

Gamma Phi News Letter

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Three Groups Of Oklahoma Betas Formed

University, A. & M. and State-wide Alumni Chapters Are Organized

Oklahoma City
May 12, 1933

Dear Brother Betas

During the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of Gamma Phi Chapter, those in attendance at the banquet deemed it advisable to form three district groups of Oklahoma Betas. The first and second groups would be the Alumni of our two state Chapters, Gamma Phi at the University, and Gamma Lambda at A. & M. It would of course, be the purpose of these two groups to represent their Chapters and to act in the capacity of business advisors for the Corporations owning the houses. Each would carry on exactly as in the past.

The third group, which is newly formed, is to consist of all the Betas in Oklahoma, irrespective of their chapter affiliations. It is primarily a social organization, in as much as there will be no property to handle or business to transact. Those in attendance at the banquet selected the following officers and directors to carry out the organization: Fisher Muldrow, University of Oklahoma, president; Fred G. Drummond, Oklahoma A. & M. vice-president; G. R. (Pat) Murphy, Kansas, secretary-treasurer; and directors, Frank McCoy, Indiana; Clarence J. Hindman, Kansas; Webster Wilder, Kansas; J. M. (Bud) Genley, Oklahoma; Myron E. Humphrey, Kansas; Max Mendors, Oklahoma A. & M.; and Randle Perdue, Oklahoma A. & M.

This board, your representatives, have decided on a rather tangible policy designed to be of service to Beta Theta Pi, which are submitting for your consideration and approval. Our district chief, Phil Wilber, has been of valuable assistance and is, as a matter of fact, the author and conceiver of the idea.

We recognize that the principal asset of any fraternity is manpower. We know that those selected each year as Beta pledges are the chapter leaders of tomorrow. We feel that our chapters have been extremely fortunate in the past in this regard, and we propose to aid and encourage them in the future. It is not our desire to dictate to the chapters, but we do wish to aid them.

A local committee will be set up in every town of the state in which a Beta resides. It shall be the duty of this committee to contact the principal of the local highschool for the purpose of securing information as to his opinion of the most worthy, eligible boys. The local committee will be able to report on the boys' family connections, his social standing, his finances, and his character. It shall be their duty to make dates with the boy, to send him and to explain Beta Theta Pi to his parents, which in many instances will break down barriers which are insurmountable.

Very often our alumni have felt it fit to recommend a man to Gamma Phi because he is a graduate from

We Lose These—

Graduation exercises of the University this spring will thin the ranks of Gamma Phi to a noticeable degree. Those graduating are Aivan Muldrow, L. L. B.; Webster Wilder Jr., L. L. B.; Harold Thweatt, L. L. B.; Donyel Adkinson, B. S.; John Toney, B. S.; Edwin Humphrey, A. B.; William Robert Clark, B. S.; Andy Campbell, B. S.; Paul Pugh, L. L. B.; and Loy Harris, B. S. Edgar S. Vaught, Jr., will receive the A. B. Degree, but will return to school next fall to continue his study of law.

List of Rushees

ARDMORE

Robert Brown, 14 Scott St.
Robert Irby, 811 E. NW.
C. S. Sejkes, 923 Stanley.

BARTLESVILLE

Bill Barnes, 220 Chickasaw.
Richard Yates, 1220 Johnstone.
Bill Weber, 1100 Cherokee.

CHICKASHA

James Downey, 122 Kansas Avenue.
Frank Eldred, 1228 Colorado.
Trimble Lauting, 802 Kansas.
Logan McDonald, 1608 S. 16th.
D. S. Downey, Jr., 122 Kansas.

CLINTON

David Bowersock,
Bob Green, 418 S. 10th.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Dick Cameron, 3611 Lemmon Ave.

ELMORE CITY

Curtis Yeary.

ENID

Kenneth Boyle, 1912 West Main.
Lee Buxton, 1312 West Cherokee.
W. R. Gamble, 1509 W. Maine.
Walter M. Frantz, 400 W. Pine.
W. Elvin Gilchrist, 1002 W. Bdwy.

EL RENO

T. Connally, 405 South Chotau.

HOMINY

Jeff Kendall.

LAWTON

Grover Ozerna, 2 Ft. Sill Blvd.
Irwin Ozmun, 509 Gore Blvd.

MAYSVILLE

Joe Wilson.

MUSKOGEE

Jimmy Brooks, 414 North 14th.
Joe Hurt, 550 North 12th.
Haden Linebaugh, 515 North 13th.
Jimmy Powell, 425 North 12th.
Howell Scott, 425 South 12th.
Gilbert Thompson, 427 North 12th.

NORMAN

John Del Hadsell, 720 DeBarr
Bill Hogan, 439 Elm.

OKEMAH

Stratford Duke, 317 North 4th.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Connie Aheras, 713 West 32nd.
George Backenstoe, 2861 West 20th.
Forest Blackstock, Ramsey Tower.
Marmaduke Corbyn, Jr., 1414 N. W. 36th.

R. C. Pitch Cox, 1125 N. McKinley.
H. J. Eisele, 414 West 20th.

Vale Harrison, 234 East 10th.

Robert Hill, 63rd at Eastern.

Duncan Therikeld, 532 West 32nd.

Bill Roach, 1329 West 17th.

Warren Sherman, 105 East 11th.

Dick Fleago, 1215 West 19th.

John Walbert, 1900 West 13th.

Douglas Jones, 1615 West 39th.

John Gephart, 621 West 13th.

Joe Grant, 477 West 14th.

Tom Green, Jr.

Dean Hart, 304 E. E. 17th.

Harvey McBurney, 1240 West 34th.

James E. McAdoway, 2300 W. 17th.

Newell Menner, 1617 West 21st.

Alumni's Aid Needed In Fall Rushing

Spring Rush Party Scheduled
For Friday and Saturday,
May 19-20

Dear Alumni:

Gamma Phi is faced with one of the most serious problems of its existence as the present school year ends and the summer vacation begins. With an unusually large number of men graduating and fewer prospects coming to school the problem of securing a select new group of material is a monumental one. The active chapter is doing everything it can with its limited resources and time. We need the help of every Beta in Oklahoma.

The chapter, working with the State Alumni Corporation, has mapped out a comprehensive rush system. The Alumni's part in this program is explained in Brother Fisher Muldrow's letter. In addition to this work, we want you to help us with some of the present problems.

We want dates with the likely boys in your town. Write for date cards, and we will gladly send you a supply to keep on hand. Dates may be signed with any boy above the freshman year in highschool. After signing, please keep in touch with the rushees and their families. Encourage the boys to visit the chapter house and become acquainted with the men of the chapter.

The chapter is having a rush party starting Friday, May 19th, and ending the following Sunday. We want you to come down and bring the boys you think will make good Betas. The more rushees and alumni we have the better our party will be. There will be something to do every minute, and the big event will be our Spring Formal on Saturday night, May 20th. Come down—we need you.

The rush banquet will be held in Oklahoma City Sunday night, September 10th. This is a change from having the banquet the first night of rush, as we previously did. Plan now to be there and arrange to bring someone with you.

Thanking you in advance for your interest, I remain,

Yours in

—kai—

EARL SNEED, JR.
Rush Captain.

Initiation Held For Five on April 8th

On Saturday, April 8th, Gamma Phi held initiation for James Clarence Denton, Jr., Tulsa; Robert Douglas Myers, Clinton; Wilton Montier Vandeverter, Okmulgee; James Ritchie Akright, Nowata; and Jack Kinloch Fleming, Oklahoma City. Wilton is a son of Monty Vandeverter, Gamma Phi '22, and the third Gamma Phi son to follow in the footsteps of his father. Jim Ackright and Jack Fleming also have brothers who are members of the chapter. Among the members attending the initiation banquet, Sammie

Chapter Leads In Activities

Betas Among the Leaders In Scholarship and Honor Societies

In spite of a slightly lowering grade average for the chapter, a fewer number of men in the house and the "depression," Gamma Phi is managing to stay along with the leaders in the campus activity race.

Earl Sneed, Jr. of Tulsa reached a new high in his college career recently when he was named the ranking junior of the six named annually from the third-year class for Phi Beta Kappa. His grades for this high scholastic order were barely less than a straight A average. Billy Longmire, chapter president, was seventh in the junior list and one short of selection.

However, Longmire, together with Sneed, Fred Brown and Latham Yates, brought more honors to the Beta house than went to any other group on the recent Senior Day selections for honor societies.

Sneed and Longmire made up two of the ten outstanding men of the campus selected to Pe-el, the oldest and highest ranking campus honorary organization. Brown and Yates were the two men elected from professional schools to Toga, the second oldest of the honorary leadership groups.

Longmire and Yates also were brought before the Senior Day crowd for public pledging to Skeleton Key, leadership society, and Longmire carried off his third set of ribbons by being honored by Checkmate, another group, whose objects are secret.

Yates has also just been selected to membership in Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Tau, the reputed engineering scholastic societies, besides being named a new member of the men's council. And Paul Pugh crowns a brilliant career in the law school by election to the Order of the Coif, the highest award given by that school. He is president of the senior law class now.

A further honor for Sneed is his selection for the university publication board, a reward for his good work on managing the business of the Sooner yearbook the past year. Longmire has been associate editor of that publication and Brown has been on the business staff.

In athletics the chapter has had none too much, but stellar representation. Percy Main starred and finished his second season as a regular guard on Oklahoma's fine basketball team. Jack Fleming, freshman, played regular full-back on the first-string varsity football team in the six-week spring practice period. "He looks like the best ball carrier I have," Coach Lewie Hardage said after one of the intrasquad practice games.

With their play continually improving, Jack Hart and John Edward Cooper have edged themselves into regular positions on the polo team. Don Anderson has kept up the good work to win his third letter on the track squad, being a member of the crack Sooner shorter relay teams. J. C. Buchanan, jr., is the team manager.

In intramurals the chapter stands sixth among the scorers, with recent accomplishments being a hard-luck baseball loss to the Kappa Sigs for the league championship and Percy Main's feat for winning third in the sextathlon performances. Not realizing his ability at all-round tests, Percy loafed through the first three events, settled down on the last trio, and found he could have placed higher had he worked better at the start.

Scabbard and Blade initiation ceremonies last week added the names of Sneed, Allen Calvert and Buchanan to the honorary military group's membership list, putting more Betas in that organization than any other fraternity.

Bob W. E. ... West ...
OKMULGEE
Mike St. Clair, 1341 East 8th.
Pat Farrell, 634 S. Seminole.
V. L. Forsyth, Jr., 800 S. Okmulgee.
Linden Hurst, 1004 N. Okmulgee.
Albert L. O'Bannon, 506 Grand.
Louis V. Stuart, 806 N. Grand.

PAULS VALLEY
Allen Bow.
John R. Callaway.

PONCA CITY
Hal T. Niemann, 417 S. 8th.

PAWIUSKA
John Spence, Jr., 315 East 12th.

SAPULPA
Thomas J. Blakemore.
Jerome Croston, 220 South Oak.
Robert McMasters.
Bob Stinson, 424 South Oak.
Leon Updike.

TULSA
Gordon Barnes, Jr., 1415 S. Peoria.
Jack Bates, 1223 S. Indiana.
Robert Boughman, 2531 S. Cincinnati.

Horace Calvert, 1712 S. Newport.
Jake Easton, 1704 S. Madison.
Cy Everett, Jr., 1208 E. 26th.
Floyd W. Fisher, 1009 S. Quaker.
Wilson H. Gibson, 118 E. 24th.
Robert W. Garlich, 252 West 16th.
Phil Harris, 2216 South Troost.
R. E. Lorton, Lortondale.
Jack Orr, 313 West Pine.
Clarron Bender, 1132 East 20th.
Robert Seigfried, 2240 South Troost.
Bob Adkinson, Route 1.
Lucien Clark, 1128 S. Florence.
Ralph Darnell, 1542 S. Madison.
Paul Day, 1305 E. 26th.
Edwin G. Dewey, 620 N. Denver.
Dick Dirickson, 1302 S. St. Louis.
Robert Drake, 203 E. Jasper.
J. Curtis Ford, 1246 E. Hazel.
Franklin Giffert, 1136 Sunset Drive.
Allen Hamell, 1003 E. 26th.
Bob Hastings, 215 E. Jasper.
Malcom Henenor, 220 W. 12th.
Bill Hindman, 1201 E. 20th.
M. J. Huckleberry, 1006 E. 17th Place.
Carl Kayser, 1624 S. Madison.
F. B. Koontz, 1703 S. Norfolk.
William A. W. Krebs, 1617 E. 22nd.
Bill McBirney, 1350 East 27th.
Bill Perry, 244 West 16th.
Ralph Stauffer, 1440 South Carson.
Joel Walker, 3407 E. 12th.
Richard H. Wills, 1808 W. Easton.

VINITA
Charles O. Burckhalter.

John Klep, Belgian, Is Gamma Phi Pledge

A recent pledge to Beta Theta Pi, and one in whom we place the highest hopes, is John P. Klep, of Brussels, Belgium. John is attending Oklahoma as a Fellow of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, and has a grant from the Educational Foundation for the period 1932-1934. He has the Engineer of Mines degree from the University of Louvain, and at the present time is a candidate for a Master of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Honor Societies of which he is a member include Sigma XI, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, American Institute of Mining Engineers (junior member), and the Union of Engineers of Louvain. John was track manager of Louvain in 1931 and 1932, and was a member of the University crew from 1929-1931. (The best crew in Belgium, says John.) Besides other honors which he brings to the fraternity, we are counting on John to do well in the intramural meets this year.

We extend our congratulations to Donald F. Wright Jr., Gamma Phi '26, whose marriage to Betty Lee Sinks was an event of May 2nd. Mrs. Wright is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Chapter meetings this past month saw the affiliation of Edward Flynn Ford and George Latham Yates. Both are former members of the Delhigh chapter.

The R. O. T. C. ad. Ph. 5th this summer will have a good Beta representation in Brothers R. P. Thweatt,

Alvan Montgomery Muldrow, 521 South Miller, Norman.
Webster Wilder, Jr., Cherokee.
Charles Harold Thweatt, 1428 Minnesota, Chickasha.
Edgar Sullins Vaught, Jr., 1422 West 36th, Oklahoma City.
Irving Donyel Adkinson, Rt. 1, Tulsa.
Roy Ranney Gardner, Sentinel, Okla.
John Huston Toney, 25 Windemere Place, St. Louis, Mo.
Claude James Davenport, Jr., 1244 Fairview, Sapulpa.
Edwin Nye Humphrey, 1308 Colorado, Chickasha.
William Robert Clark, 621 Cruce, Norman.
Andy Otto Campbell, 616 East 15th, Oklahoma City.
Paul Gordon Pugh, 211 North 6th, Marlow.
R. F. Thweatt, Jr., 1428 Minnesota, Chickasha.

Earl Sneed, Jr., 1207 East 26th, Tulsa.
James Park Hindman, 1201 East 20th, Tulsa.
James Calloway Buchanan, Jr., 532 North 13th, Muskogee.
Leslie Milton Boring, 609 East 18th, Oklahoma City.
Floyd Allen Calvert, 11 East Hannum Blvd., Saginaw, Michigan.
Percy Scawell Main, 201 South 4th, Clinton.
William Patton Brooks, 2724 W. Okmulgee, Muskogee.
William Polk Longmire, 301 South Oak, Sapulpa.
John Edward Cooper, 1210 South Boston, Muskogee.
Theodore Konlin Kidd, Box 414, Bartlesville.

Jackson Allender Kinnebrew, 711 Chautauqua, Norman.
Fred Elmore Brown, Jr., 700 Terrace Blvd., Muskogee.
Bruce Lyman Miller, 1320 Twin Springs, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.
Loy Everett Harris, Jr., 1311 Rural, Emporia, Kansas.
John Fullerton Stuart, 806 North Grand, Okmulgee.
Franklin W. Akright, 417 North Pine, Nowata.
Robert Raymond McCracken, 105 Glenside Street, Ponca City.
Jack Hart, 1024 West 14th, Oklahoma City.
Edward Flynn Ford, 1246 Hazel Blvd., Tulsa.
James Clarence Denton, Jr., 1617 S. Elwood, Tulsa.
Robert Douglas Myers, 310 South 9th, Clinton.
Wilton Montier Vandeventer, 800 S. Okmulgee, Okmulgee.
James Ritchie Akright, 417 North Pine, Nowata.

Jack Kinloch Fleming, 2753 West 17th, Oklahoma City.
Tom L. Gibson, Jr., 1300 Boston, Muskogee.
Sam Coleman, Pauls Valley.
John Klep, care Oil Weekly, Houston, Texas.
Tom Harrison, Sapulpa.
Harry Lewis, Guthrie.
Carlton Hotaling, Enid.

THREE GROUPS OF OMAHA BETAS FORMED

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always a Beta, everywhere a Beta," is no idle boast. Gamma Lambda is strong in Blackwell, Perry, Hobart, Ponca City, and Gamma Phi none too strong in those towns. Gamma Phi predominates in Muskogee, Sapulpa, Holdenville, and yet Gamma Lambda has few boys from those towns.

We are selecting certain men to act on local committees. It shall be your duty to do the work. Your committee will act as a clearing house. The chapters will appreciate your work and need you. Let's do another job for Father Wooglin so that his warm smile of approval will reward our effort.

When you receive a letter, naming you on a committee, get right to work. The time is all too short before the end of school.