

BETA THETA PI

Beta Theta Pi was founded at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, its first formal meeting being held August 8, 1839. It is the oldest member of the Miami Triad. The moving spirit of the fraternity was John Reily Knox, '39. He is designated within the fraternity as "Pater" Knox.

Due to the unpopular attitude toward secret societies by both students and professors at that time, the existence of Beta was kept in absolute secrecy. Membership was restricted to those who could be absolutely trusted. At one time in order to maintain the secrecy of the order it was necessary to hold a mock initiation for an undesirable student who had found out about the secret fraternity at Miami.

For eight years after the foundation of the fraternity the parent chapter held the reins of government. In 1847 the convention of chapters established a "Presiding Chapter" system. In 1872 a general secretary was appointed who shared the work of administration. At the present time the fraternity is governed by a Board of Directors who control the fraternity during the time between conventions.

In 1919 two endowment funds were established. The Baird Fund, designed primarily as a magazine endowment which secures the publication of the Magazine of Beta Theta Pi. The Parmelee Fund was established in 1929 by William B. Parmelee for the purpose of making loans to members, to enable them to complete their college work.

The badge of Beta is an eight sided shield, the sides of which curl inward. On a field of black enamel are displayed three stars of gold, a wreath of greenish gold encircling a diamond, the



ALLEN CALVERT
President

MRS. NED MILLER
Hostess

Greek letters, Beta Theta Pi, and below, in smaller Greek letters, the motto of the fraternity.

Gamma Phi chapter of the national fraternity located at this University was granted a charter in 1907, being the third national fraternity to establish a fraternity on this campus.

Among the prominent alumni of the Oklahoma chapter are:

- Dr. David R. Boyd, first president of the University;
- Earl Tankersley, head Tankersley's Construction Company in Oklahoma City;
- Carlton Weaver, former speaker of the State House of Representatives;
- Earl Sneed, royalty dealer, Tulsa.

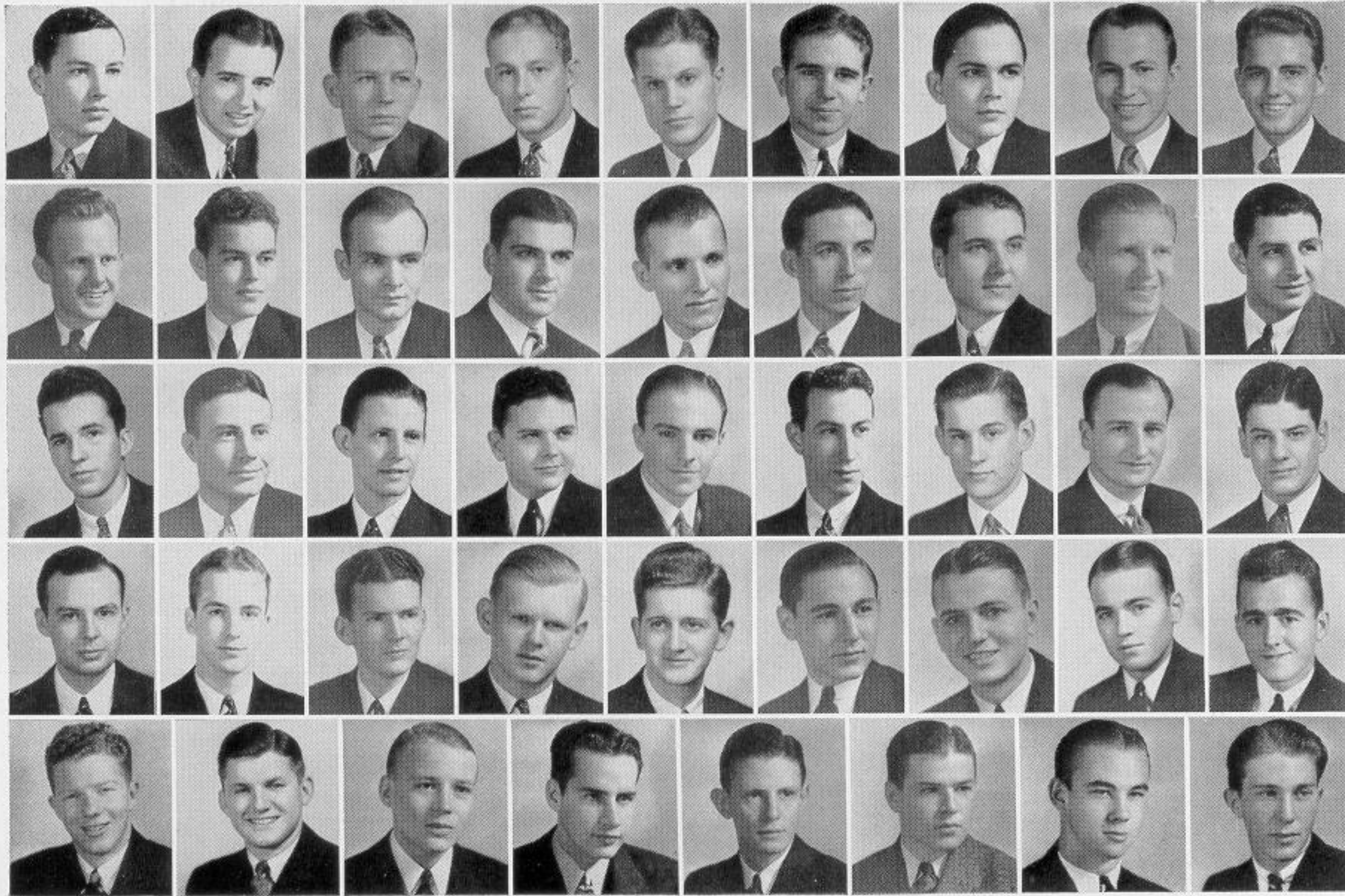
Betas prominent in school activities include:

Jack Kinnebrew, member Pe-et, Skeleton Key, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Scabbard and Blade, and the President's Class of 1934.

Earl Sneed, Jr., member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha, Checkmate, Skeleton Key, Scabbard and Blade, and former president of Pe-et.

Allen Calvert, president of the chapter, and a member of Skeleton Key, Jazz Hounds, Derby Club, Scabbard and Blade.

Latham Yates, former representative of the College of Engineering to the Men's Council, and a member of Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, St. Pat's Council, and Skeleton Key.



Top row, left to right: Dawson, Burns, Harris, Crump, Tonkin, Hill, Davis, Gilliland, Ozmun.
 Second row: Spence, Hurt, Waller, Updike, Corn, McCoy, Burch, Easton, T. Gibson.
 Third row: Bassett, Humphreys, Powell, W. Gibson, Myers, Axley, Boddy, Boring, Stuart.
 Fourth row: Vaught, Ferguson, Simpson, Robertson, Denton, Bowen, Kinnebrew, Akright, H. Calvert.
 Fifth row: Sykes, Vandeventer, Jaquier, McKay, Powell, Hadsell, Spining, Luttrell.

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 TOM GIBSON, '35 Oklahoma City
 WILSON GIBSON, '37 Tulsa
 DICK GILLILAND, '37 Clinton
 PHIL HARRIS, '37 Tulsa
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 HARRY LEWIS, '36 Guthrie
 FRANK MCCOY, '35 Pawhuska
 BOB McCracken, '35 Oklahoma City

DOUGLAS MYERS, '36 Clinton
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 JIM POWELL, '37 Muskogee
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 RAY DAWSON, '38 Oklahoma City
 BOB DRAKE, '38 Tulsa
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 JOHN SPENCE, '38 Pawhuska
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 C. S. SYKES, '38 Ardmore
 LEON UPDIKE, '38 Sapulpa
 JIM WALLER, '36 Tulsa