



BETA PHI CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA

BETA PHI CRIER

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ALUMNI AND UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A BETTER BETA PHI

Another year has gone by and it has been a successful one for the undergraduates and alumni of Delta Tau Delta, Beta Phi Chapter. The House Corporation is strong with the membership and support of Beta Phi men from many graduating classes and meets two to four times per year with our undergraduate brothers to discuss the physical and economic status of the Shelter at 67 E. 15th Ave.

In addition to evaluating and planning for the future of the Shelter, the House Corporation also operates as a hub for alumni relations planning. In connection with the efforts of **Tom Calhoun '70**, Beta Phi alumni enjoyed multiple gatherings in 2014, including an alumni tailgate for the Ohio State vs. Cincinnati football game, the annual Peter R. Peirce-John W. Galbreath Memorial Golf Classic, and the 38th Annual Delta Tau Delta Central Ohio Alumni Holiday Luncheon.

Due to the efforts of our extraordinary undergraduates, members of the House Corporation and other local alumni have participated in recruiting for Beta Phi. This year marks the fourth straight year the undergraduates have put together an alumni recruitment dinner in which alumni and undergraduates come together to recruit potential new members over dinner at the Shelter. What a tremendous tradition this is becoming!



Beta Phi's unite at the Northern Division Conference.

Looking into the future, the House Corporation hopes to usher the Shelter into a new era of excellence. We hope to make the Shelter more competitive with other living options students have to choose from, since the Shelter is compliant with The Ohio State University's new Second-Year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) initiative. Compliance with STEP is crucial for Beta Phi to maintain its level of excellence on campus.

Year after year we are tremendously proud of the accomplishments of our undergraduate brothers in Delta Tau Delta, Beta Phi Chapter, and we encourage all brothers far and wide to get involved with this remarkable group of young men.



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What Is STEP?

The Second-Year Transformational Experience Program, STEP, is a partnership between academic affairs and student life. It was developed to redefine the student experience at The Ohio State University. Not only does it give students the opportunity to engage with faculty outside of the classroom, but it also exposes them to developmental opportunities intended to assist their professional and personal growth.

STEP was piloted with 1,000 second-year students in the 2013 school year and 1,300 second-year students in 2014 academic year. During such time, participants met with their STEP faculty member in their designated

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how it impacts our
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cohort of students to set personal goals and explore the six major educational experiences offered by Ohio State (study abroad, internships, undergraduate research, service learning, leadership, and artistic and creative endeavors). The program will officially launch in 2016 and will require all second-year students, in addition to first-year students, to live on campus.

The good news for the Beta Phi Chapter is that, pending approval, the Shelter is in compliance with STEP's on-campus living qualifications. Although the Shelter does meet STEP regulations, improvements must be made to accommodate the influx of men looking to join Delt and to fulfill their on-campus living requirement.

The Award-Winning Beta Phi Chapter Thrives at the Northern Division Conference



Arch Chapter Secretary Bruce Peterson and Tom Cahloon '70 congratulate Jeff Pelletier '06 at the Northern Division Conference.

In early February, 13 members of the Beta Phi Chapter, as well as chapter advisor **Jeff Pelletier '06**, attended the Northern Division Conference in Cleveland. Over the course of the conference, members attended information sessions on academics, the Road program, new member education, recruitment, and many other helpful topics. Beta Phi also witnessed the Right of Iris ceremony and the Ritual, where chapter academic advisor **Joe Weaver '15** was initiated as a brother of Delta Tau Delta. Throughout the weekend, the chapter received awards for academic and recruiting excellence.

THANK YOU, TOM CALHOON '70, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

With the election of a new division president, we are proud to offer our heartfelt appreciation to **Tom Calhoon '70**, for his four years of loyal service to the Northern Division. Tom was a tireless leader during his two terms, visiting almost every chapter in the division, and contributing to the largest division conferences the fraternity has seen in recent years.

We are eternally grateful for Brother Calhoon's immeasurable dedication not only with the Beta Phi Chapter, but also with Delta Tau Delta Fraternity as a whole. Tom previously served on the Arch Chapter as secretary from 1998 to 2002. He is a recipient of the Fraering Award for exemplary service by a young alumnus and was cited in the fraternity's Distinguished Service Chapter in 1995.



Brothers show their Beta Phi pride at the Northern Division Conference.

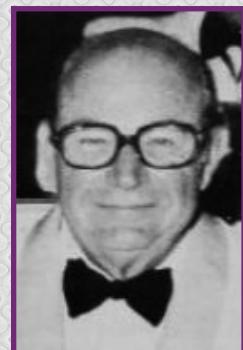
We congratulate Brother Calhoon as he enters the next phase of his fraternity involvement and look forward to seeing and learning from him at Beta Phi events, Division Conferences, and Karneas for years to come.

JEFF PELLETIER '06 WINS NORTHERN DIVISION ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Jeff Pelletier for earning the 2014 Northern Division Advisor of the Year Award for a second time. Brother Pelletier has served in his advisor role since the chapter's recolonization in 2004-05 and was initiated as a brother of Delta Tau Delta in 2006 when he passed through Ritual alongside the undergraduate brothers recolonizing and, subsequently, rechartering the Beta Phi Chapter. In 2012, Jeff joined Tom as a Bill Fraering Award recipient.

Jeff embraced his job as chapter advocate for Beta Phi despite not being part of Greek life at his alma mater, Boston College. He is a senior member of the Ohio Union Events team in the office of Student Life, yet still finds the time to teach leadership classes, write job recommendation letters, and give personal advice. Jeff's wife, Jen, has become an amazing resource for members, as well. Her interest in Beta Phi, as well as her understanding of Jeff's very busy schedule, has prompted the undergraduates to honor her with a journey through our Rite of Iris ceremony.

HONORING A DEDICATED DELT BROTHER, TOM PARKER '43



Tom Parker '43 Entered Chapter eternal on July 7, 2014, at age 92. Born in Fort Worth, Texas, his family founded and owned a company that developed and licensed ice cream novelties. This company later became Big Drum Inc., which Tom moved to Columbus, Ohio. Big Drum developed products like the Push-up and the Drumstick and sold these ice cream concepts to Nestlé.

Tom helped Ohio State remain competitive in agriculture and food science. He created scholarship programs for outstanding students in the field and provided the funding for the Parker Food Science and Technology Building, which was named for his entire family.

Tom is remembered by his Delta Tau Delta brothers as being an outgoing undergraduate and a generous alumnus. He had a wonderful sense of humor, was ethical, direct, giving, and unique.

Tom Calhoon '70 was fortunate enough to have a close friendship with Brother Parker, after working together on the Beta Phi House Corporation in the early '70s. Calhoon, his wife, Donnette, and their daughter, Brittany, became dear friends with Tom and his daughter, Pam, through numerous trips to Naples, Florida, Ohio State game days, and Tom's famous parties at Pamrick farm. "Tom had a heart of gold for people, for Delta Tau Delta, and for Ohio State," Calhoon said.

DELTs MAKE BIG STRIDES ON CAMPUS

I am honored to report that the state of our chapter is extremely promising and points to an outstanding future. This past semester welcomed our newest pledge class of 32 men. We also had 14 brothers participate with Kappa Delta sorority in BuckeyeThon, raising a total of \$13,308 for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Additionally, we sent 13 delegates to the Northern Division Conference where Beta Phi was honored to earn three awards.



Zach Parfitt '16, Joel Meyer '15, Harry Zeitzer '15, Nayan Shah '15, Connor White '15, Nathan Boucher '15, and Nate Hulse '15 visit midfield of Ohio Stadium.

I am pleased to report that our cumulative GPA has risen to 3.24. We are ranked 7th among all IFC chapters and are well above the all-men's average and all-fraternity average at Ohio State. We had 37 men on the Dean's List and 10 men with a 4.0—the most in our chapter's history. We are also working closely with our newly initiated academics advisor, **Joe Weaver '15**, to ensure that our academic programming continues to be of the highest caliber possible.



Ohio State University President Dr. Drake had dinner at the Shelter, sharing stories and wisdom with the Beta Phi undergraduates.

Tom remained a dedicated Beta Phi brother throughout his life. He was a house drive captain, co-chairing the fundraising effort for the 67 E. 15th Avenue Shelter with **Jacob Shawan '39**. As a leader of multiple committees, boards, and as an ongoing contributor, Tom was honored with the National Delta Tau Delta Alumni Achievement Award at the Columbus Karnea in 1984.

Buck Byrne '66 shares a story of Tom's loyalty to Beta Phi. In 2008, Tom visited the Shelter and was given a tour by the undergraduate officers. Tom then had lunch with the undergraduate officers, with whom he said he was very impressed. Buck drove Tom home after lunch, where Tom said, "You'll be hearing from me!" Three weeks later, Buck was honored to receive a notification that Tom left a generous bequest to enhance the future of Beta Phi.

Our membership is stronger than ever. We continue to take in large pledge classes; yet, we retain quality men over quantity. Values-based recruitment is our strategy at Beta Phi. We currently have 113 active brothers with 32 new members. Our new member educator, **Evan Webb '15**, has done an outstanding job in developing our new members into future campus leaders.

Brotherhood bonding and sorority relations are both doing well. We hosted a bowling event with the ladies of Chi Omega, and I am pleased to report that participation in events like these has greatly increased.

Beta Phi is a thriving chapter. We excel academically, socially, and philanthropically. We are elated by our success in recruitment and take pride in our execution of the ritual.



Ben Roberts '17, Ben Scandling '16, Nate Hulse '15, Kalman Roemer '17, Troy Richter '16, Luke Hayes '16, Charlie Luthanen '16, Garrett Brown '16, and Chris Luke '16 after proudly winning the softball intramural championship.

Despite all of these positives, Beta Phi strives to improve our alumni engagement. If you would like to stop by the Shelter, speak at a chapter meeting, or attend a future initiation, please reach out to us. I look forward to hearing from you!

Fraternally,
Logan R. Minard '16

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Calhoon and Byrne explained that without their Beta Phi experience, they would not have had the relationship they enjoyed with Tom. "I was able to form an amazing friendship with a man of another generation, all because of Delta Tau Delta. Delt opens up doors for men to learn lessons, build business relationships, and, most importantly, gain amazing friends. I saw this aspect of brotherhood through my friendship with Tom Parker," Calhoon said.

Tom is survived by his granddaughter, Sarah Parker Leventer, and daughter, Pam Parker Gartin, who is "as loyal, dedicated, and loving a daughter as anyone could have hoped for," Calhoon said. Beta Phi will strive to embody Tom's generosity, integrity, and dedication as we move forward as a chapter.

Welcome, New Brothers

Michael Antoniades '18 / Cincinnati, Ohio

Michael Berthold '18 / Twinsburg, Ohio

Peter Bruns '19 / Mason, Ohio

Michael Callender '18 / Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nick Catsichtis '16 / Flushing, N.Y.

Sean Conway '18 / Cincinnati, Ohio

Ross George '18 / Cincinnati, Ohio

Patrick Gramza '18 / Buffalo, N.Y.

David Hauck '18 / Cincinnati, Ohio

Tommy Hooker '18 / Branchville, N.J.

Andrew Huber '17 / Hilliard, Ohio

Nicholas Idzkowski '18 / Powell, Ohio

Michael Innamorato '17 / Hudson, Ohio

Varun Jambunath '18 / Beachwood, Ohio

Sachin Jindal '17 / Toledo, Ohio

Joe Kline '18 / Louisville, Ky.

Colin Lippincott '18 / Akron, Ohio

Andrew Little '18 / Upper Arlington, Ohio

Robert McComb '17 / Bellbrook, Ohio

Richard Mulvey '19 / Cincinnati, Ohio

Tom Nevar '17 / Branchburg, N.J.

Patrick Pirrmann '18 / Powell, Ohio

Eric Schwartz '18 / Moorestown, N.J.

Hunter Elliott Seide '17 / Solon, Ohio

Brett Skursha '18 / Mentor, Ohio

David Svensson '18 / Cincinnati, Ohio

Dominic Turk '18 / Mayfield, Ohio

Alec Walter '18 / Hilliard, Ohio

Forrest Weihe '17 / Aspen, Colo.

Brett Whitford '18 / West Chester, Ohio

Thomas Williams '18 / Toledo, Ohio

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SAVE THE DATE

Founders' Day

Monday, May 4
Fawcett Center
6:00 p.m. - Cocktails
6:45 p.m. - Dinner

Cost - \$38.50 per guest, spouses are welcome

Please make checks payable to Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation and mail to:
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Hilliard, OH 43026.

All checks and RSVPs must
be sent by Friday, April 17.

Please contact **Tom Calhoon '70** at
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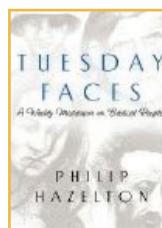
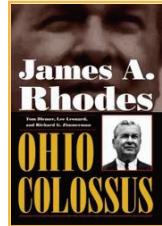
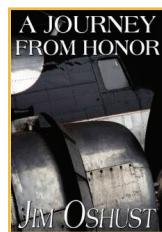
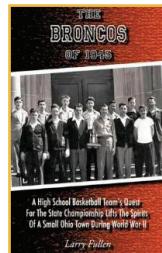
Check Out Publications by Your Brothers!

Larry Fullen '61 tells the story of a high school basketball team's quest for a state championship in central Ohio in *The Broncos of 1945*. This authentic narrative describes the camaraderie of small-town life and the personal sacrifices made during World War II. Larry resides in Tampa, Fla. E-mail: lbfullen@verizon.net

Jim Oshust '58 is author of *Returning to Yesterday, Strangers Among Us*, and *A Journey From Honor*. Jim writes with the theme of adventure and mystery in these thrilling tales. He resides in Salt Lake City, Utah. E-mail: banjf1@aol.com

Tom Diemer '65 co-authored *James A. Rhodes, Ohio Colossus*, the first biography of atypical politician James A. Rhodes. This biography traces Rhodes' life, political career, and unlikely rise to power. Tom resides in Bethesda, Md. E-mail: tdiemer@aol.com

Rev. Dr. Phil Hazelton '63 is the author of *The High Places* and *Tuesday Faces*. *Tuesday Faces* deeply examines the biblical characters through whom God works. Phil serves as a Presbyterian minister and founded an AIDS/HIV center in Soweto Township, South Africa. E-mail: pjhazel@sbcglobal.net



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents. If your son is still attending The Ohio State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to to update our records. Thank you.

Alumni News

Chapter Eternal

Jay B. Smith '45 entered Chapter Eternal on October 16, 2014. He is survived by Norma, his wife of 70 years, and his four children.

Alumni Update

James G. Haywood '43 celebrated his 94th birthday on Thanksgiving day. He lives in Franklin, Tenn., with his oldest daughter.

Kenneth C. Lucas '45 recently celebrated his 91st birthday! He and his wife, Shirley, reside at the Glenridge Retirement Center in Sarasota, Fla.

Robert A. Hall '56 and his wife, Jo Anne, were selected as outstanding members of the Sarasota Ohio State University Alumni Club. "What an honor!" E-mail: hallbrdtn@aol.com

Jon G. Hazelton '60 serves as a volunteer for SCORE and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. He also serves on the board of Liberty Savings Bank. E-mail: marjon22@att.net

Robert C. Watson '60 retired in 2013. He and his wife, Jane, moved to The Stayton, a beautiful hotel-like retirement community in Fort Worth, Texas. E-mail: rcwatson38@msn.com

M. Buck Byrne '66 and his wife, Nancy, enjoy watching their grandchildren play sports. Their

five grandkids range in age from 11 to 16 and all live in Columbus, Ohio. He also loves to hunt pheasant; his two labs make it lots of fun. Buck welcomes brothers who like the sport to join him. E-mail: buck@buckbyrne.com

Thomas E. Workman '66 and his wife, Pam, live in New York City. Tom is the president and CEO of the Life Insurance Council of New York. Pam is a painter. They have two children, Chris and Sarah. Sarah and her husband have four children, ages one to nine. E-mail: tworkman@licony.org

Douglas R. Anderson '72 recently retired from a successful career as an oral surgeon. Congratulations, Doug! E-mail: anderson29@sbcglobal.net

Michael J. Sikora III '95 drafted House Bill 201 to reform Ohio mortgage law. He testified before the Ohio House and Senate on the Bill, which passed the General Assembly, was signed by the governor on December 19, 2014, and became law in 2015. Mike is the president of Northern Ohio NAIOP, the premier commercial real estate association in the United States. He and his wife, Alison, reside in Mentor, Ohio. E-mail: msikora@sikoralaw.com