

It's not hard to get hung up on the "hangings" as Pat Jordan and Lynda Charles demonstrate at the Beta Barndance.

Beta Theta Pi

Dance brings barn down

"It's barn dance time!"

That familiar cry heard each year is that of the Betas of OU. It is the announcement of the annual old party: the Beta Barndance.

What's a Beta Barndance? It's a week of fun and fellowship for the membership of Beta Theta Pi.

As any Beta would agree, Barndance is more than just a party. It is a tradition that unites both active members and alums in a week-long celebration of fraternal kinship.

For more than 40 years, the Barndance has been the highlight of activities at 800 Chautauqua, making it one of the oldest celebrations on campus.

Each year a different class takes pride in building a life-size barn on the front yard, which becomes the focal point of the week's festivities.

The building process commences on Sunday evening and continues until Wednesday night when more than 100 Betas go western to serenade the university's sororities.

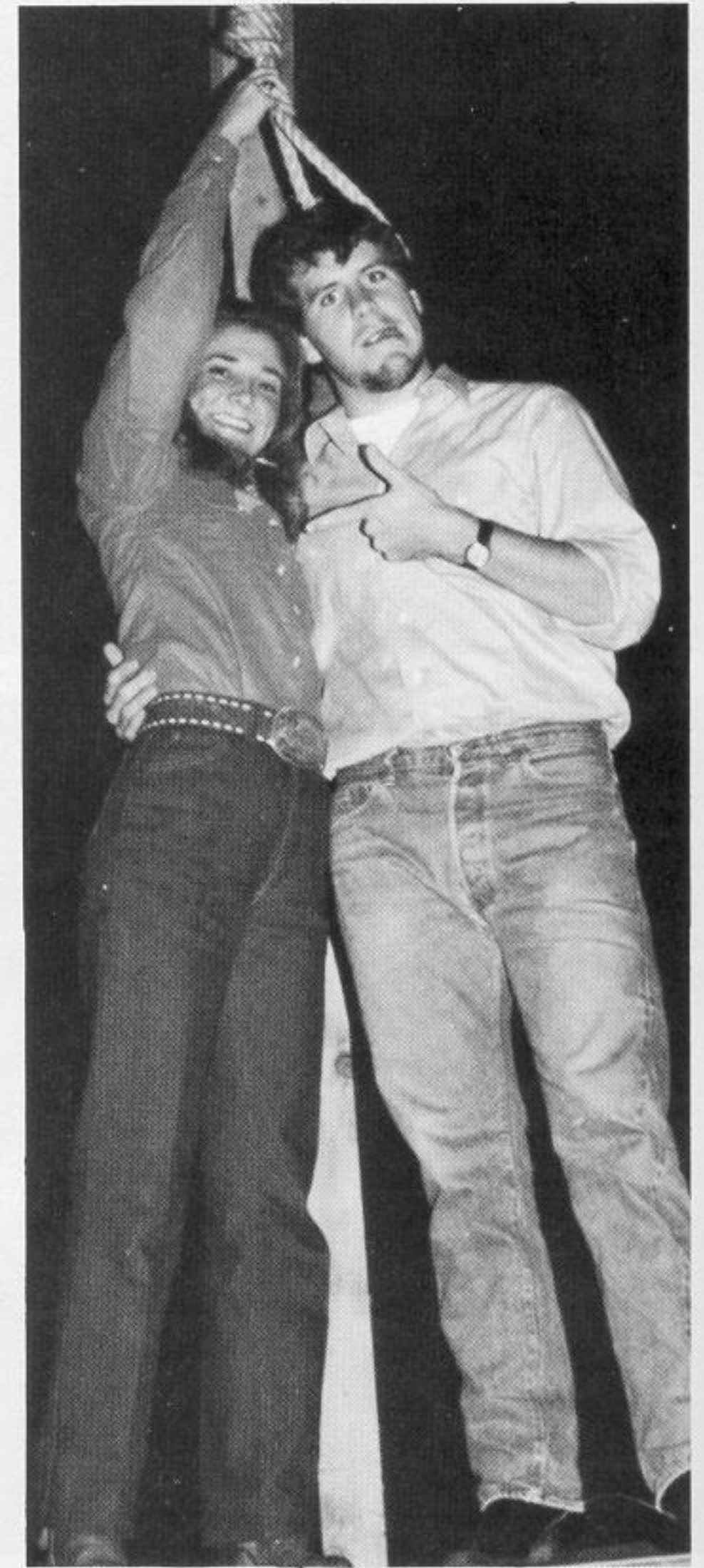
By Thursday, the Barn and its accompanying decorations are complete and everyone takes off for a peaceful evening in the nearby countryside.

By Friday, when classes are over, the weekend begins with a campfire and country music at a local farmhouse.

High noon Saturday marks partytime for the entire campus as a few hours of entertainment is highlighted.

The climax of the week is Saturday night's party at the Beta house. A band supplies the rock-n-roll music, while members and their dates enjoy the decorations and good times in their home-made barn.

As the evening draws to a close, everyone participates in the barn-breaking festivities, tearing down the barn to its original condition...a pile of lumber.



Richard Anderson, Scott Caldwell, Jed Campbell, Jimmy Carrick, Sam Clemmons, Jack Clifton, Dean Edzards, James Hicks, John Hillis, Eric Ivester, Tom Kemp.



Andy Louis, W.R. "Kip" Morrison, Josh Prickett, John Rahhal, G. Calvin Sharpe, Lance Tolson, Ricky Allen, Bruce Bachman, Bill Banowsky, John Bell, Bennett Fuller.



Brooks Mitchell, Mike Massad, Jeff Diertert, Hugh Brower, Tim Bowman, Baron Busby, Philip Devaney, Glen Diacon, Ken Feagins, Cory Groves.

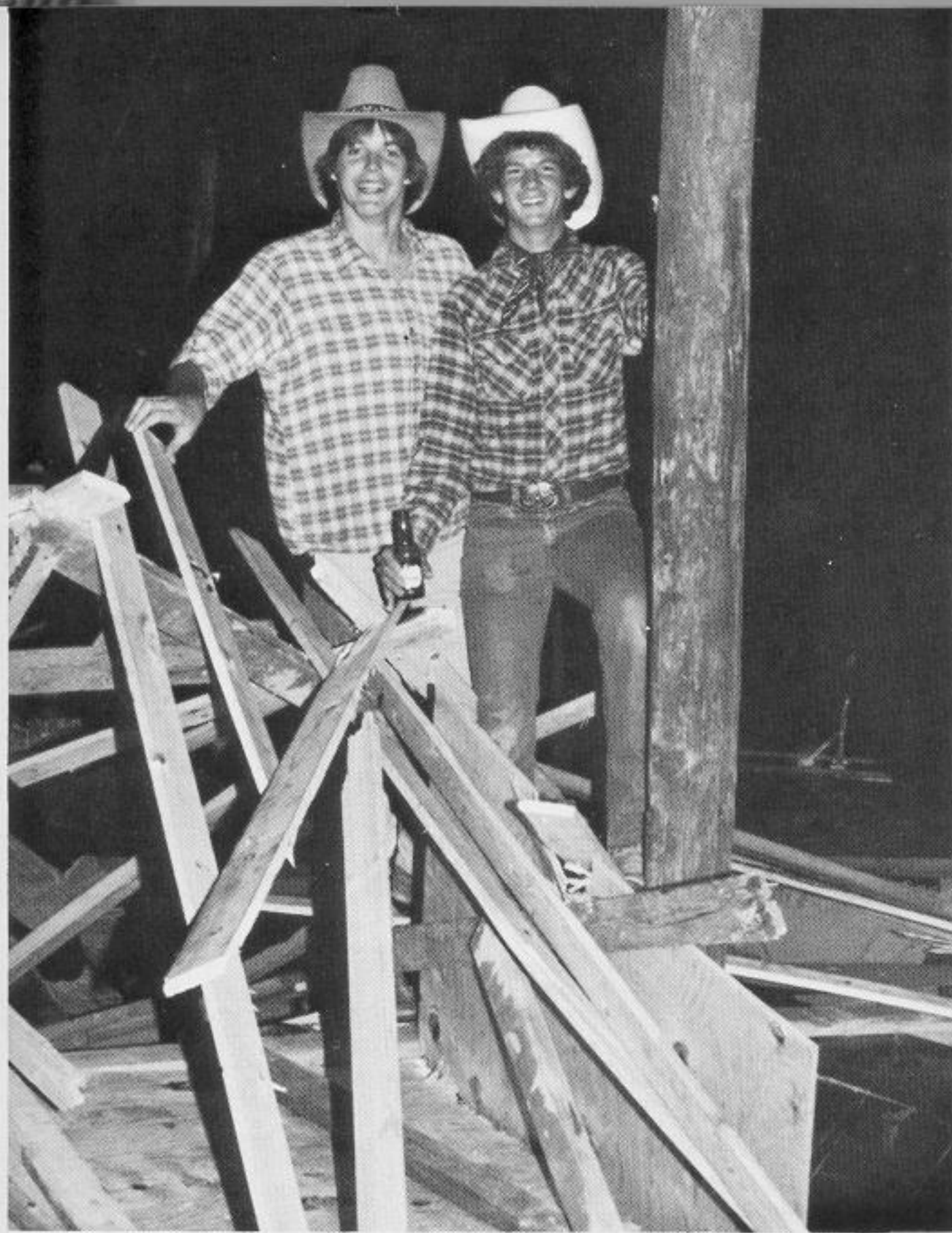


Robert Harrison, Chris Johnson, Michael Kelly, John Lilly, Mark Lindsey, Mark Matthews, Wade McClure, Jeff Potts, Brent Rody, The Shed, Paul Shunatona.



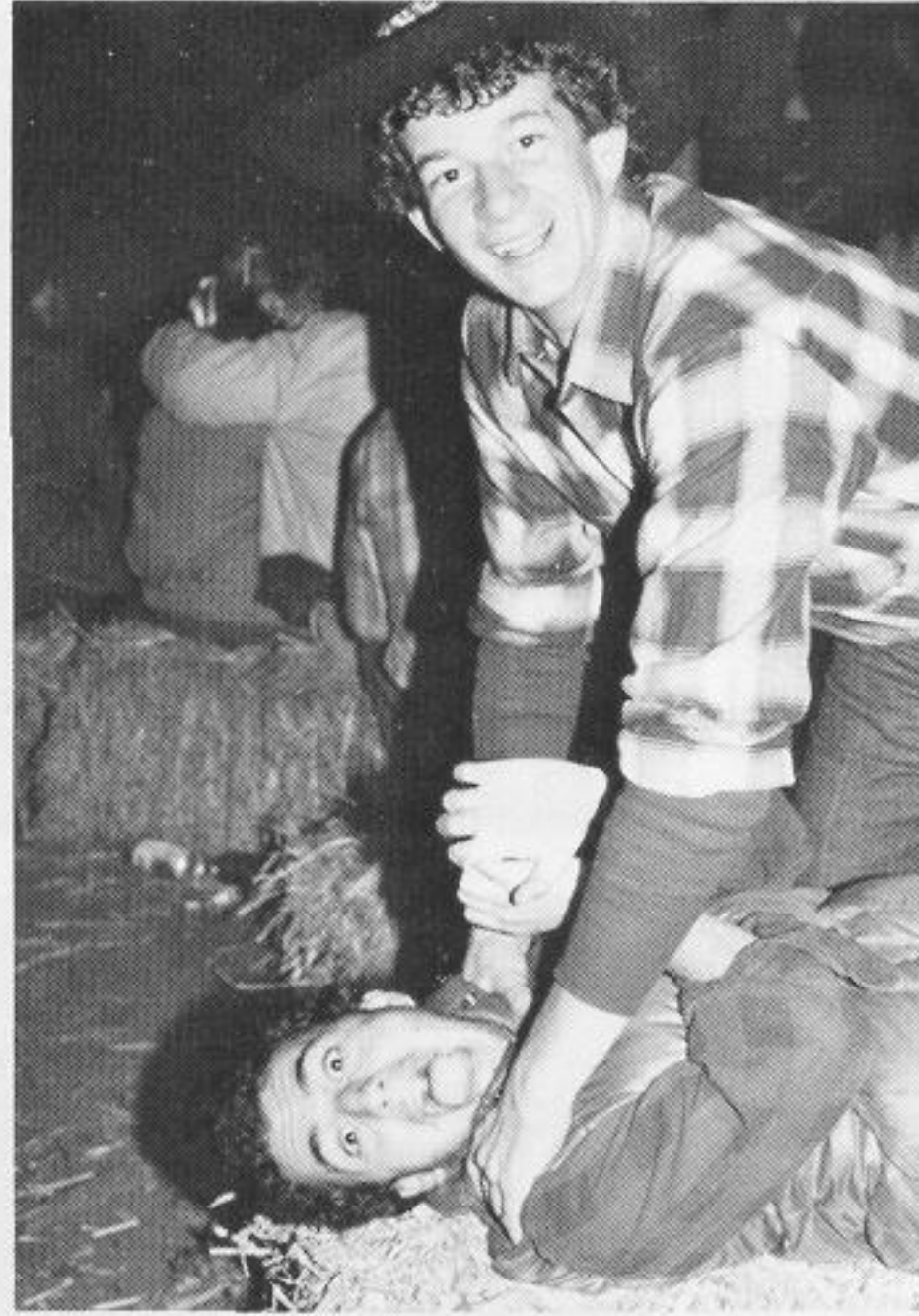
Mark Southern, Joe Brent Stephens, Mark Terrell, Todd Boone, Ty Boone, Billy Briggs, Steve Daniels, Rex Duncan, Jay Scott Edzards, Steve Emmons, Stuart Emmons.





The party's over. Trippy Thompson and Jeff Roberts helped bring the barn down.

Beta antics make Barndance one of the group's favorites. Jeff Roberts and Steve Rahhal clown for the camera.



Front row: Bobby Woods, Pat Jordan, Mike Tolson. Row 2: Cory Graves, Sam Clemons, Richard Anderson, G. Calvin Sharp, Brooks Mitchell, Mike Massad, Wade McClure, Jed Campbell, Jim Hicks, John Bell, John Hillis. Row 3: Pat Metz, Ricky Allen, Eric Ivester, Brent McKee, Charley Towe, Zack Allen, Kevin James, James Blaylock, Ty Akin, Stan Vlasimsky, Carter Baumert, Brad Liebman, Hal Belknap, Andy Lucas, Jay Detit. Row 4: Cary Gathright, Phil Devanney, Bret Chandler, Steve Rahhal, Scot Rahhal, John Rahhal, Bennett Fuller, Mark Meyer, B.J. O'Hara, Brad Durham, Rob Raley, Todd Huckabay, Peter Englebert, Jeff Potts, Steve Emmons, Hugh Brower, Stuart Emmons, "Mom" Osadchuk. Row 5: Greg Englebert, Ty Boone, Paul Shanatona, Ross Duncan, Russell Reneau, Dow Hughes, Rob Felton, Paul Bevilacqua, Tom Hillis, Bob Mareburger, Chuck Knapp, John Baccus, Steve Mareburger, Brent Barghols, Vic Morgan, Brent Rody, Joe Brent Stephens, Mark Mathews, Peter Emmott. Row 6: Link Barr, Jack Clifton, Kevin Harmon, Clay Hillis, Todd Boone, Trippy Thompson, Kyle Moore, Rick Mooney. Row 7: Tom Kemp, Baron Busby, Billy Briggs, Jay Scot Edzards, Robert Robertson, Mark Terrill, Rex Duncan. Back row: Mark Lindsey, Bill Banowsky Jr., Greg Griffith, Darren Sparkman.



Peter Emmott, Peter Engelbert, Richard Fellrath, Mark Fisher, Greg Griffith, Scott Guthrie, Mark Harmon, Tom Hillis, Mike Johnson, Pat Jordan, Richard Kirby.

Todd Lisle, Bob Mareburger, Park Medearis, Rick Mooney, Kyle Moore, Vic Morgan, Bobby Mullen-dore, Steve Nell, Steve Rahhal, Russell Reneau, Jeff Roberts.

Rob Robertson, Darin Sparkman, Steve Stotts, Trippy Thompson, Steve Tolson, Ty Akin, Zach Allen, Jon Baccus, Carter Baumert, Hal Belknap, Paul Bevilacqua, James Blalack.

Charles Dobbs, Ross Duncan, Brad Durham, Mark Fairchild, Robert Felton, Robert Gray, Todd Huckabay, Dow Hughes, Kevin James, Cole Johnson, Paul Kissell, Chuck Knapp.

Bryan Lansford, Brad Liebmann, Brent McKee, B.J. O'Hara, Jay Pettit, Scott Pittman, Scott Rahhal, Robert Raley, Ray Thatch, Charles Towe, Stan Vlasimsky, Jay Wade.