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

ALUMNI REPORT

Alpha Eta Initiates 14 New Brothers, Adopts New Charity

Alumni Web Site Launched to Keep Connected with Beta News, Events and Friends

By Bob Dold '60, President, The Lanson Stage Curtis Memorial Association

It doesn't seem possible that spring is already here. I understand the flowers and flowering trees are starting to blossom on Denison's campus. Is there a more beautiful time or place than Granville in the spring? It won't be long until some professors will want to hold their classes on the quad and they could be looking over the Licking Hills. Spring at Denison brings back fond memories of the Beta wars, Ebough's pond and the Beta parade at the end of the week.

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The chapter seems to be in good shape. On April 5, 14 pledges were initiated. This is one of our largest pledge classes. The chapter has been quite busy this year. Recently they held a formal dinner dance at a county club in Newark. They have held events with almost every sorority on campus and have helped the charity events. They were car parkers for a benefit for the Center for Disabled Services in Licking County. Mrs. Knobles was one of the sponsors for the event. They donated all the tips they received that day to the Center for Disabled Services. The chapter has adopted the C.D.S. as one of its charities.

I am pleased that the chapter is applying for the Knox Award at the Beta convention this summer. Plans for the house include turning the old kitchen into a library for the chapter. The kitchen has not been used as a kitchen for years and will not be used as a

kitchen again. The university has helped us sell some of the industrial kitchen equipment and the chapter is excited about utilizing the space.

We have also started up a web site for the Alpha Eta which is a wonderful way to help us keep in touch with our fraternity brothers. Please check out the site and get acquainted. Help us make this a real asset for us. To register on the site, go to www.betadenison.com and click on the First Time Login link in the upper left corner, and type in your last name when prompted. Once you select your record, you'll be asked to enter your Member ID, which can be found above your name and address on this mailing, or in our newly upgraded monthly eLetters. Your username will be your email address—one less username to remember.

I would like to thank Nick Geitner for his great leadership of Alpha Eta this past year. We are looking forward to working with Bill Horn as president next year. We are also looking for some alumni who would be interested in working with the chapter and L.S.C.M.A. If you have some interest in this area, please email me at r.dold@rosepestcontrol.com.

CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Eta Boasts Largest Pledge Class on Campus *Chapter Initiates a Fire Banquet to Commemorate Old House Destroyed in Fire, Continues Beta Wars with a Twist*

Brother **Derrick Carman**, our archivist and historian, has taken the initiative to renew Alpha Eta's ties to its heritage by reinstating the both the Fire Banquet as well as the 'Beta War.' The Fire Banquet is an Alpha Eta ritual, commemorating the day that the previous house burned down. The ritual will be held in the fall and will remain an annual event for all those able to attend. The current active members are looking forward to adding another layer to the rich history that our chapter is privileged to have.

Secondly, the 'Beta War' will be

continued this semester with a different twist. The chapter will split into two teams and play a massive capture-the-flag game across campus on April 25th. This promises to be a memorable night that some brothers are already preparing for in anticipation.

We have continued the trend of growth this year. Our spring pledge class contains 14 men, the largest pledge class of any of the fraternities on campus. Our current recruitment chair, **Chris Greene**, is laying the groundwork to break that record next year. Already, we are preparing for the

fall and plan to continue the year-long, chapter-wide effort challenge in setting the bar even higher for ourselves.

We returned from the 169th General Convention with not only our Charter, but a Sisson award as well. Alpha Eta has set its sights on the Knox award in the coming years. Officers have been given their respective goals that will need to be achieved and, in several areas, the chapter surpasses the requirements for the Knox award, such as in leadership and cultivation of the intellect.

PLEDGE CLASS

James Adlam '11
Biochemistry
Carmel, IN

Lucas Avery '12
Biology
Lafayette, CO

Kyle Cramer '12
Undeclared
Austin, TX

Charlie Duggen '12
History
Put-in-Bay, OH

Andrew Gordon '12
Undeclared
Strongsville, OH

Michael Joyce '12
Undeclared

Xijie Lv '11
Economics/Environmental Studies
Chengdu, China

Mark Magnus '12
Undeclared
Lake Forest, IL

Daniel Matyas '12
Physics
New Kensington, PA

Lin Mu '12
Economics/Biology
Changchun, China

Rob Moore '12
Undeclared
Somerville, NJ

Steven Profitt '12
Political Science/International Studies
Carlisle, OH

William Rumford '12
Psychology
Washington, DC

Eric Stachura '12
Undeclared
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In this photo: Jack Thuma '57, Joe Taylor, Joe Ternavan '57 and Bill Wagner '57 in San Francisco. Thanks to Joe Ternavan for submitting this photo!



All in the Family

For Dexter "Ted" Tight '48, Nearly 25 Relatives have become Part of the Denison Heritage

When **Dexter 'Ted' Tight '48** came to Denison, he knew he was already a part of a legacy that spanned back several generations in his family. What he didn't know then was that it was only the beginning of an even longer tradition.

Ted came to Denison in the fall of 1941, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Now more than 60 years later, more than 20 relatives have joined TIGHT in experiencing Denison.

"I pledged because my father was a member, it was a good chapter to join, I loved the people and all of the guys that were there, and I loved the house," said Ted. "[The brothers] were also delighted I was there."

However, the start of World War II put a halt in Ted's pursuit of a college degree.

"Everything I did at Denison has rewarded me dramatically," TIGHT said. "[My] Beta experience has lived with me and still remains very close."

"I was called into service in 1942 and couldn't come back until 1946," he said. "But the service made me grow up faster [because at the time] I was a relatively immature 18 year old."

He eventually graduated from the Officer's Candidate School in August of 1945 as a 2nd Lieutenant and was discharged in April 1946.

Ted also pointed out that because of the war, there were only 12 men in his pledge class, which was quite a rare situation; however, this has allowed him and his fellow pledge class to remain close friends to this day.

And although the close fellowship and friendships of the fraternity remained the same when he returned to Denison, TIGHT and his brothers were not able to live in their chapter house. It had been rented out to the University.

In his first year back, Ted was elected the president of the chapter. He was also a



Dexter "Ted" TIGHT '48

member of Blue Key, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha and Co-President of the Denison College Government Association.

After graduating in 1946, he attended Yale Law School, although the American stint in the Korean War seemed to find its way into interfering with that academic endeavor as well. He eventually successfully graduated from law school in 1951.

That year was also another milestone for Ted, as it was the year he married the love of his life, Elizabeth, or as he calls her, "Betty." Friends at the ages of 14 and 15, they used to talk about who they were going to marry. Little did they know at that time that it would be to each other.

The two settled in San Francisco, Calif., where Ted went to work as a lawyer for Pillsbury Madison. He then went on to work as Vice President for International Affairs and the General Counsel at GAP, the Government Accountability Project.

He retired from GAP in '89 at the age of 65, but soon realized he made the mistake of retiring when he really wasn't quite ready. He headed back into the work force, where he worked for an additional five years with The Nature Company.

As an alumnus of Beta Theta Pi, Ted was asked to join the Board of Trustees of Denison.

"Denison was a wonderful school and being an alumnus from [there] is thought of well throughout the United States," TIGHT said.

During this time, he chaired one of the chapter's early capital fund drives and also was the San Francisco Bay Area Alumni Association Chairman. He served from 1978 until his retirement from the board in 1999, when he became a life trustee.

Now living in a retirement home in the San Francisco area with his wife, he works diligently to stay active and take

leadership roles in the community.

"Beta taught me to get involved, take leadership roles," he said. "This is something I've taken with me up to this day."

That is also one of the traits that Ted wants the current Brothers at Denison to take with them after graduation.

"Denison helps people [and helped me] to be influential in organizations, become more involved," he said. "Take a second look at what you got out of the fraternity and give back. Become involved in alumni affairs, and be supportive of the school that gave you your education."

Currently, Ted and Betty have four children and 10 grandchildren. Every 10 years, the families get together for a "fun trip," last time being in Hawaii. There were around 20 family members there total.

"I enjoyed re-connecting with the family and watching my grandchildren interact with one another," he said.

Today, decades after graduating from Denison, TIGHT will never forget the ties he made while attending and the ties he's kept the many years since then.

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