



Theta Data



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THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

The 2006-07 school year has come and gone, with much success for Ohio Theta. Through innovative programming, hard work and a strong Executive Council, we were able to accomplish a great deal since taking office at the beginning of January. Many, but not all, of the accomplishments can be found below:

1. We launched the first-ever Robeson Memorial Scholarship. Just as the brothers who came before us at Ohio Theta were the first to launch a sum-

New Scholarship Continues Tradition of Innovation

Ohio Theta is proud to announce the winners of the first annual Dr. James F. Robeson Memorial Scholarship. This new scholarship continues the tradition of innovative scholarship programs for which Ohio Theta is known.

The Robeson Memorial Scholarship is awarded during the spring quarter to a first-, second- or third-year male who is not affiliated with a social Greek fraternity, and who also exemplifies the Balanced Man ideal.

The following men are to be congratulated as the winners from the scholarship's inaugural year:

1st Place

Evan Sparks—\$1,000

2nd Place

James Spencer Gibson—\$500

3rd Place

Jason Holden—\$500

Thanks to all of those individuals who applied, as well as to those brothers that made this scholarship a success.

Brother H.B. Wooton

mer scholarship offered to incoming freshmen, the current brothers of Ohio Theta were the first to launch another scholarship.

Named after Dr. James Robeson and brainstormed by Brother Hiram Wooton, the scholarship was formed to commemorate Dr. Robeson's hard work and dedication through awarding scholarships to non-graduating, non-Greek males who exemplify Sigma Phi Epsilon's Balanced Man ideal.

2. We have regained leadership dominance on campus. This spring brought many victories in important on-campus positions. Bearcat Advertising and Network Group saw three new Sig Eps elected to execu-

tive positions—Alex Hickey, internal president; Mike Gertz, treasurer; and Jeff Engelhardt, VP recruitment. The University Funding Board now includes two Sig Eps as its new executives—Rob Haverkamp, president, and Steve Haverkos, internal president.

In addition, Sig Eps saw many victories in Student Government. Zach Bryson is now Speaker of the Senate, Brian Rapien is associate VP of community relations and Shawn Hayes and Andy Rahe are college senators.

3. Ohio Theta brothers managed to maximize community service and fund-raising while having an awesome time. This was the first year that we

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Brother George Mc Ilveen ??? (second from left in above photo) was kind enough to send this note: "In February while my wife Sally was attending a Purdue Theta reunion in Naples, FL, we took the opportunity to visit some UC Sig Ep brothers that reside in the Sanibel/Ft. Myers area. Rudy Bredenbeck ??? (far right) stays the winters there. Eric Weise ??? (far left) and John Driver ??? (third from left) live year round in this beautiful country. We had a great time revisiting old memories!" Former classmates can get back in touch with George at GET ADDRESS FROM DATA BASE AND INSERT HERE.

18th Golf Outing Draws 56 Players

On June 2, 2007, several alumni and actives met for the 18th annual Ohio Theta Golf Outing. We are pleased to report that 56 players in all participated in the event—the second-largest outing ever!

The day's events took place at the Pebble Creek Golf Course. The team of David Burns, Jeff Moine, Kevin Smith and Allen Grant took first place with a record 16 under par score for the four-man scramble. The team of Tim Guffey, Chris Berardinis, Mike Burch and Mike Molinari also finished at 16 under par but came in second based on head-to-head competition. A cookout buffet dinner along with refreshments followed the day of hitting the links.

Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and Longest Putt Awards

were handed out on nine holes. John Abraham was honored as the Most Experienced Player (oldest alumni) in the event. Allen Grant outpaced everyone for the Longest Distance Traveled Award by flying into town from Las Vegas.

Next year's event promises to eclipse this year's golf outing with even more prizes, camaraderie and refreshments. So mark your calendars now! The next alumni golf outing will again be held the Saturday after Memorial Day on May 31, 2008.

Any suggestions concerning the golf outing and how it can be improved are welcome. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Greg Miles at 4150 Duffy Ct., Hamilton, Ohio 45011 or via telephone at (513) 874-4711.

Ohio Theta Actives Reap Honors, Recognition

Shawn Hayes was nominated for Homecoming King and was also elected as a Senate representative for the College of CCM.

Steve Peck was a finalist for both the Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence and Mr. Bearcat.

Nathan Steeber was elected VP of finance for Alpha Rho Chi (an architecture professional fraternity) and was also Pledge of the Year for the fraternity.

Alex Hickey was elected internal president for BANG, while Michael Gertz was elected its treasurer.

Jeff Engelhart was elected DAAP recruitment chair for BANG.

Paul Hart was elected VP communications for the UC club baseball team.

Andrew Rahe was elected Senate representative for the College of Business.

Stephen Haverkos was elected internal vice president of UFB (University Funding Board) and was also initiated into Order of Omega.

Bryan Porzio was elected VP of communications for Students for Study Abroad.

Alan Schroeder was elected president of Chi Epsilon (a civil engineering honor society) and was selected to Serve Beyond Cincinnati in El Salvador in December.

Jay Perrette was elected president of CCO.

Daniel Haverkamp was elected treasurer of CCO.

Zachary Bryson was re-elected as an

at-large Senate representative, only to be elected as speaker of the Senate. He was also initiated into Sigma Sigma, Men of Metro and Phi Rho Chi.

Robert Haverkamp was elected senior class treasurer and president of UFB (University Funding Board).

Brian Rapien was appointed to the position of associate vice president of community relations for the Student Body. He was also given the honor of becoming the new leader of the BearCAT Ambassadors.

Joe Vickery was elected secretary of the Rotoract Club.

Winners of this year's Sig Ep scholarships and awards deserve special recognition for their outstanding efforts. Please help us congratulate the following men:

Feltner Scholarship

Brian Rapien

Mellvan Scholarship

T.J. Schemmel

Donald Hoback Sportsman of the Year Scholarship

Alex Hickey

Ohio Theta Fund Scholarship

Adam Thurn

Athlete of the Year

Tony DeBlasio

Brother of the Year

H.B. Wooton

Robeson Memorial Scholarship

Evan Sparks

Balanced Man Scholarship

Brian Yates

Theta Data is published by the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at the University of Cincinnati for members and friends.

Because *Theta Data* is an alumni-oriented newsletter, future issues will continue to feature news of Ohio Theta Chapter alumni—but we need your help! Please take an extra minute now to update your former classmates on your life since leaving the University of Cincinnati. The interest is two-way: just as you are interested in their busy lives, your news will interest them.

Alumni news, photos and change of address notices should be sent to Ohio Theta of Sigma Phi Epsilon, c/o Newsletter Program Headquarters, PO Box 14432, Columbus, OH 43214-0432.

Alumni may sign up to receive the newsletter online. To sign up to receive the newsletter electronically, update your personal information or to make a contribution to the newsletter via our secure server, visit www.upcnewsletters.com and, when prompted, enter your organization code: **83N087**.

Let us hear from *you*, so we can include your news in a future issue of *Theta Data*.

Ohio Theta Alumni News & Views

Jared M. Hoke '01 is an associate at Shugart/Bates Architects. In his spare time, he enjoys triathlons, cycling, the arts, architecture and snow sports.

Jared updates brothers, *"I moved to Seattle in 2004 after living/working in Copenhagen, Denmark for one and a half years. I have jumped into the triathlon scene, completing three sprint distance and two Olympic distance triathlons in the summer of 2006. I will do a half Ironman in summer of 2007."*

He adds of his fraternity experience, *"It has provided me with the ability to lead groups and become organized in community service."*

Former classmates can catch up with Jared at 1133 17th Ave., #202, Seattle, WA 98122 or via e-mail at jaredmhoke@hotmail.com.

James D. Tischler '02 sends word that he is a senior graphic designer at Gap Kids. He enjoys recreational softball and is active with the organization God's Love We Deliver. Find out more by contacting "Tisch" at 130 E. 31st St., #3, New York, NY 10016 or via e-mail at tischdogg@hotmail.com.

Sean M. Hoyt '65 is semi-retired as owner of S2000 Field Service, a software company, and enjoys water-skiing. He and his wife, Karin (New Mexico), between them have four grown children.

Sean tells brothers, *"I just beat prostate cancer. I highly recommend M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, TX. I am very happily married to my third wife. I'm still selling part time and live in Elephant Butte, NM. You are welcome to visit anytime—it's free."*

Take Sean up on his offer by contacting him at PO Box 1378, Elephant Butte, NM 87935 or via e-mail at anh@s2000win.com.

Paul V. Koehly '54 writes, *"Diana and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this year by taking an Alaskan cruise. What a wonderful experience!"* Congratulate the happy

couple at 109 Bryon Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692.

Gregory A. Zimmer '94 enjoys skeet, hunting, traveling, hiking and the arts. He sends this news, *"I've recently left P&G in Cincinnati to take a great opportunity at 3M in Minnesota! I head up the design team for all of 3M's consumer and office business. My team leads design on great brands like Scotch, Post It, 3M, Scotch Brite and Filtrete."*

Greg is active as a United Way volunteer and consults for The Freedom Center. Share your news with Greg by

contacting him at 808 Berry St., #480, St. Paul, MN 55114 or via e-mail at gzimmer@mmm.com.

Robert A. Cross '95 is vice president at proServices Corp., a software forensics firm. He and his wife, Kirsten (UC KAΘ), a homemaker, have three children: Michael, 6; Georgia, 2; and Oliver, 2. Regarding hobbies, he writes, *"Kids, kids, kids and lots of diapers!"*

Drop a note to Robert, a former chapter president, at 35 Eastwood Dr., Hightstown, NJ 08520 or via e-mail at rc@proservicescorp.com.

Spotlight on an Alumnus

Duane A. Dammeyer '69 has served as an assistant public defender for the County of Ventura for the past 31 years. He is an artist as well, specializing in sculpture (see "Complications" to right). Duane is a member of Ojai



Studio Artists, Buenaventura Art Association, San Buenaventura Artists' Union and Ventura County Arts Council. He and his wife, Marty Bonvechio (Ohio), an editor, between them have two children, Dustin and Derek.

He notes, *"I have won several awards for sculpture. Check out my website at www.dammeyersculpture.com."*

At that website, Duane posts this artist's statement: *"My work is shaped by a combination of education, life events and artistic influences. I take two approaches to my work. At times the stone dictates the final form. In these cases, I let the natural beauty and color of the stone dominate the piece, using subtle shape and negative space in attempting to enhance what is hidden within. Other times, a shape or shapes may be imposed upon the stone—form and construction dominating."*

"I shape each stone using power or hand chisels, further shape using

rasps, and polish with ever finer grain sanding materials. My hands caress the stone many times during the creation of each one-of-a-kind sculpture. My goal is to generate, in the viewer, an emotional connection with my work."

Get back in touch with "Walrus" at 231 Boardman Rd., Ojai, CA 93023 or via e-mail at dammeyersculpture@sbcglobal.net.



Brother Dammeyer