



# on Chautauqua

The official newsletter of the Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi



## New rush rules...new challenges

It's Springtime at 800 Chautauqua and the yearlong responsibility of rushing and recruiting new pledges continues. Spring Rush Chairman Shane Nash, '96, signed six spring pledges in January to add on to our already impressive fall pledge class. We are all looking forward to having the new members move in next year.

Springtime also means that summer rush is approaching, and as we all know summer is the most important time of the year for our fraternity. It is a time for everyone to participate through alumni recommendations and donations. Without an active alumni support, rush would not be pos-

sible. With the addition of a new rush chairman, Peter Pappas, '95, also comes some new and dramatic changes to the I.F.C. rush rules and procedures. Following is a brief outline of some of the changes.

First, there will no longer be a Formal Rush One week prior to the start of school. I.F.C. has adopted an Open Rush format to increase the number of potential rushees. In the past, rush teams were limited to two in-home visits lasting an hour per rushee. this year, visits are unlimited. Mailings to potential rushees are also unlimited. Barbecues during the summer have increased from two in previous years to

five and the actual time of contact between a rushee and the rush teams has increased by one month. The most drastic change in the rules however, will be the increase in quota from 35 to 50!

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Several alumni events, such as last summer's golf tournament, are expected to introduce rushees to Beta Theta Pi through the next six months.

## Betas sweep awards banquet

Beta Theta Pi and awards seem nearly synonymous at OU. Once again, Betas captured more honors than any other fraternity at the annual University of Oklahoma Greek Awards Banquet.

Jason Lees, '94,

David Kendrick, '94, Greg Willis, '94, Brad Hunter, '94 and James Banta, '95 walked away winners from the ceremony. Hunter was recognized as Outstanding IFC Chapter President. Lees, vice-president of the Interfraternity Council, took the

Outstanding Greek Man honor, as well as, the Outstanding IFC Executive Officer. Lees, Banta, Willis, and Kendrick together compose four of the eleven "Big Men on Campus." As he prepares for medical school

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# Sports

## Enthusiasm & intramurals go hand in hand

Academic excellence at 800 Chautauqua is unquestionable. The next tradition to be laid lies on the intramural field. The men of Gamma Phi head into the spring semester in a positive position in intramural standings. Sitting in third place the chapter hopes to gain points in basketball, track, and softball this spring.

Led by Brad Hunter, '94, and Peter Pappas, '95, this year's basketball team has rallied to post a 8-1 record. The All-Campus basketball tournament trophy already

in hand, the team heads en route to the Greek finals versus the Lambda Chi Alpha team. With only one player graduating in the spring and several outstanding players newly initiated, the Beta team seems prepared for a long ride at the top of the rest of the Greek teams.

Not only does the house excel in basketball, but the softball teams of 1994 are aiming high in the preseason. The team, composed of many sophomores who won the Greek softball trophy last year, and several strong senior leaders sees

itself positioned for a definite top two finish.

Behind the enthusiasm of new intramural chairman John Hammond, '96, the house has seen a dramatic increase in spirit and participation in and around intramural events. "Not only do the players perform their best in front of a crowded bench, but everyone seems to enjoy a renewed sense of Beta spirit," says Hammond. Whether first place or tenth place, that is what intramurals are all about.

### rush

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Brothers it is obvious that rush '94 promises to be an important one for Beta. Signing a pledge class of fifty young men would solidify ourselves as the top house on campus, and assure the financial stability of our chapter to continue to operate at full capacity. But it can't be done without you, the alumni. It is imperative that we receive your rush recommendations and donations as soon as possible. As you can see from the above I.F.C. rules changes, competition from the other larger houses on campus will be fierce. No longer will rushees come to us, as was the case in formal rush, but we must be aggressive and go to them. Our budget is completely based on donations from alumni and is crucial to summer rush. Last year's dona-

tions and recommendations were the driving force behind fall rush and we thank you.

If any Brother has any suggestions on rush or has any ideas on places to hold our three extra barbecues this summer, please don't hesitate to contact rush chairman Peter Pappas at (405)-321-0328. And please send your recommendations and contributions to:

Beta Theta Pi Rush Fund  
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Edmond, OK 73083

### awards

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in the fall, Lees claims that "hard work, respect, and dedication will reap their own rewards." Currently concluding his tenure as UOSA student body president, Kendrick concurs, "College provides not only the opportunity to further your academic education, but also the chance to hone leadership and social skills."

Willis was tabbed the Outstanding Senior in the College of Education and Banta was awarded membership into PE-ET, an organization composed of the "Top Ten" of seniors in leadership, involvement, and academics at OU.

Though all of these men have worked diligently to prepare themselves for the future during college, none discounts the advantages of being a Beta.



## Misc.

# Betas in Bedrock on Broadway

Sooner Scandals has been a staple of OU Mom's Day weekend for many years. After participating for several years, Beta has been absent from the spring shows for the past three years. The first objective of president Brad Hunter, '94, was to invite a sorority to enter Scandals with us. After a successful audition in February, the men of Beta Theta Pi and the women of Zeta Tau Alpha are prepared to perform *Bedrock on Broadway*.

Sooner Scandals is a production performed by groups comprised of one fraternity and one sorority. Other groups enter as well, such as Tassels, PE-ET, and the Asian-American club. The show consists of eight 15 minute programs.

Eleven sophomores took an unexpected excursion to Six Flags over Texas one Saturday afternoon getting wetter than planned.

Each group must write and choreograph a program, paint a backdrop, build props, and sew costumes. The culmination of six months hard work pays off during the weekend of April 8-10 when five judges determine the best show in several categories ranging from Most Original to Outstanding Choreography.

The overall theme of this year's show is "On Broadway." The Beta/Zeta team has written a program set around the Flintstone's. Several Broadway songs were in-

corporated to adhere to the theme. With only 16 men and 16 women performing on stage, the rest of the men at 800 Chautauqua are working hard to capture every top prize. Practicing two to three hours per night four nights a week, the men and women are rapidly becoming world class performers. Behind the scenes the men work to paint the set and construct the props. The motto of rehearsals has become "Win! Have Fun, But Win!" and that's what we intend to do.





# Another great year, another great pledge class

The pledge class of 1993 could not have been happier to welcome February 19, 1994. On that day, Beta Theta Pi initiated 23 new brothers into its fold. Gamma Phi consequently increases its official rolls to 2224.

This year's pledge class continues the Beta tradition of diversity. Consisting of 4 National Merit Scholars, 3 All-State athletes and 5 legacies: Blake A. Williams, Andrew Lee, Michael Fair, Edward Edson, and Barrett Stubblefield,

they are continuing the pace set for them by past pledge classes.

The new brothers blend well into the Beta mold. They have come to Norman from California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, and, of course, Oklahoma. Taking third in pledge class grades among all other fraternities, as well as, becoming active in student organizations from Student Congress to Junior IFC to Campus Activities Council, this group remains visible around campus. Bryan Brown, '97,

says, "we're just anticipating rush this summer to sign another awesome pledge class."

Among those initiated was Paul Gordon Pugh III, pledge class 1967.



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