

## 150th Anniversary Celebration... It will only happen once.

By Allan J. Calarco (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '78)

As Chairman of Theta Chi Fraternity's 150th Anniversary/Sesquicentennial Convention, it is my pleasure to offer this first "official invitation" to join us in the hills of Vermont for this celebration of the Best the Fraternity has to offer!

Guided by the inspirational saying of "there is no future without history and promise," penned by author ee cummings, we will gather at Northfield, Vermont, from June 8–11, 2006, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Founding at Norwich University. The Fraternity gathered at this same location in August, 1931 (75th Anniversary), and, again in September of 1956, for the 100th! We have been well received by the Norwich University, and surrounding community, and they are thrilled to have us on the campus for this important event.

If you go to the Fraternity's website ([www.thetachi.org](http://www.thetachi.org)), you will see our logo and theme, committee charges/roles, and the list of individuals who have assumed leadership roles on the various committees and activities. Our Convention Committee is comprised of individuals representing 35 different chapters of our Fraternity. We are planning a memorable event, AND we hope you will be able to join us for all (or part) of the celebration. We recently met in Phoenix, Arizona, in conjunction with the 148th Anniversary Convention held there in late-July, and suffice it to say, the committees are well on their way to providing an event that is both celebrative and memorable.

We are also VERY interested to hear from individuals, or family members of individuals, who were present at either of the previous celebrations, mentioned above. We are pulling together quite a collection of Theta Chi memorabilia for a Norwich University museum display the week of the event. We would welcome any/all individual contributions to this effort. Maybe you have a convention souvenir that you can donate for display. Maybe you still have the event program, some photographs you took during the celebration, or maybe you have a terrific story about the journey you took to Vermont, and would care to share it. Our goal is to make this museum display a rich gathering of Theta Chi memories.

You will hear more about the event as we head towards April 10, 2006. Brothers Freeman and Chase would be so very proud of whom we are today. **The planning committee can be reached at: [ThetaChi2006@aol.com](mailto:ThetaChi2006@aol.com).** Let us hear from you, and please share your ideas and observations, even as preliminary as they may seem to you now.

## CAMPAIGN FOR LEADERSHIP

By Warren E. Hoffman, II (Alpha Iota/Indiana University '76) and Pat McLaughlin (Zeta Sigma/Wisconsin-River Falls '79), Fundraising Co-Chairmen for the 2006 National Convention

In June of 2006, we will gather at Norwich University in Vermont to celebrate the 150th birthday of our great Fraternity during our National Convention. It will truly be a once in a lifetime experience for all of our brothers. In addition to some traditional educational events, there will also be many historical and experiential events. In the words of Convention Chairman, Al Calarco (Eta Pi/East Stroudsburg '78, and past National Vice President), "As we gather to celebrate our proud past, and look to the future with great anticipation, there is NO better time to get involved with our Fraternity."

To that end, our alumnus and undergraduate delegates at this year's National Convention, held late-July in Phoenix, Arizona, endorsed, by resolution, a fund raising campaign aimed at reducing the cost for our undergraduates to attend the 150th celebration. We have named this initiative the *Campaign for Leadership* because the events of the "Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary Convention" will definitely be a growth experience for our current and future Theta Chi leaders.

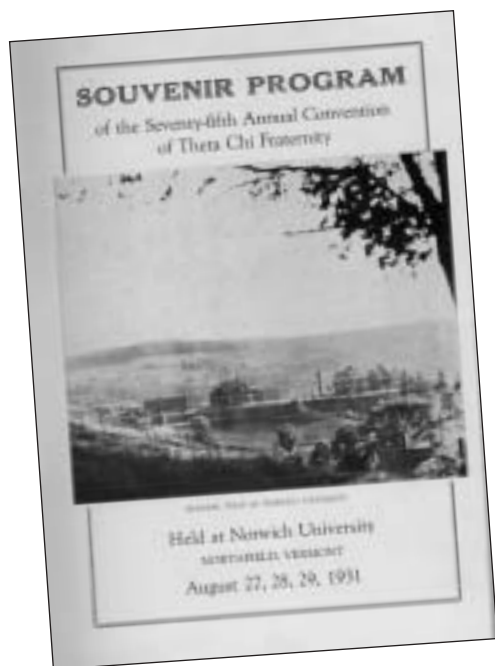
The campaign will be comprised of four major challenges:

- **Chapter Challenge**—Each chapter, though a joint effort conducted by the alumnus and the undergraduate members, will make a single



Men of Theta Chi at the 75th Convention. Will you be on these same steps of the Norwich University Armory in the Summer of 2006? Will you help fund some of the special programs envisioned for the Sesquicentennial of Theta Chi Fraternity?

# Campaign for Leadership



From 1931, the cover of the 75th Anniversary program.

(one-time) contribution of \$1 for each initiated member since the founding of the chapter (i.e. if your chapter has had 300 men initiated, your donation would be \$300).

- **Big Brother Challenge**—Individual alumnus brothers will be asked to make a single donation of \$300, which represents a typical registration fee, to support the attendance of undergraduate members.

- **Corporate Challenge**—We will be asking our current vendors to sponsor specific historical and experiential events, by underwriting the costs of those events at the Convention. We will also be asking vendors, who regularly serve college students (i.e. travel, soft drink, apparel and snack food companies), to sponsor specific historical and experiential events, by underwriting the costs of those events at the Convention

- **Foundation Chapter Challenge**—We will be asking individuals, groups, and corporations for major gifts to support specific educational events at the Convention, by underwriting the costs of those events at the Convention.

The Campaign for Leadership committee, made up of volunteer alumni, will be conducting the campaign, and we need your help in one (or more) of four ways. First, you can encourage the alumnus and undergraduate members of your chapter to accept the Chapter Challenge. Second, you can participate financially with your donation towards one or more of the Challenges. Third, you can refer us to contacts at prospective corporate sponsors, perhaps even the company

where you work, who would consider supporting the event. Fourth, you can volunteer to help with the campaign.

Every individual, group, and corporation who participates in the campaign will receive special recognition in future editions of *The Rattle* and at the Convention in 2006. We will be recruiting 20 alumnus brothers to lead the Chapter and Big Brother Challenges. We will be recruiting 5 alumnus brothers to lead the Corporate Challenge. The Foundation Chapter Challenge will be led by its Board of Directors.

We are already off to a great start. Since announcing the campaign at the Convention this past July, more than 25 chapters have pledged to meet the Chapter Challenge and more than 25 alumnus brothers have pledged to meet the Big Brother Challenge. We want to recognize their pledges to 'jump start' this unique fund raising effort, by listing them below. We will be working during the next year to connect with all of our chapters and alumnus brothers to facilitate their participation.

If you have any questions about the Campaign For Leadership, would like to volunteer to help, and/or would like to make your pledge in support of our undergraduates, please email the campaign chairmen at [CampaignforLeadership@thetachi.org](mailto:CampaignforLeadership@thetachi.org), leave a voice mail at 317-407-8049, or send correspondence to: Campaign for Leadership, Theta Chi Fraternity, 3330 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1333.

Contribution checks for the Chapter, Big Brother, and Corporate Challenges should be made to "Theta Chi Convention 2006" and would not typically be tax deductible for individuals. Contribution checks for the Foundation Chapter Challenge should be made out to "Foundation Chapter, Inc." and would typically be tax deductible for the individual. Please include the name of the Challenge you are supporting in the memo section of your check.

Please join us and help make the 150th anniversary celebration of our great Fraternity a lifetime experience for a record number of our undergraduate brothers, through your personal support of the Campaign for Leadership. Add your name and/or chapter as soon as possible to the following lists:

## CHAPTER CHALLENGE PLEDGES

Theta	Massachusetts
Gamma	Maine
Alpha Omega	Lafayette
Gamma Lambda	Denver
Beta Sigma	Lehigh
Delta Kappa	Ball State

Gamma Rho	Florida State
Chi	Auburn
Zeta Pi	Old Dominion
Epsilon Phi	Central Missouri
Alpha Phi	Alabama
Gamma Theta	San Diego State
Zeta Sigma	Wisconsin- River Falls
Epsilon Gamma	Widener
Theta Psi	Wisconsin- Oshkosh
Zeta Beta	Adrian
Eta Pi	East Stroudsburg
Zeta Nu	Parsons
Eta Rho	Centenary
Beta Alpha	UCLA
Zeta Xi	Davis
Eta Omicron	Northwestern State
Xi	Virginia
Alpha Delta	Purdue
Alpha Pi	Minnesota

## BIG BROTHER CHALLENGE PLEDGES

El Ahlwardt	Gamma Rho
Dana Richardson	Delta Psi
Jim Moylan	Gamma Lambda
Dick Doyon	Gamma
Rich Partridge	Theta
Brit Rowe	Zeta Kappa
Scott Thomas	Delta Kappa
Dave Westol	Beta Zeta
Dr. Mike Wieting	Eta Rho
Al Calarco	Eta Pi
Larry Engle	Beta Sigma
Warren Hoffman	Alpha Iota
Pat McLaughlin	Zeta Sigma
Dave May	Zeta Sigma
Brian Hall	Theta Eta
Eric Raasch	Alpha Mu
Paul Norstrom	Alpha Pi
Darron Gerke	Alpha Pi
Pat O'Connor	Chi
Royce Keehr	Zeta Sigma
Carlton Bennett	Zeta Pi
Doug Schemenauer	Epsilon Phi
Dr. Dale Taylor	Alpha Phi
Christian Chace	Epsilon Gamma
Doug Miller	Zeta Beta
Dr. Bryan Holcomb	Zeta Xi
Clarence Frank	Eta Omicron
Joe Couch	Chi
Woody Crochet	Chi
Ric Conner	AlphaDelta
Mike Maloney	Delta Upsilon