

Fraternal News and Notes

(Editor's note: Due to the special commemorative nature of last Fall's *Rattle*, we were unable to publish some of the special Theta Chi news received. Despite the fact that some items are now dated, we have included everything in hopes that you will still find interesting details about the lives of some of your Brothers that are new to you.)

Nu Alumna Elected to City Council

Jeffery L. Gardy, a 1963 Nu/Hampden-Sydney graduate, has been elected to the City Council in Suffolk, VA. Gardy is an attorney who specializes in land-use and zoning cases with the firm Glasscock, Gardy, & Savage.

Davis Awarded for Professional Ethics

An alumnus of **Delta Upsilon/Arizona State**, **M. Walt Davis ('65)** has received the Peter Sweetland Award from the Physician Insurers Association of America. This award is given annually by the PIAA for contributions to the Medical Malpractice Industry and recipients are chosen for their exemplary ethical standards. Davis, vice president of claims for Mutual Insurance Company of Arizona, is the first non-MD, EEO, or COO to receive the award. Davis has worked for MICA since 1976 and has been involved with PIAA since its initial organizational meetings. "His hard work, dedication, and integrity are in keeping with the high standards set by the award's namesake," said PIAA.



A Gamma Upsilon birthday celebration

From left to right: Arno A. Wehr '62, Roger W. Roszell '57, Carl M. Birkelbach '62, and Bruce P. Bagge '62, all recipients of the Alumna Award for their accomplishments and good work on behalf of Gamma Upsilon/Bradley gathered recently to celebrate Bruce Bagge's birthday.

Alumnus Brothers from Youngstown State University Celebrate Homecoming

Alumnus brothers from **Epsilon Delta** joined the undergraduate chapter in celebrating the 2006 Youngstown State University Homecoming game. Brothers from all over the region came together to reconnect with other brothers from yesteryear. Brothers enjoyed social-



Youngstown State brothers celebrate homecoming. Pictured L-R) Back: Paul Muskoff '04, Matt Nolan '04, Brian Hodor '01, Doug Basista '02, Bill Mays '01, Josh Harstine '06. Middle: Kyle Unger '05, Jim Joseph '02, Chad Adams '00, Ryan Bloomer '03. Front: Jaron Haynam '02, Jim Dahman '98

izing, grilling out, and singing traditional Theta Chi songs, chants, and cheers. "Several other fraternal groups stopped by to socialize and show their appreciation for our school spirit and devotion to Theta Chi. A fund was started so that we may get together on a more frequent basis. The huge success of the event reminded us that Theta Chi is for Life!" —reported by *Bill Mays '01*

Epsilon Pi Chapter reunion held September 21–24, 2006:

A total of 62 Brothers and 40 wives and sweethearts attended the 2006 reunion in Saint Charles, Ill. Highlights of the reunion included a memory stirring tour of Northern Illinois University campus where the group viewed the many campus fraternity and sorority houses including the old Theta Chi house on Greenbrier. The Chapter room was open throughout the reunion and it became a place where members visited, shared stories from the past and caught up to the present. A full account of the event can be found on the website: www.niu-ox.org

Flock and Shepherd 'Go Blue' at church

Separation of church and football? Not on this day, that's for sure.



The Rev. Phil Bowers, pastor of Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, wore Colts-themed vestments this weekend to salute the team's appearance in the Super Bowl. (Photo by Scott Goldman/*The Star*)

The Colts were on the minds of many worshipers across the Indianapolis area on Sunday January 28, 2007.

The **Rev. Phil Bowers (Alpha Delta/Purdue '75)** came out for his announcements at the end of Mass wearing a Colts logo on his blue vestments. He received a standing ovation for his effort.

Even the gifts were brought up for the consecration by a couple wearing — what else? — a Peyton Manning jersey and a Marvin Harrison jersey.

The Colts defeated the Chicago Bears 29–17 in Super Bowl XLI in Miami.



Epsilon Pi brothers are led in song by chorus director, John Corwin, '62.

Fraternal News and Notes



Sean Kelly (Nu/Hampton-Sydney '99) celebrated his wedding with Brothers. He and his bride, Lindsey, are now awaiting the birth of their first child. Shown front row (L -R): Brandon Coates (Nu '02), Groom Sean Kelly (Nu '99), Bride Lindsey Neef Kelly, Brian Stevens (Nu '00), Keir Burton (Nu '05). Back row: Daniel Kelly (Nu '99), Patrick Kelly (Theta Omega '07), Curtis Colgate (Nu '01), Ashley Viberg (Nu '98), David Capper (Nu '05), Matt Bloch (Nu '99), Ryan Kelly (Nu '02), Thomas Perkins (Nu '04).

Ziebold Publishes Christian Book

Zeta Tau/University of Michigan-Flint alumnus **Thomas Mark Ziebold ('92)** has published a book entitled *The Hand of the Holy Spirit—Miraculous Answers to Prayers* through VMI Publishers. The book details his mother's experiences with prayer and the impact that her faith made on her life. Ziebold has given a copy of the book for inclusion in the library at the International Headquarters. The book is available for order from *Amazon.com* and Barnes and Noble. Ziebold works as a project manager in Michigan, where he lives with his wife and two sons.



Jesse J. Springer
Gamma Chi/Randolph Macon '96

Jesse J. Springer (Gamma Chi/Randolph Macon '96) recently joined Allied Insurance Brokers, Inc. in Williamsburg, Virginia as Assistant Vice President of Sales. Jesse, who specializes in property casualty and life insurance, has been in the insurance industry for 10 years and is highly regarded in the areas of Wood Products, Crane,

Scaffolding and Rental Dealers insurance.

David Young (Gamma Upsilon '96) has graduated from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City as a rabbi. He and his wife, Natalie, who also just graduated as a cantor, have moved to Florida where David will be working as the Assistant



Four members of Beta Omicron attended the birthday party. (L-R): Lloyd Towers '47, Lowell Orr '48, Avo Brant '30, Clarence (Bugs) Hammel '45

Beta Omicron alumnus Marion Brandt marks number 100

Press Release by Ezra A. Blount '32

Marion T. (Avo) Brant recently celebrated his 100th birthday with a reception for 150 people. Brother Brant graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and was associated with American Can Co. in Cincinnati before joining Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati from which he retired. A lifelong golfer, he continued to play golf at age 97 and invented a device to make it easier for golfers to set up a ball properly.

Avo has always been an interested alumnus and still attends football and basketball games at UC. He also has been a dedicated Omicron alumnus and attended many fraternity functions over the years. In addition to his membership in Theta Chi, Avo is a lifelong Mason.



Zeta Pi/Old Dominion alums celebrated at a reunion January 6, 2007. (L-R) Mike Stonehman '72, Linda Stonehman, Rich Werber '73, Don Bennis '73 and John Barber '75.

Fraternal News and Notes

Rabbi at Temple Sinai of North Dade. Fellow Theta Chi's **Mike Howald (Delta Iota '79)** and **Asher Knight (Gamma Lambda '97)** also recently graduated from the rabbinical school.

Douglas Dillion (Delta Pi/Indiana State '93), Honey Creek Middle School, Vigo County, Indiana teacher, was recently named a 2006 Disney Teacher Award honoree. He was one of 44 educators out of more than 75,000 nationwide nominees to be recognized for creativity in the classroom.

Theta Chi Lane

Theta Chi "wives" and neighbors, Mary Morgan and Wendy Poyhonen, nearly made good on threats from their spouses (**Herb Morgan, Theta Iota/UC Santa Cruz '88** and **John Poyhonen, Beta Zeta/Michigan State '82**) to "Go down to City Hall" and have their street officially named Theta Chi Lane when they had this sign made.

Herb says, "I moved home to San Diego in 2002. Our home is one of two homes at the end of a long driveway off of a cul de sac. At the very first neighborhood get together, I had the good fortune to meet my next-door neighbor, John, who is also a former chapter president. Needless to say, we have been great friends ever since."

Theta Chi's meet in the strangest places...

David Drake, Gamma Pi/University of Buffalo '57 writes: Mary and I recently returned from a three week trip to China with The American College of Dentists. We had three dental courses and met some Chinese dentists to exchange dental knowledge and talk about their country of 1.3 billion people. Our tour took us to many of the famous and beautiful sites in China. We, also, enjoyed meals and



Brothers Herb Morgan and John Poyhonen pose on Theta Chi Lane.

visits to very humble homes and to a grade school to talk with little children who speak English. The Chinese are wonderful people!

After one of our evening meals in Beijing, I started singing a Theta Chi song, "It Is To Thee, Dear Old Theta Chi." My University of Buffalo brothers, Jerry Scholl and Roger Triftshausner, joined in with

me singing. Two other Theta Chi brothers came over and announced their Theta Chi identities. Wow, five Theta Chi's among only 12 male dentists! That's 42% Theta Chi's!

We did lend a "helping hand" to each other and others on the trip. Three of five remembered the "handshake" and "password." Hurray! My Dad, Ken Drake, was a

Theta Chi at Syracuse University, Alpha Chi '27 and he, too, always remembered the handshake and password.

Enclosed is a photo of all of us, Theta Chi dentists, aboard the "Victoria Anna" Yangtze River Boat.

Nicaraguan Resort Built by Beta Chi Alumni

Two alumni members of **Beta Chi Chapter** are developing a new luxury resort in Nicaragua. **Michael K. Cobb** and **Joel M. Nagel** met as freshmen at Allegheny College and founded ECI, Ltd. together after their graduation in 1986. ECI now owns resort properties in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, with beachfront locations on both the Caribbean and Pacific Oceans. Cobb and Nagel's current project is the Gran Pacifica Beach and Golf Resort, located on the Pacific coast 45 minutes outside Nicaragua's capital, Managua. The resort will feature a Marriott hotel as well as second-home residences and condominiums. The project will create jobs for Nicaraguans, thus contributing to



Brothers find other Theta Chis on the Yangtze River in China! (L to R): Jerry Scholl, Gamma Pi/University of Buffalo '57; Carl Sebelius, Jr., Gamma Omega/Vanderbilt '61; Dave Drake, Gamma Pi/University of Buffalo '57; Roger Triftshausner, Gamma Pi/University of Buffalo '58; Jim Davis, Alpha Sigma/University of Oregon '57



Virginia Tech alumni brothers (L -R): Bernie Voyten '72, Frank Overbey '73, Mike Weadon '72, Bill Hunter '72, Dave Wilberger '73, Bob Riggan '72, Lynn Moyers '72

the growing tourism industry in the Central American nation. For more information about Gran Pacifica Resort, visit the website at www.granpacificacom.

2006 Hampton Roads Volunteer Achievement Awards

A dinner and awards ceremony was held April 26, 2006 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. **Zeta Pi Chapter** of Theta Chi at ODU was recognized as a community group volunteer for its work with For Kids, Inc., which helps homeless families in Norfolk. The seven Theta Chi's attending were called up to the front of several hundred attendees and presented a nice award, which is proudly displayed in the house.

Another Theta Chi Heads to the White House

Christopher Oprison, Esq. (Beta Alpha/UCLA '94) headed to the White House November 27, 2006 to join the White House Council's Office as an Associate Counsel to the President of the United States. As an Associate Counsel to the President, he will be responsible for a variety of legal, legislative and policy issues. "I am honored and humbled to have been invited to serve and advise our President for the remainder of his

term and look forward to many new and exciting challenges along the way," said Oprison of his new appointment.

Eta Lambda Brothers from Virginia Tech Gather

On Friday, October 8th, a group of Eta Lambda/Virginia Tech brothers gathered at brother Dave Wilberger's (Eta Lambda '73) house in Richmond, Virginia to welcome brother Lynn Moyers (Eta Lambda '72) and his wife Pam back to the East coast. Lynn and Pam had traveled across the country from Oregon to attend the Virginia Tech/University of North Carolina football game, and the Friday night gathering was the warm-up party. Brothers from the classes of '72 and '73 gathered to reminisce and share in some food, drink and fellowship. As the night progressed, the cell phones were broken out and many "missing" brothers were contacted. Friendships from over thirty-five years were rekindled and busy lives updated. The group even broke out and sang the fraternity and other old fraternity football songs before finally going our separate ways. We encourage all brothers to keep in touch and keep the fraternity memories alive.

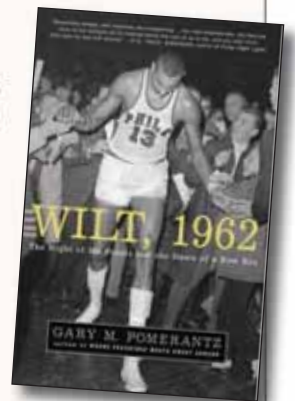
—Frank Overbey (Eta Lambda '73)



Gamma Eta/Bucknell Theta Chi's Bob Winkler '64, Dick Leslie '64, and Ted Opperman '64 visited Clos Pegase Winery in Calistoga, CA and couldn't resist having their picture taken in front of what appeared to be a huge Theta Chi pledge pin.

Look familiar?

Not pictured, but present at the get together were George Dirkes '64, Jim Johnston '64, Paul Wice '64, and Rick Emmert '64. The brothers have gotten together several times over the years, but the occasion of this reunion was the publication of a book, *Wilt*, by Gary Pomerantz. Bucknell Theta Chi's were interviewed and are mentioned in the book. They were present and actually won a game ball on the night Wilt Chamberlin scored 100 points in Hershey, PA, 1962. That record still stands today. The author lives in Tiburon and came to a dinner Saturday night with signed copies for all.



Fraternal News and Notes



1st Row: Tim Schroeder, Jess Tuttle, Joyce Murphy, Bonnie Tuttle, Sharon Pierson, JJ Moylan. 2nd Row: Shana Kearney, Matt Townsend, Davis Tuttle, Randy Tuttle, Greg Turpie, Hank Kroeger. 3rd Row: unidentified, Jim Murphy, Bob Wolper, Carl Dunham, Alan Shortledge, Todd Shortledge, Joey Moylan, Chris Murphy.

Gamma Lambda Chapter Fifth Annual Family Ski Trip

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, by James J. Moylan (Gamma Lambda/ University of Denver '69)

Thirty people, ranging in age from a few months, (Jim Murphy's grand-son Aiden) to eighty-four years young, Hank Kroeger (Bonnie Tuttle's Dad, Randy Tuttle's Father-in-law) descended on Steamboat Springs, Colorado—Ski Town USA, Home of Champagne Powder for the Gamma Lambda Chapter's Fifth Annual Family Ski Trip.

Brothers and their families began arriving Wednesday evening, January 17, 2007 so we could get an early start on the mountain Thursday morning. We again had the good fortune to be greeted by a crystal clear blue sky, bright sunshine and moderate mountain temperatures, (known locally as a "Blue Bird Day") which made for an excellent day of skiing.

Thursday evening found us at Brother Tom Garrett's (Epsilon Tau, Stephen F. Austin State University), local landmark,

LaMontanya Restaurant at the base of the mountain for his world-renowned Southwestern fare. Then it was back to the condos for more fun and stories of days gone by.

We had the good fortune of another Blue Bird Day on Friday resulting in our second excellent day on the slopes. That evening, we filled the Timber Run Hot-Tubs and enjoyed a dinner prepared by the Leerets, Murphys, Schroeders, and Wolpers in the "club-house" at Timber Run, managed by our annual hosts, Steamboat Resorts.

Saturday started out over-cast but our spirits weren't and before too long we were skiing under sunny skies again. Our annual Closing Banquet was again held in the upstairs private dining room at Riggio's, owned by Stacy and Rich Most, for outstanding Italian fare.

Snowstorms across the country made travel difficult on Sunday and some people did not get home until Tuesday, but I have no sense that it will dampen the enthusiasm for the Sixth Annual Gamma Lambda Family Ski Trip to be held on the Wednesday-Sunday following the Martin Luther King Holiday,

January 16–20, 2008 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. All Theta Chi Fraternity Brothers and their families are welcome. For more information contact Jim Moylan at 970-870-0730 or at jjmoylanlaw@aol.com.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania brothers meet in Alaska

This past August these six brothers and their families from Epsilon Eta Chapter got together for a 10-day Alaskan tour and cruise.



Please join us on the University of South Carolina's campus for the 2007 Chapter Leadership Conference
July 18–20.

We promise something for everyone and loads of that great southern hospitality!

Included in the photo are brothers from the graduating class of 1974 through 1977. A great time was had by all as we tried carry on like we did in our college years at the Epsilon Eta Chapter at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

—Bill Croft, Epsilon Eta '74



Indiana University of Pennsylvania brothers (L-R): Steve Weike '73, Joe Kisiday '74, Bill Croft '74, Mick Debbis '75, Dick Stahura '74 and Rick Logan '72.