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Theta Tau members working on a roof for the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge in South Florida.

## FROM THE Editor



Allison Pollard, Tau Beta '05

*“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;...” - Ecclesiastes 9:10*

I work as a project manager in web development, and I love how fast the web changes. Requests from internal and external clients come in at a steady pace, and our team responds accordingly. Our priorities also change regularly, and we must roll with the punches and develop suitable solutions. At the end of the day, I think about the value added by the web software we provide with pride. Rather than focus on extensive documentation and schedules, I focus on responding to change and working software—I believe in being agile. There is a software development framework used by project managers like myself called scrum. My favorite aspects of scrum are simple: the work to be done is kept visible to the team, and the team as a whole commits to the work to be completed and creates a definition of done for their work.

Theta Taus have committed to living the open motto of our fraternity, and it is the theme of this issue of *The Gear*. Whether it's starting an alumni club or starting a nonprofit, brothers are stepping up to make a difference and getting things done. Some of the articles in this magazine make visible work that remains to be done while one article asks what you are working on and what you have done within our fraternity. Many share stories of completed work and successes. All of the them represent Theta Tau.

This issue expanded over time as we received more submissions from you, the brothers of Theta Tau, and we have tried to include as many as possible. Grand Treasurer Matthew Clark has joined our committee and been a tremendous help so far. I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Gear*—this magazine is for you.

## 2010 Convention

by Jessica Adams, Eta Gamma '05, Alumni Programs Director



As the Alumni Programs Director and a Colorado resident, I would like to personally invite you to join us for the 2010 National Convention in Denver. Attending a Theta Tau Convention is always an excellent opportunity for you to meet more members and gain more than you can from any other Theta Tau event. This year's conference will be held August 5-8 and will include fun, fellowship, training and education, networking opportunities, a mini-vacation, and the outdoor beauty of a city like no other in the nation.

Our host hotel, the downtown Denver Grand Hyatt, is a AAA Four Diamond luxury property within a short walking distance of all sites in downtown Denver including the 16th Street Mall, US Mint, State Capitol, Larimer Square, and the Golden Triangle Museum District. A short trip away enables you to also reach the LoDo district which contains Union Station, Coors Field, Aquarium, Confluence Park, and more. Convention attendees will enjoy the location and its amenities at the great rate of \$105/night. Theta Tau exceeded its rooming block available at our rate at the last two Conventions, so make your reservations now by calling 800/233-1234 or visit [www.granddenverhyatt.com](http://www.granddenverhyatt.com).

Registration is now open, and a preliminary schedule has been posted on the Theta Tau website. The Convention Meal Package and Registration which includes all meeting materials, breaks, Opening Dinner, Topical/Regional Lunch, and Awards Banquet will be \$100 for early registrants (\$125 for those registering after June 15). Visit [www.thetatau.org](http://www.thetatau.org) for the latest information.

This promises to be a great conference in a great city, and I look forward to seeing you in August!

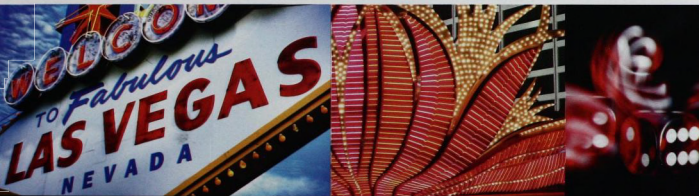
# National Alumni Club

by Chris Gilmer, Eta Gamma '04, President, National Alumni Club



We have seen progress recently towards our goal to increase alumni participation at the local, regional, and national levels to make our fraternity stronger. The Chapter Advisory Team initiative has gained a foothold at a number of chapters, and more alumni clubs are being formed across the nation. We are pleased to see continued enthusiasm from brothers everywhere for Theta Tau and look forward to more going forward.

The National Alumni Club (NAC) will be hosting a reception at this year's Convention in Denver, and we will be holding our officer election at that time. Membership in the NAC is free to those who wish to register, and we hope to see new faces and familiar ones in August. Any NAC member can run for an officer position, and I encourage you to consider stepping up and volunteering for a position.



## LAS VEGAS BOUND!

Some of your National Alumni Club members are headed for the city that never sleeps...Las Vegas! November 12-14 NAC members will be visiting the city of lights and would love to see other brothers during the trip. They will be staying near the middle of the strip and currently plan to meet November 13 for dinner. If you are interested in joining this event please email [jess.adams@thetatau.org](mailto:jess.adams@thetatau.org)



# Q&A WITH STUDENT MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DANIEL "XANDER" WHITE, TAU GAMMA '09

## Q: What originally inspired you to run?

A: I had not considered running for the Student Member position until Grand Regent Mike Livingston announced at the 2008 National Convention that they would extend the application deadline one more day. I was halfway into my term as Regent and serving as delegate of Tau Gamma chapter, which at the time was barely five months old, but I knew that I wanted to continue contributing to the fraternity's mission and brothers beyond that next semester, hectic and exhilarating as it was. I hinted at my budding interest in running to my alternate and Vice Regent, Sam Lee. She exhorted, "You should TOTALLY do it, Xander!" and encouraged me to overcome my initial shyness and meet many of my fellow brothers.

My experiences as a member of a local fraternity and colony also gave me added confidence and drive to pursue election to this office. I felt I could develop a broad familiarity with the different issues, joys, and exasperations affecting student brothers of diverse backgrounds in our current period of dynamic growth and rejuvenation. Additionally, I sought to shake things up a bit and challenge perceptions by joining the Executive Council members, all of whom had extensive fraternal networks and histories of fraternal service. At the most personal level, my leadership mentors from Tau Gamma's founding class, Jason Phan and Leslie Chen, inspired me to volunteer my efforts toward the sharing, realization, and betterment of our Fraternity's mission.

## Q: What have been the best parts of your experience as a national officer?

A: Without question, the most gratifying experiences have come through my interactions with my fellow brothers.



I never fully grasped the national nature of our Fraternity until the 2008 Convention, and I grew addicted to it. Sitting in my inaugural Executive Council meeting on the last day of that Convention, I felt elated that the diverse group quickly united with dedication to the Fraternity. Likewise, attending the 2009 Leadership Academy with over 100 fellow brothers developing and applying their skills was a blast, as were more intimate experiences like discussing the meaning of "brotherhood" with the brothers of Nu Gamma and installing the impressively enthusiastic Chi Gamma and Psi Gamma Chapters.

That said, helping Theta Tau's national web committee get the new [ThetaTau.org](http://ThetaTau.org) site up was also an important achievement very much aligned with the goals of the Student Member to interact with and provide resources to brothers across the country. The experience gets even better as more brothers join our online community, so please register your account if you have not already!

## Q: What counsel would you give brothers considering running for Student Member?

A: Go for it! The worst that could happen is you introduce yourself to a bunch of brothers at Convention and mention a few good ideas in front of the people with the power to enact them. I recommend you evaluate honestly if you can make a two-year commitment, which usually requires at least a couple hours every week. The office is immensely rewarding but comes with challenges. Remain open-minded and get to know the stories of your fellow brothers; these bonds are both foundation and motivation for all success in Theta Tau, especially as a national officer.

## Further Reading

Login and read Xander's blog on the Theta Tau website under Fraternity Resources > Student Member Blog. He is always eager to address brothers' questions, input, and feedback at [dan.white@thetatau.org](mailto:dan.white@thetatau.org)!

# Queen City Alumni Club

Hannah Austin Arrington, Pi Gamma '07

**“Call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family; Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.” - Jane Howard**

The story goes that in 2005, Joseph “The Godfather” DeVoe noticed the aspiration among the students of the Lee College of Engineering at UNC Charlotte to have a professional organization unlike the rest; an organization structured to embrace their choice to pursue engineering while preparing them for a career in engineering. Brother DeVoe contacted the Executive Director of Theta Tau to learn what it would take to begin a chapter, and on August 25th, 2007, twenty-two members of the UNC Charlotte Colony were initiated as the Pi Gamma chapter of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity.

As one of the founding Pi Gamma brothers, it was not easy to graduate and walk away from the network and dream that was shared and built at UNC Charlotte. We were a part of something bigger than ourselves, and we made things happen with extraordinary energy and skill that was sharpened each year as a brother. Since that time, those who have graduated have expressed a desire to continue the commitment, and some have moved forward with it, as evidenced by the founding of the Godfather Award and formation of the Queen City Alumni Club.



The Pi Gamma Godfather Award is the brainchild of Nick Kannen, Pi Gamma '07. He wanted to give back to our chapter while spotlighting our chapter founder. The Godfather Award signifies someone who is leaving their mark on the fraternity; takes initiative and uses innovation in their responsibilities and tasks; is able to cross all fraternal factions and form bonds with all brothers; maintains exceptional participation records; and upholds a high standard of professional and personal development for himself/herself. The recipient of the award not only receives recognition, but chapter dues for that semester are paid for by donations from the Queen City Alumni Club.

The Queen City Alumni Club is a newly established method of serving and sustaining

the Theta Tau alumni network in the Charlotte area. The ability to connect with the alumni network is one of the most valuable Theta Tau assets, right up there with the brotherhood and professional skills that are developed during the college years. Ultimately, a strong alumni network enhances the value of the Theta Tau brotherhood. In the past year, the Queen City Alumni Club has held events at Mez in the Epicentre in Charlotte, Happy Lake in China Grove, Wild Wing Cafe, and individual homes for dinners and holiday parties. The group sent invitations to 120 area Theta Tau alumni from chapters other than Pi Gamma to encourage involvement, beginning with a networking social at McAlister's Deli in the middle of February. With monthly socials and a beach trip planned for the end of June, the group hopes to continue building its foundation with the high caliber Theta Tau alumni in the area and to provide lively, challenging, and unique experiences to its members.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Queen City Alumni Club, please contact [qtotalumni@gmail.com](mailto:qtotalumni@gmail.com) or [Arrington.hannah@gmail.com](mailto:Arrington.hannah@gmail.com).

## Huntsville Alumni

by Brian LaShomb, Mu '08, NAC Southeastern Regional Alumni Representative

Huntsville is a city of engineers. How many of those are in Theta Tau? Let's find out! If you are interested in restarting the Huntsville Theta Tau Alumni Club, please email me at [huntsvillthetaatau@gmail.com](mailto:huntsvillthetaatau@gmail.com). We're looking for people interested in attending or helping plan events.

# Putting Professional Development in the Limelight

by Bradley Davis, Kappa Gamma 08,  
Director of Professional Development

Professional development sets Theta Tau apart from other fraternities, and I know our student members sometimes struggle in planning PD events.

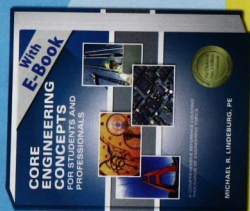
Originally I pledged Theta Tau in 2001 with Kappa Gamma's first pledge class, but one week before initiation I was called into active duty. As a result, I missed initiation and left school completely. In 2004 I returned to the Virginia Commonwealth University engineering school looking to finish what I started. I ran into Brother Brian Ewbank, and after a short conversation, I decided to re-pledge Theta Tau. I quickly became friends with many of the brothers, and those lasting bonds have helped shape who I am professionally and personally. I served as the Professional Development chair for my chapter in 2005, and later stayed involved in an advisory capacity. At the time, I felt that the professional development initiatives lacked a frame of reference.

When I entered my engineering career I was blown away at the amount of stuff that hadn't been covered by our events and workshops. I wanted to find a way to bring professional development back into the limelight within our fraternity and inspire a movement to revisit the concepts and principles we've adhered to for so long. At the end of 2009 I was appointed the national Director of Professional Development.

My goal as the Director of Professional Development is to provide you with the necessary understanding of what PD can do for you and your chapter. My first goal is to rewrite the PD manual found on the fraternity website, which hasn't been updated since 1996. I hope to create a guide written in collaboration with our chapters because I want each member—student or alumnus—to be able to work from it in their efforts to grow as a professional.

I would love to hear your thoughts on professional development and how Theta Tau can continue to excel in this area—email me at [brad.davis@thetatau.org](mailto:brad.davis@thetatau.org).

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# Theta Gamma Alumni Reunion

Jason Bailey, Theta Gamma '00



*Theta Gammas past and present gather in front of the University of Michigan Student Union after initiation.*

In December 2008, a few Theta Gamma alumni came up with the idea of celebrating our chapter's 10th anniversary. Our chapter was installed on April 17th, 1999, and we wanted to celebrate the successes that the chapter had achieved over the previous ten years. After making a few phone calls and sending a few e-mails, we felt that interest was very high for such an event. At that point, we started making contact with some current brothers in the chapter to start planning what became the Theta Gamma 10th Anniversary Celebration and Alumni Reunion.

A few brothers from the chapter (Rachel Eggert, Tanvi Singh, and Chris Muhich) and I

started meeting regularly over the month to plan the event, and more importantly, reach out to our 100+ active alumni across the nation. We started with e-mails and phone calls to alumni we had contact information for, and then had those alumni help us find our missing alumni. We also started a Facebook group for all Theta Gamma alumni and a Facebook event for the 10th Anniversary. We mailed out formal invitations once the date and location were set. All in all, we received 40 attending RSVPs out of the 100 alumni we contacted, giving us a 40% success rate.

On April 17th, 2009, those 40 alumni came from all over the country back to Ann Arbor to celebrate our 10 years of success as a chapter and to get back in touch with old friends and brothers. That Friday we attended initiation and took a group photo of past and present brothers in front of the University of Michigan Student Union. We followed the initiation with an ancient college tradition, the

toga party, allowing us to unwind from all of the traveling and events from the day. Saturday was even more packed with activities, including a BBQ picnic out in Gallup Park, a Theta Tau Olympics (with the winners taking home a handmade trophy), a tour of the campus, a formal dinner and slide presentations from all of the past pledge classes, and a night capping bar crawl through Ann Arbor's finest establishments.

The alumni packed up and left town that Sunday with a renewed spirit of brotherhood and fellowship, and the student members were thrilled to meet brothers of the past. Many new friendships were formed, and most importantly, fun was had by all. Many suggested that we do it again in another five years! Personally I hope we do, and I would highly suggest that other chapters in our fraternity do the same. It helps to strengthen the fact that Theta Tau is not over when you graduate from college—it's a brotherhood that lasts for life.



*Brothers Siuniak and Winsemius, along with other Theta Gammas, laugh at shared stories from good times past.*



# Vanderbilt Colony Certification

by Cory Plastek, Regent, Vanderbilt University Colony

On December 12th, 2009, Vanderbilt Theta Tau was certified as the Vanderbilt University Colony of Theta Tau. Founded with twelve members, Vanderbilt has shown an extreme amount of interest in Theta Tau, and the colony held its first rush and pledging cycle. Events planned for this semester include volunteering to help with Vanderbilt School of Engineering's Open House and Nashville Habitat for Humanity, as well as professional development workshops and social events for its members. The Colony is well on its way of starting a strong tradition of professionalism, community, and brotherhood at Vanderbilt University.



Vanderbilt colony members.

# University of the Pacific Colony Certification

by Jake Campuspos, Scribe/Corresponding Secretary, University of the Pacific Colony

The spirit rock at the University of the Pacific is layered with years' worth of spray paint. The rock has seen its share of healthy, competitive rivalry amongst various Greek organizations through the years, but none have ever come from a professional engineering fraternity. Midnight on November 21, 2009 was when that changed. With ten cans of spray paint and no other organization in sight, fifteen members painted "Pacific Welcomes Theta Tau" on the spirit rock, marking the birth of the first engineering fraternity at the University of the Pacific.

Later that day, seventeen brothers from UC Davis' Omicron Gamma chapter, Grand Regent Michael Livingston, Executive Director Michael Abraham, Expansion Director Vinay Reddy, and local alumni Donald Sloat, Roger Smith, and Richard Newell witnessed the initiation of the

fifteen Theta Tau colony members. Taking pictures by the rock—which belonged to Theta Tau for the weekend—sealed the memories in our minds for the rest of our lives.

In the spring of 2009, Vinay Reddy met with a dozen students and helped form the group ultimately charged with becoming the founding class of the University of the Pacific Colony of Theta Tau. This interest group called themselves Pacific Professional Engineers. It's surprising that in a school as rich in Greek life as Pacific, which boasts one out of five students affiliated with Greek life, no professional engineering fraternity had existed. Our founding brothers recognized and were driven by the need for an organization that emphasized both brotherhood and professionalism.

Since the inception of the Pacific Professional Engineers, now the Pacific University Colony of Theta Tau, a strong impact has been made on the engineering community. The founding brothers attended meetings for the Association of Engineering Students and volunteered for IBM's International Collegiate Programming Contest. They developed fundraising campaigns by selling spam musubis, a popular Hawaiian snack, and promoted engineering in an intramural dodge ball tournament.



Colony members gather around the University spirit rock.

Personally, I like to think that the hype surrounding a "new" engineering fraternity on campus has created a sense of pride in the engineering community at Pacific. About forty guests attended each night of our first rush week—a feat not too common for engineering organizations at Pacific. Now, at eighteen pledges strong, the current pledge class aims to build the support pillars upon the foundations laid before them by the founding class.

With the expansion of Theta Tau into the western region and the growth of Pacific's Engineering department, it's definitely an incredible time to be an engineer at Pacific. Interestingly enough, if you look around the spirit rock, you'll see, "Dedicated to the School of Engineering." It's about time we fight for our rock. It's a great time to be part of Theta Tau.



Michael Livingston, Roger Smith, Beta '68, Don Sloat, Beta '67, and Rich Newell, Omicron '67, at the Pacific certification.

# Weekend of THETA TAU

by Cristina Kubicki, '12, Colony President



Mackenzie Arnold, corresponding secretary, takes the football in for a goal that led the girls team to a second place finish in a flag football tournament.

The weekend of November 21st, 2009, the Theta Tau colony at the University of South Carolina enjoyed a Weekend of Theta Tau, an opportunity to invest time in community service and host their first semi-formal.

The colony visited the Babcock Center to help decorate for the holidays and spend time with the mentally handicapped; they made crafts and a life-size Snowman and Santa Claus. In addition to the service benefits of this project, it also promoted Theta Tau on the university's campus as the project was organized through University of South Carolina's service council.

Theta Tau members also participated in Kappa Kappa Gamma's philanthropy event Kappa Kick-off, a daylong, double-elimination bracket flag football event. Theta Tau boasted both a women's and a men's team. The women's team

made into the championship game and was defeated only by the Women's Rugby flag football team. This great event supported nonprofit organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Reading is Fundamental, the Hill Family Fund, and the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. Theta Tau was the only professional fraternity participating at this event.

The colony also initiated its second pledge class over the weekend. This brought the colony's numbers to twenty-two members in total and made them one of the largest professional fraternities on campus. To celebrate the initiation and continue the weekend's festivities, the Theta Tau colony hosted its first annual semi-formal. The event was a huge success and had full participation from members. The event included heavy hors d'oeuvres and was organized by the new initiates.



The Colony of Theta Tau at the University of South Carolina represented itself at Service Saturday, an on-campus community service program, rounding off a full weekend of colony events.



Brittany Bowers, Devon Smith, and Mackenzie Arnold work hard to decorate a center for handicapped adults with holiday cheer.

Colony members also participated in their first election process on the evening of Nov. 21. Cristina Adele Kubicki, a chemical engineering major, was elected as president of the colony, and her plans include completing the petition for a charter and having the University of South Carolina colony officially installed as a chapter. The colony's action statement for the year is to establish a solid relationship with the engineering faculty and students. Currently, the colony regularly hosts a study group each week in the university's John C. Swearingen Engineering Center, the center of engineering life on campus.

# Exploring and Improving The Community

by Melvin Du '12, Colony Corresponding Secretary

The Cal Colony at UC Berkeley is now better than ever! Last semester our colony experienced extensive growth in our programming. We started strong with a Resume Workshop held during rush week, hosted by our professional development division and the Career Center at UC Berkeley. Later in the semester, the professional development team provided a private workshop in San Francisco for colony members; teams of five scouted out famous landmarks, engaged in dining etiquette lessons, and ended the day with a fantastic dinner at Osha Thai Restaurant on 2nd Street.

As the semester progressed, our service spirit similarly flourished. Maintaining our commit-

ment to the city of Berkeley, we once again participated in the Berkeley Project, this time spreading awareness of the 2010 census by distributing posters to local businesses. We also worked with the Society of Women Engineers to host Regalos Del Amor, where members, pledges, and other volunteers wrapped donated gifts to send to underprivileged children in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

A first since our inception in 2008, the Cal Colony made a strong show of athleticism by breaking into the realm of intramural sports at UC Berkeley. The twelve man basketball team of Theta Tau finished a great semester with a trip to the playoffs. Now with a semester of

experience under their belts, the team has high hopes for the spring season.

For the year ahead, the Cal Colony has more in store than ever before, and we are all working hard to make this semester the best we've ever had.

We hope soon that the reward of these efforts will be the re-installation of Epsilon Chapter of Theta Tau here in Berkeley.



Student members and pledges on a San Francisco cable car.



Student members and pledges on a scavenger hunt in San Francisco.



Marcus Macaulay shakes hands with a SFPD officer.



Pledge Educator Jeffrey Chao shakes hands with a stranger on the streets of San Francisco.

# Gamma Beta

by Sara Belzner, Gamma Beta '11, Corresponding Secretary

This year our chapter had an exciting year! We had the opportunity to attend a rocket launch at Higgs Farm in Price, Maryland. Our chapter launched a two stage I rocket and helped build a test motor for a Q rocket that will be the largest rocket on the eastern sea board and will be used to launch a car on the TV show

*Mythbusters*. We are hoping to be able to continue our participation in this regional rocket launch through the next few semesters.

Gamma Beta also participated in the George Washington University's Relay for Life. The chapter had a team of 8 brothers, and most

stayed until the event ended—we had at least one brother at all times. A few brothers also took a trip to the Yuengling factory and the Hexcel Corporation in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. After all of the excitement of this year we are getting ready for next year and having more activities!

## Gamma Beta Chapter Turns 75

by Alex Rosenheim, Gamma Beta '96, Event Chair and Secretary, National Capital Section Alumni Club

The Gamma Beta Chapter proudly celebrated its 75th anniversary with a weekend of events centering on a Gala Celebration in the heart of Georgetown at the City Tavern Club on Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Gamma Beta Chapter of Theta Tau at The George Washington University originated as a local fraternity, Phi Theta Xi, in 1927. Phi Theta Xi was installed as the Gamma Beta Chapter of Theta Tau on March 16, 1935. After becoming inactive in the late 1970s, the chapter was refounded on September 23, 1989 by Lt. Commander Sean Walsh and Dr. Douglas Jones. Over 50 students, alumni, spouses/guests from many eras of the chapter's history were able to attend that gala dinner.

Rob Huie, President of the National Capital Section Alumni Club, welcomed all to the dinner. James P. Howard, Assistant Vice-President for Development and Alumni Relations for the George Washington University's School of Engineering and Applied Science was also able to attend the event. He gave a wonderful presentation of the current state of the University and the Engineering School. It evolved into a very lively question and answer session that gave many of the alumni a chance to stay up to date on the state of their alum a mater. Grand Regent Mike Livingston, GB '92 was able to return home to the Gamma Beta Chapter and



Attendees of the Gala Celebration in Georgetown.

gave an update on the state of the fraternity's national activities. Regent Nick Wilkerson, GB '10, was greeted by the room of proud alumni when he pointed out that the chapter has initiated over 700 members. In attendance were over a dozen past Regents and founding fathers from the chapter re-founding in 1989. Doctor Douglas Jones, GB '67, retired, long-time adviser to the chapter joined us for the festivities, as well. We were also glad to see past Regents, Sean Walsh, GB '76, and, Ed Gold, GB '76, and his wife, Jane, were also able to join us. Allison Pollard, TB '05, Editor-in-Chief of *The Gear* of Theta Tau, also joined us for the celebration. And, of course,

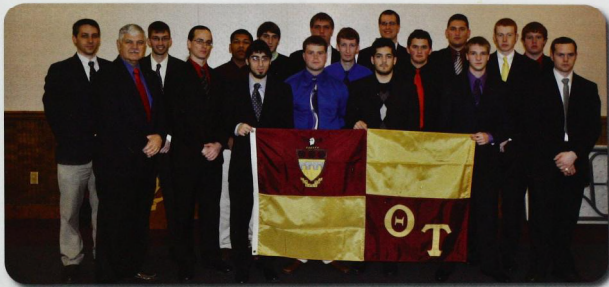
the gala could not have ended properly with the traditional Gamma Beta Cigar Club on the balcony of the club.

The gala event was the result of the hard work and dedication of countless people over the past 18 months. The Gamma Beta Chapter and the National Capital Section Alumni Club would especially like to thank all of the efforts of Erin Pitts, Associate Director, School Alumni Programs for the The George Washington University Office of Alumni Relations and the GWU Alumni Association for their assistance and sponsorship of the event.



# Rho's 85th Anniversary

by Michael James Lambert, Rho '12, Corresponding Secretary



*Rho members after the initiation of Brother Christian Lilley in the Fellowship Hall of a Masonic lodge.*

Rho chapter at North Carolina State University was founded on February 16th, 1924, and this past year was our 85th anniversary! We celebrated with a banquet in our student center and a presentation put on by our chapter's historian, Michael Thompson. The history of our chapter is as rich as any could hope for; there are engineering buildings on

campus that are named after our chapter founders, and a group of them were freemasons. In 85 years, we never went inactive, even through World War II and the draft; with Rho brothers in almost every other major conflict, we have pulled through with lessons learned and bonds made. This spring, we initiated our 1150th Rho brother. Currently

we are fundraising to purchase the house we are using as our chapter house and focusing on recruitment. Student members boast internships and co-ops with such organizations as the Department of Defense and NASA! We have enjoyed these 85 years as brothers of Theta Tau, and we hope as a chapter we can prosper for 85 more!

## Exploring Brotherhood

by David R. Long, Upsilon '12, Marshal

Upsilon Chapter at the University of Arkansas set out for McIlroy Madison County Wildlife Management Area to create a stronger bond of fraternal fellowship. Members and pledges traveled through the cave system, eventually arriving in an antechamber, where flashlights were collected and a single tea candle and soda can were given in exchange. Pledges then worked together to safely lead everyone out of more than 500 feet of winding pipes, ledges, and crawlways.



*Listed in picture from left to right:  
Back row - Nathan Mehan,  
Mikey Thomas, Skyla Thompson,  
Michael Douglas, Paul Bondurant,  
Zac Guerin, Jacob Renick.  
Front Row - Kurt Waldrup,  
Charlie Zardin, David Long,  
Carly Jenkins, Tyler Davis,  
Caleb Selby.*

# BETA CHAPTER initiates two honoraries on Founders' Day

by Jim Cote', Beta '62

On Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th, 2009 the alumni and student brothers of Beta chapter celebrated Theta Tau Founders' Day with the initiation of two new honorary brothers and a magnificent dinner at the chapter house in Houghton, Michigan. On Friday night, Dave House and Dr. David Hand were initiated into the timeless and meaningful rituals that highlight the importance of the engineering profession and the high ethical standards to which the brothers of Theta Tau strive in pursuing their careers.



Dave House, a 1965 B.S.E.E. graduate of Michigan Tech with an M.S.E.E. from Northeastern University, has probably done more to profoundly change the way we live and do business than any other Michigan Tech graduate. He spent 23 years in senior management positions at Intel and is known in the industry as Mr. Intel Inside for heading up the Intel Inside development, and indeed baptizing the program with the Intel Inside trademark. He has served as the President of Allegro Networks, Nortel Networks, and Bay

Networks, and is now the Chairman of the Board of Brocade Communications. He serves on the Board of the Computer History Museum and as a Trustee of the Michigan Tech Fund. He is helping Michigan Tech transform its Electrical Engineering program to the needs of the 21st Century and is Chair of the \$250,000,000 Michigan Tech Capital Campaign.



Professor David Hand, Ph.D., of Michigan Tech's Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering is a research scholar and teaching faculty member. His research interests include the development and application of physical and chemical processes for the recovery, removal, or destruction of organic compounds from air and water streams in industrial processes and the environment. His most notable recent activity has been in the development of the wastewater recovery system recently installed on the Space Station. Dr. Hand has been serving as the faculty adviser to Beta chapter with frequent visits to the house for dinner, discussion, and regular dinner meetings with

the chapter officers at local restaurants. His peers have recognized him by awarding him the Outstanding Teaching in the Environmental Engineering and Science Award, given by the Association of Environmental and Science Professors.

At the Saturday evening gala, attended by sixty, the brothers honored Beta members, Dr. Leo Duggan, one time savior of Beta Chapter, and those who have been inducted into the Theta Tau Hall of Fame by introducing the prominent display of their photos. Those brothers include Herm Hopkins '08, a Beta Chapter founder, Jim Martin '44, Jim Klunness '49, Dr. Don Saari '62, James Mitchell '65 and most recently, Retired Air Force General Todd Stewart '67. Also honored with photos to hang in the dining room of the chapter house were the past three cooks, Mabel, Art and Pauline, to toil in the chapter house kitchen to feed the hungry Beta student members. In an unlikely history of dedication and faithfulness, they each served the chapter for over twenty-five years.

## Purdue Service Learning Project



Phi Chapter of Theta Tau in partnership with the City of West Lafayette received a Service Learning Project Grant this Fall.

Theta Tau, along with Purdue's Office of Community Relations, partnered with the city's code enforcement officer to lend skills and manpower to head off property code violation citations by voluntarily working with the city and property owners to clean up and repair distressed property.

This effort will certainly enhance the off-campus neighborhoods which will be advantageous to the

city, the University and property owners. The students will benefit by engaging in activities which assist their community and giving them opportunities to creatively use their engineering and other skills to solve problems.

The first beneficiary of the project is a retired Purdue professor who owns 3 properties in the area. Though he wishes to remain anonymous, he was quoted in the October 19th issue of the Purdue Exponent as saying: "I'm very grateful for the guys—they've been working hard. It takes a lot off my mind." In that same report, Mike Piggott, director of community relations for Purdue, said he contacted Theta Tau, who quickly jumped on board to help clean up the properties, and soon

Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, and Phi Kappa Theta also joined in to help with the day of service. "It was very serendipitous: the first project that comes our way is helping a retired engineering professor; it's just classic," Piggott laughed.

Nathan Phares, a senior in the College of Civil Engineering and Theta Tau's vice president, said, "It feels really good to do something out in the community; people even come up to us on the street and tell us what a good thing it is." Although the landscaping wasn't completely finished, the three fraternities helped bring the retired professor's landscape up to the Neighborhood Resource Team's standards.

# BETA CHAPTER Kitchen Remodel

by Jim Cote', Beta '62



With Anchor Hill closed for the summer of 2009, it was an ideal time to finally execute a complete remodel of the kitchen. The condition of the kitchen had gotten so bad that it was an embarrassment to have visitors see it upon arrival at the house, and it was an obvious detriment to our recruitment of new members. More than one mother had questioned whether she wanted her son to eat the food prepared in such a place!

Under the leadership of the Theta Tau Alumni Foundation, President Mike Guenther '82 engaged the support of Brother Scott Northuis '96 to complete a new kitchen design and to contract new kitchen cabinets. He also enlisted Houghton resident Brother Eric Steir '90 to interface with Chassell Carpentry and Woodworking to complete the remodel. Eric served as the on-site construction manager and saw the job through to completion.

The completed kitchen is a source of pride for the student members with new ceramic tile floor, formica counter tops and new cabinets. The old stainless steel counter tops and sinks were repaired and reused. Total cost of the project—approximately \$45,000—was partially covered by pledges and donations to the Beta Alumni Foundation, but we could use your help to pay it off!



*In preparation for building a new chapter house on the campus of Michigan Technological University, Beta chapter recently signed a property exchange agreement. Signing for Beta chapter are Jim Cote' (left), and Jim Whalen (right) of their corporate board. In the center is MTU President, Glen Mroz. Under the terms of the agreement, Beta chapter may exchange their current chapter house and property adjacent to the University Golf Course for cash and a two and a half acre parcel on campus.*



*A recent gathering of Michigan Technological University alumni brought together Beta chapter graduates from four consecutive decades. From left to right are Jim Cote' ('61), Jim Whalen ('53), Jim Klungness ('49), and Herb Khron ('38). Brother Khron was the celebrity of the evening when he shared that his granddaughter, Lindsey Vonn, had won a gold medal for the USA Winter Olympic Team in Vancouver, B.C., the night before.*

*Brother Jim Whalen passed away the morning of April 30, 2010. Jim had been diagnosed with liver cancer following his emergency surgery for gall bladder on February 21st, two days after his final meeting regarding Theta Tau. He died at home surrounded by his loving family.*

*Jim spent his final eight years providing solid leadership for our Fraternity and will be greatly missed!*



## 2010 National Convention Denver- August 5-8

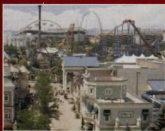
The 2010 Convention is certain to be Theta Tau's best ever. Our host hotel, the downtown Denver Grand Hyatt, is a AAA Four Diamond luxury property located a block from the Denver's famed 16th Street Mall with something for everyone. Our Convention attendees will enjoy the location and its

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[www.granddenver.hyatt.com](http://www.granddenver.hyatt.com). Our host hotel is within a short walking distance of all sites in downtown Denver including the 16th Street Mall, US Mint, State Capitol, Larimer Square, and the Golden Triangle Museum District. A short trip away enables you to also reach the LoDo district which contains Union Station, Coors Field, Aquarium, Confluence Park (pictured), and more.



### Bring the Family



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### View, Hike & Climb

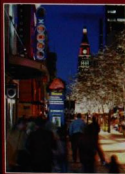
Denver has a mountain panorama that is 120 miles long, and you can reach them in about 30 minutes from the hotel. If you don't want to hike up a 14er, Denver also has the nation's largest park system with fea-



tures that are sure to keep you entertained as you explore the outdoors - whether you want to hike, or even kayak.

### Where to Shop?

Cherry Creek Mall is in a league of its own with over 20 blocks of shops and boutiques. If that's not enough for you, more shopping awaits at the trendy and nearby Larimer Square revitalized historic district. Save room in your suitcase!



## SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 5

CONVENTION REGISTRATION & WELCOME RECEPTION  
CONVENTION ORIENTATION  
OPENING CEREMONY

### THURSDAY EVENING - AUGUST 5

OPENING DINNER  
ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS  
OUTSTANDING STUDENT MEMBER AWARDS

### FRIDAY MORNING - AUGUST 6

CONVENTION SESSION  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING- AUGUST 6

TOPIC PANEL LUNCHEONS  
SCHEDULE OPEN TO ENJOY DENVER ATTRACTIONS  
STAND A MILE HIGH ON CAPITOL STEPS  
BUS TRIP TO RED ROCKS/MOUNTAINS

### SATURDAY MORNING - AUGUST 7

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS  
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS  
CHAPTER ADVISORY TEAM WORKSHOP  
TRAINING/EDUCATION BREAKOUTS

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON - AUGUST 7

DENVER ART MUSEUM FREE DAY  
HISTORIC BROWN PALACE HOTEL TOUR  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION LUNCH  
NATIONAL ALUMNI CLUB RECEPTION  
INITIATION CEREMONY & MEMORIAL SERVICE  
FUNDRAISING/FUNDING FOR GT CHAPTER HOUSES

### SATURDAY EVENING - AUGUST 7

CONVENTION BANQUET  
CHAPTER & CONVENTION AWARDS

### SUNDAY MORNING - AUGUST 8

CONVENTION SESSION  
RESOLUTIONS & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### How to Get Around?

Denver is the country's fourth most walkable city. The 16th Street Mall in the heart of downtown has a free bus service running most hours. Neighborhood walking tours, park trails and themed tours reveal stories that reveal Denver's pioneer spirit and history.

### WHAT TO DO IN DENVER?

If you don't see more than enough to keep you busy, entertained, and exhilarated to the left, the Executive Director will be happy to put you to work at the Convention. No? How about the Denver Botanical Gardens, Invesco Field, Coors Brewery (in Golden), the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown's historic home, Buffalo Bill's grave, Colorado Railroad Museum, Lookout Mountain, Art Galleries, and more than we can possibly list? More information on these and more at <http://www.denver.org/>

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# CONVENTION NAME TAG INFORMATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS (Hotel requires meal count guarantees prior to our Convention.)

**LODGING** Please make your own lodging travel and reservations by calling 800-233-1234 and mentioning "Theta Tau Fraternity" to get our special lodging rate of \$105 plus tax for single, double, triple, or quad. Lodging is at the Grand Hyatt Denver Downtown, 1750 Welton St., Denver, CO 80202. **To ensure lodging availability, make your hotel reservations by July 1, 2010** by calling 800-233-1234. Group rates are honored 2 days prior and post program dates based on room rate and availability.

List each person planning to attend the Convention, **August 5-8, at the Grand Hyatt Downtown Denver. Be sure to include yourself.** The meal package includes the Opening Dinner, Friday Luncheon, and Awards Banquet; it does **not** include the Registration Fee. Registration fee includes all meeting materials, Welcome Reception Thursday, Red Rocks Outing, and Send-Off Reception Sunday. Submit by June 15 to take advantage of reduced registration and meal costs!

Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms.	Name  (As wanted on Name Tag)	Grad Year	Reg. Fee Early \$50 Late \$75	BEST DEAL! Meal Package Early \$100 Late \$125	8/5 Opening Dinner Early \$35 Late \$45	8/6 Topical Luncheon Early \$30 Late \$35	8/7 Awards Banquet Early \$45 Late \$55	Subtotal for this Person

## IDENTIFICATION PINS AND CONVENTION / CONFERENCE BARS

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# Homecoming Pride at OMEGA BETA

by Kaheem Evans, Omega Beta '11



*Theta Tau student members teamed up with Danceworks to build a float for Homecoming.*

From October 5th to October 10th, one of Hofstra University's multipurpose rooms was overrun with wood, power tools, newspaper, paper-mache, and way too much glitter. Clubs and Greek organizations gathered to create their Myth and Legends floats from scratch. The Omega Beta chapter began working with one of the largest clubs on campus, Danceworks, to create our float: The Lost City of Atlantis. This was our second time working with Danceworks, and it seemed that nothing had changed from when we had created our Peter Pan float in 2006. Yes, sleep and sanity were scarce in both organizations, but the friendships forged and the end product were worth it.

Not only did our float feature a volcano and a shipwreck, but also a two-tiered functional fountain with a spinning octopus resting on top and a fully automated treasure chest. While Theta Tau undertook the construction and mechanical aspects of the float, the Danceworks girls took on the beautification of our work. This mostly included glittering, and by the end of the process, everything had been covered in many different shades of colors. They even managed to cover the Styrofoam fish we had carved with exacting detail.

The awards we won included Most Alumni Participation and Most Pride (Best Skit). We had a large alumni presence during construction and even during the parade, and the Danceworks girls did take great pains in teaching us how to dance for the skit. While the credit for our skit must go to Danceworks, we take great pride in the section they specifically choreographed for us alone. We practiced every day and are very proud to say we know a few dance moves that just might impress if we ever have to bust them out. This homecoming float is one we will remember as being one of our best works to date.

## Epsilon Beta's Winning Design

by Joseph Walter Herman, Epsilon Beta '12

During the Winter 2009 semester, Wayne State University held a university-wide competition called the Warrior Games. Epsilon Beta chapter participated in the window painting/mural contest and painted "the Gearman". Designed by Joseph Herman, the Gearman has been included in the chapter's rush displays above a "Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity" banner to attract attention in the past. The mural took 1st Place in the competition.



*Epsilon Beta's rush display, including the Gearman.*

# Sharing Success at Central/Great Lakes Regional Conference

by Bethany Glesner, Theta Gamma '11, Regionals Chair and Jessica Rilly, Theta Gamma '10, Regionals Chair



Student members showing off their Theta Tau shirts.

As the host of the Spring 2010 Great Lakes and Central Regional Conference, Theta Gamma chapter decided to make this the best Regional Conference anyone could remember. The planning started in September and involved ideas and help from nearly every Theta Gamma student member. With the original expectations of having no more than 40 brothers attend regionals, the Theta Gamma co-chairs had a huge surprise ahead when the initial estimates of attendees was upwards of 120 brothers! There was obvious excitement surrounding this regional conference, and the stakes were getting higher.

After planning for about 6 months, the Regional Conference finally came on Friday, February 5 with a few chapters arriving early and participating in a board game night. The main event was held on Saturday, February 6 at the University of Michigan's North Campus. The day started with brief chapter introductions and breaking into groups to pass the gavel, where brothers bonded by sharing Theta Tau memories and hopes for the future.

After the initial events was an engineering campus tour full of fun facts that University of Michigan engineers like to brag about. Following the campus tour, everyone went to three of the four break-out sessions: College Relations, Rush/Pledge, Alumni Relations, and a future Regent and Vice Regent training module. Brothers shared ideas, asked questions, and learned how to improve their own chapters. Then arrived another team-building event in which small groups made contraptions to carry water while getting points for the height of their construction.

After all of the afternoon's work, we held a banquet-style dinner at the Original Cottage Inn, a favorite eatery of Theta Gamma. Everyone enjoyed the delicious pizza and getting to know even more brothers from the Great Lakes and Central Regions, but there was more fun to be had. After dinner, many headed to the famed Yost Ice Arena to play broomball, an interesting game played in shoes, on ice, and with sticks like broom handles.

All in all, it was a very long day full of fun, fraternal bonding, and learning. Theta Gamma has started trying to implement many of the ideas discussed during regionals, and relations among chapters has improved. This Regional Conference was a success and will help propel each chapter to future successes.



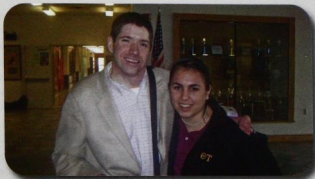
Members playing broomball at Yost Ice Arena.



# Rising Above at Mu

by Chris Tubbs, Mu '12

Mu chapter has seen a great surge of enthusiasm over the last year. Whether it's sending brothers to another chapter's installation or going to the Leadership Academy, our participation in national and regional events has grown. Those attending these events have brought back ideas and skills that have helped our chapter in everything from fundraising and philanthropy to active participation within the chapter. In fact, we were so impressed with the events at the last Leadership Academy that we brought keynote speaker John O'Leary to speak not only on campus, but to several different high schools in the area as well. We are looking forward to the future and finding new ways to better our chapter, our community, and our campus as a whole. You can find out more about John O'Leary at [www.rising-above.com](http://www.rising-above.com).



John O'Leary with Kristina Guggenberger, Mu '12, at Holy Spirit High School where he talked to all the kids.

## Pi Gamma Puts Leadership into Practice

by Grant Lanthorn, Pi Gamma '10

The Leadership Academy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte is a program to develop project management, budgeting, and leadership skills that the engineering industry require but are difficult to convey within the standard curriculum. Pi Gamma chapter has a history of participation in this organization, and it has served as an excellent vehicle for community service.

The two-year Academy has four modules covering topics like leadership, ethics, and communication. A capstone project is designed to tie these skills together as each student or group plans and executes a community service project. Several of the chapter's founding brothers participated in Leadership

Academy. Brother Joe DeVoe, Pi Gamma #1, said of the program, "The Leadership Academy has pushed me to always seek professional development and embrace my engineering ambitions." He and two other founding brothers fed those in need at four local homeless shelters and worked with local restaurants to provide food.

Following in their footsteps, Brothers Jason Early and Brandon Ring planned a crime awareness program on campus that brought students, faculty, and law enforcement together to help fight crime in the University area. It drew the attention of local news networks. Currently, Brothers Samm Snyder and Hector Montoya are working on their capstone proj-

ect to inspire young children to pursue higher education by exposing them to science and engineering projects. This is in conjunction with the local YMCA's after school programs and is teaching children not to shy away from technical education.

In all, the Leadership Academy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte has been a wonderful venue for Pi Gamma brothers to develop their nontechnical skills while giving back to their community. We look forward to continuing this tradition as our younger brothers embark on their own capstone projects, and we plan to support them the whole way.



Brothers Samantha Snyder, Hector Garcia-Montoya, and Brendan Fitzgerald along with Justin Marsh at a Leadership Academy Retreat.



Brother Samantha Snyder working at the YMCA with teaching kids science experiments.

# HOW DO YOU GIVE BACK?

by Matthew Clark, Kappa Beta '99

Take a moment to consider what your time in Theta Tau means to you. For many, Theta Tau helped develop them into professional engineers, ready to tackle the world's problems. Some were given their first taste of leadership and are now successful business owners. Others formed lifelong bonds of friendship and still regularly talk to brothers even 30, 40, 50, or more years after graduation. And there are more than a few alumni who are married to other members whom they met during their time as an active.

All of the benefits that you receive from Theta Tau were made possible by those who chose to give back to the fraternity. Giving back to

the fraternity comes in many ways, and you may have heard the phrase *Time, Talent, and Treasure* to describe the essence of what it means to give.

Alumni give their time to the fraternity in multiple ways: helping with a house corporation board, speaking at a professional development event, arranging a plant tour, serving as a chapter advisor or CAT team member, posting job openings with the central office, serving as a national officer, or even volunteering to participate in a service project. Those who give their time do so freely and are instrumental in supporting the fraternity.

How can one give talent? Offer your expertise to your brothers. If you are a talented teacher, offer to tutor students in a difficult subject. Others could assist a chapter with job interviewing skills or review resumes. Send a note to the Dean of Engineering or faculty at your campus sharing how you benefitted from membership in Theta Tau. Volunteer to be a mentor for a day to a senior from a local chapter. If you enjoy photography, take photos at Theta Tau events for inclusion in a chapter newsletter or *The Gear*.

Finally, there is treasure. There are multiple ways that you can share your financial and material resources with the fraternity. Some offer to help pay for a rush event or assist with the cost of attending Convention. Others may donate a used washing machine or dryer to the chapter house. Among the most effective means is donating to the Theta Tau Educational Foundation. These tax deductible donations go directly into programming that benefits all Theta Tau students, such as the Leadership Academy, training at regional conferences, and chapter visits by experienced national officers. Several student scholarships are also awarded each year. Some alumni have even worked together to raise \$10,000 which creates a designated fund dedicated solely towards supporting the members of a single chapter.

I'm sure there are a number of ways you are giving back that I haven't mentioned! Send me an email at [matthew.clark@thetatau.org](mailto:matthew.clark@thetatau.org) to let me know how you choose to give back. I will personally donate \$1 to the Educational Foundation for every email that I receive—just put Give back to Theta Tau in the subject. You can also share your story online at [www.thetataufoundation.org/share.php](http://www.thetataufoundation.org/share.php)



# J.B. Ladd Permanent Fund



"Bert" Ladd has recently endowed a permanent fund in his name with the Theta Tau Educational Foundation. Brother Ladd is the founder and retired CEO of

Ladd Petroleum Corporation, and received his B.S. in Petroleum Engineering in 1949, from KU.

Brother Ladd enrolled at the University of Kansas in 1942. He completed his degree in 1949 following service as a 1st Lieutenant

during World War II. Upon graduation, Ladd found employment with a firm that would later become better known as Texaco. In 1957, Ladd joined Consolidated Oil and Gas as its vice president of operations, and later was able to help the firm grow to dominance among modest sized independent oil and gas entities. In 1968, he formed Ladd Petroleum Corporation, which by 1973 had achieved significant industry stature. Ladd Petroleum merged with Utah International, which subsequently was acquired by industry giant General Electric in 1976. Ladd continued to work as president and chairman of Ladd

Petroleum until he resigned in 1979. He has remained active in the petroleum industry and corporate world and serves as a director of Whiting Petroleum Corporation.

Brother Ladd is now retired and spends time at homes in California and Colorado. He was also a Founding Member of the Educational Foundation in 1998, and he was awarded the KU Distinguished Engineering Service Award in 2006. The Ladd Scholarship Fund will award its first scholarship in the spring of 2011 with preference being given to applicants from the University of Kansas.

## Scholarship Recipients Reflect



**TRACEY ALLEN,  
OMICRON '08**

My scholarship from the Educational Foundation gave me peace of mind—the expense of buying text books no longer meant I

needed to spend the equivalent hours at my jobs as a lab tech and math tutor because I could take that extra time and focus on my school work. After graduating from the University of

Iowa with a degree in Biomedical Engineering, I'm now working at Epic in Madison, WI as a Software Test Engineer where I design and execute the testing of healthcare software for the Inpatient product.

As a previous scholarship recipient, it's my personal goal to repay the Foundation the equivalent of my scholarships and then some since I'm now in a position to help support other students. I continue to stay active in the fraternity. I am currently acting as the Alumni

Advisor for Xi Chapter, and while I couldn't imagine donating much more than my time during college, now I can make financial contributions to an organization that I am confident will use the money in the best interest of the brothers of Theta Tau. A donation to the Educational Foundation helps facilitate a sigh of relief for another student member who might be going through the same struggle of expensive engineering programs and balancing school and work that I went through.



**TARA HEMPHILL,  
TAU BETA '10**

I am a senior student at Southern Methodist University double majoring in Computer Science and Math and currently serve as Vice

Regent of Tau Beta chapter. Last year I received the Theta Tau Foundation Scholarship.

and while tuition goes up, my recurring scholarships do not. Because of this, I have been working 3 part-time jobs on campus while attending school full-time. Needless to say, I stay busy. Even though I have several work and academic obligations, I love to stay involved on campus, and this includes Theta Tau.

Thanks to the Theta Tau Foundation scholarship, I was able to stay involved, keep my grades up, and stay afloat financially. This was definitely not the first way that Theta Tau has affected me though—my first leadership position in college was within Theta Tau at the end

of my freshmen year. Since then I have held a position each year, which has helped me to meet new people on campus and improve my leadership skills.

Being a senior, I've had to start making my plans for the next step in my life. I am continuing at SMU for an extra year to get my Masters in Software Engineering with the 4+1 Accelerated Masters Program, and I have accepted an internship with L-3 Communications for the summer. Beyond that, I hope to work in industry in a software engineering position and work my way up to management.

The past couple semesters have been very difficult for me financially. My parents are no longer in a position to help me pay for school,

# National SERVICE Project

by Brandon Satterwhite, Mu '98

One of my favorite parts of the Educational Foundation's Leadership Academy is the team building exercises such as balloon castles and paper towers, in which random groups are formed into teams and asked to build the best structures they can out of the materials on hand. Every time we do these activities, it is noted that they are just simulations and abstractions of the way real teams work. So, it was really fun and interesting for me to see the same type of team dynamics play out on a larger (and much more important) construction task this past March when I joined eleven other brothers in Florida for Theta Tau's first ever national service project, an alternative spring break with Habitat for Humanity.

Brothers from Mu, Iota Gamma, and Kappa Gamma chapters spent spring break in Flagler Beach, Florida building homes for the needy as part of Habitat's Collegiate Challenge program. Several recent alumni also generously took time off from work to participate with brothers from their chapters. Habitat for Humanity was chosen as the fraternity's national focus philanthropy by the 2000 National Convention; many Theta Tau chapters have worked with their local Habitat chapters for years, but this year was the first time that the fraternity has partnered nationally in this manner, bringing brothers from across the country together in one location.



Members Stephen Palecek, Mu '10, and Seth Zehler, Iota Gamma '09, work on the roof of the Habitat house.



Theta Tau members gathered in front of the Habitat house.

Habitat for Humanity is not a giveaway program. Each day at the work site, we had a morning devotional in which we were given goals for the day's work and also asked to remember why we were there: to give back and help the less fortunate to help themselves. At the end of each morning devotion, we were reminded that Habitat is "not a hand out, but a hand up!". Homeowners literally build their own homes through Habitat's program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor ("sweat equity") in their Habitat house and the houses of others. Over the past 30 years, Habitat has built 350,000 houses, providing shelter for nearly two million people.

We spent most of the week working on a house for Rosie, a single grandmother who works as an aide on school buses for handicapped children. Rosie's son died when he was 30, and she's been raising his children since then. After she moves into her new home, she'll have custody of another grandchild as well. Rosie was on the worksite with us each day and was always quick with a joke or a smile to keep us going.

Counting our group and two others, there

was a total of nearly 50 volunteers in Flagler Beach the week we were there. With a group that size, it took a while for all of us to figure out what we were doing and how we could be most useful. Especially early on in the process, the scene reminded me of the teams at Leadership Academy with strands of tape and busted balloons flying every direction, with some people jumping right in and beginning to build while others were still trying to figure out the best way to do things. We were informed by the Habitat construction manager that balloon castles do not meet Florida hurricane building codes, unfortunately, but I still couldn't help laughing at how much our first morning there reminded me of those past balloon building projects. By the end of the first day, everyone had started to find his or her place in the puzzle. I was even able to overcome my initial dread of being on the roof, and I was swinging from the rafters (literally) that afternoon.

Over the course of the week, we accomplished our main goal of adding the roof to Rosie's house, as well as smaller tasks such as installing fascia, doors and windows, and beginning the installation of siding. Although the house wasn't completed while



we were there, we did get to see a finished product when we attended the dedication ceremony for the Flagler Habitat affiliate's 60th house. The new homeowners were there at the house ready to move in that day, and seeing their little girl running through her new home picking out which room would be hers and where her toys would go was something I'll never forget.

Of course this was spring break, so the trip wasn't all work. Several members spent the weekend before and the following weekend in Daytona Beach, just 20 miles from Flagler Beach. And there was beach time during the work week too. The Flagler Beach United Methodist where we were housed was a short 2 block walk from the Atlantic Ocean. We were done with work each day by 3 PM, so we made it to the beach several times during the week. We even had a small campfire on the sand on Tuesday night using some of the scrap wood from the worksite.

On Wednesday, we had the full afternoon off and were able to head up the coast to see St. Augustine, the oldest settlement in North America. The house that we built might not be quite as sturdy as the old Spanish fort there, but we think it's pretty close! Our whole group had a great time working on the house and hanging out with each other. We were able to meet new brothers, help the

less fortunate, pick up some construction skills that we can use in our own projects at



Diana Ness, Kappa Gamma '10, hard at work.

home, and spend some time outside in the Florida sun! Kristina Guggenberger, a junior from Mu chapter said, "It was great getting to spend time with brothers that I don't normally see, and getting to build a house was really neat." And Brian LaShomb, Mu chapter's advisor said that beforehand he wasn't sure about how much he would really be able to do on the construction site, but that having done it he'll definitely look forward to participating again in future builds.

Of course some members of our group were more pragmatic about their favorite part of the trip. Zach Koepf, a junior from Iota Gamma chapter noted that, "I just like power tools."

Seth Zehler, a 2009 alumnus from Iota Gamma added, "Power tools and a beach too!" I would like to think that our frater

nity's founders would be happy to see that the hammer and tongs spirit is alive and well.

Plans are being made now for next year's project. Working with Habitat, you can put our motto into action: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might!" If you're interested in taking part next year, please email me at [brandon.satterwhite@thetatau.org](mailto:brandon.satterwhite@thetatau.org) and watch for more information coming this summer.



Group photo at St. Augustine.

## Upsilon Alumnus Leads Little Rock Habitat



*Bill Plunkett, PE, Upsilon '71, decided that it was time to give back after a long industry career. Brother Plunkett graduated from the University*

*of Arkansas with a BSEE degree in 1971, and worked for Western Electric, Southwestern Bell Telephone, and retired after 30+ years as a Senior Vice President of Sales with Lucent Technologies. Bill notes: "The relationships that I developed at the Tau house have helped guide and shape my life. After being out of school for almost 40 years some of these brothers remain my closest friends."*

*In 2005, Brother Plunkett was selected to be the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Pulaski County (which includes Little Rock). Bill wakes up every morning excited about the challenges that lie ahead for that day—and goes to bed happy about the achievements of the day. As Brother Plunkett says: "Try giving back—it will be the high point of your life."*



Members pose in front of the Habitat house with its completed roof.

# JetSetter *Motivation* by Alex Chan, Xi Gamma '11



Experts in the travel and tourism industry have determined that there are two main reasons why leisure travelers travel: the first is to seek familiarity; the second is to seek novelty. In our current economic condition, we find more travelers seeking familiarity than novelty. We hear the terms “daycation” and “staycation” regularly, and gone are the days of expansive trips across Europe and Asia.

## *I am a novelty seeker.*

In a world that is highly connected via fiberoptic cables with 24-hour news in 1080p Full HD and video conferencing with anyone in the world during a downturned economy, many businesses are cutting back on their travel budgets, while consumers spend more on tangible items rather than experiences. As we determine what we as a society value most, it appears that we've selected objects we can hold. They appear, at least on the surface, to last longer. But I support a different slogan—*JetSetter: Travel. Eat. Dance. Sing. Listen. Write. Edit. Film. Learn. Experience.*

I want to see all corners of the world, try foods from every kitchen, meet every local, and experience the way others live. Through traveling, I've met and befriended people that hail from five of the six continents, all fifty states, and roughly sixty other countries. I travel because I want to feel, smell, taste, hear, see, or otherwise experience what the world has to offer. Everywhere I've been, I've learned something about people, whether it's in my own backyard or across the world. I always seem to have a greater understanding of people when I experience something, be it the cold of the winter air or the warmth of two million people around you waiting for the same ball to drop in Times Square; smelling the hot cheese whiz coming off your original Philly Cheese Steak or tasting a melt-in-your-mouth slice of A5 Kobe Beef steak in Japan; hearing the sounds of eighty thousand people singing and dancing in LA or seeing the sun creep up behind the Eiffel Tower at 15,000 feet.

I flew over 60,000 miles in 2009 with Continental Airlines alone, and between

September 2009 and January 2010, I made roughly 30 flight segments on board their aircraft. I believe that travel and personal contact are the only ways to understand the true workings of a people, a culture, a society, and a person. I've also discovered that, in general, travelers are inherently uncomfortable because they are out of their element and under a constant barrage of information. As such, most travelers welcome a friendly face and much more likely to dive into a conversation about themselves, where they're from, and where they're headed. If you listen carefully, you'll find that you can learn more about the world than just what your destination has to offer. Those moments are special, and I find the greatest value in the memories and friendships I take with me from my travel experiences. The more we experience other cultures and societies, the more we begin to understand the actions and feelings of other people. It is when we better understand others that we, as individuals, can better ourselves and work and live together as one human race.

# SUPPORTING a Brother in Need

by Sara Elizabeth Grossett, Delta Gamma '11, Corresponding Secretary



*Ashley one day after her third surgery.*

A year and a half ago, one of our alumna, Ashley Foster, came to a chapter meeting and asked for our help. She told us that she had been diagnosed with gastroparesis when she was 17, and after 7 years the treatments were no longer working and she now needed a full digestive system transplant. She told us the starting cost for this procedure is \$1.5 million, which doesn't include all the medications, travel expenses, and follow up surgeries. Unfortunately the lifetime limit her insurance company is willing to pay for is only \$1 million.

After hearing about her situation, Delta Gamma chapter decided that our top priority was to reach out and help raise awareness and funds to assist our brother in paying off her massive debt. We held car washes, sold candles, worked at career fairs, and ran restaurant fundraisers, and many members made personal donations. Another alumna, Rachel Bash, set up a concert with local bands to benefit Ashley. Currently

we are working with our alumni association to set up a charity Casino Night. As much as we are doing to raise money for Ashley, our chapter alone does not have the manpower to raise enough money to make a large difference.

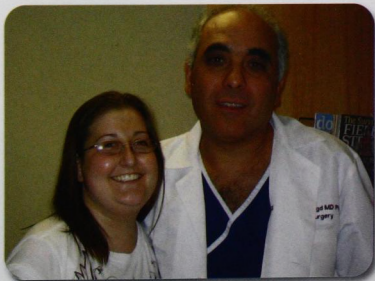
Our chapter sent delegates to the national convention in the summer of 2008 to discuss Ashley's situation and ask for help raising money. We received an amazing response from chapters around the country. Since then, many chapters have shown their support for our brother in need by sending donations to assist Ashley in getting the medications she needs. After weeks of waiting for a donor, Ashley's surgery was performed on November 6th, 2008 and lasted for 16 hours.

While the generosity and brotherhood we have seen in response has been remarkable, unfortunately the costs from follow up treatments have continued to climb.

Complications have arisen and added to the cost. Ashley currently takes 24 medications every day, has spent 23 weeks in the hospital in the last year, has dealt with two rejections, and has undergone four surgeries.

Our challenge is for every chapter to raise at least \$532 for Ashley's Transplant Fund within the next year. If every active chapter raised just \$532, it would eliminate \$25,000 of her debt. Please let us know if you are able to make a donation towards Ashley so that we can keep track of the total contribution made by Theta Tau and check our progress towards our \$25,000 goal. To make a donation, please visit [www.ntafund.org](http://www.ntafund.org) and donate under Ashley Foster.

For more information on Ashley and her current condition, please visit: [www.itsallgoodashley.org](http://www.itsallgoodashley.org).



*Ashley with one of her doctors.*



# Engineering to SAVE LIVES

by Mark Thomas, Theta Gamma '07

## IN ONE STEP, WE CAN:

- › ELIMINATE REDUNDANT VACCINATIONS WITH A SECURE, PORTABLE, BIOMETRIC VACCINE REGISTRY.
- › INTRODUCE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR VACCINE STOCKS.
- › CHANGE STRATEGY BY QUANTIFYING THE TYPES AND COST OF VACCINE WASTE.
- › REDUCE COSTS, SAVE VACCINE, AND MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD IS CORRECTLY TREATED.

I quit my job. In the midst of possibly the worst economic recession of our generation, I walked away from a well-paying, stable job. Was management consulting so unbearable that I couldn't stand it? Not in the least. Was I being overworked? Perhaps, but I didn't leave to follow a long-held dream to start a band or to become a pro-surfer. Nope. I left to start a nonprofit, VaxTrac.

Every year, 2.5 million children die from diseases that can be prevented by vaccines. Governments and nonprofit organizations have worked hard the past several decades procuring and distributing vaccines, yet the supply of vaccines to the developing world is still woefully inadequate. The imperative to save as many lives as possible with limited resources makes every vaccine dose a precious commodity.

In spite of their scarcity, vaccines are wasted at an alarming rate. In some geographies, as much as 50% of vaccines that enter the country never go into the arm of a child in need. We don't have enough vaccines to protect every child, and due to system inefficiencies, we are squandering half of what we do have. One huge contributor to waste is the inability to accurately determine which vaccines a child has already received. Lacking that information, health workers will administer every age-appropriate vaccine to each child. In the current system, a child may receive the same vaccine as many as five times throughout his or her childhood, although they only needed it once.





And that's where we come in. VaxTrac is combating the problem by deploying a mobile, biometric-based vaccine registry to accurately track which vaccines a child has received. Using nothing more than a fingerprint, we can pull up the child's immunization history anywhere in the country. This prevents vaccines from being wasted by unnecessarily administering them to those who have already received them. Furthermore, the aggregate data of vaccine administration becomes a powerful analytical tool allowing health officials to manage the immunization supply chain.

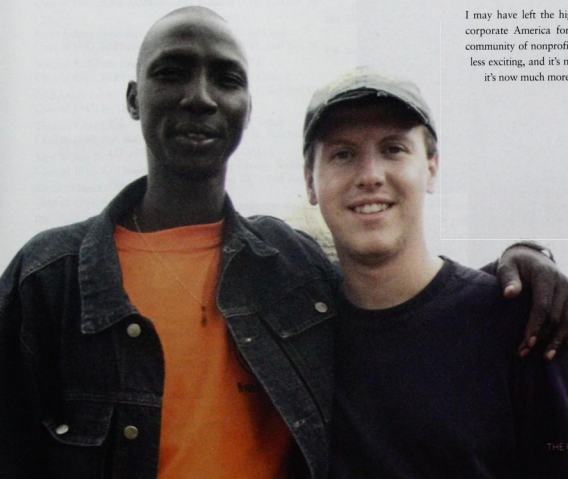
One of the reasons behind our success is the support, financial and volunteer, of student and alumni brothers from Theta Gamma chapter. The engineering background of members has been a valuable resource. With that said, we are always looking for more



*Preparing to administer a shot.*

help from the Theta Tau community. There are a variety of ways in which you can help—many of which take advantage of the unique skill sets of engineers. Visit our website at [www.vaxtrac.com](http://www.vaxtrac.com) for information on volunteering. While you are on the website, I encourage you to also donate—even a few dollars can help us save the life of a child.

I may have left the high-powered world of corporate America for the less-mainstream community of nonprofits, but the work is no less exciting, and it's no less demanding—but it's now much more rewarding.



*Mark Thomas and Daniel Liethnam's World Vision Medical Director.*

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**Captain Kwame Waikenda**  
**Zeta Gamma '00**  
**August 14, 1976–March 30, 2010**

*It is with deep sadness* that we share the news of our brother's passing. Kwame was an amazing person full of kindness and joy, and his integrity, motivation and positive disposition were an inspiration to those who knew him. He had an infectious smile and an incredible spirit. He will forever be remembered and deeply missed by those of us who were lucky enough to call him our brother and friend. Originally from Kenya, he graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Computer Engineering and entered the US Marine Corps. He went on to earn his wings and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2006. Kwame had just returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq and was gearing up for a tour of Afghanistan when his life was tragically cut short. His service to our country will never be forgotten.

You can read more about Kwame at the memorial website created by his family at: [www.kwamewaikenda.com](http://www.kwamewaikenda.com).

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## Tom Manuel

Psi '50

March 13, 1922–February 24, 2009



Tom Manuel passed away in Salt Lake City on February 24, 2009 after a rich and successful life.

He was born on March 13, 1922 in Havre, Montana to Cora Leeds and

Thomas Manuel. This sweet, gentle giant excelled academically through schools. He worked world-wide for Christensen Diamond Products Company, Vice President and General Manager ACC Diamond Products, Managing Director Crabbe Cottage Construction, Director of Terratek, Director of Diamond Board of Belgium; U.S. Consular Agent in Australia, Officer in the Australian/American Club and Chairman-Chamber of Commerce. He frequently called "home" Australia—the land that holds so much of his affection.

He married Jayne Snyder (deceased March 12, 1985) and they had three children: Liesa, Thomas William and Susan. He married Marva Casaday in 1993.

Preceded in death, his parents, first wife, siblings: Ruth, Jack, Mary, Nancy, David and great granddaughter Hope.

Survived by Marva, children, grandchildren, Christina Fullmer, Andrew and Dillon Embreus, Marinda Wessman, Tami Fenn, Stephanie Jackson, Kaley and Brian Casaday, siblings; Della Frances Jess, Alfred, Donald and Charles Manuel, six great-grandchildren.

Marva and Tom are pictured above at the 2006 National Convention.

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:

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