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## Meet the Pledges of 1992

Following a summer of open rush and a week of formal rush, the 1992 pledge class is an overwhelming success. This year, the Beta house boasted a healthy stable of 27 pledges on bid day. One promising aspect of this year's pledge class is the fact that there are four legacies: David Guerkink, Andrew Lewis, John Venable, and Blake Williams. Also, this year's pledge class brings five all-state ath-

letes to the Beta intramural rosters for the next four years. They have already shown their athletic prowess in victories over the ATΩ and FIJI pledge classes in intramural football.

The '92 pledge class has also been active in several community and state-wide philanthropies. Several of the pledges have volunteered their services in the Junior Diabetes Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament. The pledge

class is also working diligently on the Beta-Chio Haunted House to be held in October. Brad Fuller, of Norman, is active in the Norman Public

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## 800 Chautauqua: Haunted?

This year, the Betas are joining forces with the women of Chi Omega to put on a philanthropy of terrifying proportions. Taking the annual Beta-Chi-O'Halloween party one step further, the two neighbors are planning a Haunted House to be held in the Beta House. The event has been set for the 28th and 29th of October, and is targeted primarily toward junior high

and high school kids. The benefactor of the event will be the East Main Place, a local organization devoted to sheltering the homeless.

Russ Gammill, Duncan, '95, is in charge of the project on the Beta end, and Chi-O seniors Stacy Cross and Paula Clark are the co-chairs for the women. The plans for the haunted house entail turn-

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## Beta Regains Grade Title

Beta Theta Pi regained its status as the most scholarly house on campus by posting a 2.98 overall GPA for the second semester. These grades once again put Beta at the top of the scholarship list, as Gamma Phi regained the position after a 2-year slump. During the slump, the Betas never fell below second, but the first place position stayed just out of reach. Lambda Chi Alpha has had a firm grasp on the pole position for two years, but, as last semester showed, Beta Theta Pi is at home again in first place.



# Sports

## Beta Takes Championship Net . . . Again

The net popped upward as the last ball of the 1992 All-Greek basketball season, thrown by super-senior Marc Taylor, found its mark. Beta Theta Pi had won the championship yet again, completing its third straight undefeated season. As a bonus, the C-team, known as the 89ers took second in the B-league, tightening the Beta grip on intramural basketball.

As the Alpha Tau Omegas sat in awed, but not too surprised, silence, the Beta benches cleared and the victorious team was swept onto the shoulders of their brothers. The 8-game season had gone off without a hitch, and more than one memory had been made. Beta Coach, Don "Knight -don't-know-a-thing" Cochran was "pleased" with the team, which consisted of a broad age-group of players.

The youngest players were freshman Peter Pappas and Bob Penn, both of Norman, who were starters the entire season. Their freshman status did nothing to slow them down, as both played aggres-

sively and contributed greatly to the team. Chants of "Four more years!" were heard from the Beta bleachers nearly every time one of the rookies scored.

Brad Hunter, the 6'8 sophomore currently from Indiana provided a stable center for the team, as well as instilling fear in the hearts of Beta opponents.

Greg Willis of Hobart, the other sophomore on the team, usually provided his services near the last few minutes of the common Beta rout. As Coach Cochran put it, "He was a key element in indicating to the other team that they were beaten."

The "Beta Dream Team" also boasted two seniors, Curtis McCarty of Oklahoma City, and David Nickel of Bartlesville. Both were competing in their fourth year of play for the Beta house and their experience showed.

Along with super seniors Marc Taylor, of Oklahoma City, and Jay Penn, of Norman, the older players worked together like a well-oiled machine, confounding opponents at every turn.

The Beta B-team, including juniors Jason Treadwell of Frederick, Jeff Gibson of Tulsa, played to a 3-4 season in the "A" league, failing to make the tournament. However, the B-team played in the A-league in hopes that two teams might produce intramural points during the season.

Immediately following the A-league championship game, the B-league finals began, with the Beta C-team playing the DUs for the title. Known as the '89ers, the team of Beta juniors had dominated the tournament, but were defeated in the final seconds. The team, consisting of Jay Chapman of Waurika, Matt Hunter, of Edmond, Doug Presley of Sand Springs, John Nicholas of Oklahoma City, Bill Mareburger of Tulsa, Brian Higgins of Tulsa, and Eric Warren of Woodward, was something of a Cinderella story. Overcoming injury, the team bested opponents through sweat and grunt work. The '89ers say they can't wait for next year, and promise to win on their senior tour.



Junior Cody Garnett Dashes for the end-zone in the All-Campus Semi-finals

## Second and Holding

Beta started out the 1992-1993 school year on the right foot with a third place finish in the All-Campus Football Tournament. Wins over the Kappa Alphas (20-6) and Delta Tau Deltas (28-16) catapulted the team into a semifinal showdown with the defending champion Alpha Tau Omegas. Beta, however, came out on the short-end, losing 21-12 in a closely fought battle. Beta's third place finish in this tournament is even more remarkable considering that we were without the services of senior quarterback/cornerback Jay Chapman (Waurika) and several other starters, who were at an intensive review

for the LSAT. Beta "A" also consists of seniors Curtis McCarty (OKC), Troy McDaniel (OKC), Cody Garnett (OKC), John Nicholas (OKC), David Nickel (Bartlesville), Dave Birmingham (Broken Arrow), Jeff Gibson (Jenks), Kurt Wolfman (Miami, Florida), and Jason Treadwell (Frederick); juniors Clifton Bonney (Duncan), and sophmores Pete Pappas, Bob Penn, and Jeff Mayberry (Norman).

In other intramural events, the Beta foursome of seniors Don Cochran (Norman), Treadwell, junior Cary Charvatt (Tulsa), and freshman pledge Trent McIlhaney (OKC) fired a 273 to take second place in golf. Junior Brad Hunter (Fishers, IN) continued to show his many



# Misc.

## The Social Semester

This year has begun at the Beta house with an even greater devotion to the motto, "Study hard and Play hard!" The Beta social calendar began with an amazing bang at Bid Day with a meet the members party at Lake Thunderbird complete with water-skiing, inner tubes, steaks and plenty of refreshments. Later, the pledge class was introduced to the social environment at OU with the traditional Bid night party in south greek. As usual the party moved up north to the vicinity of 800 Chautauqua. Our functions with the Tri-Delta, Alpha Chis, and Thetas introduced our pledges to some of the best women on campus and our Victory Party after the destruction of Arkansas State was more fun than ever. OU-Texas looks to be even bigger this year as we burn Bevo and party with our brothers from the chapter at the University of Texas. The crowning jewel of the fall, as always, is Beta Barndance. After being voted the best party on campus last year, our plans have only gotten bigger and better. Rumors of a Top 40 Country Band have been heard, but not confirmed by the social chairman yet. Once again, the Betas lead the way in all areas of campus life, and make our social calendar the envy of everyone else on campus.

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Jeff Word, '94

### Second (continued)

talents by taking second in horseshoes. Seniors Marc Taylor (OKC) and Curtis McCarty combined with sophmores Pete Pappas and Bob Penn (Norman) to take third in FIJI's Slamfest 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

Beta now sits in 2nd place in Intramural points, but looks to place high in football, and 3-on-3 basketball this semester to aid an always great performance in spring semester sports basketball, softball, and volleyball.

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Greg Willis, '94

## Betas make History At College Bowl

Alex Trebek and Jeopardy have nothing on the Beta house at OU. This year a team of five Betas made University history by winning the annual campus-wide College Bowl tournament. As far as can be determined, no team consisting of members of any single fraternity has ever won the tournament.

The brothers went undefeated through a series of seven matches to claim the title and qualify for advancement to the Regional Competition at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. In addition, a team of Beta pledges took third place, receiving their only defeat at the hands of the member team.

The Beta team was led by captain Jason Lees ('94) from Edmond. The rest of the team consisted of Greg Willis ('94) of Hobart, Jeff Word ('94) of Enid, David Kendrick ('94) of Duncan, Bill Mareburger ('93) of Tulsa, and Mike Moses ('95) of Hobart. The pledge team included Chris Hay ('95) of Tulsa, Toby Owens ('95) of Phoenix, AZ, and Jason Rayome ('95) of Griffith, Indiana.

The College Bowl tournament is run in basically the same way today as it had been for the past 30 years. Two teams of four compete to be the first to answer questions on a variety of topics, ranging from literature to physics. The tournament is single elimination and a timer signals the end of each match.

The Regional Competition consisted of winning teams from approximately 30 universities and colleges in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado. The regionals were something of a disappointment to the team, because it was there they experienced their first defeat. However, they only lost by one question to the winning team from (gasp) OSU. In the end, the trip was chalked up to experience and anyway, the University picked up the tab.

The Beta team was somewhat dif-

ferent from most of its opponents. Before a match, many teams could be found in Bizzel Library, "boning up" on information in hopes of gaining an edge over their opponents. However, the Beta team usually stopped for a drink and a bite to eat before arriving at the match.

Said Captain Jason Lees, "We never really worried about the matches. In fact, we were just as surprised as anybody when we won. We just came into the tournament with a well-rounded team, and we figured that there was no possible way to study for the types of questions that might be asked. So we went in, determined to enjoy ourselves, and did. Winning was just a bonus."

When asked what prompted them to enter, David Kendrick said, "One night in January, we were sitting around watching television and asking each other questions from Trivial Pursuit. Lees and Willis were answering an incredible number of questions, and someone suggested entering the tournament. So we did, more as joke than anything, and surprised everyone, including ourselves."

The team members all agreed that their strength came in knowing a variety of subject areas; the team boasts majors ranging from European studies to astronomy to chemical engineering. This characteristic proved top be especially useful when competing with "special interest" teams, such as the OU History Club.





# Alumni News

## Donor Dinner Approaching

The date has been set for the annual Beta Theta Pi Donor Dinner. The Dinner is scheduled for November 7, the date of the Missouri game. The day will begin as any normal game day, with a gathering of friends and alumni at the house before the game. Following the game the donor dinner activities will begin. It will be during this time that any funding needed for improvements or repairs on the house will be raised (hopefully!).

Some of the things discussed this

year will be: maintenance on the first, second, and third floor bathrooms; much needed repairs to the basement; work on house plumbing and air ducts; and exterior landscape faults. The donor dinner also provides funding for work week and minor upkeep throughout the year. Another ambitious project that the active membership is working on, is the Beta house computer lab that is described in more detail later in this publication.

The annual donor dinner is the sole source of organized funding for ma-

jor improvements of the house and landscape. For this reason, your attendance and contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or will be unable to attend, but you would still like to contribute; please call Harbour Whitaker, donor dinner alumni chairman, at (405) 658-3717 or 658-6657, or Chad Beaudry (House President) at (405)360-1257.

Yours in -kai-

Mike Moses, '93

## Alumni Rush Chairman Sought

In recently electing a year-round rush chairman, we as a chapter took a positive step toward creating a more organized open, spring, and summer rush. Open rush has been extremely successful with the addition of eight young men to our pledge class. As open rush is coming to a close, we are beginning to focus our sights on the future. After several months of discussing it, we have come to the conclusion that the addition of an alumni rush chairman would be extremely beneficial in preparing for 1993 summer rush. Working with the summer rush team, an alumni rush chairman could coordinate activities and visits which do not fall under IFC restrictions. We are currently looking for someone to fill such a position, and we welcome the participation of any interested alumni. If interested, please contact me at (405) 447-2375

Yours in \_\_\_\_ kai \_\_\_\_

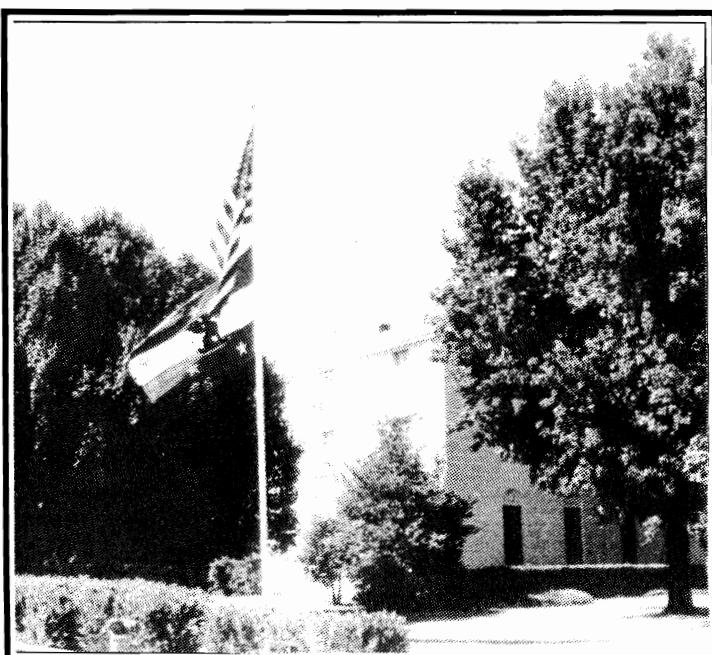
James Banta

## Beta Success Manual

For years, the Gamma Phi chapter has rushed on success: the success of our members and the success of our alumni. Unquestionably, Beta boasts the most dedicated and successful alumni on

campus, indeed on just about any campus. Those of us who are still undergraduate members recognize this fact and are eager to carry on the tradition. In that interest, we have started a new program to expose promising members to interested alumni. We are putting together a book of information that will contain resumes and cover letters from any of the members that are seeking employment or internships. It is our hope that this book can become a resource to any alumni that may be in a position to fill internships or jobs.

This book can be especially important during a time when the job market is more of a treasure hunt. In addition to opportunities that this can provide to undergraduates, the book can also help in formal rush. A mirror image of sorority



The Beta House recently acquired a flag pole to display our country's colors as well as the flag of our fraternity.

rush, formal rush provides only one week of 15-minute, regulated meetings with

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# House Improvement

## Beta moves into the Computer Age

The computer age has arrived, and the Beta house is making an attempt to keep up. Virtually every class on campus is now requiring students to use computers at some level, ranging from simple word processing to complex CAD work and

spreadsheet design, and it's no secret that computer skills are a must in today's job market. Therefore, the brothers have voted to install a computer lab in the house.

The necessity of having a lab was made all too clear last year, as members who owned their own personal computers were often kept awake at night while brother after brother used their computer to complete a project or design a resume. However, two computers were simply not adequate to fulfill the computing needs of the entire house, and last spring, it was proposed and agreed that one of the single rooms on the third floor would be set aside as a computer lab.

Funding for the equipment is still being sought, but the proposed room will have four computers with capabilities including word processing, desk-top publishing, CAD, telecommunications (and therefore access to University computer systems), spreadsheets, databases, and tutorial software (LSAT, MCAT, and GRE reviews). In addition, the room will have a laser printer and two dot-matrix printers. An exact list of proposed equipment and costs follows this article, but the total cost is set at approximately \$10,000. This figure seems to be exorbitant, but equipment can be purchased as the funding materializes.

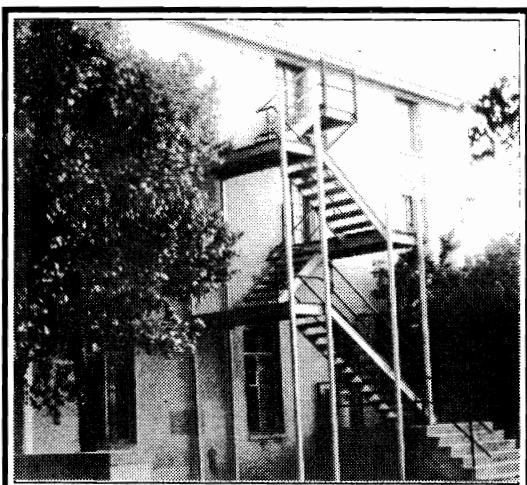
The importance of this to the chapter goes beyond convenience to the

members. It is a matter of staying competitive. Several fraternities at the University of Oklahoma already have functioning computer rooms, and benefit not only academically, but also during rush. A computer room is an excellent way to improve our grades, as well as making us more attractive to possible employers after college. The rushees that we want to attract recognize this fact and are drawn towards fraternities that can provide them with something more than just a great party. They want an improved chance at success, both in college and beyond.

At present, no purchases have been made, and therefore, we are open to suggestions on how to improve our plan. Anyone having any particular expertise or advice is encouraged to call David Kendrick. In addition, we are more than happy to accept any used equipment that anyone may have around. We will be needing more than just computers. We need tables and computer chairs, and the possibility of installing an alarm system in the computer room has been brought up.

Once again, anyone having any interest in this project is encouraged to call David Kendrick at (405)366-8368.

Item	Number	Cost
Macintosh II Si	2	\$4,400
486/33 MHz	2	\$3,400
Laser Printer	1	\$1,800
Dot Matrix Printer	2	\$600



The Norman Fire Marshall decided that the Beta House needed a new fire escape, a colossal structure designed by Mike Hall.



### Success (continued)

rushees. During that time, it is very difficult to tell them about our chapter, and the time must be spent instead telling about parties and sports. This book provides tangible evidence of Beta Theta Pi's commitment to success, and can be very useful in conveying this message to rushees.

The first copies of the book will be distributed to those present at the Donor Dinner in November, but copies can be obtained by anyone by calling Chad Beaudry at (405) 360-1257.

### Haunted? (continued)

ing the first floor and basement of the house into a maze of black visquine and strobe lights, patrolled by spooks of all types, ranging from the living dead to chain-saw surgeons. Admission is expected to be between \$3.00 and \$4.00, and all proceeds will go to the philanthropy.

Sponsors are being sought for the event, to help cover initial costs. Also, in

keeping with the tradition of any Greek activity, T-shirts will be printed and sold. According to Gammill, "We're looking for sponsors of all types, and are hoping to raise enough to cover the initial costs, so that all of the profit can go to help a very worthy charity. All sponsors will be recognized on the T-shirts and in any advertising we may do."



# Game Days Back to Normal

This year, game days will be back to normal, as lunch and "refreshments" will be served at the house before games. Beer will be served starting 1-2 hours before each game, and will continue to after the game if the supply lasts. This pre-game meeting at the house is a great time to catch up on activities at the house, to see old friends and pledge brothers, and to bring any Beta legacies to see the place that you spent your college days. We

welcome any and all friends and relatives, and hope that you take advantage of this opportunity. Members and pledges alike enjoy hearing and swapping stories about life at the Beta House.

In the last couple of years, the bar had been eliminated from the game-day routine because of insurance risks involved. However, the new Beta risk management policy and insurance policy allow for third-party

vendors with the proper liability insurance to be present during parties and chapter functions. Therefore, game days are back to normal, and we hope to see all of you here.

Here's the schedule for the rest of the year:

October 3	Iowa State	1:30 P.M.
October 31	Kansas State	1:00 P.M.
November 7	Missouri	1:00 P.M.
November 27	Nebraska	12:30 P.M.

## Pledges (continued)

Schools/Multi-Media Cablevision "Ringmaster" Program, which seeks to curtail alcohol and drug abuse in the area.

The pledges have also become active in campus activities. The treasurer of Jr. IFC is a Beta pledge, as well as one of the newly appointed members of UOSA Student Congress. Several of the pledges are active in the Nickles for Senate campaign as well.

Scholastically, the '92 pledge class is also extremely solid. Boasting an average incoming GPA of 3.35, and an average ACT of 25, they offer an excellent chance for the Betas to maintain the first place position that they regained last semester.

The 1992 Beta pledge class is listed below. We look forward to them meeting our alumni first hand, and hope that you

will come by on a game day or any time to meet the future of the Beta House.

We would also like to note that this outstanding pledge class would not have been possible without the efforts of our alumni, who, as always, stepped in to help out when things looked a little rough. The members of Beta Theta Pi are grateful and thank you for your contributions of time and money.

### The 1992 Beta Theta Pi Pledge

#### Class:

Kevin Brown	Lawton
Cory Butler	Duncan
Mikeal Clayton	Frederick
Clint Duffy	Owasso
Brad Fuller	Norman
David Geurkink	Duncan
Kyle Hall	Littleton, CO
John Hammond	Broken Arrow

Jeff Horner	Denver, CO
Doug Huggins	Boston, Mass
Andrew Lewis	Broken Arrow
Jason Lowrey	Broken Arrow
Trent MacIlhaney	Oklahoma City
Will Nation	Morris
Noah Nodine	Broken Arrow
Jacob Piel	Ponca City
Jeff Ramos	Dallas, TX
Jeff Ritenhour	Broken Arrow
Chris Schellman	Lawton
Todd Stanton	Tulsa
Jeremy Stilwell	Seminole
Will Stone	Pittsburgh, TX
Jon Trudgeon	Oklahoma City
John Venable	Beaver
Chad Wade	Lawton
Blake Williams	Lawton
Michael Young	Conway Springs, KS