

Beta Theta Pi

Social life helps academic standing

The Gamma Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi celebrated its diamond anniversary in grand style with a large reunion of alumnus and actives at Lincoln Plaza in Oklahoma City.

OU President William S. Banowsky was the keynote speaker at the fraternity's 75th anniversary celebration. In his talk, he emphasized that a strong social organization is the backbone for the cultivation of intellect. Beta Theta Pi epitomizes this idea by leading the greek grade average race 24 out of the last 29 years.

The Betas complemented their dedication to academic excellence with an active social calendar beginning with their annual Victory party, followed by the reknowned three-day Beta Barn Dance. Along with a barn constructed on the Beta's front lawn, live animals roaming about and live music, the "Farmer's Daughter" sorority competi-

tion made its return with the Chi Omega's taking home the trophy.

Spring events included a Valentine's formal and the Beta Lei.

Beta members were active participants in the intramural program, winning twice as many championships as any other fraterni-

Gamma Phi Chapter

Nickname: Beta

Founded: Aug. 8, 1938

Place: Miami University, Ohio

Colors: Light blue and light pink

Flower: Rose

Symbol: Dragon

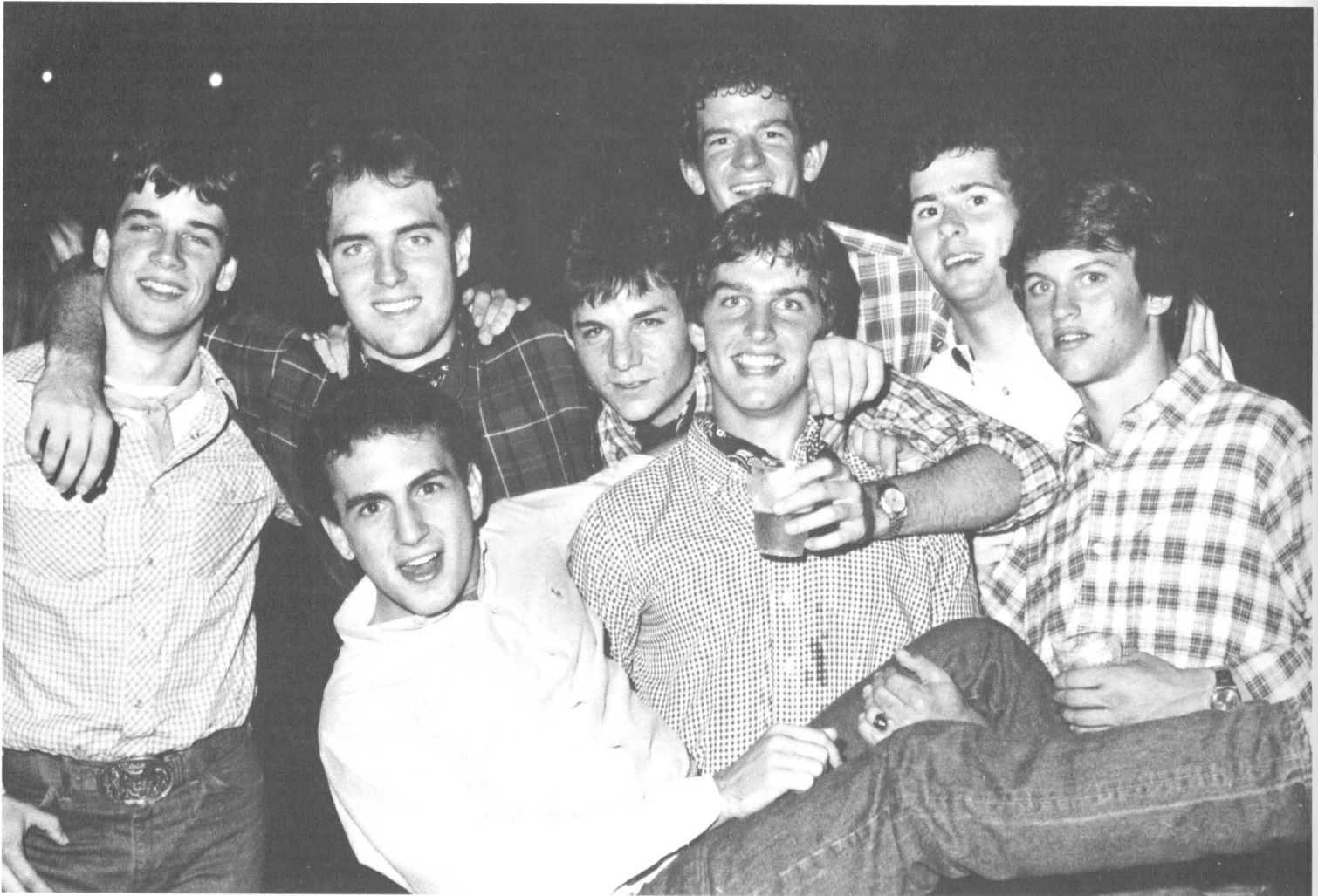
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The Betas proved to be champions of the song and dance circuit too. Teaming with the women of Delta Delta Delta in 1980

and Kappa Alpha Theta in 1981, the duos won the large act competition. Teaming again this year with the Tri-Delts, top honors were garnered.

Good fortune was brought to the Beta house, located at 800 Chautauqua, when they learned their house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This distinction afforded the fraternity government support.

"Beta Theta Pi stresses well-rounded individualism and intra-fraternal closeness which is unparalleled in any of our pre-university experiences," said a Beta spokesman. "We are proud of Beta's traditional past and strive to maintain this standard of excellence through competitive, goal-oriented attitudes which are given life in the athletic and academic arenas, and are supported by friendships that we know will last far beyond our college days."



HELPING LIFT

Tad Hughes gives Steve Rahhal a lift so he can get in the Beta pic at the Kappa Kappa Gamma Bar-B-Que.

