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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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FRENSLEY MEMORIAL 5K RUN



On April 3, 2005, we the men of Beta Theta Pi lost a dear friend and brother, Patrick James Frenley, to a tragic running accident. To honor the wonderful life of our fallen brother, the Gamma Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi inaugurated The Patrick James Frenley Memorial 5k Run (the "Frenley 5K") on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. Patrick was devoted to all aspects of his life; but especially to the great principles that form our brotherhood. He was befriended by all and loved by many. As many can attest to, two of Patrick's favorite pastimes were running and helping others. When the chapter began considering ways to honor their fallen brother, we quickly decided on a 5K run which would combine Patrick's passions and would be fitting to his



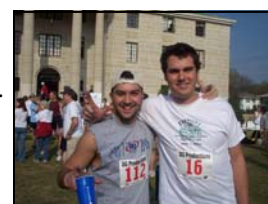
Patrick J. Frenley

growing legacy.

Mrs. Anne Frenley, who suffered a heart attack upon hearing the news of her son's passing, chose the American Heart Association as this year's partner with the Frenley 5K. All proceeds will be donated to this great association, which is bettering our world through scientific research and education. The American Heart Association is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. For more information on this great organization, please visit their website at www.americanheart.org.

I would personally like to thank all of the alumni and other donors who have shown support. With your help we have made the first year a tremendous success. Thank you again for giving us such wonderful alumni support.

Bryan Luff, Chairman
 2006 Frenley 5K



OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chapter President's Report



Brad Brown
Chapter President

Things could not be brighter for the men at 800 Chautauqua. Once again, we placed 1st overall out of 17 fraternities in grades this spring, reporting 198 grade reports with a chapter GPA of 3.118. Last fall, Gamma Phi placed 2nd in grades with a 3.07 chapter GPA. We are particularly proud that the number of men achieving a 4.0 semester GPA was 28 in the fall and 29 in the spring.

Without a doubt the biggest success of the spring semester was the 1st Annual *Frensley 5K*. This philanthropic event was created to honor our deceased brother, Patrick James Frensley, "of ever honored memory." The run took place on Mom's Day weekend. The chapter raised over \$10,000 benefiting the American Heart Association. With the tremendous success of this event we look forward to next year's run and watching the *Frensley 5K* grow to be one of the premiere philanthropy events on campus.

We recently received the President's Trophy for "Outstanding Campus Activities." This award goes to the chapter that has the most campus leaders and involvement with the university. Contributing to this award was our first place finish this fall in University Sing with the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma, our 2nd place Homecoming finish with the women of Tri-Delt, and our third place finish this

spring in Sooner Scandals with the women of Pi Beta Phi.

This summer many of our brothers are attending Beta Leadership Workshops across the nation. We are sending 17 members to convention. This has more than doubled last year's attendance. We are sending two brothers to The Institute for Men of Principle and one to the Beta Wilderness Challenge. These leadership opportunities are vital to ensure the development of future leaders of our chapter.

The rush team is beginning their work for this summer. Our rush team is lead by **Theo Coleman**, Rush Chair, along with **Lane Gibbs**, **John Gawey**, and **Jordan Carter**. Please send in your rush referrals and rush contributions ASAP. I have no doubt that this rush team will bring in the top pledge class on campus.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our alumni and parents for their continued support of our Chapter. It's your support that has placed Beta Theta Pi above all the rest on campus.

Brad Brown
President

Intramurals Chair's Report

The spring Intramural season was a successful one for the talented athletes of Beta. The young men worked rigorously to produce 90 points this semester and climb into third place. Our dominance continued as we qualified for playoffs in every sport including strong finishes in

Chapter Officers

President - Brad Brown
VP (internal) - Tyler Jennings
VP (external) - Michael Purcell
Secretary - Koby Harrington
Treasurer - Bryan Luff
Pledge Educator - Keith Henry
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Rush Secretary - Cory Christopherson
Philanthropy Chair - Chris Wood
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Scholarship Chair - Jakeb Coon
Social Chair - Jon McCartney
IFC/CAC Representative - Matt Long
Ritual Chair - Jeffrey Cartmell
Song Chair - Travis Storts
Intramural Chair - Jeff Vestring
Alumni Relations Chair - Clay Partridge

volleyball, water polo, basketball, as well as second place finishes in both soccer and passing league football. As we prepare for the end of the semester our softball teams aim to continue our strong showing in the season final softball tournaments. All the guys have been going out and enjoying themselves at the games and more importantly returning with victories. We are proud of all our teams strong finishes but hope to make a greater impact in intramurals next fall. I myself am excited about the endeavor and hope my competitive drive in combination with my managerial skills will improve our standing.

Jeff Vestring
Intramurals Chair

CHAPTER RECEIVES IFC OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Gamma Phi received the 2006 Outstanding Achievement Award at the annual Awards Luncheon in April. At left are Kelly Mercer, Brad Brown, Sue Overton, Brian Luff, Jon McCartney & Jef Cartmell.



Chapter Counselor's Report

Steve Sinos
Chapter Advisor

The 2005/2006 school year was another successful one for the men of 800 Chautauqua. Receiving numerous awards and recognition for their efforts, the Gamma Phi chapter continued its excellence. One of the major highlights of the year was the Frensley 5K, a philanthropic event named for Patrick, of ever honored memory. With this event, the men have achieved the long standing goal of developing a large, community-wide, annual philanthropy. In its inaugural year the Frensley 5K raised over \$10,000.

Grades remain a priority for the guys; they placed second in the fall and first this spring. This was the first year during which the Housing Corporation offered monetary assistance for tutors. Matt Allen has been working closely with the actives to ensure academic success.

The Knox Award application has been submitted, and the executive team is confident that this summer will bring another award home. In fact, the chapter was recently informed that it would be the focus chapter at this year's convention in Toronto, to be considered the model chapter of Beta Theta Pi throughout the nation.

Please email me at ssinos@bokf.com.

Steve Sinos '93
Chapter Counselor



Brad Brown was named a Big Man On Campus for 2005-2006. Above OU President David Boren presents the award to Brad.

BETA WINS GRADES

Official IFC Scholarship Rankings

Spring Semester 2006

	<u>Fraternity</u>	<u>Active Members & Pledges</u>	<u>Chapter GPA</u>
1	Beta Theta Pi	198	3.118
2	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	155	3.114
3	Delta Upsilon	100	3.057
4	Phi Kappa Psi	20	3.037
5	Phi Delta Theta	89	3.023
6	Sigma Phi Epsilon	169	2.989
7	Phi Gamma Delta	107	2.985
8	Lambda Chi Alpha	157	2.955
9	Pi Kappa Phi	66	2.954
10	Kappa Alpha	40	2.852

Fall Semester 2005

	<u>Fraternity</u>	<u>Active Members & Pledges</u>	<u>Chapter GPA</u>
1	Delta Upsilon	94	3.165
2	Beta Theta Pi	201	3.074
3	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	179	3.043
4	Phi Kappa Psi	19	3.030
5	Pi Kappa Phi	73	2.993
6	Sigma Phi Epsilon	171	2.992
7	Phi Delta Theta	83	2.951
8	Lambda Chi Alpha	165	2.948
9	Delta Tau Delta	72	2.779
10	Pi Kappa Alpha	49	2.768



This painting of the Beta House by Oklahoma artist Ray Heard was commissioned last year. It now hangs in the house.



Sue Overton
Housemother since Fall 1997



James Read (#1619), Neil Sisson (#1622), Mike Bickford (#1711), John Huff (#1670), Brad Hoopes (#1590), Gary Bond (#1582).

CONTINUING THE TRADITION

Eight Gamma Phi alumni attended their sons' initiation at 800 Chautauqua in January. The fathers and sons are as follows:

1493	Sam Allen	→	2721	Jody Allen
1582	Gary Bond	→	2715	Brian Bond
1590	Brad Hoopes	→	2723	Tom Hoopes
1619	James Read	→	2714	Harrison Read
1622	Neil Sisson	→	2711	Brady Sisson
1670	John Huff	→	2695	Jay Huff
1711	Mike Bickford	→	2689	Michael Bickford
1859	Mark Fisher	→	2693	Mark Fisher



Michael Bickford (#2689) & Mike Bickford (#1711)



Jay Huff (#2695) & John Huff (#1670)



Brian Bond (#2715) & Gary Bond (#1582)



Sam Allen (#1493), Jody Allen (#2721), Tom Allen (#578), Tom Hoopes (#2723), Brad Hoopes (#1590), Frank Thompson (#1506).



Dave Fisher (#1559), Steven Fisher (#2693) & Mark Fisher (#1859).

44 NEW MEMBERS INITIATED ON JANUARY 27, 2006



Roll	Name	Hometown	Roll	Name	Hometown
2685	Matthew Kemp Brown	Oklahoma City	2707	Matthew Kyle Hogg	Hobart
2686	Joe C. Howell	Ardmore	2708	Matthew Scott Beavers	Ardmore
2687	Clay Ross Partridge	Bedford, TX	2709	Tyler Austin Bolton	Wichita, KS
2688	Jeffrey Scott Vestring	Tulsa	2710	John Lloyd Blaylock	Dallas, TX
2689	Michael Beland Bickford	OKC	2711	Brady Neil Sisson	Ardmore
2690	Koby Clark Harrington	Lawton	2712	Tyler Jack Ledlow	Enid
2691	Dewey Follett Bartlett III	Tulsa	2713	Grayson Merrill Barnes	Tulsa
2692	Charles Ryan Johnson	Tulsa	2714	Harrison Bennett Read	Ardmore
2693	Steven Elliot Fisher	Perry	2715	Brian Gary Bond	Stillwater
2694	Addison Pierce Roberts	Tulsa	2716	Robert Michael Paton	Enid
2695	John Newton Huff IV	Edmond	2717	Drew Austin Jones	Mansfield, TX
2696	Lane Gaylord Gibbs	Sulphur	2718	Michael Ross Shepherd	Shawnee
2697	Cory James Christofferson	Edmond	2719	Trenton James McIlwraith	Edmond
2698	Philip Michael Schroedter	Tulsa	2720	Jeffrey Colin Cartmell	OKC
2699	John Stephen Gawey	Tulsa	2721	Joseph Vernard Allen	Sapulpa
2700	Garrett Joseph Krall	Colleyville, TX	2722	Jonathan Steele Hyatt	Piedmont
2701	Travis Michael Storts	Ardmore	2723	Thomas Venard Hoopes	Tulsa
2702	Jantz James Wald	Hobart	2724	Lowlan Joseph Breaux	Tulsa
2703	Olakunle Abidemi Ajanaku	Tulsa	2725	Jordan Christopher Carter	Sulphur
2704	Bradley John Scoggin	Pauls Valley	2726	Blake Cavner Caldwell	Rowlett, TX
2705	Eric Lee Combs	Shawnee	2727	Joshua James Webb	Edmond
2706	Joshua Mel Leffler	Velma-Alma	2728	Allen Gerald Anderson	Muskogee

2005 BETA BARBECUE

OCTOBER 1, 2005



Alan Synar (#1615) explains that "back in my day ..."



Connie & Ken Schuerman (#1233)



Robert Beall (#1713) & Fallis Beall (#803)



Chris Pierce (#1518) & Vanessa Pierce



Joy & Jerry Richardson (#1089)



Steve Jordan (#1655) & Larry LeBarre (#1661)



Carol & Elden Hoffman (#1379)



Fred Turner (#1405) & Scott Rayburn (#1483)



Nick Anderson (#1401)



Rick Coe (son of Charlie Coe, #584) & Jerry Kelley (#1491)



Pauline & Lindy Rahhal (#1993)



Bryson Varner (#2400), Matt Allen (#2367), Mike Elder (#2368), Nick Anderson (#2403), Zach Anderson (#2315), Ilena Varner (& Brody Jack Varner in carrier)



Mark Fisher (#1859) & family



Blaine Matray (#2113) & Mason Matray



Grayson Barnes (#2713), Jay Huff (#2695), John Huff (#1670), Helene Huff, Taylor Huff

Rush Advisor's Report**THE RUSH GOES ON — ALUMNI SUPPORT NEEDED NOW FOR 2006 BETA RUSH!*****2006 Rush Team Ready To Begin Summer Rush***

Matt Clouse '01
Rush Advisor

"So, how much has summer rush changed since I was in the house?" This question is often asked, and the answer is that many things have changed, and many are continuing to change, but the most important things remain the same. The things that have not changed since summer rush first started at OU are the need for quality rush chairmen who share the historic ideas and values of the Gamma Phi Chap-

ter, and the need for broad-based alumni support through both active participation in the summer rush process, as well as critical financial assistance.

The chapter has taken the first step toward a successful rush in 2006 by electing another outstanding Rush Team: Head Rush Chairman Theo Coleman (Carrollton Creekview '08); Assistant Rush Chairmen Jordan Carter (Kingston '09), John Gawey (Tulsa '09) and Lane Gibbs (Madill '09); and Rush Secretary Cory Christofferson (Edmond '09). The chapter's alumni advisory team for rush is also changing this year. Matt Clouse '01, who served as a rush chairman in 1999, is taking over as the new Chapter Rush Advisor for Rob Robertson '84, who has held the position the last several years. Brother Robertson will continue to assist Brother Clouse this summer, and alumni with referrals, rush contributions or an interest in supporting Beta Rush activities this summer, should feel free to contact either Matt Clouse (mclouse@vbank.com; 405.286.5720), or Rob Robertson (rrobertson@gablelaw.com; 405.235.5558).

Each year presents new challenges for the active members and alumni who support Gamma Phi's rush program. In May 2005, the rules regarding summer rush were changed to effectively prohibit any rush function where more than five rushees were present, unless the event was pre-registered with the IFC and alumni were in

attendance. Gamma Phi's alumni responded enthusiastically to the call for help, and the Betas were able to host 16 rush functions in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Norman, Ardmore, Edmond and Colleyville, Texas. These events allowed last year's rush team to get their foot in the door early and often, and were one of the keys to signing another outstanding pledge class in the fall of 2005. This year, the rush team's goal is to have the opportunity to hold 20 alumni-hosted functions between the official start of summer rush on June 1, 2006, and the conclusion of summer rush in mid-August 2006. This translates into hosting at least two alumni events each week during the approximate 10-week period of summer rush, so many alumni volunteers will be needed.

Changes in the format of summer rush have also required extraordinary efforts on the part of the rush chairmen, and a corresponding increase in the financial costs of competing in rush. The contact limitations imposed by IFC outside of the pre-registered, alumni-hosted functions, require extensively greater travel on the part of the entire rush team, as well as for other active members who participate in the summer rush effort. Additionally, with a steady increase in the number of highly qualified rushees coming to OU from out-of-state, the chapter's rush efforts can no longer focus solely on Oklahoma. For years, our rush chairmen have been required to not only recruit the major metropolitan areas in Oklahoma, but also continue to recruit the smaller Oklahoma cities and towns, which have consistently sent quality young men to the Beta House at OU. In recent years, Texas has been added to the mix for summer rush, and the chapter must become more active "south of the border" to compete with the other top fraternities. Each year has seen an increase in enrollment of Texas freshmen at OU, and each year more and more Gamma Phi legacies return from Texas to attend OU. The chapter held its first "official" rush party in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in 2005, and the rush team hopes to add a rush function in the Houston area to the list in 2006.

To continue to build on successful rush efforts of the past several years, this year's

rush team needs three things, which can be considered the "holy trinity" for supporting a successful rush program at OU: (1) **referrals** of qualified young men who may be participating in fraternity rush in 2006 (please include, *at minimum*, name, high school, telephone number, high school GPA and ACT/SAT score); (2) **financial contributions** to fund the many expenses associated with rush, which begin with phone bills in the early spring and end with new pledge t-shirts handed out on bid night in late August; and (3) **volunteers** to sponsor alumni-hosted events during the summer.

Most alumni understand the necessity for referrals and financial contributions, both of which are desperately needed and greatly appreciated. The need for alumni volunteers to regularly participate in summer rush is relatively new. Alumni-hosted functions are certainly not new to rush. However, in years past they were fairly limited in number, and the rush team was free to hold rush functions (many impromptu) without alumni participation. With the recent changes to IFC's rush guidelines, pre-registered alumni-hosted functions are essentially the only way the rush team can meet with more than five rushees at one time. Considering that nearly 1,000 young men go through rush each year at OU, it would be impossible for the rush team to meet, much less get to know, even a fraction of the rushees without the benefit of alumni-hosted barbecues.

"So, what is involved in hosting a summer rush function?" If you are under the impression that alumni-hosted rush functions resemble the infamous Toga Party scene in *Animal House*, or the "house party" scene in *Old School*, your perception could not be further from the truth. First, the IFC rules prevent any females from attending; second, the IFC rules strictly prohibit the service of alcohol; and, third, the rushees usually do not wear togas or streak through the neighborhood at the end of the night. These are typically casual "backyard" or "poolside" events that take place on an evening selected by the host, usually between Wednesday and Saturday. The functions typically start early, around

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LOOKING BACK

100 years ago (Spring 1906) – Gamma Phi's Chester Dutton, Roy Kingkade, Bob Severin and Clarence Storm had roles in the May Festival production of "The Girl I Left Behind".

75 years ago (Spring 1931) – Mrs. Ned Miller served as Hostess. Preston W. Jones served as Chapter President. Alvan Muldrow won the Dad's Day award as the best all-around male student. Eighteen new members were initiated on March 28, 1931.

50 years ago (Spring 1956) – Mrs. W. P. Vick served as Housemother. Frank Mitchell served as Chapter President. Thirty-three new members were initiated on April 8, 1956.

25 years ago (Spring 1981) – Oklahoma Sain served as Housemother. Forty new members were initiated on March 22, 1981.

MYSTIC SHRINE

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

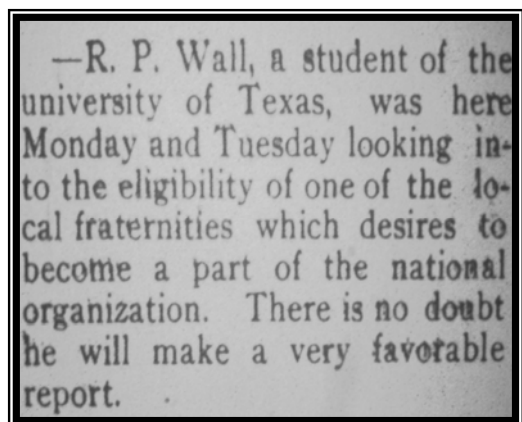
Roll	Grad	Name	Date of Death
365	1933	Loy Everett Harris, Jr.	11/12/2004
397	1937	Louis Vinson Stuart	4/5/2006
644	1948	Robert S. Smith, Jr.	12/24/2004
704	1951	James Frederick Snyder	8/15/2005
738	1953	Albert Lyman Welsh II	1/24/2006
1105	1961	James Lynde Sneed	11/10/2005
1180	1966	Steven Kent Sloan	11/24/2005
1275	1968	James Bryant Turpen, Jr.	4/12/2006
1463	1973	Matthew Odell Brown III	4/7/2006

FRATERNAL FIFTIES - 2006

The following Gamma Phi members were initiated in 1956.

Roll	Name	City
933	Bernard A. Bridgewater	St. Louis, MO
934	Albert L. Mullikin	(lost)
935	Robert F. Bell	Portland, OR
936	Robert V. Clapp	Dallas, TX
937	Benton C. Clark III	Littleton, CO
938	Jared E. Hazelton	Denton, TX
939	Philip W. Kyle	Tulsa
940	James W. White	Colorado Springs, CO
941	Robert L. Casey	Seattle, WA
942	G. William Athey	Enid
943	Virgil B. Medlock	Dallas, TX
944	Robert L. Schwenck	Dana Point, CA
945	O. Brent Berlin	Shreveport, LA
946	George C. Quincy	New York, NY
947	John L. Gibson II	(lost)
948	E. Neil Stanfield	OKC
949	T. Joseph Semrod	Naples, FL
950	M. Haskell Newman, Jr.	Ann Arbor, MI
951	Owen D. Wilson	Enid
952	E. Gordon King	(lost)
953	Bryan E. Gillespie	(deceased)
954	Robert P. Osborne	Colorado Springs, CO
955	Grover C. Ozmun III	Norman
956	Wilburn P. Law	(lost)
957	John F. Griffith	(lost)
958	Ronald W. Fore	Ardmore
959	Don Cies	Norman
960	Steven B. Cathey	(deceased)
961	James R. Oliver	(lost)
962	Thomas E. Emerson, Jr.	(lost)
963	Samuel E. Wilson	(lost)
964	Joe L. Bell	Virginia Beach, VA
965	E. Ray Downs	Enid
966	Edward A. Luke	Ardmore
967	Richard L. Boone	Tulsa
968	Paul A. Bering	Torrance, CA
969	Carl R. Mathews	(lost)

Norman Transcript March 29, 1906



This is probably Dick Wall, *Texas '07*. Gamma Phi's application for a Beta Theta Pi charter in 1906 was not granted.

CENTENNIAL PREPARATIONS

Steve Barghols is chairing the Centennial Committee. If you would like to participate in Centennial preparations, including providing chapter history information, please contact Steve. He can be reached at 15th Floor, One Leadership Square, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, sbarghols@gablelaw.com, 405/235-5567.

Hank Ryan is working on putting the chapter archives online. **To view the archives go to www.oubeta.net and click on the crest.** Hank can be reached at 823 S. Flood Ave., Norman, OK 73069-4502, hank@hgryan.com.

2005 DONOR PARTY

BLAINE MATRAY SELECTED AS 2005 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS!



Blaine Matray '93, was recognized at the 2005 Donor Party as Gamma Phi's 2005 Alumnus of the Year. Blaine's tireless work and dedication as Chapter Advisor set a worthy example for the actives and alumni of Gamma Phi.

KENDALL MOORE RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING FALL 2004 PLEDGE!



Housing Corporation President Zach Allen '85 presents Kendall Moore '09 with a Beta ring commemorating his selection as the Ralph Gordon Thompson Memorial Award winner as the Outstanding Pledge in the fall 2004 pledge class.



Jim Warram (#896), Brian Luff (#2661) & Kendall Moore (#2636)



Mark Luff (#1466) & Jim Gotwals (#1417)



John Moore (#1441), Marc Nuttle (#1384) & Jim Bailey (#1403)



Robert Beall (#1713) & Pete Pierce (#1375)



Zach Allen (#1873), Lisa Allen, Marc Nuttle (#1384), Bob Klabzuba (#1380), Ann Nuttle, Ruth Klabzuba

Centennial Chairman's Report

Planning continues as we prepare to commemorate and celebrate the centennial anniversary of our great Beta chapter's founding in 1907.

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) will serve as our master of ceremonies for this historic event. I understand that some pledge classes are making their own individual plans to schedule reunions during this special weekend.

Several brothers already are engaged in



Steve Barghols '73
Centennial Chair

researching and writing our Chapter's history. We hope that each "era" will be represented in a comprehensive compendium chronicling our Chapter's first one hundred years. We envision a compilation of the history of each two-three year period of our Chapter's history detailing the individual accomplishments of Chapter members at O.U. (e.g. campus leadership positions, honors, recognition, etc.), Chapter activities and awards (e.g. scholarship and intramurals), as well as narrative accounts of the social and cultural activities, events and occurrences of that particular time (e.g. theme parties, memorable occasions, notable visitors, etc.). If you have not already been contacted regarding this initiative and have any interest in participating in this project, please contact me at the below e-

mail address or telephone number. Our goal is to produce and publish a meaningful First Centennial History of Gamma Phi Chapter that will be consulted and enjoyed both by current alumni and their families as well as future generations of O.U. Betas. Your participation is invited.

Please read James Elder's column about Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. and our ambitious goals to establish and fund a Centennial scholarship program. As we commemorate and celebrate our proud past, we are planning and preparing for our promising future.

Please feel free to contact me at sbarghols@gablelaw.com or at (405) 235-5567.

Steven L. Barghols '73
Gamma Phi Centennial Chairman

Foundation President's Report

Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. was incorporated in 2005. It is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and all contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships which may be awarded to recognize outstanding academic achievement and/or exemplary leadership or to address financial need.

Foundation goals include establishment of an endowed base for all scholarships. Presently, the Patrick James Frensley Memorial Scholarship is endowed, and both the Class of 1959 and the Class of 1961 have commenced efforts to endow scholarships in the names of their respective classes. However, whether

contributing to a proposed endowed scholarship or not, every dollar is important, because general contributions will be used for "Gamma Phi Scholarships," as determined by the scholarship selection process. We also very much encourage non-Betas, such as parents, friends, surviving spouses and children and others to make contributions in honor of or in memory of a member of Gamma Phi. Think about it - the establishment of a permanent base of financial assistance for members and pledges of the Chapter will provide lasting mutual assistance to those who follow.

Yours in _ kai _,
James C. Elder '69

Foundation Officers

James Elder '69 - President
Fallis Beall '55 - Vice President
Fred Turner '72 - Vice President
Michael Bickford '80 - Secretary
Bill Sherman '74 - Treasurer

Foundation Directors

Tom McCasland, Jr. '56
Hank Ryan '72
John Huff '79
Robert Beall '80
Zach Allen '85

Rush Advisor's Report

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6:30 p.m., and are generally over by 9:00 p.m. The host usually serves something simple, like burgers or barbeque, although some of our alums have used catering services. Attendees include 20 to 30 rushees who live in the host's area, the rush team and a few other active members, and any other alumni the host chooses to invite. These functions offer a chance for the young men to meet and greet, and allow the rush team to interface with many more young men than they could otherwise. They also can be a good excuse for alums to get together with their Beta friends and

re-live the "good ol' days" at 800 Chautauqua. If you think you might be interested in supporting rush by hosting a function this summer, please contact Matt Clouse or Rob Robertson as soon as possible.

(Editorial Note: Apologies to Andy Bishop and Donnie Hughes for not listing them as contributors to the 2005 Rush Campaign. Despite the oversight, Brother Hughes was the first to contribute to the 2006 Rush Campaign. If any other names of Rush Donors were inadvertently omitted from last year's list, your former Chapter Rush Advisor sincerely apologizes for the mistake.)

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

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(405) 286-5799 (fax)

Matt Clouse '01
Rush Advisor



The Oklahoma Alumni Club of Beta Theta Pi

The Band of Beta Brothers was organized in Fall 2003 by Doc Jordan (*Oklahoma '53*), Bert Belanger (*Oklahoma State '79*) and Tony Bumpas (*Oklahoma '76*), as a means for all Beta alumni living in Oklahoma to meet, reminisce and receive updates of current developments in the General Fraternity and the two Oklahoma chapters. The Regional Director, District Chief and actives from the two Oklahoma chapters are available to provide information and answer questions. For information on the next meeting please contact

Doc Jordan docjordan@aol.com

Tony Bumpas tbumpas@netzero.net

The Bottom Line on what you can do to support Beta Rush in 2006:

- Please send your **Beta Rush Referrals** (preferably by e-mail, and preferably *before May 26, 2006*) to both our new Chapter Rush Advisor, Matt Clouse (mclouse@vbank.com), and to Rob Robertson (rrobertson@gablelaw.com). Remember to include, at minimum, rushee name, high school, address, phone number, GPA and ACT/SAT.
- Please send your **Beta Rush Financial Contributions (\$\$\$\$)** to:
Beta Theta Pi
Two Leadership Square, 14th Floor
211 N. Robinson
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
- Please volunteer to **host a Beta Rush Summer Function**. Even if you are not ready to commit to a date, or you are just curious to learn what is involved in hosting an event, please e-mail or call Matt Clouse (405.286.5720) or Rob Robertson (405.235.5558) as soon as possible. It really requires less effort than you may think, and it is always a rewarding experience for the host and other alumni who attend.



Tony Bumpas (#1588), Lee B. Thompson (#762), Ralph Thompson (#850) and Doc Jordan (#754) at the Band of Beta Brothers luncheon in Oklahoma City on May 11, 2006.

Who is this guy?



Can you identify the person in this picture from Lee B. Thompson's scrapbook? We believe the picture was taken around 1920, and we think it may be Quesney Dibrelle (QD) Gibbs (#127) who practiced law in Okmulgee for several years.

Corporation President's Report

As the spring semester draws to a close, we have wrapped up our 22nd Beta Donors campaign with great success. No less than **335** donors contributed **\$53,435** to the cause of preserving 800 Chautauqua. This is a tremendous testament for our alumni support as we near Gamma Phi's 100th anniversary as a Beta chapter. Many thanks to all of you.

The Class of 58 captured the honor of having the most Donors, with 17. The Classes of 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 78, 79, 82 and 85 also had outstanding levels of participation with each having at least 10 donors. Additionally, Brothers **John Orr '34**, **William Obering '57**, **Dan Moody '69**, **Rich Talley '74** and **Kevin Foxx '78** deserve special recognition for their generous gifts of \$1,000 each. Certainly, we are sincerely grateful to each and every one of our Donors for their support.

Of course, Donor funds are used to finance improvements and repairs to the Beta house. As usual, there are many needs in this regard, and we're presently assembling our summer project list. Candidates include installation of a flame grill in the kitchen, resurfacing the parking lot, repairing the back limestone façade, resurfacing the basketball court, expanding the exterior lighting, repainting the upstairs hallways and doors, replacement of the remaining old flat steel room doors with paneled steel doors, repainting the north and south fire escapes, repairing and painting the portico ceiling, repainting the exterior window frames and mullions and repairing leaks in the backside guttering. I'm sure we'll find a few others to add to the list.

None of these are particularly flashy, but they all need to be done. Thanks to our generous Beta Donors, we can afford to perform most of them. In fact, since its inception, the Donors program should be credited with nearly all of the countless major improvements and repairs which have been made year after year. Make no mistake, the effect of these improvements has been extraordinary. 800 Chautauqua is truly one of the premier fraternity facilities in the nation, a fact in which we can take great pride.

As for the Chapter itself, its status and outlook remain bright. On the OU campus, Beta is the unquestioned leader. At this summer's Beta Theta Pi General Con-

vention in Toronto, Gamma Phi will be profiled as a model Beta chapter. The Chapter also hopes to bring home Knox and Sisson awards, as it did in 2005.

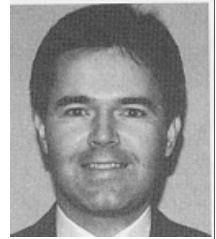
This year brings many important changes to our alumni advisory team. After several years of excellent service as Scholarship Advisor and Chapter Advisor, **Blaine Matray '93** has passed the torch, with our warmest thanks for his tireless assistance. Former two-time chapter president, **Steven Sinos '04**, has succeeded Brother Matray as Chapter Advisor. **Matt Clouse '01**, the Chapter's 1999 Rush Chairman, has assumed the role of Rush Advisor. He will share this position with **Rob Robertson '84** this year and take over thereafter. Brother Robertson, after superbly handling the Rush Advisor job since 2003, will accept the role of Pledge Education Advisor this fall. Kudos and thanks to **Steve Barghols '73** for his yeoman work in this position over the past several years. Brother Barghols is now Chairman of our Centennial Committee. **Scott Dolina '03** has become the Chapter's new Risk Management Advisor. Additionally, **Scott Hofmann '04** is the newest addition to the Chapter's assistant advisor roster. Finally, I also should mention that **James Elder '69** will continue his legendary assistance to the Chapter as the first President of the Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma.

Other alumni advisors will continue their many years of invaluable assistance to Gamma Phi. I can't say enough about the contributions from our Financial Advisor, **Bill Sherman '74**. Handling the financial affairs of one of the largest fraternities in the nation is no easy task, and we are deeply indebted to him for his indispensable service. In the "bricks and mortar" department, **Fred Turner '72** and **Curtis McCarty '92** remain our "go to" guys on all facilities matters. Believe me, this is an enormous job for a 77 year old fraternity house with 70-something residents. We simply couldn't get by without Brother Turner's and Brother McCarty's help, and they deserve much of the credit for the Beta house's presently outstanding condition. As Scholarship Advisor, **Matt Allen '02** continues his crucial work in assuring that academic excellence remains the bedrock of Gamma Phi tradition. Last but not least, **Hank Ryan '72** provides his impor-

tant multi-faceted assistance by taking charge of Chapter's priceless archives materials, handling the Chapters Internet and other information technology needs, maintaining our alumni database and serving as editor of our *Wooglin on Chautauqua* newsletter. Of course, we are also grateful for the broad contributions from our other members of the Corporation Board of Trustees.

The depth, quality and scope of our alumni advisors are unrivaled among OU fraternities, and I suspect this is true with respect to nearly all other fraternities nationwide. Gamma Phi's enviable record and standard of excellence are products of the devotion of our past and present advisors, and the countless other alumni who perennially offer their support for the Chapter. As Gamma Phi approaches its centennial year, the storied tradition of Beta at OU remains secure.

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Corporation President



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1963

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Don Copeland

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1968

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Don Cogman

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Larry C. Houchin *

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John G. Moore

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1973

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Stan Defehr

Mark Harris *

David R. Hicks *

P. Jack Hoopes

Mark R. Luff

Kenneth Lisle

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1974

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Jerry E. Kelly

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1975

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Gary Bond

Mark Curnutte

Craig B. Felber

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Brad Hoopes

Mark Lisle

G. Dean Luthy, Jr.

James McIntyre

Jack E. Rayburn, Jr.

1977

Richard L. Campbell

Kim R. Hauger *

Donald P. Maxwell, Jr.

Mike Mordy

James Read

Kim Shoemake

Neil Sisson

C. Rieger Wood III *

1978

Richard Cape **

Donnie M. Hughes

Steven C. Jordan

Brad Kemp

Warren Kruger

Larry LeBarre *

John Munger

Jeff Niemeyer

David E. Rainbolt

Thomas S. Stapleton

Gregory Wallace

1979

Brent Barton *

Dewey W. Chambers

Lorenzo T. Collins

Kevin Foxx ***

Richard C. Greer

John Huff

Mark Johnston

John S. Klabzuba

Richard T. Lane

Robert N. Naifeh, Jr.

Stephen Newcombe

1980

Robert S. Beall *

Mike Bickford

Jesse Leeds *

Jeff Scott

Adam Wagner **

1981

Phillip L. Bowden II

Vance Brown

Robert Dobson

T. H. McCasland III

Gerald K. Greer

Kyle C. Powell

Kevin Redwine

1982

Bradford Boone *

John E. Campbell, Jr.

Bret Chandler **

Dean Edzards

Bennett Fuller

Cary Gathright

James Hicks

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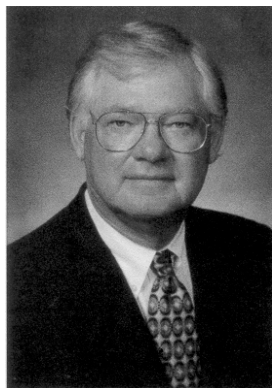
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Cyril Anthony (Cy)
Wagner, Jr. (#886)
was a member of the
1952 fall pledge class.

Gamma Phi Brothers Tony Calvert and Cy Wagner were presented honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees at the University of Oklahoma commencement ceremonies on May 10, 2006. During the presentation OU President David Boren remarked that Tony Calvert had operated a laundry service in the Beta house while he was in school.



Horace Kellogg
(Tony) Calvert (#391)
was a member of the
1933 fall pledge class.
He served as President
of the chapter for the
fall semester of 1937.

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