

# In the Life of Theta Chi

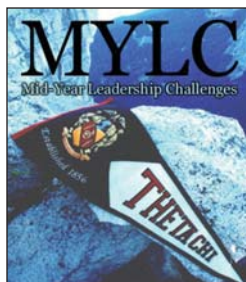
## Title Resource Group has Appointed Elliot Rose as Senior Vice President



Title Resource Group (TRG), a full-service provider of title, settlement and vendor management services, announced the appointment of **Elliot Rose** (Gamma Pi/SUNY-Buffalo '69) as senior vice president for TRG's Southeast Region. Rose, a seasoned executive with 35 years of experience in real estate operations and sales management, will help lead the region's overall strategic direction and administer all aspects of its growth and expansion plans.

## Congratulations are in order!

Gamma Sigma Alpha, a National Greek Academic Honor Society which recognizes greek scholars who excel in academics, has inducted Iota Alpha, University of North Carolina Wilmington Brothers, **Erik Autenrieth '07** and **Zane Whitner '07**. Gamma Sigma Alpha recognizes outstanding Greek community academic performance as compared to the all university average through regional academic achievement awards. This organization grants scholarships for graduate study to its members. One of the organization's top priorities is creating partnerships to engage a wide range of fraternal movement constituents in the pursuit of academic excellence. In addition, they seek to create dynamic and member-focused relationships with companies and other institutions that support academic excellence.



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November deadline is October 22, 2007.  
February deadline is January 21, 2008.

## The 2006 Floyd W. Field Award goes to Professor Renninger

The prestigious Floyd W. Field Award for outstanding Greek advisor was bestowed on **D. Scott Renninger**, Associate Professor of Physical Education at Westminster College in May 2006. Brothers of Zeta Lambda Chapter presented the award in a special program held during Westminster's Greek Week. Dr. Renninger writes, "To say I was stunned would be an understatement, and to be able to share this prestigious honor with the entire Westminster Greek Community in the manner in which it was presented is a moment I will never forget." "We have done a lot here during the past 25 plus years with I.F.C. and the Greek Community, and I have been enriched beyond expression by being able to enjoy our students on a different field than those of my traditional coaching duties."

## Brother Suzuki receives Presidential Appointment

**Jon B. Suzuki, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.B.A.** (Beta Rho/Illinois Wesleyan '68) has received a Presidential Appointment as Professor of Microbiology in the School of Medicine and Professor of Periodontology in the School of Dentistry at Temple University. He also serves as the Associate Dean for Graduate Education, Research and International Affairs as well as Director of Graduate Periodontology at Temple University. He has served as Dean of the School of Dental Medicine and Chief of Hospital Dentistry at the University of Pittsburgh. Brother Suzuki received his D.D.S. from Loyola University, Chicago, and his Ph.D. in Microbiology from the Illinois Institute of Technology. Recently, he completed an M.B.A. from the Katz Graduate School of Business of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Suzuki has published over 100 papers, chapters, and symposia; 175 abstracts; and one textbook in Medical Technology.



## David Westol Wins the Campuspeak Anti-Hazing Award



"The name of this award was 'Anti Hazing Hero,'" writes **Ted Bodine**, President (Rho Chapter, Illinois '07), "and the first man that came to my mind was **Dave Westol** (Beta Zeta/Michigan State '73). Earlier in the year, he (Dave) had come to the

University of Illinois and had given a powerful speech about hazing to the entire greek community. Of course, this was not the first time I had met him, but I had heard rumors about his 'famous' anti-hazing speeches. Actually seeing one with my own eyes was an unforgettable experience. After hearing Brother Westol deliver such a powerful message, I knew that this man would never rest as long as there was hazing going on somewhere, sort of like a modern day Superman that fights hazing instead of street crime. I figured that would qualify him for the title of 'Hero,' and I'm glad that Campuspeak agrees."

Dave was nominated for this award by Brother Bodine who provided this support for his nomination, "Never in my life have I met a more enthusiastic, anti-hazing activist. One thing that is truly ingrained in the minds of every Theta Chi member is that hazing is a terrible thing that needs to be abolished. Dave has taken it upon himself personally to insure that no chapter of Theta Chi hazes its members. Our fraternity prides itself on being non-hazing, and we primarily have Dave Westol to thank for that."

Dave Westol has tirelessly served fraternities and sororities in nearly 30 years as a well-known, anti-hazing speaker, volunteer in numerous capacities and as a professional in the field. Not only has he been one of the most well-respected and sought-after speakers on the subject, but he donated much of the proceeds from these speeches to Theta Chi's Foundation. His program, "Hazing on Trial," woke students up to the liability they could face as leaders for violating national policies and the law. Its pre-

sentation more than 1,600 times to 300+ campuses across the country, and more than 100 national fraternity and sorority conventions and leadership conferences, has had an immeasurable impact on student leaders.

Brother Westol is a member of the highest Foundation Chapter Giving Club, the Board of Visitors, which requires a minimum of \$25,000 in donations for membership.

## Museum Professional Honored

Museum professional, **Don Zuris**, (Beta Chi/Allegheny '66) has been honored by the American Association of Museums with the Excellence in Peer Review Award. Museums participate in several museum assessment programs in the categories of general assessment, collections management, public dimension and governance. The museum undergoes a self evaluation followed by an on-site visit from a peer reviewer followed by a written report. Brother Zuris was one of six peer reviewers out of 1,200 to be honored with the award this year. Head curator of the Corpus Christi Museum in Corpus Christi, Texas, Brother Zuris participates in the Coastal Bend alumni chapter and has shared his love of baseball with the group by providing special tours of his museum's Baseball Hall of Fame.

## 75 Years Young with Theta Chi

**Dr. James W. Kelley** (Xi Chapter of Beta Kappa Fraternity/Allegheny College '32) celebrated his Diamond Brigade (75th) anniversary with fellow Diamond Brigade member, Judge **Daniel W. Fleetham Sr.** (Alpha/Norwich '34). Dr. Kelley obtained his Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and went on to attend Boston University for his Ph.D. During World War II, he served in Washington with the Labor Department. In 1946, he returned to the Boston area and Boston University where he remained until his retirement in 1979. After serving as Dean of the Graduate School, College of Business Administration, Brother Kelley taught a graduate seminar at BU and UNH for a few years after retirement.

## Valpo's Koepke Earns Coca-Cola Community All-American Award

Coca-Cola North America and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) announced that Valparaiso University's **Ryan Koepke** (Delta Xi '08) is one of seven recipients of the 2006-07 Coca-Cola Community All-American Award. The Coca-Cola Community All-Americans program recognizes, celebrates and applauds student-athletes who are making a difference in their communities. To be eligible for the honor, nominees are required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20, and be a starter or key reserve with legitimate athletic credentials. In addition, they must be of at least sophomore standing in both academics and athletics and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominee institution.

The Coca-Cola Community All-Americans received their awards during the James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon at NACDA's annual convention. Additionally, Coca-Cola makes a \$5,000 donation to the community/philanthropic cause of each recipient's choice. One winner was selected in each of the following categories—Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A), Football Championship



Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA), Division I (formerly Division I-AAA), Division II, Division III, NAIA and Junior/Community College. Koepke represented the Football Championship Subdivision.

Koepke is a linebacker majoring in mechanical engineering with a 3.68 GPA. He was recognized as a 2006 Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star and was honored on the 2005 and 2006 Pioneer Football Academic Honor Roll. A member of the Academic All-PFL First Team and the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team, he was Valpo's leading tackler in 2006. He led the Crusaders in tackles with 67 on the season. In addition, he had 5 tackles for loss, including a quarterback sack, and forced a fumble. The redshirt-sophomore was one of 54 winners selected for the prestigious award and one of just two players from the Pioneer Football League (Wes Doyle, San Diego) to receive the honor.

This outstanding Theta Chi averages 30 hours of community service each month at a variety of organizations. He volunteers at several local elementary schools teaching young students the importance of staying in school. Koepke has also volunteered his time at Camp Watcha Wanna Do for young cancer patients and survivors, Habitat for Humanity, the Spring Valley Homeless Shelter and the Porter County Hospital. Additionally, he participated in the "I Need A Hug" Program and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This past summer, Koepke visited Guatemala on a Hands of Hope International Medical Mission Trip. He assisted in the treatment of 1,021 patients, personally pulled 29 teeth and gave 8 Lidocaine shots.

Koepke is the Vice President and Philanthropic Chairman of Delta Xi Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Furthermore, as a Type 1 diabetic, he has to give himself four shots a day and check his blood sugar 12-14 times daily. Instead of using his condition as an excuse, he uses it as motivation with the hope of being a positive example for others experiencing challenges.

Valpo has been predicted to finish in eighth place in the Pioneer Football League this season according to the preseason balloting done by the league's head coaches.



**Dr. James W. Kelley** (Xi Chapter/Beta Kappa Fraternity '29) and **Dan Fleetham Sr.** (Alpha/Norwich '34) celebrate **Dr. Kelley's Diamond Anniversary.**

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## Ball State Brother Receives Community Service Award

Volunteering in the community takes time, effort and compassion. But even with the pressures of college life, students at Ball State are working hard as volunteers to bridge the gap between community and campus. In 2005, the volunteer rate among college students was 30.2 percent, compared to 28.8 percent for the general adult population nationally. In 2005, the volunteer efforts of Indiana's college students ranked 13th nationally, while the state's general adult population ranked 29th, according to the report released by the Corporation for National and Community Service.



**Johnathan Karch** (Delta Kappa '07), majored in public relations and minoring in communication studies and recently received Ball State's Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Community Service by exemplifying exceptional commitment to volunteering throughout his college career. "Having Ball State recognize me with this award is the highest honor I could ever receive from Ball State, next to a diploma," said Karch.

Brother Karch was nominated for the award after working as a program coordinator for Student Voluntary Service and volunteering nearly 500 hours during his college years. As a young boy, he became involved in service after working at a soup kitchen for many years with his father. He is now especially involved with the Community Alliance to Promote Education, Motivate Our Minds and Lend a Hand Day. "I work for these projects because they help children or the elderly," Karch said. "I enjoy helping those who have a hard time helping themselves."



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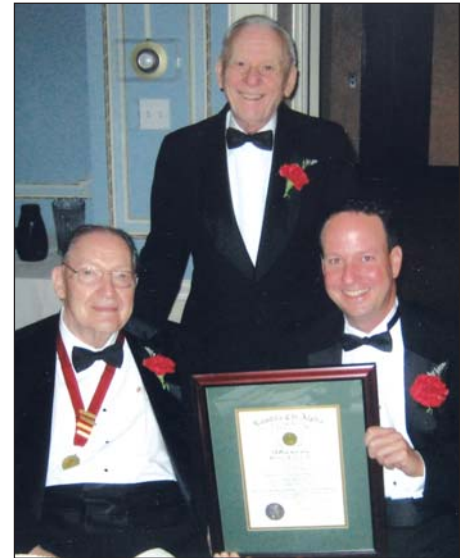
**Fort Meyers Alumni gathered to plan a trip to Bradley for Homecoming 2007 and their 50th reunion, both held September 27-30. From left, back are Ken Hollmann '54, Roger Roszell '57, Tom Farr '57. From left, front are Lou Deardorff '58 and Lynn Gundersen '57.**

## Planning a Reunion

**Roger Roszell** (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley '57) writes about the planning of his 50th Anniversary Homecoming for September 2007. "Tom Farr was president of our fraternity in 1957. I was the secretary that same year. Ken Hollmann, who with his wife, Nancy, hosted this gathering at their club in Ft. Myers, was the one whom I first met in the Fall of 1953 as a potential pledge of Theta Chi. He convinced me I should join his fraternity. This connection and our close friendship/relationship has continued now over these many years.

## Lending a Helping Hand

Zeta Pi/ODU '07 alumnus and 2007 Blue Scholarship winner, **Adrian Morrison** was recently honored as Hampton Roads Hometown Hero for his work with F.O.R KIDS, an organization that helps homeless families with children. The award was given during a Norfolk Admirals hockey game last March. Morrison, who is visually impaired will be attending law school this Fall with the help of a Foundation Chapter Blue Scholarship.



**George Spasyk, Executive VP Emeritus of Lambda Chi Alpha looks on as William Farkas, Executive VP of Lambda Chi Alpha presents the award to Howard Alter, Jr.**

## Alter Wins Interfraternity Service Award

Theta Chi's own **Howard Alter** (Omega/Pennsylvania State '41) was presented the George W. Spasyk Order of Interfraternity Service Award for "sustained and successful leadership in Interfraternity affairs." The award was to have been presented at the Lambda Chi Alpha General Assembly (convention) in Orlando in July 2006, but Brother Alter was unable to make the trip so Lambda Chi Alpha presented it at the 2006 Slivinske dinner.

## Auburn Renames Aerospace Engineering Building for Brother Buddy Davis

During a ceremony attended by state and local dignitaries, faculty, students, alumni and friends, the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University rededicated its aerospace engineering building in honor of distinguished Auburn alumnus, **Charles E. "Buddy" Davis** (Chi/Auburn '59). The building, which houses the Department of Aerospace Engineering, will now be called the Charles E.

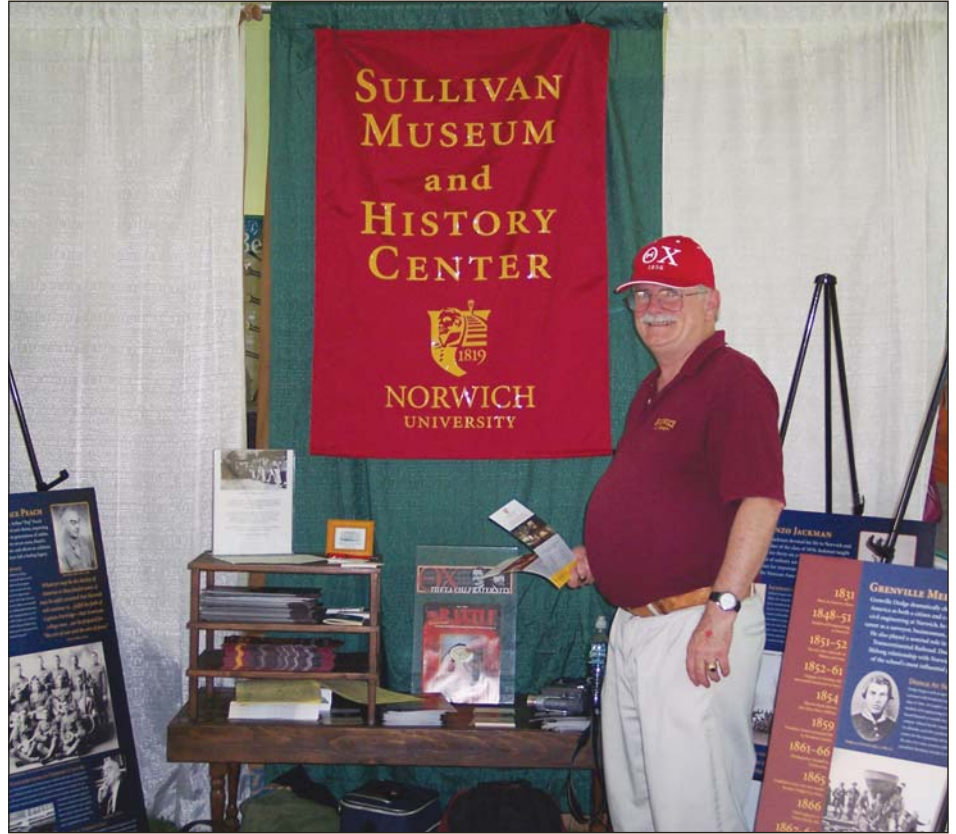


**Charles and Charlotte Davis celebrate the opening of Charles E. Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall at Auburn University.**

Davis Aerospace Engineering Hall, or simply Davis Hall. Davis and his wife Charlotte recently committed a \$4 million gift to the College of Engineering, the third largest individual gift in the history of the college.

“Buddy and Charlotte’s gift is significant because it will enable our Department of Aerospace Engineering to expand its fluid dynamics and advanced simulation lab capabilities, as well as relocate the wind tunnel facilities and expand the unique hardware-in-the-loop simulation program,” said College of Engineering Dean, Larry Benefield. “This gift will certainly have far-reaching implications for future generations of aerospace engineering students, and in turn, certainly significant developments will be made for the aerospace industry.”

The Davis family has a long standing relationship with Auburn University. Davis is a 1959 Auburn graduate who enjoyed a distinguished



## Vermont History Expo

Dan Fleetham, Jr. (Grand Chapter Honorary Initiate '06), one of Theta Chi’s most enthusiastic new members, spread the word about Theta Chi at the Vermont History Expo. Fleetham’s interest in the history of Norwich University and Theta Chi has inspired a tireless search for relics of the Alpha Chapter. Of the Expo, he states, “I helped the Norwich University Sullivan Museum and History Center with their booth at the Vermont History Expo this past weekend. It was a great opportunity to get information out on the Museum, (and Theta Chi) ... I had several Brothers who noticed my Theta Chi cap.”

career in the aerospace industry. His work with the Thor rocket, the Harpoon missile and the KC-10 aircraft aerial refueling platform played a vital role in the evolution of U.S. defense systems. Davis’s pioneering work in aerospace engineering allowed him to take a lead role in the Apollo rocket program, and his design work is still evident in the assembly, transport and launch pad systems used in the space program. Davis’s son Steve is a 1988 Auburn graduate, and sons Brian and Neil are graduates of West Point.



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