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Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

# BUCKEYE PHI

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## President's Letter

### Phi Delt Closes Out Great Year

By *Brother Matt McQuade* – President, OH Zeta

Over the past few years, the men of Ohio Zeta have made tremendous strides to become one of the elite fraternities on our campus, and a top chapter nationally. We have come an extremely long way in every facet of fraternity life, from grades to risk management. With the hope that further proof of our success will be coming our way in late June at the General Convention, this past year has been the best in recent history at Ohio Zeta.

Not only have our grades steadily improved over the past three or four years, but they have also improved drastically this academic year. Last spring quarter, our chapter GPA was at a 2.74, this past winter quarter we achieved a 2.92. This was the first year in recent memory that our chapter has been above the campus all men's average for consecutive quarters.

This year we made a large impact on campus in the area of community service. In October, we helped construct a playground in East Columbus, and in early May, Ohio Zeta Phi helped in the first annual Rock the Block campus clean up. Throughout the school year the brothers of Ohio Zeta also participated in ten different philanthropy events within the Greek community. Many of them were athletic events, and we came out victorious in the Kappa Delta Slap Shot tournament and Delta Gamma Anchor Splash.

With the accomplishments of the past year giving the house a head of steam, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that we will continue our success into next year, and set a precedent for the future of Ohio Zeta. ■

### Capital Campaign to Launch Fall 2004

This fall we will be launching a major fundraising program. The house is in need of a major investment and we will be calling on all our alumni for extraordinary support this fall. We hope that everyone will be able to contribute toward the cause. Your support is crucial to our success. More details will follow soon!

## Chapter Awards

### Phi Delta Theta Waller Journeyman Award

**Second inductee into the Ohio Zeta Alumni Hall of Fame**

By *Brother Bruce Rothermund*

Founded in 1967, the Ohio Zeta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta was served by Dr. Adolph Waller as an advisor during two different eras nearly a half-century apart. The "Colonel", as most of us knew him, graduated in 1914 from the University of Kentucky where he had been initiated, hence the nickname. He received his master's at Ohio State in 1916 and his doctorate in 1918. Shortly thereafter, he became a teaching fellow at Ohio State's Department of Agronomy (later to become Botany). It was at this time that the Colonel first became associated with Ohio Zeta as its chapter advisor. He served for several years and passed the job along to spend time with his sons Lynn, Mike and Edward. Dr. Waller authored numerous botany texts and was one of the pioneers in the area known today as Ecology. His major contributions, however, were not only of the mind but of the heart. We were privileged to reassociate with the Colonel after he accepted the position of Faculty Advisor of Ohio Zeta in 1966. The Colonel lived at 210 North Stanbury in Bexley where he spent many evenings and weekends entertaining his Phi Delt friends, and hosting many a pledge project. His guests were recipients of fine food and some of the world's greatest stories.

The Waller Journeyman Award is to honor the most outstanding senior within the Ohio Zeta Chapter and is given to the men who, through their actions both past and present, especially within the fraternity, have demonstrated an eagerness to use their God-given talents to the best of their ability.

"Through helping himself he has helped others", is the motto by which Dr. Waller lived. He was an exceptional man who overcame a handicap to achieve respect within the academic world. Colonel Waller took sincere interest in the human development of his students and the Phi Delt to whom he served as an advisor. He also believed in rewarding people not solely for their achievement, but for achievement in the context of their ability; those who demonstrated using their talent to the fullest for the benefit of others, not just for themselves. The criteria for the Journeyman Award has never been defined, but those selected have character and reputation worthy of their association with those who preceded them. ■

# Happenings

## Phi Delt Reigns Supreme in Slap Shot Tourney!

By *Brother Tom McDonald, PR Chairman*

The brothers of Phi Delta Theta, Ohio Zeta chapter competed in the annual Kappa Delta Slap Shot Tournament on April 2nd. This hockey tournament hosted by the Kappa Delta sorority is a fundraiser for child abuse prevention. More than \$12,000 was raised, and \$7,775 was donated to the Prevent Child Abuse America foundation— 80% of that money was used here in Ohio, and 20% was used nationwide.

Twenty fraternities competed in the Slap Shot tournament, with a total of five bracketed rounds. The first game started at 8:15 a.m and the final game started at 11:00 p.m. Since the tournament was single elimination, the action was heating up as the day went on. The games were getting rough and play was dirty. Phi Delta Theta met Zeta Beta Tau in the third round after Triangle forfeited to Phi Delta Theta in the previous round. Phi Delta Theta was down by a goal going into the final period and was getting frustrated after having one goal already called back. In the final five minutes of the game, Phi Delta Theta scored two quick goals to reclaim the lead and win.

In the semi-finals Phi Delta Theta faced off against Beta Theta Pi, the team that beat them in the semi-finals last year. Body checks were flying everywhere and the two teams were getting angry with controversy over penalties. Phi Delta Theta's **Tom Hewitt** scored a goal late in the first period to take the lead. Near the end of the first period a scuffle occurred in front of Beta Theta Pi's net, and **Mike Paul** of Beta Theta Pi got kicked out of the game for fighting. In the final period of the game, players were getting tired and breakaways were occurring on both sides of the ice. Beta Theta Pi came back to score a goal with two minutes left in the game to tie it up. This caused the game to go into a sudden death shoot out, where five players from each team would go one-on-one with the goalie. Phi Delta Theta's goalie **Regis Mullen** played an amazing game, he stopped every shot from Beta Theta Pi giving Phi Delta Theta an overtime win and leading them to the finals.

In the finals, Phi Delta Theta played Pi Kappa Alpha. Both teams made their physical presence known as every

opportunity for a body check was taken. The crowd was going absolutely crazy, with over five hundred people watching the game. Phi Delta Theta chants were roaring throughout the building from the clearly Phi Delt majority crowd, and players were getting pumped. Tom Hewitt put in the first goal of the game, but PIKE quickly answered with a goal of their own. In the next five minutes both teams each contributed a goal, making the score two-two. Play then went back and forth until the score was knotted up at three in the final period of play.

Late in the third period, Phi Delta Theta pressured the PIKE defense with strong fore checking, creating an offensive turnover in which Tom Hewitt put the puck in the back of the net for his hat-trick. This gave Phi Delta Theta the lead and caused the crowd to absolutely erupt. At the end of the game the fans and players celebrated in full fashion enjoying the moment. The two teams shook and the sisters of Kappa Delta presented the championship trophy to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. ■

## House

# Report

## PDT Alumnus Literally Supports the House

When city inspectors made their annual rounds through the house on the hill, they cited us for the retaining wall in the parking lot. It is a true story that the wall was the inspiration for John Cougar Mellencamp's hit "(When The Walls Come) Tumblin Down" after a 1983 lot party. It's hard to tell exactly when the wall was first constructed, but it is believed to be dated back to the Lincoln Administration. The city felt it was time to rebuild the structure. Given the limited budget to maintain our aging facility, this presented a problem for the House Corporation. To the rescue came brother **Mark Silbaugh '86**. Mark is the Vice President of Sales at Quikrete of Columbus. Mark readily donated his time, materials and expertise to solving the problem. The result is a resurfaced retaining wall that looks as good as new. Thank you Mark for all your help. So the next time you see brother Silbaugh, make sure you buy him a cold one! ■

## In Memory

We regret to inform you of the deaths of

**L. Loring Brock '45**

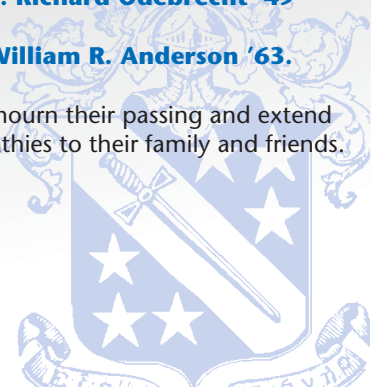
**Donald Mains '53**

11/25/2003

**A. Richard Odebrecht '49**

**William R. Anderson '63.**

We mourn their passing and extend sympathies to their family and friends.



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Phi Delta Theta Alumni Golf Outing

Well, well, well...could I have waited any longer to write this letter?! Time to get your day planner out to schedule the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Zeta, Phi Delta Theta Golf Outing. There will be a few changes for this year's event in an attempt to consistently improve upon things. The most dramatic changes will be the chosen course and the awards dinner. I've decided to have our annual gala at an old school course that was built in the 40's. It has numerous doglegs and tiny greens that are lightning fast. The name of the course is **The Landings at Rickenbacker**, and they built a brand new clubhouse last year to accommodate outings. Hence, the reason I've decided to have the awards dinner there on-site immediately following the tournament. It has truly been my honor to coordinate this event for the past few years, and I'd like to make this our best one yet. With that said, I will call upon all of you to reach out and find one lost Phi to participate. Let's do our best to exceed 100 players this year. Regardless of the turnout, I'm sure that a fun time will be had by all. Just steer clear of Brother **Jack Sperry's** clan. That way you'll be safe from waking up in the slammer. Speaking of safety, Brother **Don Martin** has made a gracious offer to transport us to the course from his infamous establishment, **The Time Zone**. He will have at least one shuttle bus, and two if needed, to drive us to the course and back so people can leave their cars. I will be perfectly honest - this course can be a bit difficult to find. Also, if anyone would need a cab, you would have trouble getting one at the course. Brother Martin has asked to have everyone arrive for a power hour between Noon to 1pm. The shuttle(s) will leave right at 1pm to give people a chance to warm up for our 2pm shotgun start. **If you are interested in taking the shuttle from the Time Zone, please respond to me or brother Tim Marsh ASAP so we can workout the final details.**

## Here are the particulars:

**Date:** Saturday August 14th, 2004

**Location:** The Landings at Rickenbacker

**Time:** 2:00 pm 4-man scramble format shotgun start

**Price:** \$90.00

*(includes: greens fees with cart, range balls, scoreboards, 4 drink tickets, tee packet gift, hot dog chips and drink at the turn, beer, beer, beer...)*

**Awards Dinner:** Steak or Chicken dinner at Landings at Rickenbacker clubhouse

**Party:** The Time Zone immediately following the awards dinner

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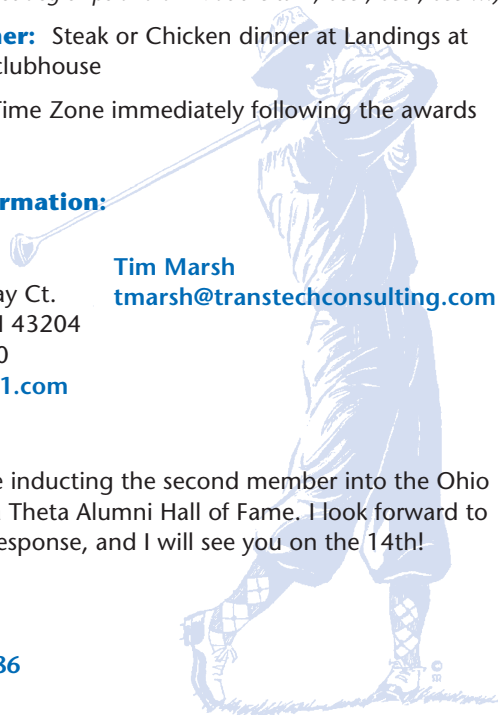
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We will also be inducting the second member into the Ohio Zeta, Phi Delta Theta Alumni Hall of Fame. I look forward to your prompt response, and I will see you on the 14th!

YITB,

**John Weixel '86**  
#1852



## We Want to Hear from You

Hello Fellow Phi Deltis! Do you sometimes find yourself wondering what your old brothers from the fraternity have been up to? To be sure, someone has been wondering about you too! So please return the enclosed update form with the latest and greatest about you. Topics you might want to highlight include career, family, reunions with fraternity brothers, travel or some funny memories. Be sure to include your full name, your graduation year and any updated address information.

We really strive to make our alumni program meaningful and to do so we need more than your much appreciated financial support. We want to strengthen the bond of brotherhood by helping to reconnect you with those who meant so much to you during your college days. This is a great opportunity to let your brothers know what is happening in your life and how they can reach you. So please take a minute to fill out this form and pop it in the mail. Your news will be published in the next issue of **Buckeye Phi** and who knows, maybe you will reconnect with a long lost friend! ■

## Surprising Facts About the Greek System (that you won't see in the news!)

Fraternities and sororities make up a long-standing community that makes countless contributions to the lives of its members. The Greek community is:

- The largest and most visible values-based organization on college campuses;
- The most successful leadership development program available to college students;
- The largest network of volunteers in the United States, logging 10 million hours of community service per year;
- The largest not-for-profit student landlord, owning and managing \$3 billion in student housing for 250,000 students in 8,000 facilities.

Contributions to their fraternity or sorority reflect the impact of their own Greek experience as well as the promise that the Greek community holds for the future of so many others. ■

# Alumni UpDates

## Robert W. McKee '37

(7200 Fairhaven Apt. C052, Third Avenue, Sykesville, MD 21784) I moved into a retirement home two months ago. My wife passed away in April 2003. We were happily married for over 57 years. I've got to get out to Columbus soon and see "The House on the Hill". I still have lots of fine memories of my days there.

## Ned K. Barthelmas '50

(1000 Urlin Ave. #2204, Columbus, OH 43212-3341) Still working an eight to ten hour day, six to seven days a week and having fun doing so.

## John C. Spence '52

(9349 E. Princess Dr., Mesa, AZ 85207-4316) I was in Columbus for the N.C. State football game on September 13, 2003. I stopped by 1942 luka. As chapter president in my senior year, I lived in the house even though I was a "town" boy. It was a great experience even though my grades dropped. The fraternity house was trashed by the Pi Phis during a beer party down by the river. In retaliation we raided their house and threw them all in the showers. Their house mother turned us in and we were "campused" by the Dean of Men, i.e., no house parties for a quarter. Great fun!

## John D. Campbell '57

(3365 Sunset Key Cir, Punta Gorda, FL 33955-1971) I recently celebrated 50 years of marriage to Naomi (Noni) Stimmel Campbell. **Jim Begley '56** and **Joe**

**Kirwin '36** were our guests recently. On a sad note, we attended a "celebrate life" memorial for **Tom Kemp '57** in Naples, Florida on February 15. What a guy! There was a big turnout— beautifully done.

## William C. McMenamy '62

(275 Ashbourne Pl., Columbus, OH 43209-1450) Thanks to **John Bobb '66**, several (about 25) Phis gathered the Friday before Homecoming at his house where he and his wife, Janice, entertained us royally. **Pete '61** & Jean **Warnick**, and **Bill '62** & Sue **Martin** were there. Also present were the **Cardis**, **Argos**, **Bakers**, **Durhams** and **Mielkes**. Special appearances by the **Maxwells** and **K.J.** were highlights.

## C. Craig Washing '62

(8355 Heathrow Downs, Montgomery, AL 36117-5155) The November newsletter was great,— but maybe that's because you had so much of the '60's in print, including Jay's story. I can remember being a "hired pallbearer", so Jay was helping his brothers even then. Good beer money. Keep up the great communications. We lost a brother on November 25, **Donald J. Mains '53**— leukemia finally won. He fought it until the end.

## Richard A. Baker '67

(945 Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617-4239) Still lifting weights to keep up with **Mike Cavota '66** and **Mike Lavigna '69**. Knickers and saddle shoes are good for my golf course but I'll never be as cool as **Roemer** and **Denk**. Still read a book

a week but I'll never be as smart as **John Kelley '67**. Still think I'm better looking than **Dave Dyer '68** and **Dale Barker '66**.

## Jay C. Lee '68

(710 Alberta St., Dayton, OH 45409-2803) I am a perpetual student and received my masters in computer science in May 2003.

## James M. List '72

(803 S. Main St., Summerville, SC 29483; jim@all-books.com) I recently made partner with Edward Jones. My nephew, Luke List, an 18-year-old freshman at Vanderbilt qualified and played in the U.S. Open in Chicago in June 2003. He was also a quarter finalist in the U.S. Public Links. Watch for his name on the PGA tour after he graduates.

## Jamie C. Carey '88

(85 Royal Ridge Ct., Alamo, CA 94507-2504; justdoitnow@earthlink.net) I have two kids. Check out pantsashats.com. Support our troops! ■

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