



THETA DELTA DRAGON

Beta Theta Pi at The Ohio State University • Summer 2025

A Roundup of Theta Delta's Roundup

REFLECTING ON A SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The annual Theta Delta Roundup was held on April 15, 2025, at Scioto Country Club with 164 alumni and Chapter members in attendance! It was a great evening of rekindling old friendships and making new ones with members of the Chapter, which featured a great social hour, dinner, scholarship awards, and a session with The Ohio State's national championship head football coach, Ryan Day!

The evening started with a social hour, where alumni and undergraduates were able to greet each other and mingle. At the conclusion of the social hour, all in attendance were led in the Beta Doxology by **Asher Hamilton '25**.

During dinner, Coach Day spoke to us on topics such as the four game run to the national championship during the College Football Playoff, how the coaches and team turned things around after the loss to The Team Up North, and his philosophies in working with and leading a group of young men to be the best they can be. After, he answered every question during a Q&A. He was very honest and forthcoming during his talk and his answers. Many thanks to **Dominic Bagnoli '85** for arranging for Coach Day to be with us!

The rest of the program included remarks on the state of the Chapter from President **Jack Baxter '26**, the presentation of scholarships, the recognition of three Betas

in attendance who received their Fraternal Fifties pin, and the traditional Beta Countdown led by **Dan Ketcham '77**. We closed with the singing of "Carmen Ohio." Congratulations to **John Jacob '60** for being the longest-initiated member of Theta Delta in attendance for the second time!

The Moyne M. Morgan Scholarship for the outstanding member of the Fisher College of Business was awarded after the Roundup due to a communications issue with the Alumni Association. This year's award winner is **Jackson Fowler '27**.

The H.M. 'Butch' O'Neill Beta Theta Pi Leadership Scholarship for the Outstanding Officer serving Theta Delta Chapter had two winners for the first time! The scholarship was awarded to **Jack Baxter '26** and **Tommy Mawby '27**. Congratulations to Jack, Tommy, and Jackson for their accomplishments!

This year's Spring Roundup was the culmination of a very successful year for the Chapter, as noted in the Chapter president's report, as well as for the Alumni Association and House Corporation. Look for information on upcoming joint Chapter and alumni events in 2025 and beyond!

Yours in -kai-,
Scott Saffell '78
President
Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association



Attendees of the 2025 Beta Roundup listening to Head Football Coach Ryan Day.



KEEP OUR CONNECTION STRONG

Update Your Contact Information Now 

In this fast-paced world, staying connected matters more than ever. Help us maintain the bond that makes Beta Theta Pi special by updating your digital contact information while it's top of mind.

Your details ensure you receive the latest Beta news, event invites, and opportunities to reconnect with fellow alumni. Simply send your updated information to

updatemyrecord@penningtonco.com with "Ohio State BTP Email" in the subject line.

You should have also received a biographical update in the mail recently. Please fill it out and return it if you haven't already.

Thank you for helping us strengthen our Beta connection!

THETA DELTA REMAINS EXCEPTIONAL



Brothers skiing at Whistler-Blackcomb in British Columbia, Canada, this past spring break. From left: Austin Montgomery '26, Andrew Zimmerly '26, Mark Gantman '26, Jack Baxter '26, Dan Brace '25, Francis Sim '25, and Blake Morse '25.

Reflecting on Chapter Growth

As we approach the fall 2025 semester, Theta Delta continues to grow, reaching all-time highs in membership, academic achievement, and campus reputation.

One of our top priorities remains to lead with intellect and campus involvement. For the second-consecutive year, we are proud to hold the highest GPA among all fraternities at Ohio State. This reflects our membership's belief that integrity and intellect serve as the foundation for our lives ahead. We have also increased our focus on being the center of campus life, encouraging our new members and undergraduates to host, participate in, and plan social events with other Greek organizations and community leaders.

At the same time, our Chapter has reached all-time highs in membership, with our most recent pledge class of 47 giving us a total membership of over 180. With the largest membership in history, we recognize that our growth must continue to be rooted in purpose and tradition. We strongly believe that it is the quality of men, not the

number of men, that makes our Fraternity exceptional. We intend to continue recruiting ambitious individuals who improve our culture and leave a lasting impact on one another. It is our unique membership that remains our greatest strength.

Finally, our Chapter has positioned itself as a launchpad for personal and professional growth, with an increased focus on alumni engagement and professional development. This summer, our members participated in internships in over 15 different cities across the country and internationally. We seek to empower our brothers to rise to the challenges of an ever-changing world and succeed in doing so.

As we look ahead to an exciting fall, we are eager to welcome our newest pledge class and celebrate what is hopefully another national championship season for the Buckeyes.

Yours in -kai-,
Jack Baxter '26
 Chapter President

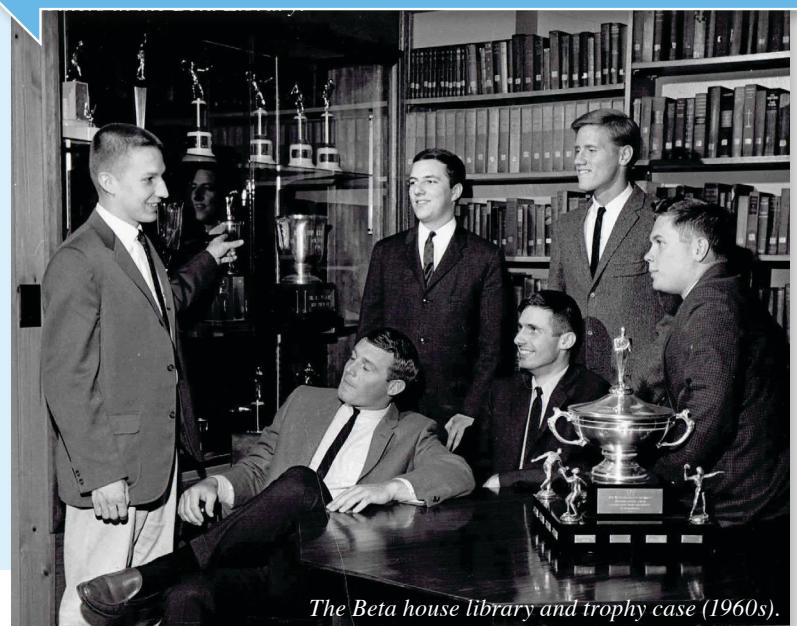


Above: Top row, from left: Carson Devine '26, Matteo Tomita '28, and Swaraj Mohapatra '27. Bottom row: Alex Weisgerber '27, Shun Yamato '27, Carter Zirlin '28, and Ryan Block '28. Right: Brothers at the Roman Colosseum. From left: Jack Baxter '26, Gabe Phillips '26, and Cole Heidelberger '26.



The Beta house front porch (1960s).*The Beta house in 1964.**Theta Delta Chapter (1960s).**May Day Parade 1963.*

Do you have Beta Theta Pi photos you could share? We would love to see them! Send your copies to **Scott Saffell '78** at scott.w.saffell@gmail.com. Your photos may be featured in a future issue of *Theta Delta Dragon*.

*The Beta house library and trophy case (1960s).*

ALUMNI NEWS

Ken K. Feinthal '55 is in his 90s and resides in Naples, Fla.
Email: kenosu55@gmail.com

Charles "Chuck" Wright '62 shares that his grandchildren and step-grandchildren have started having weddings. He and Ann were both widowed before they were 40 and were married in 1980. They have 19 grandchildren in their blended family and live in Rocky River, Ohio.
Email: aandcwright@sbcglobal.net

W. Ron Steakley '67 appreciates having time in retirement to pursue creative interests he had put off for too long. He resides in Hershey, Pa.
Email: wrs.visions.900@gmail.com

L. Scott Barnes '78 is retired and enjoying himself in Houston, Texas. He saw **Gary '75** and **Scott Kraushar '76** and **Dave Van Schoik '86** at his nephew's wedding in June 2024. He hopes to make the 2025 Smoker. Email: barnes.scott@comcast.net

David F. Klein, M.D. '82 has been married 41 years to Beta Sweetheart Liz Nonelle Klein, an OSU Pi Beta Phi. They have two Pi Phi daughters, Sara and Hanna, and two grandkids, Mary Jo and Winton. David keeps in touch regularly with **Tim Powers '82**, **Brad Devlin '82**, **Tom Witbich '81**, and brothers-in-law **Rik Nonelle '85** and **Mike Nonelle '90** and **Dan Irwin '85**. David lives in Concord, N.C., and enjoys fly-fishing, CrossFit, and lake life in North Carolina. Email: beta1770@gmail.com

What words come to mind when you think about Beta Theta Pi?

**FRIENDSHIPS | BROTHERHOOD | BETA HOUSE | CHEER
HELPING OTHERS | MEMORIES | WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE**



SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI TAILGATE GATHERING

Friday, August 29, 2025

4-7 p.m.

Theta Delta Chapter House
165 E. 15th Ave., Columbus, OH 43201

Join us for an evening of friendship and fidelity as the Theta Delta Alumni Association and undergraduate Chapter co-host an alumni tailgate the evening before the Ohio State vs. Texas game.

RSVP is required by Friday, August 15. Visit forms.gle/DpiLp51iBiFceCcQ7.

More information below.



Food and drink will be provided.

- Alumni tickets are \$10 and will be collected at the event (either via cash or Venmo). Undergraduate members can attend at zero cost.
- This is a Theta Delta alumni and undergraduate member-only event.



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ALUMNI GIFTS MATTER!

Support the future of Theta Delta Chapter by making a quick and easy online donation today! Your gifts are crucial to the survival and success of the Chapter, helping to fund essential house maintenance. Every contribution, no matter the size, directly impacts our ability to provide a transformative experience for current and future brothers.



SCAN TO GIVE!

Scan the QR code to visit btpthetadelta.causevox.com or return the enclosed envelope to make a lasting difference in the lives of our Chapter members.

Chapter Goals

- 1 Strengthen our Chapter's presence on campus and in the broader Columbus community by increasing participation in philanthropic programs, service initiatives, and social events.
- 2 Continue to seek ambitious and unique individuals who contribute to our culture.
- 3 Increase mentorship, networking, and development opportunities available to members. In doing so, we commit ourselves to building a stronger Chapter and a new generation of leaders.

Thank You, Generous Donors

WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you to the brothers listed below for giving back to Theta Delta Chapter since our fall newsletter. Your support ensures Theta Delta remains a strong brotherhood for years to come.

If there is an error in your listing or your name is mistakenly omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our communications consultant, Candace, at cmoore@penningtonco.com to submit any corrections.

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