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John Riley Knox is the father of Beta Theta Pi, having founded the first of the 90 chapters of the fraternity at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. The fraternity is the oldest member of the Miami Triad and the first national fraternity to achieve a solid hundred years of constant and progressive activity. It also holds the distinction of being the first national fraternity organized west of the Allegheny mountains. The local chapter was founded in 1907.

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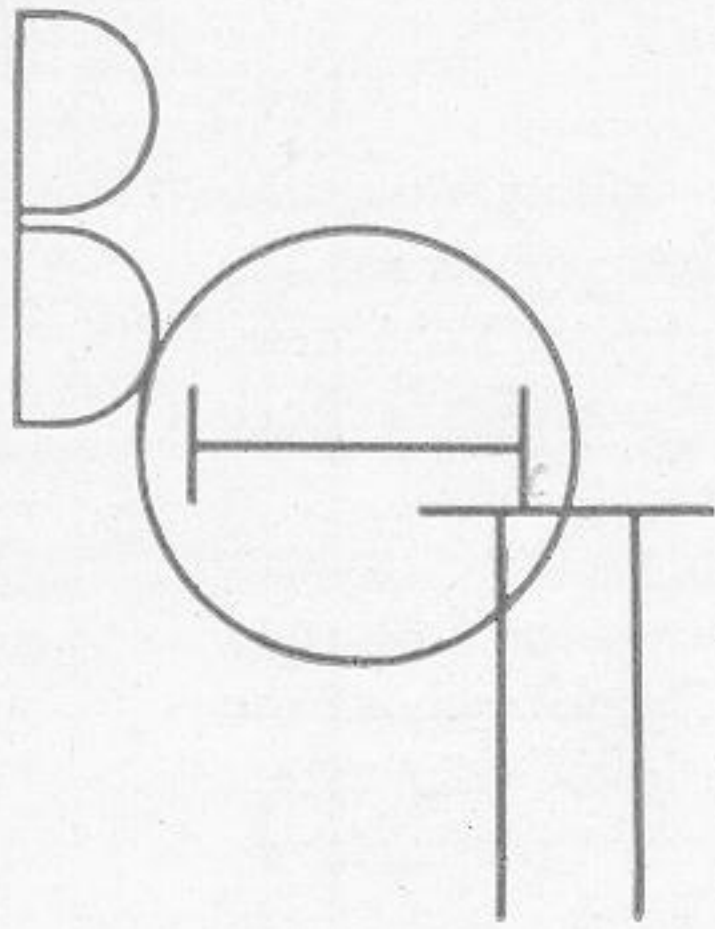
Gamma Phi Chapter

This year will remain long in the memories of Beta Theta Pi, for it is the first year since the beginning of the annual tradition of the Beta-K. A. football game that it was not played; however both hope that the game will be resumed after the war. Favorite activities of the membership were visiting our neighbors before study hall began, rushing upstairs to the blue room for a quick game of pitch, which generally extended until the early hours of the morning, and listening to the tall tales of the bull throwers. Our gang: Basolo, Berry, Diamond, and Gibbons, spent their spare time scouring the woods for ducks, but they decided that a crow would be good enough. Running a close second in hunting were Jim Nickel, Malcolm Schaller, Daddy "Eight Day" Danner and Jess Dew. First to leave our bachelor ranks was Bill Hemphill, but rumors are spreading that brother David Turner will soon join him. Now if he would only wait until the Beta "Legal Eagles" got their diplomas they would be glad to help him out at a cut rate. It has now become a daily custom to find someone walking out of the mail-room with that prison palor look on their faces reading a very familiar pamphlet from their Uncle Sam. Bud Diamond is practicing to spend his army life on the African Desert by wearing dark glasses or is he trying to hide those bleeding eyes. The outstanding events of the year were the annual Barn Dance, the football banquet, and the senior dinner. Those we miss



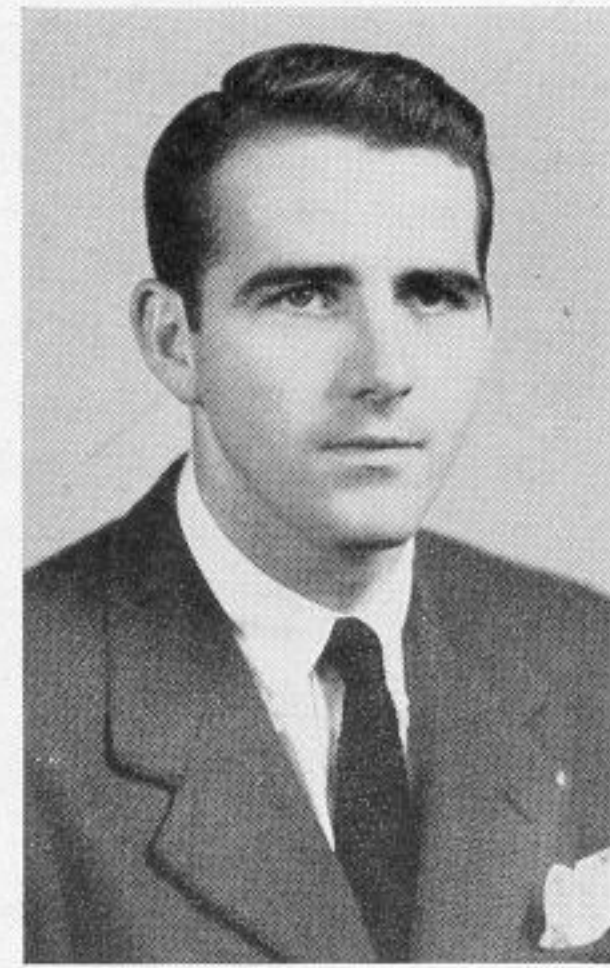
MRS. BEN THOMASON

most are Hugh Ford, lanky center on the varsity basketball team; Dean Walker along with Tom Connor, former member of President's Class. The chief specialty of the chapter is still its Silver Lounge "parties." We miss Dean Hart, but we are glad he made it through law school, finally, though it took all his hair to do it. He was the whacky member, and was voted the group's biggest bull shooter last year. Too bad he had to get out of law school—we need his encouragement toward throwing the words around—getting dull this year. "Got a Touch of Texas in My Heart, Talk, Walk," is the chapter's favorite song—singing it with all their harmonious touch. The four quads that used to be around the Beta Barn, Hastings, Houston, Cook, and Coogan are still toasting all the lasses, it has been reported by a worthy and reliable source. Correction: Cook is married.



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MEMBERS

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| Bion Acton | Jack Danner | Bill Jolly | Jim Shouse | Craig Coogan |
| Tom Allen | Julien Dedman | Bob King | Dan Tankersley | Jess Dew |
| Joe Basolo | Ancel Earp | Dick Leenhouts | Stratford Tolson | Kirk Dyer |
| Joe Bass | Dick Ellinghausen | Bob Lunsford | Davil Turner | Wally Field |
| Howard Baugh | Jack Felber | Jack Marsee | Sam Vierson | John Fredrickson |
| John Baumert | George Gibbons | Gus McCord | Kenneth Wilbanks | Frank Gatchell |
| Everett Berry | Jack Glaman | Earl Miller | | Jim Gill |
| Jim Berry | Cecil Hardeman | Earl Mitchell | PLEDGES | Harvey Heller |
| Steve Burton | Tom Hedley | Jack Morton | Rufus Bandy | Bob Jones |
| Tom Buxton | Bill Hemphill | Jim Nickel | Benny Bell | Harrison McGregor |
| Ross Coe | Hayes Holliday | Bill Parker | Jim Cannon | C. J. Pierce |
| Fletcher Crow | Bill Huckin | Malcolm Schaller | Bill Castle | Ralph Tolson |
| | Weaver Johnson | Sam Shackelford | Charles Coe | Bob Woodhouse |
| | | Bill Short | Dale Cook | |

First row, left to right—Acton, Allen, Bandy, Basolo, Bass, Baugh, Baumert, Bell, E. Berry, J. Berry, Burton, Buxton, Canon, Castle.
Second row—C. Coe, R. Coe, Conner, Cook, Coogan, Crowe, Danner, Dedman, Dew, Diamond, Dinkins, Dyer, Earp, Ellinghausen.
Third row—Field, Felber, Fredrickson, Gatchell, Gill, Glaman, Hardeman, Hedley, Heller, Hemphill, Holliday, Huckin, Hulsey, J. Johnson.
Fourth row—Weaver Johnson, William Johnson, Jolly, Jones, King, Leenhouts, Linney, Lunsford, McCord, McGregor, Miller, Mitchell, Morton, Nickel.
Fifth row—Parker, Pierce, Schaller, Shackelford, Short, Tankersley, R. Tolson, S. Tolson, Turner, Vierson, Ware, Wilbanks, Woodhouse.

