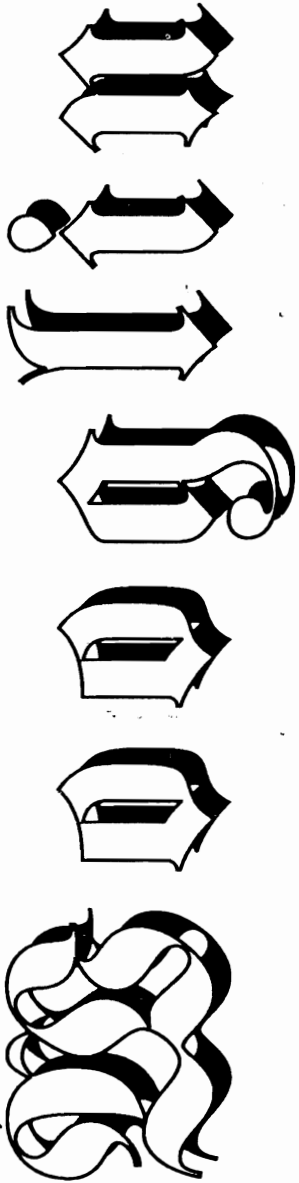




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## Beta Wins UOSA Presidency...Again

The men of Beta Theta Pi are celebrating the election of David Kendrick to the office of the University of Oklahoma Student Association President. For the fourth time in the past five years, the president or vice-president of the student body resides at 800 Chautauqua. This most current grip on student politics was begun in 1989-90 when brothers Randy McDaniel and Richard Walsh held the offices of UOSA president and vice president, respectively. Two years later Chris Williams was elected UOSA vice president running with Alpha Chi Omega member Mendi Sossoman. Last year, brother David Dieter won a hard-fought battle that lasted through one general election and two run-off elections to claim the office of UOSA vice president. After proving our competence in the student executive office, it came as little surprise that Duncan senior David Kendrick won the election this past spring.

David ran with Kappa Kappa Gamma member Terry Carter. Despite entering the race just before the registration deadline

(surprise tactic?), they conducted a well organized campaign. The campus was expecting a run-off with four tickets on the ballot, but David and Terry were able to gain a majority of the votes cast after just one election.

Prior to becoming student body president, Brother Kendrick established himself as one of OU's elite students. As a National Merit Scholar, David has more than proven himself academically. He was the first initiate in the pledge class of 1990, and has since earned

a 3.70 GPA while striving for a double major in chemical engineering and microbiology. After graduation he hopes to attend medical school and earn a M.D./Ph.D. He served his freshman year as the Junior Interfraternity Council President. This past year he served as the IFC chief justice and was successful in rewriting the IFC constitution. David became involved in school politics his freshman year, when he was appointed to student congress. He has served on stu-

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**Taking the Oath:** David Kendrick, '94, was sworn in with his running mate, Terry Cater, last April. Kendrick is the 4th Beta UOSA Executive in the last five years.

## Thieves Strike Rush Team

Beta Rush '93 received a devastating blow last month as thieves targeted the summer rush house, making off with more than \$6000 in loot. According to rush chairman Ross Edwards, the break-in occurred between 11 PM on Friday, July 23rd and 2 AM the next morning. "Apparently, they jimmed one of the back windows, and began moving stuff out the back door," he said. The rush team lost almost all personal items of value, including two stereo systems, two televisions, a fax machine, etc. "This could be a serious set-back for rush this year, but we're doing every-

thing that we can to overcome the loss. IFC is helping us to replace all of our lost records and notes, but it could take a while," said Ross.

The rush house, located at 1211 Chautauqua, has housed the four rush chairmen, Ross Edwards, Tulsa, '94, Cody Garnett, Oklahoma City, '94, Jacob Piel, Tulsa, '96, and Blake Williams, Lawton, '96 for the past three months. It is from this home base that summer rush has been conducted. Rushees are called, letters are sent, and visits are arranged.

The police report outlines the break-in scenario. The indi-

viduals committing the crime entered initially through a back window, and opened the back door. They began moving items out the back door to a waiting vehicle. At some point, the vehicle became full, because some items were left stacked on the back porch.

This is the second Beta summer abode to fall victim to thieves this summer. In May, Doug Presley, Sand Springs, '93, and Brian Higgins, Tulsa, '93, were relieved of their worldly possessions while they were on a weekend vacation.



# Sports

## Betas Command Respect in Intramurals

The spring semester of 1993 proved to be up to par for Beta. The spring began with the Beta golf team, composed of Don Cochran, Jason Treadwell, Trent McIlhaney, and Brent Benn taking second place in the Intramural golf tourney. Beta "B", comprised of Brad Hunter, Matt Hunter, Jason Benn, and Carey Charvat, came in fourth in the tournament as well.

The basketball team, owners of an 18-1 record and two championships over the previous three years, had a disappointing 4-2 record and had to settle for a share of third place. Key injuries to Marc Taylor and Jeff Westphalen coupled with the departure of Pete Pappas to play basketball for East Central of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference all but doomed Beta in the quest for its third title in four years. Beta, however, fought back from the adversity and knocked off the undefeated Sigma Phi Epsilon team 44-43 in the final regular season game before falling to defeat in the campus semifinals. Other members of the Beta A-team were Curtis McCarthy, David Nickel, Robert Penn, Brad Hunter, and Don Cochran. However, Beta roared back later in the semester to win the Kappa Alpha Psi invitational tournament. In their march to the championship, Beta defeated Kappa Alpha, Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, and a Langston University team in '94.

Beta Softball had yet another good year placing fourth in the All Campus Tourney and taking home third place in the fraternity

division. Highlights of the year included exciting victories over the always tough Alpha Tau Omega's (12-7) and Delta Tau Delta's (10-5) and a tough come from behind 13-12 win in extra innings over Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI). The Beta freshman squad showed that Beta will be a force to reckon with on the diamond in 1994 by winning the Residential title. Noah Nadine, Jacob Piel, Lee Hammond, and Speedy Jason Lowery led the crew to the title. With six starters from the A-team coming back, Beta softball has to be an early favorite for the upcoming season.

Jeff Rule won the championship at 150 pounds in the Intramural Wrestling Tournament. Other placers for Beta included Charles Ozan, Kyle Hall, Garrett Barnnet, Tom Thompson, Mike Moses, and Chad Wampler. The outstanding performance of these wrestlers, many of which grappling for the first time, gave Beta the fourth place trophy, with six of these placers returning, Beta has outstanding prospects in '94.

The upcoming 1993/1994 school year has the potential to be an outstanding for the Gamma Phi chapter. High expectations in football and softball, coupled with the always tough basketball squad make Beta the early favorite to bring the crown back to its familiar home — 800 Chautauqua.

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Greg Willis, '94



Noonan! Bob Penn, Norman, '95, attempts a difficult approach shot at the annual Alumni Tournament. (He whiffed it.)

## Alumni Golf Tourney

The second annual Beta alumni golf classic was held on Friday, June 25th, at Surrey Hills Golf and Country Club in Oklahoma City. The tournament, a four-ball scramble, was deemed a success by all, especially the Rush chairmen, who were able to make a deposit into the Rush fund at the end of the day. Over forty Betas participated in this year's fund raiser, including a number of active members who braved the \$50 entrance fee to contribute to the Rush fund.

The team of Cochran, Penn, Portwood, and Gibson finished first, shooting an unbelievable (questionable?) 10 under par. This year's winners received a \$200 clubhouse gift certificate, and everyone received a meal and all the beer they could hold.

Among the non-Betas participating in the tournament were Jimmy Lee of Lawton, and OU's newest Regent, Steve Bentley, also of Lawton.

Special thanks are due to Charlie Towe, '84, and a number of others, without whom the tournament would not have been possible. Thanks again to all who participated and we would like to encourage everyone to come out again next year for a day of Betas, Buds, and balls.

### UOSA

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dent congress for the past two years in various capacities, most recently as Chairman of Congressional Administration committee. David has been recognized as a "Top Ten" freshman, on Tassels, Mortar Board, and as one of twelve recipients for this year's Regent's Award for Outstanding Juniors.

Although David's experience and reputation as hard worker put him in a favorable position to run for the office, he would not have succeeded without the help of Betas. His pledge brothers and other members of the house were up before dawn every day of the campaign, hanging signs, banners, and distributing other campaign material. Several members of the house walked around the campus the entire election day telling other students to vote for David Kendrick and Terry Cater. As the day wound down, other members went to various

Greek houses and took people who had not yet voted to the polls so that they could vote. In the end, the ticket of Kendrick & Cater received 50.2% of the vote, barely 5 votes more than they needed to end the polling without a run-off.

Kendrick attributes this overwhelming victory to the Beta House. "Without the contributions made by Betas, of time, money, and energy, this election wouldn't have been possible." David would like to especially thank brothers Bob Klabzuba, Fallis Beall, and Tom McCasland, who contributed readily to the campaign. "It really meant a lot to me to know that our alumni are interested in what goes on at 800 Chautauqua, and that they believed in me and the other active members. I don't think that any other fraternity can boast that kind of alumni support."



# Misc.

## 1993-94 Gamma Phi Calendar

Fall semester is fast approaching and Gamma Phi has a busy schedule planned for alumni and actives alike. Work week begins on Aug. 1st and our delegation will attend the Beta National Convention starting on Aug. 2nd and going until Aug. 8th. Rush preparation starts Aug. 9th and rush begins on Aug. 13th. This year's Bid Day party at Lake Thunderbird is on Aug. 18th followed by the traditional all-Greek Bid Day that evening. Classes begin on the 23rd along with our intensive study hall program and busy fall intramural and social calendars. A much welcomed return to Game Day's at the house is the Full Service Bar in the Basement for a few refreshments before and after the games. In the last few years, legal problems and our risk management policy kept us from offering this service, but a third-party vendor will be serving liquor by the drink downstairs all this fall. Here's a look at some other important dates in the Gamma Phi fall schedule.

- Sept. 4 TCU game—there
- Sept. 9 Loving Cup Ceremony
- Sept. 11 Texas A & M game—  
here—(Victory Party)
- Sept. 25 Tulsa game—here
- Oct. 2 Iowa State game—there
- Oct. 8-10 OU/Texas Weekend—  
Dallas
- Oct. 10 OU/Texas Party w/UT  
Betas
- Oct. 22-24 Homecoming/Dad's  
Day Weekend
- Oct. 23 Kansas game/Dad's  
Day Party at Beta House
- Oct. 28-31 Beta/Chi-O Haunted  
House Philanthropy
- Nov. 6 Missouri game—there
- Nov. 13 OU/OSU game—here,  
**Donor Dinner**
- Nov. 14-20 **BARNDANCE**  
**WEEK!!!!!!**
- Nov. 20 **BARNDANCE SATUR**  
**DAY** at Beta House
- Nov. 25-28 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26 Nebraska Game—there
- Dec. 4 Mom's Christmas Party
- Dec. 11-17 Finals Week
- Dec. 18-Jan9 Christmas Break

## Beta Sweeps Annual Awards Banquet

As usual, Betas were well represented at this year's Mom's Day Awards banquet. It is at this banquet each year that the Gold Letzeiser award winner and Outstanding Senior man are recognized. For the fifth year in the last six, a Beta claimed one these two top honors bestowed upon graduating senior men at the University of Oklahoma. Paul Cockrum, '93, a pharmacy student, earned the Gold Letzeiser. Last year, brother Chris Williams won this coveted award. In the three years previous to William's winning, brothers Scott A. Sullivan, '88; Randy McDaniel, '90; and Gene Frieda, '91; earned the title of Outstanding Senior man. Paul Cockrum served as President of the Health Sciences Center's student association while earning a 3.84 in pharmacy. Brother Mike Barnett also was one of 12 Letzeiser Award winners. Mike boasted such honors as PE-ET, Tassels President, and served as Beta's Scholarship Chairman.

Brothers Barnett and Cockrum were not the only Betas honored this spring. James Banta and Toby Owen were two of twenty sophomores elected into Tassels, a philanthropic honor society. Brother Banta will serve as president of Tassels for next year. Brothers Randy McDaniel, Mike Barnett, and Chris Swindle have also served as Tassels' presidents in the past. Brothers Chris Swindle-Manning, Jason Lees and David Kendrick were honored as members of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honor society. These three were also inducted into Mortar Board, which represents the top twenty seniors. Beta was the only Greek organization to have three members chosen for either honor society.

Brothers Jason Lees and David Kendrick also received additional awards. Both men were awarded the "Regent's Award for Outstanding Juniors." Only ten such awards are given on the Norman campus and Betas captured two. Jason Lees was also selected to

PE-ET, comprised of the top ten seniors at the University. Brother Lees was also one of four junior men selected as "Big Man on Campus." Brother Lees was recently elected as Interfraternity Council Vice-President. His accomplishments include IFC Secretary, Beta house treasurer, UOSA Student Congress, Crimson Club, and 1993 OU Dad's Day Chair. No other house on campus can match Beta Theta Pi in continued excellence among its members.



**Mother's Pride:** Honored Betas are seen posing with House Mother Barbara Webster. From left, they are Paul Cockrum, '93, Jason Lees, '94, Mike Barnett, '93, and David Kendrick, '94.

## '93-'94 Officers Elected

House officers for the 1993 semesters were elected February 28. The officers are as follows:

- PRESIDENT: BRAD G. HUNTER '94
- V. PRESIDENT: ROBERT FLASCH '94
- TREASURER: TRENT MCILHANEY '96
- SECRETARY: BRAD FULLER '96
- PLEDGE TRAINER: GREG WILLIS '94
- SOCIAL CHAIR: ROSS EDWARDS '94
- I.M. CHAIR: ROBERT PENN '95
- HOUSE MANAGER: RUSS GAMMILL '95
- KITCHEN MANAGER: WILL NATION '96
- YARD CHAIRMAN: JACOB B. PIEL '96



# Betas Make the Grade, and History

Betas rallied to win the second semester IFC scholarship competition, edging the Chops by .053 grade points. However, a poor fall showing relegated Betas to the second place position, by .042 grade points. Splitting hairs may be a good analogy for the differences between first and second place this year, but the active members, greatly disappointed by the loss, have vowed to regain the title by a wide margin next year. Scholarship chairman Clifton Bonney said of the next to best finish, "It's no longer good enough to boast about the records of the past. It's time to set some records of our own."

Earlier this summer, IFC Advisor Andy

Longo decided to dispell rumors and eliminate falsehoods about scholarship history among fraternities, a record long disputed by various fraternities, seeking to portray their house as academically strong. Longo researched grade reports for the past forty-five years, and what he discovered leaves no question as to which fraternity is truly the academic stronghold of the Greek system.

## IFC Scholarship Trophies, 1948-Present

Fraternity	First	Second	Third	Total
ΒΘΠ	27	11	4	42
ΔΤΔ	2	14	6	22
ΔΥ	5	8	8	21
ΛΧΑ	3	2	8	13
ΠΛΦ	2	1	4	7
Triangle	2	0	4	6
ΦΚΣ	1	2	2	5
ΣΑΕ	0	3	2	5
ΑΣΦ	1	0	1	2
ΑΤΩ	0	1	1	2
ΔΧ	0	1	1	2
FIJI	1	0	1	2
ΚΑ	0	0	2	2
ΦΚΨ	1	0	0	1
ΣΑΜ	0	1	0	1
ΔΚΕ	0	1	0	1
Acacia	0	0	1	1

# Rush '93 Update: Funding Sought

The 1993 rush team was elected in early March. The members of the team are Head Rush Chairman, Ross Edwards, '94, and assistant Rush Chairmen, Cody Garnett, '94, Jacob Piel, '96, and Blake Williams, '96.

The Rush recommendations or names of possible BETA pledges coming to the University this fall would be greatly appreciated. The list of legacies we have received to date is as follows:

Michael C. Ferree Fort Worth  
Benjamin H. Harris Edmond  
Matt S. Austin Dallas

Blake Williams Broken Arrow  
Brandon Beeson Dallas  
Taylor Johnson El Reno  
Mike Fair St. Paul

The 1993 rush budget will run approximately \$10000 which is completely dependent upon alumni donations. The financial support of our alumni in funding Summer rush is crucial. This year's donations and recommendations have been steady although we still have not achieved our goal. Thank you for your support and as always your donations and recommendations are appreciated. Once again we THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Contributions may be sent to:  
BETA THETA PI Rush Fund  
c/o Robert S. Lockard  
14 Branderwood  
Norman, OK 73072

### FORMAL RUSH SCHEDULE

AUG. 1 - 8 WORK WEEK  
13, 14 OPEN HOUSE  
15, EIGHT PARTY DAY  
16, FOUR PARTY DAY  
17, TWO PARTY DAY  
18, BID DAY

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