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- CHAPTER UPDATE -

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL FRATERNITY

THE GENERAL FRATERNITY IS COMMITTED TO RETURNING THE THETA DELTA CHAPTER TO OHIO STATE

By David E. Schmidt, South Florida '92, General Secretary

You will recall that the closure of the Theta Delta Chapter at The Ohio State University was announced on April 15, 2012. Although the chapter was disbanded, the charter remains on suspension, which will allow for a return to campus at a time that is mutually agreeable to all parties.

Rest assured, the General Fraternity is committed to returning to The Ohio State University. The General Fraternity, The Ohio State University, and your Alumni and Building Associations are collaborating to determine the optimum time to begin recolonizing the Theta Delta Chapter. We are all dedicated to establishing an active chapter that exemplifies the core values of the General Fraternity. Our primary mission is to develop men of principle for a principled life. Our goal is to position Theta Delta at the top of the Ohio State University Greek Community once again.

All Theta Delta alumni have the capability to contribute to the success of this endeavor. We encourage you to actively engage with your Beta brothers to seek opportunities to support recolonization efforts. We will provide you periodic updates as developments warrant. Please feel free to contact Director of Chapter Operations John Reineke at 800.800.BETA or your Alumni Relations Officer Jared Friesner at jared@bluelabeldigital.com, if you have any questions or concerns.

- REMEMBER WHEN? -

Theta Delta was the winner of the bed race in Spring 1965! For more great photos from our archives, check out the rest of this newsletter!

L-R Jim Gandee '65, Kurt Rieppel '65, George Dam-bach '65, Bob Lauer '65, Larry Heckman '65



- ALUMNI Q&A -

BROTHERS WEIGH IN ON THE NEVER ENDING FRIENDSHIPS THEY GAINED AS BETAS

Thanks to the following alumni for participating in this issue's Q&A!

David C. Neff '74

In what ways are the skills and values you learned at Beta still relevant in your life today?

I believe the skills I learned as a Beta at OSU revolve around how to develop your interpersonal skills to foster collaboration and promote teamwork. Knowing how to develop a trusting and mutually supportive business relationship in the working world is critical to one's success and I believe that my experiences in my undergraduate years in Beta Theta Pi helped lay a strong foundation of knowing what is right and wrong regarding my professional and personal ethics.

If you could reunite with one brother this fall, who would you choose and why?

Jim Manos '73 was President of our fraternity my junior year and had a successful career at Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati before he was stricken with multiple sclerosis (MS) mid-career. Jim was the inspirational leader of our fraternity and lead by example. He was active in fraternity affairs on campus and actively participated in our intramural programs, social activities, etc. He provided us with

great leadership. He has been at First Community for over 10 years now and, while battling MS for many years, he still has a positive outlook toward life and is very active in First Community Village activities. He is one of the top fundraisers for the MS fundraising campaign in the Columbus area. I have visited Jim the last two times I have been in Columbus visiting relatives and always find my time with him to be very rewarding. Around last Christmas, 15 or so of our Beta brothers visited with him (I was not able to make it) and they had a wonderful Christmas celebration with him.

Reconnect with David at neffd@musc.edu.

Daniel S. Wigton '79

In what ways are the skills and values you learned at Beta still relevant in your life today?

Being a Beta to me always meant excellence in life. To set your sights high and to never give up –kai-. We always felt tremendous pride in being a Beta. We were always one of the top two to three houses on campus and our alumni held us in check to represent Theta Delta in the highest honor as possible because of our very rich history.

If you could reunite with one brother this fall, who would you choose and why?

Two of my favorite brothers have always been **Jim Flower '79** and **Ralph Antolino, Jr. '77**.

Reconnect with Daniel at daniel.wigton@stifel.com.

Roderick I. Gregory '79
In what ways are the skills and values you

learned at Beta still relevant in your life today?

My association with the Theta Delta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi began 38 years ago. It remains one of the seminal experiences of my life. I continue to aspire to be a better person whenever I reflect on Article Three of the Code of our General Fraternity, which states our collective purpose as "the promotion of the moral and social culture of its members; the establishment of confidence and friendly relations between students of various colleges and universities; and the perpetuation of a fraternity that recognizes mutual assistance in the honorable labors and aspirations of life, unsullied friendship, unflinching fidelity and the cultivation of intellect." I am honored and proud to be associated with so many brothers whom I know share a similar perspective.

If you could reunite with one brother this fall, who would you choose and why?

In response to your question, I conducted a search to see if I still possessed any of the fraternity composites from my years at Ohio State. To my surprise I found them (1976 - 1979). Wow, did we have hair! I hope other brothers will join me in an effort to create a digital library of composites from every year as far back as possible!

Reconnect with Roderick at rodgregory44@hotmail.com.

Jeffrey A. Montgomery '02

In what ways are the skills and values you learned at Beta still relevant in your life today?

I find that my experiences as a Beta have helped me most by allowing me to connect/relate to people I encounter in my everyday work and social endeavors. Also, the loyalty I had for and felt from my Beta brothers has encouraged similar loyalties now for my co-workers and post-college friendships. Letting others know you're there for them in all circumstances fosters loyalty that has lasting benefits.

Reconnect with Jeffrey at jeff.montgomery@whiting-turner.com.



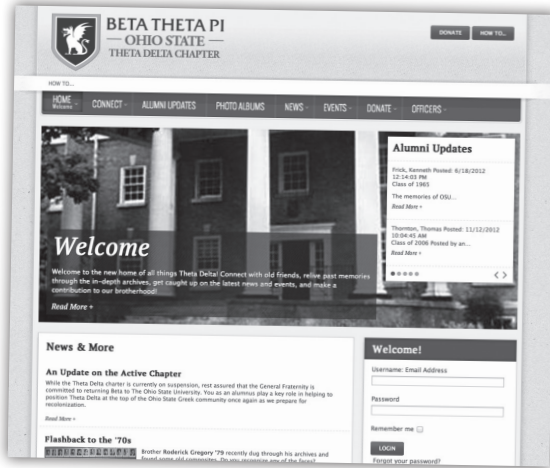
Thanks to Rod Gregory '79 for sharing this composite picture from 1975. Go to www.osubeta.org to see many more great composites submitted by Rod!

- ON THE WEB -

THETA DELTA'S ALUMNI WEB SITE GETS A MAKEOVER

Have you checked out our new online alumni community? The revamped design gives us a sleeker, cleaner look as we work to strengthen our alumni base in preparation for the return of our chapter to Ohio State.

If you haven't yet received your username and password for the new site, send your name, graduation year and email address to websupport@affinityconnection.com and you'll be set up with full access.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Holiday Cheer Gathering

Friday, December 20th
from 4-7 p.m.

Rude Dog Pub & Eatery
Grandview Heights Location
1765 W. 3rd Ave
Columbus, OH

Annual Spring Roundup Smoker

Spring 2014
Stay tuned for more information.

ALUMNI *News*

Thank you to the following alumni brothers who shared memories of their time on campus as well as updates from their current lives.

Frederic L. Carpenter '66

(7107 Bill Dorn Road, Appling, GA 30802; rcarp@sprynet.com) Retired and living most of the time in Ojochal de Osa, Costa Rica. I invite any brothers planning a tropical holiday in paradise to consider our vacation rental, www.vrbo.com/393772, on the South Pacific side of the country. Happy to assist with other travel possibilities too.

David C. Neff '74

(5 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, SC 29401-1814; neffd@muscedu) I currently serve as the Administrator for Support Services at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Medical Center. I have been here for nearly 21 years, having worked at the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) for five years and, prior to that, I was at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus for five years.

On a personal note, my daughter (Ellen) was married in May and she and her husband live here in Charleston. Ellen works for Wells-Fargo Mortgage Bank. My 28-year old son, Ryan, is a busi-

ness consultant and lives in Washington, D.C. My wife, Elaine, is an Ambulatory Surgery Pediatric Recovery Room nurse at MUSC.

Daniel S. Wigton '79

(3052 Conrads Trace, Marion, OH 43302-8373; daniel.wigton@stifel.com)

This year marks my 34th year in the investment business, and I have been married to my wife Valerie now for 30 years in October and together we have two wonderful children. Stephanie, age 24, is in her last year of graduate school at Butler University to become a Physician Assistant and our son, Eric, age 19, is a sophomore at BGSU with his major undecided. As you can see from my email address, I am employed by Stifel Nicolaus as a Senior Vice President and Branch Manager of our Marion office. I became a Beta in the Fall of 1976. I am in the graduating class from OSU of 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Jeffrey A. Montgomery '02

(1265 Belle Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107; jeff.montgomery@whiting-turner.com)

I've been working in Columbus for the past 1 1/2 years during the week, while trying to stay connected to my homebase in Cleveland on the weekends. I bought a house in Lakewood, Ohio, nearly a year ago and look forward to actually living in

it for more than a night or two at a time. This should be possible soon, as I should be wrapping up my job here by the end of the year. It's been great reconnecting with a few brothers while I've been down here and I hope to keep those friendships strong after leaving town.

- ALUMNI EVENT -

Thanks to Chris McCabe '80 for sharing this great photo from the recent alumni event in California.



From left to right: Chris McCabe '80, Brent Hatch '79, Scott Snap, and Bob Morrow '85.

- FROM THE ARCHIVES -

WE WON FIRST PLACE FOR OUR 1963 HOMECOMING DISPLAY AND CRUISED IN THE BETA BUS

TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

Theta Delta always knew how to have a great time and these photos prove it! If you have photos from your time as an undergraduate and would like to include them in an upcoming issue of *Theta Delta Dragon*, please send your photos to content@affinityconnection.com.

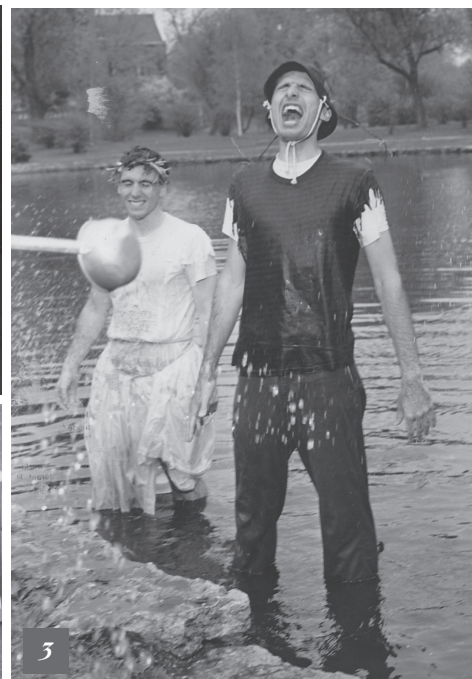
1 1966-1967 Chapter Officers, L-R Back: Dick Lutzy '67, Dennis Kennedy '68, Peter Ewald '68, Curt High '67, John Beam '68. Front: Dan Westerback '68, Dave Wright '67, John Whampum '67.



2 Fall 1967 pledge class.



3 Robert M. Taylor '64 being initiated into Bucket and Dipper Honorary.



4 Beta Bus vintage 1960s.



5 Homecoming display Fall 1963 – First Place.



THETA DELTA—DIGITAL FLOP OR NOT?

TWO-THIRDS OF BROTHERHOOD DON'T RECEIVE BETA EMAILS

Between email, online communities, and social networking, maintaining relationships is easier now than ever before. Unfortunately, this truth doesn't quite hold water when it comes to Theta Delta. Here we are—well into the digital age—and yet only 435 alumni members have provided us with a valid email address. This means that two out of every three brothers are missing valuable news regarding the chapter's status on campus as

well as updates on special alumni events designed to reconnect you with brothers from your era.

Since we don't have an active chapter, we must be more frugal and monitor how much we spend on printing and postage. The more we can rely on email communications, the more money we can save and redirect toward alumni programs, such as special events. More importantly, as we get closer and closer to recolonizing the

chapter, we'd like to keep valued alumni brothers like you updated as these events unfold.

If you aren't receiving our monthly eletter, please email our alumni relations firm at feedback@affinityconnection.com and ask to be added to Theta Delta's email list.

We are committed to keeping the Beta spirit alive and well, but we need your help to make it happen.