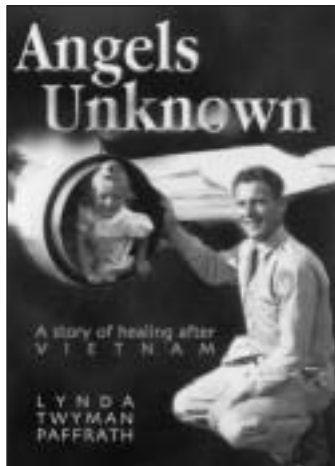


Fraternal News and Notes

Alpha Phi & Holt Elementary—"Pals!"

Continuing to build upon a well-established relationship of goodwill and caring, members of Alpha Phi chapter at the University of Alabama hosted a Christmas party for 80 kindergarteners, staff, and chaperones from Holt Elementary at the chapter house. Each young child received a wrapped gift, refreshments, and all were surprised by a visit from Santa himself.



Badley Hero of Book

The late-James L. Badley (Sigma/Oregon State '65), Air Force officer and pilot, is the hero of the recently published book, *Angels Unknown, A Story of Healing After Vietnam*, written by Lynda Twyman Paffrath. A graduate of Mountain Home High School, in Mountain Home, Idaho, Badley was honored in 1991 when the Oregon State Air Force ROTC Detachment was named in his honor. The Arts Council of his hometown identified *Angels Unknown* as their 2004 "Book of the Year." Retired Air Force Major General Frederick C. Blesse, himself an author and Vietnam veteran, has expressed, *Angels Unknown* will make you proud, it will make you sad, and I guarantee it will make you see a



There has to be a future Theta Chi among the many kindergarteners who shared Christmas excitement with members of Alpha Phi chapter!

facet of the war in Vietnam you haven't seen before. You won't be able to put it down."

Terzian & Colleagues Lauded

Colley Award winner Carl R. Terzian (Beta Tau/USC '57), and his professional associates, have recently been honored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Upon the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Carl Terzian Associates, a resolution offered by Supervisor Michael d. Antonovich noted that the public relations firm has provided "dedicated service to the affairs of the community and for the civic pride demonstrated by numerous contri-

butions for the benefit of all the citizens of the country."

Bradley University Cites Neikirk

The Bradley University Alumni Association recently presented its 2004 Outstanding Young Graduate Award to Dru A. Neikirk (Gamma Upsilon '88). As managing partner of MRE Consulting, an information technology and management-consulting firm based in Houston, Texas, Neikirk has been instrumental in



driving the company's growth over the past five years. *Inc. Magazine* has identified MRE as one of the '500 Fastest Growing Privately Held Companies' for three years in a row. The company, with its more than 100 employees, has received several other local and national awards. Neikirk is the first Theta Chi alumnus to receive the Outstanding Young Graduate Award. He has created two scholarships for Bradley students: the William Jordan Memorial Endowed Scholarship and the Dru A. Neikirk Family Annual Scholarship, making him one of only few Bradley alumni to create both an endowed and an annual scholarship.



Edward A. Keller

UC-Santa Barbara Professor Honored

Beta Upsilon chapter's Edward A. Keller (CSU-Fresno '64) recently received the Don J. Easterbrook Distinguished Scientist Award, presented by the Geological Society of America. Keller, a professor of geological sciences and environmental studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was recognized for writing a seminal paper, published in 1971, and followed by a number of other influential papers in the field of fluvial (river) geomorphology. As the winner of the award, Keller gave the lecture

of the award's namesake at the 2004 annual meeting of the Society, held last November 7th.



Airplay for UNT Alumnus Pending!

The former president of the University of North Texas, Delta Phi chapter in the late 1980s, Jon W. Rutherford ('88), will soon be heard across the United States. May 1, 2005 is the 'release to radio' date for his new CD, entitled "Tonight's On Me."

Closest Italians Now Available from Gamma Mu Author

Bowling Green State University alumnus ('53) Nick J. Mileti has recently published his first book, which finally reveals the man, and his reason, for naming Babe Ruth "Bambino." *Closest Italians: A Sizzling Collection of Illustrious Italians with Non-Italian Names*,



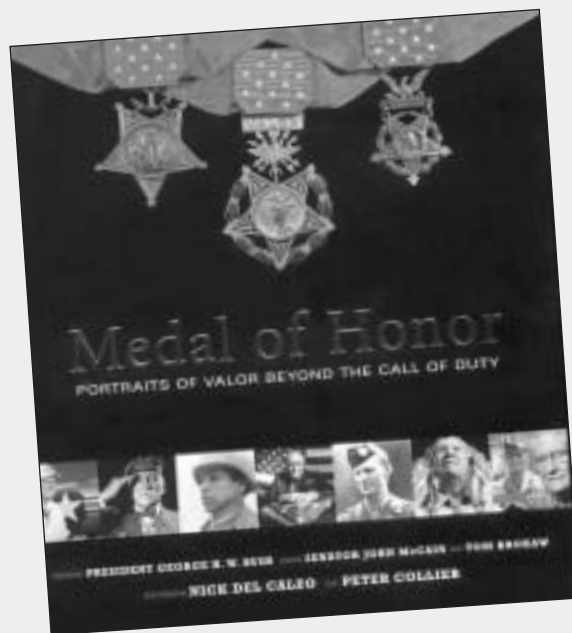
contains 175 biographies of folks with Italian heritage, but non-Italian names. The text begins with Vitruvius ("Real Italian Name of Marcus Vitruvius Pollio," 90-20 BC), and ends with Alicia Keys (born in 1981 of an Italian mother). With its full-color portrait of Napoleon ("Real Italian Name of Napoleone Buonaparte") on its cover, the book is a surprising, educational, and fun read. And "Bambino"? To break into American's major league baseball ranks in 1911, Babe Ruth's roommate and fellow Yankee outfielder had to change his "Real Italian Name" from Francesco Pezzulo to Ping Bodie. It was this nine year veteran, in Mileti's words, "an Illustrious Italian with a Non-Italian Name," who gave his famous roommate his nickname.



ODU alumni Eric Alexander, left, ('93) and Larry Woods ('92) enjoy catching up on "old" memories as alumni of Zeta Pi chapter recently convened for their 37th annual alumni reunion.

ODU Theta Chis Celebrate 37th Alumni Reunion

In late January, more than seventy alumni of Zeta Pi chapter (Old Dominion University), gathered for Fraternal fellowship, dinner, and an ODU basketball game versus UNC-Wilmington. The chapter was founded on April 27, 1968.



Del Calzo Recognized With Annual Award

Gamma Mu/Bowling Green State alumnus Nick Del Calzo ('60) was selected as the winner of the 2004 Colorado Book Award for his commemorative book, *Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty*. The *NY Times* Best-Selling book features Del Calzo's portraits of 116 recipients of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor in combat. It is the only book published in collaboration with the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, whose goal is to perpetuate the medal's legacy of courage, sacrifice, and patriotism. The project was conceived six years ago, and resulted from Del Calzo's desire to pay homage to his three brothers who served in World War II, and to all veterans who have served with distinction. "It is said that when you honor one veteran, you honor all," expressed Del Calzo. "I feel that I have fulfilled my pledge to honor all men and women who have worn and/or are wearing a military uniform." Recently, some of Del Calzo's portraits were included in a new permanent exhibit about the Medal of Honor at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.



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Jon Fleming, foreground, in front of the Alpha Mu chapter house, located at Iowa State University.

Fleming Extends Helping Hand to Chapter

Iowa State alumnus Jon L. Fleming (Alpha Mu '75), a noted gastroenterologist and member of his Alma Mater's Alumni Association Board of Directors, has provided memberships to the Student Alumni Association for all members of his chapter, including new members and renewals for those who were members in 2003–2004. As chair of Alpha Mu's Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) and a member of the chapter's alumni corporation board, Fleming was motivated to make the gift because

of his desire to lead by example. "I'm very happy I'm in a position to be able to offer this to Theta Chi members. It's a tremendous group of young men [that] has shown tremendous leadership on campus." Fleming also believes that his action will "continue the trend of having a lot of our Greek grads be involved with the university after finishing school." He has also challenged his peers in leadership of other ISU Greek organizations to look into buying memberships or encouraging their brothers or sisters to join the Student Alumni Association.



Gamma Rho Alumnus In Iraq: Gary N. Beaver (Florida State '97), a U.S. Army veteran and now a civilian serving as an Army contractor, recently has been interviewing local Iraqi and Kurdish people in eastern Iraq for possible information leading to the arrest or capture of insurgents. Beaver, center, with two of his Kurdish colleagues and translators, reports that, "With many others, I am also extending a Helping Hand to the local Iraqi and Kurdish people by providing food, medical assistance, and clothing for the humanitarian effort in Eastern Iraq."



Roszell Gives Generously to Alma Mater: Late last October, Bradley University named the lobby of its Visitors Center and Admissions Office, "The Roszell Family Lobby," in recognition of a generous gift from Bradley alumnus Roger W. Roszell ('57). The J.D. Roszell Company, a dairy company, was a local institution for many years in Peoria, home of Bradley University. Gathered with Roszell, second row, fourth from right, are Bradley's President, Dr. David Broski, second row, center, and several of Roszell's undergraduate and alumnus brothers from Theta Chi's Gamma Upsilon chapter.