



# BETA THETA PI

Beta Theta Pi's origin is traced to Pater Knox, who, on the eighth day of the eighth month of 1839, made public his fraternal intentions. This fraternity, conceived and made possible by Knox and his seven associates, was born in a private dormitory on the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. This founding was the first of the three fraternities known as the "Miami Triad." Since its founding, Beta's ever-growing strength and soundness has progressed through five-score and a semi-decade of years.

Nineteen hundred and seven witnessed the introduction of Beta Theta Pi on the O. U. campus. The founding of the Gamma Phi chapter is due to the energy and foresight of the late Dean Felgar, aided by E. R. Adams. Innovating constructively, Beta Theta Pi has stricken many foolish pre-war pledge hardships from the fraternal procedure. Stressing scholarship and maturity, the Gamma Phi chapter moves with propriety into a new and progressive Greek era. More noticeable is the serious aspect, but not at the expense of college happiness.

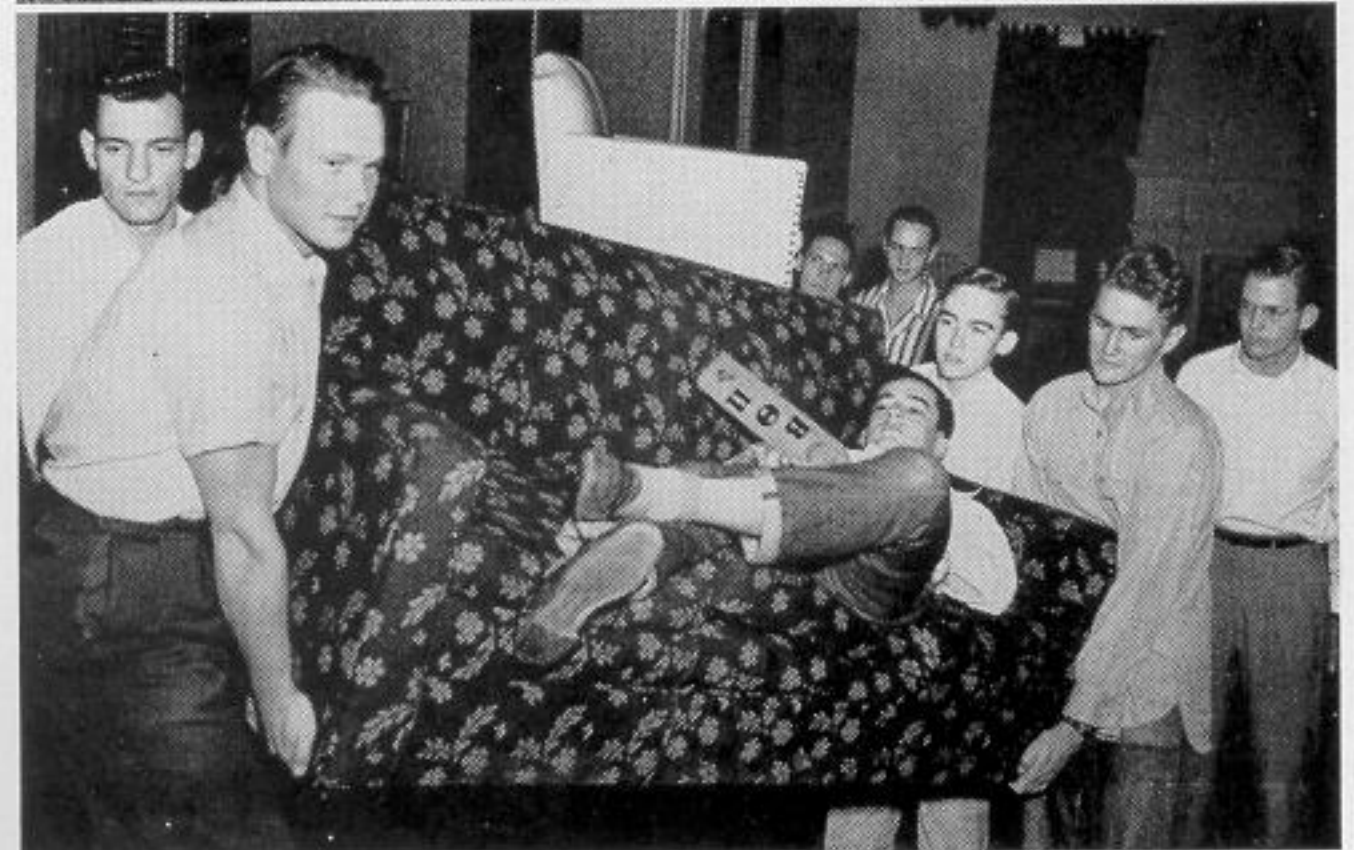
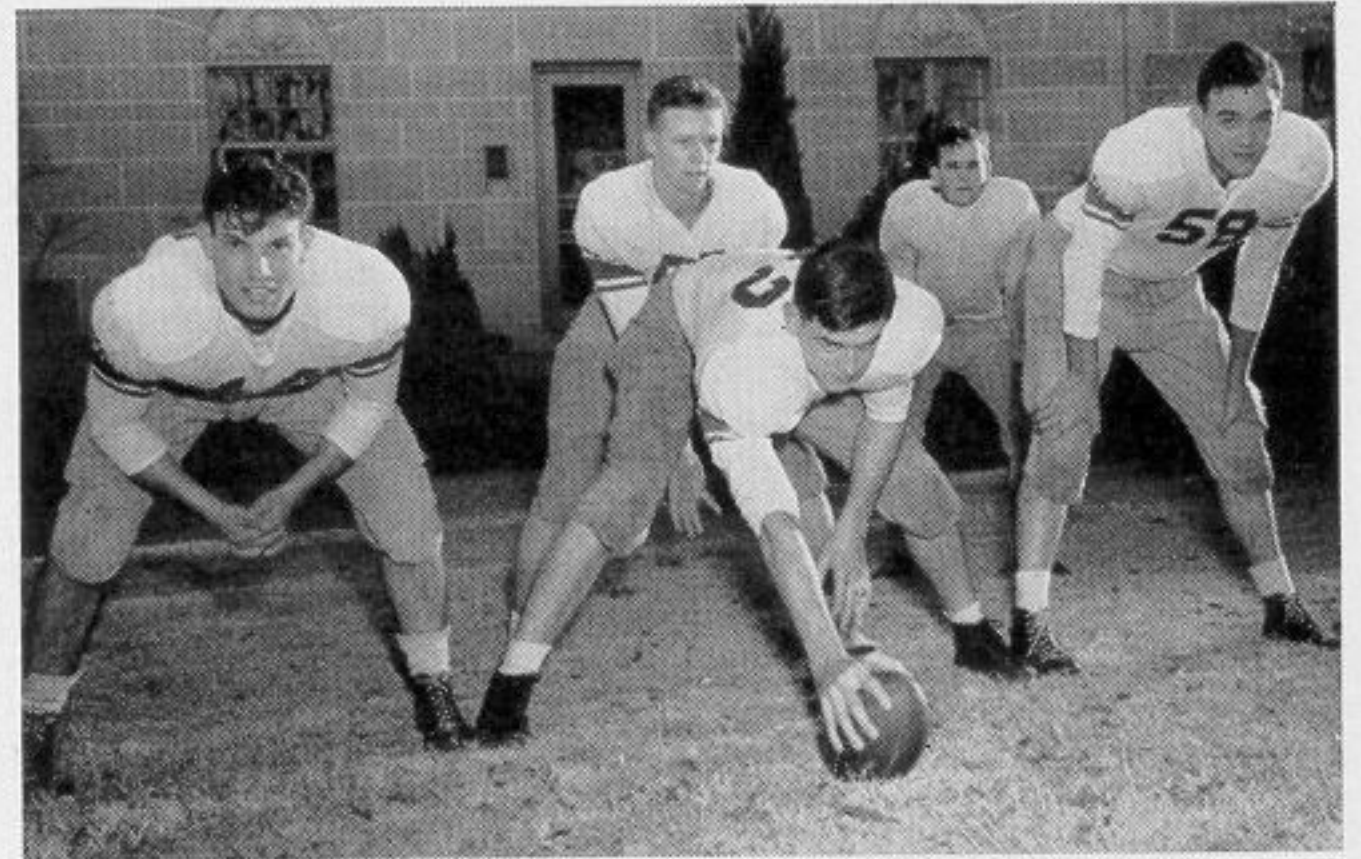
Lodged in a Beta's memorabilia is the Barn Dance with its entailing gayety; Wooglin's grins and consternations; the sobriety of the Senior Dinner; the conservative and character building pledge courts; the annual Christmas party; mischievous pledge retaliations; Happy Birthday!—and the ensuing shower; E. J.'s ties; friendly rivalry at the annual K .A. football contest; the rush for the card table and the ensuing scuffle of kibitzers for positions. These and many other inimitable recollections drop thought provokingly in this year's trunk of hellenic archives.

Chief of the Beta Basilica is our pride and joy from Clinton, Mrs. Gilliland. Stripped of superla-



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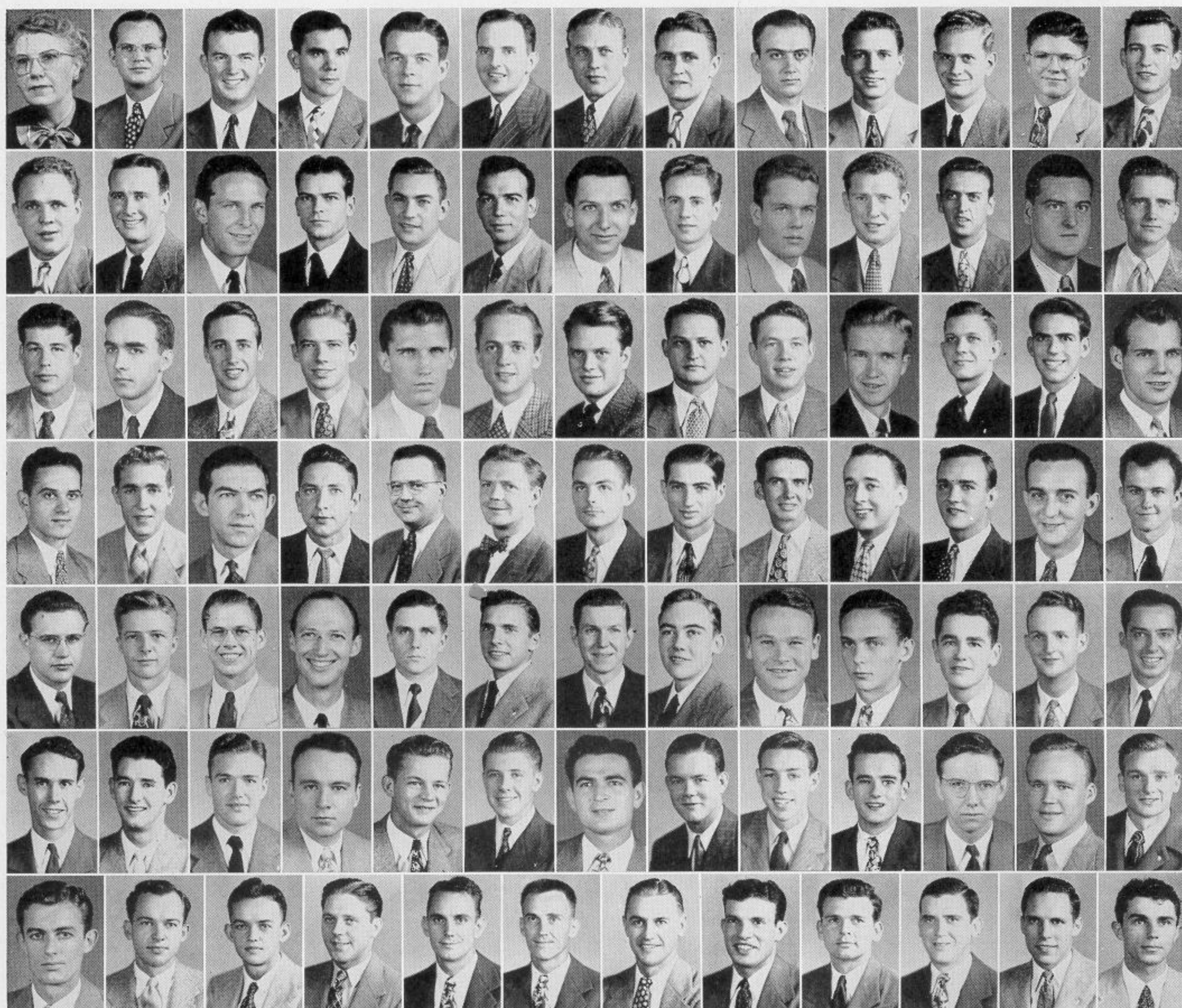
<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Second Semester</i>
JOE JOHNSON . . . . .	President . . . . .	JOHN BAUMERT
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TOMMY THOMPSON . . . . .	Rush Chairman . . . . .	TOMMY THOMPSON
JACK FELBER . . . . .	Social Chairman . . . . .	CHARLES AUTRY



tives, one would be helpless describing the graciousness and congeniality that is our housemother's.

Honorable Betas include Merle "five thumbs" Dinkins, the right end red streak. Number 52 will long be remembered for his "out of nowhere" pass snatching technique. The scholastic honors are justly tossed to Robert Lunsford for his Rhodes Scholarship tryout. Bob was among the three students selected from the Southwest for the final Rhodes exam in New Orleans.

Wooglin, the sacred pledge ritual, has returned in all his shimmering and shivering glory. The very core of Beta has been revived, reminding all that normalcy cannot be far behind.



*First Row, left to right:* Mrs. Gilliland, housemother, Bion J. Acton, Robert W. Allen, Tom Allen, Charles Aughtry, John Baumert, Ben E. Bell, Richard Bell, Everett E. Berry, Charlie W. Brown, Gerald L. Brown, Jack Buckley, Frank Burk

*Second Row:* Robert Buxton, Jim Canon, Charles Coe, Ross Coe, Harold Dale Cook, Richard M. Dannenburg, Jr., Roy Dannenberg, E. Julian Davis, Dave Devonald, Merle Dinkins, Mark L. Douglas, Kirk Dyer, Martin Dyer

*Third Row:* Dick Ellinghausen, Anders Evers, Warren Fatheree, J. Wallace Field, Jack Felber, Doug Ford, Sidney Frederickson, J. Don Garrison, Shelby R. Gibbs, James R. Gill, L. H. Hammond, Jr., Charles Irwin Hannis, William T. Heller

*Seventh Row:* Sam Shackelford, Howard A. Smith, Jerry C. Smith, Robert S. Smith, Kenny Spence, Wilson Spence, Charles Taylor, Charles C. Thompson, Stuart Tolson, Ralph Tolson, Dick Walton, Bob Woodhouse

*Fourth Row:* Jack Hewett, Ted Hine, T. R. Holliday, Wilson Hayes Holliday, Charles A. Houston, Jack Houston, Bill Huckins, Creed T. Huddleston, Lon T. Jackson, Joe Johnson, Bob Jones, John W. Jones, Robert Keith

*Fifth Row:* James B. Kite, Warner Lewis, Philip Lunsford, Robert Lunsford, James R. Mahoney, Wilfred William Martin, William C. Martin, Jack T. Massey, Tom Mason, Ward Merrick, Keith Miller, Paul Million, Bob Millspaugh

*Sixth Row:* Earl Mitchell, Bob Myers, Robert A. McGregor, Philip McKanna, Jerry S. McWilliams, Tom Nix, William M. Parker, Lee W. Parrish, Ross Quincy, Bill Reardon, John A. Reid, James R. Roberson, Bill E. Rook