



WOOGLIN ON CHAUTAUQUA

Alumni, Help Us Raise Remaining \$1 Million for Our Future Beta Family



Campaign leadership was on hand to begin the work for the chapter's renovation. Your support is needed during this exciting time in the chapter's history.

Both yesterday and today, Beta Theta Pi makes us proud. When we look back at our own Gamma Phi experience, we can see how the friendships, leadership, and campus involvement—even decades ago—helped shape who we are now. As collegiate members, 800 Chautauqua was our home at OU. We lived there together as brothers, as a family. That Beta family still exists today.

As a family, we must fulfill our lifelong commitment to Gamma Phi by supporting the next generation we will be proud to call brothers. A lot of progress has been made so far in 2014.



Fallis Beall '55 and Bill Reed '55 celebrate the groundbreaking of Beta's new construction.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was held after the last day of school on May 10. The house has been totally vacated, and demolition work as started on parts of the original house that are going to be replaced, such as the bathrooms, main stairway, and kitchen. The new basement excavation and the related concrete work has started. Our vision for the renovation and expansion of our home is becoming a reality. This new home at 800 Chautauqua will allow Beta to attract the highest quality young men. The structure will also be a place we will be proud to visit when in Norman and bring our families.

Loyal alumni have committed more than \$8 million in support of the *Honoring Our Traditions, Providing for the Future* campaign, but our job is not finished. Our original goal was not going to be adequate to cover all of the cost of construction, interest, fixtures, and furnishings. The campaign committee has looked at the updated cost estimates, the progress on the campaign and has decided to revised our initial campaign goal from raising at least \$8 million to resolutely setting a goal of \$9 million. With estimates coming in higher than anticipated, we need to raise and collect \$9 million to build the house and leave zero debt.

If you have not made a contribution or pledge in support of your Gamma Phi brothers, I

urge you to stake your claim now in this momentous project. I want to thank the loyal 380 brothers who have supported the campaign to date. However, we need the remaining 1,500 to participate in this campaign so we can reach our goal. Fill out the enclosed pledge card or visit <http://oklahomabeta.kintera.org/donatenow> to help us raise the remaining \$1 million.

As Betas, we know what it means to “lock up,” and this is a situation where everyone needs to participate at some level. Your level depends on your individual circumstances and other commitments, but I encourage everyone to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event. I believe when this new building is completed, you will want the satisfaction of knowing that you helped make it happen.

Yours in _kai_,
Robert Beall '80
 Campaign Chairman
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Campaign Status

At-a-Glance

As of August 19, 2014

\$9 Million Fundraising Goal

\$8,186,950 in Total Contributions

380 Loyal Donors

1,869 Mailable Alumni

\$8 MILLION COMMITTED AND GROWING

We Need Your Leadership and Commitment Now

We are deeply grateful to the following Gamma Phi brothers for committing \$8,186,950 to the *Honoring Our Traditions, Providing for the Future* campaign. These brothers have reflected on the pledgeship, oaths, friendships, memories, and 800 Chautauqua and invested in the place where they were given opportunities for growth and support while at the University of Oklahoma.

In 2014, we will raise the \$9 million necessary to reach our goal, but we need your leadership and commitment now. If you would like to make a gift to the campaign, please donate online at <http://oklahomabeta.kintera.org/donatenow> or fill out and return the enclosed pledge card. Thank you, loyal alumni!

GAMMA PHI CLASS PARTICIPATION

How Is Your Pledge Class Doing?

1946	\$1,300	20%
1947	\$1,000	9%
1948	\$7,500	33%
1949	\$229,600	50%
1950	\$1,150	12%
1951	\$1,624,550	100%
1952	\$23,000	58%
1953	\$500,000	7%
1954	\$17,500	22%
1955	\$23,500	15%
1956	\$5,000	4%
1957	\$8,000	17%
1958	\$8,000	11%
1959	\$89,500	44%
1960	\$15,500	17%
1961	\$2,500	8%
1962	\$67,500	45%
1963	\$121,500	12%
1964	\$10,000	5%
1965	\$290,652	26%
1966	\$54,750	41%
1967	\$336,000	33%
1968	\$78,500	44%
1969	\$20,800	22%
1970	\$23,500	22%
1971	\$90,000	22%
1972	\$177,000	31%
1973	\$152,500	32%
1974	\$602,500	50%
1975	\$202,250	38%
1976	\$650,750	33%
1977	\$271,750	19%
1978	\$196,250	34%
1979	\$23,000	10%
1980	\$249,000	27%
1981	\$561,850	53%
1982	\$265,000	23%
1983	\$32,500	16%
1984	\$162,720	27%
1985	\$68,700	40%
1986	\$51,000	10%

Legacy Society
(*\$1,000,000 and above*)
Thomas H. McCasland Jr. '55

Founders Society
(*\$500,000 to \$999,999*)

Beall Family Gift
Fallis A. Beall '55
Robert S. Beall '80
Reed Family Gift
Bill K. Reed '55
Kirk E. Reed '86
William M. Obering '57

800 Chautauqua Society
(*\$250,000 to \$499,999*)

David E. Rainbolt '78
Bickford Family Gift
Michael A. Bickford '80
Michael B. Bickford '09
Monica and Thomas III
McCasland '81 Family Fund
Robert L. "Link" Barr IV '85
Gamma Phi Undergraduates

kai Society
(*\$150,000 to \$249,999*)

1907 Charter Society
(*\$100,000 to \$149,999*)

Godsey Family Gift
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J. Hugh Roff Jr. '53
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Mabrey Jr. and Lurline Mabrey
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Daniel W. Jordan '78
In honor of
the Class of 1978
Thomas S. Stapleton '78
Kevin L. Foxx '79
Bret A. Chandler '82
Robert R. Felton '85
Stan M. Vlasimsky '85
John F. Burns Jr. '86
Michael T. Krampf '88
Craig E. Troyer '91

Knox Society
(*\$50,000 to \$99,999*)

Peter Adamson III '63
Len B. Cason '69
Robert R. Klabzuba '71
R. Marc Nuttle '71
W. Anderson Bishop '75
Christopher H. Pierce '75
Fuller Family Gift
John A. Fuller '76
Falon D. Fuller '80
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Seth A. Fuller '16
In memory of
Guy W. Fuller '83
Holliday Family Gift
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In memory of
Wilson Hayes Holliday,
#568
Crosby Family Gift
Ron J. Crosby '77
William A. Crosby '06
Charles B. Crosby '12
Kruger Family Gift
Warren F. Kruger '78
David S. Kruger '11
Stan L. Johnson '79
James W. Taylor '79
Bradford L. Boone, M.D. '82

R. Todd Boone, M.D. '84
Todd J. Lisle '84
Anonymous
Brent L. Mills '86
Todd K. Booze '90
Donald E. Noble '92

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(*\$25,000 to \$49,999*)

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Don V. Cogman '69
David A. Dillingham '69
Drew Neville '69
In memory of
Jack Neville and William Parker
Donald P. Maxwell Jr., M.D. '77
In memory of
Michael Roy Hall
Sisson Family Gift
Samuel N. Sisson Jr. '77
Brady N. Sisson '09
LeBarre Family Gift
Larry J. LeBarre '78
Bennett R. LeBarre '09
Wilson Family Gift
M. Grant Wilson '78
Mark C. Wilson '16
Greer Family Gift
Richard C. Geer '79
Gerald K. Greer '81
Cullen C. Greer '08
Gerald K. Greer '11
Christopher D. Greer '17
Busby Family Gift
Brian Busby, D.D.S. '80
Graham Busby '12
In memory of
William Busby Jr., D.D.S. '53
Patrick D. Jordan '84
Brad H. Liebmann '85

1987	\$149,000	17%	1999	\$5,000	4%
1988	\$77,500	18%	2000	\$10,000	11%
1989	\$5,020	9%	2001	\$6,350	6%
1990	\$30,050	14%	2002	\$3,500	4%
1992	\$2,500	4%	2003	\$3,500	4%
1993	\$15,000	14%	2004	\$13,750	6%
1994	\$5,000	11%	2005	\$25,008	10%
1995	\$11,000	15%	2006	\$10,000	7%
1996	\$8,700	30%	2007	\$38,750	10%
1997	\$2,500	5%	2008	\$17,500	9%
1998	\$63,100	21%	2010	\$2,500	3%

Dobbs Family Gift
Charles L. Dobbs '85
James W. Dobbs '87
Austin M. Dobbs '17
Michael R. Hall '88
James R. Wetwiska '89
Robert L. Smith Jr. '91
Curtis A. McCarty '92

Wooglin Society

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)
J. Philip Adamson '66
J. Douglas Frantz '66
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Cross Family Gift
Bradén Riehl Cross '69
Michael Connor Cross '03
Jonathan Christopher Cross '06

Robert B. Berry '70
In memory of
Larry Whalen and
Edwin J. Lippman
Steve B. Glasser '70
In memory of
J Lawrence Wheeler and
Edwin J. Lippmann
J. Steve Miller, M.D. '72
John G. Moore '72
Fred O. Turner II '72
Diamond Family Gift
Harry H. Diamond '12
Harry H. Diamond Jr. '43
David M. Diamond '75
Mike Mordy '77
Bert E. Marshall '78
Robert M. Neville '78
Johnston Family Gift
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Ted R. Johnston '11
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Lance S. Tolson '82
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Dow R. Hughes '85
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Jack K. Burns '88
Rick Johannes '88
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Glenn L. Hunter '64
Matthew G. Hunter '93
Bradley G. Hunter '94
Lees Family Gift
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(\$10,000 to \$14,999)
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Thomas G. Norris '56
Joe Semrod '59
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Jack A. Kinnebrew '35
Jack M. Kinnebrew '63
James A. Kinnebrew '64
Arthur H. Thompson '66
Charles F. Bethea, M.D. '67
In memory of
Bill Conger '67
Peter G. Pierce III '71
Thomas E. Sherman '73
Van Aken Family Gift
Steve Van Aken '75
Mark Van Aken '66
In memory of
John Van Aken '61
Shoemaker Family Gift
Kim W. Shoemaker '77
J. Gram Shoemaker '16
In memory of
Michael R. Hall '77
Steven C. Jordan '78

John G. Munger '78
Dewey W. Chambers '79
C. Randall Helms '79
John E. "Jed" Campbell Jr. '82
Cary K. Gathright Jr. '82
Jeffrey A. Dietert '83
Lehman Family Gift
Donald M. Lehman '83
D. Mason Lehman Jr. '16
Rob F. Robertson '84
Mark B. McDaniel '86
Darin W. McBride '89
Daniel L. Medley '89
In memory of
Franklin W. Ayres

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In honor of
Robert L. Kramer '53
In memory of
Robert W. Baker Jr. '54
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In memory of
Clark Millsbaugh '75
Byron H. Schaff '53
C. Richard Anderson '55
Anonymous
John H. Haynes '55
George H. Lampton '55
Ralph G. Thompson '56
Fred A. Gipson '58
Sam L. Wilhite Jr. '58
Douglas I. McDonald '60
William S. Reebergh '61
James C. Clark '62
Otis G. Bacon '63
John M. Coffey '63
Phil Couch '63
In memory of
Charles Victor Williams II
Kenneth L. Kendrick '63
Klingensmith Family Gift
Chauncey D. Klingensmith '63
Chan Klingensmith '98
In memory of
Newell Dulin Menifee
David B. Mueller '63
In honor of
the Class of 1963
Jerry Richardson '63
Grant Fair '64
Ben J. Heinrich '66
Joe B. McMillin Jr. '66
Thomas W. Metcalf '66
Nisbet Family Gift
R. Michael Nisbet '66
Stephen A. Nisbet '68
Timothy J. Nisbet '06
C. Michael Smith '66
John G. Hemphill III '67
James C. Elder '69
Kurt S. Frantz, M.D. '70
John T. Lockard, D.D.S. '70
In memory of
Tom Lockard '72
Richard C. Mathews '70
Steven B. Cochran '71
Elden Hoffman '71
Jim Gotwals '72
In memory of
Charles P. Gotwals Jr., #442
Hank Ryan III '72
Joe M. Glasser '73
David R. Hicks, M.D. '73
Hoopes Family Gift
Jack Hoopes '73
Brad Hoopes '76
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Luff Family Gift
Mark R. Luff '73
Bryan A. Luff '08
Harbour Whitaker '73
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Scott M. Rayburn '74

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Tom Williams '71, and
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Ronald C. Krieger '76
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Michael J. Massad '82
Jay S. Edzards '84
Robert S. Mareburger '84
Zachary W. Allen '85
Mark Fairchild '85
Charles E. Towe Jr., D.D.S. '85
Randall S. Wells '85
C. Brett Robinson '87
Bill J. Settle '87
Guy S. Lamb '88
Randy E. Brogdon '90
Phillip W. Farmer '91
Jay W. Penn '91
Richard G. Vlasimsky '91
K.J. Little '96
Colm P. McCauley '97
Zack Hall '00
Matthew J. Allen '02
Ryan Briggs '02
John D. Buxton '02
Travis B. Caves '02
Robert L. Cunningham '02
J. Wade Kovash '02
J. Bridger Cox '03
David Proctor II '05
Reid D. Thompson '08
Logan Beall '12
Holliman Family Gift
Matt T. Holliman '12
Mitch T. Holliman '13

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(\$2,500 to \$4,999)
The Family of Robert W. Baker Jr.
In memory of
Robert W. Baker Jr. '54
Meredith Cunningham
In memory of
Christopher H. Pierce '75
Mrs. Robert Millsbaugh
In memory of
Robert C. Millsbaugh Jr. '50
Ann Cullen Powell
In memory of
Ronald J. Cullen '24
J. Forrest "Pete" Barnwell '53
In memory of his brothers:
Bob Barnwell Jr., William
Hart Barnwell, Joseph C.
Barnwell, and Richard B.
Barnwell
Alan C. Calkin '53
Burke G. Mordy '54
Lee B. Thompson Jr. '54
Robert R. Lam '55
Jim Weed '55
Frank G. Mitchell '56
Gerald W. Fronterhouse '58
In memory of
Gretchen Fronterhouse
Philip D. Hart '58
Richard L. Boone '59
Paul C. Houk, M.D. '59

Robert L. Dale, M.D. '60
In memory of
Robert N. Vedder '67
Timothy M. Larason '62
Donald R. Copeland '63
Paul N. Stanton '64
In memory of
James Ritchie Akright
Donald R. Crews '65
Larry B. Reams '65
J. Michael Badgwell, M.D. '67
Richard J. Gore '67
G. Blaine Schwabe III '69
J. Gregory Cox, M.D. '70
In memory of
J Lawrence Wheeler
John T. Hardeman '70
Thomas A. Hopwood '70
James W. Sharrock Jr. '70
Warren E. Askew '71
W. Vaughn Clark '71
Roy D. Folsom '71
Ken B. Privett '71
John W. Ritz '71
James K. Bailey, M.D. '72
Warren F. Bickford IV '72
In memory of
Bruce Bickford #1528
Chuck Buland '72
Paul V. Carlile, M.D. '72
In honor of
the Class of 1972
John H. Coker Jr. '72
Bob W. Dow, M.D. '72
In honor of
the Class of '72
Lou Stuart Jr. '72
William L. Berry '73
Ronald E. Bowden '74
Zane Fleming '74
Thomas D. Urice, M.D. '74
Richard B. Bates '75
Edgar C. Morrison Jr. '75
Kevin F. O'Halloran '75
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Richard L. Campbell '77
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Harrison T. Powell '15
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Brian E. O'Hara '86
Tyson V. Akin '85
Paul Bevilacqua '85
Bradley P. Durham '85
Jay L. Wade '85
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Garrett H. Fraley '17
In memory of
Tom H. Fraley Jr. '56
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Charles S. Thornton '88
Mike Bertman '89
Jerry D. Goodson '89
Sean D. Merrill '89
Brian F. Owen '89
Cam D. Williams '89
W. Bryn Wilson '89
Clint M. Pitzer '92
Larry D. Kalka Jr. '93
In memory of
Jonathan Paley '93

Todd C. Stanton '96
Eric Brigance '97
Bryan W. Brown '97
Donald S. Kirkpatrick '98
Ryan J. Harris '99
Raleigh D. Blumstein '00
Jeremy R. Eaves '00
Joe Ford '00
Matthew D. Pollock '02
Scott S. Hofmann Jr. '04
Joe A. Kokojan '06
R. Brent Gathright '07
Dewey F. Bartlett III '09
Matthew K. Brown '09
Koby C. Harrington '09
Andrew Broussard '10
Preston M. Gunkel '10
Brandon S. Patrick '11
Kenton Devine '12
Jeffrey L. Vogt '12
Mark T. Stoltz '14

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(\$1,000 to \$2,499)
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Millard K. Ingram '54
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George E. Pratt '55
Dan Blankenship '57
James H. Warram '57
Richard F. DeVoe '60
William E. McKay '61
John "Randy" Thompson Jr. '62
Clark Ellison '63
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Thomas D. Swineford '64
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Generations of Brotherhood Inspire Mike Krampf '88 to Give

The four short years of college don't often allow for the benefit of perspective. When **Mike Krampf '88** saw the friendships and tradition his brother, **Trey '86**, had found in Beta Theta Pi, he was interested as well. But it was in the years after college that Mike really began to see the impact Beta had on his life.

"I think college is where you mature the most in a short period of time. Surrounding myself with a group of exceptional young men made me a better person and created a bond that has lasted a lifetime."

"What Beta did for me that I didn't appreciate at the time was it prepared me for challenges in the real world. It gave real-life experiences and reinforced how much better you are as part of a team."

Mike put those lessons to work in his first job with Conoco on through to his current position as manager of branded sales for the West Coast for Phillips 66. His family has also grown during this time and his son, Eric, became a Beta.

"It meant the world to me when Eric joined Beta. I didn't push him—it was always his decision, but I wanted him to have an experience that was



as great as what I had. It was important that there was a balance between the social and academic lives, and Beta provided the balance to be successful."

Though separated by 25 years, there is a familiarity in Mike's and Eric's experiences. "The rules have changed from my time in the house, but watching how Eric interacts with the guys in the fraternity reminds me of how I acted. It's all about brotherhood and camaraderie."

The consistency of what Beta delivers to generation after generation of young men struck a chord with Mike, particularly when it came to the campaign for Gamma Phi. To ensure that Beta is around for the men at Oklahoma in the future, Mike chose to contribute to the renovation of the chapter house.

"We must recognize that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ensure Beta maintains its position as the top fraternity at OU."

"Without the dedication and leadership of **Robert Beall '80**, this renovation would not happen. But we need everyone to support this campaign to make sure it is done right. Now is our time to step up."



Bill Johnstone '69 Gave Back to Gamma Phi to Make a Difference for Future Generations

Why did you decide to join Beta Theta Pi?

I'm from Bartlesville, which is a college-bound town, so by the time we were sophomores and juniors in high school we were already looking at colleges. I knew I wanted to join a fraternity and Beta had a great reputation at OU and KU. The thing that sealed it was three guys two years older than me who I really looked up to (**Charles Bethea '67**, **Bill Conger '67**, and **Johnny Lynn '67**) all pledged Beta.

What does your Gamma Phi undergraduate experience mean to you?

First off, my very closest friends today are pledge brothers. The juniors and seniors in the house really influenced my collegiate experience on when to have fun and when to hit the books. More importantly, it was a very humbling experience. It wasn't until I was out of school that I realized how impressive my fraternity brothers really were.

What are some of your favorite memories?

The whole pledgship program is something that I'll never forget. You learn to put others first and that is something that can apply to every aspect of life.

How did the fraternity prepare you for life after college?

I learned how to prioritize, manage time, and move into a situation where you manage and work with other people that aren't like you. You have to learn how to lead and fit in.

What advice would you give to undergraduates or younger alumni who are early in their careers?

Spend the first 7-10 years really learning your profession. Don't try to move too fast. Focus on building a really strong foundation so you can excel in the future.

What was your first job out of college? Where do you work now?

My first job was as a bank trainee for a bank that is now associated with the Bank of Oklahoma. I was put in the credit department and learned how to calculate interest and put together analysis. I now work for Council Oaks, a private equity firm that invests in Oklahoma companies. We are tied to BancFirst.

Why did you support the *Honoring Our Traditions, Providing for the Future* campaign?

It's very clear that facilities make a difference when young men try to decide where they pledge. If I was sitting in that bid circle 50 years ago and they said, "We're going to offer you a bid to be a Beta, and being a Beta will change your life, and 50 years from now all we ask it that you give back so others can have a similar

experience." That commitment would have been easy to make.

You served in a leadership role with the last two Gamma Phi campaigns—two questions: a. What have been your most enjoyable/memorable moments from each campaign?

The most enjoyable has been reconnecting with people I lost touch with throughout the years and how open everyone is when you haven't seen them. It's as though you pick up where you left off.

b. What are the similarities of the two campaigns? Have there been any significant differences?

Similarities: the lead patrons between the two campaigns are the same guys—**Tom McCasland '55**, **Bill Reed '55**, and **Fallis Beall '55**. Their service and support of Gamma Phi is incredible. Differences: the scopes are dramatically different. Last time we were focused on interior and cosmetic touches. Additionally, the organization is different. Bill Reed was focused on the renovations and I was focused on raising the funds. This time, **Robert Beall '80** is handling both.

Spouse's name and names of your children:

My wife is Ann and we have three children: **Clint Pitzer '92**, Megan, and Paul.

BETA WINS PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Excitement Mounts for House Expansion

This year our chapter has seen many successes, first and foremost winning the President's Trophy, which was created to encourage and recognize outstanding contributions to the university community by fraternities and sororities, housing centers, and commuter students. The President's Trophy comes with a \$5,000 cash prize and is based on excellence in academics, campus activities, community service and volunteerism, and multi-cultural interaction and diversity. This was an important goal for us, and our members are delighted by the university's recognition. In the last two semesters our members completed a combined 7,173 hours of community service.

Excellent Showing in Grades

We are proud to have ranked first among all fraternities in grades for the fall 2013 semester and first of all large fraternities in the spring with an overall GPA of 3.23. We are at 180 men, and the chapter actually had a slight GPA increase over the fall 2013 semester.

Last semester, Beta came in third behind Phi Kappa Sigma with 19 members and Alpha Epsilon Pi with eight members. While we are never satisfied with anything less than first place, it is difficult for us to compare with fraternities that are a 10th our size.

First Place in Sooner Scandals

This spring we placed first in Sooner Scandals with Delta Delta Delta. This victory was especially gratifying to us because we had not won Scandals since we performed a version of the play *Oklahoma* in 2008. For 70+ years Sooner Scandals has been one of the most beloved traditions at the University of Oklahoma and is a showcase of OU students' performance talent—vocal, theatre, and dance.

\$8,700 Raised for Oklahoma Veterans

This year we hosted our annual Frensley 5k to remember Patrick Frensley. Registrants for the run exceeded our average sign-up numbers by nearly 20 percent and the event raised \$8,700 for Warriors for Freedom.

Our new philanthropy partner, Warriors for Freedom is a local organization raising money for veterans in Oklahoma. They give us resources and send veterans and staff to our event. Warriors for Freedom also gave us airtime on the radio and put up flyers for us at Tinker Air Force Base.



For the second straight year, the undergraduates won the coveted President's Trophy for Most Outstanding Fraternity.

With this new charity partnership, we are very excited to see the improvements that can be made to Farmer's Daughter, our annual fall philanthropy. We are planning to completely restructure it this year and want to invite Multicultural Greek Council groups to create teams as well. We believe that this could be an event that the entire student body enjoys.

Plans in Place for Housing Transition

The upcoming year will be a historic one for Gamma Phi. Our housing corporation has already begun construction of a major expansion and renovation of our chapter house. For the first time since World War II, our members will not occupy the house. This is going to present some exciting challenges for our chapter, and we are lucky to have alumni support.

We're particularly excited about the forthcoming renovations and how they will take our chapter into the next phase of its long and storied history.

Thank You, Alumni

We know that we would not have the strong chapter that we have right now if it were not for the resources and support that our alumni provide. For this you have our sincerest thanks.

Be sure to stop by when you are on campus this fall. We will continue game-day tailgates and you will be able to see construction progress.



In _kai_,
Jackson R. Lisle '15
Chapter President

BETA'S HISTORY BUILDS OUR FUTURE

BETA HEROES—LET US NOT FORGET

With the passing of this year's Memorial Day, and marking the 70th anniversary of D-Day, it seems appropriate that we recognize our Gamma Phi brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. We honor these brothers who lost their lives in military service to our country.

World War II

Maj. Fred Henderson Murchison '24

Maj. James Calloway "Buck" Buchanan Jr. '34

Capt. Charles William Minton '39

Lt. Lambert Courtney Root '39

Lt. Sidney Ralph Davis '39

Thomas Walker Prentice Jr. '40

Earle Payne Miller '44

Korean War

Lt. Robert Victor Rood '51

Vietnam War

Lt. Robert Knapp Henderson Jr. '68

University of Oklahoma Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, Marine Plane Crash, 1953

George Henry Prentiss '55

Lee Wayne Smith '55

This list includes all of the known war casualties from Gamma Phi Chapter. If you know of anyone who should be included, please excuse the oversight and send the needed information back to us by mail or e-mail at robert@rsbeall.com.

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Football Season Is Around the Corner *Beta and Oklahoma's First Win over Texas*

In 1905 Oklahoma and Texas played the eighth meeting of the annual OU-Texas football game. Oklahoma had lost the first seven meetings. With time running out in the game, Texas had the ball and the score was 0-0. Oklahoma's **Robert Severin, Roll #11**, smashed through the line and tackled Texas' halfback behind the goal line for a safety. The safety was enough to win the game, 2-0. Those two points were the biggest two points in Oklahoma's young football history and resulted in the first victory over the University of Texas. In Norman, Brother Severin became a football hero.

The Longhorns' quarterback in 1905 was William Francis, a member of the Beta Omicron chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Texas. Supposedly, the Texas loss made Francis so mad that he swore that "there would never be a Beta chapter in Oklahoma Territory." According to research by Brother **Fred Patrick '64**, in April 1906, Beta General Secretary **Francis Sisson** wrote that he believed, due to "active opposition by the Texas chapter," it was unlikely the Beta Convention delegates would grant Oklahoma a charter. So, Texas held up our Beta charter for an additional year. More reasons to hate Texas! Finally, in 1907, Gamma Phi was granted a charter and became a chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is attending the University of Oklahoma, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

BETA AND PE-ET

OLDEST HONOR SOCIETY ON CAMPUS FILLED WITH BETAS

Pe-et is the oldest honor society on campus. It was founded on April 10, 1910, by 10 members of the class of 1910 to recognize the highest ability in scholarship, leadership, and athletics. Membership is limited to "the ten best" who have exceptional all-round record of activities. Pe-et was made up of all men until 1980. Brother **Arthur Kaye Dawson, Roll #40**, was one of the founding members of Pe-et. Since the origin of Pe-et, we have identified at least 90 Betas who have been selected. The most recent was Beta President **Nick Coffey '13** in 2013. Over the last 104 years, there have been fewer than 770 men selected to Pe-et. Betas make up more than 10 percent of this number and are the fraternity with the greatest representation in Pe-et.

As part of the complete history of the OU Beta, we want to make sure we have all members of Pe-et identified. Amazingly, there are certain years that were not recorded by the Sooner Yearbook or the university. **If you were a member of as Pe-et, or know of a Beta who was, in the years of 1948, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1982, or 1998, we would like to hear from you.** Please make a note on the enclosed alumni update or e-mail the information to robert@rsbeall.com.

CALL FOR BETA HISTORY - RELICS - ARTIFACTS

Do you have Beta relics that help tell the story of the Gamma Phi Chapter? If so, we would like to possibly include them in the renovated and expanded 800 Chautauqua. Do you have:

- Beta party favors from Barn Dance or other parties?
- Pledge class lists, photos, items taken from the fraternity house?
- Beta stuff in your attic or garage that you need to get rid of?

If so, contact **Hank Ryan '72** at hank@hgryan.com or call (405) 360-1655.