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# The Shrine



The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Denison University • Granville, Ohio

**CHAPTER NEWS**

Brother **Tyler Blair**, Brother **Ti Henson**, Brother **Marten Carlson**, Brother **Jim Rorimer**, Brother **Daniel Kreer**, Brother **Brett Masarky**, Brother **Carl Maccoy**, and Brother **Brian Coate** are going to attend the 166th Beta Theta Pi Convention in Scottsdale Arizona August 2-7, 2010.

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**IN MEMORY**

**John Duerr '42**  
**Charles J. Teetor '45**  
**Philip West '62**

**CHAPTER REPORT**

## Improvements, Accomplishments and Success Keep Alpha Eta at the Top of their Game

Alpha Eta saw a lot of success at the end of the spring semester, including academically where the chapter obtained the highest GPA of any Greek organization on campus with a 3.425. The chapter highlighted academic accomplishments at this year's Men of Principle Reception and handed out two awards to two first-year students. The chapter continues to be strongly represented in the Denison Campus Governance Association (DCGA). Brothers **Rob Moore '12** and **Manny Horsford '13** were elected president and vice president respectively, making it the second year in a row that Alpha Etas have held the president and vice president spots.

The chapter is excited to initiate their new-

est member, **Vince Markovic '13**, a biochemistry major from Kirtland, Ohio, who is also involved as a campus RA. The chapter is looking forward to recruitment in the spring and hopes to obtain another strong pledge class.

The old kitchen, which is being renovated into a library and study space, has seen significant progress, including a new drywall ceiling, removal of the kitchen hardware, removal of the old grease pit, and freshly painted beta blue walls. The chapter is very excited to see this project come together and give Alpha Eta a dedicated study space and location to display the history of the chapter.

To read the full report, go to [www.betadenison.com/topofgame](http://www.betadenison.com/topofgame).

**BETA EVENTS**

## Alpha Eta Brothers Golf in Memory of Peter Stocker '66

*By Dan Kreer AH '68*

The Stocker Cup golf tournament at the Preserve Golf Club in Carmel, Calif. was the venue for a reunion of Denison Betas October 20-24. The Stocker Cup is played each year at the Preserve as a memorial to **Peter C. Stocker AH '66**, a successful developer and sportsman who died tragically in 1990. Attending this year were **David Reese AH '62**, **Rick Shoop**

**AH '66**, **Rich Seils AH '67**, Chris and **Bill Free** (Denison '67 and AH '68), Karen and **Bill Lewis** (Denison '69 and AH '68), myself, Peter's son **Erik Stocker AH '92**, **Jim Robinson** (Denison '67), Lynda and **Rusty Hay** (Denison '68 and '66).

*Find much more information about this event at [www.stockercup.com](http://www.stockercup.com).*



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you more frequently, and it allows us to put you back in touch with long lost Alpha Eta brothers.

We will never sell, trade or give away your email address – ever. Your email address will be stored in our secure database and used solely for Beta communications.

So please update your email address today to stay informed on the latest news and activities from Alpha Eta Chapter undergraduates and alumni. You'll also receive

electronic reminders when we're getting ready to publish an issue of *The Shrine* so that you can submit your latest news and photos for publication.

You can send your email address directly to our alumni relations firm at [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com) (mention Beta at Denison) or update it online at [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com).

## 2010-11 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

*Thank you to the following brothers who have contributed so far to the 2010-11 annual fund, which began July 1...*

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John Thuma	1957	Daniel Greenleaf	1987
Don Brown	1958		
Barry Porter	1959		
George Brown	1960		

*Reflects gifts received as of November 4, 2010.*

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***Thank you for your support!***

## SCENES FROM THE ACTIVE CHAPTER

Alpha Eta brothers at the Brother and Chapter Advisor BBQ. Thanks to **Michael Boebinger '11** for sharing this photo!

*Receive regular updates from the active and alumni chapters by updating your email address. See the article on page 2 for how to update yours.*



## ALUMNI REUNIONS

Thank you to **George Dallas '53** for submitting the following...

He writes, "My class of 1953 had great experiences at Denison. What's even more amazing is how we've kept in touch since those days. I receive an email from a Beta brother nearly every day...family updates, political comments, jokes, etc. We get together whenever feasible...never miss a class reunion. This photo is from our visit to the Beta house in 2008."



### Late '70s and Early '80s Brothers Get Together in Cincinnati

Thank you to **Bruce Smith '81** for submitting the following...

He writes, "A few weeks ago I got together with AH Betas in Cincinnati for dinner. The group included **Donny Mettens '79, Chris Cone '80** and **Tom Reynolds, Andy Kennedy, Eric Steinman**, all class of 1982. We had dinner and reminisced about the great times we had at Denison. Eric brought many pictures taken by **Eddie Poulton '82**. That really got the discussions going."

**Share stories and pictures of your recent Beta reunions at [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com), email them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Beta at Denison) or mail them to the return address on this newsletter.**

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Bob Dold '91 Goes to Washington

From [www.denison.edu](http://www.denison.edu)

In the November 2nd election, Republican **Robert Dold '91** edged out Democratic rival Dan Seals to win the 10th Congressional seat in Illinois. Dold took over for Mark Kirk, who previously served as representative for this district, which includes the northern suburbs of Chicago.

Dold, who lives in Kenilworth, previously served as investigative counsel for the House Government Reform and Oversight

Committee, working on campaign finance reform. Currently, Dold is the president of Rose Pest Solutions, a pest control business, that operates in five states.

In his victory speech on Tuesday night, Dold reaffirmed his pledge to constituents. "We spoke with voters who wanted a leader who would listen to them. I share your concerns and your commitment, and I will work harder than anyone to bring positive changes to the 10th District and to our nation."

While at Denison, Dold majored in

political science and served as president of the Denison Campus Governance Association (DCGA).



## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Love Old Photos?



So do we! That's why we need your help to preserve the best Alpha Eta moments that have been captured on film.

Send the best pictures from your era to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Beta at Denison) or mail them to the return address on this newsletter. You can also upload them to your personal album at [www.betadenison.com](http://www.betadenison.com).

We are looking forward to featuring more great archived photos in future issues of *The Shrine*, like this undated picture.

# REMEMBER WHEN?

## The Great Pine Tree Heist of Christmas 1965

*Thanks to Craig Koerpel '67 for sharing his best Beta memory:*

It used to be that the Beta Christmas party was a legendary December event. The Friday night before Saturday's fiesta, our pledges were enlisted to erect a false ceiling of heavy wire in the house living room. A group of actives would then go on a "stealth mission" to cut pine boughs from trees as close to Granville as possible. They would bring the boughs back to be interlaced in the wire until the entire ceiling was green and bushy. Dinner tables were set up and by candlelight-- the atmosphere would melt the heart of even the most aloof of sorority dates!

A U-Haul or similar vehicle was rented for bringing pilfered pine back to the house. Each year it was necessary to go further from campus because the supply of nearby evergreens had become depleted over time. The lumbering adventure was

always proceeded by consumption of Christmas spirits at a Newark pub...which was where the decision got made on exactly where the annual "tree-trimming" was to occur. I made the bough crew in 1965. That was the year eight of us sat around a table at "Tony's" with \$0.25 drafts and someone recalled spotting a suitable pine grove less than 15 minutes from campus. What great news! It allowed us to spend an extra hour discussing world affairs in Newark rather than driving to raid a Christmas tree farm on the far side of Columbus."

How previous brothers had missed the patch of pines we agreed to scalp that night was a mystery. It really was close. It took no time at all for us to get there, strip off a trailer full of lower branches, and speed back to the house. When we got there the screen ceiling was up and the pledges quickly wove the boughs into place. The following evening the dining room looked absolutely fantastic, the party was a great

success, and we eight midnight woodsmen were lauded for our contribution to the festivities.

The jubilation lasted less than 48 hours. On Monday morning Alpha Eta's president was contacted by the Dean of Men. After confirming that the Beta Christmas party had been its usual success – aided in large measure by the sight and smell of a freshly cut pine ceiling – Dean Smith advised that the University was compelled to add a bit of a surcharge to the cost of our holiday party. The trees we had pillaged turned out to be part of a special Denison biological reserve...a grove that had taken YEARS to coax to maturity! Each member of the house got assessed some dollar amount that has long since escaped me. What I do remember, however, was Dean Smith's closing salvo in his written admonishment to the Beta house... "There are pine saps and there are saps of another ilk. In the future I suggest you keep them from mingling!"

*We're on a hunt for the best pictures from our history! See page 3 for more details...*



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