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#### ON THE COVER

Some 2007 Leadership Academy attendees take a moment to snap a group photo in downtown Chicago.

## FROM THE Grand Regent Michael Livingston, TB '92



Michael Livingston, FB '92

Exciting things have been happening for Theta Tau! It has been a very exciting year as we continue moving into our next century.

At the 2006 convention, I challenged the fraternity to reach 50 chapters and 1500 student members, an average chapter size of 30 members, by the 2008 convention. We have made progress on the number of chapters since that convention. In the past year Theta Tau installed eight new chapters (three of which are profiled in this issue of The Gear): this brings the total number of active chapters to 44. There has been some progress on the average chapter size; however, we are still lagging behind. Currently, we have about 1150 student members which equates to an average chapter size of about 26. So, we still have work to do in this area in convincing chapters of the value of a stronger fraternity and greater benefits in a larger chapter size.

The Executive Council met again this past year to continue the Strategic Planning process for the future. The national officers and alumni volunteers are currently working on some of the initiatives developed during this process. We are looking for more volunteers so if you are interested in beloing please contact a member of the Executive Council One initiative that was unveiled over the last year was the launch of the www.ThetaTau.net online member community. This is a website for all members to connect with other members, share information, and keep their information up-to-date. See the back cover for more information on claiming your account and undating your profile on that site.

These are just a few highlights of the great things that are currently happening in Theta Tau. I am really excited about the direction the fraternity is heading in and looking forward to the future.

## From the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Michael T. Abraham, EB '92



I am very pleased to write you with this Gear issue after a long absence. The Fraternity and Foundation's growth and development in many areas has placed a tremendous strain on our Central Office. The adjustment has been and will remain challenging. Recognizing this reality, I

have resigned my volunteer position as Editor of The Gear to focus on my employed duties at the Central Office.

Consistent with this need (and recognizing the reduction in paid Central Office staff from over four to less than two), other duties which traditionally fall under the volunteer leadership umbrella in fraternal groups will be devolved back to volunteers. To facilitate this, your help is needed so please be in touch if you have interest in any variety of areas of Fraternity operation.

Finally, in early 2007, Theta Tau purchased an office condo in downtown Austin, Texas, within blocks of the State Capitol. The move from leased space to the Fraternity's first owned headquarters was a historic event, and I encourage you to visit if you find yourself in Austin. I hope you enjoy this Gear as my last hurrah in this area.



## **Expansion Highlights**

OMICRON GAMMA CHAPTER INSTALLED



The University of California-Davis Colony of Theta Tau was installed as Omicron Gamma Chapter of Theta Tau on April 29. 2007, with Grand Regent Livingston presiding. Last semester they sponsored the first ever EIT review sessions on the UC Davis campus: they picked top professors to teach each review session to cover every section of the exam, including a tips and strategy session. It was very successful, and hopefully this event will continue for years to come. Their community service events were also very successful. They contributed time to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the local KVIE television station this year Additionally, they sent 12 brothers to attend their first western regional conference.

PI GAMMA CHAPTER INSTALLED



Since their inception, the brothers at UNC Charlotte strived for excellence not only in the classroom, but also in their relationships. Their fundraising efforts raised \$10,000 in

support of Hurricane Katrina and over \$2,000 to help fight cancer and support Relay for Life in the spring of 2006, Professional Development activities have included incredible experiences like a tour of Duke Energy's coal power facility, as well as lectures and engineering panels at the university. This colony proved to be a positive force within the college bringing together the many different engineering majors, and in the spring of 2006, the Lee College of Engineering honored their efforts by awarding the colony the Most Outstanding Student Organization award. Theta Tau recognized the success of the colony by installing it as Pi Gamma Chapter on August 25, 2007.

RHO GAMMA CHAPTER INSTALLED



During the 2006 Convention of the Professional Fraternity Association, Executive Director Abraham took time out to meet with UCF's Dean of Engineering Neal Gallagher, Phi Hon. '71. From that meeting a dedicated effort was made to bring Theta Tau to the UCF campus. The University of Central Florida Colony of Theta Tau was installed as Rho Gamma Chapter of Theta Tau on September 8, 2007, Since being installed as a colony on May 20, 2006, the 14 founding fathers with the first class of 10 pledges worked many hours to accomplish the merits of commitment, scholarship, community service, and most importantly, a brotherly bond. They successfully met these goals because they set aside their differences and embraced the oath they took when they became brothers: to help one another professionally and personally in a practical way and accept the honest advice of brothers. Thus, they began the traditions of the Greek system and those enjoyed by Theta Tau. As a colony of Theta Tau, they have been represented at both the National Convention in 2006 and the Southeastern Regional Conference in 2007 Furthermore, they have had frequent contacts with Zeta Gamma and Mu Chapters, as well as their colony brothers at USE.

#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CERTIFIED

Over 30 years have passed since Theta Tau initiated a Columbia student. This past fall, things changed-a new founding class of Columbia, over 30 in number is ready to contribute and build upon the great legacy of the former chapter. Their certification ceremony was held December 1 2007

Currently, this motivated group is implementing Theta Tau traditions our chapters share-study groups, mentorship, professional development workshops, and brotherhood events like intramurals. Strategic and logistic planning for larger events, such as corporate speakers, company tours, Rube Goldberg contests, and Theta Tau community service projects are underway and actively being pursued.

The Colony members extend a thank you to those who have helped so far-this success could not be possible without support from Theta Tau chapters, alumni, and the Executive Council members-and look forward to being a strong chapter in Theta Tau.



## 2007 Leadership Academy Goes To CHICAGO







The Theta Tau Educational Foundation's Fifth Leadership Academy was August 2-5 in Chicago, Illinois. Enabled by the financial support of many, many alumni, the Academy brought together members in common housing, sharing meals together, learning together, and having fun together in an educational environment.

Led by Katie Meinecke, Brandon Satterwhite, and Jeannine Washkuhn as main facilitators, the Academy's curricula prepared our student members for life and career. The core Academy curricula is based on The Leadership Challenge (Kouzes-Posner) with

additional elements having been added from the Who Moved My Cheese (Johnson). Attendees learn through hands-on activities and small discussion groups the core practices of leadership:

- · Model the Way
- · Inspire a Shared Vision
- · Challenge the Process
- Enable Others to Act
   Encourage the Heart

The curricula helps students identify their own leadership skills and areas where they may need to develop further as leaders. Portions of the day were spent in large group indiscussion, and others in smaller discussion groups. An alternative track was also facilitated by Janice Wittala for student members who had been through the Academy before to focus more in-depth on enhancing their leadership skills. These students benefited from the opportunity to start applying the skills they learned by facilitating career workshops for the members participating in the main track.

To date, over 1,000 student members have completed the Leadership Academy.

## University of Arkansas Upsilon & Foundation Partnership



Upsilon chapter house and grounds are complete! The new facility proudly represents Theta Tau. but a fine house is

only part of a Fraternity. The national Fraternity and chapter are also working to improve the program Upsilon offers its members to bring the best and brightest at the University of Arkansas into Theta Tau. The old house retarded chapter success-the new house can propel us toward greater achievement. However, it can only do so if we act now to help reduce the debt level that construction has created.

While that effort proceeds, the national Fraternity and Educational Foundation have agreed to guarantee the house mortgage and subsidize the monthly mortgage payments. For the Educational Foundation to do so properly, the Upsilon House Corporation has deeded ownership to the Theta Tau Educational Foundation. Theta Tau is stronger than ever with 16 new chapters/ colonies created since 2006. The Educational Foundation, formed in 1998, is coming into its own with named/permanent scholarships established regularly, and its signature leadership training benefiting more student members than ever

The Foundation has also assumed partial responsibility for soliciting gifts, and that's where we need your support. All gifts to this effort will be reserved exclusively to benefit the Upsilon Chapter and to pay down debt (unless you request otherwise). Ownership by the Foundation has numerous benefits:

- · Contributions are fully tax deductible
- · Contributions may be spread over
- multiple years and/or charged monthly • 100% of contributions can be
- dedicated to debt reduction · Future "profit" from house is reserved

commitments

for Upsilon · Donations previously made to the House Corporation counted toward recognition

These benefits can only be fully realized with your support. I hope that you will be able to demonstrate that support with a pledge or gift at the Bronze Level or higher. Pledges may be spread over several years, and gifts of appreciated stock/securities are welcome. If you've given already, please consider upgrading your giving level through another gift now or a pledge for next year. Join those Upsilon Alumni members shown on the right in support of the chapter and house by completing the form below and sending it to the Theta Tau Central Office.

#### Theta Tau - University of Arkansas Gifts & Pledges as of June 30, 2008

PLATINUM LEVEL \$20,000 and higher Rodger Kline, '66 Gos M Ventinas '67 James Womble, '66

GOLD LEVEL \$10,000-\$19,999 Joseph W. Gillespie, '49

SILVER LEVEL \$5,000-\$9,999 William L. Cravens, '56

Edward L. Gammill, '50 Jack A Giles '65

BRONZE LEVEL \$1,000-\$4,999 Morris S. Arnold, '65 David L. Ballenger, '71 John R. Bass, '70 Charles D. Barson 172 James H. Bennett, '53 Graydon J. Bushart, '50 L Robert Dean, '83 H. William Goodman, Ir. '50 William Buck Johns, '64 James W. King, '54

Roy S. Hallquist, "93

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Iulian C. Stewart, '57 Marvin P. Terrell, 57 James M. Turner, '85 William K. Warnock, '72

Here is my pledge for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_ (date) Check enclosed payable to Theta Tau Educational Foundation

Charge to my VISA/MC \_\_\_ One Time Charge or \$\_\_\_ / month for months

Transfer Stock (transfer electronically using to our Brokerage DTC #0443, and Foundation Account # A7Q292850, or contact the Theta Tau Central Office

## Foundation Scholarships AWARDED

Since the Foundation was established less than 10 years ago, \$25,000 in scholarships have been awarded to deserving members. In all cases, these members have exhibited high academic achievement, and many have also held high office within their respective chapters. These scholarships have been awarded from annual fund gifts or from permanent funds endowed by generous alumni-

Please join us in congratulating some recent scholarship recipients.

2005-2006 KALV SCHOLARSHIP Steve Thorson, Xi

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS Aaron Bonine, Pi Beta Michael Cyb. Phi Matthew Morey, Zeta Gamma Angela Walker, Tau Beta

2006-2007 KALV SCHOLARSHIP Savannah Ponder, Kappa Beta

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS Tracev Allen, Omicron Zach Blakeman, Psi Beta Allison Corey, Zeta Gamma Robert Filler, Kappa Gamma



Pi Beta



Michael Cyb



Matthew Morey Zeta Gamma



Angela Walker Tan Bern



Savannah Ponder Kanna Beta



Tracey Allen Omicron



Psi Beta



Zeta Gamma



Kappa Gamma

#### Three New Permanent Funds Established

The SIMON RAMO, Lambda '33, Permanent Fund was established



this summer by this internationally renowned scientist, engineer, and Theta Tau Alumni Hall of Fame Laureate, Dr. Ramo, a founding member of the National

Academy of Engineering, held 25 patents by the age of 30. In the latter half of the 20th century, he led the development of microwave and missile technologies. He is one of the nation's key advisors on science and technology. The scholarship that bears his name will be awarded beginning in the spring of 2008 based upon academic achievement and chapter leadership.

The AELRED KURTENBACH, Omega '61, Permanent Fund will provide an award begin-



ning next school year with specific award criteria soon to be finalized. Dr. Kurtenbach, an Alumni Hall of Fame Laureate, is co-founder

of Daktronics, today a world leader in display scoreboards and light-emitting technology. Daktronic scoreboards light up collegiate and professional fields and arenas across the nation including those for the Miami Dolphins and Texas Longhorns.

The IOTA BETA Permanent Fund was established with proceeds from the sale of the IB chapter house and dissolution of McNichols House Corporation, This fund will distribute multiple scholarships each school year based on scholastic achievement and a portion of it is also available to invest in other Theta Tau chapter houses. The Foundation remains dedicated to scholastic advancement and career preparation for its young members. We are building on achievement.

## Creation of a National Alumni Club

At the 2007 Leadership Academy in Chicago, four brothers (Chris Gilmer, Steven Choi, Jessica Adams, and Allison Pollard) met one night to discuss what it meant to be an alumnus in the Fartentity. As members who were incredibly active as sundens, they honded over how difficult it was to stay active as alumnus members. While they had all been involved in chapter expansion projects and founding alumni clubs to some extent, there seemed to be a much larger issue to be discussed that Startudy night.

The question they asked was this: "Where do alumnif it into the Fraternity? "Piscally after college, members of the Fraternity move to different parts of the country, Staying involved and finding brothers to interact with is often difficult, not to mention that helping at the national level is time-consuming. The four stayed up late into the night brainstorming a solution and went to bed only hours before daylight.

The next morning after the close of the Leadership Academy, they arranged a meeting with the Grand Regent, Executive Director, and Educational Foundation President. The tidea they presented was to start a National Alumin Club of Theta Tau. The purpose of the club would be to help establish and support alumin clubs and housing corporations throughout the country, to help in publishing "The Gear of Theta Tau", and to better integrate new alumin into the fraternity after college. Furthermore, the new club would help give those active members a place to stay involved and create programming for them at future National Conventions.

The meeting was enthusiastic, and the four members left with a mission to start the club, develop action items, and get to work on the business of the Fraternity. With the help of their advisor, Past Grand Regent Dean W. Bettinger (Tau '81), and the Grand Outer Guard, Jeannine Washkuhn (Xi '02), they went to work. Not quite a month later they submitted their Letter of Recognition to the Grand Regent and Central Office, and the National Alumni Club (NAC) was born!

Over the next year the National Alumni Chbu intends to get more involved with alumni of the Fratentity across the nation. There is a lot of work still ahead, but the members are up to the challenge. The first step is getting members signed up on the new Theta Tau.NET social website. Soon after, the club will be helping to establish new rules for the formation of alumni clubs across the nation. The NAC will certainly aim to meet its many new challenges with a "Hammer & Tongst" spirit!

The National Alumni Club officers are: President - Chris Gilmer, Eta Gamma '04 Vice President - Allison Pollard, Tau Beta '05 Secretary - Jessica Adams, Eta Gamma '04 Treasurer - Alex Allen, Kappa Beta '06 Delegate - Dean Bettinger, Tau '81

Email nac@ThetaTauAlumni.net to join the National Alumni Club and for more information.

#### A LOOK AT LOCAL ALUMNI CLUBS— WASHINGTON DC

Back in 1904, it only took four dedicated engineering students to found our Fraternity, Now it only takes four alumni to organize an alumni club. Local alumni clubs allow members to participate in community activities, create and maintain friendships, develop business contacts and information resources, and stay in touch with the fraternity.

After a brief period of inactivity, the Theta Tau National Capital Alumni Club has revived its online blog and been planning events. The Alumni Club held its annual Shrimp Feast in May 2007—a tradition which goes back to the 1950s when every spring, the Gamma Beta alumni hosted a Shringh Boil for the local students. Since its formation in the early 1990s, the National Capital Alumni Clab has taken up the mantle of this tradition and hopes to continue it into the future. This year the Shringh Feast was a talgater party in the parking lot of RFK Stadium followed by the Battle of the Belinway with the Washington Nationals hosting the Baltimore Orioles. About 20 people attended the event—alumni from the area, two Gamma Beta alumni who drove down from New York and Boston, and GWU and VCU—and a good time was had by all!

Since then, the Theta Tau National Capital Alumni Club got together in July 2007 at the famous Brickskeller Down Home Saloon just off of Dupont Circle in Washington, DC, Although it was primarily a social event, it provided an opportunity to have a short informal meeting to discuss upcoming activities with the Alumni Club and our interaction with local students. The three big items that were discussed were the status of the on-going efforts to establish a colony at the University of Maryland, coordination of the alumni club with the Gamma Beta chapter for Founder's Day in October, and beginning preparations for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the re-founding of the Gamma Beta chapter, which will occur on September 23, 2009.

To find out more about the Theta Tau National Capital Alumni Club, visit www.ThetaTau-ncac.org.

## PROJECT 2020 and MANIFEST DESTINY

### Recruiting Beyond Your Campus

Project 2020 is a chapter expansion project conceived by Chris Gilmer (Eta Gamma '04) and Steven Choi (Zeta '05) at the 2006 National Convention in Orlando. The impetus for its creation was two fold: the lack of representation in the Western and South Central regions and the enthusiasm of members to see that change.

There are three goals to which the project holds:

- · Install 20 new chapters or colonies West of the Mississippi River by the year 2020
- · Foster support systems for each chapter by installing at least two other chapters within 400 miles
- · Leverage student interest with support from alumni to build strong, motivated chapters

The project started by chance when Chris passed his hinder to Steven after a meeting at the National Convention in 2006. Steven ran across a map that Chris had hastily filled in with new dots and lines representing universities and new regions for the Fraternity, respectively. Instantly a fire lit in Steven's eves-an enthusiasm which Chris quickly caught-and Project 2020 was born!

A purely volunteer effort, Project 2020 has been led by its four leaders since that fateful day: Chris Gilmer, Steven Choi, Jessica Adams, and Allison Pollard. Volunteers wishing to help out with the project are encouraged to contact one of these four members to get started and to find interest among students at universities where you want to start new chapters.

So far Project 2020 volunteers have made contacts at the following campuses:

- . University of California, Berkeley
- · California Institute of Technology . University of Southern California
- Oregon State University

To find out more, visit the group online at http://groups.google.com/group/project-2020

## Starting the California Alumni Club

by Christine Bui, ΟΓ#34

Since Omicron Gamma chapter's installation in April, there are now 31 Omicron Gamma alumni and over 500 alumni in the state of California. Many of the OF chapter alumni did not have an organized way of keeping in touch with their brothers, so it was suggested to start an Alumni Club. Chris Gilmer and Steven Choi of the National Alumni Club appointed me President and helped me get things started. Theta Tau's Central Office emailed me PDFs about how to start an Alumni Club and a list of all the alumni in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento, Los Angeles, and San Diego areas. In September, I gathered a handful of alumni I knew around the San Fransico Bay Area for an informational meeting conducted online through AOL's Instant Messenger. Difficult as it was, we were able to elect a governing body that includes Dan Lu, OF#19, as Vice President, Katherine (Kit) Bennett, HT#66, as Secretary, and Andrew Campbell, HT#56, as Treasurer. We have held a couple of in-person meetings to draft our bylaws and plan a Meet and Greet event for the fall. The Meet and Greet is for alumni and Omicron Gamma students to socialize and build their networks. Future plans include a winter snowboarding retreat in Lake Tahoe and recruiting more alumni members to join the California Alumni Club. If you are an alumnus in California and are looking to keep in touch with your brothers in the area, please contact us at ThetaTauCAAC@gmail.com



## CHAPTER Spotlight

## BETA CHAPTER MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL LINIVERSITY

The actives of Beta chapter hit the ground mruning in spring semester with the annual MTU Winter Camival—this year's theme was "Ancient Worlds Come to Play in Snowy Drifs of Modern Day," and we displayed our winter school spirit by re-creating the English bronze-age monument Stonehenge, or in our winter school spirit by re-creating the English bronze-age monument Stonehenge, or in our winter school spirit by re-creating the English bronze-age monument Stonehenge, or in our winter school spirit should be supported by the control of the spirit should be supported by the spirit should be spirit should be spirit should be supported by the spirit should be supported by the spirit should be spirit sh

We are having monthly dinner meetings with our advisor, Dr. David Hand, who has been providing us with a tremendous amount of help over the course of the year.



New initiates of Zeta chapter.

Being the men of Anchor Hill, we were proud to use our skills of the forest recently by chopping wood for Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly, It's nice to know that with our help, local elders are keeping warm in these long winter months in Upper Michigan. We have also helped improve the scenery on campus by planting flower bulbs across the property at MTU as part of this wear's Greek summit.

The support we continue to receive from so many alumni is very appreciated and encouraging—thank you!

#### ZETA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

In the past few years, the Zeta chapter of

Theta Tau had been a shadow of itselftraditions blew to the wind and membership dwindled to the lamentation of our distinguished alumni. From this point, a new generation of intrepid members focused on chapter reconstruction, and the chapter rose like a phoenix from its fiery ashes!

Zeta is breathing a new breath of fresh air. In the past two years, we have increased our ranks from three to 25 members, which was no easy task. Outside of completely re-vamping our bybaws, our main focus was to develop a strong and structured rush program—one that proved to be enormously successful. Now our members represent over 75% of the Engineering Student Council's officer board and roughly 50% of the executive members. Our massive involvement in student organizations has been Zeta's strongest asset in the shaping of engineering at the University of Kansas, Zeta is alive again.

As a chapter, we aspire to have 30 strong members by the end of this year—we realize a healthy chapter size provides for a healthier chapter. We also plan to aid as much as possible in Project 2020 by aiming to install new chapters at Kansas State University and the University of Missouri. Hopefully the Wildcats and Tigers will put aside any rivalry when they see what the presence of Theta Tau can provide for their campuses.

As with anything in life, to grow and prosper requires the setting of attainable goals. To set goals out of one's reach is an imprecable way to fail. We understand this fact and, in light of this, have created attainable goals for ourselves to accomplish in the next few semesters. Foremost, we wish to come in much closer contact with our alumin to rebuild the support pillars that our bridge of growth requires. Without the help and good word from those who have been there before, it would be next to impossible to get back on our feet.

## MU CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Last semester, Mu chapter honored its past while looking to the future. Mu chapter hosted a successful Southeastern Regional Conference and presented current Grand Marshal and Mu alumnus Brandon Satterwhite with the William K. Rey Outstanding Alumni Award for his years of service to Theta Tau. The chapter has made progress in rejoining the Interfraternity Council and to acquiring our own new chapter house. And after initiating new members, we are getting closer to the 1,500 member we are getting closer to the 1,500 member.

# mark for our chapter! XI CHAPTER

#### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Xi chapter of Theta Tau has been working to get our name out to all of campus, so that students have heard of Theta Tau before they get our Rush schedule. Last year we also had a number of volunteer activities. Two of our members, sponsored by the chapter, jumped into the frigid waters of the lake for the Special Olympics' Polar Plunge event. We also collected soda can tabs for charity.

Xi chapter was also active on the engineering campus at UW-Madison last semester. We were very involved in E-WEEK and led the campus competition for a good amount of the week.

#### OMICRON CHAPTER LINIVERSITY OF IOWA

Omicron has been very fortunate in recent months to not only have successful philanthropy events and great new fundraising opportunities, but also a larger than normal Spring pledge class. In addition to our annual concession stand work at Carver Hawkeve Arena on behalf of ARAMARK, we added "Clean-up Carver" to our fundraising activities. We have seen great success with these opportunities and hope to continue them. For Philanthropy, we hosted a blood drive in our engineering building and collected 37 pints of blood for the Degowin Blood Center located in the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics.

For events, Omicron hosted Spring regionals for the Central and Great Lakes regions, and despite the bad weather, we had a great turnout. Our day focused on personality, group skills utilization, risk management, and other mini-sessions.

#### RHO CHAPTER

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY We held our annual beach trip where we all had a blast last spring, and we also celebrated one of our brother's and Sweetheart's wedding with just about every brother in attendance.

Philanthropy has been steadily improving over the past few semesters for Rho chapter. We have participated in many on campus events



Omega members prepare for the winter ahead.

such as Anchor Splash, Big Man on Campus, and Bowling for Babies where we finished in 1st place. In spring semester, we volunteered for Raleigh Parks & Rec. at the Rose Garden by spreading mulch, painting, and pulling up old plants.

For athletics, we competed in almost every intramural sport, including flag football, softball, basketball, racquetball, soccer, volley ball, and golf. Hopefully last year's momentum will carry into the next year!

#### CHI CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Chi chapter underwent exciting changes this semester, expanding its rush program to include having members attend the university-held new student orientations over the summer. These changes have proven to be quite effective, as can be seen in the size of this semester's pledge class - more than quadruple the size from last semester!

After paying off the mortgage for the chapter house back in 2005, funds are now available for improvements in and around the house.

The House Manager-with the help of active members-completed many substantial renovations. The most significant of these renovations included the remodeling of the anartments and improvement of the exterior aesthetics of the house, with changes made to the landscaping and external structures. A new deck is also in progress. The design is completed and construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2008.

We have also been "gearing-up" for this year's home coming parade. The theme is "Exploring New Frontiers," and once again it will be our time to shine as engineers. Our float entry is expected to win 1st place this year, upholding our long standing tradition of showcasing our engineering supremacy.

#### OMEGA CHAPTER SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Omega chapter was quite busy last semester! New actives were initiated on March 27th, only one day after Omega Chapter's 75th anniversary, and they have been a great gift to the chapter so far.

## **CHAPTER Spotlight**

We were also involved in doing our yearly community service projects. Our Adopt-A Highway cleamp was successful, and with our last Blood Drive of the spring, we succeeded in bearing the local Delta Signar Phi chapter in the contest for total donations! For professional development, we had several speakers from the area come to our house and speak to us about community involvement, engineering opportumities in the area, and local rebeniles societies.

#### LAMBDA BETA CHAPTER TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Last school year has been a time of great change in the Lambda Beta chapter. This was the first year that the chapter was without any of the brothers who took part in the chapter's revitalization a couple years ago. Our brothers stepped up, excelled in leadership positions throughout the chapter, and enabled us to stay a strong, cohesive group. Last year we helped Tennessee Tech's College of Engineering raise money from alumni, strongly represented on the Engineering Joint Council, sent our largest ever delegation to the Southeastern Regional Conference, and kept strong our bonds of brotherhood. As the school year came to an end, we worked with Hidden Hollow Park to build desperately needed bridges. Our relationship with the park goes back to the 1960s. and our brothers were once again happy to help with the needed renovation. The chapter has maintained its strong Hidden Hollow relationship thanks to the efforts of Kevin Counts, Spencer Simmons, and Tim Derrig. When the bridges are finished, the park will once again have safe access to some of its walking trails and scenic overlooks

## PI BETA CHAPTER WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

From the fall of 2006 through the summer of 2007, Pi Beta chapter of Theta Tau has seen



Zeta Gamma members on highway cleanup duty.

both growth and accomplishment. We have had the honor of inducting two large and promising pledge classes, and these new brothers have already proven to be a valuable addition.

Working together, we have succeeded in our many social, community service, and professional events. Our Mongolian BBQ fundraiser brought students and faculty together as we not only grilled up loot of tasty food, but stirred up some extra funds as well. We also helped to clean up local highways, gathered food for homeless shelters, and lent many hands to the local gospel mission. Our resume building seminars benefited non-members and brothers alike. As these events prove to be successful, we at Pi Beta chapter continue to set ambitious goals with the hopes of building a stronger and more lasting foundation.

## TAU BETA CHAPTER SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

This past year has been very exciting for Tau Beta chapter of Theta Tau Fraternity. In the fall 2006 semester we had an outstanding Rush the fall pledge class was composed of 15 engineers. Our chapter members also had the privilege of attending several company tours and presentations, including Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control and Raytheon.

Additionally, Social Chair Kyle Parks and Treasurer Paul Hartin contributed significant amounts of their time to our Sudoku tournament which raised funds for chantry. The 15 members of the pledge class were initiated early in the spring, and since then they have all been active in the chapter's activities and many pursued officer positions for the upcoming year.

Tau Beta continued in the spring 2007 semester with all the positive momentum from the previous semester. A substantial donation of hygiene products to a Dallas women's shelter was organized, and the chapter participated in Habitat for Humanity. These community service events fostered an environment for all the new initiates to participate in the chapter's activities and give their time to a worthy cause. With the job search period in full swing, Emerson Speyerer and Bryan Yu provided some help with their job search period in full swing, the workshops.

#### CHI BETA CHAPTER

#### UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Last year was another stellar year for Chi Betachapter! Fall senseter included an abundance of excitement with our annual Teetering for Tox fundraiser, a 24-hour teeter-otter marathon on our custom-buil 4-person teeter totter. We raised a record \$3,000 for the local Sunshine Children's Home, an organization that assists developmentally disabled individuals throughout the region.

In November, we had the honor of hosting the joint Great Lakes and Central regional conference, which proved to be quite successful with over 10 chapters and 50 attendees from the combined regions—it was wonderful meeting so many new faces! This year for the Rube Goldberg Machine Design contest, we were joined by Thea Gamma and Washington State Community College in a competition to juice an orange. Our "A Clockwork Orange" themed machine, though fascinating, did not beat out the competition, but we are optimistic for next year.

#### PSI BETA CHAPTER

#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

The Psi Beta chapter definitely had a busy spring sensestr (Dur professional development and corporate relations committee arranged a Resume and Career Workshop on March 29 with the Associate Director of the Engineering Career Assistance Center, Denise Briceno. Eurher, they coordinated a Psi Beta showing at the "Evening with Industry Banquet" hosted by the Women in Engineering Procreta

We have continued our tradition of giving back to the community as well; both actives and pledges volunteered at "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day," and Psi Beta hosted booths for children at both "Engineering Day at the Mall" and "Explore UT," the biggest open house in Texas. We also participated in the annual university-wide "Project 2007" and served our community by helping a neighborhood in need.

As a chapter, we worked at the University Engineering Carre EXPO no not only fundraise for our chapter, but also to provide help to company representatives and to network for future career opportunities. Our Nimendo-inspired Rube Goldberg machine won second place in the Rube Goldberg Competition held with the partnership of the Lockheed Martin Corporation.

#### OMEGA BETA CHAPTER HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

The year from fall 2006 to spring 2007 was no of the most accomplished years in recent past of the Omega Beta chapter. The strong bond of brotherhood, the motivated outlook, and the ability to lead has produced abundant constructive projects. Through an effective committee atmosphere, the Omega Beta chapter has been able to incorporate ideas and make use of each of its members' abilities creating rewarding chapter events. The year began with attending the National Convention for the first time in several years At this time, with collaboration from chapters of the Northeast region, Omega Beta took on the task of hosting a regional conference in late October. This event was successful in expanding our professional goals by gathering interesting speakers from such companies as Vachris Engineering and Sidney Frank Importing Co. (Jägermeister). Throughout the year there have been several other professional presentations. services to the school, and a competitive High School Robotics competition which have all helped to develop our members' professional skills. Also, for the first time since 2003, our chapter competed in the National 2007 Rube

Our chapter also participated in several community service activities, some in which have been directly organized by our fratternity or a partnership with other Greek organizations on the Hofstra campus. Participation in community service projects with other organizations has been a rewarding experience for us—th brings together a large group of people to support and benefit those that are in need. Our services have included cancer walks,

Goldberg Machine Contest at Purdue.



Homecoming week activities at Hofstra University

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clothing and blanket drives, and holiday service projects to help those who are less fortunate.

Brotherhood has also been strengthening in our chapter through successful services to the school like homecoming events and holiday displays in which we as a group received recognition by winning several awards. Overall, this past year has been a rewarding experience and the recognition received for our chapter's hard work has developed a great bonding experience for all of Omega Bera.

#### ZETA GAMMA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The Zeta Gamma Chapter celebrated dual football and men's baskerball championships this past year. We won the Member Miles Award at our last Southeastern Regional Conference, mostly in thanks to our brothers who took the road trips of a lifetime to Arizona and Indiana to watch the Gators play and visited brothers along the way.

We are also proud of our alumnus, Sean-Paul Ferrera, who was appointed as a Southeast Regional Director. He has proven to be a fine member and outstanding alumnus of our chapter and will do a great job as a national officer.

#### ETA GAMMA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

Eta Gamma celebrated its 10th anniversary last spring! We had a formal dinner followed by music and dancing with many alumni from all over the country in attendance—a good time was had by all!

Last year, we initiated 12 enthusiastic, hard working members, and many are already involved in leadership positions. Great brothers like these keep Eta Gamma going strong! We also became involved in new community service opportunities. We painted Christmas



Eta Gamma chapter on Initiation Day.

ornaments for a hospital and have been volunteering with elderly people in a nursing home. Another successful egg-drop competition was held this year, and we continue to be active on campus.

Members are working incredibly hard on rush for the fall, and we are all excited to see what hard work, large time commitments, and careful planning can lead to.

#### THETA GAMMA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Last year Theta Gamma saw several new and hopefully lasting traditions. We started a senior roast/send off where each graduating brother was talked about and favorine stories told about them. It has been a great success, giving the members a chance to say goodbye and to have a good laugh. In the second semester of the year, a good laugh. In the second semester of the year, a good laugh. In the second semester of the year, a good laugh. In the second semester of the year, a good laugh. In the second semester of the year, the made at the over to Mi Gamma in Buffalo for a fun-filled weekend/pledge visit, capped by the launching, or rather non-launch, of the pledge-made rooket.

We also participated for the first time in Relay for Life, a 24-hour walk to raise money for cancer research. Even though it snowed at night and most of the other groups left early or stopped walking. Then Tau stayed strong and walked the whole time. Many of our leading brothers have graduated, but we have a very strong group of younge brothers ager to carry on the H&T tradition in leadership, brotherly events, and campus activities. The chapter was rewarded for its hard work and dedication by winning both the Founders' and Schrader Awards at the 2006 National Convention.

#### KAPPA GAMMA CHAPTER VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

A look at past years will show that we are growing in every aspect, both as a chapter and as an engineering school. We have brought back traditions that were lost or forgotten, such as the Spring Carnival, and we received funding from several different sources due to its wide success.

Our Brotherhood chairs have done great work in increasing the opportunities for us to come together through sporting events, intramurals, and formal celebrations. Kappa Gamma has also involved itself with several new outside organizations; last spring we participated in VCU Engineering Greek's Relay-for-Life team, raising funds for the American Cancer Society. Earlier we joined other groups such as IEEE and AiCHE in teaching high-school students basic engineering concepts and constructing tension-powerd 'mouse-trap cars.'

As a chapter, we are looking forward to falls record freshman class as an opportunity to expand. Though both Kappa Gamma and VCU lost a great friend in the passing of Associate Dean Cregger, he new Pean of Engineering has set out to make our program nationally recognized. Several new professors have graciously given time to Kappa Gamma as guest speakers. We plan to continue this unward trend.

#### MU GAMMA CHAPTER UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Mu Gamma chapter at the University at Buffalo has been busy! Last year, our brotherhood committee planned events to encourage trust and communication among our members. We participated in a program with visiting chapter Theta Gamma where we discussed trust, communication, and the importance of working as a team. We also successfully installed a new point system to help increase brother participation. Our brothers formed dodgeball, volleyball, and flag football teams to play against other campus organizations, and we participated in many social events such as the Engineering Ball, ice-skating, billiards, and bowling.

Our fundraising committee was successful with Superbowl squares and a Sabres ticker raffle. Many of the brothers went on tours in local engineering companies such as Praxair and Moog to introduce us to jobs held by professional engineers. Overall, we had a productive year and hope to continue making progress within our chanter.

#### NU GAMMA CHAPTER BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

Nu Gamma took major leaps last semester socially at Binghamton University—we threw mixers with the Kickline Team, Girls Volleyball Team, Nu Alpha Phi Fratemity Inc., Zeta Psi Fratemity, and a Colony of Alpha Omega Epsilon. These successful social events had a tremendous positive effect on our reputation on campus, and we encourage all chapters of Thea Tau to reach out to other organizations socially. We also tried our hand at Rube Goldberg this semester and successfully designed and tested a machine under the full support of the engineering school. This improved our relations with the engineering school and opened the door for a Rube Goldberg contest to be organized at our school in future semesters.

#### XI GAMMA CHAPTER TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

This chapter's future looks bright. New ideas are transitioning into action in order to attract more potential brothers, and our sights are set on having numbers that truly represent Texas A&M University as one of the nation's leading engineering schools. Throughout the past semesters, one of our primary goals was to reach out to our community. This was accomplished through Texas A&M's Big Event, a student organization that aids the community through multiple service projects. Also, before Big Event, our chapter participated in Relay for Life, and it was truly a moving experience. We also had another exciting opportunity recently: many of our brothers had the privilege of attending a lecture from Stephen Hawking on the Big Bang theory-now that was a blast! Be prepared for great things from Xi Gamma chapter!



## Alumni Hall of Fame Laureates Inducted

EVERETT E BLOOM

Brother Bloom received his Bachelor of Science from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee all in Metallurgical Engineering.

Brother Bloom has had a 40 year career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and currently serves as Director. Metals and Ceramics Division. He has been published over 100 times and chaired or presented at numerous international meetings in the area of materials for use in nuclear reactors.

Everett is a Fellow of America Society for Metals (ASM) and the American Nuclear Society (ANS). He has received numerous awards, including Distinguished Associate Award from the US Department of Energy, Nathan W. Dougherty Award from the University of Tennessee, Distinguished Alumni Award from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and Outstanding Achievement Award by Materials Science and Technology Division of the American Nuclear Society for "significant and sustained contributions to the development of materials for advanced nuclear fission and fusion systems."

Brother Bloom has been on the cutting edge of technology his entire career. He is sought out as an authority not only in the United States but throughout the world.

#### HALBERT D. CHURCH

Brother Church served his Chi chapter while a student in the capacity of Treasurer, House Manager, Social Chair,



Regent. He received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of

Arizona in 1980, an MBA from the University of Phoenix, and



Laureates Bloom (L) and Kurtenbach (R)

is currently pursuing a Law Degree from Concordia University. Professionally, he has worked for Hughes Aircraft, now Raytheon Corporation, since graduation and is presently a Principal Systems Engineer.

Hal was involved for many years in Theta Tau at the national level, advancing to Grand Vice-Regent, He has also served as Chi Chapter Advisor since 1983 and on the House Corporation as Secretary-Treasurer since 1987. His nomination by Chi chapter stresses Hal's brotherhood exemplified by his personal interest in each brother and prospective member. Hal's extraordinary service was most evident when the city of Tucson was widening Speedway Blvd., which would require demolition of the chapter house. Hal negotiated with the university, traded property, and obtained sufficient funds to build the excellent Chi chapter housing complex that is enjoyed today. Hal also served as Construction Project Manager.

Each of our chapters would be stronger today if they had a local advocate like Hal Church. He has been an exemplary model of service to our fraternity at many different levels.

#### AELRED J. KURTENBACH

Brother Aelred J. Kurtenbach has B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, all in Electrical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, the University of Nebraska and Purdue University, respectively. As an undergraduate. he was the President of the student body at SDSM&T. He also taught Electrical Engineering at South Dakota State University and Purdue University, While on the staff of SDSU he co-founded Daktronics Inc. in 1968

Daktronics began with the design and manufacture of electronic voting systems for state legislatures: the company now offers the world's most complete line of scoreboard and visual display products. The company employs more than 1,200 people in its Brookings, South Dakota facility and became a publicly-traded company on NASDAQ in 1994. Brother Kurtenbach currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors

Daktronics, Inc. has been named Entrepreneurial Success of the Year: South Dakota Business of the Year: and received numerous awards in the area of "Fastest Growth" and "Hottest Technology" companies by Forbes, Fortune, and other respected magazines and organizations. A few awards bestowed on Brother Kurtenbach include: Entrepreneur of the Year; Small Businessman of the Year; and Executive of the Year & South Dakotan of the Year, and inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame

Dr. Kurtenbach served on the Brookings School Board, South Dakota Board of Regents, Chairman of the South Dakota Manufacturers & Processors Association, and Director for the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce.

It is evident that Brother Kurtenbach has excelled in the essence of engineering - practical application of science and technology for the benefit of mankind

#### IAMES WILBUR MARTIN



James Wilbur Martin is being honored posthumously, Brother Martin received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Tech and a

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from University of Wisconsin

Jim was involved in ROTC during his college days and was drafted for World War II during his senior year. He served our country in the marines in the Pacific Theater. Even though he lost his left arm in the war he did remain active in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, retiring as a 1st Lieutenant.

Jim Martin worked for 25 years at Bucyrus-Erie, a company that designed and built heavy moving equipment, advancing to the position of Vice-President of Engineering. During his time there, at least 39 new products were introduced, with an extraordinary project with NASA for a crawler to transport rockets to the launch pad at Cape Canaveral. He became a professor at Colorado School of Mines for 15 years, serving the last three as the Head of the Engineering Department, While in Golden. Colorado, he also founded Martin Consultants, an Engineering firm that served the surface mining industry. Brother Martin was published many times in various mining and machinery journals. He also co-authored the manual, Surface Mining Equipment, which remains a leading sourcing on the subject to this day.

In 1970, he was called to serve on the U.S. Coal Industry Mission to the Soviet Union. Brother Martin was also called to teach in China in 1983 to fill the technology gaps in the mining industry there at that time. Jim Martin passed from this life in April 2000, but his works do follow him.

#### RALPH W. NUSSER

Ralph served Zeta chapter as Regent prior to graduating from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1928.

Brother Nusser worked in the steel industry the majority of his career. Some of the companies that he worked for included: Chicago Bridge and Iron, Truscon Steel, AP Nichols, and Sheffield Steel. He served his community as Master of Ivanhoe Masonic Lodge, President of the Board of Trustees of Linwood Methodist Church; and Superintendent of its school.



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Ralph was a member of the Executive Council of Theta Tau for 13 years (1935-1948), serving as Grand Regent during the last three years. These were difficult years for the world, our country, and our fraternity. Brother Nusser was instrumental in seizing the opportunity to reinvigorate Theta Tau immediately after World War II when soldiers returned to college. Not only did chapter size increase during that time, but Xi and Omicron chapters were reestablished after folding during the war. Brother Nusser also wrote the Pledge and Membership Manual in 1941.

We are indebted to Past Grand Regent Nusser for his energy and perseverance and his important part in making Theta Tau what it is today, by guiding Theta Tau through turbulent times and back to stability.

#### MARK ROBERT JANSSEN



his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in 1988. As a student, he pter as House Manager,

Mark Janssen received

served Omega chapter as House Manager, Business Manager, and Pledge Trainer. He was a Delegate at a National Convention and was appointed Western Regional Director while still a student.

Brother Janssen served on the Executive Council for 14 years (from 1990-2004), serving the last eight years as Grand Treasurer. His astute management of the Fratteristy's Investment Fund has provided for excellent returns during a time of significant growth. He has administered all of the loans to House Corporations. Mark's contributions go far beyond financial. He has visited and counseled many chapters and colonies and delivered

programs at Conferences and Leadership Academies. Mark was a founding member of the Theta Tau Educational Foundation and has served on their Board of Directors as Treasurer since 1998.

Additionally, Mark has personally worked to revive Alpha chapter-serving as their Chapter Advisor and serving on the House Corporation for several years.

Mark is being recognized for both breadth and depth of service to our Fraternity, and his contributions are a model for which we can strive.

Mark is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Minnesota and practices as a Project Development Engineer for the Target Corporation.

#### JAMES RUSSELL MODEN



ceived his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Wayne State University in 1953. He was a Charter member of Epsilon

Brother Moden re-

Beta chapter and served also as Chapter Regent. He received his Master of Science in Chemical Engineering in 1967.

Brother Moden worked at the U.S. Naval Underwater Systems Center for 2.5 years. The bulk of his research and development was in the area of propulsion systems and battery development. He is credited with over a dozen product and process patents in the field of chemical processes and mixtures to enhance battery life and limit environmental risk. "Moden Fuel" is a low cost, wakeless, monopropellant that, when burned, produces pure water and carbon dioxide. Since 1991, he has been an independent Inventor and Engineering consultant. Brother Moden is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. He has been recognized for his professional achievements as evidence of the following awards: Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, Wayne State Distinguished Alumni Award, and he has been inducted into the Wayne State University Alumni Hall of Fame.

#### DONALD GENE SAARI



Brother Saari received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Michigan Technological University in 1962. He also earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Mathematics

from Purdue University in 1964 and 1967, respectively. He also has been awarded three Honorary Doctorates.

Brother Saari spent the majority of his career as a Professor of Mathematics and Economics at Northwestern University. He has presented over 500 speeches, published more than 160 papers, and written or edited over 10 hooks on range of applied mathematics topics ranging from Election behavior to Celestial Mechanics, Since 2000, he has served as a Distinguished Professor of Mathematics and Economics at University of California-Irvine. He also serves as the Director of UCI's Center for Decision Analysis and Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Science.

Brother Saari has received numerous awards from the Mathematics Association of America. He is Guggenheim Fellow and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Academy of Sciences.

#### GUS MICHAEL VRATSINAS



Brother Vratsinas received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He was the Regent of Upsilon chapter in 1966.

He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army and then worked for Pickens Rond Construction Company for 16 years, advancing to the position of Executive Vice President, Since 1987, he has been Chairman and CEO of Vratsinas Construction Company (VCC), In 2004. VCC ranked #1 nationally for the amount of "shell space" constructed (nearly 11 million square feet in one year).

Brother Vratsinas was selected as Engineer of the Year by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, and he has been inducted into the University of Arkansas Hall of Fame and the Arkansas Construction Hall of Fame

Furthermore, Brother Vratsinas has been a model of servant leadership as evidenced by the following organizations, where he has served as President or Chairman within the past 20 years: United Way, Easter Seals, Boy Scouts, Visiting Nurses Association, American Red Cross, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Little Rock Wastewater Utility Commission, and his church.

#### CHARLES D. MORGAN

Brother Morgan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1966. Following six years with IBM as a systems engineer, he joined a small data processing company named Demographics in 1972. He has spent the last 30+ years building that small company into a \$1B global giant now named Acriom

Brother Morgan also serves on the Advisory Board for the College of Engineering and the Steering Committee for the Campaign for the 21st Century at the University of Arkansas. He is an Inductee of the Arkansas Academy of Mechanical Engineering and has established the Charles D. Morgan Graduate Research Chair in Database at UA. He is a Trustee for Hendrix College after having previously served as Chairman of its Board of Trustees At Hendrix he joined with Acxiom in funding the Center for Physical Sciences.

He is a founder of the Mailing Industry CEO Council, a member of the Enterprise Software CEO Roundtable, and past Chairman of the Direct Marketing Association, Acxiom now has over 6,000 employees worldwide and is recognized as the world's leading information management services company. At least two other Upsilon alumni have worked aloneside Brother Morgan in the top echelon of the corporation for decades as well. While Acxiom has no internal job titles. Brother Morgan is simply identified as principle company leader. Perhaps bearing some relationship to the lack of job titles, Acxiom has been named by Fortune Magazine as one of the top 100 companies to work for in 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

From 1977-97, Brother Morgan was also Professional Driver for the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Circuit.

#### RICHARD I. RUSSELL



He graduated with his Bachelors and Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley. Brother Russell was a member of the Royal Swedish Society, a national lecturer for

Sigma Xi, and the representative of the

United States government to the International Geography Congress in 1938.

Brother Russell served on the faculty of his alma mater and Texas Tech in the early 1920s. Then he spent the remaining 30 years of his professional career at Louisiana State University - first as Associate Professor then Professor, later as Assistant Director of the School of Geology, and finally as Dean of the Graduate School from 1949-61 Brother Russell was a member of the Geology and Mining Society, Geophysics Union, International Commission on Sedimentation, and the International Association of Sedimentalogists. He served our nation on the U.S. House of Representative's Panel on Science and Technology and the Committee on Science and Astronautics.

Brother Russell served as Grand Marshall from 1923-27, and Grand Regent, 1927-31. During his tenure as Grand Regent, three chapters were installed during the his terms. He designed and issued the first 5,000 membership certificates and also designed the officer robes.

#### I. ROBERT VAN PELT

Brother Van Pelt received his Bachelor of Science and Masters of Engineering from the Michigan College of Mines, He completed his Ph.D. at Cornell College in Iowa. Brother Van Pelt served as Chairman of the American Society for Engineering Education and was a Director of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

After a brief period on faculty at Cornell College, he became Curator of the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago from 1928-39 The Museum was conceived by the CEO of Sears, Roebuck in 1911, and he identified the last remaining facility from the 1893 World's Fair to house the museum. There was much work to do to obtain and

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prepare exhibits for the Museum, and Brother Van Pelt was instrumental in that role. Starting his work as Curator in 1928. the Museum opened five years later in 1933. The Museum was the first to allow visitors to interact with the exhibits rather than simply viewing them through glass. After stepping down as Curator in 1939, he then served as Technical Director for another five years. The Museum still attracts over two million visitors per year.

In 1945, he became President of the Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology. About a decade later, he returned to his second alma mater becoming President of the Michigan College of Mines. During his eight-year tenure, he revived the long-dormant Ph.D. programs and aggressively pursued research initiatives. He spear-headed numerous campus construction projects including the Civil-Geology Building, Wadsworth Residence Hall, Fischer Hall, the Daniell-Heights housing complex. and a new library. As his tenure neared an end, the school name was changed to Michigan Technological University to reflect the true nature of the institution's educational mission. In 1966, the library was named in his honor.



MTU Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections

Brother Van Pelt wrote a history of Michigan's Upper Peninsula copper country and numerous engineering articles for publication. He was a member of Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

THE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1986 to recognize those who have made substantial contributions to Theta Tau, to their chosen profession, or to both Each chapter may nominate up to two for consideration by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and the Executive Council may also nominate two each year. Those nominated remain eligible for induction for five years, and no more than five may be inducted in a given year. It is truly an honor itself simply to be nominated. If you know of ones who should be considered for this honor, please email central office@thetatau.org.

Since the induction of the four Founders in the first year, these fine Brothers have been inducted:

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## A Great Founders' Day: Initiation at Alpha Chapter

The day before Founders' Day, Executive Director Michael Abraham had the honor of presiding over the initiation of seven new members into Alpha chapter. The ceremony was a joint success due to the diligence of the students initiated, the Alpha House Corp., Central Regional Director Alex Kotula, and those that helped with the ceremony from several Theta Tau chapters: Michael Smith and Jeff Skretnter (both Omicron alumni), Tim Hammers (Omega alumnus), and Gary Nies and Larry Feddesin (Alpha alumni). The core group of students was started late last spring with some added early this fall. As a spring with some added early this fall. As a

result of that and the fact that the group is made up of good friends, serious students, and fine brothers, it is up and running as a chapter in many, many ways. In short, they get what Theta Tau is about. Several live in the chapter house, they plan on pinning a new group of pledges they have already recruited within the week, and are hosting Founders' Day dinner at the chapter house with the assistance of the House Corporation. The next day, about 50 Alpha alumni will have the opportunity to greet the new members at the dinner.

Others who made much of this possible include Bob Rosene (Alpha alumnus and Theat Tau Hall of Fame Laureate) who worked behind the scenes to support the efforts, and Associate Dean Peter Huddletston from the University who, while not a Theta Tau member, has always been supportive of our Fraternity. What a great way to celebrate Founders, Day.



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