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May 23, 2013

Scioto Country Club in
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Cocktail hour: 5:30-6:30 pm
Dinner and program: 6:30 pm
Cost: \$50

The guest speaker will be **Bill Kurelic**, OSU football recruiting expert with BUCKNUTS.com. Bill is known as the dean of Ohio State and Big Ten football recruiting, having covered both for over 25 years. He will provide insight on OSU football and Urban's impact on the program.

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- PRESIDENT'S UPDATE -

OUR ALUMNI HAVE STEPPED UP WITH COMMUNICATION EFFORTS

THETA DELTA NEEDS YOUR HELP TO KEEP IT GOING

By Steve Cover, President of Theta Delta House Corporation

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for taking the time to read our latest issue of *Theta Delta Dragon*. As you will see in the enclosed pages, we have a lot of great news from our individual alumni. Many of you answered our request for updates about your lives and also shared memories of your time on campus. These stories help keep our brotherhood alive and we thank you for responding to the call. If you would like to update us on how you're doing, please visit our website at www.osubeta.org. You can also upload photos directory to our Photo Albums to share with other brothers.

While you are at our site, please help us get in touch with our lost brothers. Using the "How To" link, you can review our list of alumni with missing email addresses. If you see your name or that of a friend you're in touch with, simply click on his name to send an email to our alumni relations firm with the updated address.

This will help us to ensure we're reaching as many brothers with publication of our newsletters and other communications.

- ALUMNI Q&A -

CHRIS COLLINS REMEMBERS PULLING ALLIGATOR PRANKS WITH HIS BROTHERS

Thank you to **Chris Collins '04** for sharing his responses to our recent questions and answers.

What do you miss most about attending Ohio State?

Walking down 15th Avenue on the first warm spring day of the year.

In honor of April Fools' Day, share a practical joke or funny moment from your undergrad days.

We let an alligator loose in our brother's apartment on 16th. The next morning, we couldn't find it in the house and had to move the furniture to discover it had been under the couch.

Which fraternity was your top rival on campus? How is Beta better than or different from this group?

Sigma Chi. We are different because we didn't suck in college. They did.

Tell us how your Beta experience helped get you to where you are today.

My first job out of college was with RC Olmstead, a company whose president was a brother's father. Without the fraternity, I can say with confidence I would not have the career I have today.

You can contact Chris at
collins497@gmail.com.

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- ALUMNI Q&A -

GREGORY MORGAN '10 SHARES HOW FRATERNITY LIFE TAUGHT HIM ABOUT GROWING UP

Thank you to Tom Jordan '81 for sharing his responses to our recent questions and answers.



What is your favorite Beta tradition? Why?

Sending water balloon "greeting cards" to the Pi Phi house and maybe watching "The Streak" from the rooftop with Tom Wittich '81.

What do you miss most about attending Ohio State?

My academic studies.

In what ways is the fraternity experience

still relevant for today's young man?

Great bonding and meeting a group of people with similar interests; these friends last a lifetime!

Which fraternity was your top rival on campus? How is Beta better than or different from this group?

There were none. We were the best... looking down on the rest.

What is your Ohio State football game ritual? Do you go to the games? Watch with friends?

I take the family when possible. We

tailgate with Ike and the Beta crew.

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

Leadership means everything to me. That role makes you understand the importance of showing today's youth the proper way to conduct oneself and what the value of ethics & honesty really means.

For those brothers who are tech savvy in all aspects of the social network, imagine going through initiation again as a user of Twitter. What 140 characters would you tweet to describe the experience?

I'm in disbelief. Not buying into the scheme...thank heavens it's over.

- HONOR ROLL -

Thank you to these generous brothers who contributed to the Annual Fund since September 1, 2012.

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Thomas Turner 1959
R. Evans 1960
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John Niermeyer 1961
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Charles Wright 1962
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Geoffrey Presson 1973

Robert Bardwell 1974

Michael Riley 1977

Brent Hatch 1979

Daniel Wigton 1979

Robert Dickerson 1980

Christopher McCabe 1980

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Charles Lawson 1981

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John Jacob 1960

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Eric Zeiher 1975

Daniel Ketcham 1977

Michael Matthews 1982

Brian Cook 1997

- ALUMNI EVENTS -



Alumni gather at the Red Door Tavern in early February to watch the OSU vs. Nebraska basketball game.



The annual Christmas gathering was held on December 21 at the Loose Goose Tavern & Grill.

Both events provided great opportunities to see old friends and meet new brothers! Stay tuned to our website www.osubeta.org for more alumni events to come!

ALUMNI *News*

William MacDonald Jr. '40

(13705 Shaker Boulevard, Apt. 8B, Cleveland, OH 44120-1507; wmacd1@aol.com) I am 94 and doing okay. I am an ardent OSU sports fan and never missed a football game until I got too old to make the trip to Columbus. Thank goodness for TV. When I was looking for a job after graduation, I went to see a Beta who was a senior manager at the Ohio Bell Telephone Co. When he heard I was a Beta, he gave me a job. I ended up president of the company and retired in 1983, so being a Beta has always meant a lot to me.

George "Dick" Michael '42

(2849 Canterbury Lane Columbus, OH 43321-3016; Citizen90@hotmail.com) I will be 93 next birthday. Graduated just in time to go on active duty as an ROTC second lieutenant. It makes me proud that there are so many younger members who are doing things to revitalize our chapter and return it to its rightful place.

James Lapp '55

(9860 62nd Ter. N., #1038, St. Petersburg, FL 33708-3534; jayarell@tam-pabay.rr.com) I was the editor of the *TD Dragon* when I was an undergraduate. I am 80 now and lead an exceptionally uninteresting life. I am getting back to campus each fall for a football game. I also drive to Virginia to visit my daughter and to Las Vegas to visit my wife. I really miss the brothers of my college days.

Ned Neal '58

(107 Bald Head Cliff Rd., Cape Neddick, ME 03902-0585; hydescov@maine.rr.com) Theta Delta Betas in the mid 50s had the interesting opportunity to live in four houses. First was the original Beta house at 165. Next door we had an annex that created occasional water balloon fights. While the original home was being torn down, the Beta house was across the street until the new house was constructed. I lived in all four locations and was house manager and breakfast cook. I am happy to be in touch with **Wes Van Fossen '58**, **Ed Berthold '59**, and **Dwight Stoneburner '58**.

John D. Jacob '60

(507 Highgate Ave, Worthington, OH 43085-3016; jjhitstraight@yahoo.com) I married Marty Schwarz on June 4. Marty is a Delta Gamma from Northwestern. Enjoying travel for OSU football and basketball and golf in Ohio in the summer and Bonita Springs, Fla., in February and March.

Ken Frick '65

(411 Walnut St Green Cove, Springs, FL 32043-3443; mkfrick@gmail.com)

After graduation, I spent 22 years active duty Navy and retired as Commander. Spent 15 years as VP of special programs in stealth technology with Symmetron Inc. In 1986,

I summited three peaks over 20,000 ft. in Nepal. In 1988, I was a member of U.S. Mt. Everest Team but was unable to summit due to frostbite. Since 2005, I have been cruising the east coast of U.S. Caribbean on a sailboat with my wife Marilyn. We are expecting the birth of our first grandchild.



Peter Braun '82

(78 Ontario Ct., Boulder, CO 80303-4418; p.braun@ubs.com) I have been living in Boulder, Colo., for the past 20 years. I am the first vice president and a financial advisor with UBS. I recently got married to Megan Weber. I play tennis, ski, and do cycling in my free time.

Brian Garvine '92

(573 Jameson St., Ashville, OH 43103-2511; brian@garvinelaw.com) Some of my favorite Beta memories are Buckeye football games splitting a Boda (sp?) bag with **Keith Skiddle '94**. We always somehow ended up sitting near each other in the Beta block of tix. Thursday night cookouts in the fall and spring quarters with sororities were also always great. Playing "golf" on the porch with **Tim Dunham '93** and **Greg Hale '93** was also fun!

Aaron Krance '93

(606 W Douglas Ave, Andover, KS 67002-9106; krance130@hotmail.com) I've been married to my beautiful wife, Crissy, for 15 years. We have three kids, Ryan (12), Jake (10), and Katie (8). As an aviation major at OSU, I went on to fly commercially until 2005 when I made a rather radical career switch and went to dental school. I'm now a dentist in the U.S. Air Force where I will finish out my military career and then go on to private practice. Haven't been back to Columbus for a very long time, but my kids know and love the scarlet and gray.

Jeff Montgomery '02

(1300 W 9th St, Apt 613, Cleveland OH 44113-1035; jeff.montgomery@whiting-turner.com) I've been living in Cleveland since '04 working for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. as construction manager. However, I've been working on a project for Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus for the past year. I spend the week here and most weekends back in Cleveland. I'll be here in Columbus anywhere from two more months to one and a half more years. In the meantime, I hope to find more opportunities to hang out with old friends.

Chris Collins '04

(1514 N Elk Grove Ave Apt 2F, Chicago, IL 60622-7810; collins497@gmail.com) I live in Chicago and am married to Whitney Gooley, a Kappa from Ohio State. Three of my groomsmen were Theta Delta Betas. I am a sales executive for ADP. I still keep in touch with almost everyone from the fraternity and make it back to Columbus for a football game at least once a year.

Gregory Morgan '10

(1560 Kenwood Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169-4035; morgan.680@osu.edu) I'm still working for the Kellogg Company. I will be Six Sigma Black Belt Certified by June 2013. My pledge brothers need to come visit MORE!

Share your news, updates, stories and photos at www.osubeta.org/!

- ALUMNI Q&A -

GREGORY MORGAN SHARES HIS MEMORIES ABOUT WHAT THETA DELTA TAUGHT HIM

Thank you to Gregory Morgan '10 for sharing his responses to our recent questions and answers.

What is your favorite Beta tradition? Why?

My favorite Beta tradition is/was pledge education nights. It allowed me to get to know the new members, teach them what I knew, and allowed them to get to know me. That starts and builds the friendships and the brotherhood.

What do you miss most about attending Ohio State?

What I miss most about attending OSU is seeing, hanging out with, study-

ing with, partying with, and just being around my brothers.

In what ways is the fraternity experience still relevant for today's young man?

Fraternity life teaches you how to grow up, how to live in a large house with many different personalities and make it work. Just like everyone will have to do once they enter the working world after college.

In what ways is the fraternity experience still relevant for today's young man?

A man is only as good as how well he can lead. Beta taught me how to take many ideas and roll them into one that worked.

As well as taught me how to encourage others, and that's by my own actions.

For those brothers who are tech savvy in all aspects of the social network, imagine going through initiation again as a user of Twitter. What 140 characters would you tweet to describe the experience.

Please don't turn initiation into a Twitter event, but I would say..."Get off your phone, it won't give you the insights that you need to learn and live by."

*You can contact Gregory at
morgan.680@osu.edu.*

- FRATERNAL 50S -

Congratulations to the following brothers who are receiving their 50-year anniversary pin.

George E. Dambach 1964	Richard J. Dreiman 1965
Robert B. Mertie 1965	Richard A. Isaly, Jr. 1964
James F. Turner 1965	William H. Keating 1965
Robert D. Amspoker 1964	James R. Shively 1964
John A. Adams 1965	Denbigh S. Matthews 1964
Thomas T. Allgyer 1965	Thomas R. Groff 1964
Michael C. Blackstone 1965	Frederick M. Mann 1964
Michael T. Carroll 1965	H. Carter Castilow 1966
Dr. John E. Damuth 1965	John L. Huffman 1965
Richard W. Foster 1965	William L. Beebe 1966
Kenneth E. Frick 1965	Robert R. Farrington 1966
Robert G. Hill 1965	Alan M. Fisher 1966
Charles Jones, Jr. 1964	John E. Groff, Jr. 1967
Robert L. Lawrence 1965	Larry L. Heckman 1966
Jack M. Lomano 1963	Alan D. Hubleby 1964
Mikkell G. Mandt 1966	Lytel D. Johnson 1967
Robert M. McNair 1965	Roy B. McCauley III 1965
Donald L. Miller, DDS 1964	Thomas R. Phillips 1964
Stephen R. Moore 1964	Kurt L. Rieppel 1966
Michael Noyes III 1965	Ronald W. Rudolph 1967
John N. Olsen 1966	Richard L. Springer 1966
Charles H. Pierce 1964	Thomas N. Taylor 1967
Daryll M. Sakada 1964	Thomas M. Weyrick 1967
John J. Schiff, Jr. 1965	Jerry L. Carney 1966
James M. Schneid 1965	Frederic L. Carpenter 1966
Wayne C. Thompson 1965	Nelson R. Cragg, Jr. 1966
Jerry E. Truster 1965	Leland J. Danielsen, Jr. 1967
Walter N. Waits 1965	James F. Gandee 1967
James N. Woebkenberg 1964	Douglas M. Gudenkauf 1966
Samuel P. Adams III 1967	David J. Ishley 1967
David W. Ball 1965	Robert A. Lauer 1967
Darryl. B. Dobras 1965	Christopher P. Swartz 1966
John B. Donaldson, Jr. 1965	Frank P. Tyson, Jr. 1966

- ALUMNI Q&A -

BRIAN SCHWARTZ TELLS US WHY NETWORKING IS SO IMPORTANT

Thank you to **Brian Schwartz '97** for sharing his responses to our recent questions and answers.

What is your favorite Beta tradition? Why?

Networking... You never know when you may need help getting past a hurdle that gets in the way.

What do you miss most about attending Ohio State?

The TG's and Buckeye Games.

In what ways is the fraternity experience still relevant for today's young man?

Lifelong friendships and, again, networking.

In honor of April Fools' Day, share a practical joke or funny moment from your undergrad days.

Dressing as Santa from a party we had and then taking Santa on the road to a couple other parties and meeting up at the Out-R-Inn and getting a free six pack, because they couldn't charge Santa.

Which fraternity was your top rival on campus? How is Beta better than or different from this group?

Phi Delta Theta - We protected our house.

What is your Ohio State football game ritual? Do you go to the games? Watch with friends?

Depending on the weather: Tailgate, go to some games, and meet up with brothers that travelled back to see the Buckeyes.

You can contact Brian at waboo26a@yahoo.com.