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*Cover:* Memorial Square in downtown Indianapolis was one of the sights seen by those attending the 70th Anniversary Convention held in that city on Dec. 27-30.

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# the Grand Regent speaks

## First Laboratory

BY GEORGE G. DODD

As students entering college we embark upon our engineering careers for a number of reasons: to find a job, to learn something which is technically challenging, to become a builder, to solve social problems. Regardless of our initial goals, we face years of learning things in a piecemeal fashion—mathematics courses which don't always relate to circuit theory, chemistry courses which don't relate to metallurgy. And then there are those laboratories.

Remember them! Instruments which don't work—incomplete, inaccurate, and redundant data which later has to be understood late at night—the encouraging of situations we don't expect—interaction with people as our partners.

At the same time, across campus within the Fraternity, another type of laboratory is in progress. A student member is working with a new initiate who is to become the Rush Chairman. A committee is finalizing the plans for the Engineering Open House display. An alumnus drops by to tell his old friends about the day at the plant.

What do we get as a result of this? Is all of this important?

In working with engineers and other professionally trained people, I have discovered that these laboratories of engineering and of Fraternity turn out men much better qualified to meet today's tough technical challenges than those who have not experienced engineering or fraternities. Those laboratories do contribute. The challenges of overcoming the uncertainties in the engineering laboratory make us think harder and more clearly. The laboratories in fraternities such as Theta Tau provide a firm foundation for learning to work with and later, to lead, people. The interaction with faculty and alumni gives us images to emulate and work toward.

So, although we embark upon our careers expecting to learn one thing, we indirectly pick up something much more valuable. In the laboratory we learn about life. As alumni we can enhance this learning experience by working with students in many ways—through the church, sporting events, Boy Scouts, the Fraternity. Let us make it our personal goal to make this laboratory called life more meaningful to our leaders of tomorrow.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30, 1974—Convention delegates to the 70th Biennial Convention honored Past Grand Regent Charles E. Wales by naming the Convention in his honor. Hosted by Phi Chapter, *Purdue University*, officers for the upcoming biennium were elected (see page 2) and committee action was taken in a number of areas. Keynote speakers were Mr. Jack Anson, Executive Director of the National Interfraternity Conference and Brother Stephen Barth. Lambda Beta Chapter, *Tennessee Technological University*, received the Erich J. Schrader Award as the outstanding chapter in the preceding biennium and Rho Chapter, *North Carolina State University*, received the new Founders' Award as most improved Chapter. Delegates toured the city and the official convention photo was taken at the Indianapolis 500 Speedway.

# Theta Tau 70th Anniversary Convention

December 27-30, 1974

Indianapolis, Indiana



During the 70th Anniversary Convention held in Indianapolis, those in attendance toured the city including the famous Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where the official photograph was taken. (Left to right, first row): Stephen Northcraft, *Phi*; Stephen Barth, *Lambda Beta*, Grand Outer Guard; Chris King, *Lambda Beta*, Southern Regional Director; Tom Herman, *Delta Beta*, Student Member of Executive Council; Robert Pope, *Zeta*, Grand Scribe; George Dodd, *Zeta*, Grand Regent; Fred Armstrong, *Mu*, Grand Marshal; Charles Britzius, *Alpha*, Grand Treasurer; Russell Glass, *Sigma*, Past Grand Regent; Ramond Hanes, *Sigma*, Past Grand Regent; Joseph Skovholt, *Alpha*, Archivist and Historian. (second row): Carey Whitfield, *Iota Beta*; Bruce Carlson, *Phi*; Eric Hynson, *Delta Beta*; Robert Nelson, *Alpha*; Douglas Leu, *Alpha*; Jerry Weinzettl, *Alpha*; Jim Rincer, *Upsilon*; Doug Adcock, *Upsilon*; Bruce Littleheld, *Sigma*; Larry Kirkbride, *Sigma*; Peter Checklick, *Tau*; Leonard Uitenham, *Delta*. (third row): David Jordan, *Phi*; Keith Logue, *Kappa Beta*; Bill Makuta, *Delta*; David Mardis, *Kappa Beta*; John Catledge, *Kappa Beta*; David McMillen, *Kappa Beta*; Steven Brainerd, *Sigma*; Charles Nash, *Sigma*; James J. Buckley, *Sigma*. (fourth row): Keith Kiser, *Rho*; Bill Martin, *Rho*; Doug Klotter, *Delta Beta*; Voss McRaney, III, *Kappa Beta*; Louis Lutz, *Gamma Beta*; Cliff Maddocks, *Gamma*; George Puls, *Gamma*; Mark Bradburn, *Beta*; Dan Hrabley, *Sigma*; Tommy Brown, *Mu*. (fifth row): Jack Winter, *Delta Beta*; Craig Huff, *Delta Beta*; Ed Gold, *Gamma Beta*; Lester Blair, *Lambda Beta*; Gene Saylor, *Lambda Beta*; Mike Brown, *Lambda Beta*; Paul Rankin, *Lambda Beta*; Harold Jaynes, *Lambda Beta*; Ken Cornet, *Mu Beta*; Ken Messerich, *Omicron*; Frank Philpott, *Pi*. (sixth row): Steve Kovacs, *Delta Beta*; Dale Baese, *Lambda Beta*; John Haverland, *Pi*; Chris Dodge, *Epsilon*; Joe Fannon, Jr., *Mu Beta*; Mike Ambrose, *Lambda Beta*; Mike Thomas, *Lambda Beta*; Carl Williams, *Kappa Beta*; Rick Reuss, *Phi*; Wayne Larsen, *Omega*. (seventh row): Bobby Lancaster, *Lambda Beta*; William Freeman, *Lambda Beta*; Michael Pfanku, *Xi*; Mark Komen, *Zeta*; A. Fort Gwinn, *Lambda Beta*; Randy Bates, *Xi*; Tommy Freeman, *Lambda Beta*; Randy Lewis, *Lambda Beta*; Dale Hutsell, *Lambda Beta*; Tom Bandy, *Psi*; Steve Youngstrom, *Omega*; Warren Sutton, *Omega*; Paul Schuelke, *Omega*. (eighth row): Stephen Nass, *Phi*; Richard Vater, *Phi*; Sean Walsh, *Gamma Beta*; David Hawkins, *Lambda Beta*; Tom Morris, *Epsilon Beta*; Luis Teran, *Epsilon Beta*; Eric Pittelkau, *Chi*; Richard McDonald, *Chi*; John Thomson, *Psi*. (ninth row): Mike Phillips, *Lambda Beta*; Dale Jones, *Lambda Beta*; Rich Rummelhart, *Omicron*; Mickey Trimm, *Mu*; Ron Wallace, *Mu*; P. R. Patel, *Lambda Beta*; Harvill Eaton, *Lambda Beta*; David Nawrocki, *Epsilon Beta*.





# alumni news

## Topinka Receives AIChE Award

Adolph C. Topinka, *Iowa '36*, was named the 1973 recipient of the Citizen Chemical Engineer of Iowa award by the Iowa section of AIChE. Brother Topinka, plant manager of the Quaker Oats Cedar Rapids Chemicals plant, received the award at the Sept., 1973 meeting of the organization. He designated the Cedar Rapids Children's Home to receive the cash award accompanying the award.

Brother Topinka joined the Quaker or-

ganization in 1951 after retiring with the rank of colonel in the Army Corps of Engineers. He had served as plant manager of the Omaha, Nebr. operation before moving to his present position.

In addition to his professional activities, Brother Topinka has served various roles in his church, served in a number of capacities in PTA and school advisory activities, and participates in committee work for the Boy Scouts.

## MacKay Retires — Acipco VP

Jack W. MacKay, *Alabama '35*, recently retired from American Cast Iron Pipe Co. after 39 years of service. Brother MacKay was vice president and sales manager of the firm. While with the firm he played a leading role in development of steel-casting facilities and the company's entry into ductile iron pipe.

Brother MacKay has authored numerous articles in his field and has been a committee chairman in the Cast Iron Pipe Association for many years. He is active in numerous technical and professional societies, including the American Society of Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the American Iron and Steel Inst.



Adolph C. Topinka



Jack W. MacKay



Morris Sievert

## Sievert Elected IH VP

Morris Sievert, *Missouri at Rolla '46*, has been elected a vice president of International Harvester Co. Brother Sievert, president of San Diego-based Solar Division of IH, was one of five new vice presidents recently elected by the IH Board of Directors.

Brother Sievert has been heavily involved in the growth and transition of Solar from a company primarily an aerospace com-

ponents subcontractor to its current position in manufacturing gas turbines for industrial use. He joined Solar in 1957.

He is a member of ASME, and Blue Key. Brother Sievert is listed in "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry," "Who's Who in Finance and Industry," and "Who's Who in the West."

## Grand Regent Makes Appointments

Following the Biennial Convention, Grand Regent Dodd made the following appointments to interim committees and other posts:

Alumni Field Secretary Program—Charles E. Wales  
Budget Committee—Joseph W. Skovholt  
Chapter Visitation Coordinator—Harvill C. Eaton  
Curricular Eligibility Officer—Stephen J. Barth  
Extension Committee—Leonard Uitenham, John E. Daniel  
Liaison with Women's Engineering Fraternity—John E. Daniel  
Little Sisters Program—Harvill C. Eaton  
Long-Range Planning Committee—Ronald S. Wallace  
Publications Committee—Thomas R. Herman  
Regional Conferences Coordinator—Stephen J. Barth  
Schrader Award Evaluation—Ralph H. Wales

Ten years ago the Sixtieth Anniversary Convention officially became the A. Dexter Hinckley Convention. More than one hundred members participated in its events. A colony system was adopted and a flag design was approved. The Deshler Hotel in Columbus, Ohio was the site for the Convention,

hosted by Sigma Chapter at Ohio State University. Phi Chapter at Purdue University won the Erich J. Schrader Award and John Daniel of Mu Chapter, University of Alabama, was named Outstanding Delegate. The Convention was entertained by Founder William M. Lewis' stories.

### TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THETA TAU

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is given that the following are no longer members of Theta Tau:

James Paul Erler, *Xi '74* (Roll No. 375)  
Homer C Smith, Jr., *Kappa Beta '74* (Roll No. 178)  
John Lawrence Stanley, *Chi '73* (Roll No. 783)  
Randall Edwin Wicks, Jr., *Chi '72* (Roll No. 778)

Each member should take notice thereof, and govern himself accordingly.

(Signed) Robert E. Pope, Grand Scribe



## In Memoriam

- Duane F. Abrahamson, *Minnesota* '32-3/23/73  
Alexander R. Andrew, *Michigan Tech* '35-74  
Michael D. Barnes, *Colorado Mines* '75-8/21/74  
Earl R. Bennett, *Wisconsin* '31-5/13/74  
John E. Blann, *Virginia* '31-12/9/73  
Erasmus S. Borgquist, *Utah* '11-6/23/74  
Henry H. Burdick, *Carnegie Tech* '22-1/24/74  
Charles H. Chadbourn, *Minnesota* '21-74  
Thomas P. Clendenin, *Columbia* '21-6/11/74  
Richard N. Coleman, *Alabama* '24-74  
Grattan C. Colvin, *Virginia* '39-2/4/70  
Robert G. Copper, *Virginia* '36  
Charles F. Curtis, Jr., *Alabama* '58  
Earl D. Dake, *Charter S.D. Mines* '24-2/25/74  
Kenneth R. Davenport, *Syracuse* '38-10/28/74  
T. C. Dickerson, Jr., *Virginia* '26-5/19/74  
William R. Dorsey, Jr., *Virginia* '25  
Frederick H. Dutcher, *Honorary Columbia* '17-73  
Robert M. Ebaugh, *Berkeley* '25-67  
Gordon Elliott, *Michigan Tech* '12  
James B. Finch, Jr., *Minnesota* '30-5/17/74  
Randall A. Forsberg, *Illinois* '33-10/17/73  
Fred S. Gibbs, *Syracuse* '29-11/19/71  
Charles D. Geiger, *Missouri at Rolla* '44-3/3/74  
Robert C. Graebner, *Minnesota* '34  
Russell Greenslade, *Case Western* '15-11/5/73  
John Hanessian, Jr., *Syracuse* '50-3/3/74  
Eugene L. Holston, *Minnesota* '35-1/20/74  
Howard A. Horner, *Missouri at Rolla* '17-6/19/74  
Henry V. Howe, *Berkeley* '16-9/27/73  
Fred L. Hurlbutt, *Charter MIT* '14-3/8/73  
George P. Igleheart, *MIT* '17-5/15/74  
Frank Keller, Jr., *Wisconsin* '35-6/30/74  
Clayton D. Kerr, *Colorado Mines* '28-7/21/74  
Herbert H. Knowlton, *Minnesota* '08  
Theodore M. Kolarik, *Virginia* '40  
Charles A. Lawton, *Wisconsin* '27-7/16/73  
Harold C. Leimer, *Arkansas* '29-1/27/66  
George F. Liddle, *Wisconsin* '37-12/5/71  
Thomas L. Longacre, *Michigan Tech* '56-5/30/74  
Jerome E. Machamer, *Illinois* '22-2/6/71  
Joseph C. Major, *Wisconsin* '52  
John K. Mallard, *Virginia* '39-8/4/69  
Richard E. Mallett, *Ohio State* '70  
Otto K. Mangum, *Charter Wisconsin* '31  
Richard D. Maxwell, *Iowa* '58  
Earle H. McBroom, *MIT* '21-6/30/72  
Charles C. Metcalf, *Arkansas* '72-5/5/74  
Jack M. Miller, *Kansas* '28  
Hal F. Minnis, *Honorary Arkansas*-7/30/70  
George A. Morrison, *Michigan Tech* '04-5/3/74  
Edgar T. Moseley, *Case Western* '24  
William E. Moseley, *Alabama* '61-4/15/71  
Frank W. Murphy, *Minnesota* '32-12/18/68  
James F. Neill, *Colorado Mines* '35-10/73  
Richard K. Neller, *Wisconsin* '28-5/25/74  
Robert R. Newton, *Illinois* '18-1/10/74  
Thomas W. Newton, *Alabama* '23-7/27/74  
Lloyd T. Olsen, *Virginia* '38  
Robert D. Patterson, *MIT* '20-10/5/72  
Robert E. Radley, *Tennessee Tech* '70-2/8/74  
Lindley M. Reith, *Colorado Mines* '18  
Charles E. Rice, *Iowa* '66  
Lewis D. Richards, *Carnegie Tech* '26  
Judson L. Robertson, *Charter Virginia* '25-4/22/74  
Harry T. Rogers, *Charter Illinois* '16  
Ernest D. Sandretto, *Purdue* '33-12/5/74  
Paul F. Schucker, *Carnegie Tech* '48-6/27/74  
Col. Barney A. Shehane, *Wisconsin* '31-2/10/74  
Dr. Herman S. Smith, *Iowa* '35-9/16/73  
George W. Snyder, *NC State* '40-11/2/69  
Howard B. Sohn, Jr., *Case Western* '48  
Richard M. Stafford, *Virginia* '39-6/5/42  
Henry D. Steen, *Mississippi State* '69  
Walter M. Stenberg, *Case Western* '19  
Harvey C. Stevens, *Missouri at Rolla* '41  
Rolf G. Swanson, *Minnesota* '35-11/22/74  
Maurice A. Tanner, *Iowa* '31-7/31/74  
Stanley A. Teiser, *Virginia* '48  
F. W. Thayer, *Wisconsin* '33  
Percy W. Thompson, *Purdue* '40-6/19/74  
Frank R. Tolf, *Berkeley* '13-6/21/73  
Charles C. Towle, *Colorado Mines* '34-9/21/74  
Dick Van Corp, *Iowa* '26-5/17/74  
Arthur H. Vaughan, *Case Western* '23-12/29/68  
Leo L. Vogt, *Iowa* '23-1/15/74  
Leslie S. Voltz, *Illinois* '26-6/13/74  
John E. Wagner, *Michigan Tech* '08-3/31/70  
Page P. Wagner, *Kansas* '18  
Cecil A. Walls, *Missouri at Rolla* '24-3/29/74  
Vernor E. Ware, *MIT* '29-12/31/73  
Seymour P. Warren, *Colorado Mines* '13-10/19/74  
Robert G. Welman, *Arizona* '53-6/4/74  
Stanley V. Weed, *Michigan Tech* '19-1/22/72





# chapter news

*Items of alumni interest are keynoted in the Chapter letters in this issue. Much of the strength of the active membership is derived by the personal and financial involvement of graduated alumni. The student members appreciate the help you can give to them. Resolve to become involved in your Chapter in the near future. It'll give you much satisfaction—JMW*

## **ZETA CHAPTER**

**University of Kansas  
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

**LAWRENCE  
KANSAS**

This semester Zeta Chapter membership has risen again to a total of twenty six. Included in this number are 15 actives, 9 pledges, and 2 alumni who are living in the Chapter house.

Our rush outlook for next fall is definitely looking up. With work and a little luck, we hope to have a pledge class of twenty.

During this semester we are planning several different types of activities for our membership. Among the functions planned are the annual Spring Party, which coincides with the KU Relays; the Engineering Exposition; a tour of the engineering school and campus for rushees; and a speaker and film for part of the celebration of National Engineering Week.

**MIKE GRAHAM**  
Corresponding Secretary

## **PHI CHAPTER**

**Purdue University  
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This has been a very demanding year for Phi Chapter. Much of the Fall semester was spent in search of a new advisor and in preparation for the National Convention which Phi hosted in Indianapolis. On Jan. 20, Professor Robert G. Squires was initiated as an honorary member of the Chapter and

has been appointed as the advisor. Rush has played

a particularly important role at Phi Chapter this semester. Our members have devoted much effort to the success of this program, a necessity for a continuance of a strong Chapter at Purdue. Although we were unable to reach the goals we had set, we were able to bring in eleven new pledges. We feel that all of these men will be strong assets to our Fraternity.

The Phi Chapter Alumni Corporation has also been active this semester. At the alumni corporation meeting at Homecoming, it was decided that the funds in the alumni dues and contribution fund be invested in a higher interest bearing savings certificate. They also investigated the purchase of the property directly behind the Chapter house. It was found that the owner of the property was not interested in selling and that his price if he were interested was prohibitively high.

**RICHARD VATER**  
Regent

## **CHI CHAPTER**

**University of Arizona  
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This year Chi Chapter is determined to bring the Chapter and its alumni closer together. Throughout the semester actives will be visiting alumni in the area. It will allow the alumni to meet the actives and to be brought up to date on the Chapter's activities.

It will also allow active members to become acquainted with the alumni. This will destroy the misconception that alumni are just ordinary men. It will let the actives see that alumni are involved in a wide variety of community activities. It will acquaint actives with the wide variety of directions their lives can take after graduation. It will show that alumni are still an invaluable part of the Fraternity.

Theta Tau is not just an organization. It is a Fraternity, a brotherhood. It unites engineers traveling their own paths so that each can appreciate the views and ambitions of the others. Hopefully, making us all more in touch with the world around us and acquainting us with other peoples' needs we, as engineers, can more effectively serve mankind.

**DAVID MILLIKAN**  
Regent

**OMEGA CHAPTER**  
**South Dakota Mines**  
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**RAPID CITY**  
**S.D.**

Chapter meetings serve as a focal point for many of the activities at Omega Chapter. Meetings are held bi-monthly except during rush when they occur every week. Monday night at 6:30 in the Chapter room is the usual time and place for the meetings unless rescheduling is necessary. Approximately 90% of the student members are present at every meeting. The alumni of Rapid City also take an active interest in the special functions such as initiation, Founders' Day, and especially during the planning for the new house.

The by-laws are used at every meeting and business is conducted along the lines of parliamentary procedure. Committee and Chapter officer reports and new and old business make up the largest portion of the meetings. All functions from keggers to Founders' Day, from rush to help week, from work day to planning the new house are all organized in the Chapter meetings.

Special attention is given to rush during the Fall semester. After all other business is taken care of, the meeting is turned over to the rush chairman who coordinates the entire effort.

From all of the abovementioned activities, it is easy to see that Chapter meetings are a vital part of life at Omega Chapter.

WAYNE LARSON  
 Scribe

**DELTA BETA CHAPTER**  
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**Louisville, Kentucky 40208**

**LOUISVILLE**  
**KENTUCKY**

This Spring Delta Beta Chapter has thirty actives and four pledges. However, at the end of the semester, thirteen seniors will graduate. In order to increase the membership after the seniors leave, the rush and pledge programs will be stressed in the Fall. We are expecting at least seven pledges at that time.

One of the biggest social activities of Delta Beta, the Jacqueminot, will be held on April 5. In the past many alumni and faculty members from the University of Louisville were present on the formal dinner and dance. We hope to maintain this tradition.

Delta Beta is also looking forward to the Kentucky

Derby. The 101st run of the derby will be on May 3. Many brothers from other Chapters and alumni come to visit us for this event.

STEVE KOVACS  
 Corresponding Secretary

**EPSILON BETA CHAPTER**  
**Wayne State University**  
**478 West Alexandrine**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48201**

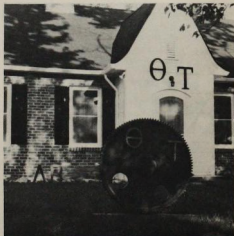


With the start of the New Year, Epsilon Beta Chapter wasted no time in making improvements. During Christmas and New Years we scraped and plastered several ceilings in the house which were plagued by peeling paint and loose plaster. In the spring, plans include

fixing the roof and refurbishing the fire escapes, which, with the help of our great alumni association, will be completed.

To further aid us in this project and others, we have five healthy pledges eager and raring to go. They are Gordon MacKenzie (pledge captain), John Jones, Matthew Mikolajczak, Monte Myers, and Terrance Walsh. Under the tutelage of Pledgemaster Tom Morris, these pledges are currently installing a drop ceiling on the second floor in addition to their regular assignments.

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**Lambda Beta's New Chapter House**



## Additions to Membership

### BETA CHAPTER

- 1079 Roger E. Neshurg '74, Montague, MI  
1080 John R. Despins '75, Iron Mountain, MI  
1081 Daryle R. Palzic '76, Gladwin, MI  
1082 Lewis W. Nettleton '76, Gladwin, MI  
1083 Michael R. Hubert '76, Spring Lake, MI  
1084 Robert B. Hubert '76, Spring Lake, MI  
1085 Mark T. Bradburn '76, Cedarburg, WI  
1086 Michael L. Altobelli '75, Iron Mountain, MI

### DELTA CHAPTER

- 1196 Thomas W. Allen '77, Canton, OH  
1197 Kenneth K. Bahng '77, Honolulu, HI  
1198 Robert E. Frederking '77, Cleveland, OH  
1199 Raleigh A. Griffith '77, Lorain, OH  
1200 Gerald I. Marron '75, Bethesda, MD

### ZETA CHAPTER

- 764 Rex A. Hand '77, Tonganoxie, KS  
765 Steven J. Rosenfeld '77, Glencoe, IL  
766 George J. Dome '74, Kansas City, KS  
767 Victor J. Stubler, Jr. '78, Kansas City, KS  
768 Bruce C. Duffin '76, Overland Park, KS

### MU CHAPTER

- 1034 Clem H. Ezell, Jr. '77, Tuscaloosa, AL  
1035 James E. Guin '76, Bessemer, AL  
1036 Robert N. Hall '76, Tuscaloosa, AL  
1037 Randall O. Lang '76, Grayville, AL  
1038 Francis K. McQueen '76, Gayette, AL  
1039 Rex D. White '77, Tuscaloosa, AL  
1040 Freddie S. Ballard '76, Hanceville, AL  
1041 Michael H. Semmes '76, Sheffield, AL

### XI CHAPTER

- 393 Fred Beranek '77, Monroeville, PA  
394 Clifford R. Goytowski '74, Schofield, WI  
395 Wayne E. Hochrein '76, Plymouth, WI  
396 William J. Lindsey '75, Rockville, IN  
397 Gerald R. Pilger, Jr. '75, Manitowoc, WI  
398 Roger A. Radvenz '75, Manitowoc, WI  
399 Mark W. Werner '75, Oshkosh, WI  
400 Daniel K. Zietlow '76, Berlin, WI  
401 Stanley C. Weber '77, Janesville, WI  
402 Jack W. Hobbick '77, Burlington, WI

- 403 Alan L. Gillette '78, Madison, WI  
404 John F. Wetzel '76, Burlington, WI  
405 Calhoun T. Finley '76, Madison, WI  
406 Matthew J. Lieb '76, Lexington, MA  
407 Donald L. Siehoff '77, Burlington, WI  
408 Gary W. Pruessing '75, Walworth, WI  
409 Donald H. Slavik '78, Appleton, WI  
410 William B. Brooker '78, Appleton, WI

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- 844 Philip M. Buckingham, Jr. '74, Fort Madison, IA  
845 Michael W. Hickey '74, Keokuk, IA  
846 Walker B. Kelly '75, Des Moines, IA  
847 Thomas P. Lennon, Jr. '75, Iowa City, IA  
848 William A. Myers '77, Fairfield, IA

### RHO CHAPTER

- 842 Jay H. Barnes '76, Greensboro, NC  
843 Michael J. Bostic '77, Warsaw, NC  
844 Frederick Roberts Browne '76, Lutherville, MD  
845 James R. Byrd '75, Ramseur, NC  
846 Jeffrey L. Church '77, Spring Lake, NC  
847 Jerry L. Fox '75, Durham, NC  
848 John W. McEvoy '75, Charlotte, NC  
849 Jay B. Mills '77, New Bern, NC  
850 Ricardo C. Rodriguez '77, Durham, NC  
851 Wayne A. Shulby '77, Wilmington, DE  
852 Jasper M. Allen '77, Asheboro, NC  
853 John C. Baugh '77, Babin, NC  
854 Jeffrey H. Bond '76, Burlington, NC  
855 Joseph L. Bowman '77, Mount Airy, NC  
856 Horace R. Clark, Jr. '76, Huntington, WV  
857 Charles D. Lamb '76, Chapel Hill, NC  
858 William C. Phillips '77, Smithfield, NC  
859 Frank H. Powell, Jr. '76, Turkey, NC  
860 Randy B. Snider '77, Linwood, NC  
861 James L. Yount '76, Newton, NC

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- 735 James W. Alden '76, Corbettville, NY  
736 Gordon W. Godfrey '75, Norwich, NY  
737 Marvin J. Josephson '77, Cassadaga, NY  
738 Henry R. Lucenias '77, New York, NY  
739 David E. Beck '77, Philadelphia, PA  
740 Noel C. Wai Wong '77, Kowloon, Hong Kong

- 741 Frank E. Coughney '77, Norristown, PA  
 742 Michael P. Rath '77, Stamford, CT  
 743 Edward W. Whelan, Jr. '78, Chester, VT  
 744 Keith A. Messinger '77, Yorktown Heights, NY

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- 799 Paul W. Urlick '76, Texarkana, AR  
 800 David C. Nicholson '75, Pine Bluff, AR  
 801 Clark D. Cotten '76, Malvern, AR  
 802 James L. Riner '76, Fayetteville, AR  
 803 James F. Dill '76, Fayetteville, AR  
 804 Jerry L. Freedle '75, Prairie Grove, AR  
 805 Shannon M. Leach '76, Morrilton, AR  
 806 Gary W. Moore '76, Little Rock, AR  
 807 David A. Robinson '76, Malvern, AR  
 808 Dennis M. Warren '76, Helena, AR  
 809 Malcolm R. Cooper '77, Fayetteville, AR  
 810 Joseph K. Harris '77, Fayetteville, AR  
 811 Douglas L. Boling '77, Pine Bluff, AR  
 812 Roger G. Cook '76, N. Little Rock, AR  
 813 David B. Hawkins '77, Texarkana, AR  
 814 James A. Summerford '77, Star City, AR  
 815 Steven H. Harris '77, Yellville, AR  
 816 Steven K. Wheeler '76, Kirland, WA  
 817 William S. Stokes '76, Batesville, AR  
 818 Joseph T. Webb '76, Fayetteville, AR  
 819 Curtis R. Powell, Jr. '77, Mena, AR  
 820 William D. McConnell '76, Texarkana, AR

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- 501 Michael J. Burnell '77, Midlothian, IL  
 502 Gordon T. Burrows, Jr. '77, Pittsburgh, PA  
 503 Thomas A. Clements '77, Paoli, IN  
 504 Scott R. Firth '77, Mount Prospect, IL  
 505 Robert E. Grady, Jr. '77, Lyndhurst, OH  
 506 David L. Jackson '77, Beaver, PA  
 507 Kenneth R. Koch '77, Ballston Lake, NY  
 508 David J. Schuta '77, Evansville, IN  
 509 George T. Stiefel, Jr. '77, Newfoundland, NJ  
 510 Glen A. Weirich '77, Shipshewana, IN  
 511 Michael D. Williams '77, Fair Oaks, CA  
 512 Robert G. Squires Honorary '57, West Lafayette, IN  
 513 Michael R. Basila, Jr. '77, Munster, IN  
 514 Gary K. Stenerson '77, Park Ridge, IL

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- 805 Patrick J. Boyle '76, Tucson, AZ  
 806 Marshall P. Brown '76, Tucson, AZ  
 807 Robert A. Cummings '76, Tucson, AZ  
 808 David M. Millikan '76, Webster, NY  
 809 Stephen J. Van Matre '76, Butte, MT  
 810 Charles S. Vesely '75, Tucson, AZ  
 811 William G. Gensler Honorary '52, Tucson, AZ  
 812 Martin C. Nizlek Honorary '65, Tucson, AZ  
 813 Bartholomew P. Belzner '75, Tucson, AZ  
 814 Arthur E. Goldberger, Jr. '74, Tucson, AZ  
 815 Richard A. McDonald '76, Cottonwood, AZ

- 816 Steven R. Rowley '75, Prescott, AZ  
 817 Charles B. Doten '75, Tucson, AZ  
 818 Sylvester L. Lakosky, Jr. '76, Tucson, AZ  
 819 Donald A. McCumber '75, Tucson, AZ  
 820 Charles L. McGhee '75, Lordsburg, NM  
 821 Robert W. Pascoe '76, Phoenix, AZ  
 822 Gregg W. St. Clair '77, Clarksdale, AZ  
 823 Timothy A. Sandoval '77, Santa Fe, NM  
 824 Stephen H. Williams '76, Tucson, AZ

## PSI CHAPTER

- 571 Thomas L. Fithian '77, Drummond, MT  
 572 Morris A. Keene '75, Havre, MT  
 573 Edward J. O'Donnell '75, Havre, MT  
 574 Steven J. Hunter '76, Butte, MT  
 575 Thomas R. Bandy '76, Havre, MT  
 576 David A. Cole '76, Havre, MT

## GAMMA BETA CHAPTER

- 545 Ira M. Horowitz '78, Baltimore, MD  
 546 Louis E. Lutz '77, Arlington, VA  
 547 Richard C. Bishop '76, Silver Springs, MD

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- 499 James S. Howard '78, Fern Creek, KY  
 500 Barney C. Hale '78, Louisville, KY  
 501 Stephen A. Kovacs '78, Louisville, KY  
 502 Steven W. Brown '79, Fern Creek, KY  
 503 Stephen A. Hutti '78, Shively, KY  
 504 Robert W. Iseli II '79, Louisville, KY  
 505 Robert A. McGrew '79, Hopkinsville, KY  
 506 James E. Yates '79, Hopkinsville, KY

## EPSILON BETA CHAPTER

- 267 Ricky W. Glitz '76, Helvindale, MI  
 268 Marc F. Nantau '76, Roseville, MI

## ETA BETA CHAPTER

- 208 Kevin R. Corless '78, Houston, TX  
 209 Robert J. Corless, Jr. '76, Houston, TX  
 210 Juan M. Cruz '77, Rosenberg, TX  
 211 Edward W. Hoepfner, Jr. '76, Houston, TX  
 212 James L. Jacoby, Jr. '76, Houston, TX  
 213 William D. Miller, III '77, Houston, TX  
 214 Hector P. Saenz, Jr. '78, Houston, TX  
 215 Rickey A. Willis '76, Houston, TX

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- 228 Calvin O. Beasley II '76, Columbia, MS  
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Send names and addresses of any alumni you know who *may* not be receiving THE GEAR to Theta Tau Central Office, 13 Sona Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.

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## RECOMMENDED STUDENTS

Mail to Robert E. Pope, Executive Secretary, 13 Sona Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63141. Include relatives and other recommended students at accredited schools whether or not Theta Tau yet has a chapter at that school.

I recommend that the following student(s) in engineering be considered for Theta Tau membership:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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I enclose the following contribution to Theta Tau:

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## ALUMNI NEWS

THE GEAR needs news about you and other alumni. Include promotions, job changes, professional honors, family news. Send to Theta Tau Central Office, 13 Sona Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.

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News of yourself and/or others \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter news (cont.)

Events this year are the pledge informal initiation weekend on April 11, 12, and 13; the Memorial Day picnic with the alumni in May, and our annual Founders' Day Dinner Dance in October.

LUIS TERAN

Corresponding Secretary

### LAMBDA BETA CHAPTER

*Tennessee Technological University*

*513 North Walnut Avenue*

*Cookeville, Tennessee 38501*

#### COOKEVILLE



Lambda Beta Chapter feels that it is very fortunate to have a great group of alumni. Their involvement have meant much to the success of our Chapter. In addition to those

in Cookeville, we are fortunate to have frequent visits from other alumni. The entire Chapter benefits from these associations. Hopefully, the alumni benefit as much as we do.

Some alumni can't visit regularly, but we hope to see a large majority of them within a year's time. If they can't come for one of the parties, they almost surely will attend the annual Alumni Party held each spring at Hidden Hollow, a private recreation area near Cookeville. Arda Lee, the owner and builder of Hidden Hollow and a long time friend of the Fraternity, was recently initiated as an honorary member of Theta Tau.

Even if an alumnus can't make it once a year, we are still glad to see him when he can come. Brother Chuck Smithson, who graduated before Lambda

Beta was installed, showed up at homecoming this past year after being gone about eight years. We were glad to see him and to have him initiated at the National Convention in Indianapolis.

We had several Lambda Beta alumni elected to positions at the Convention. Congratulations! Brother Barth, Brother Eaton, and Brother Freeman.

Our alumni have always been as generous with material support as with their moral support. Our Century Club, which an alumnus becomes a member of when he has donated \$100, has an impressive list of members. We hope they are proud of what their contributions have accomplished.

During the past year, Lambda Beta has moved. We think the new house is much more adequate and, hopefully, big enough to accommodate more returning alumni. While some of our alumni may feel that we have moved away from their memories, we hope they find our brotherhood just as strong as ever.

FRANK COOK

Corresponding Secretary

### MU BETA COLONY

On January 15, 1975, Mu Beta Colony at University of Wisconsin-Platteville petitioned the Fraternity for a charter as an active chapter of the Fraternity.

Twenty-five years ago four Regional Conferences were held. Host Chapters for the Conferences were Lambda, Gamma Beta, Sigma, and Omicron.

## The Insurmountable Crisis

BY FORT GWINN, TENNESSEE TECH '75

Lambda Beta Chapter has been plagued with a dwindling membership over the past couple of years. When we found our membership at twenty-eight with thirteen graduating seniors, it became time to take drastic measures. After thought and study, we revamped our rush program.

During the Southern Regional Conference, our delegation got some helpful hints from Kappa Beta Chapter. We came back and immediately went to work improving our slide presentation. We also discovered the fantastic rush materials developed by Zeta Chapter which are available through the Central Office.

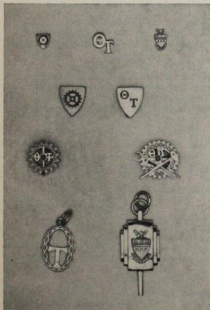
The major ingredient, however, was yet to come.

We went back to a procedure used by our local founders—personal contact. By getting a list of engineering students and their room numbers from the school, we were able to talk to each student individually and invite him to rush. As a result of this, we are going to initiate as many members this year as in the past two years.

In closing, let me emphasize this. Theta Tau can survive any crisis except one, and that is apathy toward rushing. The rush program is the life and breath of the Fraternity; and a good rush program is necessary for the survival of the Chapter as well as the Fraternity at large. Use all of the tools available in your program.

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## PIC ACTS ON TITLE IX

Title IX<sup>6</sup> of the Education Amendments issued by HEW and before the Domestic Council pending action by the President of the United States exempt social fraternal organizations from limiting membership on the basis of sex. The Professional Interfraternity Conference met on March 1, 1975 to formulate a plan of action to achieve similar exemption for men's and women's professional fraternities. It was resolved that the PIC and the individual fraternities contact the Domestic Council and the President with copies to members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and of the House Committee on Education and Labor, as well as to individual congressional delegations.

## CONVENTION'S OUTSTANDING DELEGATES NAMED

At the Seventieth Anniversary Convention Brothers George Puls of Gamma Chapter and Frank Philpott of Pi Chapter were elected the Outstanding Delegates by the delegates in attendance.