



BETA THETA PI



As the Betas pass the loving cup around they're careful not to pass a brother by.

*"My Beta days can I forget?
To this I answer never.
Her ties once formed shall never break:
For they endure forever . . ."*

That men should bind themselves together with vows that would never be broken and pursue the great objects of their association with an energy that never tired were the ideals that John Reilly Knox and his seven associates sought on August 8, 1839, when they founded Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

In 1951 these great ideals, embodied in Beta, have spread to campuses throughout the United States and Canada. The year 1907 saw the Gamma Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi introduced to the campus of the University of Oklahoma. The formation of this chapter rewarded the efforts of David Ross Boyd, first president of the University; Dr. J. H. Felgar, first dean of the

College of Engineering; and Dr. J. S. Buchanan, who later became president of the University.

The 44 years of Gamma Phi chapter have been years marked by scholarship, constructive pledge training, and maturity. These years have seen a procession of new men entering and old men leaving its chapter hall—the young man entering to inherit over a century of traditions, ideals and accomplishments; the old man leaving to receive the benefits of his inheritance.

The year 1950-51 saw John H. Roff win the Pe-et award for last year's outstanding freshman. It introduced a new Beta housemother, Mrs. Lillian Douglass, whose charm and personality became a feature of the Beta house. It was a historical year for Merrill Green who was a member of the "Big Red" when it was acclaimed "Best in the nation". And it was the year that will never be forgotten by the many girls who received a Beta pin.



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