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## House Corporation **President**

### Thanks to Many Brothers Who Help the Chapter

By John Ford '73

As we enter the holiday season and our thoughts turn to reasons to be thankful, I would like to mention several of the people who have played roles in the recent resurgence of Mu Chapter.

Several names top my list:

Our house father, **Al Harris**, has been with us for many years and has been a real mainstay. Although Al is a university employee, his heart is firmly with Delta Tau Delta, and we are truly blessed to have him on board.

I don't know what we'd do without our treasurer, **Mike Brenner '99**. In terms of sheer time and effort, no one really comes close to what Mike has given over the past few years. Mike's wife, Denise ('00), has been a tremendous help too, with our Web site and other projects.

House Corporation vice president **Lex Hartline '80** once again opened his home to the chapter for a fine steak cookout before classes resumed this fall. The brothers always look forward to that event. Lex manages to break away from family and business to visit the Shelter every so often, and it's good to have his input.

**Eric Carlson '95**, our outgoing chapter adviser, has really stepped up, and we'll miss him. Good luck in Florida, E.C.

And while he's not a Mu Delt, our division vice president **Drew McFarland** has been so dedicated and supportive that we make allowances. Drew's words of wisdom are always welcome.

Other men who've been a big help include **George Kratt '41, Bill Eells '46, Ed Heminger '48, Dave Hughes '61, Skip Auch '68, Tim Rardin '68, Stew Hirsch '87, R.E.M. Milligan '95, Rob Owens '95, Brian Camp '96, Albert Eagleson '98, R.J. McKay '98, Trevor Peters '99, Jeff Pistone '99, Scott Donaldson '02, Ahmed Salkini '03, Jeff Donaldson '04, Bryan Asmus '05 and Andy Boone '05.**

And some old friends paid us special visits: **Jim Kratt '47, Charles Cooper '49, Fred Hibbert '52, Bob Hancher '56, Dick Hottel '58, Dick Lester '59, Vic French '60, Branch Rickey '67, Mike McCluggage '69, Mike McGuire '71, Steve Brubaker '76, Art West '79, Fred Newton '80, Brent Feorene '85, Craig Luke '85, Andy Morrison '85, Carl Musenden '90, Nate Hughes '95, Adam Kramer '95, Jim Hart '98, Jamen Brown-Hutchins '00, Jeremiah Peschka '00, Bill Fahy '02, Aaron Violand '02, Shel Mukherjee '02, Corey Casto '03, Nathan Black '04 and Steve Horvath '05.**

I'm sure I've missed more than a few people. Thanks to all. ■

## Who is **Alan O. Harris?**

### Delt Housefather is Worth Getting to Know

By Justin G. McCoy '07

Who is that guy walking through the halls? Who lives in that room there? Who is that guy in your composite pictures?

These are common questions that come mainly from rushees and visitors to our Shelter. The answers to these questions are interesting, considering the fact that Alan is not exactly an initiated member of Delta Tau Delta. But, for the past couple of years, he has been closely associated with the Mu Chapter.



Alan O. Harris is our house father. Hired by Ohio Wesleyan University, his purpose is to watch over our house and be somewhat of a liaison between us and the university. His responsibilities range from disciplinary issues and residential-life issues, all the way down to harassing the buildings and grounds staff about fixing things in the house for which the university is supposed to be responsible.

However, during my two years of living in the house, Alan has given much more of himself than that. He is a friend, a surrogate father, or the slightly older and more responsible brother whom we all should have.

Alan lives in the house apartment on the first floor with his cat, Bowser. He

works in the cellular service industry for Verizon Wireless and also runs a T-shirt

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### Mark your Calendar!

**Monnett Weekend/Delt Fest  
April 7-9**

**Alumni Weekend**

*Especially celebrating the classes  
ending in 1 and 6*

**May 19-21**

Both events feature a steak dinner at the house Friday, and an open house and reception Saturday. More details will be announced as the dates approach.

company with his buddies. He often goes back and forth between our house and his parents' house, only 10 minutes away. He can also be spotted with an earpiece in place as he walks around, probably on the phone with his girlfriend Rae, a former OWU student who is now going to school out of state.

Alan has been a valuable asset to all of us. He's found several brothers jobs with Verizon, and he makes pretty much all of the Delt T-shirts we wear these days.

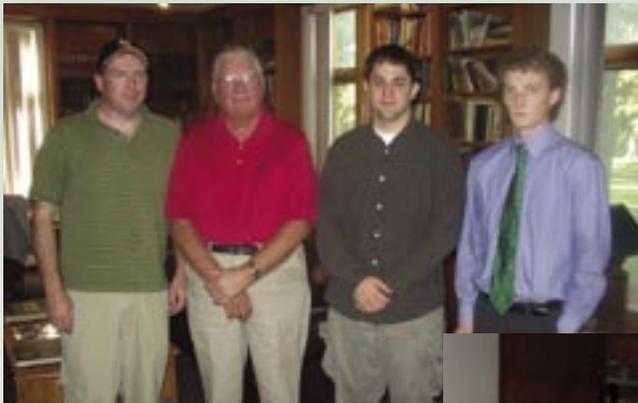
"Al," as he is called by all of us, is especially known for his 24-hour pasta. At the end of every semester, during finals week, his door is open round the clock for brothers and some of their friends to help themselves to pasta and a variety of sauces while they are studying. This frequently turns into great fun and conversation sitting on his brown couches, watching TV and old movies, and various people's sometimes poor attempts at playing his guitar. It's a good time with food and

friends. What could be better?

Some brothers can witness to him being much more than I can write about in this article. He is a person worth getting to know, if you don't know him already. Take a moment the next time you come to the house and you notice a red Ford station wagon parked outside. That means Al is home, so go talk to him. Ask him about his day, chat with him, and you'll walk out with more than you came in with. ■

## Scenes from Homecoming 2005

For Homecoming weekend, September 30 - October 1, the chapter hosted a sit-down dinner on Friday evening and an open house on Saturday afternoon. **Charles Cooper '49** was a welcome guest, as was former chapter president **Dave Breslin '93**.



*Left:* Division vice president **Drew McFarland**, **Charles Cooper '49**, **Bryan Asmus '05** and **Matt Work '06**.

*Below Right:* **Trevor Peters '99** shows off his son Nathan, from the class of 2027.

*Far Below:* **Aaron Violand '02**, **Mike Brenner '99**, **Doug Keeton '04** and **Bill Fahy '02**.

*Left:* Outgoing chapter adviser **Eric Carlson '95** reflects on his accomplishments. He is finishing his term before moving to Florida.

*Below:* A pair of presidents: former chapter president **Dave Breslin '93** and current chapter president **Bryan Borland '06** visit during homecoming.



## A Job Well Done

Thank you to the alumni who returned for our annual Orientation Weekend on August 27, 2005.



*Above Right: **Andy Boone '05** and **Bryan Asmus '05** beautifying the landscaping.*

*Above Center: **George Tidwell '06** and **Matt Jackson '07** give the upstairs hallways a fresh coat of paint.*

*Above Left: **Stefan Schubert '06** says "All is well" after surveying his handiwork.*

*Far Left: Taking a break after a job well done: Fresh mulch was spread throughout the grounds. Looks good, doesn't it?*

## Alumni Updates

### **William H. Searles '37**

(42 Dawn Harbor Ln., Riverside, CT 06878; wsearles@optonline.net) I don't have much news other than I'm in reasonably good health. I retired from General Electric in 1979. Since then I have helped on financial work for our church and other nonprofit organizations. I will look forward to any news about Mu and especially about alumni from the years 1935-40.

### **K. Lynn Learey, M.D. '54**

(205 Bret Harte Ave., Reno, NV 89509-2611; l-d-learey@att.net) I am fully retired now. We travel a lot and spend time at our place in Mendocino, Calif. This year we were in France and Africa. I will probably spend two weeks in Argentina and Chile this winter too. Here in Reno, we are waiting for snow around Lake Tahoe for skiing. I attended the 50th reunion in 2004 for the class of 1954 and saw classmates I had not seen since graduation. I enjoyed that weekend and the changes around the OWU campus. Before I retired I was the department head of radiology and also

the department head of nuclear medicine at Washoe Medical Center. At the medical school I was an associate professor. We have lived in Reno since 1969, when I got out of the Navy. When I was on campus at OWU, I was president of Mu Chapter in 1953-54. I was also co-editor of the *Bijou* and a photographer for the athletic department. After graduation, I went to OSU and received an M.D. degree in 1958. Thanks for keeping in touch.

### **Harold M. Stevens '54**

(2539 Berwyn Rd., Columbus, OH 43221-3205; hstevens@columbus.rr.com) I'm keeping active as a board member of the Decorative Arts Museum of Ohio, serving as curator and installing exhibitions. We organized and presented three art fairs so far this year, two in Columbus and one in Ann Arbor, Mich. Sadly I must report the sudden death of **Jim Ziegler** in Cleveland last spring. He leaves us with memories of lots of good times together.

### **Duane Stroman '56**

(R.D. 4 Box 371, Huntingdon, PA 16652-8834; stroman@juniata.edu) Last year I began phased (part-time) retirement after having cancer surgery and treatment. This fall my wife Diane and I will be traveling to Italy and later to California. In the spring I'll return to part-time teaching at Juniata College.

### **Fred Rice '58**

(2 Canterbury Way, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107-1100; ricenshowe@gwi.net) The class of 1958 held its annual reunion in Hartford, Conn., on July 11-13 and Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on July 13-16. In attendance were **Charlie Brown, Mike Geehan, Dick Hottel, Roger Manton, Bob Stevens, Bill Russell, Gaylord White, Ed Whipps, Bob Wilkinson** and I. Next May we meet in Destin, Fla.

### **Edward Franklin Whipps '58**

(51 Highland Ct., Pataskala, OH 43062-8910; efwhipps@aol.com) This year marked another annual reunion of the Mu class of 1958. In the summer we again

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gathered our wives for the trip, this time to two cities — first, Hartford, Conn., where we were hosted by brother **Bill Russell**, and second, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where we were hosted by brother **Fred Rice**, aka The Admiral.

This year's reunion group also included **Bob Stevens**, **Gaylord White**, **Roger Manton**, **Dick Hottel**, **Charlie Brown**, **Mike Geehan**, **Bob Wilkinson** and myself. Last minute complications precluded **Dick Allen** and **Jack Benson** from making the scene, but, next May 3-8, we'll count on them to join us in Florida, where Betty and **Mike Geehan** will be our hosts. We're also counting on **Jim McHolland**, **Jim Eickhoff**, **Don Hughes**, **Bill Coles**, **Bob Clifton** and **Paul Stout**, all of whom have made some of our recent reunions but who failed to file timely or adequate excuses for missing this year.

From our annual golf scramble to a cruise aboard The Admiral's "Georgia on My Mind," we enjoyed a wonderful week that included the singing of all our favorite Delt songs and telling all our favorite lies about the four great years we enjoyed at OWU. While we truly miss our three pledge brothers who have joined the Chapter Eternal — namely **Ernie Calian-dro**, **Phil DeVries** and, most recently, **Jack Russell** — we cherish their memories and are thankful for the many joys we shared with them.

We concluded the week with a lot of discussion about the campaign to make needed restorations to the Shelter, and we have already received pledges totaling over \$50,000. We want to challenge all other Mu Delt classes to match our goal of \$100,000 in pledges over the five-year campaign. As we were again reminded of the wonderful truth, "Brothers We Stand As One!" we are dedicated to a future for Mu Chapter that will be as meaningful to our future brothers as it has been for over 50 years for us.

**Stephen Branson Whitehead '60** (3777 23rd St., Boulder, CO 80304-1614; alremd@comcast.net) I practiced allergy and clinical immunology for 36 years in Boulder, Colo., and retired in September. I visited with **Bob Olson '60** in Arizona this past spring and communicate regularly with **Terry Ross '60**.

### **Leedorn Kettell '61**

(Lake Julia Dr. S., Ponte Vedra, FL 32082) I married on September 10, 2004. I am now semi-retired in Florida.

### **Robert Wright '62**

(P O Box 38, Bradford NH 03221-0038; triad@mcttelecom.com), On October 22, 2005, I completed the Great Floridian Triathlon: a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run. It was the national ultra-distance championship, and I won my division. Probably other people in my age group had the good sense not to try. Three of my children were there; two of them were present when I completed my first Ironman back in February 1981.

### **Thomas C. Waechter '64**

(4496 Lahm Island, New Franklin, OH 44319; tom\_waechter@goodyear.com) I am still a products liability trial attorney for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company headquartered in Akron, so I spend a fair amount of time travelling to various states to monitor litigation involving Goodyear and its numerous subsidiary corporations such as Kelly-Springfield and Dunlop. My wife Donna retired from her job as a Ph.D psychologist for the Akron Public Schools. She is now research coordinator for the Cardiac Rehabilitation Institute at Summa-Health Systems, which runs three hospitals in this area. We travel a fair amount, having been back to Ireland last year, Eastern and Western Europe two or three times, Hawaii several times and Samoa, as well as having driven from Ohio to Alaska a couple years back so we could see all of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in Canada instead of flying over it as we usually do. I was recently in the mountains of central Oregon, biking and hiking with my oldest daughter (who graduated from Miami of Ohio, 1993). We also spent some time at an Old Florida three-story home we built on Marco Island, Fla. I stay in touch with **Stu Wheeler '64** and **Keith Brown '64**, and try to stay in touch with graduates from my high school (Yellow Springs, Ohio) and my law school (North-eastern). I am still interested in music, and am singing with several groups, and cars, now having owned 55 of them.

### **Michael Dean Phillips '65**

(7324 Rindge Ave., Playa Del Rey, CA 90293; Phillips\_13359@msn.com) I would like to hear from **Richard Sweat '65**, **Tom Sigafos '65**, **Robin Wallis '65**, **Joe Foltz '65**, **Dick Wimbish '65**, **Dick Rentz '65**, **Kent Volkmer '65** and **Leonard Harding '65**. I am an emergency physician in Los Angeles.

### **Gary Robinson '69**

(121 W. Sophia St., Maumee, OH 43537-2164; gjrdds@aol.com) I graduated in 1969 with **Doug Hoover '69** and **Dick Cromwell '69**, a famous quarterback from OWU. **John Phillips '69** was in my class; he went to medical school, and Doug Hoover and I went to OSU dental school. That was a long time ago; I haven't been back but have many happy memories of the place. I will have to get back this May. I have practiced dentistry since 1974 in the same town. I still enjoy helping people and listening to their changing lives. I have four children and two grandchildren. Bob lives in Baltimore; Dane in Arlington, Va.; and Taylor and Penny in San Francisco. I am married to Meredith, and we travel to both coasts to visit our children frequently. I am still very active with biking and skiing, and bowhunting in the fall. I have killed more than 30 deer. If the fraternity needs some meat for the school year, let me know.

### **David A. Gardner '71**

(6686 Knightsbridge Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44718-3810; dagardner@nicklesbakery.com) I have been married to Susie Rinehart for 34 years. We have two children — Christian (33) and Molly (27). Christian graduated from Wake Forest University in 1995. He played baseball all four years. Since 1999, he has been the vice president of purchasing for our family business, Nickles Bakery. Christian lives in Akron and has dated Toronto native and Ohio State graduate Missy Morlock for three years.

Molly graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1999. She played soccer for four years. She has been an investment banker in Nashville and New York City since graduating. She is now in her second year at Columbia University in New York City, getting her MBA. Molly married Andre Burba in June 2003. Andre graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in 2000 and is now an investment banker in New York City. Molly and Andre live in Hoboken, N.J.

Susie has been in education since graduating from Malone College in 1975. She graduated from Ashland College in 2003 with her master's degree in English curriculum. After teaching English at the junior high school level for 25 years, she is now the director of alternative education programs at Jackson High School in Stark County, Ohio. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, collecting children's books, collecting antique furniture, and her three West Highland terriers — Duncan, Harry and Sally.

I have been the president and CEO of Alfred Nickles Bakery Inc. in Navarre, Ohio, since 1998, and have worked for the family business full time for over 34 years. My hobbies include running, swimming, golf, snow skiing and gardening. I have not seen many Deltas in the past 10-20 years, although Susie and I, and Molly and Andre, had dinner with Kathy and **Dick Innis '71** at Madison's in Hoboken a year ago. I just got reacquainted with my cousin, Cathi Gardner Layman (OWU '70), at a tailgate party before the Ohio State/Texas game.

#### **Russ Kulow '71**

(17647 Plum Creek Trail, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023-5606; rkulow@att.com) Graduation seems like a long time ago. I am a senior consultant with AT&T. Pat Rigot-Kulow is a seventh-grade honors language arts teacher in the Kenston local school system. Our daughter Drew will be graduating from NYU in December with a BFA in theatre. She lives in the East Village, from where she hopes to launch an acting career. Our travel consists mainly of weekends in New York and occasional visits with **Brian Comiensi**, **Jack Luikart**, **Dick Innis** and **Dave Gardner**, all of the class of 1971.

#### **William J. Faulkner '72**

(108 Hetherington Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45246-3744; Wfaulkner@cincinnatiye.com) I have been an ophthalmologist associated with the Cincinnati Eye Institute since 1980. I specialize in cataract, refractive and cornea surgery. My wife Carol is a 1973 OSU graduate, and we have two children: Daniel, who is pursuing his MBA

at the University of Colorado, and Sara, a senior at Elon University.

#### **Art Masarky '72**

(754 Parsons Rd., Ridgewood, NJ 07450; amasarky@optonline.net) My wife, Barb, is a graduate of OWU and a real estate associate with Tarvin Realtors. We have two sons: Brett, who is attending Denison University, and Scott, who is a senior in high school. I am currently the director of human resources and diversity with Heineken USA.

#### **Fred Watkins '74**

(P.O. Box 863, Crystal Beach, FL 34681-0863; fwatkins@tampabay.rr.com) My wife Denise (formerly Dempster, Tri Delta '74) and I live in Crystal Beach, Fla., in the Tampa Bay area. I am an entrepreneur investing in and working with high-tech companies, specifically software companies. We reached "empty nest" status this year and are learning to enjoy it! We have a daughter (Lauren) who works at the Home Shopping Network and two children (Meredith and Tucker) currently attending Auburn University. When we're not evacuating for hurricanes, we spend much of our time on our boat, traveling and enjoying the sun and fun lifestyle. I play in a competitive volleyball league and am the president of a local men's club. I am very involved in the OWU "W" association and still play in the OWU (alumni) lacrosse team. I live near **Scott "The Fly" Howett '72** and stay in close touch with **Bob "Rude Mitch" Mitchell**.

#### **Stephen C. Brubaker '76**

(162 N. Roosevelt Ave., Bexley, OH 43209-1558; stephencbrubaker@msn.com) I have been very busy these last couple of years. I recently completed six years of board work as the president of the Whitehall-Bexley Rotary and was president of the Columbus Association of Health Underwriters in 2003-04. I am currently president of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. That term ends in January 2006.

#### **John McLeod Barger '79**

(47 E. 64th St., #7D, New York, NY 10021-7044; jmbbkm@1x.netcom.com) I'm glad to hear that **Lex Hartline '80** is involved. He was a very able treasurer at the house during my senior year.

#### **David B. McClure M.D. '81**

(1432 Sherbourne Ln., Powell, OH 43065-9049; DaveDeeMcC@aol.com) My wife Deanna and I have three children — Mark (17), Amy (15) and Nathan (11). I own my medical practice, Mid-Ohio Internal Medicine LLC, and also work for a large physician organization as an associate medical director and director of informatics. I also review cases for the Ohio Medicaid program. I am an avid Browns fan (a season-ticket holder), and an Indians and Buckeyes fan. I like to spend my free time reading, traveling and doing church activities. God is good, and I've had a great life!

#### **James Walchanowicz '88**

(7088 Morning Dove Ln., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138-1079; ihsoccer@independence.k12.oh.us) I'm beginning my 18th year of teaching and my 11th year as boys' soccer head coach at Independence High School. I've had the pleasure of sending four students to OWU for the same quality education I received many years ago. Memories of my four years at Delt continue to put a smile on my face. Looking back, my experiences at Delt were meaningful beyond words. The brotherhood is something to be savored and cherished.

#### **Jeff Montague '90**

(6063 Hamlin Circle, King George, VA 22485; montaguejh@yahoo.com) I am on my second year as a U.S. Navy mobilized reservist. I will complete this tour in March 2006! I was able to complete one deployment to Baghdad last summer. I am looking forward to

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## '05-'06 Annual Dues Notice

### Have you paid your alumni dues?

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# Alumni Updates

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# Chapter Eternal

the end of my tour, and I can return to civilian life and my wife and two kids. We are trying to relocate to Charlotte, N.C., but for now I am in Virginia. I am near D.C., so drop me a line!

## Matthew Maraffi '92

(364 Morehouse Rd., Easton, CT 06612; Mattmaraf@aol.com) Hey, Delt brothers, I have moved. I finally have a guest room. I am currently working in Wuhan, China, on the world tour of "Rent" and here in the USA on the new Broadway-bound musical "Ring of Fire." I hope you are all well.

## Robert M. Owens '95

(82 W. Central Ave., Delaware, OH 43015-1912;

robert@owenslawoffice.com) I have opened a new business in Columbus, Ohio, that specializes in job training as an information technology professional. We have a 100-percent success rate in placing career changers into the IT industry with the skills necessary to advance into great, high-paying careers. Check out our Web site, www.itgenesis.com. I have also been involved in the community with the Kiwanis and on the campus, where I serve as Kiwanis adviser to OWU Circle K. We are hoping OWU Circle K will become the dominant service club not just at OWU but in the entire Kiwanis International family. ■

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the death of

## Glen David Dalton '57 (8/19/04).

Delta Tau Delta mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends. ■

# President's Dinner

## At the Presidents' Dinner

A number of alumni attended the Presidents' Dinner on September 10, 2005. **Ed Heminger '48**, former president of the international fraternity and longtime supporter of the Mu Chapter, was honored.



*Left: Current chapter president **Bryan Borland '06** presents the award to **Ed Heminger**.*

*Right: **Ed Heminger** offers words of wisdom at the dinner. Also pictured are **George Kratt '41**, last year's honoree, and **Steve Brubaker '76**, former house corporation president.*

*Far Right: **Steve Brubaker '76** returned for the event.*



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