

# WOOGLIN ON CHAUTAUQUA

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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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## 17 ACTIVES ATTEND 167<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO



Gamma Phi won several distinguished awards at Beta's 167th General Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada this past July. The Chapter's accomplishments included winning the John Reily Knox Chapter Excellence award, the Francis H. Sisson Award, Campus Involvement Award and the Virginia Tech Award (for academics).

Gamma Phi was one of 10 chapters to earn the John Reily Knox Chapter Excellence Award out of 122 chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada. The Knox Award is the highest award a chapter can achieve. The award is based on meeting 19 Sisson award criteria plus 14 additional requirements in leadership, scholarship and community service. This is Gamma Phi's fourth Knox Award and its 10th Sisson Award.

The Virginia Tech Award honors chapters that place first in grades among the fraternities on campus for one semester or quarter during the year. It also recognizes the highest GPA and most improved chapters.

## Chapter Officers

**President** - Brad Brown  
**VP (internal)** - Tyler Jennings  
**VP (external)** - Michael Purcell  
**Secretary** - Koby Harrington  
**Treasurer** - Bryan Luff  
**Pledge Educator** - Keith Henry  
**Rush Chair** - Theo Coleman  
**Rush Secretary** - Cory Christopherson  
**Philanthropy Chair** - Chris Wood  
**House Manager** - Matt Brown  
**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

### Chapter President's Report

This semester is flying by; as we are now well over halfway through it. For the men of 800 Chautauqua it has been an extremely fun and busy fall semester. After a great OU v. Texas weekend (Except for the game!), we have been going non-stop on campus. We recently finished Homecoming Week with the



Brad Brown  
Chapter President

beautiful women of Alpha Chi Omega. We placed in several of the events during that week. Many of our pledges are currently participating with the gorgeous women of Kappa Alpha Theta in University Sing. This event will

take place over Dad's Weekend, and be sure to get your tickets early. All the brothers have begun talking about Barn Dance as it quickly approaches. Barn Dance will be held the week before Thanksgiving.

I could not be more proud of our new pledge class. These men were highly sought after and recruited extensively during summer/fall rush. This diverse group of young men boasts several National Merits, all-state athletes, and community leaders. I am easily able to say that these young men will make this chapter very proud in the years to come, holding fast to our founding principles.

I would also like to announce the creation of the "Pledge Scholarship Program." This program has been designed for the "cultivation of the intellect," of our pledge class. Tutoring reimburse-

ment, academic scholarships, and a new computer area in our study hall have been direct results of this new program for pledges.

Special thanks to our 2006 Donors, Alumni Advisers, and the Beta Parents Club. Your continued support of our chapter has provided for our current success and has ensured the success of our future. Thank you!

*Brad Brown, '07  
President, Gamma Phi Chapter*



### "MOM OVERTON SAYS ..."

The past summer was full of exciting events. First of all I traveled to Colorado for my annual visit with my husband's family. We always meet in Pagosa Springs for a week of relaxing, sight-seeing, fishing, and enjoying the time together with family.

From Colorado, I flew to Toronto, Canada, for the Beta Theta Pi National Convention. The first evening of the Conven-

tion, I attended the reception and had the opportunity to visit with several of the national officers whom we had entertained at the Beta House in 2005. At the evening banquets, I enjoyed dining with our members who attended. We were thrilled to have 17 of our young men at the Conven-

tion.

As this was my first visit to Canada, I took advantage of several tours and saw many wonderful sights. Niagara Falls was a breath-taking view, and all the fascinating places triggered a desire to learn more of the history. Our hotel was right by the largest mall in the world, so naturally, I had to frequent the wonderful restaurants and shops.

This was a remarkable experience for me, and I sincerely appreciate the Board's generosity in allowing me to take this trip.

Our annual Beta BBQ was a great success this year with lots of alums coming back to see old friends and sharing stories from the past. As usual, the food from the Rib Crib was delicious.

We are all very proud of our University Sing cast. After months of hard work and sacrifices, they placed second in the show, had a great time doing it, and formed many new friendships with the girls from Theta, which will last a lifetime.

Family Weekend, formerly known as Dad's Day, was a huge success. We had a great turn-out at the Friday night gathering at the Vista. Getting to know each other's families and watching the exciting football games on TV provided an evening full of entertainment. On Saturday, we had an

overflowing crowd at the Beta House. The scheduling of the game for nighttime caused our annual steak dinner to be served at lunch. The silent auction was bigger and better than ever, and the Parents' Club appreciates all the beautiful baskets that were donated. The caterer for the event was Hammett House Restaurant in Claremore, OK.

What time is it? It's pert near Barn Dance Time! Yee Haw!! Yes, our yard is teeming with goats, roosters, hay, cowboys and cowgirls! The traditional fires have been limited by the fire marshall, but we're still enjoying roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. The s'mores are great with hot chocolate and hot apple cider.

In spite of all these activities, the boys are finding time to work hard on their classes, and we hope for a high GPA.

We enjoyed hosting reunions this last year. The class of 1956 celebrated their 50th reunion.

We are looking forward to a year filled with successes. You're always welcome at the Beta House.

*Mom Overton*



Sue Overton  
Gamma Phi Housemother  
since Fall 1997

## FALL 2006 PLEDGE CLASS



### Fifty-six Pledges

- Forty-seven from Oklahoma
- Four from Texas
- Two from Missouri
- One from Kansas
- One from North Carolina
- One from Arkansas



- One National Merit Scholar
- Fourteen University or Regent Scholars
- Seven members of the President's Leadership Class
- Three valedictorians/salutatorians
- Five all-state athletes.
- Nineteen members with Beta relatives.

Name	Hometown	Name	Hometown	Name	Hometown
Michael Athey*	Enid	TJ Hutchings	Oklahoma City	Joshua Prentice	Owasso
Chase Aubrey*	Lawton	Zach Jones*	Fort Smith, AR	William Prueitt	Tulsa
Jake Baldwin	Tulsa	Spencer Kinzie*	Tulsa	Colton Roberts*	Tulsa
Jon Barr*	Norman	Brian Knotts	Colleyville, TX	James Simpson*	Charlotte, NC
Blake Belanger*	Oklahoma City	Thomas Lane*	Oklahoma City	Seellan Sivaneson	Edmond
Steven Berkclacy	Tulsa	John Langdon*	Tulsa	Ross Skinner	McKinney, TX
Andy Broussard	Edmond	Cory Lloyd	Edmond	Tyner Staggs*	Sulphur
Ryan Buck	Bedford, TX	Mike Mandeville*	Tulsa	Graham Steely	Katy, TX
Brad Cantrell	Springfield, MO	David Martens*	Madill	Dylan Sullivan	Norman
Chris Chase	Springfield, MO	John McCarter*	Mission Woods, KS	Alex Swartz	Sulphur
Ryan Copley	Tahlequah	Scott McGowen	Ardmore	James Tate	Broken Arrow
Kyle Dahlgren*	Edmond	Matt Moellers	Tulsa	Dustin Taylor	Elk City
Travis Dennis	Norman	Adam Moore*	Edmond	Gray Thomas	Edmond
Greg Dunlevy*	Edmond	Reid Mosley	Yukon	Todd Tyler	Tulsa
Ronald Elkin*	Norman	Carter Nichols	Ardmore	Tyler Webb	Oklahoma City
Preston Gunkle	Altus	Tyler Nunley	Marlow	David Welk	Broken Arrow
Sean Harrison	Oklahoma City	Phillip Pappas	Houston, TX	Gareth Williams	Norman
Connor Hollis	Sulphur	Drew Powell*	Okmulgee	Alex Wolfe	Tulsa
Mark Hornbeek	Oklahoma City	Chad Preble	Norman		

\* Legacy



### Corporation President's Report

Thanks to all of you who have generously contributed to the 2006-07 Beta Donors campaign. Thus far, at least 260 friends and alumni have participated in our campaign with total gifts of approximately \$50,000. As we enter Gamma Phi's centennial year, we are on record pace! Even so, the campaign will continue for a couple more months. If you would like to participate, please do so.

Of course, gifts to our Beta Donors program are used to finance capital improvements and major repairs to the chapter house. Maintaining the Beta house as a first class facility is critical to insuring Gamma Phi's future success. Since its inception in 1983, the Beta Donors Program has funded countless major improvements to the house. Today - thanks to our Beta Donors - the Beta house represents one of the finest fraternity house facilities in the nation.

As impressive as the house may be, there is still work to be done. Our improvement and repair needs include the following:

- Various work remains to be done in our continuing efforts to replace, up-

*grade and modernize the house's extensive heat and air system.*

- *The copper guttering around the west side of the roof of the House needs to be replaced and leaks in other parts of the guttering need to be repaired. These repairs are essential to protect the limestone facade of the House.*
- *The west limestone facade has suffered significant deterioration, which needs repair.*
- *The parking lot surface is in bad shape and needs complete replacement.*
- *The basketball court is in poor condition. There are several substantial cracks, and the surface is not completely level. The surface must either be replaced or topped off with a new layer of concrete.*
- *The clay tile roof needs repair in multiple places.*
- *Increasing senior and junior residency is a key goal. Toward that end, various improvements and upgrades to traditionally upperclassman rooms need to be done.*

Our goal is to complete these remaining

items by this fall's centennial celebration.

With your support, we can meet that goal.

Please offer your support for preservation of 800 Chautauqua and Gamma Phi's traditions by contributing to the 2006-2007 Beta Donor campaign. You may mail your gift to:

**Beta Theta Pi**  
**Two Leadership Square, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**211 N. Robinson**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73120**

Every dollar counts. If you are able to do so, please consider a contribution of \$200.00 or more. In any event, it is very important for everyone to participate, regardless of the amount of his contribution. Thank you for your support of Gamma Phi.

Zach Allen '85  
 Corporation President



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 Corporation President



### Official IFC Scholarship Rankings Spring Semester 2006

	Fraternity	Active Members & Pledges	Chapter GPA
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

### MATT CLOUSE ELECTED TO CORPORATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Beta Corporation is pleased to announce that Matt Clouse '01 was elected to its board of trustees at its fall meeting. Originally from Grove, Oklahoma, Matt was an outstanding leader for Gamma Phi as an active, and was head Rush Chairman for the Chapter in 1999. Since graduating, Matt has been an alumni advisor to the Chapter and

assumed the important role of Rush Advisor in 2006. Matt is a Vice President and commercial loan officer for Valliance Bank in Oklahoma City. He and his wife, Anne, live in Norman.

Clouse succeeds Mike LaBrie '90, who has stepped down after several years of outstanding service to the board. Many thanks to Brother LaBrie.

### Corporation Officers

Zach Allen '85 - President  
 Fallis Beall '55 - Vice President  
 Tom McCasland, Jr. '56 - Vice President  
 Fred Turner '72 - Vice President  
 Curtis McCarty '92 - Vice President  
 Harbour Whitaker '73 - Secretary  
 Bill Sherman '74 - Treasurer

### Corporation Members

Grover Ozmun '59  
 James Elder '69  
 Hank Ryan '72  
 Steve Barghols '73  
 Robert Beall '80  
 Michael Bickford '80  
 John Hillis '82  
 Rob Robertson '84  
 Don Andrews '86  
 Dave Hughes '87  
 Brett Robinson '87  
 Michael Hall '88  
 Todd Booze '90  
 Matt Clouse '01

### Rush Advisor's Report

Dear Brothers:

The Gamma Phi Chapter offers each of you our most sincere thanks for your generous support of 2006 Beta Rush! Thanks to you, our Chapter has signed yet another outstanding pledge class of 56 young men. This year's pledge class is the result of the very hard work of 2006 Rush Chairman, Theo Coleman (Carrollton Creekview '08), Assistant Rush Chairman John Gawey (Cascia Hall '09), Lane Gibbs (Madill '09), Jordan Carter (Sulphur '09) and Rush Secretary Cory Christophson (Edmond '09). These young men devoted countless hours throughout the summer and, along with other active members, orchestrated what was clearly the best formal rush week of all the OU fraternities. Gamma Phi quickly met its full internal quota of new pledges for 2006 formal rush, and I feel that once again this year's pledge class is the best on campus. Academically, the pledge class includes a record fourteen University or Regent Scholars, seven members of the President's Leadership Class, three valedictorians and salutatorians and one National Merit Scholar. The class is complimented by a number of fine athletes, including five all-state award recipients. Additionally, this year's pledge class consisted of over 19 members with Beta relatives.

As some of you may know, recently IFC has made significant changes to the format of summer rush at OU. Although alumni-hosted barbeques and other functions played an important role in the past, the new rules make alumni-hosted events essentially the only way for our Rush Team to meet with more than a handful of rushees at a time. In a few short months, we will once again call on our alumni to support the 2007 rush. I know that I will be able to count on your support.

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

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Oklahoma City, OK 73118  
Email: [mclouse@vbank.com](mailto:mclouse@vbank.com)  
(405) 286-5720 (office direct)  
(405) 286-5799 (fax)

*Matt Clouse '01  
Rush Advisor*

### About the Chapter Counselor

Steve Sinos (#2451) is the Gamma Phi Chapter Counselor. As Chapter Counselor, Steve provides insight and advice on many different issues facing the Chapter.

As an active, Steve served as Chapter President for two years. His experience as Chapter President and his ability to relate to the current actives provides a valuable bridge between the actives, the alumni and the University administration.

All Gamma Phi alumni and actives appreciate the many hours he devotes to maintaining Gamma Phi's

position at the premier fraternity at the University of Oklahoma.

Brother Sinos may be reached at:

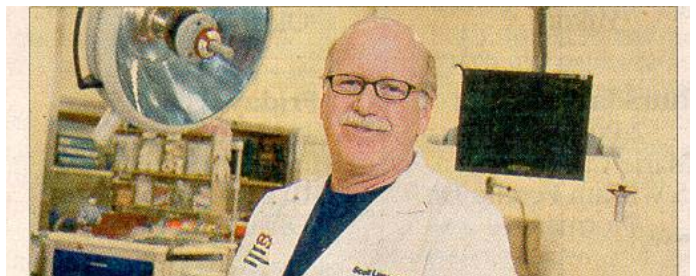
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Steve Sinos  
Chapter Counselor

### **The Bottom Line on what you can do to support Beta Rush in 2007:**

- Please send your **Beta Rush Referrals** (preferably by e-mail, and preferably before May 1, 2007) to our Chapter Rush Advisor, Matt Clouse ([mclouse@vbank.com](mailto:mclouse@vbank.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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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) 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.



Do you recognize this Gamma Phi?

# 2006 BETA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Beta Theta Pi Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, July 29th at the Jimmie Austin University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman. This year's event was the largest yet with 30 teams and 119 golfers representing class years from 1966 to 2009. The tournament also included 11 Beta legacies.

The event was again co-chaired by tournament founders, John Hillis '82 and John Ritz '71. Organizing and managing the tournament requires a significant amount of time and effort.

We would like to thank Bret Chandler '82 and the Rib Crib Corporation for their continued sponsorship of the tournament as the lunch sponsor providing a complete barbecue spread for all participants and volunteers. The tournament would not be the same without Bret and Rib Crib's generous support for the 6th consecutive year.

Tee sponsors included Bob Allen, Lance Tolson '82 and the Class of 2004 (Teal Carlock, Scot Hofmann, Clark Neely & Matt Walker). Many thanks to all of the tournament sponsors.

We look forward to the seventh annual in summer 2007.

## Results:

- First Place - Group 8B
- Second Place - Group 17A
- Third Place - Group 16
- Fourth Place - Group 13A
- Fifth Place - Group 10B
- Sixth Place - Group 5A

## Closest to the Pin:

- Hole #3 - G. Calvin Sharpe
- Hole #6 - John Hillis
- Hole #11 - Bill Towe
- Hole #15 - John Ritz

Straightest Drive: Charlie Towe

Longest Putt: John Weaver



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	Levoy Ellsworth, Harbour Whitaker, Terry Moore, Wayne Copeland
2A	Zane Fleming, John Waldo, Scott Rayburn, Jerry Kelley, Brian Kelley
3A	Tom Kemp, Chris Johnson, Calvin Sharpe, Pat Metz
3B	Todd Lisle, Steve Emmons, Stuart Emmons, Steve Daniels
4A	Todd Booze, Mike LaBrie, Tom Knight, Scott Sullivan
4B	Trey Dzialo, Justin Briggs, Jocalyn Akins, Chan Klingensmith
5A	Steve Cochran, John Ritz, Nick Anderson, Peter Pierce
5B	Scott Hoffman, Clark Neely, Teal Carlock., Matt Walker
6	Ryan Kolkman, Jeff Hill, Trey Welker, Terry Kolkman
7A	Pat Jordan, Brad Kemp, Bob Mareburger, Paul Bevilacqua
7B	Rob Cunningham, Matt Pollock, Wade Kovash, Kevin Dare
8A	Michael Elder, Matt Allen, Nicholas Anderson, Bryson Varner
8B	Mike Moses, Eric Warren, Russ Gammil, Brad Purcell
9A	Greg Jones, Zach Jones, Brad Boone
9B	Matt Blue, Jeff Elder, Brandon Lee, John Weaver
10A	Mike Tolson, Lance Tolson, Jack Clifton
10B	John Hillis, John Bell, Dean Edzards, Steve Stotts
11	Michael Bickford, Mike Bickford, Richard Lane, Thomas Lane
12	Kyle Powell, Drew Powell, Phil Bowden, Dave Mordy
13A	Jay Pettit, Bill Towe, Zach Allen, Charles Towe
13B	Jeff Westphalen, Pete Pappas, Derek Smith, Robert Penn
14A	Jim Langdon, John Langdon, Steve McCarter, John McCarter
14B	John Moore, Evan Moore, Colin Moore, Lou Stuart
15A	Doug Kinzie, Spencer Kinzie, Pat Mandeville, Michael Mandeville
15B	Frank Ayres, Daniel Medley, Sean Merrill, Roger Reneau
16	Evan Nixon, Loyd Tinsley, Mike Tinsley, Hunter Hoelscher
17A	Curtis McCarty, Tom LaBrie, Troy McDaniel, Don Cochran
17B	Clint Pitzer, Chris Shore, John Lauer, Donny Noble
18A	Bill Mareburger, Steve Mareburger, John Nicholas, Peter Disterlic
18B	Chuck Buland, Jim Bailey, Jim Gotwals, Steve Miller





1A. Copeland, Ellsworth, Whitaker, Moore



2A. B. Kelley, Waldo, J. Kelley, Fleming, Rayburn



3A. Kemp, Metz, Johnson, Sharpe



3B. Lisle, Emmons, Emmons, Daniels



4A. Booze, Knight, Sullivan, LaBrie



4B. Dzialo, Briggs, Akins, Klingensmith



5A. Cochran, Ritz, Anderson, Pierce



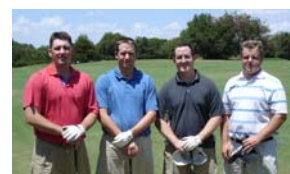
5B. Hoffman, Neely, Walker, Carlock



6. Hill, Kolkmann, Kolkmann, Welker



7A. Jordan, Kemp, Mareburger, Bevilacqua



7B. Kovash, Cunningham, Pollack, Dare



8A. Allen, Anderson, Elder, Varner



8B. Warren, Moses, Purcell, Gammill



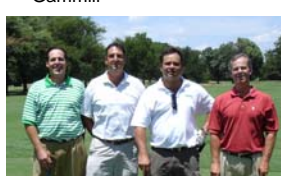
9A. Jones, Jones, Boone



9B. Elder, Blue, Lee, Weaver



10A. L. Tolson, Clifton, M. Tolson



10B. Hillis, Stotts, Edzards, Bell



11. Bickford, Bickford, T. Lane, R. Lane



12. Powell, Powell, Bowden, Mordy



13A. C. Towe, Pettit, B. Towe, Allen



13B. Westphalen, Pappas, Smith, Penn



14A. Jm. Langdon, Jr. Langdon, J. McCarter, S. McCarter



14B. C. Moore, E. Moore, J. Moore, Stuart



15A. S. Kinzie, D. Kinzie, M. Mandeville, P. Mandeville



15B. Ayres, Medley, Reneau, Merrill



16. L. Tinsley (parent), M. Tinsley, Hoelscher, Nixon



17A. McDaniel, Cochran, LaBrie, McCarty



17B. Pitzer, Shore, Laurer, Noble



18A. Nicholas, Disterlic, B. Mareburger, S. Mareburger



18B. Gotwals, Bailey, Buland, Miller



## 2006 BETA BARBECUE

### SEPTEMBER 9, 2006



Mike Bickford (#1711), Jim Langdon (#1548) & Mark Cantrell (#1534)



Denzil Garrison (#669), Steve Van Aken (#1594) & Zach Allen (#1873)



Tom Fraley III (#1915) & Tom Fraley, Jr. (#842)



Larry Harral (#1258) and Donnie Harral (#1400)



# 2006 BETA BARBECUE

## SEPTEMBER 9, 2006



Scott Rayburn (#1483), Jack Rayburn, Steve Barghols (#1486) & Jack Rayburn, Jr. (#1572)



Bryan Luff (#2661) & Mark Luff (#1466)



Patrick Mandeville (#1599) & David Fisher (#1559)



John Huff (#1670) & Doug Kinzie (#1677)

## LOOKING BACK

**100 years ago (Fall 1906)** – Bob Severin played center on the varsity football team. Chester Dutton was on the Mistletoe yearbook staff. John Darling served as acting Director of Physical Training for the University. Roy Kingkade played clarinet in the University Band and the University Orchestra.

**75 years ago (Fall 1931)** – Mrs. Ned Miller served as Hostess. Paul Pugh served as Chapter President. Bob Clark served on the Sooner yearbook and Oklahoma Daily staff. Bill Longmire & Earl Sneed served on the Sooner yearbook staff.

**50 years ago (Fall 1956)** – Mrs. W. P. Vick served as Housemother. John Burzio served as Chapter President.

**25 years ago (Fall 1981)** – Grace (Osuchuck?) served as Housemother. Bennett Fuller 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
367	1934	John Kellogg Orr	1/17/2006
391	1937	Horace Kellogg Calvert	6/15/2006
424	1939	Arthur Ellis King, Jr.	9/16/2006
448	1942	Roscoe Walker Jr.	3/22/1993
676	1949	John A. Croom	7/29/2006
683	1950	Lloyd A. Lynd Jr.	6/7/2006
698	1949	Max F. Kemp	12/22/2005
716	1952	Philip Conner Kidd Jr.	7/7/2006
769	1953	Richard Duval Haynes	8/1/2006
958	1959	Ronald Wilson Fore	4/25/2005
1546	1975	David Jay Levine	9/8/2006

### Norman Transcript - July 26, 1906

→Prof. J. S. Buchanan and Roy Kingkade left Saturday afternoon for Denver, Colo., where they will attend the national conclave of Beta Theta Phi Chapter. The local chapter at the University has applied for admission into the national organization, and Roy intends to see the thing through if possible. Prof. Buchanan, who has been a member of the organization for several years, will assist Roy in attaining his object.

## 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 - July 19, 1906

**University Geological Survey.**  
A letter from Professor Gould, dated at Pawhuska, states that the geological survey party which went from the University the first of last week, is at work in the Osage county. L. L. Hutchinson and R. R. Severn, who are members of the party, are enjoying camp life. The boys travel on horseback or in a wagon with a "chuck-box" on behind, and camp where night overtakes them. The work this summer is investigating the oil and gas resources of the new state. A report on the subject will be submitted to Gov. Frantz next month.



## Centennial Chairman's Report



Steve Barghols '73  
Centennial Chair

Brothers:

Wednesday, October 18, 2006, was the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of Gamma Phi Chapter into Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity. Perhaps you will be interested in the attachment—a copy of the “History of the Beginnings of Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at The University of Oklahoma,” written by Brother Tom B. Matthews, Number One on the Rolls of Gamma Phi Chapter.

Ninety-nine years and 2739 initiated members later, Gamma Phi Chapter is prospering—in grades, intramurals, stature at the University and among other Greek houses, campus leadership positions, civic and philanthropic pursuits, and the other objective criteria that distinguish a great organization from a good organization.

On the evening of October 20, 2007, we will formally observe our proud Chapter's Centennial. We have reserved for that singular occasion the magnificent Molly Shi Boren Ballroom at the Memorial Union of The University of Oklahoma for a gala dinner/dance. Details will be provided as the event approaches. We hope you will plan to attend.

As you already should know, to com-

memorate our Centennial, we have been compiling the history of our Chapter. Hank Ryan ('72) is assembling in an electronically-accessible format some of the Chapter's archives (alumni newsletters, Chapter and pledge class membership composites, *Sooner Yearbook* entries, etc.). You may already have found these items at [www.oubeta.net](http://www.oubeta.net) (by clicking the Beta Crest). Please pay special attention to the “2007 Centennial Information” link at that website.

As you will note from consulting this resource, the respective histories of the various “eras” of Gamma Phi Chapter currently are being researched and written by various volunteers and “draftees.” In fact, Brother Mike Smith ('66) already has compiled and published his fond recollections of life at Gamma Phi during the 1960s (with particular emphasis on the mid-1960s). These individual “era” histories will be a treasure—for Chapter members of those particular years and their families, as well as for future generations of Gamma Phi members. These individual “era” histories will be preserved for posterity as a prominent and permanent feature of our Chapter's institutional history and will be enjoyed for as long as Gamma Phi Chapter lives on at our University.

For your own “era” to be remembered and celebrated, you must step up now and volunteer (or arrange for one or more

volunteers from among your contemporaries) to begin the process of writing the history of your Beta years at O.U. To date, many have expressed interest in participating in this important project, but few have committed. Wouldn't it be unfortunate for your “era” to be overlooked in the celebration of our Centennial and omitted from the compilation of our Chapter's history simply because of apathy? You can ensure that your “era” will be remembered always by committing to this project today.

We also are looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and presentation of our October 20, 2007 event. If you still have any of your Chapter Social Chairman skills (whether you held that position or deserved it) and/or wish to participate in this important component of our Centennial celebration, please let us know.

Thanks for your interest in our Centennial and for your lifetime devotion to Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

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

Respectfully; and in -kai--

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 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 Frenley 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

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## STUDY HALL GETS NEW EQUIPMENT



Chapter President Brad Brown shows off the two new Dell Computers and color laser printer that were donated by an anonymous alumnus in October. This much-needed equipment is greatly appreciated by the Chapter. The alumnus should know that Wooglin is smiling!

## GAMMA PHI MEMBERS WIN BACK-TO-BACK LETZEISER GOLD MEDALS

The Letzeiser gold medal is given to the outstanding graduating senior at the University. Grant Jones (#2484) won it in 2005. Mark Bicket (#2569) won it in 2006. And the chapter should have a candidate or two for the 2007 award.

The Letzeiser Awards are presented annually in memory of the late Alexander Letzeiser as a stimulus of good citizenship and achievement. The selections are made each year by a student/faculty/staff committee and are based on leadership, scholarship and service to the uni-

versity and community. Thirteen (13) outstanding senior men and thirteen (13) outstanding senior women are selected for the Letzeiser Honor List. Three medals, bronze, silver and gold are presented to three (3) men and three (3) women who are selected as the most outstanding.

Only graduating seniors are eligible for this award.

Congratulations to Brother Bicket and Brother Jones.



# Beta BAND OF BROTHERS

The Oklahoma Alumni Club of Beta Theta Pi



Tony Bumpas (#1588), Lee B. Thompson, Jr. (#762), Hon. Ralph G. Thompson (#850) and Warren K. "Doc" Jordan (#754) at the May 11, 2006, meeting of the Band of Beta Brothers. Judge Thompson spoke about the history of Gamma Phi chapter and his experiences as a member 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](mailto:docjordan@aol.com)

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### 1978

Richard Cape \*\*

Donnie M. Hughes

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Brad Kemp

Warren Kruger

Larry LeBarre \*

John Munger

David E. Rainbolt

Thomas S. Stapleton

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Brent Barton \*

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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

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Vance Brown

Robert Dobson

T. H. McCasland III

Gerald K. Greer

Kyle C. Powell

Kevin Redwine

### 1982

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## 2006 DONOR PARTY

### OCTOBER 21, 2006

#### ROB ROBERTSON SELECTED AS 2006 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS!



Rob Robertson '84 (#1836), was recognized at the 2006 Donor Party as Gamma Phi's 2005 Alumnus of the Year. Rob's tireless work and dedication as Chapter Rush Advisor set a worthy example for the actives and alumni of Gamma Phi.

#### STEVEN FISHER RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING FALL 2005 PLEDGE!



Corporation President Zach Allen '85 presents Mark Fisher '84 (#1859), father of Steven Fisher '09 (#2693) with a Beta ring commemorating Steve's selection as the Ralph Gordon Thompson Memorial Award winner as the Outstanding Pledge in the fall 2005 pledge class.

## FRATERNAL FIFTIES HONORED!



Don Cies (#959), Grover Ozmun (#955), Robert Osborne (#954) and Dick Boone (#967) receive their Fraternal Fifty pins from current Chapter President Brad Brown as Corporation President Zach Allen looks on.

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