

## 2004 Beta Convention

The LSCMA will celebrate the 165th anniversary of Beta Theta Pi at the 2004 Beta Convention, to be held Aug. 6-9, 2004, at the Renaissance Hotel in Atlanta. The LSCMA Board of Directors will meet at 9:00 a.m. Aug. 7, 2004.



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# ReColonization

## Associate Director Ethan Braden to Supervise Recolonization

Ethan Braden will supervise the recolonization of Alpha Eta in fall 2004.

Braden was appointed associate director of chapter development in May 2003. He is responsible for the fraternity's expansion efforts.

Braden will head a team of three other Betas at Denison. The staff will operate out of the two bedrooms and the bath on the ground level. The rest of the lower level will be used by Braden's team for recruiting, interviewing and training.

After the 2004 Beta pledges are recruited, selected and trained, their initiation ceremony will be scheduled and announced.

Braden joined the Beta staff in 2002 as an education consultant, where his duties included assisting chapters with leadership, scholarships, recruitment,

risk management, alumni relations and new-member education. As associate director of chapter development, Braden meets with university officials, alumni and chapter advisers to measure the progress of each chapter.

As an undergraduate at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., Braden served as chapter president, vice president and philanthropy chairman. He was the recipient of the fraternity's 2001 General Secretary Leadership award, earned Willamette's 2001 Outstanding Contribution to Greek Life Award and was voted 2001 Greek Man of the Year.

Braden was a four-year letterman on Willamette's varsity football team and received his bachelor of arts degree in economics and Spanish.

A native of Albuquerque, N.M.,



Ethan Braden  
Willamette '02

Braden enjoys golf, karaoke and weightlifting.

The selection and training of chapter advisers must be completed by June 2004. Anyone interested in the adviser program should indicate his

interest immediately. Please contact Bill Edwards for additional information by calling (623) 935-3538 or sending a letter to P.O. Box 1272, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. ■

Alumni

# Report

By Robert J. Dold '60

## Launching a New Men of Principle Chapter

I want to thank all LSCMA members who have been so generous in making a financial contribution to our association in recent years and in particularly this past year. To all our members who have yet to make a contribution, you are encouraged to participate. The chapter and the alumni association have made great progress through hard work, leadership and generous giving.

During September 2004, an experienced team from the general fraternity will conduct the recolonization of the Alpha Eta Chapter. The recolonized Alpha Eta Chapter will be a Men of Principle Chapter after the recruiting, training and initiation has been completed. Considerable assistance contributed by volunteers from the local area as well as local Beta alumni will be selected and trained for duties as chapter advisers. Additional individuals will be selected for their qualifications in designated areas. The awarding of individual scholarships to desirable and qualified prospects will require additional financial resources for the next few years.

Last summer, we held our LSCMA meeting in Oxford, Ohio, at the same time as the Beta convention. All were especially impressed with the Men of Principle chapters and what they have accomplished. At our meeting, Ethan Braden joined us and shared information about what is involved in recolonization. Ethan and his team will be on the Denison campus full time for three to four weeks when the process begins in 2004 and January of 2005. They will return

regularly until the chapter is stable and functioning smoothly.

As the Beta house passes its 75 years of heavy usage, we must plan and provide for considerable timely repair, replacements and updating in the very near future. These actions will require considerable planning and financing. Again, it is your generous contributions that will assure we keep the Beta house in sound condition.

On Thursday evening, May 29, 2003, the Alpha Eta Betas celebrated their 45th reunion with a reception and dinner at the Beta house hosted by the Class of '57. In attendance were Betas from the classes of '54, '56-'60 and '63. There were a total of 42 registered Beta guests. There were many complimentary comments on the fine appearance and condition of the Beta house.

Brother **Ken Rohl '57** spoke of a plan to fund a scholarship for future Alpha Eta Betas. Several present did contribute toward the Robert B. McMillen Memorial Scholarship. All members are encouraged to contribute to one or more of the special funds honoring individual Betas.

In closing, if any of you are interested or know of people who would be interested in participating as an advisor with the men of Principle program, please contact me or Bill Edwards. I also want to again thank all of you who give so generously of your time and resources. Alpha Eta is on the road to new heights. ■

## Nothing a Little Pond Water Can't Cure

On a spring day in 1964 during the Beta War, Johnny Mac ended up in the middle of Ebaugh's Pond — yep, one of the big traditions during Spring Week at Denison. According to John, he was one of many freshmen who swallowed pond water that day!

Johnny Mac happens to be John J. McConnell, a 1968 graduate of economics. John went on to earn his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and then his Ph.D. in finance from Purdue. By the way, lacrosse coach Tommy Thomsen bestowed the nickname upon him.

John arrived on campus for summer football before his freshman year. During those few weeks, he met a great group of guys including **Bob Chisholm '66**, **Rick Seils '67**, **Art Morrow '66**, **Jim Moats '66**, **Scott Smith '65** and **Stan Kondracki '65**. These guys had two things in common — they all played football and they were all brothers of Beta Theta Pi. Before long, John was a Beta, too.

John lived in the house his sophomore and senior years, rooming with buddy **David Osborn '68** both years. He has some wonderful memories of singing Beta songs as the evening wound to an end, songs including "Marching Along" and "Sweetheart Song." John says he learned some very valuable life skills as a Beta. "Being involved as a Beta required me to work in a group and organize activities ... very good training for my professional years," said John.

John is now a professor of finance at Purdue University where he holds the position of The Emanuel T. Weiler Distinguished Professor of Finance. Before his professorship

with Purdue, he spent some time teaching at The Ohio State University. He also spends a lot of time consulting with law firms regarding securities and financial litigation. He is on the board of directors of Los Padres Bank in Solvang, Calif., and is currently the faculty chapter advisor for the Beta Chapter at Purdue.

In 1968, John married college sweetheart, Karen Burbridge. They live in West Lafayette, Ind., with their two sons, Matthew (26) and Joshua (23).

John still keeps in touch with David Osborn, **Daniel Kreer '68**, **James Ehrman '68** and **Geoffrey Burbridge '69**. Geoff happens to be his brother-in-law. John wonders about two people in particular ... **Paul Doty '68** and **Bob Chissolm**. He said he would love to get in touch and catch up on old times. So Paul and Bob ... and anyone else out there ... Johnny Mac welcomes e-mail at [mcconnel@mgmt.purdue.edu](mailto:mcconnel@mgmt.purdue.edu). ■



Johnny Mac

**William H. Edwards '41**  
(P.O. Box 1272, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340-1272; [billedwards42b@yahoo.com](mailto:billedwards42b@yahoo.com)) I attended the 2003 Convention at Oxford.

**Robert H. Mereness '41**  
(800 Crescent Dr., Alexandria, VA 22302-2213; [rhmer@aol.com](mailto:rhmer@aol.com)) I just hit 83. As I look back, I fondly remember my two years in Beta at Denison, friendships that have lasted forever, and memories that will never die.

**Walter G. Alpaugh '44**  
(119 Congress Run Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215-5001; [petewga@aol.com](mailto:petewga@aol.com)). 2003 has been and will be a year of relocation for Joy and me. I'm doing what many others have done before — changing residency from Ohio to Florida. This means much moving between Ohio and Florida, selling our house after living in it 54 years, moving to a condo in Cincinnati and spending most of my time in

the Florida condo at Amelia Island near Jacksonville. I am still in the insurance business but on a half-time schedule ... well, maybe a bit less. Thanks to **Bill Edwards '41** and **Bob Dold '60**, LSCMA is still in tact. Those of us who have been hanging around the edges of the LSCMA administration need to work on younger Alpha Eta Betas to help give support to the recolonization activities of National Beta. **Barry Porter '59** told me of a group of his Beta brothers back for a reunion who talked encouragingly about the future rebuilding of Alpha Eta. We need the spirit of Alpha Eta rekindled by those who care!

**C. Dean Browne '47**  
(5274 Coppertree Ln., Columbus, OH 43232-2863; [woodchipcharlie@webtv.net](mailto:woodchipcharlie@webtv.net)) I have been a woodcarver for over 40 years. The subjects of my carvings are drawn from many years as a yachtsman and a lifetime of hunting and fishing.

**Ben A. Callaway '50**  
(146 Buckingham Dr., Southampton, NJ 08888-1246; [callaben@comcast.net](mailto:callaben@comcast.net)) Although I have been retired 14 years from my full-time job at the Philadelphia Inquirer, I am now completely unemployed after giving up my freelance jobs in newspaper and radio. We moved from the home we had lived in for 44 years in Cherry Hill, N.J., to a smaller abode in Southampton, N.J. My bride of 52 years has had Alzheimer's for 10 years, and has resided the last four years in a nursing home. I am active in two very different churches. My son, daughter and two fascinating grandsons provide joy. A cranky 76-year-old left knee has limited my tennis from competitive singles, which I loved, to a rather pathetic doubles, but lots of gym time helps. The move led me to rediscover old papers and pictures recalling the precious Denison and Alpha Eta experience. I optimistically anticipate our 60th class reunion, but if another roll call gets

# The General

By Kenneth Rohl '57

## Robert B. McMillen Was a Friend to All

Bob McMillen – “The General,” as he was known by his Beta brothers – loved life, people and having a good time. He would often walk into a room of people and yell, “Telephone!” Everybody would start laughing – even though nobody ever knew what he meant. It was this side of Bob’s character that made him beloved by both family and friends.

Bob was born July 10, 1935, in Bridgeville, Pa., a place he loved and often talked about to his friends from Puget Sound and Alaska. Bridgeville served as a launching pad for Bob’s great Horatio Alger career. A Denison Beta, Bob served his chapter as house manager until graduating in 1957. After a stint in the U.S. Air Force, Bob worked in the transportation industry. His career began through a Beta contact at Kramer Brothers Freight Lines in Detroit, where he worked before taking a job with Transcon Lines. In 1977 an offer to become president and CEO of Totem Ocean Trailers Express Inc. led Bob west to the state of Washington, where he made his home until his death.

During his 17-year tenure as CEO of TOTE, Bob became one of the most respected executives in the U.S. maritime industry. He was named 1985 Man of the Year by the Transportation Club of Tacoma, Wash., the Puget Sound Maritime Man of the Year in 1986, and the Merle Adlum Labor Management Man of the Year in 1991. In 2001, the Seafarers International Union named a simulator annex building after Bob at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education in Piney Point, Md.

Bob was known throughout the industry for the respect he gave every person who worked for him, their labor leaders, and his company’s competitors. He was also known as a person whose word could be taken to the bank.

Bob also found time for a large number of public service activities. Among them were the Board of Trustees of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce; the Board of Directors of the University of Washington Foundation; the board of the Swedish Medical Center Foundation, where he was a vice chairman; the board of Northwest Racing Association; the Board of Trustees of the Transportation Institute in Washington, D.C.; and the Management Council of the American Trucking Association, where he served as president and chairman of the board.

Bob died Oct. 12, 2002, after a heroic fight against both kidney and heart disease. His longtime friend and partner, Joan Thurman, was at his side. ■



Bob McMillen – “The General,”

me first, hoist one (or more) for old Brother Ben.

### James F. Mason '51

(3421 River Rhone Lane, Columbus, OH 43221-4776; s.s.maso@columbus.rr.com) I have three Beta sons, William H. Mason, J. Thomas Mason, and Robert S. Mason. We have 13 grandchildren, and my wife, Shirley, and I are enjoying retirement.

### George M. Dallas '53

(29918 Rolling Ridge Dr., Agoura Hills, CA 91301-4427; gmdallas@charter.net) I am looking forward to our 50th in 2003 and hope to see brother Betas. I will be singing in a quartet at this reunion with Ed Weber and Chuck Inman, along with a non-Beta, Jim McFarland. The name of the quartet is still to be determined. I prefer “Three Greats and Another.”

### J. Richard Briggs '55

(228 S. Drexel Ave., Columbus, OH 43209-1741) I still enjoy my work,

orthopedic surgery, as it is a passion, not a chore.

### David B. Jones '57

(9 Grayik Dr., Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL 33037; djwsota@aol.com) On Sept. 6, 2002, I married Rosemary H. Burner, and we moved on Jan. 1, 2003, to Ocean Reef, Fla.

### John E. Sjostrom '61

(24101 University Dr., Worton, MD 21678; clsjostrom@aol.com) We have moved from Philadelphia to the eastern shore of Maryland and are working from an office at home.

### Charles O. Weddle '61

(1260 Pintail Ct., Columbus, IN 47201; clweddle@hsonline.net) I retired from general surgery in June 2002 and took a great cruise to Alaska in August 2002. I am finishing a quality manager position at Columbus Hospital and enjoying my three grandchildren.

### Anthony J. Biggio '63



Anthony and Frank Biggio at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro

(5137 Lattasburg Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-7600) My son, Frank A. Biggio '93, and I successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania in January 2002.

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# Alumni UpDates

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**John B. Ragatz '62**  
(3004 S. Cornell Cir., Englewood, CO 80110-3074; ragatzjb@aol.com) I started doing volunteer work with the poor abroad with a three-week assignment with CARE in Ayacucho, Peru. I took an additional week, including a four-day trek on the Inca Trail, to Machu Picchu. I am considering Africa or Thailand next.

**Daniel P. Kreer, Jr. '68**  
(1186 Roosevelt St., Monterey, CA 93940-2160) I had a great reunion with **Bill Free '68** and Chris, **David Reese '62**, **Sam White '65** and **Eric Stocker '92** at the Tocker Cup golf tournament in Carmel in October 2002. The tournament was organized by Reese, **Andre Buckles '64** and others as a memorial to **Peter C. Stocker '66**.

**William R. Lewis '68**  
(129 Pine Woods Dr., North Tonawanda, NY 14120-5539) My wife, Karen, and I visited **Bill Free '68** and Chris at their home in San Francisco in August 2002. We were joined by Phi Delt **Don Merry '67** and his wife. We had a terrific time reminiscing about Denison lacrosse, the Manor House and other things near and dear to our hearts.

**Donald W. Stechschulte, Jr. '68**  
(173 Wedgewood Gardens, Lewisburg, PA 17837-9502) I am running for U.S. Congress in Pennsylvania's 10th District.

**Kenneth S. Paley '73**  
(7910 Greylock Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45243-2726) Congratulation on a job well done to all those responsible for getting the house recolonized. The Shrine looks very good as well.

**Andrew S. Hanen '75**  
(5311 Wilderness, Brownsville, TX 78526) President Bush nominated me to be a U.S. District Judge, and I was confirmed by the Senate 97-0. I now serve in South Texas in Brownsville.

**Peter R. Hueber '82**  
(55 Orchard Hill Rd., Carmel, NY 10512-9436; prhueber@mac.com) It's good to see that Beta is coming back on campus. I

am chair of the class of '82 reunion fund. Those on the Beta fund committee are **Cliff Deveny '82**, **Tom Maddux '82** and **Eric Steinman '82**. We hope to see lots of '82, '83, and '84 Betas back on campus for our triple 20th. I am married to Jane Hueber (Bucknell '84) and have three children: Tom, 13; Scott, 10; and Katie, 9. The boys are heavy into lacrosse and hockey; Katie is into dance, soccer and lacrosse.

**Thomas T. Nilsen '85**  
(2923 N. Damen Ave. #3, Chicago, IL 60618-8205) I was married on May 11, 2002. Betas in attendance were **Pat Heyman**, **Fritz Hoffman**, **Ern Sims**, **Rick Kienzle**, **Jim Kenney**, **Jim Loughlin** and **Dave Watt**, all from the class of 1985.

**Christopher D. Ross '85**  
(1000 Samuel Miller Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903; chris1483@juno.com) To Beta's rush chairman and president: Please rush the awesome freshman from Charlottesville, Va., named Clay Wawner. An all-around stellar individual, high-quality lacrosse player and person, Clay's the real thing!

**Douglas M. Newman '87**  
(15 E. Concord, Kansas City, MO 64112) I got married to Mary Catherine Kelsey on May 31, 2002. I am the last of my pledge class to go! In attendance were **Mark Pyper**, **Hank Erkenbeck**, **Doug Bradley**, **Ralph Vanner** and **Sean Weston**, all from the class of 1987.

**W. Patrick Teichgraeber '88**  
(13803 Perthshire, Houston, TX 77079; wptabt@aol.com) I was promoted to major in May 2002. After a year of non-stop travel with a battalion in the Marine Corps, I was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gerhig's disease.

**James P. Tyack '97**  
(139 Hanford St., Columbus, OH 43206) I have been working as an attorney with the family law firm since 2000. This includes my brother **Jonathan Tyack '93**, also an Alpha Eta alumni. I am engaged to Renee Setzer, a 1998 Denison graduate.

**Andrew H. Sullivan '98**  
(2517 NW 60th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73112) My daughter, Margaret Hayes, was born July 1, 2002.

## In Memoriam

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the following deaths:

**Dr. Richard Sauer '32** died Oct. 15, 2002, in Naples, Fla. at the age of 94. Sauer was a member of the varsity football and basketball teams. He had a solo practice in urology in Dayton, Ohio, prior to moving to Florida. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sara Ann, and a son.

**James Burchard '41** died Sept. 17, 1997, in Beersheba Springs, Tenn. Burchard was a member of the tennis team for three years.

**C. Robert Swaninger Sr. '50** died Aug. 29, 2003, in Centerville, Ohio, from complications following a fall. Swaninger served with the 82nd Air Borne Division from 1942 to 1946. After completing his undergraduate studies at Denison in 1950, he graduated from Moritz College of Law at the Ohio State University in 1955.

**John B. McCarter '52** (March 31, 2003)

**Wayland C. Marlow III '54** died Sept. 28, 2002, in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii. Wayland transferred to Miami (Ohio) University where he received a B.A. degree. He subsequently earned a master's degree from UCLA and a doctorate from Stanford University. He was a scientist-manager for Lockheed, Perkin-Elmer, United Technologies and Trex Enterprises. He was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Jessica, six children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren as well as a sister and brother.

Beta Theta Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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