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## WOOGLIN ON CHAUTAUQUA



The basement foundation has been poured for the new addition that will house the study hall and new study rooms.



Stud framing is in progress on the second floor of the main house.

## HISTORIC CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

### MORE DONOR PARTICIPATION NEEDED

As the fall semester and football season wind down, we are now in the middle of the renovation and construction of our historic Beta house project. The basement concrete is complete, the steel structure for the new addition is going up, and renovations inside the original house are ongoing. While we have not raised all of the funds to fully pay for this project and the related furnishings, we had to get construction underway so the chapter can move back into the house next fall.

As with any construction project, especially one involving an 85-year-old building, there are always challenges that have to be addressed

and overcome. Fortunately, with help from our architect and contractor, we have been able to find solutions to keep the project on track and moving forward. Decisions have been made to complete additional improvements to the building while the contractor is engaged. As an example, our initial plan did not call for a complete replacement of the roof and all of the windows in the original house; however, while these items will result in additional costs, it seems that now is the best and least expensive time to do these replacements. The features in this project will bring our house closer in line with other facilities that are being built today on the University of Oklahoma campus.

we have to make some important decisions about items that will have to be cut from the project if we don't reach our funding goal.

More than 460 alumni have made a contribution to this project, and our goal is that we see **400** more rise to the occasion and prove, once again, Gamma Phi is a fraternity that is far above average. We still need at least \$1 million in additional giving to complete the project.

#### LOYALTY AND COMMITMENT

Once again we are asking the brothers that have not given to this campaign to make a commitment. Being a Beta takes a certain level of loyalty and commitment. It is great to see young men that are college students at OU taking advantage of being part of Beta. It is also great to return as an alumnus to the house and

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### Campaign Status At-a-Glance

*As of November 20, 2014*

**\$9 Million Fundraising Goal**  
**\$8,532,639 in Total Contributions**  
**468 Loyal Donors**  
**1,849 Mailable Alumni**

#### PARTICIPATION NEEDED

In our summer newsletter, we stressed the importance of all Gamma Phis getting involved in this campaign. Since that newsletter hit mailboxes, **51** new donors and **\$173,580** in gifts have been received. Of our 1,849 alumni, currently 25% have given to the campaign. The average alumni participation rate among Greek chapter campaigns is 25%, but Gamma Phi has never been average. For more than 105 years we have set our sights on excellence whether it be academics, athletics, campus leadership, or housing. However, we are now at the point where

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# GAMMA PHI

## CLASS PARTICIPATION

### How Is Your Pledge Class Doing?

|      |             |      |
|------|-------------|------|
| 1938 | \$1,000     | 17%  |
| 1941 | \$50        | 14%  |
| 1946 | \$2,300     | 30%  |
| 1947 | \$1,000     | 9%   |
| 1948 | \$11,00     | 57%  |
| 1949 | \$229,600   | 50%  |
| 1950 | \$1,150     | 13%  |
| 1951 | \$1,624,550 | 100% |
| 1952 | \$23,000    | 58%  |
| 1953 | \$500,500   | 15%  |
| 1954 | \$24,800    | 32%  |
| 1955 | \$24,500    | 19%  |
| 1956 | \$5,000     | 4%   |
| 1957 | \$11,000    | 21%  |
| 1958 | \$8,000     | 11%  |
| 1959 | \$94,500    | 50%  |
| 1960 | \$18,500    | 21%  |
| 1961 | \$5,500     | 25%  |
| 1962 | \$72,500    | 50%  |
| 1963 | \$140,000   | 18%  |
| 1964 | \$10,000    | 5%   |
| 1965 | \$290,652   | 26%  |
| 1966 | \$62,750    | 64%  |
| 1967 | \$341,000   | 36%  |
| 1968 | \$83,500    | 50%  |
| 1969 | \$20,800    | 22%  |
| 1970 | \$24,500    | 24%  |
| 1971 | \$156,600   | 37%  |
| 1972 | \$177,000   | 31%  |
| 1973 | \$167,500   | 35%  |
| 1974 | \$647,500   | 52%  |
| 1975 | \$207,250   | 41%  |
| 1976 | \$678,250   | 44%  |
| 1977 | \$264,250   | 16%  |
| 1978 | \$201,250   | 38%  |
| 1979 | \$23,000    | 10%  |
| 1980 | \$259,000   | 32%  |
| 1981 | \$561,850   | 53%  |
| 1982 | \$270,000   | 27%  |
| 1983 | \$35,500    | 18%  |
| 1984 | \$195,320   | 45%  |
| 1985 | \$68,700    | 40%  |
| 1986 | \$56,000    | 15%  |
| 1987 | \$154,000   | 21%  |
| 1988 | \$80,505    | 28%  |
| 1989 | \$8,020     | 13%  |
| 1990 | \$30,050    | 14%  |
| 1992 | \$5,000     | 10%  |
| 1993 | \$15,000    | 14%  |
| 1994 | \$5,000     | 10%  |
| 1995 | \$11,000    | 15%  |
| 1996 | \$10,200    | 31%  |
| 1997 | \$5,000     | 10%  |
| 1998 | \$63,150    | 23%  |
| 1999 | \$7,500     | 7%   |
| 2000 | \$10,000    | 11%  |
| 2001 | \$6,350     | 6%   |
| 2002 | \$4,500     | 6%   |
| 2003 | \$3,500     | 4%   |
| 2004 | \$13,750    | 5%   |
| 2005 | \$25,008    | 9%   |
| 2006 | \$18,500    | 16%  |
| 2007 | \$39,750    | 13%  |
| 2008 | \$25,075    | 16%  |
| 2010 | \$2,500     | 3%   |

# Alumni Stand as Stewards of Beta Legacy

Through the early stages of this campaign, several of our members have stepped up to lead their class' fundraising efforts. These men are rallying the troops and making our new home a reality. Here's what a few of them had to say.



*A Friday night cleanup in October of 1951. If we work together, we can accomplish great things.*



### George Lampton '51

"The Beta house is a reminder of the important milestone it played in my life. I was, truthfully, only an average student. The forced study hall and mentoring of upperclassmen were instrumental in getting my degree. Of equal importance, the house is a reminder of the lifelong friendships I established while living

there. Our class came from small towns, mid-size cities and large metropolitan areas. From poor, mid-income, and wealthy families. Okies and guys from other states. All of our memories come flooding back when we view a picture of the house, and we all want to keep it preserved and updated.

"Our class knew that the house was in need of repair and updating to be competitive with the other fraternities, and the most rewarding part of the solicitations I've made to my brothers has been the enthusiastic response I've received. The house meant so much to each one of them and they all wanted to show their support financially."

### Chauncey Klingensmith '59

"My desire to contribute to the campaign was based on the recognition of how important and meaningful my Beta relationships were, both in my college years and in the times since. I agreed to be a class leader because I knew it would enable me to make contact with many good friends that I, perhaps, had been remiss in keeping up with. The reward was just that, talking and reminiscing about times gone by."

### David Rainbolt '74

"My pledge brothers have remained close over the years. I think our class participation in this campaign reflects our appreciation that the Beta house brought us together way back in 1974."



### Daniel Medley '85

"I chose to contribute because of the impact of my experience as a member and the opportunity to provide the greatness of Zeta Phi to future generations. Someone provided the same thing for me and I am thankful for it. Throughout this campaign I've received great joy from the many interactions with my pledge brothers."

### Matt Allen '98

"Gamma Phi has given me so much personally and professionally that if I were to quantify the value as a dollar amount, my donation would only be a fraction of the amount received. There's a stewardship involved as an alumnus. While I was an active member, many alumni gave time and money to the chapter to forward its goals to my direct benefit. Now that I am an alum, it is my turn to step up to the plate and also be a bridgebuilder. The most rewarding part of being a class leader has been the affirmation of my own enthusiasm for Gamma Phi as shown by others' donations."





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have pride in 800 Chautauqua. To achieve our goals we will need financial commitment from all Gamma Phi alumni.

We are asking everyone to show their loyalty by making somewhat of a stretch donation. Since we are in need of donations that are larger than normal, we are giving the option to make pledges that can be paid out over five years. Gifts can be made online through our secure giving form at <http://oklahomabeta.kintera.org/donatenow>. Alternatively, use the pledge card enclosed to make your pledge today. Donors contributing \$2,500 or more will be featured on a plaque prominently displayed in our new chapter house.

Our Gamma Phi alumni of the past created the 800 Chautauqua house you enjoyed. It's time to repay your debt to them by doing the same for active and future members. The preeminence of our new house ensures the chapter's future. Thank you for your support!

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,

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## ALUMNI UPDATE

**Burke Mordy '54** and **Martin Dyer '49** have practiced law for more than 60 years. Burke is getting ready to retire in 2015. He lives in Ardmore, Okla., with his wife of 61 years, Dana. E-mail: [mordylaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mordylaw@sbcglobal.net)

**John Coffey '63** and his wife, Carolyn, make their home in Oklahoma City, where John is an attorney with White, Coffey and Fite. They have one child, Casey. E-mail: [jcoffey@wcgflaw.com](mailto:jcoffey@wcgflaw.com)

**John Coker '72** is the recipient of the 2015 Virginia Association of Orthodontists Distinguished Service Award. He is an orthodontist and lives in Fredericksburg, Va., with his wife, Linda, a Kappa Kappa Gama. They have three children: Tug, Lindsay, and Lorie. E-mail: [jhcoker@verizon.net](mailto:jhcoker@verizon.net)

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**Matthew Wilson '02** is a lieutenant commander with the U.S. Navy. His service will end in the summer of 2015, when he hopes to relocate to Oklahoma. "It will be good to be back!" He and his wife, Tara, have two children, Madeline and Landon. E-mail: [mwilsonmd@alumni.ou.edu](mailto:mwilsonmd@alumni.ou.edu)

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## Gamma Phi Chapter Keeps Brotherhood a Priority while Not Living in Chapter House

Living outside of 800 Chautauqua has created some interesting challenges this year. However, this has not stopped the good brothers from remaining extremely close. The actives have taken extra steps to further the bonds that would be otherwise created living inside the walls of Phi Kai Phi. The values and principles of this chapter require all of us to hold brotherhood and the bonds of our friendship in the highest regard.



*While members are not currently living in the house at 800 Chautauqua, pledges still built a barn in the front yard for Barn Dance and Farmer's Daughter.*

Most of the actives are living together in an apartment complex south of Highway 9. Having a central location for all of the brothers to live together and gather has created an environment similar to that of the Beta house. Further, the actives and pledges alike have made a special effort to take trips with each other. Thankfully, Sooner football provides a wonderful platform for this. Roughly 25 seniors and juniors journeyed up the turnpike to Tulsa to watch the Sooners take on the formidable Tulsa Golden Hurricanes. We thank the great alumni support of **Brad Boone '82**, **Ty Boone '84**, and **Dick Boone '59** for allowing this great weekend to go off without a hitch.

A few weeks later, nearly 50 brothers traveled south on I-35 for the game against TCU. These two weekends were not to be outdone by OU-Texas weekend. Each pledge class, including the pledges, left Norman on the Thursday before the game and enjoyed each other's company in places like McAlester and Antlers. All members and pledges stayed together in the same hotel down in Dallas. Although away games provide all of the members a great opportunity to have fun together, the Betas have organized several different events for all of the members to be together within Norman city limits.

On the Sunday following the Homecoming game, the members played paintball with each other and enjoyed the bonds of brotherhood. Finally, a trip to an OU hockey game is in the works so that all can enjoy Norman's greatest show on ice. It has been challenging for all of the brothers and alumni this year without the house, but this challenge has not hindered the bonding of our brotherhood.

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,

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## Test Your Beta Knowledge

When it comes to the historical displays to be included within the remodeled Beta house, below is a summary of some facts and stories. See if you know the following Gamma Phi history.

1. Which OU Beta was featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*?
2. OU has produced 29 Rhodes Scholars. Do you know the name of one who is a Beta?
3. Who is the OU Beta that became secretary of the state of Texas and also chairman of the Texas Board of Regents for Higher Education?
4. What is the name of the OU Beta who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives?
5. How many Betas have been president of the University of Oklahoma?
6. Which OU Beta was given the Oxford Cup by the Beta general fraternity?
7. Which OU Beta was on the list of Forbes 400 Richest People in America?
8. Which OU Beta donated the Sooner Schooner and the ponies Boomer and Sooner, becoming one of the most iconic college mascots?

**ANSWERS:**  
 1. Charlie Coe, Roll #584  
 2. Jack Luttrell, Roll #400  
 3. Alvan Muldrow, Roll #293  
 4. Mike Synar, Roll #1412  
 5. David Ross Boyd, James S. Buchanan, and William S. Banowsky, Roll #1896  
 6. Lee B. Thompson, Roll #227  
 7. Cyril "Cy" Wagner, Roll #866  
 8. Charley "Buzz" Bartlett, Roll #136

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