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BETA BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

Gamma Phi Chapter had a very busy fall semester here at the University of Oklahoma. So busy, in fact, that we don't know how to tell you everything that has happened. Here is just a smidgen of the events of the past semester.

Gamma Phi Philanthropy

The 1986 fall semester saw the Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi pledging their support to worthwhile charities throughout the city of Norman. Included in the list were the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Norman, and the Okie Spokesmen wheelchair basketball team, which used our donation to compete in a tournament that raised money for research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy.

Also included was a blood drive held every year at our house. This year we netted a considerable amount of the precious fluid for the American Red Cross.

Plans are still being made concerning a fund raiser to be held in the spring for a charity yet to be decided. Once again, Beta Theta Pi is proving to be a valuable asset, not only to the University, but to the community as a whole.

Beta Brains

The fall semester of 1986 provided Beta Theta Pi with the opportunity to reaffirm its long standing reputation for academic



OUCH! Beta Brother Kevin Aiken demonstrates his bravery during our Blood Drive for the Red Cross.

excellence at the University of Oklahoma. The active membership combined to produce the highest G.P.A. in the Greek community with a 2.98.

This outstanding effort was the result of the dedication and pride displayed among the brothers. Evidence of this comes from the fact that both the senior and junior pledge classes posted averages well above 3.0, while the sophomores averaged a commendable 2.7.

We still have room for improvement however, as the pledge class average fell to a very disturbing 2.4. Nevertheless, Beta Theta Pi still remained in

close competition for the scholarship trophy.

With a renewed desire for outstanding grades this semester among both the actives and the N.I.s. we are quite confident that the trophy will return to its rightful home at 800 Chautauqua.

Congratulations, Seniors

Several senior members received their acceptances to professional schools. William Settle, Robert Hauger, and Raffael Pennella are going to medical school at OU. Drew Millington is going into dentistry school at OU, and Douglas Felrath and Kyle Carrick are going to law school.

Chapter Officers

Please help us welcome our new officers, who are dedicated to preserving the traditions of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

President **Dave Hughes**
Vice President **William Settle**

Secretary **Carl Thompson**
Social **Jack Burns**
Intramural **Michael Hall**
Special Events **Kelly Muldrow**
Chaplain **Mathew Akin**
House Manager **Bryn Wilson**

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News items, photographs and changes of address should be sent to Gamma Phi of Beta Theta Pi, Newsletter Program Headquarters, P.O. Box 410708, Kansas City, MO 64141.

Beta Barn Dance Highlights Social Calendar

The men of Beta Theta Pi enjoyed a semester that contained a wide variety of parties and functions, ranging from informal get-togethers to the traditional Barn-dance in November. Yes, once again it was the privilege of many a sorority girl to attend a gathering of Beta brothers.

Social Chairman Kelly Muldrow put together a calendar of events which included the annual party in Dallas with the SAEs, a victory party after the OU-UCLA game, and a number of functions with different sororities.

These occasions provided both the membership and the pledge class with the opportunity to enjoy the brotherhood that has meant so much to us as Betas.

Sports Scene

Betas Excel in Intramurals

Beta remained number one in intramurals at the end of the first semester, well ahead of second-place Lambda Chi Alpha. Strong finishes in both major fall sports, football and volleyball, as well as in several minor events, netted Betas a total of 57 points, 12 ahead of the competition.

Gamma Phi Chapter entered the football tournament as underdogs, but soon proved that they were the team to watch by eliminating the champions for the last two years, Delta Upsilon, in the first round.

They then went on to beat Lambda Chi and the Sig Eps, and found themselves in the semi-finals against Alpha Tau Omega.

The game proved to be a close one, with Beta leading late in the game by six points. However, the interception of an errant pass and a mistaken call on the part of an official ended all hopes of a

championship for the Betas.

Congratulations are in order, nonetheless, as it was still the best finish for Gamma Phi in some three years.

Volleyball, too, proved to go much the same great way for the brothers. Beta beat defending champion Lambda Chi Alpha during the regular season, but fell just inches short of the championship.

However, Gamma Phi still finished volleyball in second place, and gained valuable points in the race for the intramural cup, which we expect to garner by winning our two strongest events, basketball and softball, in the spring.

As you can see, we are making strong minds by building strong bodies here at the University of Oklahoma. Our athletic prowess makes us one of the best houses on campus.



FOOT-STOMPING GOOD TIME: As you can see, the brothers obviously had a great time at our annual Barn Dance last fall.

Inside Information

Spotlight On Our 60s Alums

Larry D. Owens '64

Larry, or Beaver, as he was known during his undergraduate days, is living in Santa Barbara, California, with his wife, Camille, and their son, Oscar. His most recent book, *How To Keep Your Subaru Alive*, is available in bookstores for Beta brothers who 'drive Subarus.'

Beaver is in the middle of writing another book for John Muir Publications, Santa Fe, New Mexico, called *How To Keep Your Toyota Pickup Alive — and MORE!*

'I have especially fond memories of the Beta B-3 basketball team that some of my pledge brothers and I started as a joke — and ended up winning the B League!' remembers Beaver.

Members of the B-3 basketball team and other brothers can write to Beaver at 2828 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

A. Camp Bonds Jr. '64

A trial lawyer with the office of Bonds, Matthews, Bonds and Hayes in Muskogee, Oklahoma, Camp notes that he travels quite a bit. He has been in trial law from San Francisco, California, to New Jersey, and from Laredo, Texas, to Juneau, Alaska.

'I mostly like to float the Illinois River and Baron Fork at Tahlequah.' He adds that he enjoys working with the local alumni chapter.

Renew the bond of your brotherhood with Camp at Route 3, Box 349-AA, Muskogee, OK 74401.

George W. Athey '60

Bill is chairman of the board at Security National Bank in Enid, Oklahoma. He has four children:

Mark, 23, Pamela, 20, Diane, 18, and Scott, 15.

Find out what Bill has been up to lately when you write to him at P.O. Box 1272, Enid, OK 73702.

John L. Graves '65

John moved his family to San Francisco, California, last year. *'Having grown up and lived in the Los Angeles area, this move was a little bit of a shock to my family! The purpose of the move was to manage the West Coast equity institutional division of Shearson Lehman Brothers, which is based in San Francisco.'*

Find out how his family adjusted to the move at 15 McCreey Drive, Hillsborough, CA 94010.

Thomas D. Swineford '63

Tom has moved from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Gunnison, Colorado, to become the President and CEO of Gunnison Bank.

Brothers can get in touch with Tom at (303) 641-4663, or write to him at 446 Rio Vista Road, Gunnison, CO 81230.

James R. Lamb '62

'I live on Lake Tenkiller in Oklahoma. We have a family business that operates a marina and resort. My wife, Jean, and our two sons, Stephen and David, are fully involved in these family operations!' boasts James.

Planning a vacation? Lake Tenkiller sounds good. Make your vacation plans with James at Route 1, Box 253, Gore, OK 74435.

(More alumni news on page 4)

Drop Us A Line!

Because *Wooglin On Chautauqua* is an alumni-oriented newsletter, future issues will continue to feature news of Gamma Phi alumni. But we need your help to do it!

Take an extra minute now to fill in your former classmates on your life since leaving the University of Oklahoma. The interest is two-way: just as you are interested in their busy lives, they are interested in yours.

You can make sure you're included by sending your personal news to our Newsletter Program Headquarters address listed in this issue.

Let us hear from you, so we can include you in a future issue of *Wooglin On Chautauqua*.

Thanks, Alums

We at Beta Theta Pi would like to thank those members who have contributed to *Wooglin On Chautauqua* in recent months. Without their help, many improvements in our alumni relations program would not have been possible. We have updated many addresses on our mailing list and are working on even more.

We have seen greater alumni interest as a result of our efforts. Thank you for investing in the future of Gamma Phi. With your support we can continue bringing you news of the chapter and your brothers.

J. Forrest Barnwell
R.H. Binford
Ken Carpenter
Donald Cole
Steve Glasser
William McCoy Jr.
M.A. Nairn
Larry Owens

Gamma Phi Looks at Our Alumni

Robert M. Caron '57

Bob has been with IBM for over 23 years and is currently a senior marketing representative in Austin, Texas. Writes Bob, "I would love to hear from any Betas passing through Austin. Call me at (512) 258-6149, or at work, (512) 473-8032."

Betas can also write to Bob at 12329 Cahone Trail, Austin, TX 78729.



John H. Coker Jr. '72

Once a vice president of Gamma Phi, John is now an orthodontist in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He married the former Linda Chesnut, a Kappa Kappa Gamma from the University of Oklahoma. Together they have three children: Tug, Lindsay and Lorie.

John's brother-in-law, Chuck Chesnut, is a member of Gamma Phi, as is Linda's cousin, Scott Caldwell.

Writes John, "When visiting Washington, D.C., or Williamsburg, Virginia, please call or visit the Cokers at 608 Fagan Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22405."

William R. Broach '58

William retired from the Air Force in 1980 to embark on a second career as a systems analyst with Planning Research Corporation.

Get the rest of William's news by writing to him at 920 Hillcrest Drive, Vienna, VA 22180.

Charles R. Helms '79

Randy received a double blessing last year: his son, Chuck, was born on the same the Sooners won the National Championship, January 1st, 1986! Send belated birthday wishes to Chuck when you write to his dad at 2631 Warwick Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

Edgar C. Morrison Jr. '75

"My wife, Jamie, our 3 year-old daughter, Ashby, and I live in Arlington, Virginia," comes the word from Edgar, also known as Jed. "I work for the Department of Human Services in the office of the General Counsel."

Jed and his family can be found at 3302 21st Avenue North, Arlington, VA 22207.

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I would love to hear from any Betas passing through Austin.

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--Robert M. Caron '57

G. Elden Hoffman '71

Elden has been married for over 16 years to Carol, and together they have two children: Erin, 10, and Nate, 6. Elden is an airline pilot with Southwest Airlines and a fighter pilot with the Oklahoma Air National Guard. "Check the cockpit on your next Southwest flight!" invites Elden.

When not in the clouds, find Elden with his family at 3642 South 131st East Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74134.

Clarke E. Bird '57

Clarke, the marketing manager for Novacor Chemicals, Inc.,

Schaumburg, Illinois, dropped us a note to tell us he's changed his address. Clarke now resides at 33 Grandview Drive, Barrington, IL 60010. Write and ask him what else is new.

Donald L. Harral '70

Don is the director of public relations for Brown Bloyd & Associates advertising agency in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He and his



wife, Martha, have two sons, and have lived in Tulsa since 1974.

"I enjoy seeing all my Beta friends, old and new, after the OU football games at the house," remarks Don.

Until football season starts again, Beta friends can reach Don at 8224 South Oswego Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74137.

William H. McCoy Jr. '58

"I own an employee benefit plan consulting firm in the Metro Detroit, Michigan, area. I would be interested in organizing a 30-year reunion of our class in 1988."

Brothers interested in helping plan the potential reunion should contact Bill at 571 Barrington Road, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

James R. Mahoney '49

Beta brothers can contact Dick at 2814 Meadow Lane, El Campo, TX 77437.