

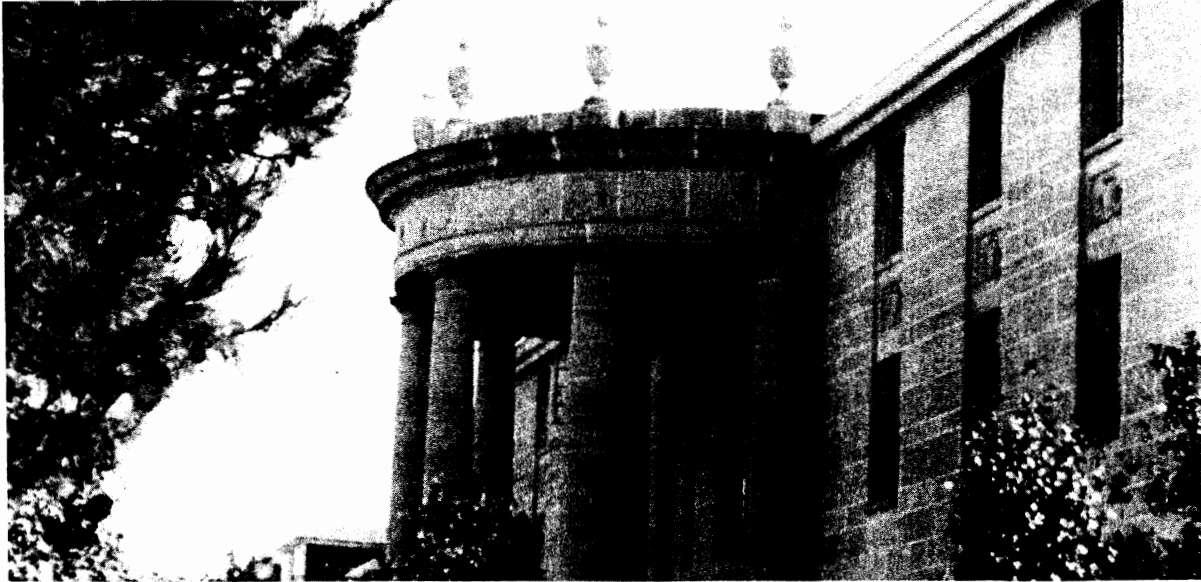


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Goals for New House Furnishings

This year the Beta house has found it necessary to replace the furnishings in many areas of the house due to common, fraternity house wear and tear. A few of the things that we have already achieved are the purchase of several new beds and dressers for the upstairs rooms, the completion of plans to paint the second and third floor halls, and more importantly, we have recently secured the money to completely refurnish our dining room with new tables and chairs. Needless to say, this was quite an expensive endeavor and I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Fallis Beall, President of our Housing Corporation, and the Beta mom's club for supplying the \$10,000 necessary to accomplish these undertakings. As for the exterior of our house, our Housing Corporation has not only replaced the fallen pillar cap that we informed you about in our last newsletter, but they have also seen to it that our house got a brand new roof. Thanks to them for covering the cost of that much needed repair, which was upwards of \$25,000. Aside from these things, another important goal that we have set for ourselves is to completely furnish the basement. The amount necessary for that one however, has not quite been reached. At this point we are probably only about \$2,000 shy of being able to get this done and, because of our resourcefulness, we remain confident that we will be able to somehow raise this money before mid-August in order to achieve this goal before the beginning of rush. So, if you can find it in your heart to pick up a little of that slack, we will be forever grateful. The address is:

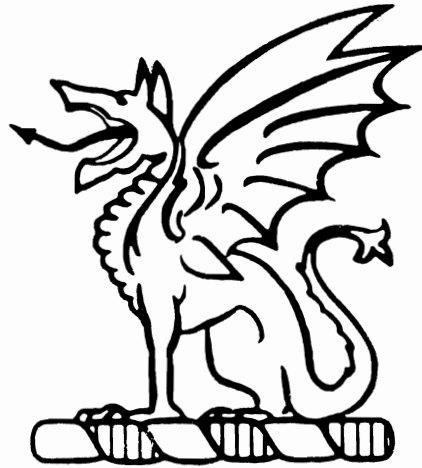
Basement Fund
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Thanks again for your continued support; we appreciate it a great deal. Thank God I'm a Beta.

Yours in — KAI —,

Robert Smith '91

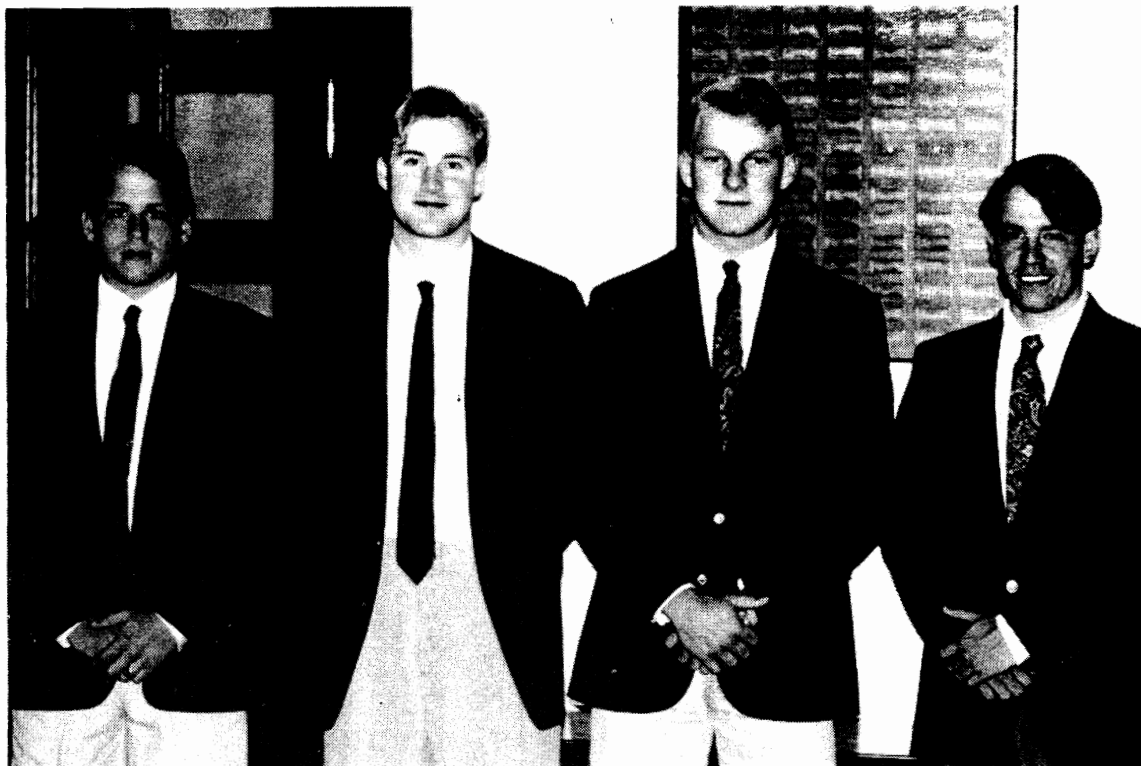
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Disappointing Finish Prompts New Commitment Toward Scholarship

As many of you already know, the men of Gamma Phi chapter finished a disappointing seventh on the IFC grade report for the Spring 1991 semester. Our cumulative 2.75 grade point average, while not glaringly poor, was certainly not up to the traditional standards of the Gamma Phi chapter, standards which you the alumni set and we the activities have, until now, been able to maintain. The blame for this unacceptable finish lies completely with the 102 men who composed the grade roll for the Spring semester, and we make no excuses in accepting that blame. We hope, however, to accomplish something positive out of this humbling experience. Our steady drop in grade point average over the past few semesters arises from a relaxed attitude toward the importance of high marks in our studies. The reason for this relaxed attitude is clear; in the past a drop in GPA was not viewed with alarm because we still always finished on top of the pack in the IFC scholarship report. Why worry about a drop of a tenth of a point when we were still beating everyone else. As is now painfully clear, we got cocky. But our seventh place finish last semester was a stinging blow which has once again straightened out our priorities.

A new attitude has gripped the actives of Gamma Phi chapter. Behind the leadership of scholarship chairman Matt Hunter '93, the membership has once again renewed its pledge to excel scholastically. As a result, we have committed ourselves to once again reach to lofty standards that have always been a tradition at Gamma Phi chapter. It is the goal of every active in the chapter to see that, when the IFC scholarship rankings are released for the Fall 1991 semester, the cumulative grade point average for Beta Theta Pi is no lower than a 3.0. One has only to look as far back as the Fall of 1987 to see that this goal is attainable. We feel that with a renewed dedication to excellence in the classroom, Beta Theta Pi will match or surpass the lofty standards which have always been and still are a part of life at 800 Chautauqua.



The 1990 Beta Rush Team
Torsten Cqok, Marc Taylor, Curtis McCarty, Brent Benn

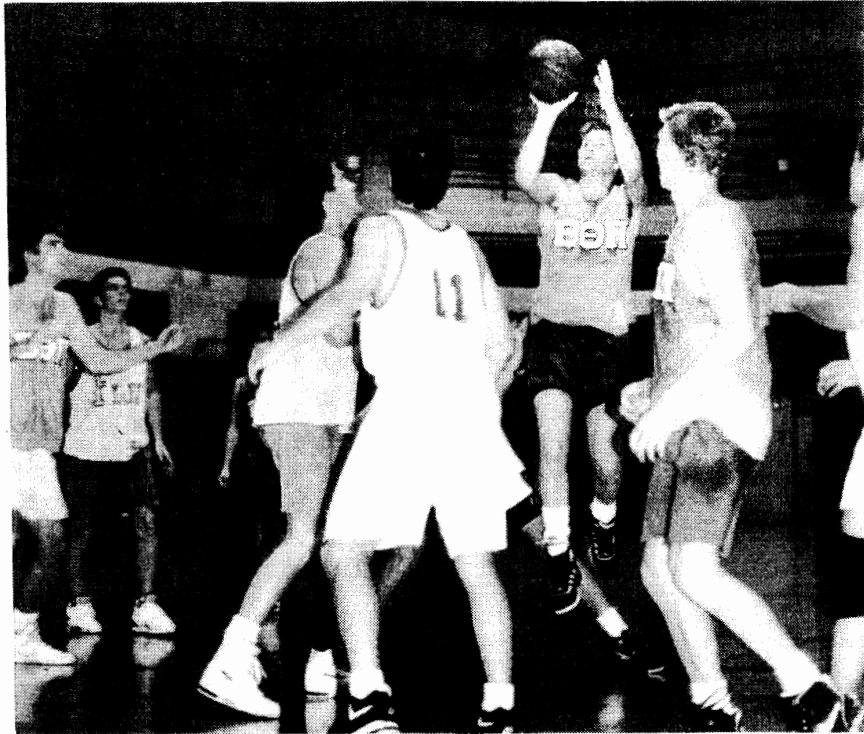
Beta's Continue Strong Summer Rush

On behalf of the Rush Team a very sincere "Thanks" is in order to all of the gracious alumni who have thus far supported the Rush '90 campaign. Your quick and generous response to the solicitation letter has definitely placed the Beta rush team well ahead of the other teams on campus. Although changes in the Interfraternity Council rush guidelines have necessitated tremendous change of our Rush procedures, we have improvised and are well into a thus far productive campaign.

Once again the standards for membership into the chapter are higher than any other house but, at the same time, the quality of rushees this year is better than in recent years. We have not visited a single young man not worthy of a bid. Furthermore, the recommendations you have sent have all been for top quality rushees and all are well respected. Please remember your recommendations are never too late!

The Beta house is very excited about the upcoming pledge class this year. Our rush team possesses a burning desire to sign the best pledge class on campus, and it was under these demands the Rush Team took the job. As has been stated before, we will not come up empty handed, but with many outstanding prospective members!

Donations have reached about \$4,900.00 leaving about \$2,500.00 still needed. Although Rush has been a success thus far there remains about one month until bid day and your donations are still necessary. Once again recommendations are never too late!



Beta basketball team in action

Beta's Capture Basketball Championship

The Intramural basketball league was shocked this year as the Beta "Blue" team entered its roster card. We blazed through the regular season 5-0 and finished the season 8-0, beating the Delts in the championship game. The championship trophy will reside well in our trophy case.

The team was composed of Jay Penn, Curt Branch, Marc Taylor, Kirk Zeller, David Nickel, Curtis McCarty and Mark Hall, all of whom will return next year with the exception of Kirk Zeller. We will miss him!

In addition to this accomplishment, Marc, Curt, and Jay all made the all-greek team which will play the all-greek team from OSU during OU-OSU weekend.

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