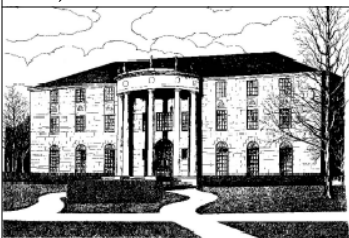


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2009, Issue I

Summer 2009



800 Chautauqua

House Phones

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SECOND CENTURY PROGRESS

Chapter President's Report

Brothers,

Life on Chautauqua for the men of Beta has been great! After taking the helm in February, the men got right into their studies. It seemed as though everyone wanted to continue what we had done the previous two semesters and that was to win grades. We did just that with an outstanding 3.256 G.P.A. With this great margin, we just need to win next Fall's semester to ensure yet another President's Scholarship Trophy.

This semester we had many other things going on other than academics. We took First place in Sooner Scandals along with the women of Kappa Alpha Theta. We had Dewey Bartlett win the Vice President position with UOSA. We took first in the school-wide softball tournament and second in the fraternity-wide softball tournament, along with doing an Easter Activity with the women of Alpha Phi.

The rush team we elected has already been hard at work and continues to do so. They are focusing on men with academic excellence in all regions of Oklahoma and Texas. One thing they are doing is traveling to the small towns of both states to find the stud out of the town. We feel like these men are generally more committed to the fraternal experience and will enjoy the full

four years of being a Beta.

As you can see there is a lot to be proud of around the halls of Gamma Phi. The members realize this, but we are not satisfied with our success. We want to strive to win every semester in grades while we remain here and recruit men that will do the same. We want people to continue to look at the men of Beta and know that we are the leaders of the community. We are a very committed group of men and will not settle for anything less. We look forward to seeing you come around for game days or any other time that you are in town. Remember, Once a Beta, Always a Beta and you are always welcome home.

If you ever have any comments, concerns, or just want to share what it was like way back when, please feel free to contact me via email at tj_hutch@ou.edu or on my cell phone at (405) 406-6851.

Yours in _ kai _,

TJ Hutchings '10
Gamma Phi President



TJ Hutchings '10
Chapter President

RUSH!—RUSH!!—RUSH!!!

Rush Advisor's Report

Dear Fellow Betas,

"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. Many things will continue to change, but the most important things remain the same. One of the things that has remained constant since summer rush first started at OU is the need for quality rush chairmen who share the traditional ideas and values of the Gamma Phi Chapter. There is also a need for broad-based alumni support through active participation in the summer rush process and critical financial assistance.

The chapter has taken the first step toward a successful rush in 2009 by electing another outstanding Rush Team: Head Rush Chairman **Rick**

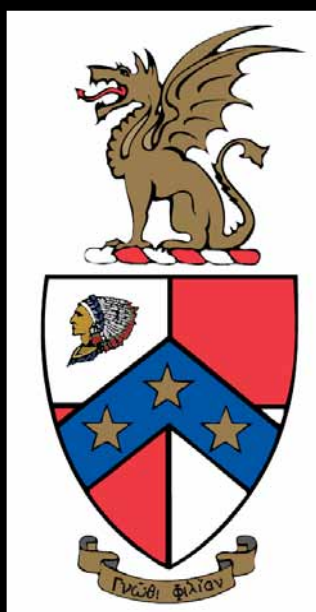
Farbro (Claremore '11); Assistant Rush Chairmen **Shane Oltean** (Bishop McGuinness '12); **Andrew Sprouse** (Heritage Hall '12) and **Charlie Crosby** (Ardmore '12); and Rush Secretary **Mitch West** (Claremore '12).

Each year presents new challenges for the active members and alumni who support Gamma Phi's rush program. Gamma Phi's alumni responded enthusiastically to the call for help, and the Betas were able to host numerous

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Matt Clouse '01
Rush Advisor



SUE OVERTON NAMED HOUSE MOTHER OF THE YEAR AT 2008 GENERAL CONVENTION

At the General Fraternity's 2008 General Convention, Gamma Phi's house mother, Sue Overton, was named **Beta Theta Pi House Mother of the Year**. Sue first became Gamma Phi house mother in 1997. In the ensuing twelve years, she has been an invaluable asset to the chapter and is richly deserving of this prestigious award.

When Sue arrived in 1997, Gamma Phi faced many challenges. She also had to confront assorted difficulties associated with food services and support staff. Notwithstanding these challenges, Sue embraced her role with zeal and set upon a mission to raise the level of civility and quality of life at 800 Chautauqua.

Sue's record during her continuing tenure demonstrates magnificent accomplishments. The struggling chapter she found in 1997 has since won four Knox awards and numerous Sisson awards and grown into the largest chapter within the General Fraternity. However, these accomplishments do not do justice to the more intangible - yet equally important - depth of Sue's contributions. Under Sue's supervi-

sion and control, the quality and efficiency of food service and staff operations dramatically increased. She regularly and quite skillfully coordinates day-to-day house maintenance and repairs in a way that has improved the quality of life at the house. She has also raised the level of civility in the house through such measures as reimplementation of formal meals and rules of deportment within the house. Importantly, Sue has additionally played a key role in the revitalization of our parents club. Due to Sue's soft touch and obvious devotion to the Chapter, the parents club has become extremely active and consistently supports Sue in her particular projects at the Chapter house such as providing new furnishings for the house, sponsoring holiday parties, and participating in significant improvements to the grounds surrounding the house.

Sue's talents and accomplishments have not gone unnoticed on the OU campus. She has been recognized as the House Mom of the Year at OU and served as President of the OU House Directors Club.

She regularly counsels numerous other fraternity and sorority house mothers, and she is widely recognized as one of the OU Greek community's most competent and experienced housing directors.

Sue also frequently accompanies Chapter representatives at Beta General Conventions.

Sue's tenure has witnessed an impressive transformation of Gamma Phi from a challenged chapter to a role model chapter. She has undeniably played an indispensable role in this success story. Sue has been a tremendous asset to the Gamma Phi Chapter, and she continues to play a key role in its ongoing achievements.



Sue Overton
Housemother since Fall 1997



PATRICK FRENSLEY TRIBUTE DISPLAYED IN BASEMENT

On the occasion of the 4th Annual Patrick J. Frensley Memorial 5K this spring, the Chapter dedicated this shadow box in memory of Brother Frensley. The box hangs in the basement and includes the shotgun Frensley used as a freshman Ruf-Nek.



The Oklahoma Alumni Club of Beta Theta Pi

The Band of Beta Brothers was organized in Fall 2003 by the late 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:

Tony Bumpas
405-219-4690
tbumpas@netzero.net

Official IFC Scholarship Rankings Spring Semester 2009

	Fraternity	Active Members	Chapter GPA
1	Beta Theta Pi	162	3.256
2	Delta Upsilon	135	3.153
3	Sigma Phi Epsilon	194	3.128
4	Lambda Chi Alpha	155	3.125
5	Phi Delta Theta	122	3.068
6	Delta Tau Delta	95	3.049
7	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	138	3.031
8	Alpha Tau Omega	42	2.972
9	Delta Chi	24	2.920
10	Kappa Alpha	60	2.878



Chapter Officers

President - *T.J. Hutchings*
 VP (Internal) - *Matt Graves*
 VP (External) - *Peter Schmidt*
 Secretary - *Thomas Reese*
 Treasurer - *Ted Johnston*
 House Manager - *Spencer Campbell*
 Pledge Educator - *Chris Hoch*
 Rush Chair - *Rick Farbro*
 Rush Secretary - *Mitch West*
 Philanthropy Chair - *Eric Sparks*
 Scholarship Chair - *Chris Chase*
 Intramural Chair - *Andy Broussard*
 Social Chair - *Jon Barr*
 IFC/CAC Representative - *Matt Holliman*
 Ritual Chair - *Jeff Vogt*
 Song Chair - *Andrew Sprouse*
 Dragons Chair - *Mitch West*
 Alumni Relations Chair - *Corey Walz*
 Chaplain - *David Welk*

41 NEW MEMBERS INITIATED ON JANUARY 30, 2009

Roll	Name	Hometown	Roll	Name	Hometown
2826	Raub E. Nash	McLoud	2847	Corey Clement Walz	South Bend, IN
2827	Miles M. Dunning		2848	Grant Baylor Thomas	Edmond
2828	Johnston Kyle Fite	Tahlequah	2849	Nicholas Cash Allensworth	Vinita
2829	Travis Adam Cude	Oklahoma City	2850	Hunter John Read	Ardmore
2830	Millard Lafayette Henry	Oklahoma City	2851	Colton Ryan Elledge	Edmond
2831	Robert Andrew Neville	Oklahoma City	2852	Shane William Oltean	Oklahoma City
2832	Eric Michael Sparks	Tulsa	2853	Mitchell Dane West	Claremore
2833	William Andrew Sprouse	Tulsa	2854	Brandon James Bell	Norman
2834	Jeffrey Lane Vogt	Tulsa	2855	Matthew Kyle Brown	Cleveland
2835	Evan Michael Hardesty	Oklahoma City	2856	Hunter Lee Marsh	Azle, TX
2836	Evan Michael Trinidad	Tulsa	2857	James Matthew Ramage	Jenks
2837	Michael Jeffrey Eberhart	Southlake, TX	2858	Lucas John Agee	Sulphur
2838	David Starns McIver	Spring, TX	2859	Logan Robert Beall	Colleyville, TX
2839	Derek Preston Kemp	Southlake, TX	2860	Andrew William Kuchel	Jenks
2840	Robert Kenton Devine	Colleyville, TX	2861	Joseph Lee DeGiusti	Oklahoma City
2841	Joshua Logan Breeden	Durant	2862	Matt Taro Holliman	Edmond
2842	David Rafael Martinez	Ardmore	2863	Garret Ross Gann	Norman
2843	Charles Braddock Crosby	Ardmore	2864	Christopher Todd Aduddell	Tulsa
2844	Thomas Sullivan Reese	Bartlesville	2865	Chandler William Martin	Colleyville, TX
2845	Eric Steven Smith	Flower Mound, TX	2866	Carter Dean Todd	Tulsa
2846	Cole Alexander Littleton	Tulsa			

* Beta Relative

ALUMNI SUPPORT NEEDED NOW FOR 2009 RUSH

Rush Advisor's Report (cont.)

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rush functions in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Norman, Ardmore, Edmond, Dallas and Houston to name a few. These events allowed last year's rush team to get their foot in the door early and often, and were a key to signing another outstanding pledge class this past fall. 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, 2009, and the conclusion of summer rush in mid-August 2009. The team needs to host at least two alumni events each week during the approximate to-week period of summer rush, so many alumni volunteers will be needed.

The present day format of summer rush requires extraordinary efforts on the part of the rush chairmen. Done right, a competitive rush campaign entails substantial financial costs. The rush chairmen and their supporting cast of active members must travel extensively to accomplish the one-on-one contact with rushees that is crucial to a successful rush. It's worth mentioning that there has been a steady increase in the number of highly qualified rushees from out-of-state (especially Texas), and the Chapter's rush efforts can no longer focus on Oklahoma alone.

Historically, our rush chairmen have been required to recruit the major metropolitan areas in Oklahoma and also 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. Every year there has been an increase in enrollment of Texas freshmen at OU, and more and more Gamma Phi legacies return from Texas to attend OU. Dallas area rush events have become commonplace, and the chapter held its first "official" rush party in the Houston area in 2007.

Needless to say, quality remains an overriding mandate for the chapter's rush objectives. Our actives are keenly aware of the importance of sustaining the chapter's historically high standards in terms of academics, leadership and the like. Winning grades is always their primary goal. Of

course, if it is to realize this goal, the chapter must continue to recruit the best and the brightest rushees. On this note, it is important to mention that many of Beta's rivals have also come to realize the importance of academics and now actively seek to displace Gamma Phi as OU's top academic fraternity. Consequently, the competition for the more gifted rushees has become increasingly stiff. To succeed, our rush chairmen must ratchet up their efforts to respond to this challenge, and they need your support to do so.

This is what we need.

To continue to build on successful rush efforts of the past several years, this year's rush team needs three things: (1) referrals of qualified young men who may be participating in fraternity rush in 2009 (please include, *at a 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; of course, fuel costs have drastically increased the price of quality rush; 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. Alumni-hosted functions are certainly not new to rush. 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 barbeques.

"What is involved in hosting a summer rush function?" The first thing you should know is that they do not remotely resemble the "beer bashes" of earlier generations. For example, IFC rules prohibit the service of alcohol and the presence of women at these events. Today, these events are much more civil affairs. They are typically casual "backyard" or "poolside" barbeques that take place on an evening selected by the host, generally between Wednesday and Saturday. The functions start around 6:30 p.m. and are usually over by 9:00

p.m. The host typically serves something simple, like burgers or barbeque, although some of our alums have used catering services. Attendees include 10 to 30 rushees who live in the host's area, the rush team, 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 me as soon as possible.

The Bottom Line on what you can do to support Beta Rush in 2009:

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

Matt Clouse
1601 NW Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Email: mclouse@vbank.com
(405) 286-5720 (office direct)
(405) 286-5799 (fax)

Remember to include, at minimum, rushee name, high school, address, phone number, GPA and ACT/SAT.

Please mail your rush contributions to:

Beta Theta Pi
Two Leadership Square, Suite 1400
211 N. Robinson
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Thanks for your support for Beta Rush, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards and in _ kai _

Matt Clouse '01
Rush Advisor



THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED - NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Foundation President's Report

Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. is pleased to announce scholarships awarded to Thomas Jefferson ("TJ") Hutchings, '10, Johnston Kyle Fite, '11, and Christopher Charles Hoch, '11.

TJ Hutchings was awarded a second **Patrick James Frensley Memorial Scholarship** for his outstanding leadership of the Chapter and his continuing service to the Fraternity. TJ served as President of the Fraternity as a junior, after having previously served as Vice President as a sophomore. TJ has also provided continuing service to the University by serving as a Camp Crimson counselor for two years, and by chairing public relations for the Dance Marathon which raised \$58,000 for Children's Miracle Network. TJ is also a Big Brother of the Norman, Oklahoma, Children's Cancer Association, and he is a two-year winner of the IFC Community Service Award.

The **Class of 1959 Scholarship** was awarded to **Johnston Kyle Fite**. Brother Fite is a National Merit Scholar majoring in chemistry. He has maintained a 3.9 grade average and plans to attend medical school. In addition, he is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta service fraternity, is a member of the Campus Activities Council Winter Welcome Week executive committee, a continuing Volunteer for the Big Event, and a summer 2008 AmeriCorps Member for Project TransFormation. He has also participated in mission trips to inner city Chicago and Nuevo Progreso, Mexico.

The first **Harris Family Scholarship** was presented to **Christopher C. Hoch**. Chris is a James L. Nicholas Scholar at the

University, and has completed his sophomore year with a 3.9 grade point average. In addition, Chris is in the President's Leadership Class and a volunteer in multiple campus activities. Importantly for us, Chris has served as the Chapter Alumni Relations Chair and assisted in multiple events and numerous communications with our alumni. He will serve as the Chapter's Pledge Trainer for the Fall '09 pledge class. Mark ('73) and Anne Harris established the **Harris Family Scholarship** in 2008 and we believe Chris exemplifies the standards established by Mark and Anne for the **Harris Family Scholarship**.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships which may be awarded to address financial need or to recognize outstanding academic achievement and/or exemplary leadership. We believe these three gentlemen are well deserving of the scholarships presented to them.

Please make donations to the Foundation, or even establish a class or an endowed family scholarship, for the benefit of Gamma Phi's undergraduates. Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and all contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support of this very important program for the benefit of members and pledges of Gamma Phi Chapter.

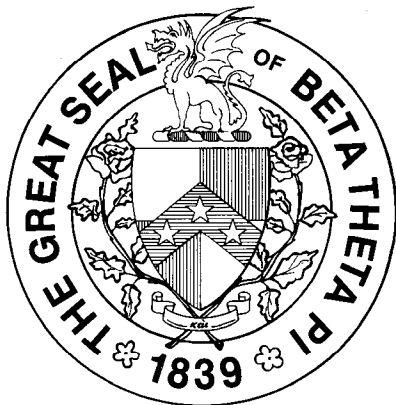
Yours in _ kai _,

James C. Elder '69
Foundation President

Class of 1985 Scholarship Endowed

The Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma, Inc. is proud to announce the establishment of the **Class of 1985 Scholarship**, a permanently endowed scholarship funded by alumni from the Class of 1985. This scholarship celebrates the Class of 1985's appreciation for what Beta Theta Pi has provided them in life but also in honor of their pledge brother Zach Allen's outstanding contribution to Beta Theta Pi and specifically his nurturing of the continuing legacy of Gamma Phi. More than \$30,000 has been given this endowment, which will fund annual scholarships to deserving active members of Gamma Phi. It represents the fourth permanent scholarship to be established with the Foundation. Donors to date for this scholarship are listed below

Jon D. Baccus
Brad Barghols
Link Barr
Paul A. Bevilacqua
Charles L. Dobbs
Robert R. Felton
Todd Huckabay
Dow R. Hughes
Kenneth Victor Hughes III
Charles F. Knapp
Brad H. Liebmann
Jeffrey Norman
Raymond Thatch
Charles E. Towe, Jr.
Stan M. Vlasimsky
Jay Wade
Randall W. Wells
In Memory Of:
Ross Hunter Duncan



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

FALL 1984 PLEDGE CLASS KEEPS REUNION STREAK ALIVE!



For 18 consecutive years members of the Fall 1984 pledge class have managed to get together to relive their glory days at 800 Chautauqua. This year's gathering was July 23-26 at The BRO^ADMOOR in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

At left:

Michael Hall
Jack Cherry
Mike Krampf
Kelly Muldrow
Rick Johannes
Jack Burns
Bo Harrison
Burt Lampl
Scot Sullivan
Tim Eisel
Shawn Teeters

Unable to attend:

Bob Bethea
Steve Brock
Guy Lamb
Rich Love
Hal May
Dave Melchert
Scott Morton
Mike Phillips
Chris Poynor
Chuck Thornton
Kevin Zeller

"LOST" LIST

Please help us find these "lost" Gamma Phis. We mark a member as "Lost" when we have USPS mail returned without a forwarding address. Some of these brothers may be deceased. And we may have email addresses for others, but no USPS mailing address. Please send corrections to Hank Ryan, 823 S. Flood Ave., Norman, OK 73069-4502, 405-579-4473, hank@hgryan.com.

Roll	Class	Name						
363	1935	Earl Warren Radcliffe Jr.	1153	1965	Clyde R Maxey	2230	1997	James Andrew Lee
378	1936	Carlton George Hotaling	1195	1967	Robert Dee Williams	2239	1998	Todd Jacobs Gladfelter
390	1937	James Leavette Powell Jr.	1216	1967	Kenneth E Stowell Jr.	2242	1998	Paul David Jaramillo
393	1937	Edward Wright Corn	1229	1967	Stephen W Taylor	2252	1998	Erick L. Barnett
395	1937	R. C. Cox	1232	1967	Ted Marshall Moore	2255	1998	Emil Dwight Bragdon
396	1937	Phillip David Harris	1234	1967	Douglas Max Martin	2317	2000	Joshua D. Henley
403	1938	Ben Lovell Robertson	1237	1967	Michael C Washburn	2321	1999	Jeffrey Scott Hill
411	1937	Harlanfred Dellinger Burch	1267	1968	Stephen P Asbury	2338	2001	Brent Kingery Johnston
414	1937	John Edward McKay	1270	1963	Donald Redmond Cole	2340	2001	David Matthew Valcourt
489	1940	James D Camp	1271	1968	Newton Randall Gaines	2360	2002	Matthew R. Wilson
496	1942	Thomas Hartwell Conner Jr.	1283	1969	Patrick Eugene Moore	2363	2002	Jeffrey D. Warden
503	1939	Burton Edward Hull Jr.	1301	1969	Rene Henri Losdat	2394		Ivan Jay Jesau III
508	1942	Charles Alexander Houston	1328	1969	Larry Ray Beach	2401	2001	Erik Robert Johnson
520	1940	John Richard Whiteman	1364	1971	James Ralph Bond	2431	2003	Ryan Allen Gray
527	1940	Billy Frank Short	1395	1971	Donald Patrick Parkhurst	2433	2004	Chad Christopher Magee
585	1945	Ralph Randall Linney	1464	1973	William Bruce Stehr	2441	2004	Josh Andrew Paxton
586	1945	Charles Richard Stoffer	1469	1972	Michael Dean Dobbs	2464	2005	Anson William Belcourt
587	1946	Jack Call Ware	1470	1973	Michael Paul Clothier	2501	2005	Blake Edward Thompson
608	1946	John Clinton Hunt	1547	1975	Ronald Wayne Hobbs	2504	2005	John Ray Mitchell
668	1951	Paul B Allen	1591	1976	Paul Louis Szafranski	2505	2005	Brandon Samuel Brown
671	1950	Frank E Burk	1620	1977	R. Larry Snyder	2526	2006	Stephen Blake Albert
674	1950	Robert Edwin Buxton	1687	1979	James D Herlihy	2560	2007	Aaron Michael Hunsaker
685	1950	Vergil Neal Brown Jr.	1701	1979	James R Davidson	2574	2006	Tyler Casimir Smith
814	1955	Larry Richard Millikan	1703	1979	James Kirby Ross	2586	2007	Robert Bryan Crosier
828	1954	Rodger Clayton Billingsley	1756	1981	Jeffrey Terrance Morrell	2595	2007	Steven David Johnson
927	1957	Walter Oakshott North Cooper	1837	1984	Michael Eugene Johnson	2612	2008	Jonathan Roger Allen
957	1959	John F Griffith	1891	1985	David Scott Pittman	2636	2008	Kendall Dee Moore
969	1959	Carl R Mathews	1998	1989	William Douglas McClure	2684	2008	Bayley Carter Jordan
988	1960	Dan Edwin Chesnut	2012	1988	Timothy Ray Youree	2686	2009	Joe C. Howell
989	1961	Robert A Cates	2017	1989	Eric Vance Mullendore	2715	2009	Brian Gary Bond
1047	1962	Harvey L Price Jr.	2025	1986	Thomas L Moore III	2720	2009	Jeffrey Colin Cartmell
1052	1962	Donald W Hassebrook	2093	1992	William Pleasant Jackson IV	2722	2009	Jonathan Steele Hyatt
1056	1960	Guy H James Jr.	2119	1993	Kevin Matthew Bennett	2724	2009	Lowlan Joseph Breaux III
1152	1965	Robert K Phillips	2149	1994	Brandon Joe Stubblefield	2725	2009	Jordan Christopher Carter
			2211	1997	Don Chamberlain Bell Jr	2732		Brett Allyn Carter

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
313	1932	Irving Donyel Adkison	1/1/2002
468	1941	William Caspar Kite, Jr.	7/25/2008
491	1942	Robert Smith Frantz	3/8/2009
505	1942	Robert L. Murphey	10/12/2008
521	1943	Cecil Tolbert Hardeman, Jr.	10/29/2002
533	1944	Joe Basolo	2/2/2009
535	1943	Ross Wallace Coe, Jr.	2/17/2009
548	1944	Tom R. Lunsford	8/28/2008
603	1946	Harold Dale Cook	9/22/2008
622	1950	John Allen Reid	9/12/2008
648	1948	Wilfred W. Martin, Jr.	12/2/2008
759	1953	Tommy Joe Alley	5/19/2009
768	1955	Robert Donald Lomax	2/10/2004
775	1952	William Martin McGee	11/25/2008
1021	1961	Leslie Lynn Conner, Jr.	3/13/2009
1184	1966	Gerald Glen Robertson	7/4/2009
1307	1968	Claud Bob Cline	12/14/2008
1442	1954	Howard Michael Dunn	7/26/2005
1528	1975	Bruce Randall Bickford	2/28/2009
2082	1991	Mark Randall Hall	9/28/2008

FRATERNAL FIFTIES - 2009

The following Gamma Phi members were initiated in 1959.

Roll	Name	City
1036	Charles Franklin Long	Deceased
1037	Jerry Thomas Price	Oxford, KS
1038	James C. Clark	Oklahoma City
1039	Michael D. Shane	Santa Rosa, CA
1040	John Garner Hatchett	El Paso, TX
1041	Terrell F. Dixon	Houston, TX
1042	Timothy Manuel Larason	Oklahoma City
1043	Louis E. McCarter, Jr.	Houston, TX
1044	David F. Nelson	El Dorado Hills, CA
1045	Thomas M. Schwartz	Colorado Springs, CO
1046	Tom A. Wainwright	Pearl River, NY
1047	Harvey L. Price, Jr.	Lost
1048	John Joseph Sweeney	Oklahoma City
1049	Richard A. Bell	Norman
1050	Alvan Montgomery Muldrow, Jr.	Hawley, TX
1051	Frank Bruce Jackson, Jr.	Deceased
1052	Donald W. Hassebroek	Lost
1053	Garry L. Smith	Michigan City, IN
1054	William Alan Vesely	Tulsa
1055	James R. Lamb	Broken Arrow
1056	Guy H. James, Jr.	Lost
1057	Philip H. Brown	Lehigh Acres, FL
1058	John D. Coleman	Escapees, TX
1059	Michael C. Howard	Dallas, TX
1060	Jarrett W. Bell	Oklahoma City
1061	Lawrence A. Angus	Golden, CO
1062	Brian W. Copple	Roswell, NM



LOOKING BACK

100 years ago (Spring 1909) – Earl Sneed opted to transfer back to OU from Stanford.

One new member was initiated on April 19, 1909. Two new members were initiated on June 1, 1909.

75 years ago (Spring 1934) – Mrs. Ned Miller served as Hostess. Bill Longmire served as Chapter President.

Eighteen new members were initiated on March 24, 1934.

50 years ago (Spring 1959) – Mrs. W. P. Vick served as Housemother. Don Park served as Chapter President.

Twenty new members were initiated on April 12, 1959.

25 years ago (Spring 1984) – Grace Osachuck served as Housemother. Brent Rody served as Chapter President.

Forty-two new members were initiated on March 25, 1984.

GAMMA PHI CENTENNIAL ON DVD

Ted West (#1682) has produced a 110-minute DVD of the Centennial Gala that includes not only shots from the floor of the McCasland Field House and the program speakers, but also the video and slide show that were shown at the Gala. The cost of the DVD is \$25.00, including sales tax, shipping & handling (to U.S. addresses). If you have any questions please contact Hank Ryan at hank@hgryan.com or 405-579-4473. If you would like to order a copy of the DVD, send a check for \$25.00 payable to "Gamma Phi Centennial DVD" to:

Beta Theta Pi
Attn: Centennial DVD
Two Leadership Square, 14th Floor
211 N. Robinson
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

1999 GAMMA PHI INITIATES - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The following Gamma Phis were initiated into Beta Theta Pi in 1999. Ten years later, here's what they are up to:

Matthew Jeffrey Allen - Matt is an attorney at Mock, Schwabe, Waldo, Elder, Reeves & Bryant in Oklahoma City.

Jack Clinton Amyx - Jack is a business applications developer in Houston, TX.

Nicholas Desmond Anderson - Nick is owner/operator of a oil & gas production company in Cushing.

Casey Lawrence Barto - Casey is in sales in Tulsa.

John D. Buxton - John is living in Los Angeles, CA.

Matthew Card - Matt works for Manhattan Construction in Oklahoma City.

Steven N. Carter - Steven is a surgical resident in Oklahoma City.

Travis B. Caves - Travis is part owner of DigiCut Systems in Tulsa.

Lee Wendell Cavin - Lee lives in Edmond.

Stephen Collins - Stephen lives in the Dallas Metroplex.

Seth James Crawley - Seth lives in Savanna.

Robert Lewis Cunningham - Rob is an ER doctor at Baptist/Integris in Oklahoma City, and lives in Norman.

Kevin D. Dare - Kevin is a surgical resident in Tulsa.

Edward Earl Downing - Ted is an account executive with an advertising firm in Tulsa.

Michael Leslie Elder - Michael is an Assistant Vice President-Lending at Bank of Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Cody Lee Fleming - Cody is an assistant baseball coach in Arkansas City, KS.

Matthew Garner - Matt is a medical school student in Oklahoma City.

Scott Blake Hawkins - Scott is an attorney in Oklahoma City.

John Robert Haynes - John lives in Florida.

Erik Robert Johnson - Erik is "LOST".

William Manning Johnson - Will lives in Dallas.

Brandon Wade Kissack - Brandon is in financial services in Oklahoma City.

Wade Kovash - Wade is a member of the State Bar of Texas and works as a landman for EOG Resources in Tyler, TX.

Brandon James Lee - Brandon is General Counsel for Poly-America in Dallas, TX.

John Keith McPhetridge - Johnny graduated from OU Law School and practices law in Oklahoma City.

Dustin Mills - Dustin lives in Oklahoma City.

Justin K. Moore - Justin graduated from OU with an MIS degree and now lives in Somerville, MA.

David Owens - David owns a cheer gym in Oklahoma City.

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David Phillips - David lives in Los Angeles, CA, works for an editing house by day and is an artist by night. He is currently represented by galleries in Los Angeles. He is the owner of Wino-Strut, LLC.

Matthew Daniel Pollock - Matt is an Assistant Vice President (Lending) at Stillwater National Bank in Oklahoma City.

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David Craig Smith - Dave is a Ph.D (Transatlantic History) student at UT Arlington and teaches at the University of Dallas in Dallas, TX.

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Geoffrey Underwood - Geoffrey is an information technology consultant in Dallas, TX.

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Jeffrey D. Warden - Jeff is an medical doctor and is doing a residency in North Carolina.

Owen-John Williams - OJ lives in Norman.

Matthew R. Wilson - Matt is a flight surgery resident in the U.S. Navy in Portsmouth, VA.

Rich Zamor - Rich is a Ph.D. (Zoology) student at OU.



RAUB NASH INITIATED

The Chapter's new initiates in January included one special initiate - Raub Nash (#2826). Originally from McCloud, Raub was a member of the Fall 1998 pledge class, and he is the younger brother of John Nash (#2200), Chapter President in Fall 1995. Sam Eiser (#2270) and many other of his Gamma Phi contemporaries nominated Nash for special initiation, which the Chapter and General Fraternity approved last fall.

Raub graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 2003 with a 3.1 GPA, received a commission in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and was immediately assigned to 1st BN, 24th IN Regiment at Fort Lewis, WA. He was a Stryker Platoon Leader for 22 months which included a 12-month rotation to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III in 2004-2005. He was awarded 2 Bronze Stars while in Iraq.

One star included the "V" device for valor. The Valorous award was for actions during a firefight that lasted more than 3 hours. Raub's second assignment was to 2nd BN, 502nd Infantry at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He was immediately selected for command ahead of his peers and completed a successful JRTC rotation that prepared him for his eventual deployment to Iraq for OIF 07-09. Raub's company captured over 250 enemy combatants and acted as the main effort for 2 Division Operations as well as 7 Battalion Operations. Upon his return, Raub has been pre-selected to attend Columbia University with a follow-on assignment of teaching in the History Department at The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.



January 30, 2009 at 800 Chautauqua
Stephen Collins (#2398), Jack Amyx (#2402), Raub Nash (#2826), Sam Eiser (#2270), Rich Zamor (#2365)

Presently a Captain in the U.S. Army, Raub is now stationed in El Paso. He and his wife Jessica have two sons, Mason Carl and James Franklin.

Moms' Day - April 10, 1999



Who are these guys?

2009 BETA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 9th Annual Beta Theta Pi Alumni Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 6th at the Jimmie Austin University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman. This year's event was composed of 22 teams and 88 golfers representing class years from 1964 to 2012.

The event was chaired by tournament co-founder John Hillis '82 (with co-founder John Ritz '71 providing a little assistance). Organizing and managing the tournament requires a significant amount of time and effort. Although this event is not set up as a fund raiser, the tourney's surplus proceeds in the amount of \$1,406.59 were donated to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation of Oklahoma

Many thanks to the tournament sponsors!

We would again 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 9th consecutive year.

This year's **Beverage Sponsor** was **Link Barr**.

This year's **Hole Sponsor** was **The Tolson Betas**.

We look forward to the 10th annual tourney in summer 2010.

Results:

- First Place - Group 15
- Second Place - Group 4
- Third Place - Group 5
- Fourth Place - Group 16

Closest to the Pin:

- Hole #2 - Chuck Warren
- Hole #5 - Matt Blue
- Hole #6 - Jim Gotwals
- Hole #12 - Brandon Bell

Longest Drive:

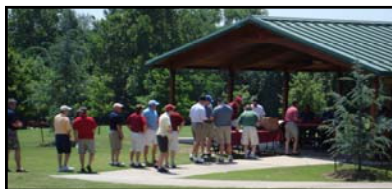
- Hole #1 - Brandon Bell



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.

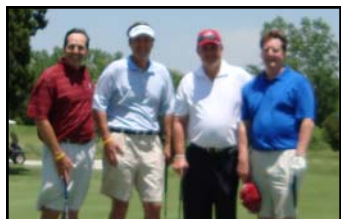
GROUP

1	John Hillis '82, Bob Costello '81, Chuck Warren '81, Phil Bowden '81
2	Tom Kemp '82, Chris Johnson '83, Hugh Brower '83, Calvin Sharpe '82
3	Mike Tolson '82, Lance Tolson '82, Jim Hicks '82, Brooks Mitchell '83
4	Jay Fitzgerald '84, Rob Robertson '84, Pat Jordan '84, Jon Barr '11
5	Zach Allen '85, Charlie Towe '85, Jay Pettit '85, Link Barr '85, Bill Towe '91
6	John Bell '83, Brandon Bell '12, Curtis McCarty '91
7	Kim Shoemake '77, Sam Serur '77, Mike Mordy '77, Pat Shore '77
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9	Harbour Whitaker '73, Levoy Ellsworth '72, Ron Rogers '72, Tony Bumpas '76
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12	Jerry Kelley '74, Brian Kelley '11, Frank Thompson '74, Chris Huston (ΦΓΔ)
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15	Matt Blue '99, Jeff Elder '99, Will Borden '00, Brad Purcell '04
16	Matt Pollock '02, Wade Kovash '02, Rob Cunningham '02, Kevin Dare '02
17	Ted Downing '02, Will Johnson '02, Scott Hawkins '02
18	Michael Elder '02, Matt Allen '02, Nick Anderson '02, Bryson Varner '02
19	Scott Hofmann '04, Clark Neely '04, Trevor Potts '07, Matt Walker '04
20	Brad Hoopes '76, Mitch Hoopes '06, Tom Hoopes '09, Don Cochran '92
21	Dewey Bartlett III '10, Grayson Barnes '10, Brady Sisson '10, Caleb Green '11
22	Stuart Emmons '84, Will Emmons, Barry Koonce '84, Steve Daniels '84



Note: The Editor apologizes for the blurry photos. A new camera was used, and it turned out to be defective.

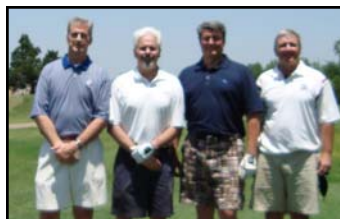
2009 TOURNAMENT GROUPS



1. Hillis, Costello, Warren, Bowden



2. Kemp, Johnson, Brower, Sharpe



3. M. Tolson, L. Tolson, Hicks, Mitchell



4. Fitzgerald, Robertson, Jordan, Barr



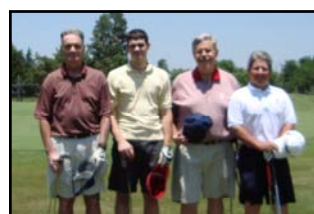
5. Allen, C. Towe, Pettit, Barr, B. Towe



6. J. Bell, B. Bell, McCarty



7. Shoemake, Serur, Mordy, Shore



8. J. Moore, E. Moore, Gotwals, Wasemiller



9. Whitaker, Ellsworth, Rogers, Bumpas



10. Ritz, Peter Pierce, Rayburn, Paul Pierce



11. Braden, Berry, Shelby, Morgan



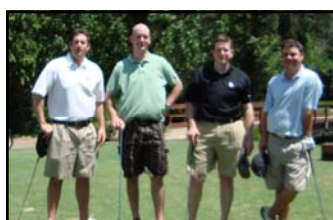
12. J. Kelley, B. Kelley, Thompson, Huston



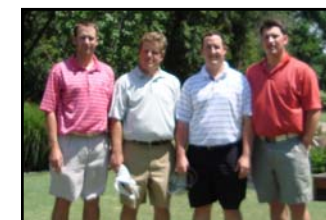
13. Mareburger, Higgins, Warren, Disterlic



14. Moses, Pappas, Mayberry, Lees, Kendrick



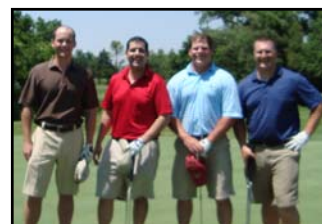
15. Blue, Elder, Borden, Purcell



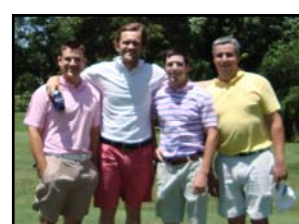
16. Pollock, Kovash, Cunningham, Dare



17. Downing, Johnson, Hawkins



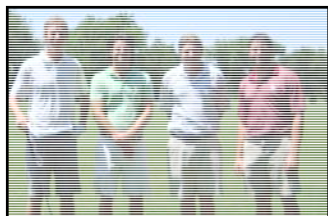
18. Elder, Allen, Anderson, Varner



19. Hofmann, Neely, Potts, Walker



20. B. Hoopes, M. Hoopes, T. Hoopes, Cochran



21. Bartlett, Barnes, Sisson, Green



22. S. Emmons, W. Emmons, Koonce, Daniels



There was no special guest appearance by **Scott Rahhal** at the Beta Golf Tournament this year.

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

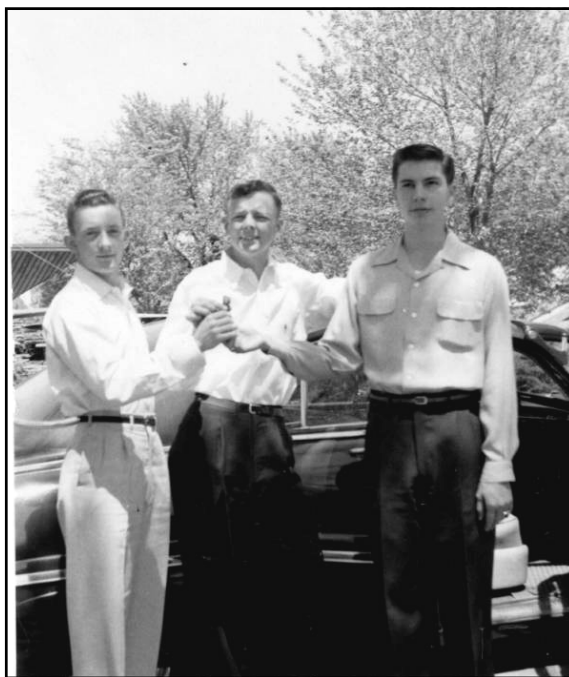
We are blessed with many alumni who generously volunteer their time to advise and assist the Chapter in various important ways. They don't get nearly as much credit and recognition as they deserve. If you see them, please express your thanks for their dedication to Gamma Phi:

Chapter Advisor	[Vacant]
Financial Advisor	Bill Sherman '74
Rush Advisor	Matt Clouse '01
Pledgeship Advisor	Matt Allen '02
Scholarship Advisor	Chan Klingensmith '98
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Music Advisor.....	Dick Anderson '54
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.....	Fred Turner '72
Archivist & Newsletter Editor	Hank Ryan '72
Foundation President	James Elder '69
At Large Advisor	Michael May '08
At Large Advisor	Matt Brown '09

★ As much as we need and appreciate their continuing contributions, we could always use ★
★ another good hand. If you think you may be ready, willing and able to lend your assistance ★
★ to the Chapter, please send me a note at zallen@mswerb.com. - Zach Allen ★



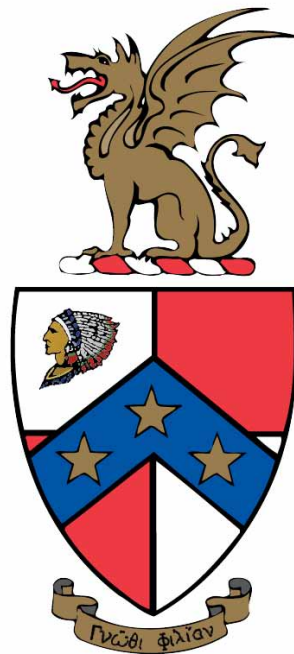
Gamma Phi Alumni Brett Baptist (#2529), Brad Brown (#2593) and Mark Bicket (#2569) at the 2009 Northeast Keystone Regional Leadership Conference in Valley Forge, PA.



New Initiates Dick Anderson (#796), Tom Bob Dooley (#802) and Jay Swanson (#812) show off their pins in early April 1952.

CHAPTER COAT OF ARMS APPROVED

Thanks to the efforts and talents of active Mitch West (#2853), along with some initial work and prodding by Richard Anderson (#796), the General Fraternity has acknowledged and approved the use of an updated color version of the Gamma Phi Chapter Coat of Arms (a/k/a "Crest"). This version supplements the original black and white drawings of the coat of arms that was adopted by the chapter on January 23, 1912. The color version may be also be used in grayscale.



BETA DRAGONS SONGS AVAILABLE ON CD



The Beta Dragons under the direction of Dick Anderson (#796) have produced a CD of Beta songs and other assorted melodies. Go to <http://www.oubeta.net/DragonsSample.htm> for a short sample. The cost of the CD is \$25.00, including sales tax, shipping & handling (to U.S. addresses). Proceeds from the CD are used to support the Dragons' activities. If you have any questions please contact Dick Anderson at richard-anderson@att.net or 405-366-0319. If you would like to order a copy of the CD, send a check for \$25.00 payable to "Beta Dragons CD" to:

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Corporation President's Report**BETA DONORS PROGRAM OBSERVES 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

The 2008-09 Beta Donors campaign was a special one, as it marked the 25th anniversary of the Beta Donors program's founding in 1984. It's hard to overstate the enormously positive impact this program has had on Gamma Phi. As most everyone knows, gifts to the Beta Donors program are used to fund major repairs and capital improvements to the Beta house. Over the past 25 years, this program has perennially enabled the Corporation to meet maintenance and renovation needs for the house. So successful has been the program that hardly any facet of the Beta house has been left untouched by Beta Donors-funded improvements.

I'm happy to report that we had a wonderful response to the 2008-09 campaign. At least 250 donors contributed \$51,824. Although, truthfully, this figure is down a bit from recent years' total, it's nevertheless an outstanding testament to Gamma Phi's alumni support even during these challenging economic times.

The Class of 1985 again won the honor of having the most donors, with 13. The Classes of 1972 and 1974 followed close behind with 12 each. Special thanks to the

following Classes having eight or more donors:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Donors</u>
1985	13
1972	12
1974	12
1963	10
1969	10
1978	10
1966	9
1971	8
1973	8
1980	8
1982	8

Due to this continued generosity, the Corporation has completed or is proceeding with several important improvement and repairs, including continued renovation of the backyard area, construction of a masonry screening wall around the exterior air conditioning compressors in back, replacement of the stair treads on the side and upper floor stairs, installation of digital keypad deadbolts on all rooms, among others.

On another note, we are happy to an-

nounce that Charles Dobbs '85, Jay Wade '85, Matt Allen '02 and Joe Kokojan '06 were elected to the Corporation's board of trustee's last fall. We're excited to have this new infusion of talented alumni assistance.



Zach Allen '85
Corporation President

Finally, the Chapter will continue to host alumni, family and friends at the Beta house on each home football game day this fall. As usual, there will be a bar with plenty of cold beer and beverages, as well great food. Please do come by and make the Beta house part of your game day experience.

Yours in _ kai _,

Zach Allen '85
Corporation President

THE NEW TRUSTEES

Charles Dobbs '85 - Altus: Famously known as "Chuck OU Dobbs" to his contemporaries, Charles owns *Dobbs & Brinkmann*, an insurance agency in Altus. He also owns and operates a substantial amount of real estate in Altus and western Oklahoma.

Jay Wade '85 - OKC: An "entrepreneur" in every sense of the word, Jay founded and owns *Red Earth Systems*, an IT professional services/managed services provider in Oklahoma City. He is also a co-founder and co-owner of *Sub Aviator Systems* (which manufactures personal submarines . . . seriously!) and *Coyote Customs* (which creates custom motorcycles and parts). See www.jaywade.com

Matt Allen '02 - OKC: Matt is an attorney with Mock Schwabe Waldo Elder Reeves and Bryant in Oklahoma City. He's presently Pledge Program Advisor to the Chapter and has previously acted as Scholarship Advisor.

Joe Kokojan '06 - Tulsa: Joe, a former chapter president, is presently a real estate broker in Tulsa with Coldwell Banker Select. For the first two years following his graduation, Joe was a full-time Educational Consultant for the General Fraternity. In that role, he gained extensive experience working with the General Fraternity and numerous other Beta chapters across the country.

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Joe Kokojan '06

Richard Anderson Named *Alumnus of the Year* for 2008



C. Richard Anderson, #796, (shown at left with Corporation President Zach Allen) was selected as the 2008 Gamma Phi Alumnus of the Year. Dick has been the driving force behind the Beta Dragons octet, organizing them in 2007 for the Gamma Phi Centennial, guiding them to the Wichita State singing award at the 2008 General Convention and directing the recording and production of the Dragons On Chautauqua CD containing thirteen Beta songs and eight other popular tunes.

Dick grew up in Duncan and was a member of the Fall 1950 pledge class. His older brother David was a member of Alpha Delta chapter at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

After receiving his Bachelors Degree, Dick spent time in the United States Air Force as a Strategic Air Command jet pilot. He then returned to OU to earn a Masters Degree, where he was a student of the legendary soprano Dame Eva Turner. He developed an international reputation having performed extensively throughout Europe and America in leading operatic and oratorio roles, especially the latter.

Dick returned to Norman in Fall 2006 and is a Visiting Professor of Voice in the OU School of Music.

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