



# Wooglin on Chautauqua

Published by Gamma Phi Chapter of  
Beta Theta Pi at the University of Oklahoma

NORMAN, OK

WINTER 1985-86

## DONOR DINNER ROUSING SUCCESS

By Steven Kobos,  
Alumni Secretary

The second annual Gamma Phi alumni Donor Dinner was a tremendous success this fall! Held after OU's Homecoming victory over Colorado October 16, active brothers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to renew contact with the alumni we already knew and to meet others for the first time.

Fallis A. Beall '55, who was instrumental in organizing last year's inaugural event, once again is to be thanked for his efforts in organizing this year's dinner. The Donor Dinner began last year as a means for funding the many necessary improvements that a house as antiquated as ours requires. We're glad to report that more than twice as many people attended the dinner this year as last year and more than \$14,000 was raised for renovations.

We welcomed among our honored guests U.S. Senator Don Nickles '71, an alumnus of Gamma Lambda at Oklahoma State. He was gracious enough to give a brief talk, as did Governor George Nigh, who was also on hand for a while after the game.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Neil Stanfield and Mrs. Billy Kirk Reed for their splendid efforts at providing the hors d'oeuvres. Housemother Barbara McCain was also of immense help with preparations. Mont Muldrow '62 is to be thanked for his

(Continued on page 3)



U.S. Senator Don Nickles '71



Governor George Nigh



(L-R) Richard Boone '59 and  
Edward Luke '59

**Richard Boone and Edward Luke (right), both of the class of '59, were just a few of the many Gamma Phi alumni who made it back to the Beta Theta Pi house for this year's Donor Dinner. Governor George Nigh (above right) and U.S. Senator Don Nickles (above left) also honored us with their presence.**

## '85 Rush Team Sets Example

By Bo Harrison, Head Rush Chairman

Beta Rush for 1986 is upon us but, for a moment, let's reflect on the outstanding success of last year's rush teams. Kevin Akin and his assistants, Blake Stanfield and Steve Kitchen, did a fine job in attracting and signing the most promising young men on campus. This year's pledge class is composed of not only the finest men from Oklahoma, but from many other parts of the country as well. The long tradition of initiating outstanding pledges into the brotherhood of Gamma Phi continues, thanks to the efforts of Betas everywhere.

Beta Rush for 1986 is certain to attract the type of man capable

(Continued on page 3)



*Wooglin on Chautauqua* is published regularly by the men of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma for members and friends.

News items, photographs and changes of address should be sent to Gamma Phi of Beta Theta Pi, Newsletter Program Headquarters, P.O. Box 708, Kansas City, MO 64141.

## Chapter Officers

President ..... Mark McDaniel  
 Vice President ..... Jim Kelly  
 Treasurer ..... Mark Evans  
 Secretary ..... Steven Kobos  
 Rush Chairman ..... James Keller  
 ..... "Bo" Harrison  
 IFC Representative ..... Scot Sullivan  
 House Manager ..... Steve Gilbert  
 Social Chair ..... Cooper Robinson  
 IM Chair ..... Kyle Henderson  
 Alumni Secretary ..... Steven Kobos  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Steven Kobos

### President's Report

## Variety Accents New Year

With an emphasis on leadership, scholarship and intramurals, Gamma Phi is maintaining its role as campus leader this year.

Last year's graduating seniors had an unprecedented five brothers selected as top ten Greek men on campus. This year should prove to be just as successful. Already, we have two members of Mortar Board and Gamma Gamma. Two brothers received top freshman honors. Several also hold leadership positions such as OU Dad's Day chairman and director of OU Sooner Scandals. Four brothers are members of the IFC, and seven are serving terms in the Student Congress.

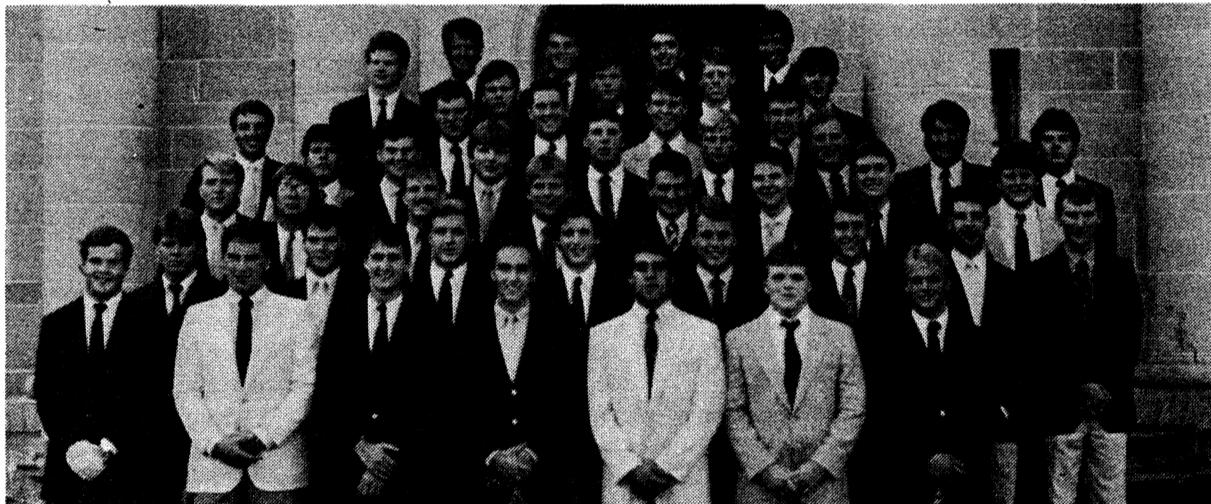
Scholarship, which enjoys a tradition of excellence at Gamma Phi, is being focused on this year. Last year's pledge class, which won top scholarship honors both semesters, should again ensure that Beta wins the coveted scholarship trophy.

Gamma Phi is also well represented in OU athletics with two pledges on the football team, one pledge on the basketball team, one member and two pledges on the wrestling team, one member playing varsity tennis, and one member running track.

Changes in state law and University of Oklahoma policies regarding alcohol have created a different atmosphere for the OU fraternity system and for Gamma Phi. The chapter has shown its leadership by quickly addressing this issue. First, due to the low number of actives who are old enough to consume alcohol and the legal liability of serving, the chapter is not purchasing alcohol as an organization. Second, Gamma Phi has formed a constructive but traditional pledge program. This has been very successful and, to date, we have 45 pledges (the maximum number allowed).

In sum, Gamma Phi is very optimistic about this year. We truly appreciate the immeasurable support that the House Corporation and all other Gamma Phi alumni have given. If you have any questions or just want to visit the "ol' house," please stop by.

Yours in -Kai-,  
 Mark McDaniel, President



CLASS ACT: The fall '85 pledge class gathers before OU's Homecoming game with Colorado.

*Intramurals*

## Sports Name of Game

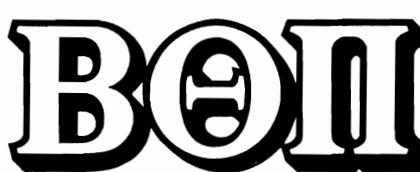
By Kyle Henderson '86

In pursuit of this year's intramural trophy, Betas have jumped out to our best start in years. We were out of the gate quickly with a first place finish in team swimming led by fine performances by Mike Krampf '88 and Scot Sullivan '88. Then we shocked the rest of the Greeks with our showing in badminton. Chip Craft '86 and Tim Hammons '87 swept first and second places in singles and combined forces to take first place in doubles. Mr. Craft's fine play earned him the well deserved honor of intramural athlete of the week.

In keeping with our winning ways, our 'A' and 'B' golf teams took first and third place, respectively, in the team golf tournament. Our victorious 'A' golf team consisted of Peter Engelbert '85, Dow Hughes '85, John Burns '86 and Rob Fogg '88, while our fine 'B' team members were Steve Kitchen '86, Jim Dobbs '87, Chris Poynor '88 and pledge James Wetwiska '89.

Unfortunately, adversity finally caught up with us in football as we were only able to grab fifth place. Nonetheless, house support was tremendous and our spirits are riding high.

Looking to the future, our 'A' volleyball team is undefeated and should finish among the finalists with a core of players returning from last year's team. With four of our finest sports yet to be played (volleyball, basketball, wrestling and softball), it seems almost certain that the intramural trophy will return to 800 Chautauqua this year.



### Alumni News Appears on Page 4

**'85 RUSH TEAM, (continued from page 1)**

of maturing into a true Beta. The Beta rush team for this year includes Bo Harrison '88 of Houston, Rick Johannes '88 of Charleston, South Carolina, Scot Sullivan '88 of Norman, and Rich Love '88 of Oklahoma City. Rick and Scot are serving as assistant rush chairmen and Rich holds the title and responsibility of rush secretary.

The brothers of Gamma Phi are a varied and diverse group of individuals. We refrain from rushing only one type of person; instead, this chapter seeks a man who offers a variety of talents and interests. A man with high aspirations, true ideals and a desire to excel.

The success of any rush program depends on alumni input. I encourage all brothers to become involved with and take an active role in the rush efforts for 1986. Please send us recommendations on any prospective rushees who you believe might make good Betas. Correspondence can be mailed to the Beta house in care of Bo Harrison.

If you have any questions during the school year, feel free to call me on the president's phone (405-360-1257). At home, my address is 10030 Bayou Glen, Houston, TX 77042. Scot Sullivan can also be contacted at home at 2511 Smoking Oak, Norman, OK 73069.

## Thanks to Our Contributors!

Gamma Phi members would like to offer our wholehearted thanks to the alumni listed below for supporting this issue of *Wooglin on Chautauqua*. We couldn't do it without you! The newsletter is vital to keep our alumni relations program strong, and we sincerely appreciate your help.

Lawrence Reams  
Steve Miller  
Lloyd Lynd Jr.  
Everett Berry  
Horace Calvert  
William Hemphill  
Wilton Vandeventer  
William Gossett  
Edgar Vaught Jr.  
Grant Hastings Jr.  
Mark Curnutte  
Bill Reed  
Ronald Bowden  
Louis Stuart

**DONOR DINNER SUCCESS**

(continued from page 1)

generosity in matching other alumni donations in order to complete a new set of Oneida Clarette five-piece place settings for the house.

Active Betas of Gamma Phi Chapter are looking forward to the continued success of our Donor Dinner. It allows alumni from all over to renew friendships with classmates as well as to meet brothers from other years. It raised the spirits of all the brothers in the house to see the enthusiasm generated for Gamma Phi by all of the alumni. It isn't difficult to explain this chapter's unparalleled domination at OU when one witnesses the tremendous support of our alumni. Our sincere thanks go to each alumnus who attended.

# Gamma Phi Looks at Our Alumni

## Dale H. Johnston '23

A former president of our house corporation writes that he is now retired as president and chairman of the board of a grain and feed business in Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

*"Proud possessor of 50-year pin,"* he notes. *"Will be glad to hear from all Betas."*

Make his day by writing to him at P.O. Box 1307, Enid, OK 73701.

## William P. Brooks '34

*"Having departed Oklahoma in 1939, I have seldom had the pleasure of seeing my fraternity brothers,"* William laments. *"I have run into a few in unexpected places throughout the world and we joyfully tipped a few, but all too infrequently. In the area where I now live, Beta alumni meet for luncheon once a month. We sing the old songs and they bring back fond memories."*

Other Betas can also find William at 13401 Flint Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

## Grant Hastings '41

Grant updates us with the news that he recently sold his Hasty Bake Charcoal Oven Manufacturing Corporation and is now working as a marketing consultant. He also reports that his son, Nord, also a Gamma Phi member, is now a vice president with Pacific Valley Bank in San Jose, California.

*"Enjoyed the new publication,"* he says. *"Once a Beta, always a Beta!"*

Get back in touch with Grant at 3843 S. Florence, Tulsa, OK 74105.

## Fallis A. Beall '55

Beta lines are growing in the

Beall family. Fallis announces that his daughter gave birth to a son last April; the future Beta was presented with a shirt from his granddad reading, "Beta Barn-dance - Year 2002."

Little Brent has a Beta father (Cary Gathright '82), grandfather and uncle (Robert Beall '79). Congratulations can be sent to Fallis at 1000 Alpine, Duncan, OK 73533.

## Cran H. Wilbanks, Jr. '41

"Ace" has led an interesting life since his days at OU. According to his business card, he's a "Beta, ex-banker, airplane driver and attorney" who has "tamed tigers, emptied bars, converted virgins, organized orgies, quelled uprisings and started revolutions."

*"Also preach and lead singing for revival meetings,"* he claims.

When time allows, he concentrates on the more mundane aspects of life: his law practice, investments and petroleum land work. Find out the *real* story by writing to him at 700 N. Burgess, Holdenville, OK 74848.

## Russell H. Binford, Jr. '64

"Rusty" is comfortably settled in the North Country with a family that includes his wife Mary and their two daughters.

*"We own a small business that sells products to the chemical processing industry,"* he says. *"While going to OU, I was fortunate enough to be social chairman. Now tell me, who could ever forget the 1964 Senior Dinner with Cookie and the Cupcakes?"*

Beta brothers of that era can share your memories with Rusty at 10208 Hillside Lane, Hopkins, MN 55343.

## Larry M. Dinkins '75

*"I doubt if many of the brothers end up on the mission field, but I have,"* Larry writes. *"I served as chaplain during some of (my years at Gamma Phi) and (then) went on to seminary."*

*"In 1978 I married Paula Robison (OU Delta Gamma) and left for Thailand with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, where we served for four years. Now we and our three children are returning to Thailand."*

Letters and news from home will reach the Dinkins family at P.O. Box 1, Khoksaeng, Lopburi Province, Thailand 15130.

## John E. Lynn '67

Government holds a special interest for John. In 1985 he was named government affairs administrator for The American Institute of Architects. Responsibilities include identifying and monitoring legislative and executive branch activities concerning the architectural profession.

In the past he was special assistant to House Budget Committee Chairman James R. Jones (D-OK) in a variety of administrative and supervisory positions, including acting as liaison between the congressman and other House members and staffs.

Beta greetings can be sent to John at 4419 N. 15th Street, Arlington, VA 22207.

## Richard C. Taylor '71

For all of our alumni who, like Peter Pan, never grew up, listen to this; Rich is manager of special events for Walt Disney World in Florida.

Introductions to Mickey and Minnie can be arranged by contacting Rich at 1210 Serissa Court, Orlando, FL 32818.