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#### ON THE COVER

Some 2009 Leadership Academy attendees at Awards Dinner on campus at Washington University in St. Louis

## FROM THE Grand Regent



Michael Livingston, TB '92

Brothers, I hope that you all had a great Founders' Day. As 2009 winds down, the national fraternity and the national officers continue to make great strides in bringing our strategic vision to life. One of our biggest initiatives is to create a Chapter Advisory Team at each chapter. We have currently implemented these teams at a number of our chapters and are working on implementing them at all chapters. If you are interested in being an Advisor, please contact Grand Vice Regent Justin Wiseman. We also successfully piloted our officer training workshop at the Leadership Academy in August with some of our national officers and potential national officers. I'm happy to announce the appointments of Ian Lacy as Central Regional Director and Andrew Monticello as Great Lakes Regional Director. I would also like to thank Jamie March, who recently stepped down as Great Lakes Regional Director, for his many years of service as an Executive Council member and as a National Officer. One of the main themes of our Strategic Plan is a Balanced Program of Service, Professional Development, and Brotherhood. Therefore I will shortly be appointing a National Service Director and a National Professional Development Director. Our fraternity is strengthened by the talent and commitment of our national officers and other alumni volunteers.

One initiative we will be focusing on over the next year is to increase attendance at the National Convention,

which promises to be a celebration of Theta Tau. The 2010 convention will be held at the **Grand Hyatt in Denver, CO from August 5-8, 2010**. So, mark your calendar and start making plans to come to the convention to reconnect with brothers from your chapter or to meet new brothers. Watch for additional information in future communications and on the Theta Tau website.

Speaking of the website, we have a brand new website. I would like to thank the volunteers who put in many hours of work to help implement the new website. I encourage you to explore the various features our site has to offer: we created this online space to communicate general information, to provide access to additional resources, and to enable members to create dynamic member profiles, collaborate on projects, share ideas and expertise – and, most importantly, to connect with fellow members.

Those are just a few of our recent achievements, and I hope you enjoy reading the stories in this issue of *The Gear* about how members of Theta Tau are making a difference.

In H&T,

Michael Livingston, *Gamma Beta '92*

## FROM THE Editor



Allison Pollard, TB '05

This issue of *The Gear* has taken on a distinct theme: Theta Tau members making a difference. From those who devote their careers to teaching or research in areas deeply rooted in our Fraternity history (geology and mining) or areas relatively new to the world (wireless technology), to those helping charitable causes and education, to those who have used their undergraduate engineering degrees to prepare themselves for careers in law and medicine, Theta Taus make a difference around the world. Please visit [www.thetataufoundation.org](http://www.thetataufoundation.org) to share how Theta Tau has made a difference to you.

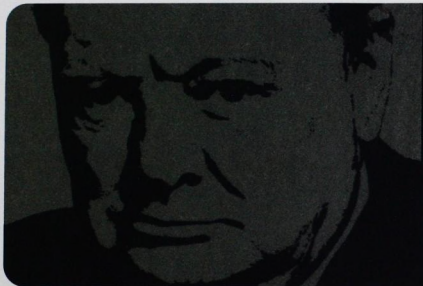
In H&T,

Allison Pollard, *Tau Beta '05*

The   
**Theta Tau**  
*difference*

# Giving Time, Giving Talent

by Justin Wiseman, Xi Beta '94



**"We make a living  
by what we get,  
we make a life by  
what we give."**

— Winston Churchill.

At the end of a long convention day back in 1992 when I was an officer for Xi Beta chapter, Randy Scheetz and Dean Bettinger both spent several hours with me and helped me assess where my chapter was and develop a plan to turn things around. They both followed up with phone calls (emails were just emerging back then), and it was their care and concern not only for me and my chapter but for Theta Tau that impressed me. They inspired in me a desire to remain involved after graduation, so I approached them about how I could continue helping the fraternity as an alumnus. Fifteen years after I first volunteered, I'm still giving back and find that one thing remains the same: Theta Tau has numerous opportunities for its alumni to make a difference.

It's fun working with other wonderful, inspiring, motivated Theta Taus, and as a volunteer, you can help our fraternity develop and nurture engineers with strong communication,

problem-solving, collaboration, and leadership skills that we demonstrate in our profession, our community, and in our lives. Consider taking on one of the opportunities listed below:

- start or participate in an alumni club
- start or participate in a housing corporation
- join the National Alumni Club
- serve as a member of a chapter advisory team
- serve on a national committee

Each opportunity contributes to the growth and strength of our fraternity, and none of them require travel. Theta Tau has given me so much, and I want you to benefit from the safe learning environment we provide; as a national officer, I've learned how to deal with problems in a calm manner, networking, and people, organizing, and planning skills. It's helped me to be a better manager at work,

and I've been mentored and love mentoring others. You too can further develop your personal and professional skills by serving our fraternity.

I want to see the day when our undergraduate members see their graduation as a transition into another phase of their membership in Theta Tau rather than as an ending, and my goal is to leave Theta Tau a better, larger, stronger fraternity than when I first joined. My membership in Theta Tau is for a lifetime—join me in supporting Theta Tau by contacting Central Office for more information on how to help.



*Justin Wiseman,  
Xi Beta '94*



# PFA Headquarters moves to Theta Tau

Early this year, the PFA Board contracted with Michael Abraham of Theta Tau to serve as PFA's Executive Director. Accordingly, PFA has moved to Theta Tau's Central Office in downtown Austin. Brother Abraham has years of experience with the PFA culminating in his volunteer service as PFA President in 2001-02. The Executive Director role is a change of pace as it is the sole staff position for the organization. The PFA position is very part time, making use of Theta Tau office space, staff, equipment, etc.

Theta Tau joined with 26 other fraternities in founding the Professional Interfraternity Conference in 1928. In 1977, the PIC (predominantly men's fraternities) merged with the Professional Panhellenic Association (predominantly women's

fraternities) to form the Professional Fraternity Association (PFA). The PFA comprises 33 national and international fraternities (including Theta Tau) representing 17 professional fields. Four Theta Taus have served the PIC or PFA as President: Jamison Vawter, 1931-33; Russell G. Glass, 1952-54; Randall J. Scheetz; 1995-96; and Michael T. Abraham, 2001-02. Robert E. Pope served as Executive Secretary to the PIC and later the PFA, 1975-86, while also employed as Theta Tau's Executive Director. PFA's more recent executive staff position was held by Harriett Rodenberg of Phi Rho Sigma medical fraternity, followed by Andrew Sagan of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

Theta Tau encourages interfraternity cooperation by its chapters through local professional

fraternity councils on their respective campuses, and at the national level through its long time involvement in PFA.



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# Expansion Highlights

## KAPPA CHAPTER

The Kappa Chapter of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity was first installed on March 25, 1916. Founded by George Gieb, a graduate student in Civil Engineering, the chapter attracted many bright members during its initial 23 years of existence. It had initiated 455 members in total. Some notable members during this period of Kappa's existence include Charles Luckman (1931), a Hall of Fame Laureate, and US Senator Harry Darby (1917), who played an instrumental role in convincing Eisenhower to run for President. Due to unknown reasons, the chapter dissolved in 1939 and remained inactive for several decades.

In 2005 Steven Choi, a member of the Zeta Chapter, transferred to the University of Illinois

and decided to restart the de-activated Kappa Chapter. After completing the procedural requirements, the colony began to slowly grow. With guidance from Steven, the colony leaders (Sean Safavinejad, Gautam Amin, Bertrand Tay, Joe Cocco, Ankeet Patel, and Ui Aik Cheah) succeeded in laying the foundation for the Fraternity on campus. During this time, the colony also received a lot of help from Peter Ho, Chen Xu, Calvin Gudeman, Sravan Mettupalli, Kai Amundsen, and Amy Chow. After initiating 5 members in February 2007, the colony began seriously preparing to obtain Chapter status, as the colony charter was set to expire the following year. During the fall 2007 semester, the fraternity more than doubled in membership – 26 were initiated – and all the necessary paperwork was filed to petition for

Chapter status. On February 9, 2008, the Kappa Colony was reactivated as a Chapter of Theta Tau.

Currently, Kappa has 54 active members and is continuing to grow. Each semester, the Kappa Chapter hosts professional, philanthropic, and social events on the University of Illinois campus. Members of Kappa attend leadership conferences and the University of Illinois Engineering Open House. They also volunteer on campus through various engineering programs and events. The involvement and dedication of many members has allowed Kappa to mature with tremendous speed over the past few years, and it will continue to grow in the future.



*Grand Regent Livingston presents Kappa Chapter Charter.*



*photo by Juan Andres Galindo, PIF '06*

#### PHI GAMMA CHAPTER

Oklahoma State University's interest in Theta Tau began with Mark Ohnesorge and Donald Stutson of electrical and mechanical engineering, respectively. The first organized meeting was held on October 10, 2004. Initial response was impressive. In just one semester, OSU's Theta Tau Colony was initiated on April 23, 2005. Colony growth was rapid, with five new brothers in the Alpha pledge class and six more in the Beta pledge class. During their time as a colony, the brothers visited other chapters in and out of their region to learn and take home ideas to OSU. In fall of 2007, the colony's petition to become a chapter was granted, and a formal chapter installation held April 15, 2008.

The Phi Gamma chapter of Theta Tau has continued to flourish since its installation. Three pledge classes have been initiated, and the chapter has pinned a very promising fourth pledge class. Brothers of Phi Gamma are

actively involved in Oklahoma State's College of Engineering. They participate in events promoting the college to incoming freshmen, as well as helping with the college's career fair. Outside of the college, Phi Gamma has sent members to each of the national conventions and leadership academies since their installation as a colony.

#### UCSD COLONY



The University of California San Diego was certified as a colony in the spring of 2009. With thirteen founding fathers, the UCSD colony is

quickly expanding and becoming a recognizable name on campus. The colony recently finished their first rush and is looking forward to expanding the colony to an even larger organization on campus. With the three aspects of Theta Tau in mind (brotherhood, professionalism, and service), the colony plans on creating larger and more meaningful events in the future.

The addition of UC San Diego to the Theta Tau family will be especially appropriate given its "founding" in the UC System by Brother Roger Revelle, Epsilon '29.

UCSD colony would like to send an extended thank you to everyone that has made this opportunity possible. We would have never been able to make this happen without the help from alumni, other chapters/colonies, and executive members. Thank you so much, and we look forward to becoming a strong and respectable chapter of Theta Tau!

# Beta Chapter CAPITAL DRIVE



After nearly 50 years on "Anchor Hill", the Beta Chapter Corporate Board has begun a Capital Fund Drive to build a new house on the Michigan Tech campus. Anchor Hill is about five miles away which detracts from class and campus participation. After the wear and tear of 600 brothers, the house needs more and more maintenance and repair. The kitchen renovation done this summer was the latest in a series of remodels done over the years to keep the house livable.

Plans to move the chapter back to an on-campus environment were triggered by a pledge made by Hall of Fame Laureate

Jim Klungness, Beta 1949. Brother Klungness believes that Beta Chapter could be more successful nearer the campus, and backed his belief with a sizeable pledge to achieve that purpose. Michigan Tech is playing a very supportive role by offering a property exchange whereby MTU would swap an undeveloped campus site for the current Anchor Hill property (adjacent to the MTU Golf Course). A two-track study conducted also showed that new construction was more cost effective than an extensive remodel of the existing property. With that conclusion, the Beta Chapter Board (including student members) voted unanimously to establish a Building Task Force Committee and conduct a Capital Fund Drive for construction of a new house on campus. Named to chair was Dave Post, with Vice Chairman Jim Coté, and Secretary Ken Pollard. Completing the committee are Jim Whalen, Jon Ricker,

Jeff Kellogg, and Dick Dunnebacke. The committee then selected Jim Klungness as Honorary Chairman, and Greg Sesselmann as Honorary Vice Chairman. Then, it was time to get to work to raise the targeted \$2.2 million needed to get the house designed and built to return Beta to campus where it existed for the first 60+ years of its history.

While early solicitation collected pledges of about 25% of the goal, the Drive was put on hold when the US economy faltered. Hopefully, the current economic turnaround will support the reinstated drive. All alumni should seriously consider this once-in-a-century request. Contact Jim Cote (cotem48@msn.com or 520/531-8159) to request the Capital Fund Brochure. The Pledge Form enclosed will provide opportunities for alumni to be immortalized by name and pin number on the new facility.

## Michigan Tech and Theta Tau Fraternity – Beta Chapter

### James D. and Monica A. Coté Endowed Scholarship



MTU established this scholarship to honor the successful lifelong journey of Brother Jim Coté as a 1962 BSEE graduate of Michigan Tech, a member and past-Regent of Theta Tau Fraternity – Beta Chapter, and a retired Professional Engineer.

Jim was selected for a summer co-op position with the GMC Truck and Coach Division of General Motors during his freshman year at Tech. This began a career with General Motors that endured until his retirement some 42 years later. As Jim likes to say, "whatever the largest truck GM had in production, that's what I was working on." When he became part of GM's executive ranks in 1979, he was working as the Chief Engineer of the Astro/Titan models

which were aluminum COE highway tractors. He and his staff enjoyed driving 18 wheelers from Michigan to Arizona each summer for hot weather testing. It was during this assignment that he won the Counterpoise Award, presented annually by the Society of Plastics Engineers, for the best new product design in plastic in the United States.

Jim enjoyed a lot of international experience at GM, including a brief assignment in Brazil and subordinates in England, Mexico, Japan, China, and Indonesia. He was very active in the Society of Automotive Engineers, authoring numerous papers and chairing and moderating several conference sessions.

He represented GM on the Truck Manufacturers of America trade group in Washington, DC, serving as a board officer for several years,

including as Board Chairman when he retired. It is important to remember what came before in order to make a successful path for the future, and the recipient of the Coté scholarship will honor this principle. The scholarship will provide financial support for full-time students who are majoring in Engineering, earn a minimum GPA of 2.5, and are members of Theta Tau – Beta Chapter. It will be awarded at the beginning of the spring semester of each academic year to a student who achieves the highest GPA on a minimum of 12 credits for the preceding fall semester. In the event that two or more students earn the same GPA for that semester, the scholarship will be awarded to the one with the greatest financial need.



# Leaving a Legacy

by Janice Wiitala, Omicron '90  
Educational Foundation President

"There are certain things that are fundamental to human fulfillment. The essence of these needs is captured in the phrase 'to live, to love, to learn, to leave a legacy.' The need to live is our physical need for such things as food, clothing, shelter, economical well-being, health. The need to love is our social need to relate to other people, to belong, to love and to be loved. The need to learn is our mental need to develop and to grow. And the need to leave a legacy is our spiritual need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence, and contribution" – **Stephen R. Covey**

I always feel a strong sense of pride and emotion during the awards dinner at national meetings. There we reiterate what we value, appreciate the hard work of our chapters toward growth and our purpose, and recognize individual members who exemplify our high standards. This year Theta Tau Alumni Hall of Fame Director and Past Grand Regent, Dean W. Bettinger, Tau 1981, recognized the 2009 Hall of Fame Laureates. We were honored to hear from Brothers Spencer Titley, Gamma 1951, and Tom Kirchner, Chi 1972. They shared personal and professional advice and humorous recollections. We also honored Ross Bryan, Zeta 1933, and Jack Goodrum, Rho 1944, who created legacies for our profession and our fraternity.

## Impact of a Legacy

Brother Goodrum demonstrated great generosity. Unknown until his death in 1994, approximately 30% of Goodrum's estate was willed to the Fraternity. This strengthened the Fraternity's financial position in such a way that enabled Theta Tau to establish the Educational Foundation in 1998. This type of unanticipated generosity was the inspiration for establishment of the 2nd Century Society so that we may recognize while these Brothers are with us the significance of such far-sighted gifts.

Over a decade later, I reflect on the impact of the Foundation: we have created a successful biennial national leadership academy and a

valuable program for emerging alumni leaders, we provide student scholarships, we offer house loans for educational improvements to chapter houses, and we provide alumni insights through Visions in Personal Planning. The Foundation has awarded nearly \$30,000 in scholarships to deserving student members since its inception, and well over 1,000 members have graduated from the Foundation's national (3 day) or regional (1 day) leadership training academics. It started with Brother Goodrum's generosity and has grown since then, and it's only the beginning as we continue to explore new opportunities to further our mission.

## Estate Planning

While that first gift was a cornerstone, we have been fortunate to have many alumni provide tax exempt gifts, and we are honored that a number of alumni have included Theta Tau in their estate plans. It's not a topic people enjoy talking about – estate planning is a touchy subject – but it came up in conversation with a group of my peers recently. Primarily, they were focused on care for their children. However, while most had considered writing a will, very few had put pen to paper.

It's something we don't want to think about. According to a survey by findlaw.com, 58 percent of American adults have not written a will, leaving family in an uncomfortable and potentially vulnerable position. The main reasons respondents had for not having a will included not wanting to think about dying, not knowing where to start or who to talk to about setting up an estate plan, and not believing they had enough assets to need one.

But last year I realized that estate planning is simply the grown up thing to do. I'd previously utilized a lawyer for two home purchases – this was far more important. And on a more personal note, when my step-father passed away recently I realized that he did not have a will or an advance directive. According to a survey by legacy consortium Remember a Charity, nearly nine out

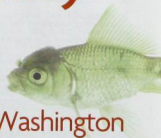
of ten people would be "proud and pleased" to see their parents leave money to charity in their wills after they have looked after their family. While it's a bit stressful to go through the details of writing a will, it's very freeing to know that I have stated my intent and should the unfortunate occur, I have lessened possible stress on my family.

## Your Legacy

Our Alumni Hall of Fame Laureates shared gifts and talents with our profession and our Fraternity, but their greatest legacy stems from the individuals they influenced. Your legacy should channel your values and guide future generations, and I hope that you will consider including Theta Tau in your estate plan. We all have a great opportunity to impact our community, our chapters, and our fraternity by pledging a bequest to the Theta Tau Educational Foundation. With the assistance of the Foundation, Theta Tau chapters are being recognized on their campuses for helping recruit high school students for the engineering school; welcoming and orienting new students to their campus; leading engineering or university student government and other organizations; tutoring underclassmen in core subjects; helping instructors with research projects; working with administrators, faculty, and other student groups to further the educational mission of the engineering school; setting high standards of scholarship and academic achievement for others to follow.

The Theta Tau Educational Foundation can achieve all this and more. Every year, income from bequests and endowed funds will be used by the Foundation to promote education and training for leadership, teamwork, professionalism, responsibility, decision-making skills, and development of others. Our members – current and future – benefit well from those gifts as they live our fraternity's purpose. I sincerely thank you for your consideration.

# 2009 Leadership Academy *Summary*



THE 2009 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY was held at Washington University in St. Louis. The four day conference put on by the Educational Foundation had record breaking attendance as brothers from all around the nation came to develop themselves professionally.

A new leadership theme for this academy was implemented, moving away from 'Who Moved My Cheese,' and introducing teachings about a positive, fun-based approach to spicing up traditional business. The 'Fish Philosophy,' as inspired by the working environment at Seattle's famous Pike Place Fish Market, is geared towards developing leaders to take a non-traditional approach towards encouraging others to act. With the given theme, the weekend proved to be a great success. As can be expected, the number fish related puns and pictures of brothers making fish faces was high.

For the first time since the inception of the Leadership Academy in August 1999, a Leadership Workshop for alumni, business professionals, and leaders was developed and implemented with great success. The alumni who attended participated in various professional development related discussion groups as well as pertinent discussion groups with the students, and the keynote speaker. A parallel

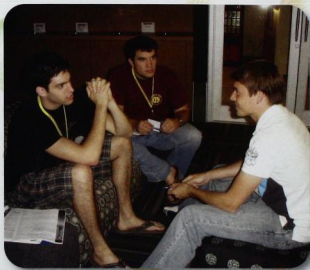
track for returning students was also offered that focused on bringing their group leadership and facilitation skills up to new levels.

At this event, numerous individual and chapter awards were presented. 2009 Hall of Fame Laureates Ross Bryan, Zeta 1933, Jack Goodrum, Rho 1944, Tom Kirchner, Chi 1972, and Spencer Titley, Gamma 1951 were inducted into the Theta Tau Alumni Hall of Fame. Those named Outstanding Student Members by their chapters were recognized, and Alessandra DeSarno, Gamma Beta '10, was named the National Robert E. Pope Outstanding Student Member.

The Best Website award was presented to Psi Beta Chapter with Theta Gamma second and Rho third. Theta Gamma won the Best Newsletter Contest with Tau Gamma second and Psi Beta third. The Best Photograph awards (from 1st to 5th) went to Omega, Theta Gamma, Eta Gamma, Epsilon Beta, and Xi. The Chapter Service Award was presented to Psi Beta

Chapter for first place, and Kappa Beta for second. Chapter Efficiency awards were presented to Rho, Xi Beta, Tau Beta, Upsilon Beta, Theta Gamma, Iota Gamma, Kappa Gamma, Omicron Gamma, and Rho Gamma with a \$50 check to each chapter.

Receiving certificates for scoring 700 or more points in the Chapter Performance competition during 2008-2009 were: Alpha, Zeta, Xi, Rho, Phi, Chi, Omega, Gamma Beta, Epsilon Beta, Kappa Beta, Xi Beta, Rho Beta, Chi Beta, Psi Beta, Zeta Gamma, Theta Gamma, Iota Gamma, Kappa Gamma, Lambda Gamma, Pi Gamma, Rho Gamma, Tau Gamma, and Upsilon Gamma—a record number of chapters reaching this milestone achievement and 25% more chapters than did so last year! This Fraternity-wide improvement was due primarily to most Regional Directors having required this past school year that their chapters file the Annual Report in quarterly manner. This resulted in more contemporaneous, complete, timely,



*Jon Fortunati, Dave Dancorowicz, and Yost Smith discuss leadership concepts.*



*Grand Inner Guard Amar Amin, Grand Scribe Katie Griffin, and Grand Marshall Brandon Satterwhite served as Academy facilitators.*

and accurate data recording, and significant improvement in report scores.

The following chapters demonstrating at least 20% growth over the previous year were recognized: Alpha, Zeta, Xi, Pi, Omega, Xi Beta, Omicron Beta, Pi Beta, Delta Gamma, Eta Gamma, Nu Gamma, Omicron Gamma, Rho Gamma, and Tau Gamma. And, those chapters that have maintained at least 40 members during the period were also recognized: Zeta, Phi, Chi, Tau Beta, Zeta Gamma, Omicron Gamma, Rho Gamma, and Sigma Gamma. In addition, for meeting its Chapter Size Target, Zeta Chapter was awarded a \$500 prize.

A special thanks to Janice Wittala, the Educational Foundation, and the facilitators who put their time and effort into making this event a great success, as well as to our Sponsors PPI and GEICO!



*Grand Outer Guard Stensrud, Regional Director Walker, and Regional Director Brandenburg pucker up.*

# Alumni Hall of Fame Laureates Inducted



Hall of Fame Laureates Bettinger and Pope flank new inductees Titley and Kirchner.

## ROSS H. BRYAN, ZETA '33 for Outstanding Service to Profession

Ross H. Bryan was selected for outstanding service to his profession. Brother Bryan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Kansas in 1933. He started his career in the Kansas Highway Bridge Department, followed by the Panama Canal Company, and later was a

Lieutenant for the US Navy Seabees during World War II. After the war, Brother Bryan worked at Marr & Holman Architects before becoming a Partner at Bryan & Dozier Construction Engineers.

He spent the last 24 years of his career as President of Ross H. Bryan Consulting Engineers where he designed the Fayetteville Stadium and Madison County Bridge. These

structures were the first prestressed or post-tensioned concrete structures of their type in America, and his Model designs are currently on display in the Smithsonian Institute. His designs include the L & C Tower, which was the first and only skyscraper in Nashville and the Southeast for many years.

Brother Bryan published "Prestressed Concrete Innovations in Tennessee" and many other



articles in PCI Journal and "Long Line Production of Building Elements in the United States" in Journal of the Construction Division. He served on the PCI Board of Directors, the ACI-ASCE Committee on Concrete, and the ACI Building Code Committee. He was also named Engineer of the Year of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers in 1987, was an American Society of Civil Engineers Fellow, and won the Medal of Honor from the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) in 1996.

**WILLIAM JACKSON GOODRUM, RHO '44**  
*for Outstanding Service to Fraternity*

William Jackson Goodrum was selected for outstanding service to our Fraternity. He graduated in 1944 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University. As a student member "Jack" was Scribe of Rho Chapter in the Fall of 1943, President of the NCSU Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and a member of the Engineers' Council for the Chemical Engineering Department.

As an NC State alumnus, Brother Goodrum was a member of the Giving Society and the Walter H. Page Society and funded \$500,000 to establish the NCSU William Jackson Goodrum Scholarship of approximately \$2,400 per semester, which is awarded to several engineering students each year.

The most generous donor to Theta Tau to date has been Jack Goodrum. Brother Goodrum willed approximately 30% of his estate to Theta Tau, which we learned upon his death in 1994. The magnitude of the bequest, some \$225,000, was nearly 10 times the size of the previous largest gift (Founder Lewis's bequest of \$25,000, establishing the Founders' Memorial Fund).

Brother Goodrum's generosity put the Fraternity's finances on a solid footing and was determinative in our starting the Theta Tau Educational Foundation since the Fraternity no longer had to depend on alumni gifts for its operating income.

**TOM LEE KIRCHNER, CHI '72**  
*for Outstanding Service to Profession*

Tom Lee Kirchner was selected for outstanding service to his profession. He received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1972 from the University of Arizona and served as Regent of Chi Chapter.

Brother Kirchner served in the US Navy Fleet Air Recon Squadron during the Vietnam Conflict. He has worked at Boeing Corporation, the Westinghouse-Hanford Nuclear Plant, and AE International. In 1982 he founded Electronic Systems Technology and continues as its CEO. Electronic Systems Technology was the first company to develop the wireless modem and received the United States and Canadian patents for this technology.

Brother Kirchner is a member of the Rotary Club. He was honored with the Washington State Governor's Award in 1990 and named the Southeast Washington Small Business Person of the Year in 1992. In 2009 he was honored with the Sam Volpentest Entrepreneurial Award, given to one supporting entrepreneur in Washington State. Brother Kirchner holds 2 U.S. patents, 5 Invention Awards, and the R&D 100 Award for wireless modems.

**SPENCER ROWE TITLEY, GAMMA '51**  
*for Outstanding Service to Profession*

Spencer Rowe Titley was selected for outstanding service to his profession. He received a Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in 1951

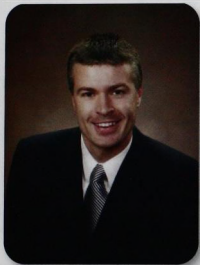
and went on to earn his PhD in Geology and Chemistry from the University of Arizona in 1958.

Brother Titley served in the U. S. Army from 1951-1956 and was awarded the Bronze Star in 1953. In 1959, he became a Professor at the University of Arizona and retired just this year. He is also Curator of the University of Arizona Mineral Museum. He has been widely published and has been a Distinguished Lecturer around the world.

He holds numerous awards and honors, including the Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence, the Creative Teaching Award, and in 2001 the Career Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Arizona College of Science. Also, Brother Titley has been honored with the Penrose Gold Medal from the Society of Economic Geologists, the Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Mineral Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines, the D. C. Jackling Award from the Society of Mining Metallurgy and Exploration, and the Medal of Merit from the American Mining Hall of Fame. In 2005, Brother Titley was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

*If you know alumni (including yourself) deserving for consideration for the Hall of Fame, please email [dean.bettinger@thetatau.org](mailto:dean.bettinger@thetatau.org) for information. Members, living or dead, may be selected based on service to the Fraternity and/or their chosen Profession. Since its inception in 1986, nearly 100 have been so honored.*

# Theta Tau Appointed **SD ATTORNEY GENERAL**



On September 4, 2009, Marty J. Jackley, a member from Omega Chapter was sworn in as the 30th Attorney General for the State of South Dakota. He serves as the chief law enforcement officer for the State. As Attorney General, Marty is committed to fighting crime, protecting consumers and making South Dakota a safer place to live.

Marty graduated from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1992 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with Honors. He received his law degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1995.

From 1995-97, Marty served as a law clerk for then-Chief Judge Richard H. Battey in federal district court in Rapid City. Marty then joined the Rapid City law firm of Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson, and Ashmore LLP. As a partner, his practice areas focused primarily on criminal

law, civil and business litigation, construction/engineering law, Indian law, and water law. At this time he also served as a Special Assistant Attorney General for South Dakota prosecuting primarily controlled substance felonies. He has extensive jury trial experience on cases including murder, assault, financial crimes, controlled substances, and other felonies. His appellate experience includes evidentiary matters, jurisdictional claims, sentencing issues, juvenile transfers, reclamation law, and other substantive legal issues.

Prior to becoming Attorney General, Marty was appointed United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota in 2006. While United States Attorney he served on both the US Attorney General's Subcommittees for Controlled Substances and the Subcommittees for Native American Issues, and the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board.

## Spotlight on a Student Summer Internship

This past summer Jacob Breach, Phi '10, was hired for an internship with Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN) in his district office in Indianapolis. Jacob earned this internship after he met the Congressman in Washington D.C. while interning for the Department of State. The Congressman is preparing for the 2010 elections, so Jacob was on-hand during this important time. He spent his time in the Congressman's home district focusing on constituent services and reaching out to the citizens of Indiana on the Congressman's behalf by running Constituent Connection booths at local county fairs and speaking to many voters throughout Indiana's 5th district. Particularly hot issues he dealt with

included cap and trade, healthcare reform, and spending cuts. Throughout the internship, Brother Breach received valuable knowledge and experience in public service and learned a great deal about Indiana politics. He was very successful at both reaching out to constituents and campaigning for Congressman Burton at local parades and events; he also had the opportunity to research nationwide issues and respond to voters in an informed fashion. Jacob greatly enjoyed his time working for Congressman Burton and is grateful for the wonderful experience. Regardless of the future, Brother Breach is sure that this will be a defining moment in his professional development path.



# RE-ENGINEERING EDUCATION

by Raj Thakkar, Omega Beta '96



To Raj Thakkar, the disparity in education and the preponderance of failing schools is the single greatest challenge the U.S. faces today. For years, he has felt our educational system has largely been run as a

monopoly, with little to no educational options for those assigned to underperforming public schools. With the gradual introduction of charter schools, however, competition has shaken things up a bit. Seven years ago, Raj left an unfulfilling job at a tech start-up to use his financial know-how in the world of non-profits, landing at Explore Charter School in Brooklyn, NY as Chief Financial Officer.

Raj immediately found himself in a community of educators working so frantically to manage business and administrative matters that they were distracted from the central goal of helping students learn. Charter public schools are charged with managing their own front and back offices, unlike traditional public schools that are supported by district offices. Raj's observations led him to a business idea: he'd free these educators from their nonacademic responsibilities. As Raj puts it now, "We take care of all the annoying stuff so school leaders can stay focused on what they know best." The business he built from that idea is Manhattan-based Charter School Business Management Inc., established in 2006. CSBM's mission is to provide charter schools with the knowledge and services they need to develop and maintain a strong foundation of finance, operations and human resources—three elements that ultimately ensure a school's fiscal solvency and ability to provide a quality education.

Raj says he thrives on the challenge of managing his company's growth as well as that of his clients.

"Nationwide, there are educators opening charter schools. They are very passionate about academics, but often do not realize they are running rapidly expanding, multi-million dollar businesses. They simply just need the support. Our organization gives school leaders options. We can professionally develop their business leaders to handle the non-academic responsibilities on their own. They can outsource their bookkeeping, audit preparation, financial reporting and payroll responsibilities to us," he said.

Charter schools are nonsectarian public schools of choice that are publicly funded and open to all students with no admission testing or screening. Each school has a charter, or performance contract, detailing its program, goals, and methods of assessment. Charter schools operate with increased autonomy and flexibility in exchange for strict accountability. They are accountable for both academic results and fiscal practices to several groups: the authorizer that grants the charter, the parents who choose to send their children, and the public that funds them. This multi-tiered accountability system leads to the establishment of quality schools and increased student achievement. Charter schools that do not perform academically, are not viable financially or violate the law can be and have been shut down. Financial mismanagement is the main reason that approximately 600 charter schools have been shut down since the first charter school opened in 1992. Raj states, "This is unacceptable because finances are manageable, when handled by a qualified professional. Closing the student achievement gap is the true challenge and where most of the charter school leaders' time should be focused."

A large percentage of charter school students come from disadvantaged backgrounds. It is estimated that nationwide, approximately 75% of children enrolled in charter schools qualify for free and reduced lunch, an indicator of poverty. To date, more than 1.5 million children

attend over 4,900 public charter schools in 39 states and the District of Columbia. Education reform is an enormous part of President Obama's national agenda. He and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan have allocated an unprecedented \$5 billion towards education reform in the U.S. and have challenged states without charter law to adopt it. For states with caps on the number of charter schools, they are requiring states to increase or eliminate the caps in order to qualify and compete for the \$5 billion in funding.

The growth of charter schools has been a boon for Raj's business, which has worked with over 125 schools in New York, New Orleans, and Chicago, among other cities. To manage the volume of work, Raj has expanded his team rapidly—they are now 17 people strong. "To make the impact that I intended, I knew it would definitely take more than just me," Raj recalled. In building his team, Raj focused on recruiting people who "really love the charter school world and are great with juggling many responsibilities concurrently and accurately." The rapid growth was accomplished with a vigilant eye to the internal health of the company, and in 2009 CSBM was named the Small Business of the Year for the Eastern Region by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Although CSBM's focus remains on supporting schools in New York, Raj has shared best practices at conferences in Washington DC, Boston, Atlanta and New Jersey. CSBM is working to launch a local office in New Orleans and has added a number of operational services to support schools. According to Raj, "If you have the drive for it, opening your own business is one of the most empowering and challenging things you can do. I feel connected to every entrepreneur out there, including my father, grandfather and great-grandfather, simply because they each had the guts to take a giant risk."

# The Call of the Wild: *Leaving a Mark*

by Katherine S. Crauford

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Erin Akin is a Theta Tau member from Mu chapter.



Not many people have helped inoculate a rhinoceros, but for Dr. Erin Akin, such unusual experiences are, in fact, the usual. Take, for example, the time she spent in South Africa as a vet student, where she studied exotic animals at a game reserve. Four years later, as a first-year veterinary neurology and neurosurgery resident at Auburn, every day still presents new challenges. "I am often on call 24 hours. Recently, I performed an emergency back surgery at midnight," she says.

After receiving a chemical engineering degree from the Capstone in 1998, Akin worked for five years as an engineer. She chose to attend the University because of its "reputation as a top-notch engineering school" and was the 1993 Vulcan Scholar. "At UA, I worked hard and learned the critical and analytical thinking skills needed as an engineer and, as it turns out, a veterinarian," she said. "My favorite memo-

ries of school revolve around my involvement in Theta Tau, the professional engineering fraternity, and I fondly remember taking my dog for walks around the Quad."

Now the owner of three dachshunds—a female, Chloe, and two males, Casey and Oscar—Akin said, "Most people are surprised when I tell them I went from engineering to vet school. There was no specific event that made me want to change careers—more of just a gut feeling." She has called Alabama home since 1988, and said her parents, who live in Seoul, South Korea, have been "phenomenally supportive" of the career change.

Having earned her doctorate, Akin's next move is to become a veterinary neurologist and neurosurgeon upon completing her residency in 2011. She is also working toward a master's in biomedical sciences.



"For almost any specialty in human medicine, there is a counterpart in veterinary medicine," Akin explained. To become a specialist, she will undergo three-plus years of advanced training, and then must pass certification exams. "There is a huge variety of care I perform as a resident, including spinal surgery, brain surgery, and muscle and nerve biopsies. Pets present to me for anything from seizures to having a weakness in their rear legs."

Her favorite condition to diagnose and treat is intervertebral disc disease, similar to herniated discs in humans, which many animals overcome with surgical intervention. "I love all my patients," Akin shared. "The most rewarding part of what I do is making a difference in the lives of patients and their families."

*Katharine S. Crauford, '07, is public relations and publications manager for the Alabama Humanities Foundation.*



# Running for a CAUSE

by Allison Pollard, Tau Beta '05

I first heard about **Joe Fairchild**, Theta Gamma '06, from another brother on Twitter and felt compelled by his story to share it with others. Joe's running across America to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis and was nice enough to answer a few questions for us.

**Q:** Joe, tell me a little more about what you're doing.

**A:** Well, I'm running about 3,400 miles from Boston to Los Angeles to raise money and awareness for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. So far I've made it over 900 miles and have raised over \$2,500. I push all my stuff in a modified baby stroller and stay in hotels or people's houses along the way. Followers can read my blog entries, view pictures and maps of my path, and donate to MS on my website, [www.runsomemore.com](http://www.runsomemore.com).

**Q:** Why run 3,400 miles? Why not participate in a marathon?

**A:** Well, back in June, my brother and I were on the phone discussing training plans and goals for a fall marathon when he out of the blue mentioned running across the country. I had never thought about doing something like that before, but after he planted that seed I couldn't stop thinking about it. For me, everything lined up almost perfectly in an odd sort of way: I was soon to be out of a job, my lease was up in August, I was out of shape, and I had no idea what I wanted to do next

with my life. I was considering business school (and scored in the 98th percentile on my GMAT), but I wasn't sure that's what I wanted. I was at a crossroads where I knew I wanted something more out of my life, but I wasn't exactly sure yet what it was. A run across the country seemed the perfect solution to address all of those concerns.

**Q:** Besides raising money for MS, is there another message you are trying to send with this run?

**A:** I don't have a particular message I'm trying to send, but I've had so many people respond in different ways about how what I'm doing has affected them. Some find extra motivation for a race they are training for, others say they are experiencing the journey vicariously through me. For me personally I think it's a way to break from a mold. I think a lot of people out there are quick to categorize an engineer as a pretty one dimensional tech-savvy, smart, boring, anti-social, problem fixer. Maybe many are but some, especially Theta Taus, have a much broader range of personalities, interests, and talents that don't fit into the typical 'engineer' bin. Now when people ask me what I do, I can say I'm running across the country. Most people don't have a bin for that!

**Q:** I imagine it gets pretty boring and lonely out there on the open road - what keeps you going?

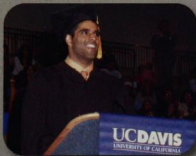


**A:** It helps knowing my friends, family, and even people I haven't even met are cheering me on. I've also met people along the way that have shared touching stories about people in their lives with MS. And once at an Arby's in upstate New York the cashier gave me my meal for free and said, "We don't charge heroes here." Walking along the side of the road pushing a stroller isn't really all that difficult, and I certainly don't feel like a hero, but comments like that make me feel like I'm doing something bigger than just myself, and that feels good. And if all else fails, I just put some up-tempo rock on the iPod and push through it.

**Q:** What are you going to do after you finish?

**A:** I still have no idea. People ask me that a lot and don't have much of an answer even after 900 miles. But I'm not too worried about it, I just try to keep my mind open and available to accept any possible seed of an idea that may come within the next 2,500 miles. Or maybe I'll just turn around and keep running!

## University of California Davis 47th annual College of Engineering commencement ceremony



Vinay Reddy, Omicron Gamma '08, formally welcomed the class of 2009 at the College of Engineering commencement ceremony on June 12, 2009 on behalf of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. The alumni association's mission is to advance the interest and promote the welfare of the university and its alumni. Vinay earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and found his

niche as a leader at UC Davis, serving eight consecutive quarters in a leadership role in Theta Tau. He was a charter member of his chapter and continues to serve Theta Tau today nationally as Expansion Director. We are extremely proud Brother Reddy was selected for this special honor by his alma mater.

# In Memoriam

## ALPHA

Raymond Joseph Bass  
Class of 1938, Roll No. 401

Glenn Warren Schwartz  
1949, Roll No. 545

## BETA

Attilio Victor Berdusco  
1952, Roll No. 679

Brian Boru O'Neill  
1947, Roll No. 465

John Melvin Swanson  
1937, Roll No. 414

Dale Davies Wood  
1944, Roll No. 504

## GAMMA

Marvin Arthur Mantooth  
1948, Roll No. 668

Paul Albert Wichmann  
1958, Roll No. 863

## DELTA

Charles Del McJunkin  
1957, Roll No. 920

## EPSILON

Manuel George Bonilla  
1943, Roll No. 539

David Goodwill  
1943, Roll No. 544

John Quentin Sims  
1958, Roll No. 826

## ZETA

Charles Arthur Beard  
1939, Roll No. 354

David Wright Oberlin  
1941, Roll No. 406

Francis B. Slichter  
1927, Roll No. 219

Harvey Sam Steele  
1939, Roll No. 389

William Huxley Stinson  
1952, Roll No. 540

Wayne Charles Theroff  
1974, Roll No. 735

Francis Neiland Thudium  
1940, Roll No. 396

## ETA

Richard Preston Price  
1926, Roll No. 204

## THETA

Richard Hillen Hunter  
1950, Roll No. 475

## IOTA

Armin Frederick Fick  
1941, Roll No. 398

Guy William Heinrich  
1957, Roll No. 790

Roland Lee Pohlman, Jr.  
1952, Roll No. 672

## KAPPA

Maurice Kilner Carr  
1939, Roll No. 450

## LAMBDA

Dean Oscar Brand  
1957, Roll No. 693

Spencer Simmons Hunn  
1948, Roll No. 569

Thomas Richard Muir  
1945, Roll No. 531

## MU

Arthur Charles Daar  
Class of 1960, Roll No. 726

John Charles Genter  
1953, Roll No. 578

## NU

Joseph Herman Copp  
1938, Roll No. 282

## OMICRON

George Loren Hansel  
1956, Roll No. 459

Gale Bennett Hansen  
1953, Roll No. 419

Neil Jay Stiver  
1935, Roll No. 193

## PJ

Harold Wayne Deaner  
1959, Roll No. 551

John Adam Dovel, Jr.  
1946, Roll No. 335

Richard Fontaine McPherson  
1946, Roll No. 311

## RHO

Jerry DeWitte Leggett  
1951, Roll No. 440

Arnold Prescott White, Jr.  
1951, Roll No. 435

Lonnie C. Williams, Jr.  
1942, Roll No. 263

## SIGMA

Robert Lester DeRoo  
1946, Roll No. 288

Glen Gladstone McCoy  
1951, Roll No. 334

Charles Milton Sackett  
1941, Roll No. 249

## TAU

Malcolm Mitchell Bliss  
1950, Roll No. 418

William Edwin Chamberlain  
1937, Roll No. 143

Thomas Melville  
1942, Roll No. 272

## UPSILON

William Walden Deaver  
1949, Roll No. 265

Haskell George Wilson  
1932, Roll No. 51

## PHI

Richard Andrew Stresser  
1949, Roll No. 185

## CHI

Robert William Ageton  
1942, Roll No. 213

William Donald Loveless  
1952, Roll No. 400

Lewis William Lowe  
1940, Roll No. 178

Herman Willet Van Loo  
1939, Roll No. 143

PSI  
Arthur Jewett Bovee, Jr.  
Class of 1934, Roll No. 28

Jack Fredrick Harvey  
1943, Roll No. 151

Tom Manuel  
1950, Roll No. 234

Elton Albert Youngberg  
1937, Roll No. 53

OMEGA  
Arthur Lawrence Allen  
1944, Roll No. 197

William Alexander Griffith  
1947, Roll No. 170

William Seaton Hannan, Jr.  
1943, Roll No. 189

Elvin Gordon Helling  
1949, Roll No. 269

Gordon Albert Larson  
1940, Roll No. 132

Kenneth Scott Meyer  
1980, Roll No. 826

Stanley Arthur Schack  
1950, Roll No. 308

Duane Blair Skogen  
1956, Roll No. 428

GAMMA BETA  
Walter Harvey Cole, Jr.  
1949, Roll No. 201

EPSILON BETA  
Ronald George Budrick  
1968, Roll No. 174

IOTA BETA  
Walter Joseph Wietcha  
1969, Roll No. 78

*It is with sadness* that we report the passing of Robert W. Ageton, Chi 1942, last August in Arlington, Virginia. Brother Ageton spent his professional career in the mining and minerals field and is author of many technical papers related to that field. He was also a ham radio operator in his spare time. He is survived by his wife June Kite Ageton. He was Life Loyalty member of Sigma Chi. He was a regular donor to Sigma Chi, the Virginia Hospital Center Foundation, and Theta Tau. He also remembered Theta Tau in his estate plans for which the Fraternity is very grateful. Brother Ageton was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.



You too can provide assistance to our Fraternity and Foundation beyond even your own lifetime. Contact the Central Office (800/264-1904) for more information on the Second Century Society! We greatly thank these Second Century Society members who have informed the Central Office that they have remembered Theta Tau in their estate plans:

Michael T. Abraham, Epsilon Beta '92

Robert Alexander, Iota '67

Robert W. Ageton, Chi '42

Dean W. Bettinger, Tau '81

A. Thomas Brown, Mu '77

Jeffrey S. Brown, Phi '87

J. Matthew Clark, Kappa Beta '99

Daniel T. Colpi, Phi '98

John W. F. Dulles, Chi '43

William S. Johnson, Rho '42

Julia Kinchen, Eta Gamma '01

Charles Gnerlich, Delta Beta '66

J. Hal Grossman, Phi '71

Lee C. Haas, Rho '62

Lester A. Haug, Zeta '39

George K. Kostopoulos, Xi Beta '88

Michael Livingston, Gamma Beta '92

Duncan M. McIntosh, Chi '65

John A. McNary, Chi '37

Wayne K. Milne, Phi '38

Arthur M. Partin, Tau '84

Otto Pfahl, Mu Beta '69

Robert E. Pope, Zeta '52

Ron Starr, Beta '67

Justin G. Wiseman, Xi Beta '94

# UPSILON UPDATE – University of Arkansas



Exciting things are happening in Fayetteville! Before the school year even began, students were fixing up the grounds and moving into the house. They made great strides in making the exterior grounds more attractive and more easily maintained.

Over the last year or so, the chapter has increased its membership from 4 to 17, and they expect to double their numbers again this school year. The house has at least one person in each room in contrast to not too long ago when nearly all were vacant. To accommodate the growth, we installed new blinds, a new stove, and a second refrigerator were also purchased. As importantly, the chapter continues to revitalize its relationship with the engineering school and its freshmen engineering program.

The Foundation and chapter extends most sincere thanks to all those who made contributions and fulfilled their pledges. Your

support, and the assistance of Brother Reynie Rutledge, Upsilon 1972, of First Security Bank has enabled the Foundation to recently refinance the mortgage on the house at considerably more favorable terms.

In some respects, the hard work is over, and it's downhill from here. But, we still need your support to alleviate the long-term burden of the current \$850,000 mortgage on the chapter house. Reducing that burden enables the Foundation to support the academic and leadership goals for our members at the local at the University of Arkansas (instead of all revenue being consumed for the principle and interest on a mortgage).



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## NEW Website Launched!

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Some features of the website include:

- Resources, including print and electronic documents like forms, manuals, and *The Gear*.
- Updated news section so you can stay informed.
- Calendar function noting upcoming events and deadlines.
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For updates on this event and other alumni club activity visit <http://thetatau-ncac.blogspot.com>  
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In H&T – Rob Huie, GB '97, President, National Capital Section Alumni Club