

WOOGLIN

on Chautauqua



Chapter Enjoys Successful Year

This past year, Gamma Phi increased its presence on campus and in the Greek community. Academics have been a priority this year with the members earning our highest ranking in several years. We placed third last fall and are optimistic about improving our performance this spring. Yet we will not be satisfied until Beta once again wins grades.

Activities such as community service, athletics, and cultural events have kept us busy. Our members have become involved in groups all over campus.

Betas are also active in various varsity sports and athletic clubs representing OU. Brother Grant Schwabe threw the javelin for OU, while pledge Brandon Kissack walked-on on the Cross Country team. Ryan Tate continued his success on the OU wrestling team. Several brothers also joined the Polo and Rugby clubs at OU.

In intramurals, Beta teams have performed very well. We won the All-Fraternity Softball championship, the All-Campus Softball Tournament and the Softball Homerun Derby. We also won the All-Campus Basketball tournament and placed third in A-league fraternity basketball. Our B-league basketball team placed second and we were third in All-Campus Football. Our basketball team won second place at the Beta National Tournament at Eastern Kentucky University.

Our University Sing Act with the Tri Deltas placed second last fall and our Sooner Scandals Act with the Kappas this spring placed third. Richard Stafford



Richard Stafford, '00, as "Forest Gump" won the "Best Male Lead" award at Sooner Scandals in April for the second year in a row.

won the "Best Male Lead" award in Sooner Scandals for the second year in a row. He portrayed "Forest Gump" in the winning performance.

Community service became a priority at 800 Chautauqua this year. Collectively, the house performed 733 hours during the past year. Led by Brother Edward W. Dzialo III, the head of Adopt-a-School at OU, several members tutored elementary students in Norman. Beta could also be seen helping organizations such as Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, and Big Brother, Big Sisters. The highlight of our service was winning the Bell Ringers of the Year Award from Salvation Army. (This award is given to the organization which raises the most money during the Christmas season.)

The Chapter compiled 804 hours of work in cultural activities this year. Our annual International BBQ for foreign exchange students was a big hit. Betas also volunteered for the OU Cousins pro-

gram, which aids foreign exchange students at OU. The Beta house made an impact at OU this year by winning the Cultural Programming award from IFC.

One of the greatest honors this year for our

house has been the accomplishments of the Beta Five. This two-year-old acapella group, composed of five brothers, won the Outstanding Small Act Award at University Sing for the second year last fall. They performed at the Regents Christmas Dinner and sang the national anthem at three OU men's basketball games. They made all of us proud to be Betas.

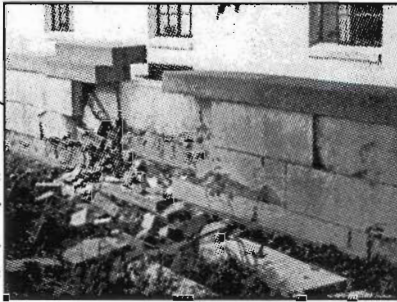
With all this year's success, Gamma Phi is poised to have another fabulous year of rush. Our effort will be led by Rush Chairman and newly elected Vice President, Matt Clouse. He is already establishing contact with some of the top seniors across the state. Matt will be aided by assistant rush chairmen, Matt Pollock, Casey Barto, and Cody Fleming, three of our top new initiates. This group is already planning some big events for this summer that will lead to a great rush in 1999.

Joe Ford '00, Chapter President

Alumni Support Crucial to Restoration of House

So much these days depends upon alumni support, and we extend our most sincere thanks to all of you who have participated in the Beta Donors Program since it was first created by Fallis Beall, '55 in 1984. The 1998 campaign has resulted in contributions totaling \$29,811.00 from 242 alumni and friends who are listed by class in this newsletter. As you will see, we have donors from 57 classes. Kudos again go to the Class of 1985 for its exemplary participation with 23 donors. This is an outstanding level of support, but we can still do better as even more of our Beta brothers become aware of the financing needs which face our great Chapter.

In an April 5, 1999 meeting, the Trustees of the Corporation approved spending \$65,000 of accumulated donor funds (i.e., essentially all of our available reserves) to repair the exterior limestone on the front of the Beta House. As previously reported, the east walls of the front porches have fallen apart; limestone at the base of certain columns has leached so badly that foundation brick work is visible; grouting in the cornice work at the top of the portico is failing away; etc., etc. This is the first time in 77 years that some of these issues have been addressed, so we believe that repair and preservation efforts are well-justified. Besides the cost of the work, our biggest concern is that it may not be completed during the summer. In any event, please plan to come by 800 Chautauqua next fall to view what we expect to be a refurbished east elevation of the Chapter House.



The Chapter's spring initiation on February 12, 1999, was very meaningful, because 42 men from one of our best pledge classes of the decade were initiated. Many of these younger Betas are now officers of the Chapter, including the Secretary Cody Fleming, '02, Treasurer Steven Carter, '02, House Manager David Smith, '02, Pledge Trainer Kevin Dare, '01, and Assistant Rush Chairmen Casey Barto, '02, Cody Fleming, '02 and Matt Pollock, '02. The success of the Chapter depends upon the efforts of these new officers, and they deserve our support. The members and new initiates of the Chapter very much appreciated attendance at the initiation ceremony by the following alumni: Bob Myers, '50, Tom Thompson, '50, Jack Massey, '51, Grover Ozmun, '59, Bill Speller, TX '63, Jim Burk, OSU '66, James Elder, '69, Fred Turner, '72, Guy Brown, '74, Zane Fleming, '74, Gary Fleming, '76 and Zach Allen, '85.

Finally, Anne Harris, wife of Mark Harris, '73 and mother of Ryan Harris, '99 and Tyler Harris, '01, has just completed a third term as President of the Beta Parents' Club. Her tireless efforts and those of Housemother Sue Overton have greatly contributed to the life of Gamma Phi Chapter. For this we sincerely thank both Anne and Sue.

Yours in -kai-,

James C. Elder
President, Beta Theta Pi
Corporation of Oklahoma

It's Time For Rush Again

With the arrival of spring, Gamma Phi's attention has again turned to rush. As always, the Chapter will rely heavily upon Gamma Phi alumni for financial support and for your assistance in identifying prospective rushees.

As you are hopefully aware, last year's rush was a resounding success. That rush produced an outstanding class of 62 pledges, who are now the strength of the Chapter. This class is one of the clearest signs of the great strides the Chapter has made toward restoring Beta as the preeminent fraternity at OU. All current trends at Gamma Phi are extremely positive.

With its recent rush success and steady progress in all facets of campus life, the Chapter is keenly focused on again winning grades and intramurals. A repeat of the 1998 rush success will place Gamma Phi firmly in control of its own destiny.

Leading this summer's rush will be Matt Clouse (Grove '01). Matt's impeccable credentials were highlighted in the fall Wooglin on Chautauqua newsletter. Matt will be supported by assistant rush chairmen, Casey Barto (Bartlesville '02), Cody Fleming (Enid '02) and Matt Pollock (Duncan '02). Like Matt, all three have GPAs above a 3.0 and will continue the Chapter's renewed emphasis on signing pledges with solid academic credentials and quality character.

The rush team is determined to conduct a tireless rush throughout the summer. They are committed to fighting an intense rush battle for every quality rushee. They are willing to do the work, but they need alumni support!

Please consider offering your financial support to the rush effort. Also, if you know of a high school senior whom you believe to be a quality rush prospect, please let the Chapter know now! All contributions and rush referrals should be sent to:

Beta Theta Pi
c/o Zach Allen, Rush Advisor
Two Leadership Square, 14th Floor
211 North Robinson
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102-7109
Telephone: (405) 235-1110
FAX: (405) 235-0333
Email: zallen@mswerb.com

With your help, this year's rush efforts will be a great success. Our tremendous alumni support is what distinguishes Beta from all other fraternities. It can and will give Beta the decisive edge this summer.

Zach Allen '85, Rush Advisor

1998-1999 BETA DONORS

1930 Robert R. Hayes	1953 G.W. Armor Dwayne E. Godsey L.E. Harlan Warren "Doc" Jordan J. Hugh Roff, Jr. Byron H. Schaff James R. Snider Albert L. Welsh	1964 Grant Fair Tom Swineford	1973 William L. Berry John H. Coker, Jr. Daniel F. Gayle Mark L. Harris Thomas T. Moore E. Bob Yeatts	1983 William S. Banowsky, Jr. Ken Feagins Donald M. Lehman Andrew R. Louis	1987 Dave R. Hughes William J. Settle
1933 William R. Clark Loy E. Harris	1954 Richard D. Haynes Millard Ingram Langford Keith, Jr. George S. Mason Lee B. Thompson, Jr.	1965 Donald R. Crews Charles D. Watson, Jr.	1974 Steven L. Barghols Ronald E. Bowden Jerry Kelley John A. Klabzuba Joseph P. Klabzuba Bill Sherman Frank Thompson John Waldo R. Wes Wilson	1984 R. Todd Boone Steve Emmons Stuart Emmons Richard Fellrath R. Park Medearis, Jr. Rob F. Robertson	1988 Michael R. Hall Bo Harrison Rick Johannes Mike Krampf Scot Sullivan
1934 William P. Longmire, Jr. John K. Orr	1955 Fallis Beall Tom H. McCasland, Jr. Bill K. Reed J.D. Swanson	1966 Charles M. Cole, III Wayne E. Copeland, Jr. J. Douglas Frantz Dean Hart, Jr. W. Carlisle Mabrey, III Joe B. McMillin Ron Moore R. Michael Nisbet Mike Ritz Karl E. Schmidt Kent Sloan Arthur Thompson	1975 Brent Barton William A. Gossett Hal Holliday Steve Van Aken	1985 Tyson V. Akin Zachary W. Allen Jon D. Baccus Robert L. Barr IV Paul A. Bevilacqua Mark Fairchild Charles L. Dobbs Robert R. Felton Todd Huckabay Dow R. Hughes Charles Franklin Knapp Bryan Lansford Brad H. Liebmann Steven R. Mareburger Jeff Norman Jay W. Pettit Scott E. Rahhal Raymond A. Thatcher Charles E. Towe, Jr. Stan M. Vlasimsky Jay L. Wade Randall S. Wells C. Robert Wright	1989 William M. Cherry Daniel Medley Carl Thompson
1937 Horace Calvert Louis V. Stuart	1956 Robert R. Champion Mark H. McKinsey Frank G. Mitchell Tom Norris	1967 J. Michael Badgwell J. William Conger Jerry C. Hassebrock Scott D. Lawrence Edd R. McNeil Michael H. Strong Jerry Venable	1976 Mark W. Curnutte John A. Fuller Brad Hoopes Ronald C. Krieger Jack Rayburn Rick Talley	1990 Todd K. Booze Michael J. LaBrie Mark D. Lauer Scott P. Sullivan	1991 Jeff Cosby William G. Towe
1938 Benson W. Campbell, Jr.	1958 B.A. Bridgewater, Jr. William R. Broach Fred Gipson William H. McCoy, Jr. Richard G. Porter Don A. Smith Sam L. Wilhite, Jr.	1968 Ron Shotts Bryant Turpen	1977 Richard L. Campbell Kim R. Hauger	1992 James T. Johnson III	1993 Peter V. Disterlic
1940 Sam T. Allen, III	1959 George W. Athey Richard L. Boone Phil Kyle Robert Osborne Grover Ozmun Neil Stanfield	1969 Mike Cawley Don V. Cogman James C. Elder W.B. Johnston Wm. O. Johnstone Dan A. Moody Richard D. Padberg	1978 Kevin L. Foxx Warren F. Kruger John G. Munger David E. Rainbolt Thomas S. Stapleton	1994 David Kendrick	IN MEMORIAM Ross Duncan '85 Michael R. Hall '77 Robert D. Reid '52 John C. Van Aken '61
1942 Robert S. Frantz	1960 Roger Bowman Charles F. Long Joe R. Love Richard H. Reid	1970 Greg Cox John T. Lockard	1979 Dewey W. Chambers Robert N. Naifeh, Jr.	1995 David Box Tom H. Fraley, III James G. Nutter Cooper B. Robinson	
1943 H. Dale Cook R.L. Lunsford	1961 Robert L. Barr Richard Devoe William L. Jobe William R. Lynn Stanley M. Ward	1971 Nick Anderson Guy L. Berry, III R.D. Folsom Don Harral G. Elden Hoffman Robert R. Klabzuba Henry A. Meyer, III Peter Pierce John Ritz Bruce Varner	1980 Robert Beall Jesse L. Leeds, Jr. Jeff Scott		
1944 Sam Shackelford Strat Tolson	1962 John M. Yeager	1972 Charles P. Buland Robert W. Dow Levoy C. Ellsworth, Jr. J. Steve Miller John G. Moore Jack Morrison Hank Ryan Fred O. Turner Wayne L. Wasemiller	1981 David R. Cape T.H. McCasland, III Dale Reneau		
1945 William J. Hemphill	1963 Guy Bacon Clark Ellison Richard W. Moore, Jr. Larry Reams Jerry Richardson		1982 Bradford C. Boone John E. Campbell, Jr. Brett Chandler Robert Dobson Bennett E. Fuller John R. Hillis J. Eric Ivester Greg T. Jones Thomas E. Kemp, Jr. Brooks Mitchell Lance S. Tolson		
1947 Bion J. Acton Lon T. Jackson, Jr.					
1948 J. Wallace Feild Robert C. Milspaugh, Jr.					
1949 Goodwin Broaddus W.S. Warner, Jr.					
1950 M.W. Eddleman John P. Harlan Lloyd Lynd, Jr. Richard L. Walton					
1951 Jack T. Massey Frank M. Paget Lindbergh J. Rahhal, Jr. William R. Shirley					
1952 Richard R. Hefton George H. Lundberg W.M. McGee Burke Mordy William J. Ross					

New Beta Directory Coming Soon

Work is under way for the Chapter's publication of an updated directory for Gamma Phi's alumni and actives. In the next few weeks, all alumni will receive an information card requesting current information for publication in the directory.

We intend to include the following facts about all members of the Chapter: name, graduation year, home address, occupation, title, firm, business address, phone number, fax number and e-mail address. There will also be a geographical listing of all members.

From the Rush Chairman:

Well, it is that time of year again. No, it is not time to dust off those golf clubs or to find those crappie jigs. IT'S TIME TO RUSH! This year's rush team has been busy calling prospective rushees, compiling mailing and telephone lists, and inviting rushees to Beta parties and athletic competitions. Matt Pollock, '02, Casey Barto '02, Cody Fleming '02 and I realize the tremendous task we have in filling the

shoes of the previous rush team. Joe Ford, Richard Stafford, Fenton Sanger and Matt Blue signed possibly the best pledge class "ever" at Gamma Phi. This class included an average high school GPA above 3.6, nine valedictorians, nine All-State athletes and two National Merit Scholars.

The success was due to the rush team's relentless quest to sign quality men and the great leadership from Rush Advisor, Zach Allen. In order to sign an even better pledge class this year, the rush team has made the following goals:

- Sign the highest quality pledge class on campus with an emphasis on academics and athletics.
- To be the hardest working rush team on campus -- a day without contact with

rushees is a wasted day.

- Use this year's chapter success in academics, athletics and campus involvement as the number one rush tool.
- Include more rush activities with alumni.

The chapter has done its part by having an excellent year on campus; everyone is talking about the Betas. I have no doubt that this rush team will work hard every day to sign another phenomenal pledge class.

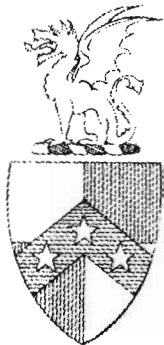
The rush team needs help from alumni, brothers like yourself. We need the continued alumni support that separates the Gamma Phi chapter from all other fraternities on campus.

Sincerely,

Matt Clouse, '01
Rush Chairman

Mark Your Calendar

**Third Annual
Alumni Beer & BBQ**
September 18
(OU - Baylor)



Beta Theta Pi
Two Leadership Square, 14th Floor
211 North Robinson
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

H. G. Ryan III (1972, #1421)
2616 NW 68th
Oklahoma City, OK 73116-4710

Parents and Alumni:
Please send us address updates!

