

ALUMNI

Beta Theta Pi



800 CHAUTAUQUA

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NOTES

Gamma Phi Chapter

Wooglin could not help but be casting an approving smile on the brothers of Gamma Phi chapter as spring break draws near, for once again the men of Beta are completely dominating all facets of university life at the University of Oklahoma.

In Grades: The men of Gamma Phi excelled in their academic studies this past semester and surpassed all other fraternities with a 2.92 overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale for 135 men. Our superior thirty-eight man pledge class kept up Beta's traditional excellence in scholarship with a 2.832 grade point average. The members astounded the university with a 2.968. The 2.92 overall was a new all-time record at O.U. for fraternities. Five of the good brothers achieved a straight "A" 4.0 grade point average. They were Bruce Remy, Stan Defehr, Alan Newman, Jeff Harbour, and Scott Martin. I'm sure you know that Beta has been first or second in grades sixty-two out of sixty-four years.

In Intramurals: At this time it is assured that the Intramural trophy will remain in its customary place at 800 Chautauqua. We placed first in "B" football, third in "A" volleyball, swept "B" volleyball, and placed in a host of minor sports. The "A" basketball team placed third by beating the Deltas during the regular season for the first time in five years. The starters are John Coker, a junior from Nelsonville, Ohio, Larry Houchin, a junior from Bartlesville, Sam Storms, a sophomore from Duncan, Alan Newman, a sophomore from Dallas, Texas, and Jim Bailey, a junior from Bartlesville. Also on the "A" team are Jim Will, Oklahoma City, sophomore and Andy

Vogt, Englewood Colorado, a junior. Beta has not lost Intra-murals in two years and has won it seven of the last ten years.

Betas on Campus: All members and alums should be especially proud of several of the brothers who have achieved special recognition as leaders on campus. Vaughn Clark and Cris Brown were elected to Pe-et, senior men's honorary. Skip Stephens was chosen as one of the top ten freshmen on campus. Richard Taylor has achieved special recognition for his fine performances in several O.U. musicals. His other activities included: show coordinator and emcee for Miss O.U., organizer and director of O.U. Student Entertainers, show coordinator and emcee for Sooner Scandals, and assistant director of several O.U. music theatre productions. David Schimmel is the main accompanist for the entertainers. Mike Synar was elected chairman of Student Congress, a rare honor for any greek. Mark Harris was also elected to be Treasure of the Student Association (the student government body at O.U. which handles over \$183,000 of the student's money.) Fred Turner was appointed to the O.U. Intercollegiate Athletic Council. Andy Vogt and David Hicks were appointed to be student traffic court judges. Doug Pereboom is overall top chairman for this years Sooner Scandals. Paul Carlile and Jim Bailey were in charge of all student elections at O.U. Eight Betas are on the Greek Revue cast. David Schimmel and Vaughn Clark were selected for Who's Who in American colleges. Roy Don Folsom, Marc Nuttle, and David Schimmel were selected to Gamma Gamma, O.U. greek honorary society. Scott Martin has played fantastic varsity basketball for O.U. while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. In graduate school, James Carl Elder finished number one in the junior class of the O.U. law school with a 10.57 on a 12.00 scale. Also, Len Cason finished fifth in the same class, and John Burris made the Law Review by being in the top fifteen.

The Beta House: Thanks to financial help from the Corporation and some hard labor form several members, many imperative

improvements were made in the house over Christmas break. The most notable improvement was the carpeting and refurnishing of the chapter room, converting it into a study hall. The basement was refurnished with attractive black vinyl furniture, while the basement bathroom was refinished and carpeted to serve as a ladies' powder room. The President's room was also carpeted and refurnished by means of alumni donations. Also with donated money, two new drinking fountains and a new ice machine were purchased.

Social Activities: As always, the good brothers at 800 Chautauqua have managed to blend a well rounded social calendar into their busy schelule. Victory party, Reno-Veno (a self-proclaimed Bacchanalian wine festival), and the Beta Barn Dance high-lighted the social activities for the fall semester.

We were honored this semester by being chosen host to the O.U. football team, coaches and their recruits at our house on January 30th. The party was quite interesting as we got to meet most of this years first team football players and as we found out that they were really fine fellows. We feel that this party greatly helped our public relations on campus.

The spring semester's social activities got into full swing last weekend with our annual Casino party. It was a total success. Coming up are spring rush party, spring party, senior dinner, and assorted sorority functions.

General Information: At present, plans are being discussed for a Beta Convention to be held in Oklahoma City during October, to celebrate our being number one for sixty-four years. The last one held was in 1957. Plans are underway for an alumni weekend, May 1, the day of the Varsity-Alumni football game. The usual brunch will be held before the game and then possibly a beer function in the basement following the game. Of course our parking lot will be vacated for your convenience. More information will be forthcoming. During next year's home football games, alums will be greeted with a smile and a weekly news

letter to keep you informed. We are looking forward to seeing you here sometime soon, for the Beta house belongs to all of us.

The new officers elected for the spring semester are: **Marc Nuttle**, president; **Guy Berry III**, vice president; **Bob Klabzuba**, social chairman; **Scott Lucas**, scholarship chairman; **Bill Carey**, **David Hicks**, **Bruce Remy**, rush chairmen, **Paul Carlile**, kitchen manager; **Ron Rogers**, intramural chairman; **Jim Gotwals**, house manager, and **Mark Harris**, **Wayne Wasemiller**, corresponding secretaries.

We are pleased to have back with us brother **Rick Dimick** who spent last year in the Special Forces (Green Beret) Reserve.

Several of the brothers have been severely bitten by the love bug. **Don Sanders**, **Mark Coffin**, **Eldon Hoffman**, **Tad Blood**, **Kim Cook**, and **Bob Berry** all got married this past school year. **Marc Nuttle**, **Jim Gotwals**, **Jack Morrison**, **Ron James**, **Ron Rogers**, **Bruce Varner**, and **Vaughn Clark** plan to take the plunge in the near future.

Any information you might have about a prospective rushee should be forwarded on to **Marc Nuttle** or **Bill Carey** at 800 Chautauqua. Any thing at all that you as an alum would like to ask or tell, help can be given to you by writing **Marc Nuttle** at the house. The president's phone number is 364-0062, the house phone is 321-9383, area code 405.

It is obvious that Beta has carried on the tradition of excellence set by you, the alums. It is foremost in our minds and we sincerely and earnestly strive to bring credit and honor to our great fraternal name and Gamma Phi record. We are well aware of how strong our alumni system is. It was remarked to us just the other day by a visiting O.U. Law professor, when he said, "There is no doubt in my mind that Beta Theta Pi is the best on campus, and will continue to be, because of members who are mature men, and Beta alums who care. Together you make the strongest system I've seen. I will always be honored and pleased to visit your house." With your continued help and support, and our energies and efforts, Beta will always remain on top. The men of Gamma Phi would like to thank you sincerely for making Beta what it was in the past and helping to make Beta what it is today.

Sincerely yours,

Marc Nuttle
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The Executive Committee of Gamma
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