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1995 Nobel Prize Recipient F. Sherwood Rowland '48 Returns To Campus to Speak At The Sagan National Colloquium

*Former House Corporation President Steve Brubaker '76
Honored At Annual Dinner*

By House Corp. VP of Alumni Relations Andy Boone '04

This year, the Sagan National Colloquium began its 21st year at Ohio Wesleyan. Sagan National Colloquium is a yearly forum that addresses a

have made to the house both as actives and as alumni. This year, we honored former house corporation president **Steve Brubaker '76**. Steve



Sherwood Rowland '48 takes time to pose with the actives following his Sagan National Colloquium speech.

specific issue within the liberal arts. In the past, the Colloquium has featured many influential speakers, including Former President Gerald Ford and award winning author Kurt Vonnegut.

The theme of this year's Colloquium was "The Citizen Scientist, How Science Affects Our Daily Lives." The slate of speakers included one of our most distinguished alumni, **F. Sherwood Rowland '48**. Rowland was the recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his contributions to our understanding of the formation and decomposition of atmospheric ozone. We were proud to have Rowland back on campus and many of our current actives had the opportunity to chat with him before his presentation titled "Global Warming and Abrupt Climate Change."

Every September, for the past five years, the chapter has held its Presidents' Council Dinner. This formal dinner, held at the house, has given us the opportunity to recognize our past leaders and the countless number of contributions they

spoke to the actives about his time spent at OWU and reflected on campus life during the Vietnam War. He also gave the actives some valuable life lessons based upon his own experiences while an active at the Mu chapter and at the university. **Jason Milligan '93** also spoke at the dinner, recognizing the importance of Steve's involvement within the house during Jason's tenure as president in 1991. Other past presidents in attendance included **John Ford '73**, **Jamen Brown-Hutchins '00**

and **Scott Donaldson '02**.

The Presidents' Council Dinner is open to all alumni and past presidents are especially encouraged to attend. If you would like to nominate any past president to be honored in the future, please contact me at boonedtd@gmail.com.



Greg Coleman '07 presents an honorary plaque to Steve Brubaker '76 following the Presidents' Council Dinner.

Honoring Former President of Brooklyn Dodgers and Coach of OWU Baseball Team

Street Dedicated to Branch Rickey '67 During Halftime

A special highlight of Homecoming 2006 was the dedication of a five-block section of Henry Street to be named "Branch Rickey Way." There is now a commemorative street sign. The dedication occurred during halftime at OWU's football game against Wittenberg (a 17-10 victory for OWU).

Branch Rickey '67 served as president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers and coached the OWU baseball team. He was named ESPN's most influential sports figure of the 20th century.

For more information, visit <http://news.owu.edu/2006/20061016-branchrickeyway.html>.



Alex Aguilar (far left) takes part in the dedication ceremony.

Latest Pledge Class Includes Varsity and Club Athletes, Choir Members, A Cappella Vocal Club Members, Jazz Band Players and Youth Mentors

A Warm Farewell To The Newly Initiated Brothers

By Pledge Educator Ross Brater '07



We are nearing the end of another pledge process. It is clear that though this is the conclusion of something great for these thirteen young men, it is merely the beginning of a long period of greatness in their lives. The journey is often more important than the end or the start.

Any graduate with a degree on their wall has but completed the necessary course load. It is what we do with our time here that makes us special.

Upon entering this brotherhood, these men will come to realize that brotherhood is more than a group of acquaintances or a house in which to live in. There is something intangible within the walls of the Shelter, something that flows through us, unites us and demands of us greatness. These men have a great start down such a path. This pledge class consists of varsity athletes in baseball and track, club rugby players, choir members, a cappella vocal club members, jazz band

players and youth mentors. Some are already Kershner Scholars. Most importantly, they are Deltas. Greatness is an arm's length away. These men need but to reach out and grasp it.

Serving as Pledge Educator, I have come to know these men quite well. Over the past eight weeks, they have shown tremendous focus, patience, perseverance, ambition and resolve. They await their initiation with eagerness, yet continue their day-to-day duties as not only pledges and students, but also as Deltas with an unwavering sense of responsibility. Yes, the future of Mu chapter will be bright.

Pledges, best of luck in the next few years. Memories of Delta Tau Delta will stay with you for the rest of your days. Take advantage of every opportunity she affords you, of which there will be many. Learn from every lesson she has to offer; these too will prove to be innumerable. Let DTD007 live forever. I will miss you guys.

Mu Chapter Welcomes New House Father

Aaron Straw Has Unanimous Approval of Undergraduate Brothers

The men of Mu Chapter welcome Aaron Straw as the new house father. After an extensive search process conducted by the university, Aaron was selected based on his compatibility with the chapter. His experience as an undergraduate fraternity member gave him a good appreciation of how a Greek system works. He has a strong personality, is of a young age and is interested in the position.

Aaron is a native of Marion, OH and is a 1998 graduate of

Bowling Green State University. Aaron now works days as an occupational therapist. In his free time, he runs, bikes and lifts weights - often taking active Deltas with him to the weight room. Since the first week of July, when Aaron moved in to the shelter, there has been unanimous approval of the search committee's choice. Welcome, Aaron!

Alumnus **Mike Brenner '99** and **Mitchell Briant '07** were on the search committee.

Mu Chapter Receives Five Awards At Northern Division Conference Brothers Are Proud Of Their Philanthropic Activities, Including Adopt-A-School

The brothers of Delta Tau Delta are having a very successful year. As we value community involvement, we encourage every member to participate in an out-of-house program or team.

Currently, the brothers of Mu Chapter are involved in organizations all over campus, including baseball, rugby, track and field, IFC, investment club, OWtsiders and many other groups. In addition, all the brothers are active participants in Delta Tau Delta's philanthropy, Adopt-A-School. The brothers have been spending their time at Schultz and Smith

elementary schools, participating in after school programs as mentors to young students.

At the 2007 Northern Division Conference, Mu Chapter took home five awards: Exceeding the AMA/AFA, 50% Membership Increase For 2005-2006, IFC president (**Justin McCoy**), Fall 2006 Recruitment 100% Greater Than Fall 2005, and Most Improved Chapter in the Northern Division. We are very proud of our Most Improved Chapter award, and can only look forward to another impressive performance this year.

With 13 very promising pledges and the guidance of a highly motivated executive board, we expect to garner many more awards in the following semesters.



Sam Duplessis '08, Matt Greene '09, and Mike Fielding '09 display the chapter awards received from the Northern Divisional Conference held this year in Columbus.

Join in the Fun at the Annual OWU Alumni Weekend & Second Annual Mu Chapter Golf Outing Friday, May 18th – Sunday, May 20th

We will be holding our second annual golf outing at Bent Tree Golf Course, www.benttreegc.com, in Sunbury on Friday, May 18th at 1:30 PM. The total cost per golfer is \$50. This cost includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, prizes, food and drinks.

Send your RSVP to **Mike Brenner** through email (mikebrenner@allstate.com) or phone (614-506-5512). Please mail your check to **Mike Brenner, 230 E Cooke Road, Columbus, OH 43214**. If you have a team or person you'd like to play with, please include this information in your RSVP. Otherwise, teams will be assigned.

Weekend Schedule

Friday, May 18

Second Annual Alumni Weekend Golf Outing at 1:30 PM
Cookout at the Shelter at 6 PM
Shelter tours after cookout

Saturday, May 19

Open House Reception, 2 PM–6 PM
All are welcome to attend the reception at the house. Dinner will follow for those available.



Participants at last year's first annual Mu Golf Outing

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

James Hipkins '51

(2875 Charing Cross Road NW, Canton, OH 44798; jrhipkins@yahoo.com) After 50+ years in the parish ministry, I retired and moved to TN. We lived in the Smokey Mountains for about ten years. It was a wonderful experience. Jill, our daughter, had a bout with cancer, so we decided to move back to Ohio in 2000. As soon as we got back, Charlotte was diagnosed with breast cancer. She got through it in good shape. Then, about three years later, in June 2004, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She died on December 10, 2004. Since then, I have been trying to discover a new life and purpose in my retirement. I am currently on the staff of a

Presbyterian Church in Alliance, OH and am the Visitation Pastor. I am enjoying it. I currently live in a condo. After I sell it, I am not sure what I'll do. My son, Tom, lives in San Diego, CA. He keeps asking if I want to move out there. On November 15, 2006, a bunch of us from MU went to lunch in Cleveland to catch-up.

'90s

Matthew Emile Maraffi '92

(364 Morehouse Road, Easton, CT 06612; Cell: (203) 449 3770; Home: (203) 268 5781; mattmaraf@aol.com) As production supervisor, I have recently opened the New Off Broadway Production of "Evil Dead The Musical." Yes, just like the movie, blood and all. I have heard from **Eric Schutzbank '92**, and wish him well with his new wife.

Eric Schutzbank '92

(148 Flower Lane #12, Dracut, MA 01826; eschutzbank@maxaberid.com) I was married on October 8, 2006 to Jennifer Creem Aitken, a 1992 graduate of Hamilton College. It is a second marriage for both of us and I am now a stepfather to her four year old son. She is a Pediatric Dentist in Exeter, NH and I continue to practice law in Lowell, MA. We reside in N. Andover. I am always happy to hear from my fraternity brothers. I currently keep in email contact with **Matt Maraffi '92** and **Evan Reminick '92**. I see **Jim Hattauer '92** once a year. Anyone know where **Craig Castor** disappeared to?

Editor's Note: Stephen Craig Castor '92 can be reached at 5415 Walker Mill Road in Sophia, NC 27350.

Attending Meetings And Conferences To Learn New And Innovative Ideas That May Increase The Number Of Greeks

Meet Our New IFC President

By Matthew Lees Wentzel

I am **Matthew Lees Wentzel** and am from Lewis Center, Ohio. Born with a major heart defect, I was unable to play any sports at school, so I began playing the saxophone. After seven years of music study, I am now majoring in music education, with an emphasis in saxophone.

I joined Delta Tau Delta because of the guys in the house. I came up to the house for a slice of life and enjoyed talking to the brothers. When I came to Ohio Wesleyan the following year, I went to the house that first week. After joining the house, I saw that there was more to the house than good guys and parties. I started going to the Inter-Fraternal Council meetings

because I felt it gave me opportunities that I would not normally have. After one semester of serving on the IFC Executive Committee, I was elected IFC President. As president, I have been working on many initiatives to help increase the number of men that go Greek.

I went to Chicago for an IFC conference. I represented both Delta Tau Delta and Ohio Wesleyan University. While there, I attended many presentations that helped give me a fresh perspective and new ideas. Then, on March 25th, I attended an all day recruitment boot camp presentation. I learned many recruiting tactics that

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To contact the active chapter, send your questions and/or comments to Mike Fielding at mrfieldi@owu.edu or 585-749-6453.

I will use to help raise the number of men that go Greek and the number of men that join Delta Tau Delta. I maintain a strong commitment to helping the Greek community and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.



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