaching implications for future generations of aerospace engineering students, and in turn, certainly significant developments will be made for the aerospace industry.”

The Davis family has a long standing relationship with Auburn University. Davis is a 1959 Auburn graduate who enjoyed a distinguished



Vermont History Expo

Dan Fleetham, Jr. (Grand Chapter Honorary Initiate '06), one of Theta Chi’s most enthusiastic new members, spread the word about Theta Chi at the Vermont History Expo. Fleetham’s interest in the history of Norwich University and Theta Chi has inspired a tireless search for relics of the Alpha Chapter. Of the Expo, he states, “I helped the Norwich University Sullivan Museum and History Center with their booth at the Vermont History Expo this past weekend. It was a great opportunity to get information out on the Museum, (and Theta Chi) ... I had several Brothers who noticed my Theta Chi cap.”

career in the aerospace industry. His work with the Thor rocket, the Harpoon missile and the KC-10 aircraft aerial refueling platform played a vital role in the evolution of U.S. defense systems. Davis’s pioneering work in aerospace engineering allowed him to take a lead role in the Apollo rocket program, and his design work is still evident in the assembly, transport and launch pad systems used in the space program. Davis’s son Steve is a 1988 Auburn graduate, and sons Brian and Neil are graduates of West Point.



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Chapter News and Notes



Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State brothers walked at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life proudly wearing Theta Chi letters so all the community would recognize that Theta Chi is dedicated to finding a cure for cancer. Attending the event reminded the Brothers how important it is to extend a Helping Hand. —William A. Mays, Jr.



San Diego Alumni Rick Bellows '89, Dave DeVol '59, Jeff Crane '92, Russ Van Tassel (Epsilon Delta/Youngstown State '42), Brian Childers '90 and James Hollam (Phi/North Dakota '64) pose with the school mascot 'Monty Montezuma' before the game. Theta Chi undergraduate, Miguel Navarette, rallies the home team at all SDSU athletic events leading cheers and visiting fans in the stands.



Eta Chi Founding Fathers (L-R): Paul Sullivan '85, Gregg Carter '82, Mike Degen '85, Steve Valentii '82, Ed Hunter '83, and Brian Brown '85.

Eta Chi/George Mason celebrates 25 years of Brotherhood

I attended the Eta Chi 25th anniversary celebration at the Hotel Washington over the weekend. It was an impressive event with eight Founding Fathers, a representative from Beta Nu who knew several of the installing officers, a fine collection of historical memorabilia, and a well executed event that appears to have invigorated

many alumni and encouraged them to get re-involved. There are several alumni who are already searching for opportunities to put their time and treasure into the chapter. I was excited to see the brothers get their Silver Legion Awards. Other members nearing the mark are already looking forward to receiving their own awards in a few years.

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On April 16, 2007, a nation watched in disbelief and horror as a mentally ill student at Virginia Tech went on a shooting rampage, killing 32 people and wounding many more. Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech brothers, all safe from harm, were in the thoughts and prayers of the Theta Chi Brotherhood.

A Barbeque Ball with Montezuma

By Rick Bellows

On March 3, 2007, Gamma Theta Chapter hosted the 4th Annual Active/Alumni BBQ at their chapter house at San Diego State University. The Gamma Theta Alumni Association is planning to build a chapter house this summer on the property. The brothers enjoyed hamburgers and brotherhood and later attended the SDSU/TCU basketball game where they cheered the Aztecs to Victory in their bid for a slot in the NIT tournament.

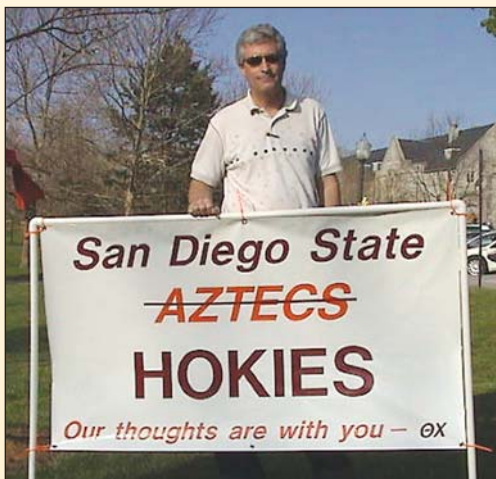
Founders Day, Alpha Chapter style with special "Fleetham" touches

Alpha Chapter showed its class with a very special Founders Day 2007. Organized and sponsored by Dan Fleetham Jr. and Dan Fleetham, Sr., the event included a special dinner in the Vermont Room at the Hotel Coolidge. Members of Theta Chapter/University of Massachusetts were on hand to reprise the roles they played "Men Since '56," a theatrical production originally produced for the 150th Convention. Dan Fleetham, Jr. even created special door prizes for his guests in the form of coffee mugs printed with a photo of the original coat of arms and framed copies of the event program. Thirty six guests were in attendance to enjoy the festivities. Dan plans to make this an annual celebration and invites all Theta Chi's to attend on April 10, 2008 when Theta Chi celebrates its 152nd birthday.

Epsilon Chapter's Community spirit raises money for cancer and remembers a tragedy.

A total of 14 brothers from Epsilon Chapter participated in Worcester Polytechnic Institute's first annual Relay for Life this past April and raised \$1,180 for the event. The run was to help raise money for cancer research and to celebrate the survivors of cancer. Theta Chi brothers also participated in the Worcester City Cleanup and had 14 brothers out helping pick up trash in Elm Park. This helped keep the park clean for the numerous summer events and family activities that occur there. There were also twenty one Brothers who attended the candle light vigil in memory of the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy, thus showing that people all over the country were thinking about the victims and their families.

"Before the recent tragedy fades into memory," writes **Jeff Leggett**, President, Eta Lambda Chapter/Virginia Tech University, "I wanted to let you know about an SDSU connection with the "Hokies" of Virginia Tech." "I got a call from **Frank Cotrupi** (Gamma Theta/ SDSU '83) yesterday and he told me how he had made a 4 hour trip to the VT campus. Over the last week, hundreds of notes and placards had been placed on and around the Drill Field at the school voicing sympathy and support for the families of the victims, and the rest of the student body."



"This banner is now on the drill field at Virginia Tech. Other schools also have similar banners/memorials. My daughter was accepted at Tech however chose to attend Clemson instead. She and I know many people at Tech however no one that we know was involved directly in the shootings. I think as time goes by more memorials will appear on the drill field," wrote Brother Cotrupi.



Epsilon Brothers take part in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Relay for Life and then attended the candlelight vigil in honor of those lost during the Virginia Tech tragedy.

Brothers **Gary W. Johnson** (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech '76) and **C. Harris Johnson** (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech '85) write:

We were at our niece's graduation at Virginia Tech on 12 May 2007. After the graduation ceremony we, as many others, walked to the Memorial for those whose life was ended so suddenly and cruelly by a sad example of student life. We stood and reflected on the sign.

To the Brothers of San Diego State we say thanks for your "class and dignity" to the Brothers and Students of Virginia Tech. Many people walked by and looked at the sign, the two of us reflected on the Theta Chi and the "Helping Hand."

Alumni seek to support Eta Lambda as Virginia Tech campus copes with tragedy

Dear Brother Leggett,

On behalf of your Theta Chi Alumni Brothers in the Coastal Bend of Texas, including Corpus Christi, we wish to extend our deepest sympathy to your chapter and your university.

Please know that we are keeping you and the University in our thoughts and prayers and stand ready to be of assistance to your Chapter and your fraternity brothers at your request.

We will place a brick in your Chapter's honor in the garden at the Grand Chapter in recognition of your chapter for your courage during it's time of difficulties at this time.

Sincerely,

*James B. Boggs, AIA, Delta Epsilon/University of Miami, Coastal Bend Alumni Chapter Coordinator
Don Zuris, Beta Chi/Allegheny
Don Rucker, Eta Upsilon/Texas A&M
Ray Jones, Alpha Phi/Alabama
Wally Goodman, Epsilon Tau/Stephen Austin State
Keith J. Floerke, Eta Upsilon/Texas A&M*

For the Love of a Brother

By Brian Cook (Alpha Nu/Georgia Tech '08)

On a typical day the week before finals, you will find most college students with their noses buried in books preparing for exams. April 26, 2007, the Thursday before finals, was not a typical day for several Georgia Tech students. More than 400 people took a break from studying to attend Cooks' Night Off, the kickoff fundraiser for a new non-profit organization called "The Sherlock Foundation." Founded in honor of Jonathan Sherlock, an Alpha Nu brother who lost his battle with Leukemia in April 2006, The Sherlock Foundation's mission is to ease the financial burden of the families of college students who have been diagnosed with leukemia. The Sherlock Foundation was conceptualized and established by a group of Alpha Nu undergraduates and young alumni who were close friends of Brother Sherlock.

The Sherlock Foundation's primary goal is to help families of college students with everyday living expenses and costs that are not covered by insurance or other charitable organizations. Battling a disease such as leukemia is challenging enough in itself. Patients and their families do not need to deal with the stress of financial worries in addition to battling leukemia. We want to do everything possible to help the patients and their families focus on the important issues including a speedy recovery and returning to school to complete their educations.

There is a growing need for financial help for college students diagnosed with leukemia. While there are many organizations and programs dedicated to helping young children, college students usually fall into a gray area when it comes to available assistance and



Brother Jonathan Sherlock

help from other organizations. College students are generally of an age where they are ineligible for help from children's programs, but they are still basically dependent upon their parents. Some even reach the point where they are no longer eligible for their parents' insurance coverage.

To give a full appreciation of the Sherlock Foundation and the impact Theta Chi had on it, I need to backtrack a few years. I first met Jonathan when I was a freshman in high school where we got to be pretty good friends, occasionally having class together. Because he was a year older, Jonathan graduated ahead of me and entered Georgia Tech in the fall of 2000. As is often the case with high school friendships, we lost contact with one another. In the spring of Jonathan's freshman year, he was first diagnosed leukemia and had to withdraw from school.

I came to Georgia Tech in the fall of 2001, and, after rushing several places, decided I wanted to join Theta Chi. I did not find out that Jonathan was already a Theta Chi brother until a month or so into the semester. When Jonathan came back to school in the Fall of 2002,



Despite inclement weather, approximately 400 people came to Cooks' Night Off, a barbeque dinner to raise money for the Sherlock Foundation.

we lived in a dorm block with several other brothers from my pledge class. In Fall of 2003, upon the completion of our new chapter house, Jonathan and I roomed together. Although we were friends in passing through high school, we became brothers through Theta Chi.

Jonathan was the kind of brother you wish you could clone for your chapter. He was always smiling and always available to help a brother in need. An architecture major and very artistically talented individual, Jonathan designed countless t-shirts and banners for Alpha Nu and even had winning t-shirt designs for both Georgia Tech's Homecoming and Greek Week.

The news of Jonathan's passing in the spring of 2006 was devastating. Alpha Nu felt the loss of a brother who had played an important roll in our chapter, and it was

this loss that left us with a desire to do something to honor his memory. Jonathan had wanted to make a difference in the world, and we wanted to finish that job for him. We kicked around the idea of starting a foundation in his memory, but starting a foundation takes time and money, two commodities that college students rarely have. As time passed the wounds slowly began to heal and our brotherhood continued to grow, but we still felt the call to do something to honor Jonathan.

Zero success, were it not for the men of Theta Chi:

In March of 2007, tragedy struck close to home once again. Brother Ben Hollerbach's girlfriend, Sara, was diagnosed with leukemia. While dealing with this news we decided we wanted to host a fundraiser in honor of Sara and in



memory of Jonathan. We decided to host a barbeque cookout called Cooks' Night Off on campus and we wanted to use the proceeds to start the Shirlock Foundation. We set our target date for Cooks' Night Off for the last Thursday in April. This gave us approximately one month to plan, organize and promote our fundraiser as well as start a nonprofit organization. This certainly seemed like a tall order to undertake, and I assure you that we would have had zero success, were it not for the men of Theta Chi. With our month getting shorter every moment, we were faced with the simultaneous challenges of starting the Shirlock Foundation and planning the Cooks' Night Off barbeque.

First, several undergraduates sat down and established a mission statement for the Shirlock Foundation. Our next step was to

contact our alumni in search of support. The first big break was with **Brother Gino Massafra** (Alpha Nu '72). In spite of a short time schedule, Brother Massafra offered legal council and helped us with the incorporation process. **Brother Steve Urvan** (Alpha Nu '89) helped with the paperwork for the IRS so we could obtain a federal ID and be eligible to open checking and savings accounts. At this point we were legally a nonprofit organization, but banking was still a huge question mark. **Brother Richard McCrea** (Alpha Nu '72) stepped in and helped us setup the appropriate banking accounts to handle finances.

At the same time a team of undergraduate brothers were hard at work planning and organizing our barbeque. At the suggestion of alumnus **Brother Kevin Massey** (Alpha Nu '92), the planning com-

mittee contacted a caterer Brother Massey's company had used in the past. In speaking with Sarah, a representative from the catering company, we discovered her father is a Theta Chi and that she was also a little sister of the Theta Chi chapter at Auburn. She loved the idea of our fundraiser and went above and beyond the call of duty to help pull things together.

In spite of rain and thunderstorms, our barbeque was a huge success. We pre-sold more than 500 tickets and still had approximately 400 people show up, including Theta Chi brothers from Kennesaw State University and Auburn University as well as our Regional Counselor, **Brother Joseph Couch**. We have been continually reminded how strong the Brotherhood of Theta Chi is, and what it means to extend a helping hand. We kept thinking that each person we approached for help was going to give us a reality check and tell us that we had bitten off more than we could chew, but everyone we found offered enthusiasm and support.

In the immediate future, the Alpha Nu chapter is planning to host a breakfast for Georgia Tech's Homecoming game, establish an ink cartridge recycling program, and investigate potential fundraisers in Brother Shirlock's hometown. Once again, let me thank all the brothers who have offered their support and interest, including those of you that I met at this summer's Chapter Leadership Conference. To find out more about the Shirlock Foundation and ways to get involved please visit www.shirlock.org or send an email to brian.cook@shirlock.org.



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"The clock in the hall was too big for the shelf, so it stood 90 years on the floor..."

By Cathie Morgan, Director of Foundation Services and Editor, *The Rattle*

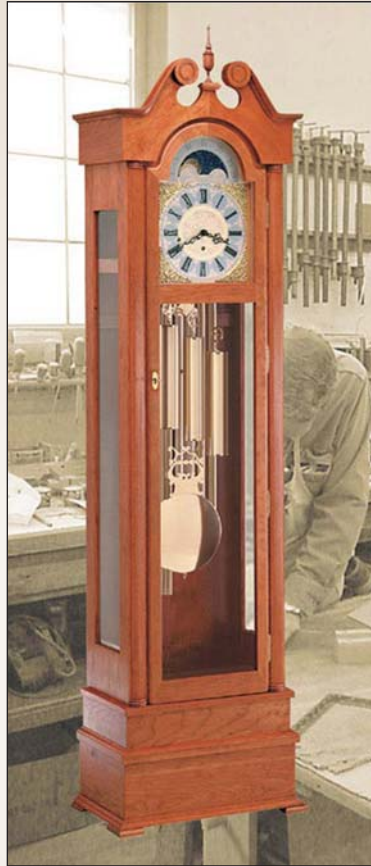
Ring a bell from your childhood? John Swon (Beta Kappa/Hamline '64) certainly hopes that it does.

As CEO of Kuempel Chime Clock Works and Studio, John proudly promotes the company that has been hand-crafting heirloom quality clocks since 1916. His belief in the lifetime nature and the emotional pull of the products created at Kuempel is evident in his voice when he talks about the company he bought in 1990.

John easily relates the story of his involvement with Kuempel Chime Clock and, actually, credits his wife, an active Delta Gamma alumna from Evanston, Ill, with providing the impetus. After hearing the daughter of the clock company's founder speak at a breakfast club, John took her brochure and filed it in that folder all of us have where we put things of interest and then forget about them. When his 25th anniversary rolled around, he began to think about possible gifts. The suggestion of a clock brought such a positive response from his wife, that John found the brochure and immediately when to Kuempel to purchase a fine handcrafted mantle clock. Six months later he purchased . . . the company.

Having been covered by *The Wall Street Journal*, Northwest Airlines Inflight magazine and AARP magazine, Kuempel Chime Clockworks & Studio is recognized throughout the world for its distinctive designs and the finest hand-crafted quality. Orders for clocks and kits come from as far away as Australia. Some customers still respond to magazine ads placed 20 years ago that they have found in yellowed pages of *Popular Mechanics* or *Better Homes and Gardens*. Kuempel's signature is its hand-painted moon wheel, the little disk at the top of the clock that rotates slowly, in measured increments and mimics the moon's orbit around the earth. An English cathedral appears on one wheel, a college fraternity house on another. With all the effort, superior materials and old world attention to the most minute of details that go into building one of these distinctive clocks, you'd expect them to be the most beautiful ever made. They are.

Interestingly, they're almost all grandfathers making grandfather clocks in this electronic age, at the Kuempel Chime Clock Works and



Studio Inc., where the average employee age is 68. Since 1916 the firm has sought out and hired older workers, nearly all retired, to handcraft their timepieces. They carefully turn out about 150 clocks this year, ranging in price from \$850–\$8,500. The company, which expects \$400,000 in sales this year, also makes less-expensive “red-i-ku” kits for amateurs to assemble, but the result will be professional grade fine furniture.

John's involvement with Theta Chi began his junior year when he lost an election for President of the student body at Hamline University by two votes to a member of Beta Kappa chapter, Theta Chi. Historically, the office had been held by Theta Chi members and this year was no different. The new President, however, contacted John to become his Vice President and a friendship was forged. When his friend approached him to join the fraternity, John knew that he already had many friends within the group. Those friendships were soon enhanced by brotherhood.

A few years later, his brother, Jerry, pledged Theta Chi. Now, his son, John, is a member of Beta Kappa, too, and a winner of one of this year's Blue scholarships from the Foundation Chapter. In fact, as a former member of the Hamline Board of Trustees, John will soon have the privilege of presenting his own son with his college diploma.

John acknowledges the difficulties facing Beta Kappa chapter today. They are the only fraternity at Hamline that still has its own house. As John notes, others have sold their property to the school and faded away with the loss of their identities. But, he notes proudly that the Theta Chi house looks better today than ever before. Faced with generally negative attitudes from the university toward fraternities, the chapter is standing firm against some adverse circumstances.

John says that he wouldn't trade his involvement with Theta Chi for the world. His distinctive class ring with the Greek letters denoting Theta Chi still draws comments. Crediting the fraternity with giving him the people who have gone through life as his close personal friends, John says, “There is a bond that is forever. Those on the outside will never understand. Those on the inside will never forget.”

Grandfather clocks trace their roots to the late 1600s. In London, clock makers invented the long-case model, which stood about six feet. Hand crafting took time and talent, so owning a tall clock, as it first became known in the U.S., conveyed status. In the 1880's, America renamed the clock “grandfather” after a popular song about a clock that stopped when its 90-year-old owner died.

Kuempel Chime Clock Works & Studio is offering a special edition of its hand made clocks to Theta Chi's. Available to be personalize with the Theta Chi emblem on the brass plate and pendulum, this special clock can be made to incorporate local chapter icons and letters.

Please go to <http://nnn.tv/theta2548> for a special Theta Chi message from John Swon.

Growth is Essential

By Lucas Elgie, Leadership and Education Consultant (Alpha Phi/Alabama '05)

Expansion is at the top of the list of goals made by the Grand Chapter each year. Growth is essential to the success and survival of Theta Chi Fraternity and it has been since Brother Park Valentine Perkins transferred from Norwich University to MIT in 1901 and recruited men to establish our Beta Chapter.

The 2006-2007 academic year has brought a great deal of success in the area of expansion. The Northern Arizona University Colony became the Iota Kappa Chapter on October 21, 2006. National President, Mike Maloney, and Director of Leadership Development, Bill Russo, conducted the initiation and installation for 52 men in Flagstaff, Arizona, and LEC Andy McIntosh coordinated the ceremonies and the initiation week activities.

I, personally, arrived in Lakeland, Florida along with Ben Hill in October 2006 to begin the "cold start" re-colonization process of the former Gamma Delta Chapter at Florida Southern College. By the time I departed Lakeland in early December 2006, we had recruited 13 new members. When I returned in January for the spring recruitment week, I was able to assist the interest group with the recruitment of 12 additional, new members. The colonization ceremony of 25 men took place on March 25, 2007 and was coordinated by LEC Steven Thomas.

The Gamma Eta Interest Group at Bucknell University held their re-colonization ceremony on February 17, 2007 which was coordinated by LEC, Derek Lightcap.

Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, is the home of our former Beta Delta Chapter and I was challenged to begin the re-colonization for this group in February, 2007. The group currently consists of 18 men who plan to grow to 25 by early fall 2007 in order to become a colony. They, also, plan to have 45 men and be re-chartered in the spring of 2008.

LEC, Marcus Scott, recruited men to begin the re-colonization of Beta Gamma Chapter at the University of North Dakota and also worked on the re-colonization of Epsilon Tau Chapter at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In April, he coordinated the re-installation of our Delta Phi chapter at the University of North Texas and Executive Director, Dale Taylor; Director of Chapter Services and Expansion, Joe Wachs; and Director of Leadership Development, Ben Hill were in attendance. Fifty two new brothers were initiated into Theta Chi at that time.

Another brand new chapter, Iota Lambda, was installed on April 21 at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Fifty two men were initiated by a group consisting of Executive Director, Dale Taylor; Director of Alumni Resources and Housing, Jereme Grinslade; Director of Leadership Development, Ben Hill; LEC, Andy McIntosh and LEC Lucas Elgie, coordinated that initiation and installation events.



Three generations of Paradiso men are now members of Theta Chi Fraternity. At the Longwood installation, Rick Paradiso, Jr (Zeta Pi/Old Dominion '79) and Rick Paradiso, Sr.(Iota Lambda/Longwood '56) celebrated the initiation of their son and grandson, Rick Paradiso (Iota Lambda/Longwood '07)

Growing with Theta Chi

Installations or Reinstallations in 2006-2008

2006

Alpha Iota/Indiana University
Beta Tau/University of Southern California
Gamma Rho/Florida State University
Iota Theta/University of Central Florida
Iota Kappa/Northern Arizona University

2007

Delta Phi/University of North Texas
Iota Lambda/Longwood University

2008 *anticipated

Beta Delta/Rutgers
Gamma Delta/Florida Southern College

Contact Joe Wachs, Director of Chapter Services and Expansion, for details.

"The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life." – Edward Hale

Chapter Eternal

Alpha

Norwich University
Col Anthony Carbone, 1958
Eldon E. Davidson, 1942
Robert F. McDermott RET, 1941
Joseph W. McCloskey, 1942
George M. Saunders, 1951
Bradford J. Sibley Sr, 1941

Beta

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Edward L. Franke Jr., 1948
Sten Hammarstrom, 1944
Norman G. Masse, 1954
Harvey F. Phipard Jr., 1937
John B. Simpson, 1940
Gilbert A. Tougas, 1940

Gamma

University of Maine
Bernard B. Bailey, 1957
Melvin A. McKenzie, 1939
Lennart N. Nelson, 1952

Delta

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Charles B. Adasczik, 1972
Fred L. Crossman, 1943
Robert P. Lukens, 1938
Norman F. Paulsen, 1947

Epsilon

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
William C. Hees, 1959
William F. Lapointe, 1957

Zeta

University of New Hampshire
Charles E. Henry, 1951

Eta

University of Rhode Island
Albert A. Carpenter, 1942

Theta

University of Massachusetts
Charles J. Scialdone, 1965

Iota

Colgate University
Edward L. Barney, 1951
Harvey Brade Fitzgerald, 1934
John Homa, 1956
George W. Ingle, 1938
Edward C. Koehler, 1946
Norman J. Michaels, 1948
William H. Ragette, 1945
Vincent J. Stankevich, 1950
Ford M. Thomas Jr., 1937
L. Malcolm Young, 1935

Kappa

University of Pennsylvania
Ronald H. Bruce, 1950

Lambda

Cornell University
Ralph E. Delaplane Jr., 1955

Mu

University of California-Berkeley
Lenard Mayrisch Jr., 1938
James C. Sheppard, 1946

Xi

University of Virginia
Hovey S. Dabney, 1949
William H. Kerfoot, 1945

Omicron

University of Richmond
Wallace B. Gordon, 1948
William H. Lloyd, 1944
Harold W. Smithson, 1949

Editor's note: Due to ongoing database updates, this Chapter Eternal list does not include deaths reported from 8/16/2006 to 1/1/2007. We have done our best to publish an accurate list, but offer our sincere apologies for any omissions that have occurred due to the changes. We have every reason to believe that future lists will be correct from this date forward.

Rho

University of Illinois
Robert E. Corby, 1939
August C. Lutz, 1942
Eugene W. Pennuto, 1934

Sigma

Oregon State University
Milton E. Coffey, 1943
Clyde L. Dehlinger, 1943
Alvin B. Friedrich, 1940
Brennan C. Gibson, 2001
Stanley E. Glass, 1960
Marco J. Hubley, 2009
John D. Minsinger, 1950
Andrew R. Soule, 1946
Michael P. Streiffer, 1972
Ralph D. Williams, 1951
Richard A. Wilson, 1943
William H. Wright, 1945

Tau

University of Florida
Joseph E. Holmes, 1960

Upsilon

New York University
George J. Hayes, 1942
Emil H. Mark, 1942

Phi

North Dakota State University
Roy A. Abrahamson, 1941
William R. Nolte, 1990

Chi

Auburn University
James P. Irvine, 1938
Phillip A. Quinores, 2010

Psi

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Mortimer C. Johnson, 1943
George O. Kohler, 1934
Robert J. Meyer, 1943

Omega

Pennsylvania State University
Everett A. Catlin, 1945
Chester V. Harbison, 1935
Carl A. Korn Jr., 1940
John R. Mallino Jr., 1961
Richard C. Nicholas, 1946
W. Allen Ramsey, 1939
Forney D. Winner, 1935

Alpha Beta

University of Pittsburgh
Thomas A. Aloe, 1960
Alan R. Arnold, 1967
Frank P. Barry, 1963
Jay D. Crail, 1957
Frank A. DiMario, 1957
Richard J. Ferrone, 1959
Harry A. Hughes, 1959
John T. Kneiss, 1966
William C. Lamb, 1930
Walter L. Lindberg Jr., 1960
Donald H. Matthews, 1957
Kenneth M. McCormick, 1970
Terence L. Michaels, 1968
C. Kenneth Miller, 1964
Robert J. Morley, 1958
Thomas A. Mroz, 1958
Carl W. Oettinger, 1934
Pat Pignoli, 1958

William C. Walters, 1957
Robert J. Weesner, 1934
L. Saylor Zimmerman, 1968

Alpha Gamma

University of Michigan
Albert W. Armour, 1948
Donald Dorrance, 1950
Richard E. Noll, 1950
Clyde B. Recht, 1948
Andrew M. Skaug, 1943
John E. Tower, 1955

Alpha Delta

Purdue University
K D. Brugman, 1932
Richard W. Butner, 1955
John A. Coombs, 1936
Volney W. Dawson, 1930
Brian S. Hemmerly, 2001
H G. Olson, 1935
John T. Owens, 1950
Gordon B. Riggs, 1953
James W. Seaborg, 1938
James C. Stephenson, 1951
John E. Swanson, 1956
James A. Wheatley III, 1946

Alpha Epsilon

Stanford University
Walter O. Ball, 1944
R. Morton Manson Jr., 1940
David A. Sleeper, 1943
Burton J. Twitchell, 1955
Edward C. Wood, 1947

Alpha Zeta

University of Rochester
Henion William C., 1944

Alpha Eta

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
J. Frank Parrott Jr., 1931
William A. Wright, 1935

Alpha Theta

Dartmouth College
T. Edwin Andrew Jr., 1936
Jay L. Stahl III, 1952
Harold B. Watson, 1935
Forney D. Winner, 1935

Alpha Iota

Indiana University
Martin T. Barco, 1964
John C. Boone, 1960
Dennis D. Dedelow, 1968
L H. Kornafel, 1930
Mylio S. Kraja, 1942
Melvin Obsenica, 1939
Joseph J. Sowinski, 1947
Wesley E. Stoppenhagen, 1956
Floyd L. Wuenn, 1943

Alpha Lambda

Ohio State University
William W. Kight, 1950
Henry A. Knoll, 1944
Jack D. Wertz, 1955

Alpha Mu

Iowa State University
William H. Corry, 1941
Norman C. Fulmer, 1942
Erik E. Funch Jr., 1933

Larry L. Kennedy, 1960
Ward W. Martin, 1952
Ben G. Thomson, 1939

Alpha Nu

Georgia Institute of Technology
Charles R. Burress Jr., 1943
Russell S. Grove Jr., 1963
Jones C. Lifsey Jr., 1954
Ronald H. Moseley, 1955
Nicholas J. Passarello, 1943
John A. Richardson, 1936
Jonathan P. Shirlock, 2007
G. B. Simmons Jr. 1945
Robert W. Van Landingham, 1945

Alpha Xi

University of Delaware
Jesse W. Massey Jr., 1939

Alpha Omicron

Washington State University
Martin A. Brown, 1938
Donald W. Flagg, 1931
Eugene J. Friedlander Jr., 1935
Robert L. Hollingsworth, 1962
Monrad Holm,
Peter C. Kelsay, 1951
Anton J. Knievel III, 1951
August C. Lutz, 1942
Ben A. Vincent III, 1965

Alpha Rho

University of Washington
James M. Fogarty, 1938
Samuel C. Weber, 1934
William F. Whitesel, 1946

Alpha Sigma

University of Oregon
Robert E. Anderson, 1942
Alan D. Babb, 1953
Vincent T. Cardinale, 1943
Hugh B. Collins, 1940
Harry A. Davidson, 1941
Ralph W. Johnson, 1945
P. W. Kaseberg, 1936
Ronald E. Perdue, 1960

Alpha Tau

Ohio University
Samuel D. Greiner, 1954
Walter P. Kuzmuk, 1942
Edward Z. Latos, 1982
Richard H. Parlin, 1945
Harry A. Turton, 1948
William D. Wells, 1936

Alpha Upsilon

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Darryl W. Biggerstaff, 1961

Alpha Phi

University of Alabama
Cy N. Bahakel, 1947
Richard H. Cord, 1952
James H. Echols, 2009
Howard T. Forster, 1942
Ellis F. Porch III, 1999

Alpha Chi

Syracuse University
Raymond W. DeYoung, 1951

Alpha Psi

University of Maryland
Gilbert V. Bresnick, 1947

Robert N. Hitch, 1941
S. Norman Holland Jr., 1943
Daniel S. Whipple, 1943
William C. Wroe Jr. 1949

Alpha Omega

Lafayette College
Wayne W. Johnson, 1937
John T. Shawde, 1946

Beta Alpha

University of California-Los Angeles
Donald J. Everitts, 1944

Beta Gamma

University of North Dakota
Robert E. Dahl, 1941
M. John Kavanaugh, 1942
Jacob N. Stocker, 1935
S. Bryce Streibel, 1944

Beta Delta

Rutgers University
Samuel P. Hagerman Jr., 1948
Andrew J. Ruska, 1940
Donald H. Saxton, 1938

Beta Epsilon

University of Montana
Albert C. Clark,
William C. Shreeve, 1954
Kenneth C. Thomas, 1949
Joseph E. Trachta, 1937

Beta Zeta

Michigan State University
Charles F. Eager, 1950
Donald W. Herberholz, 1946
Douglas G. Kuroop, 1990
Robert A. Sexton, 1950
Fredrick A. Walters, 1945

Beta Theta

Drexel University
Walter R. Good, 1944
William T. Heller III, 1950
Richard D. Ross, 1950
Evin R. Welch, 1943

Beta Lambda

University of Akron
Bobby J. Eubanks, 1956
Richard A. Gsellman, 1946

Beta Mu

Middlebury College
Alan E. Erickson, 1949
John B. Franklin, 1942

Beta Nu

Case Western Reserve University
Richard K. Faubel, 1956
Kurt C. Summers, 1974

Beta Xi

Birmingham-Southern College
Bert E. Bradley, 1950

Beta Omicron

University of Cincinnati
Charles W. Kuhn, 1936
Charles P. Scholz, 1944
Wallace D. Snyder, 1946

Beta Rho

Illinois Wesleyan University
M. Russell Bramwell, 1945
Harrison E. Bierth, 1935
Lorin K. Jump, 1950
Jack W. Whitley, 1975

Beta Sigma

Lehigh University
Robert M. Hanson, 1954
Frank H. Schrenk Jr., 1951
Edward W. Stoehr, 1940

Beta Tau

University of Southern California

Willsie M. Lehman, 1949
Dale E. Well, 1958

Beta Upsilon

California State University-Fresno

James R. Rydberg, 1987
James A. Sowers, 1944

Beta Phi

University of Nevada at Reno
John M. Boylan, 1939

Beta Chi

Allegheny College
James D. Olds, 1949

Gamma Delta

Florida Southern College
Rodney L. Dale, 1961
James V. Harvester, 1947
John S. Upham Jr., 1955

Gamma Epsilon

Western State College
Martin E. Bowen, 1965

Gamma Theta

San Diego State University
Kenneth R. French, 1960
Daniel T. Vaughan, 1969

Gamma Iota

University of Connecticut
Orrin C. Fritz, 1949

Gamma Kappa

Miami University
Matt C. Downer, 2001
Edmund L. Fitch, 1934
William F. Kinkoph, 1952

Gamma Lambda

University of Denver
Joseph Politi, 1971

Gamma Nu

New Mexico State University
John W. Branson, 1950
Leslie G. Watkins Jr., 1968

Gamma Xi

San Jose State University
Paul L. Castoro, 1948
Jack D. MacDonald, 1952
Dale W. Maynard, 1952
Michael O'Kane, 1958

Gamma Pi

State University of New York-Buffalo
Thomas C. Dorsey, 1959
Kenneth J. Swartz Jr., 1966

Gamma Rho

Florida State University
William R. Crawford III, 1958
Jon B. Eilertzen, 1963
Raymond L. Marky II, 1958
John A. Niedenthal, 1960

Gamma Tau

Drake University
Leonard F. McGee Jr., 1950
Ray L. Pierson, 1957
Marlin E. Schmidt, 1957

Gamma Upsilon

Bradley University
Spero T. Balaskas, 1954
Howard W. Boltz, 1952
John J. Buehler, 1949
Robert W. Seltz, 1963
Michael A. Yuenger, 1961

Gamma Psi

University of Puget Sound
James J. Corbin, 1967

Delta Alpha

Linfield College
Elmer C. Fricke, 1953

Delta Gamma

West Virginia Wesleyan College
Charles E. Stickle, 1964

Delta Zeta

University of Nebraska-Omaha
Leroy J. Dyer, 1967

Delta Eta

Colorado State University
Ernest T. Parizo, 1949
John E. Retzlaff, 1965

Delta Theta

University of Toledo
Robert L. Genzman, 1963

Delta Iota

Northwestern University
Lee M. Bourdeau, 1970

Delta Kappa

Ball State University
Robert B. Ahrens, 1962
Ben Ervin, 1942
Charles K. Kaufman, 1950
Daroslav Rapotez, 1969

Delta Xi

Valparaiso University
Thomas E. Bricker, 1959

Delta Omicron

Gettysburg College
Roy P. Stonesifer Jr., 1955

Delta Pi

Indiana State University
Edwin K. Bartlow, 1973
Daniel W. Boylan, 1951
Wm J. Godschalk Jr., 1956
Nick G. Oprisu, 1947

Delta Rho

North Carolina State University
J. Lee Hauser, 1957

Delta Sigma

Clarkson University
Richard W. Burns, 1954

Delta Tau

Kent State University
Wilbur G. Beck, 1957
Richard A. Granger, 1955

Delta Phi

University of North Texas
Clifton R. Byrd, 1960
Clayton D. Duke, 1963
Joe B. Ernst, 1956
David A. Lindsey, 1960
Donald L. Marshall, 1968
Robert E. Plummer, 1957
Bruce C. Smith, 1976

Epsilon Beta

Lycoming College
Howard C. Thomas, 1968
Stephen M. Wolf, 1955

Epsilon Zeta

University of Tampa
Peter A. Cresta, 1971

Epsilon Eta

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Ronald G. Paich, 1977
Devin Willochel, 2002

Epsilon Iota

East Carolina University
Harry B. Avery, 1966

Epsilon Mu

Eastern Michigan University
David F. Courtney, 1973

Epsilon Tau

Stephen F. Austin State University
Roy J. Folse, 1992

Epsilon Psi

New Jersey Institute of Technology
Rupam Bhattacharya, 1998

Zeta Gamma

University of Alberta
Ian N. Morrison, 1969

Zeta Epsilon

California State University-Long Beach
Gary D. Smith, 1965

Zeta Xi

University of California-Davis
Michael J. Clark DVM, 1968

Zeta Pi

Old Dominion University
James G. Bennett, 1978
Steven O. Biggs, 1972
Thomas J. Boyer, 1969
Mark R. Brewer, 1978
William G. Burton Jr., 1973
Clarence J. Mudge Jr., 1973
Harry C. Oviatt Jr., 1971
Frank S. Pangelinan, 1979
Robert B. Satterfield, 1975
Louis Searleman, 1970

Dr. Roy P. "Stoney" Stonesifer (Delta Omicron/Gettysburg '55) passed away on May 2, 2007 in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, after an illness of three years. He was a professor of History at Edinboro University for 35 years. Roy was recognized as a top-notch expert on the Civil War, especially the Battle of Gettysburg, which was his life-long interest and the main reason he decided to attend Gettysburg College. Brother Stonesifer is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and their two daughters. His funeral service was conducted by Rev. Donald J. Ely (Delta Omicron/Gettysburg '55).

Robert W. Simpson, 1972
Herbert R. Sullivan, 1972
John L. Sweeney Jr., 1980
John C. Viverette, 1968

Zeta Sigma

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Steven W. Brown, 1971
Thomas J. Burgess, 1970
Michael A. Chiodo, 1982
David K. McCourt, 1970
Gene D. Palmer, 1970
Dennis L. Parks, 1968
Eugene T. Sheahan, 1998

Zeta Upsilon

University of Hartford
Bruce D. Allison, 1977

Eta Gamma

Morehead State University
Stephen A. Sallee, 1974

Eta Omicron

Northwestern State University
Dustin Dodson, 2004
Kelly S. Oates, 1987

Eta Chi

George Mason University
Walter O. Kendall Jr., 1992

Theta Sigma

University of California-Santa Barbara
Sean L. Brock, 1998



International Headquarters acquires Williston painting

Through the generosity of Dan Fleetham Jr., (Grand Chapter Honorary Initiate '06) and his father, Dan Fleetham Sr. (Alpha/Norwich '34), Theta Chi Fraternity is now the proud owner of a special, signed copy of the painting, For Distinguished Gallantry, which was profiled in the Spring 2007 *Rattle*. The painting, which commemorates Edward Williston's Medal of Honor winning battle will be prominently hung in the Headquarters for all to enjoy. Dan Fleetham's unfailing support for in the Fraternity he so recently joined has already made him one of this organization's most valued alumnus brothers.

Norwich Housing Corporation



Housing . . . the \$50 Million Dollar Question

By Jeff Anderson, Treasurer Norwich Housing Corporation (Beta Alpha/UC-LA '89)

Drive by many of our Chapter Houses and they may look "OK." Stop, go inside, and too often you find an aging facility that's in poor condition and, too often, poorly maintained. In some cases, "we," the alumni, have been neglectful in our oversight and operation of the house. We have let facility maintenance get way behind. But, in many other cases, the houses are just simply getting old.

If all the Theta Chi house corporations across the country had to rebuild their chapter houses today, we'd need more than \$50,000,000 to get the job done. The problem is that many of the houses were built in the 1920's or 1930's and they are in serious need of major renovation or replacement. For most house corporation boards, the very idea of a major renovation or replacement is daunting. In fact, too many boards just ignore the problem and hope it will go away, or they figure that the next guy on the board can worry about it. While it may seem challenging, there are some pretty basic steps that can be taken to prepare your organization to tackle a major project.

The first step to is ensure that you have a regular alumni communication program in place, shared Philip Thornton, Gamma Theta '05, Associate Development Officer with The Laurus Group, LLC. "To many house corporations don't realize how important a consistent annual communication and annual fund program is for laying the groundwork for a successful campaign," advised Philip. Consistent communication (newsletters, e-announcements, postcards) and alumni events will go a long way in building credibility and shoring up relationships prior to any major undertaking. Alumni need to be recruited and know that there is value in giving back. A consistent communication plan is the first step towards success.

Once that plan is underway, there are a number of critical questions that need to be asked and addressed. Is there an involved board that meets regularly? Does it include board members from different eras? What is the status of the chapter on campus? What is the nature of the project that needs to be undertaken? Members of the house corporation must be able to give a quick and knowledgeable answer to these questions because they will be asked. Not knowing the answer, or having an undesirable response, will create doubt in the donor.

When considering undertaking a capital campaign, the first step is to conduct a feasibility study. A feasibility study model takes anywhere from 4-6 months. Someone must literally go out and meet with a cross section of alumni to share the vision and test their interest level. It takes time, and it's not a matter of meeting just any alumni, it's important to meet with the right alumni. Once the feasibility study is complete the board can then make an informed decision about moving forward with a campaign.

"You don't want to do a feasibility study unless you think the results are going to be positive," said Philip. "You don't want to waste your time or money. But, once you do have the results, you want to be prepared to move into a campaign right away. Your key alumni are focused and motivated with regards to your project. As they say, strike while the iron is hot."

According to Kevin Murray (Alpha Nu '90), "We built our new house at Georgia Tech a few years ago now, and at the time had some brothers who thought we could raise the funds ourselves. I've spoken to several other house corporation guys about our experience and I always tell them, there is no way we'd have succeeded without professional help." While most campaigns run a similar course, each is unique and has its own set of specific circumstances. Campaign consultants can provide you with a checklist of items that should be in place well before the feasibility study and campaign begins. It must be understood that there are costs associated with conducting a campaign long before the first dollar comes in. Preparation should begin today for a project that is several years down the road.

If your house corporation is looking to implement an annual communication and fundraising program, Jereme Grinslade, Administrative Officer for the Norwich Housing Corporation, is your best first call. He will be able to refer you to those professional organizations that have worked with our other chapters and to specific brothers with experience to help you with your project.

Our Focus and Framework

By Jereme W. Grinslade, Director of Alumni Resources and Housing (Delta Kappa/Ball State '99)



It was the first day of spring and I found myself traveling to Farmville, Virginia to help with the initiation and installation of our new Iota Lambda chapter at Longwood University. The National President, the Directors of Chapter Development, Leadership and Education Consultants: Theta Chi alumnus fathers from other chapters, representatives from regional Theta Chi chapters; all of us were excited to be starting a new chapter in Theta Chi. This historic time was concluded with a joyous celebration by all of these brothers, young and old. As I was leaving Farmville, I reflected on my own undergraduate experience and the last eight years that I have spent working as an alumnus volunteer. The experience has had its high points and its low points, but I have been able to develop a lot of wonderful memories that I would not trade for anything.

I bring this short story up because I do not understand why more alumni are not involved in our grand Fraternity. How many of us were active in our undergraduate chapter and said we would remain active and support Theta Chi after we graduated? Do you remember joking with your chapter brothers saying, "Where have all of our alumni gone?" You, then, stated to your brothers that you would not be like that. "You'll see me around," or "I'll help with the building of a new house," or "I'll be involved after I graduate," you said as you carried your last box of Fraternity treasurers out of your room at the chapter house. Well, where did all those good intentions of alumni support go?

Once you entered into the real world, you moved out of state, you found a job where you work fifty hours a week, maybe you found a wife, started a family and became involved in other community endeavors. Somehow, "good old" Theta Chi slowly got pushed farther and farther down on the priority list. Perhaps you have been thinking about your Fraternity days and how you would like to get involved again. But all of your Fraternity brothers have graduated. They have moved away, the chapter has changed, your old house mother is gone, you may not have heard from the chapter in a while, and there is really no one there you feel comfortable contacting to find out what is happening.

Wait a minute! This is your Fraternity and the unique aspect of fraternity is that it is a "membership for life."

You had a wonderful undergraduate experience, so there is no reason why you can not enjoy your alumni experience, also. The new guys on campus are your brothers. Remember how much your alumni helped out when you were an undergraduate or how much they **could** have helped if there had been an active alumni group? Alumni support supplies a foundation for undergraduate development. It can take the form of becoming a chapter advisor, serving on the housing corporation board, putting together an alumni newsletter or something simple as attending Homecoming or Founders' Day.

If your chapter memories seem like something from the distant past, maybe it is time for a new beginning. Maybe it is time for you to make a difference by returning to the Fraternity something of what you learned there and have gained through your experience since leaving the chapter. Think about how much more you could have gained with interested alumni around the chapter house providing advisory support, good two way communication and participating in various social events. You are a valuable resource to the chapter and provide the chapter with continuity.

Remember that strong alumnus volunteers are the foundation for tomorrow's leaders. Chapters with "consistent" alumni support are the "excellent" chapters in Theta Chi Fraternity. It is time for all alumnus brothers to make a new beginning, a new commitment to reach out to Theta Chi Fraternity and ask "How can I help?"

FRATERNITY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act of 2007

Theta Chi has once again teamed up with more than 90 men's and women's Greek organizations in support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act of 2007 (H.R.643/S.638), bill currently pending in the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

College fraternities and sororities are the largest private landlords for college men and women housing more than 250,000 students a year at no cost to the host institutions. Passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would encourage new charitable contributions to improve life safety systems and increase overall housing capacity for a growing student population.

Passage of this important legislation would amend the current Internal Revenue Code to allow tax-deductible contributions made to fraternal foundations, such as the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi, to be used for life safety and infrastructure improvements of Greek student housing. These improvements could include updated fire detection and prevention systems that would provide critical protection for students. Currently, Foundation contributions may only be used for exclusively educational purposes as narrowly defined by the IRS.

Thousands of Greek students and alumni, including hundreds of Theta Chi Brothers, have participated in a massive grassroots letter-writing campaign to members of Congress seeking support for this legis-

lation. In April, hundreds of Greek students and alumni leaders held more than 300 meetings with members of Congress to seek additional support. These efforts to date have resulted in 151 sponsors of the bill in the House and 31 in the Senate. These numbers are a major increase from where we were at this time with the previous Congress. We need your help to make this legislation law

How can you participate?

1. Log onto www.fraternalcaucus.org, locate the "Get Involved" tab at the top and click on "Register with the CFC." It will only take about two minutes for you to provide the campaign with some basic information Greek leaders can use later in our efforts to target certain demographic groups for additional contacts.
2. After registering, go to the tab marked "Legislation" and then click on "Write Your Legislators."
3. Complete all the boxes and steps from there to automatically send an e-mail communication to both your Senators and Member of Congress. If you have a connection to other Members of Congress or Senators, you can write them, too.

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