

**John Auerbach '09**  
Philosophy

**Sameer Baral '07**  
Physics and Astronomy

**B. Tyler Blair '07**  
Sociology/Anthropology

**Matt Bowers '06**  
Physics

**Chris Carr '07**  
Theater

**Brian Carsten '06**  
Economics and Computer Music

**Eric Clough '07**  
Economics

**Gary Flowers '08**  
Physical Education

**Charlie Hauser '06**  
Psychology

**Jake Henkle '09**  
Environmental Studies

**Tim Henson '07**  
Theater

**John Judkins '06**  
Economics

**Danny Kreer '07**  
Economics

**Josh Mankoff '09**  
Theater

**Brett Masarky '07**  
Economics

**Rohan Mehta '06**  
Economics

**Kyle Renaldo '09**  
Pre-med

**Jim Rorimer '07**  
Economics

**M.J. Sosoti '07**  
Psychology

**Troy Testerman '07**  
Physics

**Mete Tuzcu '07**  
Computer Science & Mathematics

**Philip Vogel '09**  
Economics & Political Science

**Christian Vernon '07**  
Educational Studies

**Dan Whitlow '07**  
Economics

# The Shrine

The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at Denison University • Granville, Ohio

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### A Successful Re-Colonization and Strong Efforts Move Betas toward New Chapter in 2007

#### Betas Demonstrate Exemplary Behavior through Community Involvement, Leadership and Friendship

By Tyler Blair '07, Colony President  
Alpha Eta of Beta Theta Pi

After a four-year hiatus, Alpha Eta has been re-colonized and is stronger than ever. With 24 members, we are well on our way to receiving our charter in 2007.

Since our re-colonization in October 2004, we have seen tremendous success living the Men of Principle initiative:

*"Beta Theta Pi is dedicated to building men of principle for a principled life. Our brotherhood aids the individual, builds the Fraternity and strengthens the host academic institution through lifelong devotion to intellectual excellence, high standards of moral conduct and responsible citizenship."*



Within our one year on campus, we have begun successfully living these five missions displayed in the aforementioned mission statement: **Lifelong Friendship, Cultivation of the Intellect, Responsible Leadership, Responsible Social Conduct, and Commitment to the Community.**

- We displayed **Responsible Social Conduct** by sponsoring and hosting an all-campus

convocation regarding hazing-awareness.

- Our dedication to the **Cultivation of the Intellect** is demonstrated by our G.P.A. of 3.078. We are ranked third (out of seven) among all fraternities, which is above the all-men's average as well as the all-fraternities' average.

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- **Responsible Leadership** and Leadership Development was shown when we sent 19 men to seven various Leadership Opportunities across the country, including the Fraternity's award-winning *Institute for Men of Principle* and *Beta Wilderness Challenge*, and a full delegation to the 166th General Convention in Scottsdale last summer.

- Our **Commitment to Community** was exhibited through one philanthropic event and one community service event. We have also shown our commitment to the Denison Community through various events, such as our Faculty and Staff Appreciation last spring.

- The mission of **Lifelong Friendship** is expressed through our strong relationship with Senator Lugar, and our two receptions we held with him. We also plan to hold an Alumni Golf Tournament in April.

It has truly been a wonderful experience for me and my fellow brothers to reinstate the prosperous legacy our chapter has on campus. With help and support from alumni such as yourselves, we hope to

continue to bring great things to Denison in the years to come. We look forward to seeing all of you at our Golf Tournament on April 26th in Toronto.

They often say the first mark of a Beta will be his Beta Spirit. *The Beta Spirit is well and alive at Denison!*

## Director of Chapter Services Asks Alumni to Give Back to Undergrads and Future Beta Leaders

### Volunteers and Sponsors Needed to Support House Corporation, Advisory Team, and Students

By Judson Horras, CAE  
Director of Chapter Services

The Alpha Eta chapter continues to work diligently toward regaining "Good" status with the General Fraternity. The chapter has excelled in campus and community relations,

academics, leadership development, member education, and risk management. Additionally, the chapter is blessed to have a very active advisory team consisting of local Betas, university faculty members, and Friends of Beta from the local community.

### "Alpha Eta alumni should be proud of their current undergraduate members."

We are asking for your help in three specific ways. First, we need volunteers to support the house corporation and advisory team. Please contact me at [jhorras@wooglin.com](mailto:jhorras@wooglin.com) or 1-800-800-2382, ext. 232 if you are

interested. Second, we need student referrals to assist in our recruitment efforts. Please forward the names of any prospects to the chapter president. Finally, we need support in sponsoring students to attend leadership development programs this summer. You can learn more about these opportunities and ways to sponsor them by visiting [www.betathetapi.org](http://www.betathetapi.org).

Alpha Eta alumni should be proud of their current undergraduate members. They are a terrific group of honorable leaders who are working very hard to restore the legacy of Alpha Eta. We are counting on your support to ensure our success!

## Denison Alumnus Senator Richard G. Lugar '54 Honored with New Chair; Lugar Shares Experience as Men of Principle Spokesman

The full article appeared in the Winter 2006 issue of Beta Theta Pi Magazine

By M. Hill

Denison University honored distinguished alumnus and United States Senator **Richard G. Lugar '54**, with a newly established chair — The Class of 1954 Richard G. Lugar Professorship in Public Policy — on Thursday, October 13. Mark Dalton, chairman of the Denison Board of Trustees; George H. Shorney, representing the Class of 1954; Denison President **Dale T. Knobel**, and former



Chapter Counselor **Brian Coate '02** discusses the day's events with **Senator Richard G. Lugar '54**.

U.S. Senator Samuel A. Nunn were present for the evening ceremonies in Swasey Chapel in Granville, Ohio. The Lugar chair was established by donations to the Golden Anniversary Fund of the Class of 1954 for its 50th reunion. The first faculty member to hold the chair will be announced at the annual Named Chairs Convocation later this academic year.

### Senator Lugar...was a member of the Alpha Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa and valedictorian.

Senator Lugar, an economics major at Denison, was a member of the Alpha Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa and valedictorian. He was co-president of his class with Charlene Smeltzer, now his wife of 49 years. He was also selected as a Rhodes Scholar. Lugar was elected mayor of Indianapolis in 1967, serving two terms, and was elected president of the National League of Cities in 1971. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1976, where he has built a reputation as a consensus-builder between parties and between the executive and legislative branches of government. Senator Lugar continues his involvement within Beta Theta Pi as spokesman for the



Men of Principle initiative and honorary chairman of the Upon These Principles capital campaign.

In support of the Alpha Eta colony, which was formed last fall, Lugar attended an afternoon Beta reception in the Burton Morgan building. With nearly 60 attendees, including President Knobel, several deans, and more than 20 potential members, the reception featured a presentation from the undergraduate Betas about their return to Denison and their work to regain their charter as an active chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Senator Lugar spoke of his involvement with the Fraternity and the Men of Principle initiative. The day also included a campus address regarding current issues in United States foreign relations and a reception hosted by President Knobel. General Secretary **David W. Wright Ohio State '67** was also in attendance to congratulate the Senator on his named professorship.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Beta Is Back!

#### Make Plans to Return to Denison and Meet the New Alpha Eta Chapter

Hello Brother Betas,

We are certainly looking forward to being on the Denison campus in early June for Reunion Weekend. Many have expressed how impressed they are with the changes in the campus, new buildings, new roadways and new facilities. However, with almost a sense of relief, they mention how great it is to see our Alpha Eta house looking so terrific and so much the same as we remember it.

When you are back on campus, do take the time to stop and revisit that spot filled with memories for us and promises for our new brothers.

I do not have any startling news for you, but consider this a good thing. Events are moving along and Alpha Eta is alive and well. We hope that many will make the trip back to see for themselves.

-kai-

Bob Dold '60

## CHAPTER SNAPSHOTS



Above: New Betas celebrate their initiation in front of the Halls of Chapter in Oxford, Ohio on February 19, 2005.



Right: A picture of Betas with Sally Shoop, (mother of Peter Shoop, Denison '67), at the 166th General Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### 40s

#### Walter G. Alpaugh '44

(119 Congress Run Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215-5001; petewga@aol.com) Joy '45 and I are doing fine. I am getting closer to retirement at Amelia Island, FL. Congratulations to my new Brothers! The Beta Star's shining bright again.

#### Thomas C. Witter '48

(90 E. Franklin Place, Lake Forest, IL; tomw@c4.com) My family and I are members of the Community of Jesus, a residential Christian community that live a monastic (Benedictine-style) community. I am one of 11 resident clergy and have a continued ministry of visitation to nursing homes and am librarian of the clergy office pastorium. I would be happy to hear from any of the brothers.

#### David S. Ecker '49

(Three Spring Knoll Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45227-3851) I am now bagging groceries!

### 50s

#### Tim M. Roudebush '52

(6 Wycklow, #704, Overland Park, KS 66207-4005) Business is booming. Major expansion going on now. Come see Eldred WWII Museum and Education Museum in memory of George M. Roudebush in Cleveland, Ohio, Memorial Day, May 30th at Eldred/Penn.

### 60s

#### John R. Malloy '60

(1289 Harness Rd., Mountain View, AR 72560-9338; jjmalloy@mvtel.net) Really great news that Alpha Eta is back. I'm retired and living on an Ozark mountainside. I still ride a Harley and lead Confederates in Civil War battle re-enactments. A special thanks to **Bob Dold '60** for his re-colonizing work.

#### Daniel P. Kreer '68

(1186 Roosevelt St., Monterey, CA 93940-2160) My son Danny is one of the "new founding fathers" of the reinstated Alpha Eta Chapter.

### 90s

#### Christopher B. Epley '91

(1009 Broadmoor Dr., Dayton, OH 45419-2809; cepley@titlequestinc.com) I started my own law firm in the fall of 2004. My wife, Eileen, and I are enjoying time with our son Jack who is 1½-years old.

## IN MEMORIAM

Since the publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the following deaths.

#### Robert D. Moore '48

(May 14, 2003)

#### Charles E. Inman '53

(June 17, 2005)

#### Joseph F. Keeler '63

(March 26, 2005)

Beta Theta Pi mourns the loss of these brothers and extends sympathy to their friends and families.

## Associate Director of Student Activities for Leadership Expresses Pride in Beta Theta Pi's Commitment to Denison University

### Beta's Diligence Restores Good Standing with Faculty, Administrators, and Campus Officials

In a way, my role at Denison affords me many moments to advocate for and even shout from the rooftops the value our fraternities and sororities add to campus.

I'm inclined to boast about work ethic, commitment to the principles of the fraternity, connection with their advisory team, and a strong presence of the colony

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on campus. It is tempting to sing the praises of individual members and advisors because there are many verses to share.

Instead, though, I realized what a different and more important message might be: the value that I – and the college – place on our partnership with Beta Theta Pi and on a fraternity that is true to its mission at the undergraduate level. Beta has worked hard to build a successfully renewed partnership with Denison and has accomplished its goal.

We value the role, the influence, and the commitment of the General Fraternity to Alpha Eta. You can be proud of the work that the administrative staff is doing and of the initiatives coming from the board and the Oxford office. Beta offers a fraternity experience as good as any; probably better. And our Denison Betas have done the fraternity, the college, and the alumni proud in their execution of that.

We also value the role our fraternity alumni play in the success of any colony



Betas with Denison's Greek Life Advisor, Ryan Hilperts, at the 166th General Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona, in August 2005.

or chapter. The history and lore that lives in the minds of each Alpha Eta alumnus is so important to today's students; we value the different perspectives and embrace the fraternity experience of 2006. There are amazing undergraduate Betas on the Hill today; I hope you'll take time to share your story and to learn theirs.

Proud to be a Friend of Beta,  
Ryan Elizabeth Hilperts  
Associate Director of Student Activities for Leadership &  
IFC, NPHC, PHC Advisor

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Q & A with J. Tucker Marston '56

**Q: Why did you join Beta Theta Pi?**

**A:** They were the only ones that would have me.

**Q: Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.**

**A:** Being there to watch my younger brother Charlie being initiated into Beta Theta Pi - despite Bob Dold's insistence that Charlie had flunked the alumni exam.

**Q: What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?**

**A:** Great long lasting friendships – including the one with **Dick Lugar '54**, the most outstanding and accomplished individual that I will ever have the pleasure of knowing.

**Q: With whom do you still stay in contact? Who would you most like to find?**

**A:** I have been in touch with **Phil Brady '57**, **Sam Prosser '56**, and **John Taylor '57**, and more recently many other Betas as a result of

our recent Beta '50s reunions. I would like to find **John Marshall '57**, although I might get the same reaction as I got from **John Hinkel '57**, who was trying to deny and forget that he ever went to Denison - weird.

**Q: Tell us about your family. Are you married? Do you have children?**

**A:** I'm married with two step-sons.

**Q: Who were your roommates in the house?**

**A:** My roommates junior year were **Terry "Batman" Crislip** and Mel "The Hood" Pattison, and senior year were Dave "Cow-Cow" Carse and Phil "Boone" Brady. The most memorable time was when Cow-Cow & Boone returned to the house around 3:00 a.m. to tell me that they had "borrowed" Gary Geringer's car to go back to Newark and had crashed it at the bottom of they drag...they thought they might be in trouble.

**Q: What do you do for a living?**

**A:** I'm a Certified Financial Planner(CFP). I help people manage their money.

**Q: What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?**

**A:** After five years of active duty in the Air Force (I participated in the Berlin Crisis and Cuban Missile Crisis), I spent another 23 years with the Ohio Air National Guard flying F-84 F and was a liaison officer for the U. S. Air Force Academy. I am also Former Vice-President and Trustee of the Cleveland National Air Show; Member and Trustee of the Defense Orientation Conference Association(DOCA); Founder and first President of the Suncoast(of Florida) Alpine Ski(snow) Club; Republican Party Precinct Committeeman and Ward Leader, Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican Policy Committee and Republican Candidate (Unsuccessfully) for the U.S. Congress in 1992 and 1994.

**Q: What hobbies do you enjoy?**

**A:** Bridge (Life Master), golf(20 handicap - just good enough to beat **Phil Brady**), tennis, and politics.

**Q: What are your goals for the next few years?**

**A:** Stay on the North side of the grass.

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