

The Shrine



Alpha Eta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Denison University • Granville, Ohio • November 2000

The 161st Beta Convention Held

LSCMA President Bob Dold '60 and Alex Miller '01 hold the Virginia Tech Plaque for Academic Excellency awarded at the Beta Theta Pi Convention for the chapter obtaining the highest GPA (2.89) in District Eight for the spring semester 2000. Congratulations!



The Hyatt Regency Woodfield, in Schaumburg, Illinois, was the site of the 2000 Beta Convention in October. Over 500 Betas and guests attended sessions from 1:00 p.m. on Thursday until noon on Sunday. On Friday morning, General Secretary Jerry Blesch and members of his staff met with the Alpha Eta and LSCMA convention attendees to discuss appropriate actions to help return the Alpha Eta Chapter to the position as a campus leader. Bob Dold '60, Misty Shoop '40, Ralph Scarritt '41, Bill Edwards '41 and Dick Lugar '54 checked in on Saturday morning to represent the LSCMA. Alex Miller '01 was the Alpha Eta delegate and Matt Schreiner '03 was a sophomore fellow.

Beta House Under New Lease

The New Curtis Hall, also well known as the Beta House, is currently under a new lease to Denison for a two years with an option for a third year. The university and the residents have been very pleased and satisfied with the all aspects of the original lease. The three classes of freshmen occupants were all more than satisfied with the living conditions in the Beta House, in fact a few tried to get a room as sophomores, but it was not approved by the university since Beta

House has been designated as a freshman residence. The maintenance crews have done a fine job keeping the house in excellent condition and appearance.

Early last summer it was determined the boiler needed to be replaced; the installation was completed prior to the return of the residents in August. The cost will be amortized over a five-year period and divided equally between the university and the LSCMA.

Senator Dick Lugar '54 Speaks About Men of Principle Initiative at Conference

Brother Lugar, the spokesman for the Men of Principle Initiative, flew to the 161st Beta Conference in October to speak to the sophomore fellows and delegates to report to them on the progress being made by the Men of Principle Initiative.

Dick left this message:

"After closely observing the Men of Principle Initiative for another year, I am convinced that the future of college fraternities may rest on our success. Increased participation in Men of Principle has grown because the pioneering chapters have identified and overcome tough behavioral

hurdles while building confidence among chapters ready to adopt the initiative. We have grown more united in what we stand for — academic excellence, self-discipline, bonds of brotherhood and trust — that comes from successful chapter self-governance. We are outspoken in opposing substance abuse, alcoholism, hazing and chaos in face of wide spread prevalence of these condition as the norm in many fraternity chapters. We are on the right track with strong general fraternity leadership and, more importantly, very strong local advisors. We have the potential for an outstanding fraternity experience."

New Faculty Advisor Starts at Alpha Eta

Eric R. Almonte has accepted the request by the Alpha Eta chapter to be the faculty advisor. He came to Denison last year as the university's assistant dean for academic support and continues to serve in that capacity. This is his first season on the Denison football staff, coaching the defensive backs. Eric, 27, holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and African American

studies from the University of Buffalo (1996). He then earned his J.D. from Buffalo in 1999. As an undergraduate, Eric was a four-year member of the Bulls' football squad and served on the Moot Court Board while in law school. Eric hails from Brooklyn, N.Y., and has also had football coaching experience at his alma mater, New Utrecht High School.

New Beta House Director Begins

Don Vandygriff began his first season as Defensive Coordinator with the Denison football program and began as the Beta House Director this August. Before coming to Denison this fall, Vandygriff was an assistant football coach at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond for one season. At ECU, Don was the Colonels' defensive line coach and special teams coach. Don, 27, holds a bachelor degree in physical

education and athletic training and a masters' in physical education from Union. As an undergraduate at Union, he was a standout defensive lineman for the Bulldog football team, earning both All-Conference and All-American honors. Don was immediately interviewed for the position of house director after arrival on campus. and it wasn't long before he accepted the opportunity. Don resides at the Beta House.



162nd Beta Convention Slated for Oxford July 26-29, 2001

The Beta Convention returns to Oxford, Ohio on July 26-29, 2001. At the last convention in Oxford, there were 17 Alpha Etas and one guest. Our numbers were impressive and was so recognized at various times. Now is the time to start the planing process to be in Oxford and register for the upcoming convention. There will be activities for the ladies and children.

In addition to the convention, the LSCMA Board of Trustees may be scheduled to meet Thursday prior to the opening of the convention at 1:00 p.m. If you have not attended a Beta Convention, LSCMA Board Meeting, or toured the Beta Theta Pi Foundation and Administrative Center, this is the time to accomplish all three in one visit. More details will be available at a later date.

Contributions to LSCMA

Many thanks are extended to those Alpha Eta members who have made a financial contribution this year (August 2000-July 2001). If you have not yet sent in your contribution, we would appreciate you doing so at your earliest convenience. A news and contribution form and return form have been included in this mailing.



Recruiting and Rushing

Alpha Eta is always interested in knowing the intentions of Beta Legacies, and the present need for recruiting outstanding high school graduates heading for Denison has never been greater. We need to assist the Alpha Eta Chapter now and for the future. If you know of an outstanding young man that may be considering Denison, please find our background information and intentions and mail to Bill Edwards '41, LSCMA Vice President for Alumni Affairs, P.O. Box 1272, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, (P) 623-935-3538, (F) 623-932-1267; E-mail: bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu. We will pass the information to appropriate person.



E-Communication with Alpha Eta Betas

There are over 130 e-mail addresses of Alpha Eta Alumni available in the e-mail directory. If you have not sent in your e-mail address please do it today. If you would be interested in receiving a directory, contact Bill Edwards at bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu to request one.

Alumni News

William E. Deeds '41 (3601 Montlake Dr., Knoxville, TN 37920) has retired from teaching at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. "Ed" is currently working on improving the buildings on the family homestead west of Granville.

You can write to **Charles D. Hall '46** at 344 Spirea Dr., Dayton, OH 45419. Chuck is still working in the insurance business.

In October, **Jack Heller '47** (542 Mount Parnassus, Granville, OH 43023) visited campus and attended a football game.

Attorney **Jack L. Johnson '50** (769 Marburn Dr., Columbus, OH 43214) and his wife visited the Beta house on a Saturday morning in October.

In September 2000, physician **James F. Mason '51** (3526 La Rochelle Dr., Columbus, OH 43221) retired from medical practice. He served as medical director at Worthington Industries. "Stoney" has three Beta sons: **William '77** and **Thomas '79** of Denison and Robert of Ohio University.

Edward F. Weber '53 (1904 Mount Vernon Rd., Toledo, OH 43607; eweber@webersterlinglaw.com), a lawyer with Weber & Sterling, enjoyed seeing classmates **Thomas Creager**, **George Dallas** and **Bob Laird** last April. The four brothers and their wives gathered in Dayton for dinner and had a great time. Ed notes, "None of us had changed a bit."

As executive director of Home-New Mexico Inc., a private non-profit organization, **William T. Hundley Jr. '55** (901 Third St. S.W., P.O. Box 338, Albuquerque, NM 87103) assists people with disabilities to achieve home ownership. "Tommy" has a deep connection with Beta and Denison. His father and uncles were Betas, as is his cousin, **Rhodes '55**.

Our condolences to **David B. Jones '57** (7789 Calle Facil, Sarasota, FL 34238) who lost his "pin mate and Beta sweetheart" in September to breast cancer.

John N. Taylor Jr. '57 (2271 Arbor Blvd., Dayton, OH 45439) is one of two Alpha Eta alumni serving on Denison's board of trustees. He visited with other alumni on campus this fall.

William B. Rogers '58 has relocated to 277 Periwinkle Ln., New Market, VA 22844. You can give him a call at 504-740-4590. Bill visited his mother, Mrs. Thomas Rogers, in Newark, Ohio.

Since retiring from the brokerage business five years ago, **Peter B. Halliday '59** (331 S. Parkview Ave., Columbus, OH 43209) has been busy with his church, volunteering in his community, with venture capital consulting and serving on corporate boards. He and Janet spend the winter on Sanibel Island, Fla.

At their home in October, Judy and **Bob Dold '60** (71 Warwick Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093) entertained a number of local Alpha Betas and the Alpha Eta Betas attending the 161st Beta Convention in Schaumburg, Ill.

John B. Ragatz '62 (3004 S. Cornell Cir., Englewood, CO 80110; ragatzjb@aol.com) serves as director of stream research for the Rocky Mountain Angling Club. He is semi-retired as a commercial real estate broker. "Rags" enjoys his beautiful home state and loves to travel.

We heard from **Charles C. McConnell '63** (449 N. Main St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022; cmcconnell@ipower-roc.com) in early October. "Next week I go to Disney with my grandchildren. It doesn't get much better than that!"

John M. Steele '67 (9700 Osborne Tpke., Richmond, VA 23231) is now president of Neighborhood Convenience Inc. He would enjoy hearing from his contemporaries.

In October, **John I. Cadwallader '74** (1826 Upper Chelsea Rd., Columbus, OH 43212) and his family visited campus and the Beta house after a football game. John is an attorney with the Law Firm of Frost and Jacobs in the Columbus office.

Physician **Keith A. Hollingsworth '84** and his family live at 136 Hickory Ln., Lancaster, OH 43130. They stopped by the Beta house on a Saturday morning this fall.

For the last 15 years, **Scott L. Woelfel '84** (432 Main St., Harwich Port, MA 02646) has been running the family business. He is the owner, president and CEO of Woelfel and Sons Inc., a home construction and remodeling company. He'd like to hear from brothers at woelf@capecod.net.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Richard C. Scourfield '53** (6/25/00) and **Gregory R. Baker '69** (2/11/00). Beta Theta Pi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.



Edward K. Meier '36 (2400 Indian Creek Blvd. W., Apt. E101, Vero Beach, FL 32966) and his wife, Jean, live at Indian River Estates, a retirement community. They have dinner often with fellow residents Jo and **John Duerr '42**. Ed frequently sees his twin brother, **Willard C. Meier '36** (4601 N. A1A, Apt. 208, Vero Beach, FL 32963; wcmatty@juno.com). The two are in correspondence with classmate **Paul Williams**. The three Alpha Etas were all attorneys during their careers. Bill and Ed (left) are pictured in the photo taken in December 1999.



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Volunteers Urgently Needed For Chapter Advisors

Do you live in Granville or the greater Columbus area? We need seven dedicated and willing alumni who will step up and volunteer to be chapter advisors. The Men of Principle Initiative requires advisors in seven specific areas of chapter operations. We as Alpha Eta alumni have stayed away from our Beta Home too long. The chapter now has a faculty advisory

— who will step forward and volunteer to fill an alumni advisory position?

For more information and specific details contact Bill Edwards '41, LSCMA Vice President for Alumni Affairs, P.O. Box 1272, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, (P) 623-935-3538, (F) 623-932-1267; E-mail: bill.edwards@blitz.emc.maricopa.edu

Errata

There were some errors and omissions in the July *Sbrine* article regarding the planting of trees on the east slope behind the Beta House by members of the pledge class of '42. The article should have reported that the planting of twelve trees was done first to memorialize the four deceased members of the pledge class, Ted

Brainard, Bill Burns '46, Bob Daganhardt '47 and Dave Reese '47 and then to include the eight survivors who provided complete funding for the project, Dave Ecker '49, Dick Gravett '46, Si Hunt '46, Eddie Rupp '46, Howard Shaw '48, Ted Tight '48, Pete Weidemaier '49 and Bun Wright '46.



Ben A. Callaway '50 and many of his Alpha Eta classmates gathered at Denison for their 50th reunion. Pictured (L-R) are: (seated) Sam Robinson, Bob Marquardt and Tom Davis; (standing) Ben, Jack Johnson, Carl Ragsdale, Jack McConnaughey and Don Watkins. Also in attendance was Bob Willis '50. The Class of 1950 made a record gift of \$2.3 million to the university.



Walter N. Clissold AH 455 died January 25, 1999, in Chapel Hill, N.C. A 1936 Denison graduate, Walt was very active in the Denison Glee Club and president of Phi Mu Alpha, the music fraternity. He was vice president of Alpha Eta his senior year and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa.

After graduation, he joined his father and brother in the Clissold Publishing Co. in Chicago which published a number of trade magazines. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and returned to work with the family publishing company. He enjoyed singing in many choirs and choruses.

He is survived by his wife, Lou, a daughter, granddaughter and several nieces and nephews, including **Ed Clissold AH 873**. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Paul Clissold AH 367**, and two uncles, **Rowland Clissold AH 161** and **Judson Clissold AH 205**.

Dr. Charles A. Jordan AH 529 died November 6, 1998, in Sarasota, Fla. A 1941 Denison graduate, Chuck earned his DDS degree in 1943 from The Ohio State

University and practiced dentistry in Dayton, Ohio, until his retirement. At Denison, he played basketball and tennis and won the Alpha Eta Freshman Efficiency Award in 1938.

He is survived by three daughters.

Bruce E. Thomas AH 1180 died April 5, 2000, in Syracuse, Neb. A religion major in the Class of 1976 at Denison, Bruce earned his master of divinity degree in 1985 from Wartburg College. He and his wife, Aprille, had served as co-pastors at churches in Wisconsin and North Dakota before moving to the church in Syracuse.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a brother.

Scott M. Fassler AH 1438 died July 8, 2000, in a motorcycle accident. A resident of San Francisco, Calif., he was vice president and general manager of Carey Limousine Inc. there. Scott was an economics major in the Class of 1990 at Denison.

He is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother.