

# Theta Data



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## 2009 Bearcat Football

Sept. 7:	at Rutgers
Sept. 12:	Southeast Missouri St.
Sept. 19:	at Oregon State
Sept. 26:	Fresno State
Oct. 3:	at Miami
Oct. 15:	at USF
Oct. 24:	Louisville (Homecoming)
Oct. 31:	at Syracuse
Nov. 7:	Connecticut
Nov. 13:	West Virginia
Nov. 27:	Illinois
Dec. 5:	at Pittsburgh

*It's not too early to start planning your trips back to Cincy for football games! For info on where to eat, stay and play visit [www.cincyusa.com](http://www.cincyusa.com).*

## On the Web

Stay connected with Ohio Theta through our alumni web site! Check it out at [www.alumni.ohiotheta.info](http://www.alumni.ohiotheta.info).

## Get Published

We want to feature more alumni content in the *Theta Data*! Submit your best SigEp stories, photos and memories for publication in a future issue. You can send them using the enclosed form and envelope, or by emailing [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention SigEp at Cincy in the subject).

## Chapter Report

### Ohio Theta Recipient of Top Honor for Outstanding Membership Development

*By Dan Haverkamp, Ohio Theta President*

The 2008-09 school year has been a positive one at Ohio Theta. The year started off quickly with recruitment beginning the first week of school. Twenty-one new members accepted their bids to our chapter in a week highlighted by our first ever alumni steak grill out. Many young alumni were in attendance to help the brothers at Ohio Theta recruit new members with great success. A number of these new recruits have already displayed their leadership potential by quickly becoming involved, particularly in the student government's first year experience (FYE) program. FYE often serves as a gateway into all areas of student government and five new members became involved in the program.

The following week, SigEp continued its dominance in the Homecoming float competition by finishing first once again, this year working with the ladies of Theta Phi Alpha. Sorority relations as a whole are the highest in my three years in the chapter thanks in part to our second annual Sorority Appreciation Dinner, held at the end of November in Stratford Heights.

The highlight of the winter quarter was our annual Queen of Hearts. This year's event, held at The Phoenix in downtown Cincinnati, was very well attended by brothers and alumni alike. Twenty alumni attended the event and spoke very positively about it. Two graduating seniors called it "the best event they have been to" in their five years with the chapter. We look forward

to returning to The Phoenix next year, where we hope to have even greater alumni turnout.

Twelve members of Ohio Theta attended the Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago, Illinois, where the chapter was awarded the Donald McCleary Membership Development Award. One chapter per region is given this honor, the top award offered by the fraternity for outstanding membership development.

We are very excited about a few new initiatives being taken this spring. The first of which is a professional development class being taught at 321 Joselin. Taught by our faculty fellow Dr. Jeffery Bauer, Ohio Theta has become one of the few chapters across the nation to have a university accredited class taught exclusively to brothers.

Flyaway was May 9<sup>th</sup> at Stratford Heights, with Bottom Line serving as the headlining band. In addition to the traditional concert, for the first time Sig Ep hosted a flag football tournament on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in an effort to raise even more for our charities. This year, funds benefited both Youth Aids and Morgan Lee. Morgan is the daughter of a former Queen of Hearts winner, Monica Lee. She was born with an enlarged heart and needed a transplant. She now suffers from cerebral palsy, hip dysphasia and chronic seizures. All proceeds from the raffle were contributed to the Conductive Learning Center of Greater Cincinnati, which will then be provided to Morgan and her family for her care.

## House Corporation Report

### Ohio Theta is Expanding...into Neighboring Apartment Building!

By John Abraham '77

The Ohio Theta House Corp. (AVC) has brought the neighboring apartment building into our operations as a means to acquire that property of future expansion. For the time being, it is being operated as a separate rental unit. The biggest issue has been our need to address deferred maintenance on this building but the location "sells" well and we have leases already for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Chapter house saw the replacement of the metal exterior grade doors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms. After about 14 years, the brothers managed

to wear these out. The exterior grade doors are excellent for rough use, security and fire safety. Other small projects are progressing in the Chapter house.

Most notable for the AVC has been the influx of new volunteers from the alumni ranks of Ohio Theta. The mentoring required fulfilling the promise of the Balanced Man program includes targeted involvement of alumni with key officers as well as may upperclassmen. It is amazing to see these young alums donate their time to assure excellence in their

home chapter. **Zach Bryson '09, Mike Delfavro, Drew Fink '06, Dan Johnston '04, Jerry Powers '99, Justin Shafer '05** and **Joe Haverkamp '03** have all stepped forward (with an encouraging push from **Rey Medina**) to update their own SigEp training and to lend a hand with the Chapter officers. Please offer your congratulations to these involved Ohio Theta alumni. One additional note about an alumnus, **Dave Wenzel**, Ohio Theta 06, who has led the AVC board for the new chapter recently installed at NKU.

## Chapter News

### SigEp Recognized with IFC's Overall Premier Chapter Excellence Award

Congratulations to our active chapter for achieving the IFC's Overall Premier Chapter Excellence Award for the 2008-09 school year! The title is awarded to the chapter in each council that has earned the highest number of overall points in the following categories: Membership Development, Chapter Management, External Relations and Policy Compliance.

Second and third place IFC winners

were Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega, respectively.

The Chapter Excellence Awards were created in 2005 to replace the former Order of Omega Chapter Awards. These awards are a collaborative effort and can be a set of recommended "standards of excellence" that represent attainable goals that reflect the operations of the "ideal" chapter. They can help

with individual chapter accreditation programs since most of the "standards of excellence" parallel many of the items that chapter accreditation plans call for.

The Chapter Excellence Awards Program serves to assess chapters on the minimum standards they should be meeting to be viable and successful members of the UC Fraternity and Sorority Community and of their (inter)national organizations. In doing so, the Fraternity and Sorority Life Office can more accurately target and provide assistance to individual chapters in the specific areas in which they may have fallen short of the recognition standards.

In addition, the University understands that Fraternity and Sorority achievements and excellent chapters often go unnoticed; therefore, the Chapter Excellence Awards Program serves as a tool to publicly recognize all high performing chapters.

You can find more information on the University of Cincinnati's Greek Life web site at <http://greeklife.uc.edu>.

## Old Photo Album

We love coming across great old photos from our chapter's history, including this one of brothers on the front porch in the 1970s.

We want to feature more great pictures in upcoming issues of the Theta Data! If you have photos or other memorabilia from your SigEp days, please submit them for possible publication. You can send them using the enclosed form and envelope, or email them to [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention

SigEp at Cincy in the subject).

Visit [www.alumni.ohiotheta.org](http://www.alumni.ohiotheta.org) to see many more photos from throughout our chapter's history.



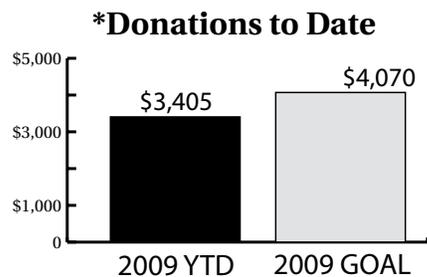
# Annual Fund Update: Your Gift Makes a Difference!

We all know that alumni donations help keep us connected by supporting the publication of Theta Data (thanks to our alumni contributors!). But did you know that once we meet our newsletter publication goal, all additional donations go directly to the chapter?

Help us to continue our communications program and show

your support of the active chapter by making a gift to the 2009 annual fund. Once we reach our \$4,070 newsletter goal, all additional donations will support the Ohio Theta Chapter.

Read the enclosed form for more information on how to donate, and see a list of our current contributors below. Thank you for your support!



\*Reflects donations received since publication of the fall 2008 issue of Theta Data.

## 2008-09 Honor Roll of Donors

Thank you to the following brothers who have contributed to our newsletter and alumni relations program since publication of the last issue of Theta Data! Ensure your name is listed on the next published honor roll by returning the enclosed form with your donation.

### Founders' Circle (\$500+)

Arthur R. Ehrnschwender 1948

### Purple & Red Society (\$250 - \$499.99)

Marvin R. Davis PhD 1949  
 Robert L. Bourquein 1959  
 Richard A. Mullen 1965  
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 Marc E. Reynolds 1977  
 James G. Bokach 2002

### Brotherly Love Club (\$150 - \$249.99)

Rudy Bredenbeck 1954  
 Glenn B. Cooper 1962  
 Mel Haas 1962  
 Robert C. Loesch 1963  
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 David R. Mueller 1976  
 Mark S. Inzetta 1977

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 Terry L. Johnson 1964

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 Micah Schehl 2000  
 C. Steve Parsons 2003

### Ohio Theta Supporter (\$25 - \$49.99)

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 Dale W. Maloney 1972  
 James A. Abend 1973  
 Richard J. Franzer 1974  
 James R. Newton 1976  
 Kevin Romanchok 1992

Reflects gifts received as of July 9, 2009.

## Give the Gift of Email

With the cost of a postage stamp now at 44 cents, we would like to be able to communicate with our alumni more frequently via email!

By providing us with or updating your email address, you are helping us to save money by building our email database for future electronic publications. Update your

email address and other contact information today. You can either verify your email address and other contact information on the enclosed form, or email your updates to our editors at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com). Your email address will be used solely for Ohio Theta communications and won't be

traded or sold.

Did you know that we're missing email addresses for 67.8% of our alumni? Help us to update the email addresses of other brothers! If you are in touch with any other alumni electronically, please send us their email addresses so they can get on our email list too!

## News and Updates from Ohio Theta Alumni

### '40s

#### Marvin R. Davis PhD '49

(1143 Kenora Cir., Beavercreek, OH 45430-1101; mrdavis@zoomtown.com) I'm writing a history of myself for my kids. My time in SigEp will be covered as I am putting all of this on a CD.

### '50s

#### Rudy Bredenbeck '54

(7860 Chafee Road, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067-1633) Rudy sent us the following article: Rudy Bredenbeck earned the

"Best in Show" blue ribbon at the Geauga County Fair over the Labor Day weekend. This is the third year in a row and the fourth year in the past five years that Bredenbeck won the award for best dahlia at the Geauga fair. The next weekend, Bredenbeck won the "Grand Champion" award for one of his entries at the Dahlia Society of Ohio's annual



dahlia show at Parmatown mall – his second grand champion award at that show in the past three years!

### '70s

#### Michael L. Heisel '73

(31260 Sunset Dr., Franklin, MI 48025-2231; mikeheisel@aol.com) After 34 years with GM working in finance I retired at the end of 2008. Currently keeping active with my work with non-profit organizations in southeast Michigan and outdoor activities like skiing and hunting.

## Help Us Find a Lost Brother!

We've lost touch with the following alumni and need your help to find them! If you know of their current whereabouts, send an email to our alumni relations firm at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention SigEp at Cincy).

Joseph M. Kornick '70	Thomas A. Bonser '81	Robert G. Ault '91	Joseph Abiog '97
Robert A. Miranda '70	Tom A. Botti '81	Todd A. Harris '91	Dan Kihm '97
Steven F. Ludwig '71	Russell M. Gentry '81	Lloyd C. Hodges '91	Samuel Mason '97
Philip S. Palermo '71	George Berry III '82	Kris H. Killibridge '91	Skyler S. Showell '98
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John W. Cutshaw II '73	Coleman Henderson II '83	David B. Sparks '91	Jeffrey W. Shumway '00
Don Fatica '73	Lawrence E. Gross '84	Dean J. Arriens '92	Jake Espel '01
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Craig L. Walling '74	Juan C. Zavala '86	Jeffrey M. Gerber '92	David Levo '02
Robert P. Boyles '75	Jeffrey M. Kinsey '87	Donald Steins '92	James MacDonald '02
James A. Miller '75	Bradley D. Zynda '87	Gregory A. Tree '92	Dylan Roundtree '02
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Michael J. Hoefler '76	Jason W. Powell '88	Allen D. Grant '93	Joshua A. Shneyderov '03
Gregory Keller '76	Donald M. Somerville '88	Chris Hannihar '93	Tony Tran '03
Charles R. Kinzeler '77	Brian G. Warfield '88	Mark A. Johnson '93	Brad Golba '04
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Robert Wiegand '78	James Martin '89	Kevin H. Williams '93	Justin Binik-Thomas '06
Edward A. Woods II '78	Ronald K. Sampson '89	Thomas B. Stewart '94	Greg Cook '06
David L. Baughman '79	Andrew C. Tilton '89	Lawrence E. Tillack Jr. '94	Steve Fingerman '06
Gregory Bigginger MD '79	Martin R. Jaster Jr. '90	Jason Bucey '95	Michael Wolff '06
Robert E. Flannery III '79	Joseph L. Kummer '90	Nick Doan '95	Jamie Callahan '08
Douglas Barber '80	Burns W. Skaggs II '90	Daniel Barber '96	Adam Egert '08
Stephen E. Minor '80	Alex C. Arellano '91	Kevin L. Knapp '96	Andrew Fischer '08