



..... BETA THETA PI

GAMMA PHI CHAPTER

1907

OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	JOHN BURZIO
<i>Vice-President</i>	BOB CARON
<i>Secretary</i>	STEVE BECKMAN
<i>Social Chairman</i>	CHARLES PRIDDY

A Friday afternoon, free time and a good (?) book make a pleasant pastime. Enjoying all of these are, *seated*, Ted McCarter, Bob Brown and Jim Drake; *standing*, Hack Newman and Pat Law.



John Riley Knox and seven associates founded Beta Theta Pi social fraternity August 8, 1839 at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. There are now 97 chapters which have pink and blue as their national colors.

Gamma Phi chapter was founded on the OU campus in 1907. First semester officers were John Burzio, president; Bob Caron, vice-president; Steve Beckman, secretary, and Charles Priddy, social chairman. Officers for the second semester included Fred Gipson, president; Ted McCarter, vice-president; Steve Beckman and Charles Priddy were reelected to their offices.

Mrs. W. P. Vick has been the Beta house-mother for the past four years.

Members of Beta Theta Pi who are outstanding in campus activities are John Burzio, Omicron Delta Kappa, vice-president of Delta Sigma Pi, editor of the 1957 Sooner Yearbook, president of Beta Theta Pi, and listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Steve Beckman, vice-president of the Student Senate, Omicron Delta Kappa, UAB, Sooner Scandals, chairman of Mother's day; Joe Semrod, Student Senate, COR, IFC, Omicron Delta Kappa, and national secretary of the Chancery club; Bob Cassey, Sooner Scandals, vice-president of YMCA and outstanding freshman; and Gaines Godfrey, president of the Society of Geological Engineers, secretary of Tau Beta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Gamma Epsilon and charter member of Gamma Tau Kappa.

One of the most celebrated social events on the OU campus is the Beta barn dance in the fall. Other social activities include the senior dinner-dance, spring formal and the Beta beer bowl, an annual football game between the Betas and the Kappa Alphas. This year the Betas had the winning team.

Some of the important Beta alumni are General Hal Muldrow; Charles Wilson, Secretary of Defense; Fred Seaton, Secretary of Interior, and William O. Douglas, Associate Chief Justice of the United States.

The Betas retired the fraternity scholarship trophy after winning it for four consecutive years. The chapter also won the pledge scholarship award for 1955-56 and placed first in the barber shop quartet contest for 1956.

First row, left to right:
John Burzio, Mrs.
W. P. Vick, Bill Athey,
Steve Beckman, Joe Bell,
Robert F. Bell, Paul
Bering, Don Black.

Second row: Dan
Blankenship, Richard Lee
Boone, Roger B. Bowman,
William R. Broach,
Robert Brown, Lester
Burkett, James R. Callan.

Third row: Robert M.
Caron, Ken Carpenter, Bob
Casey, Bob Cates, Steve
Cathey, James W. Cheek,
Dan Edwin Chesnut,
Donald Cies, Robert Clapp.

Fourth row: Benton Clark,
Davis Coppedge, Ellis R.
Downs, Jimmy F. Drake,
David Dreisker, George E.
Durfee, William D.
Durkee, D. S. Dykes,
William L. Eakin, Jr.

Fifth row: Tom Emerson,
William Lee Epton,
Richard Fellrath, James
Finney, Ronald W. Fore,
Jerry Fronterhouse, Gil
Gaddis, John Gibson,
Bryan Gillispie.

Sixth row: Fred A.
Gipson, Gaines Godfrey,
James L. Goff, John
Griffith, Charles Hahn,
Stephen Haines, Charles
Hall, Robert Lee Hall, Jr.,
Phil Hart.

Seventh row: Jared
Hazleton, Larry Glenn
Hill, David Howard, Bob
Hunter, Larry Don Jensen,
Nolen Kelly, Gordon King,
Philip Kyle, John D.
Lomax.

Eighth row: Charles Long,
Max Lorenz, Joe R. Love,
George S. Mason, Rick
Mathews, Ted C.
McCarter, Douglas
McDonald, William James
McKinney, Bryan
Medlock, Jr.

Ninth row: Robert
Mitchell, Al Mullikin,
John Nance, Jerry L.
Nelms, Hack Newman,
Thomas G. Norris, Jim
Oliver, John O'Neal,
Robert Osborne, Grover
Ozmun.

Tenth row: Sam
Pangburn, Don Park, Don
Pitts, Richard G. Porter,
Charles L. Priddy, Al
Pugh, George Quincy,
Laurence Reid, Richard H.
Reid, Robert A. Reid.

Eleventh row: Bob Ringo,
Harold Ritcheson, Frank
Robertson, Wayne
Sansbury, Richard
Schwartz, Robert
Schwenck, Fletcher Sharp,
Joe T. Shelton, Dale
Byars Sherrod, R. E.
Slocum.

Twelfth row: Don Smith,
Jerry Leon Smith,
Raymond O. Smith, Neil
Stanfield, Ralph Vandiver,
Jr., James Warram, Jim
White, Ronald H. White,
Donald Wiley, Sam
Wilson.

