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## WAR

Last fall, as the semester geared up, most of the brothers thoughts started to focus on the challenges of the upcoming semester, whether it be scholastic, intramural, or work related. None of the brothers, however, could forget about the crises in Kuwait, especially brother George Monks '92. George, an army reservist who was called up at the end of the first semester to serve his country. George was signed in the fall and was considered an excellent pledge, upholding the six principles in an outstanding manner. George, being a junior, was a natural leader in his pledge class. He was always helping his pledge brothers with their school work, as well as some of the "in house" brothers! With all the pressures of school, pledgeship, as well as the thought of being activated at any time in the back of his mind, George still managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA. Our hearts dropped when

we got the word over winter break that he would not be joining us in the spring. On the brothers return to 800 Chautauqua, we immediately hung an American flag from the front of the house to show our support for the troops.

George was initiated along with his pledge class this spring, as we are hoping he will be able to join us back at school this fall.

## FRATERNAL FIFTIES

On April 5, the active members of the chapter were blessed with the presence of several fine gentlemen who were initiated into our fraternity 50 years ago. Of the 27 brothers originally in the pledge class, nine were able to attend the banquet in their honor. During the evening the active members of the house proudly presented them with their Fraternal Fifties Pin, cards, and a special seal to affix to their shingle's. The actives enjoyed visiting with these alumni and hearing their stories of pledgeship and life in the Beta House. We would like to take this opportunity to invite them, as well as any other alumni who happens to be in the area, to drop in and visit the house.

Those attending the banquet included: Joe Basolo, Muskogee; Everett Berry, Stillwater; Robert Blinn, Oklahoma City; Bill Huckin, Tulsa; Sam Shackelford, Lago Vista, TX; Bill Short, Tulsa; Kenneth Spence, Pawhuska; Stratford Tolson, Pawhuska; and Samuel Viersen, Okmulgee.

## *Norman Area Beta Club*

On Monday night, April 22nd, the third quarterly meeting of the new Norman Area Alumni Club was held at the Beta house. Approximately twenty Beta alumni were present. All of us were impressed with the condition of the house and the spirit, dedication, and enthusiasm of the present actives. Most of us who are out of school a few years remember the close friendships which developed between Betas and our neighbors, the members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. As you probably know, the Sig Alpha chapter is currently off campus. Please let your SAE friends know Beta is extremely interested in any rush leads which they can furnish us. We promise any Sig Alpha legacy or referral will receive maximum consideration at 800 Chautauqua. After all, I firmly believe they would do the same for us. Thanks and if you have any information you would like to send to the Norman Area Beta Alumni Club let me know.

Yours in  
— kai —

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Gamma Phi '59

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## *Summer Rush*

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As school is winding down this semester, the brothers in charge of rush are gearing up for a challenging and busy summer. As you may or may not know, fraternity rush has changed to a formal format. No longer can the fraternities throw open parties across the state. The rush team is limited to two in home visits per rushee, unlimited phone contact, and three invitation barbecues that will be chaperoned by a member of the OU Interfraternity Council. The barbecues will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and one location to be announced. The quota set for the fraternities this year is 35 pledges per chapter. The competition will be tough, but the brothers of Gamma Phi are confident that we will again sign the best pledge class on campus. Any recommendations that you might have would be greatly appreciated, please send them to Curtis McCarty.

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# MOM

The brothers have a new House Mom to watch out for our well being. Her name is, Barbra Webester, the former Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity House Mom. She joined us after their chapter was shut down because of a hazing incident. She replaced our former house mother, Barbra McCaine, who is now the house mother at the Chi Omega Sorority. Mom Webester is very active in the chapter, already she has created a new menu that has the brothers eating in a healthier manner. She is a terrific asset to the chapter, always willing to go that extra yard for us.

Mom's activities don't stop at the house though. She is very active in the American Red Cross, as well as the Norman Literacy Council (now one of our philanthropies).



## New Leaders

A new executive committee was elected this spring for the upcoming fall semester. The new officers are:

- Curtis McCarty '92 ..... President/Head Rush Chairman
- Jeff Heydon '92 ..... Vice-President
- Larry Kalka '93 ..... Treasurer
- Kevan Higgins '92 ..... Secretary
- Troy McDaniel '92 ..... Intramural Chairman/  
IFC Intramural Committee
- Chad Beaudry '93 ..... Social Chairman
- John Lauer '92 ..... House Manager
- Eric Warren '93 ..... Pledge Educator
- Jason Lees '94 ..... Kitchen Manager
- \*Vaughn Clark '71 ..... Chapter Adviser

These young men are each outstanding in their own right. The chapter is looking forward to a productive and exciting fall.



*Brothers celebrating Viking party, which is held in the spring.*

## ***Betas On Campus***

The Brothers of the Gamma Phi Chapter have had a long tradition of campus leadership. That tradition continues even after the brothers have left their home at 800 Chautauqua.

Brother Victor Williams '68 has been named to the OU Board of Regents by Gov. David Walters. Brother Williams is the founder and chief executive officer of Medicenter, Inc., a national corporation that provides managed health care programs for Fortune 100 companies. In addition, Brother Williams is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cameron University Foundation. He has been Cameron University representative for the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma.

If you have any interesting stories or the name of a brother that isn't receiving the newsletter, drop us a line. We would love to hear from you.

Yours in — kai —  
Kevan Higgins  
Chapter Secretary

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