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GAMMA PHI CENTENNIAL

Coming in 2007

As Oklahoma celebrates 100 years of statehood, we will be celebrating 100 years as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. For information contact:

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Chapter President's Report

GAMMA PHI WINS KNOX AWARD

Things couldn't be brighter for the men of Beta Theta Pi. With the overwhelming success of last year, we as a chapter could not be more excited for this upcoming semester. After receiving the John Riley Knox Award, for one of the most outstanding Beta Theta Pi chapters in the nation, we feel the trophy has secured its rightful home at 800 Chautauqua. Out of 136 Beta chapters throughout the United States, the Knox

Award is given to the top chapters that have excelled in various on and off-campus activities including academics, community service, and intramurals. We are striving through all of our actions to repeat the success of last year. We have already begun our quest by signing 59 outstanding gentlemen. As all of you know, we have a rich tradition of excelling aca-



800 Chautauqua

demically. With our unrivaled history of winning grades for more than 56 semesters, our record far exceeds that of any other fraternity, and we plan on another

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Corporation President's Report

MAJOR SUMMER PROJECTS COMPLETED

Over the summer, the housing corporation completed several important refurbishment and renovations projects for the chapter house. The largest of these was the complete renovation of the basement and study hall. At a cost of nearly \$50,000, the basement remodel represents the largest project since the 2001 bathroom renovation. The changes are extensive. The existing tile was removed and replaced with a slate-appearance ceramic tile throughout the basement and study hall. The natural brick walls were power-washed and the ceiling repainted in semi-flat black. All existing light fixtures were replaced and new sconces were added to the columns. The basement has also been extensively

furnished with a carved walnut billiard table, four leather sofas, two leather chairs, end tables, coffee tables, area rugs, a "Texas Hold'em" style poker table, a foosball table and a shuffleboard game table. The existing big screen television is now housed in a custom-built mahogany entertainment center and trophy case and equipped for HD service. A home theater surround sound audio system has also been added. New oak tables and chairs - matching those in the dining room - have been added to the study hall. A new storage room has been constructed in place of the bar in the recessed area between the study hall and the main basement. We are also in the process of reproducing and framing numerous ar-

chive photos to hang on the basement walls.

As remodeled, the basement is now a first class showpiece within the chapter house. It also finally provides the recreational and social gathering area which the chapter house previously lacked.

The basement and study hall project was the product of collective efforts of many individuals who volunteered their time and efforts. Julie and Loyd Tinsley (Loyd expertly constructed the poker table and theater seating sofa platform), Harolyn Long, Chris Purcell, Linda Potts, Sandy and Barbara Clemens (who designed and installed the home theater system), Alexis and Doug Hoelscher,

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Chapter Advisor's Report

Blaine Matray, '93
Chapter Advisor

Spring and summer 2005 found the Gamma Phi chapter excelling again. University President David Boren presented the chapter with the 2005 campus academic trophy for their continual achievements (for the fifth consecutive year). Beta Theta Pi also finished runner-up among all social groups at O.U. for the President's Trophy.

In order to assure eligibility for the General Fraternity's John Reilly Knox Award, the actives held a rare post-spring semester initiation in May. The ceremony brought the initiation rate above 85% of the original pledge class signed in fall 2004—an outstanding achievement!

Beta Theta Pi finished third in intramurals for 2004-2005, but the house is currently leading the race in fall 2005.

The General Convention was held in Scottsdale, AZ this August. Gamma Phi sent six representatives—a great show-

ing!! President Joe Kokojan '06 and officers took home the John Reilly Knox Award and the Francis H. Sisson Award. The Knox Award brings the total to three in our chapter's history! Indebted thanks to the active members and the current/former executive officers that have made 2004-2005 a memorable and successful year for Beta!

As the chapter advisor, I was able to undertake some efforts in the structural renovation of the chapter house. My pledge class of 1989 was able to raise funds to complete the refurbishment of the front doors at 800 Chautauqua. We will subsequently dedicate the doors on behalf of the memory of our pledge brother Jonathan Paley '92 on October 1, 2005, at the alumni barbeque reunion.

Thank you again to all actives and alumni on behalf of our numerous successes, and please continue to stay in touch with me at OKMA-TRAY@COX.NET.

*Blaine Matray '93
Chapter Advisor*

Chapter Advisory Team

Chapter Advisor - Blaine Matray '93

Assistant Chapter Advisors - Matt

Clouse '01, Matt Allen '02,

Scott Dolina '03 & Steven

Sinos '04

Financial Advisor - Bill Sherman '73

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Chapter Archivist - Hank Ryan '72

Newsletter Editor - Hank Ryan '72

Foundation President - James Elder '69

Corporation President - Zach Allen '85

**"MOM OVERTON SAYS ..."**

Sue Overton
Housemother since Fall 1997

Welcome back as we prepare to begin the 2005-2006 school year. Our Parents Club has been busy this summer working with our Board members on many wonderful new projects. We are extremely proud of the Betas for winning John Reilly Knox Award, along with the Sisson Award. They were presented to our members at the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, in August. The boys had worked so hard and were so excited at they returned home.

My two brothers, their wives and I recently spent two weeks in England with a niece who lives in London. We

toured the major sites in downtown London, with special interest in the recently-expanded Churchill War Rooms. We took an overnight ferry to Caen, France, where we visited the WWII memorial sites, including all of the beaches where Allies landed on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Walking through the Omaha Beach Cemetery where over 9,000 American soldiers are buried is truly a moving experience. On a quest for a family genealogy, we took a driving trip to Devon and Jacobstowe in southern England. At a small village church in Jacobstowe, the Vicar allowed us to photograph the birth, death and marriage records dating back to the 1700s. There were numerous entries verifying that our family has roots in this location. Despite the bombings in London that occurred just prior to our arrival, and bombings in Sharm-el-

Sheikh, Egypt where several of my nephews were scuba diving in the Red Sea, the trip was a truly wonderful adventure.

We are eagerly anticipating another full year with our sophomores moving into the house. I have heard nothing but good things about this group of young men, and we have great expectations for them. Our older boys have shown such good leadership qualities that we know they'll be fine examples for all our members.

I want all of the alumni to know that they are always welcome to visit the house. I hope you will be active in alumni events and relive the excitement of your college years.

Mom Overton

CHAPTER OFFICERS' REPORTS

Intramurals

After another finish in the top three in intramurals, it is always exciting during the fall semester for all the guys to come back and play after a long summer of inactivity. Fall is a very busy season for intramurals featuring volleyball tournaments, tennis, horseshoes, and everyone's favorite: flag football. Flag football is the main sport in the fall, and everyone is always excited to roll out for the chance to beat up on some of the other houses for bragging rights. Chapter President Joe Kokojan has made it clear to me that he is going to help me out in getting guys to games and making intramurals more of a priority, which has me really psyched up to do well this year. He even got second place in the horseshoe tournament himself! Our new pledge class also features many outstanding athletes and high school sports stars, so hopefully the house will have a strong foundation for the future as well!

Charlie McMahon
Intramurals Chair

House

To start off, I would like to thank all alumni, parents, and contributors who make general maintenance and major renovations possible at the Beta House. As many know, major changes have happened at 800 Chautauqua in the last six months. We now have a fully restored piano, which received high compliments from a University School of Music pianist who recently said, "This is *the* best piano I have ever played." Hearing someone with 28 years experience praise our piano in such a way should assure everyone that the refurbishment was well worth the cost. Our worn front doors have been completely rebuilt. They turned out beautifully and are now dedicated to Jonathon Paley by the Pledge Class of 1989. Last, but certainly not least, the much hyped basement project turned out even better than some expected and proved to be an extremely useful and effective rush tool. We now have a place to study in comfort, watch a game, play pool, play cards, play shuffleboard and foosball. The new basement is exactly what the house needed and gives us a place to relax and enjoy our free time. This has been an exciting time to be

Chapter Officers

President - Joe Kokojan
VP (internal) - Steve Harral
VP (external) - Brad Brown
Secretary - Kelly Mercer
Treasurer - Nick Holman
Pledge Educator - Lin Hicks
Rush Chair - Colin Drake
Rush Secretary - Henry Nguyen
Philanthropy Chair - Justin Edmiston
House Manager - Bryan Luff
Scholarship Chair - Brian McCall
Social Chair - Paul Schroedter
IFC Representative - Eks Wye Pollock
Campus Activities Chair - Matt Mitzner
Ritual Chair - Charlie Graves
Song Chair - Charlie Graves
Intramural Chair - Charlie McMahon
Alumni Relations Chair - Mike Purcell

House Manager and it's been my honor to play a role in what we've accomplished. Thanks again to everyone for all your efforts in making these improvements to my home possible.

Bryan Luff
House Manager

Chapter President's Report

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Joe Kokojan
Chapter President

victorious year. I want to thank all of our alumni for their continued support, and I want you to know that the traditions and principles passed down have spawned and sustained a fraternity like no other on campus. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions, comments, or concerns you might have throughout the year. I can be reached anytime at (405) 834-3938. I look forward to meeting you in the future, and we look forward to reporting our achievements in the months to come.

Joe Kokojan
President

Official IFC Scholarship Rankings for Spring 2005 Semester

	<u>Fraternity</u>	<u>Active Members & Pledges</u>	<u>Chapter GPA</u>
1	Beta Theta Pi	187	3.162
2	Sigma Phi Epsilon	133	3.125
3	Phi Kappa Psi	16	3.088
4	Delta Upsilon	76	3.083
5	Delta Tau Delta	40	3.068
6	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	155	3.066
7	Lambda Chi Alpha	105	3.011
8	Pi Kappa Phi	82	3.007
9	Phi Delta Theta	69	2.972
10	Kappa Alpha	33	2.920

SIX NEW MEMBERS INITIATED



Five new members were initiated on May 26, 2005, and one new member was initiated in September 28, 2005.

Roll	Name	Hometown
2679	Braden C. Pollard	Ardmore
2680	Matthew P. Snider	Edmond
2681	Cody R. Bateman	Broken Arrow
2682	Ross A. Clemens	Norman
2683	Keith D. Henry	Edmond
2684	Bayley C. Jordan	Ponca City



CHAPTER AND RUFF- NEKS DEDICATE PATRICK FRENSLEY MEMORIAL SHOTGUN

Patrick James Frensley was a caring, driven, and extremely outgoing individual, with the stamina and determination to pledge both Beta and Ruf-Nek's in the fall semester of 2004. Patrick's tragic death this past spring left a large hole in both organizations.

The men of Beta Theta Pi, in an effort to solidify our continuing good relationship with Ruf-Nek members, and as a way to help ensure their future success,

have sponsored a Ruf-Nek shotgun for the 2005-2006 football season. We had the shotgun inscribed with "___kai___" and Patrick's initiation number "2654." In his honor, the Ruf-Neks fire it to celebrate OU victories during every game. After the season's last game, the Ruf-Neks will return the shotgun to Beta Theta Pi, and, when received, we will place it in a custom-built memorial shadow box and prominently display it for many years to

come in our newly remodeled basement.

This single item, representing someone we all cared so much for, will continue to have great meaning for both organizations. This Beta and Ruf-Nek combined effort stands as a well-deserved salute to Patrick and all he stood for, while providing a fitting memorial for our remembrance.

Brian Luff '08

THE FALL 2005 GAMMA PHI PLEDGE CLASS



Pledge Day 2005.
57 freshmen and 2 sophomores pledge Beta Theta Pi.



Name	High School	City, State	Name	High School	City, State
Nick Abbott	Union	Tulsa, OK	Tom Hoopes*	Bishop Kelley	Tulsa, OK
Kunle AjanaKu	Bishop Kelley	Tulsa, OK	Matt Housley	Union	Tulsa, OK
Jody Allen*	Sapulpa	Sapulpa, OK	Joe Howell	Ardmore	Ardmore, OK
Allen Anderson	Muskogee	Muskogee, OK	Jay Huff*	North	Edmond, OK
Grayson Barnes	Cascia Hall	Tulsa, OK	Jon Hyatt	Piedmont	Piedmont, OK
Dewey Bartlett	Cascia Hall	Tulsa, OK	Trey Jamison	Beaver	Beaver, OK
Matt Beavers	Plainview	Ardmore, OK	Chance Jenkins	Velma-Alma	Velma, OK
Michael Bickford*	Casady	OKC, OK	Ryan Johnson	Union	Tulsa, OK
Jack Blaylock	Highland Park	Dallas, TX	Drew Jones	Mansfield	Mansfield, TX
Tyler Bolton*	Kapaun Mt. Carmel	Wichita, KS	Garrett Krall	Colleyville Heritage	Colleyville, TX
Brian Bond*	Stillwater	Stillwater, OK	Bennett LeBarre*	HSPVA	Houston, TX
John Boozer*	Classen SAS	OKC, OK	Tyler Ledlow	Enid	Enid, OK
Trey Breaux	Bishop Kelley	Tulsa, OK	Josh Leffler	Velma-Alma	Velma, OK
Matthew Brown	Bishop McGuinness	OKC, OK	Trent McIlwraith	Santa Fe	Edmond, OK
Blake Caldwell	Rockwall	Rowlett, TX	Teddy Mundt	Bishop Kelley	Tulsa, OK
Brett Carter	Bishop Kelley	Tulsa, OK	Clay Partridge	L. D. Bell	Bedford, TX
Jordan Carter	Sulphur	Sulphur, OK	Rob Paton	Enid	Enid
Jeffrey Cartmell	Putnam City West	OKC, OK	Ty Powell	Henryetta	Henryetta, OK
Cory Christofferson	North	Edmond, OK	Harrison Read*	Ardmore	Ardmore, OK
Eric Combs	Shawnee	Shawnee, OK	Addison Roberts	Union	Tulsa, OK
Tony DeGiusti*	Bishop McGuinness	OKC, OK	Philip Schroedter*	Cascia Hall	Tulsa, OK
Steven Fisher*	Perry	Perry, OK	Brad Scoggin	Pauls Valley	Pauls Valley, OK
John Gawey	Cascia Hall	Tulsa, OK	Shea Shelby	Memorial	Edmond, OK
Lane Gibbs	Sulphur	Sulphur, OK	Michael Shepherd	Shawnee	Shawnee, OK
Tyler Grimmett	Pauls Valley	Pauls Valley, OK	Brady Sisson*	Plainview	Ardmore, OK
Taber Halford	Pauls Valley	Pauls Valley, OK	Jake Smith	Union	Tulsa, OK
Koby Harrington	MacArthur	Lawton, OK	Travis Storts	Ardmore	Ardmore, OK
Matt Hogg	Hobart	Hobart, OK	Jeff Vestring	Cascia Hall	Tulsa, OK
Hal Holliday*	Bishop McGuinness	OKC, OK	Jantz Wald	Hobart	Hobart, OK
			Josh Webb	Memorial	Edmond, OK

*Legacy

Rush Advisor's Report

GAMMA PHI AGAIN SIGNS TOP PLEDGE CLASS



Rob Robertson '84
Rush Advisor

In Fall 2005, the Gamma Phi Chapter signed yet another outstanding pledge class of 59 young men to conclude another successful rush effort.

This year's pledge class is the result of hard work of the 2005 Rush Team, including head rush chairman Colin Drake (Arlington '07), assistant rush chairmen Theo Coleman (Carrollton Creekview '08), Tyler Jennings (Norman North '08) and Jon McCartney (Edmond Memorial '08), and rush secretary, Henry Nguyen (Putnam City West '07), as well as many other active members and alumni.

Another Fantastic Beta Rush in 2005!

Gamma Phi signed its full quota of new pledges for 2005 in near-record time, and this year's pledge class is again considered the best on campus. Academically, the pledge class includes eight University or Regent Scholars, seven members of the President's Leadership Class, seven valedictorians and salutatorians, and two National Merit Scholars, with an average ACT score of over 26. The 2005 pledge class is complimented by a number of fine athletes, including what may be a record ten all-state award recipients, and three varsity athletes.

A complete list of the young men who pledged Beta in Fall 2005 is set forth on page 5, and it includes over 20 pledges with Beta relatives, including what may be a record fourteen Beta sons and grandsons, including: Joseph V. (Jody) Allen (father Samuel T. Allen, IV and grandfather Samuel T. Allen, III '50); Michael B. Bickford (father Mike Bickford '80); Tyler A. Bolton (father C. Roger Bolton); Brian G. Bond (father Gary L. Bond '76); John B. Boozer (father Mark Boozer and grandfather Edward A. Luke '59); Anthony M. (Tony) DeGiusti (grandfather Ralph G. Thompson '56); Steven E. Fisher (father Mark S. Fisher '84); Hal M. Holliday, Jr. (father Hal M. Holliday, Sr. '75); Thomas V. Hoopes (father Brad Hoopes '76); John N. Huff, IV (father John N. Huff, III '79); Bennett R. LeBarre (father Larry J. LeBarre '78); Harrison B. Read (father James B. Read '77); Philip M. Schroedter (father Thomas Schroedter); and Brady N. Sisson

(father S. Neil Sisson '77).

In keeping with Beta tradition, the 2005 pledge class is geographically diverse. Almost one-half of this year's pledge class graduated from Oklahoma high schools outside the two major metropolitan areas, including Ardmore, Velma-Alma, Shawnee, Hobart, Lawton, Pauls Valley, Muskogee, Sulphur, Enid, Perry and Stillwater. The remaining members of the pledge class include fifteen from the Tulsa metropolitan area, twelve from the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, and six from Texas and one from Kansas.

Over the last several years, Gamma Phi has consistently signed the best pledge classes on campus, and the results are evident. Recent successes in rush are the primary reasons the Chapter is dominating again in all areas of campus life - academics, leadership, athletics and social. The IFC Scholarship Cup is again a common fixture at 800 Chautauqua, thanks to the recruitment of top quality men through rush.

One of the keys to successful rush is the unparalleled support provided by Gamma Phi alumni. Changes in the format of summer rush during 2005 made alumni-hosted events essentially the only way for the Rush Team to meet with more than a handful of rushees at a time. In response to the Chapter's call for help, Beta alums hosted a record number of alumni functions, averaging more than one per week during the summer rush period. These functions allowed the Rush Team to get off to a strong start and gave them the momentum to sign a truly outstanding pledge class in the fall. Alums who went the extra mile to host a rush function during the summer include: Pete Pierce '71 (Norman), Neil Sisson '77 and Millard Ingram '54 (Ardmore), Dan Jordan '78 (Tulsa), Don Maxwell '77 (Edmond), Honorable Ralph G. Thompson '56 (Oklahoma City), Robert Beall '80 (Colleyville), Chris Pierce '75 (Oklahoma City), Todd Lisle '84 (Edmond), Jay Fitzgerald '84 (Norman), Scot Sullivan '88 (Oklahoma City), Steve Miller '72 (Tulsa), Larry Harrel '68 and Ron Shotts '68 (Tulsa), Steve Jordan '78 (Ardmore), Elden Hoffman '71 (Tulsa), and Carl Holliday '76 (Oklahoma City). Of course, generous financial contributions from

alumni, which collectively exceeded \$20,000 from over 170 donors, also enabled the Chapter to maintain a strong rush throughout the summer. A list of those who generously donated their financial resources and time to host alumni functions in support of 2005 Beta Rush is included in this newsletter.

Rush Recommendations Needed NOW for 2006!

Although high school graduation is still several months away, the Chapter must begin now to prepare to continue its success in rush in 2006. Because of the extremely competitive nature of fraternity rush, it is critical that the Chapter begin to develop a list of prospective rushees long before summer rush officially begins. Alumni and friends of the Chapter who know outstanding young men who may be attending O.U. in Fall 2006 are encouraged to submit names and biographical information as soon as possible. Although our current Chapter Rush Advisor, Rob Robertson, will be handing the reigns over to a new advisor in 2006, until further notice next spring, please send the following information on prospective rushees for 2006 to Brother Robertson at rrobertson@gablelaw.com: (1) rushee's name; (2) high school; (3) home and cell phone number; (4) street or mailing address; (5) email address; (6) current GPA; (7) current ACT or SAT; (8) academic honors; (9) activities, including leadership and athletics; and (10) names and chapter affiliations of any Beta relatives.

The Chapter looks forward to continued success in rush with the help of alumni rush recommendations and continued alumni support in 2006.

Please send both your rush recommendations (preferably by email) and rush contributions to:

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Rush Advisor*

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1954 FALL PLEDGE CLASS REUNION



Members of the Fall 1954 Pledge Class gathered in Norman April 23rd and 24th. Fraternal Fifties pins were presented to those attending

1957 FALL PLEDGE CLASS REUNION



Members of the Fall 1957 Pledge Class gathered in Norman September 16th through the 18th. For a complete report go to <http://home.comcast.net/~bjlynn/index.com> .

1960 FALL PLEDGE CLASS REUNION



Members of the Fall 1960 Pledge Class gathered in Norman May 20th and 21st.

1975 FALL PLEDGE CLASS REUNION



Members of the Fall 1975 Pledge Class gathered in Las Vegas in April.
Mark Johnston was not present.

LOOKING BACK

100 years ago (Fall 1905) – Tom Matthews spent the summer of 1905 assisting Professor C. N. Gould examining the geological formation of the western part of the Texas Panhandle.

75 years ago (Fall 1930) – Mrs. Ned B. Miller served as Housemother. Preston Jones served as Chapter President. John Kellogg Orr of Tulsa pledged along with his high school chums, Earl Sneed, Jr. and Allen Calvert.

50 years ago (Fall 1955) – Mrs. W. P. Vick served as Housemother. Ralph G. Thompson served as Chapter President.

25 years ago (Fall 1980) – Ms. Oklahoma Sain served as Housemother. Jeff Morrell served as Chapter President.

MYSTIC SHRINE

The deaths of the following Gamma Phi members have been reported to us since our previous issue.

Roll	Grad	Name	Date of Death
365	1933	Loy Everett Harris	11/12/2004
619	1947	George Gus Andrews	3/12/2003
644	1948	Robert S. Smith, Jr.	12/24/2004
704	1951	James Frederick Snyder	8/15/2005

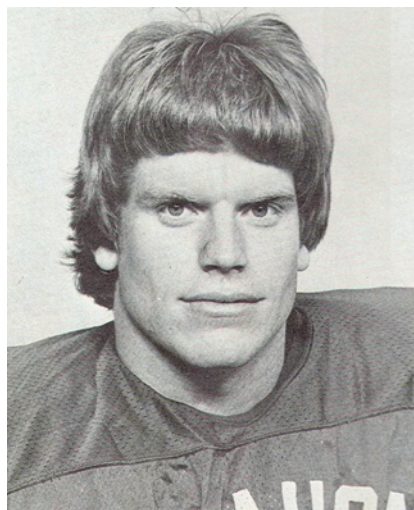
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October 20, 2007
The Molly Shi Boren Ballroom
Oklahoma Memorial Union
at the University of Oklahoma

FRATERNAL FIFTIES - 2005

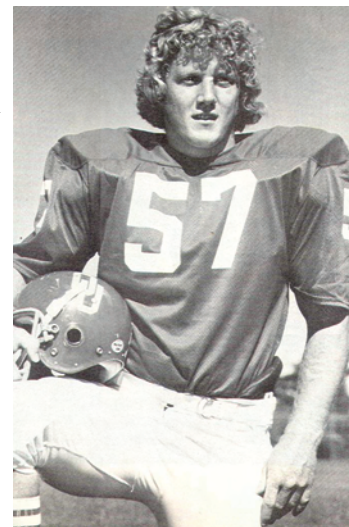
The following Gamma Phi members were initiated in 1955.

Roll	Name	City
892	Robert Clinton Eddleman	Deceased
893	David Condon MacKay	Houston, TX
894	Jimmy Frank Drake	Lost
895	Clarke E Bird	San Antonio, TX
896	James Heber Warram, Jr.	Norman, OK
897	Robert Duff Webber	Lancaster, PA
898	J. Stephen Beckman	Fort Worth, TX
899	Dale Byars Sherrod	Longmont, CO
900	Philip Donnell Hart	Oklahoma City
901	Samuel Richard Fryer, Jr.	Southlake, TX
902	William D Durkee	Houston, TX
903	Stephen W. Haines, Jr.	Boerne, TX
904	Larry Don Jensen	Fairview, OK
905	Gerald Wayne Fronterhouse	Dallas, TX
906	Delmar Spencer Dykes	Deceased
907	William H McCoy, Jr.	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
908	John Martin Burzio	Falls Church, VA
909	Charles T McCarter	Sioux Falls, SD
910	Gaines L Godfrey	Durango, CO
911	Jay Dean Magness	Newport Beach, CA
912	William R Broach	Buena Vista, VA
913	Sampson Lewis Wilhite, Jr.	Franklin, TN
914	Fred A Tillman, Jr.	Deceased
915	Fred Allen Gipson	Norman, OK
916	David Marshall Giltner	Lost
917	Don Wayne Park	Fayetteville, AR
918	William Lee Epton	New York, NY
919	Max Paul Lorenz	Marietta, GA
920	Robert Kirk Hunter	Minnetonka, MN
921	Davis A Coppedge	Richardson, TX
922	Wayne Edwards Sansbury	Stuyvesant, NY
923	Don A Smith	Fort Smith, AR
924	Thomas M Wakely	Norman, OK
925	William W Lindsay	Encino, CA
926	Kent D Hanson	Lost
927	Walter Oakshott North Cooper	Atoka, OK
928	Richard G Porter	Brandon, MS
929	James Moore Schwartz	Colorado Springs, CO
930	Jerry Lynn Nelms	Estes Park, CO
931	William Edward McDaniel	Arlington, TX
932	Joseph T Shelton	Deceased



GAMMA PHI SOONER TRIVIA

Who are these guys?
(full names, hometowns & majors)



GENERAL FRATERNITY TRUSTEES MEET IN OKLAHOMA



Board of Trustees President Robert W. McKinley, *Missouri '66*, addresses actives and alumni at the reception at the Cox Center in Oklahoma City on April 29, 2005.



The Beta Four quartet from Gamma Lambda (Oklahoma State) entertained at the reception at the Cox Center.



The General Fraternity Board of Trustees, Gamma Phi actives and alumni, April 30, 2005.

2005 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2005 Beta Theta Pi Alumni Golf Tournament was held June 25, 2005, at the Jimmie Austin University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman.

The tournament is hosted by the alumni of Gamma Phi chapter and is held annually to provide an opportunity for Beta alumni, actives, family and friends to get together, reminisce and share the Beta spirit. It is not a fund-raising event.

Twenty-four teams participated. As in the past this year's tournament was co-chaired by John Ritz #1366 and John Hillis #1780. Organizing and managing the tournament requires a significant amount of time and effort. The Rib Crib Restaurant (owned by Bret Chandler #1783) also catered excellent BBQ and beverages for the event. Thanks to Brothers Ritz, Hillis and Chandler for making this event a rousing success!

Results:

- First Place - Group 6A
- Second Place - Group 13
- Third Place - Group 16
- Fourth Place - Group 7
- Fifth Place - Group 11

Closest to the Pin:

- Hole #3 - Joe Hardberger '72
- Hole #6 - Torsten Cook '91
- Hole #11 - Larry LeBarre '78
- Hole #15 - Wayne Copeland '66

Longest Drive:

- Hole #2 - Randy McDaniel '90
- Hole #18 - Bill Towe '91

Sponsors:

- Rib Crib Corp./Bret Chandler '82 - Lunch Sponsor
- Link Barr '85 - Beverage Sponsor
- Richard Baptist '74 - Prize Sponsor
- Bob Allen '48 - Hole Sponsor
- Larry LeBarre '78 - Hole Sponsor
- Lance Tolson '82 - Hole Sponsor



The Jimmie Austin golf course is next to the Charlie Coe Golf Learning Center. Originally from Ardmore, Charlie Coe (#584) won the U. S. Amateur title in 1949 and in 1958. He made 19 appearances in the Masters tournament—all as an amateur. He died in Oklahoma City in 2001.

Hole	Group
1A	Jay Fitzgerald, Chris Johnson, Tom Kemp, Calvin Sharpe
1B	Jim Hicks, John Hillis, Pat Jordan, Lance Tolson
3	Brandon Bell (legacy), John Bell, Alex Robertson (legacy), Rob Robertson
4A	Wayne Copeland, Steve Emmons, Stuart Emmons, Todd Lisle
4B	Russ Gammill, Dick Hefton, David Kendrick, Mike Moses
5	Zach Allen, Jay Pettit, Bill Towe, Charles Towe
6A	Kevin Akin, Link Barr, Carter Baumert, Jim Dobbs
6B	Frank Ayres, Bill Cherry, Dave Lau, Daniel Medley
7	Teal Carlock, Scott Hoffman, Clark Neely, Trevor Potts
8	Todd Booze, Tom Knight, Mike LaBrie, Randy McDaniel
9A	Zane Fleming, Jerry Kelley, Scott Rayburn, Tom Urice
9B	Blake Baptist (legacy), Richard Baptist, Hal Holliday, Hal Holliday, Jr. (legacy)
10A	Levoy Ellsworth, Joe Hardberger, Ron Rogers, Harbour Whitaker
10B	Brad Barron, Steve Cochran, Mike Morton, John Ritz
11	Hunter Bickford (legacy), Warren Bickford, Kim Shoemake
12	Chuck Buland, Marilyn Buland (spouse), Evan Moore (legacy), John Moore, S. Colin Moore (legacy)
13	Don Cochran, Torsten Cook, Tom LaBrie, Curtis McCarty
14A	Peter Disterlic, Jeff Gibson, Bill Mareburger, John Nicholas
14B	Ross Edwards, Peter Pappas, Jeff Ritenour, Jeff Westphalen
15	Matt Blue, Will Borden, Jeff Elder, Chan Klingensmith
16	Michael Carr, Ryan Kolkman, Trey Welker, Billy Wilson
17A	Matt Clouse, Rob Cunningham, David Harris, Matt Pollack
17B	Matt Allen, Nick Anderson, Michael Elder, Will Johnson
18	Warren Kruger, Larry LeBarre, Tom Stapleton, Weldon Turner



1A. Kemp, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Sharpe



1B. Hicks, Tolson, Hillis, Jordan



3. Bell, Bell, Roberston, Robertson



4A. Emmons, Emmons, Lisle, Copeland



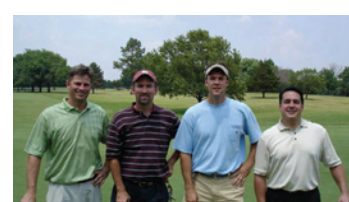
4B. Moses, Gammill, Kendrick, Hefton



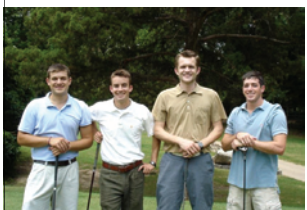
5. Pettit, Towe, Allen, Towe



6A. Barr, Baumert, Dobbs



6B. Ayres, Lau, Medley, Cherry



7. Hoffman, Carlock, Neely, Potts



8. Booze, LaBrie, Knight, McDaniel



9A. Rayburn, Fleming, Urice,



9B. Holliday, Holliday Jr., R. Baptist, B. Baptist



10A. Ellsworth, Hardberger, Rogers, Whitaker



10B. Cochran, Barron, Ritz, Morton



11. W. Bickford, H. Bickford, Shoemaker



12. Moore, E. Moore, C. Moore, Buland, Buland



13. LaBrie, McCarty, ??



14A. ????



14B. ?, Edwards, ??



15. Klingensmith, Borden, Blue, Elder



16. Kolkman, Carr, Wilson, Welker



17A. ??, Housemother Wana-bee, ??



17B. Anderson, Elder, Johnson, Allen



18. Kruger, ?, Stapleton, ?

THE GAMMA PHI CENTENNIAL

Brothers:

Despite the fact that formal observance of our Chapter's Centennial now is still two years away, extensive planning efforts are well underway. Some of you already have volunteered, and many others will be recruited, to help us plan and present a series of meaningful activities and events to commemorate and celebrate this most significant milestone in our great fraternity's storied history.

We have reserved the magnificent Molly Shi Boren Ballroom at the Memorial Union of the University of Oklahoma for a gala dinner/dance on the evening of Saturday, October 20, 2007. Brother Richard Taylor ('71), Vice President of Walt Disney World Entertainment and Costumes, Orlando, FL, graciously has accepted our invitation to emcee this event. You should mark your calendars



Steve Barghols '73

now to reserve this important date.

We already have enlisted several brothers to assist us in researching and writing the history of our Chapter's first one hundred years. We intend to produce and publish, both electronically and in paper format, a comprehensive First Centennial History of Gamma Phi Chapter to document and preserve for posterity our Chapter's many accomplishments and its integral role in the history of our University and the State of Oklahoma. We are confident our work product will be enjoyed by all Gamma Phi alumni and their families, as well as future generations of O.U. Betas. Because this is a monumental undertaking, we welcome your participation in this endeavor.

As mentioned in the last edition of *Wooglin On Chautauqua*, Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. has been organized. Its purpose is the solicitation and collection of contributions for use in granting scholarships to members and

pledges of Gamma Phi Chapter. The Foundation is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and it is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. What better way do we have to celebrate the Centennial of Gamma Phi Chapter than to establish a significant number of permanent scholarships for the benefit of future members and pledges of our Chapter? More information will follow.

You will be hearing more about all of these initiatives in the months ahead. We hope you share our enthusiasm about the enormous potential of our preliminary plans. In the meantime, please consider how you can assist us in making our Centennial celebration everything it can and should be to commemorate our proud past and prepare for our promising future.

Steven L. Barghols '73
Gamma Phi Centennial Chairman

Corporation President's Report

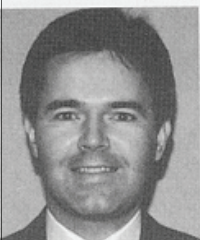
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Susie and Chris Graves were among the parents whose assistance made this project possible. Many thanks to all of them.

We must also recognize the enormous efforts of Curtis McCarty '92 in making the basement remodel a reality. As is true for nearly all our "facilities" matters, Brother McCarty (a Norman home-builder) spearheaded this project and volunteered countless hours in virtually every detail. We

couldn't have done it without Curtis.

Another important project was the reconstruction and refinishing of the chapter house front doors, which have stood for several decades. The doors now appear as



Zach Allen '85
Corporation President

new and should serve the Chapter well for more decades to come.

The front door restoration was made possible by generous contributions from many members of the Class of '93 (led by Blaine Matray) in memory of their pledge

brother, Jonathon Paley, who passed away in 1998 following a battle with leukemia. A plaque will be placed in the foyer beside the front doors in honor of Brother Paley's memory. Fred Turner '72 also deserves many thanks for his financial contribution for the doors and taking charge of this project.

Renovation of the women's bathroom on the ground floor was yet another significant job - also coordinated by Brother McCarty. The improvements include new ceramic floor tile, a granite countertop for the vanity, entirely new plumbing fixtures and new paint.

As mentioned in the story on page 15, the Chapter's 88-year-old baby grand Steinway piano was professionally restored at a cost of \$10,000. Many thanks to the Class of '58 and Pete Pierce '71 for their generous contributions to this important restoration project.

With all of these improvements, the Beta House is clearly the premier fraternity house at the University of Oklahoma and, I suspect, among the finest facilities in the nation. This is important not only in the interest of preserving our historic chapter house, but also assuring the fu-

ture of the Gamma Phi Chapter and its rich traditions.

As usual, these improvements were financed mostly with funds provided by our annual Beta Donors campaign. Thanks to all of you for making these improvements possible through your generous and continuing support of Gamma Phi.

Finally, we must recognize the many contributions - too numerous to mention - of everyone on our chapter advisory team. We are truly blessed to have so many outstanding alumni who selflessly volunteer their time and energy to Gamma Phi. I assure you, this depth and quality of advisory support is unique among OU fraternities - and among most chapters nationwide. Gamma Phi is widely admired and respected within both our University and General Fraternity for its standards of excellence in every phase. Make no mistake, this success story is due in no small part to the efforts of our advisors.

Zach Allen '85
Corporation President

OUR PIANO HAS BEEN RESTORED!

In our last *Wooglin On Chautauqua* newsletter, we described the serious restoration work needed for the Chapter's Steinway baby grand piano. We are delighted to report that, over the summer, the piano was fully restored by Albert Evans Piano Company of Oklahoma City.

The results of this restoration are magnificent. Most parts - too numerous to mention - were replaced with new Steinway components. The piano was entirely refinished in classic black lacquer. Literally, the piano is as good as new.

The first trial run of the newly restored piano occurred when the Chapter hosted a reunion dinner for the Class of 1961 on September 17. The Class hired a pianist for the event, and the piano performed beautifully. In fact, the pianist said she was particularly impressed with the piano's excellent sound (and surprised to find a piano of this quality in a fraternity house).

After learning of the piano's need for restoration in the spring, the Class of 1958, led by Phil Hart, rallied together and made a substantial gift from 22 donors toward the \$10,000 restoration cost. Millard Ingram '54 and Pete Pierce '71 also made generous gifts for the cause.



Many thanks to all of these donors for making the restoration possible and preserving this priceless Chapter heirloom for future generations.

Since our earlier story about the piano, we've learned a bit more about the piano's history. We mentioned that the piano was manufactured in 1917. Actually the piano was manufactured in 1918. It was originally sold and shipped on May 31, 1918 to J.W. Jenkins & Sons Music Co., a music publishing company in Kansas City (est. 1878). For a while, we were uncertain just how and when the piano came into the Chapter's possession. However, in subsequent research, our Chapter Archivist, Hank Ryan '72, uncovered a 1973 letter to the Chapter from Carl S. Ford (1919, #111). In his letter,

Brother Ford stated the following:

I was fortunate enough to be president of the Chapter in the Fall of 1918, and the Spring of 1919. At that time, we had about 30 or 35 members in the Chapter. At the same time, I was Steward, and we had a great deal of financial difficulty in meeting expenses. Our dues were very small. We had one man in the Chapter who was an unusually good piano player, and he wanted us to buy a Steinway. I made a deal to buy our groceries wholesale, and put the whole Chapter on a diet, and we ended up with a nice baby grand Steinway. I wonder if it is still in service.

With this additional piece of historical information, we now know that the Chapter acquired the piano during the 1918-19 school year. Brother Ford, we are happy to report that, 88 years later, your piano remains in service and will remain so for many years to come.

*Zach Allen '85
Corporation President*

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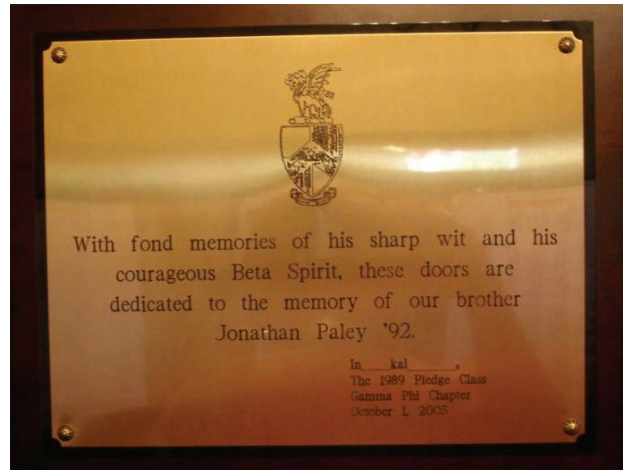
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