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# Theta Delta Dragon

*Theta Delta of Beta Theta Pi  
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## IN MEMORY

We recently learned of the passing of the following brothers...

David Overholt '42  
Fred De Camp '49  
Stanley Bloyer '68

Our sympathies go out to their family and friends.

## ON THE WEB

If you haven't yet registered at [www.osubeta.org](http://www.osubeta.org), be sure to do so today! As a registered member, you can:

- Browse the photo albums
- Search for brothers in the directory
- Post to the message boards
- And much more!

To register, you'll need your Member ID (found above your name and address on the envelope of this newsletter). Then, follow the First Time Login instructions on the home page.

## 2012 BUCKEYES FOOTBALL

### Upcoming Games

10/27	at Penn State
11/3	Illinois
11/7	at Wisconsin
11/24	Michigan

Also check out our list of Beta alumni events inside!

## A TURNING POINT IN THETA DELTA'S HISTORY

### ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT KEY IN RESTORING OUR LEGACY

*By Steve Cover, President of Theta Delta House Corporation*

I would like to take this time to update you on the status of the Beta house and what the Theta Delta House Corporation has done to ensure the facility will be in the best condition possible when we are again able to house Betas in the fall of 2014. As you are probably aware the chapter had its charter suspended as a result of violations of both University and General Fraternity rules and standards. The chapter will be allowed to return in January of 2014 and the General Fraternity will lead the reorganization effort.

Because the reorganization cannot begin until midway through the school year, we will be renting the facility to non-Beta OSU students for the next two years. While this is difficult and painful to those of us who care strongly for the tradition and heritage of Theta Delta, it is a necessity, and we must all look to the future and to what is in the best interest of our chapter.

I am pleased to inform you that we have fully filled and rented all available rooms, and will be managing the house at least for the balance of the school year. We will spend this year assessing our options for the next school year. One option is to allow the University to manage the house the following year as student housing. Obviously we will be looking at the financials to see if this is viable.

We just completed the budgetary process for the upcoming year, and we can report that we will be operating at a profit albeit a small one. This will enable us to complete some major renovations which you will read about later.

What we have achieved and what we plan to achieve does not come without a lot of hard work and dedication from your House Corporation. Since I was just recently elected President of the House Corporation, I cannot take any of the credit for what your brothers have done, but I would like to personally thank the members of the board and ask that you also extend an appreciation for their foresight and hard work. This could not have been accomplished without the dedicated service of **Brent Hatch '79**, **Dan Ketcham '77**, **Chuck Green '82**, **Todd Price '87** and new member **Rod Gregory '79**. Also a special thanks to brother Steve Villardo, our property manager, for leading the effort to fill the house with quality students and for his efforts to insure the house will remain in top condition.

We have reached a point in the history of Theta Delta where we need all of the help we can muster. I urge all of you to become involved, whether it be in the form of monetary support to the Alumni Association or volunteering your time or resources to improving the facility.

The past is just that. From this day forward, we look to the future of Theta Delta and doing whatever is necessary to make Theta Delta the leader and the example of what Greek life at The Ohio State University should embody.

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## - ALUMNI Q&A -

### JIM MANOS '73 EXEMPLIFIES LEADERSHIP AND PHILANTHROPY IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

Thank you to **Jim Manos '73**, former Beta President from 1972-73, for participating in our Q&A. Jim currently suffers from MS and it took him considerable time to submit his update, and for that, we thank him.

*Why did you join Beta over other fraternities? Tell us your very first impression of the house and chapter that first year.*

I went Beta because two Betas contacted me at home in the summer of '69. When I got to OSU, I thought the chapter and house were AWESOME. I never visited another fraternity. We were the largest fraternity with about 100 members, and we always did great in intramural sports.

*Which songs best define your college experience?*

All of the Beatles' songs.

*How did Theta Delta make you into the man you are today?*

Theta Delta made me into the man I am due to its fellowship, since I was an only child, and its leadership opportunities. Leadership makes you a stronger person.

*Tell us about a brother who was a mentor or who went beyond the call of duty to help you.*

Bill Goepfert '72 helped me a lot.

*If you were walking onto the Ohio State campus as a young freshman, what advice would you give to the younger you?*

Study hard and be open-minded.

Jim has been married to his wife, Paula, for 29 years and they have three daughters (Rebecca, Elizabeth, and Sarah). He reports that he went on disability with Multiple Sclerosis in 1998, and currently lives in First Community

Village, a long-term care facility in Upper Arlington, where he enjoys having visitors.

This past April, Jim participated in the Walk MS at the Columbus Zoo to help raise funds for research and local programs. This Theta Delta alum has been the captain of the Overcomers team (talk about leadership!) for the last nine years. During this time, he and his team have successfully raised over \$100,000 to support the fight against MS. We are so proud to have Jim as a brother of Theta Delta!

You can contact Jim at [jjmanos32@yahoo.com](mailto:jjmanos32@yahoo.com).

You may also visit his Walk MS Fundraising Page at: [www.nationalMSSociety.org/goto/jimmanos2012](http://www.nationalMSSociety.org/goto/jimmanos2012)

## - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION -

### RALLYING THE TROOPS AND REKINDLING OUR SPIRITS

*By Chris Ingram, President of Theta Delta Alumni Association*

Brothers, as many of you now know, we were all disappointed with the suspension of the active chapter's charter last school year. With more than 127 years of history and 2,466 initiated alums behind it, the Theta Delta Chapter is entrenched in strong traditions and has an exemplary legacy. Keeping with that tradition, many of our alumni have already stepped in and begun working tirelessly to ensure that the active chapter can be restored to its rightful prominence.

We hope to officially begin the re-colonization of the chapter in January 2014. However, this effort will require both substantial improvements to the Beta House and our direct assistance in recruitment. Therefore, expect to hear from us over the coming months as we band together to bring Beta back to Ohio

State. We will need both your time and financial support. We have all benefited from the bridge that was built for us at 165 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.; we hope you can help build that bridge for the next generation of Theta Delta Betas. In the meantime, please join us at one of our upcoming social gatherings.

#### ***Alumni Association Events:***

**Oct. 27 – OSU Football Game (PSU AWAY) – 5:30 p.m. at Varsity Club**

**Dec. 21 – Annual Christmas Gathering – 4 to 7 p.m. at the Loose Goose Tavern & Grill (668 Grandview Ave., Columbus 43215)**

**Jan. 10 – Alumni Association Board Meeting – Location and Time TBD**

**Feb. 2 – OSU Basketball Game at Red Door Tavern (Nebraska AWAY) – Time TBD**

**May 23 – BETA Roundup with Speaker Bill Kurelic – 5:30 p.m. at Scioto Country Club**

For our Beta Roundup on May 23, we have special guest speaker Bill Kurelic, Ohio State football recruiting analyst. Bill, who works for Bucknits.com, is an inspiration, having taken his passion for sports and turned it into a rather unique full-time career. This is one event that is sure not to disappoint!

The Theta Delta Alumni Association is always happy to answer questions and/or address the concerns of its members. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [clington@vorys.com](mailto:clington@vorys.com) or our Alumni Affairs Chair **Jared Friesner** at [jaredfriesner@gmail.com](mailto:jaredfriesner@gmail.com).

# ALUMNI

## William Macdonald '40

(13705 Shaker Boulevard, Apt. 8 B, Cleveland, OH 44120; Wmacd1@aol.com) I am 94 and still enjoying life and family. I was hired by another Beta at the Ohio Bell Telephone Company in 1941, and I ended up as CEO. Being a Beta has always meant a lot to me.

## Don Cooper '57

(5688 Barry Trace, Dublin, OH 43017-2230; Fishlake2@aol.com) I was initiated over 62 years ago, initially at Beloit College in Wisconsin. I came to Ohio State after serving in the Navy during the Korean War for four years (1951-1954), which included a two-year deployment to the Marine Corps as a Hospital Corpsman.

When I returned to fraternity life, I enjoyed our luncheons and made many friends. I graduated as a Phi Beta Kappa scholar and was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, one of the first ever given to an OSU student. After earning my Ph.D in Latin American history at the University of Texas, Austin, I taught history at the university level for 42 years, including 34 at Ohio State. No doubt I had some Betas in my classes.

## Jim Huffman '63

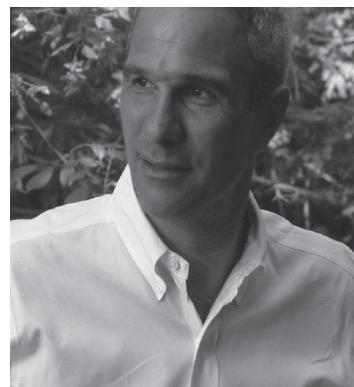
(1587 Lucas Rd., Mansfield, OH 44903; JHuffman@pulsetech.net) I am retiring soon and moving from Texas to Mansfield, Ohio.

## Ken Frick '65

(411 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043-3443; mkfrick@gmail.com) My wife and I have just returned to our sailboat, *Dream Ketch'r*, in Panama, South America. Over the next six months we will be cruising the Southern Caribbean, from the San Blas Islands of Panama to Cartagena, Colombia. We are beginning our eighth year of living aboard.

## Nick Verdea '85

(4717 River Chase Ct., Edmond, OK 73025; nverdea@yahoo.com) I am Director of Aviation for The Williams Companies, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I also married a sister of my fraternity brothers **Dennis Stranges '83** and **Robb Stranges '84** almost 25 years ago.



## Jamie Oberschlake '00

(147 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Columbus, OH 43201; joberschlake@gmail.com) Just got married in July 2012.

## Chris L. Collins '04

(1514 N. Elk Grove Ave. Apt 2F, Chicago, IL 60622; collins497@gmail.com) I've been living the dream in Chicago, and I'm fortunate to have many other Theta Deltas with me in the city. Thanks to Theta Delta, I met the girl of my dreams, Whitney Gooley, a Kappa and diehard Buckeye. We got married this past May, and 3 of my 5 groomsmen were Betas, a real motley crew. I can't wait to see everyone back in Columbus. Go Bucks!

## Jon Main '04

(7236 Berwood Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45243; jonathansmain@gmail.com) I recently started working in Merchant Services Sales at Vantiv, also known as Fifth Third Processing Solutions, and I married my wife Ellen in July of last year.

## Jeff Kovack '05

(1422 Marshall St., Baltimore, MD 21230; jeffrey.kovack@gmail.com) I married Kristin Fusco this past August, and I am working as a sales representative for Stryker Endoscopy.

## Tom Thornton '06

(1050 N. Hancock St., Apt. 432, Philadelphia PA 19123-2355; thornton.155@gmail.com) I started a new job at Comcast working as a Talent Acquisition Business Partner and am working on my MBA at Temple University.

## - ALUMNI IN ACTION -

### DAVID NEFF '74 AND HIS ENDURING COMMITMENT TO BETA AND OSU

Beta **David Neff** is committed to seeing that the Beta legacy thrives. This 1974 graduate may have settled down south of the Mason Dixon line, but he took with him that OSU passion and a desire to share the brotherhood and Beta traditions with others.

"Currently, I'm working with other local Beta alumni and representatives from our national office in Oxford on establishing a Beta colony here at the Col-

lege of Charleston. I'm hopeful that we'll have some OSU Beta alumni help with this effort, as there are several graduates that live in the area."

After moving to Charleston, David also helped to establish an OSU Alumni Club. On some days, the local OSU club might have 150 alumni and friends gather at a local sports bar to watch OSU football games.

David currently serves as the Ad-

ministrator of Ambulatory Care Services at the Medical University of South Carolina, where he's been for the past 20 years. He and his wife Elaine have been married for more than 29 years and have a son, Ryan (27), living in Washington D.C. and a daughter, Ellen (24) living here in Charleston.

*You can reach David at neffd@musc.edu.*

## - HOUSE UPDATES -

# PLANNED RENOVATIONS TO RESTORE PRIDE IN BETA HOUSE AND MAKE IT READY FOR OUR RETURN

While we may have temporary tenants in the chapter house, we still want to ensure our facility looks its best. Two short years from now our brothers will have the chance to move back in, and it will be crucial that they recruit high-caliber candidates. The best way to accomplish this is to make sure the house is ready and appealing to today's student population.

This year, budgeted revenues will allow us to make a number of substantial

improvements to the facility. The major maintenance item we will address is the replacement of all of the windows in the house. To replace these windows with an equivalent wood window is budgeted at \$30,000, although a vinyl substitute is an option for about half of the price.

We also will be bringing the fire escapes up to code along with a number of other small improvements. Planned for next year is a complete renovation of the

downstairs TV/billiards room and dining area and new carpeting and furniture in all of the common areas on the first floor. On the horizon is the possibility that we will need to install a sprinkler system.

Let's have the best Greek housing facility on campus when the Betas return in 2014. With your continued support, we can make this happen.

## - ON THE WEB -

### WE'RE MISSING EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR 71% OF OUR ALUMNI!

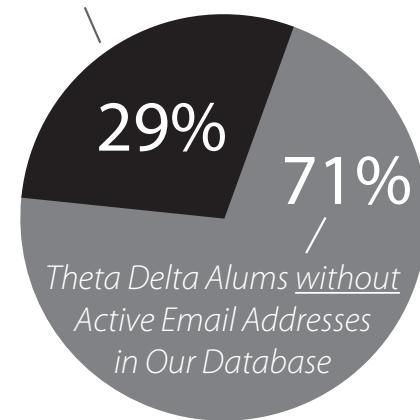
Theta Delta periodically sends emails to alumni with news, updates and event details in between issues of *Theta Delta Dragon*, and with opportunities to share your news in the next issue of the newsletter!

We currently have active email addresses for just 29% of our living alumni. With the increasing cost of postage, we would like to rely more on e-communications to keep you informed. By providing us with your email address, you are saving money for Theta Delta. With these savings, we can invest more in our alumni events and programs that will keep you connected with updates on the chapter's status.

If you aren't receiving our e-letters, please send an email to Jared Friesner at [jaredfriesner@gmail.com](mailto:jaredfriesner@gmail.com). You can also access our lost email address on our website at [www.osubeta.org](http://www.osubeta.org).

Thanks for helping us to stay connected with you more frequently and cost effectively!

*Theta Delta Alums with Active Email Addresses in Our Database*



Total living alumni: 1,420

## - ALUMNI Q&A -

### BETA LEGACY ROBERT BEATTIE '02 ON ENJOYING LIFE BEFORE THE REAL WORLD SETS IN

Thanks to Robert Beattie '02 for participating in this Q&A.

**Why did you join Beta over other fraternities?**

I had a legacy, as my grandfather was a Beta at Kenyon College.

**How did Theta Delta help make you into the man you are today?**

The guys, who I still talk to and hang out with, guided me in the right direction.

**What song best defines your college experience?**

Carmen Ohio. "Time and change will surely show, how firm thy friendship, OHIO."

**What role does leadership play in a man's life?**

It's huge. Leadership makes you who you are as a husband, a father, and as a friend. Everyone likes a leader and no one likes a follower.

**If you were walking onto the Ohio State campus as a young freshman, what advice would you give to the younger you?**

GO TO CLASS! STUDY HARD-

ER! Enjoy your time as a student because the real world will always be there and you have the rest of your life to be a model citizen.

Robert lives in Cincinnati and reports that he and his wife of eight years, Tami, had their first child in 2011. Landon Robert Beattie "will be a future Beta, hopefully a Theta Delta."

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