



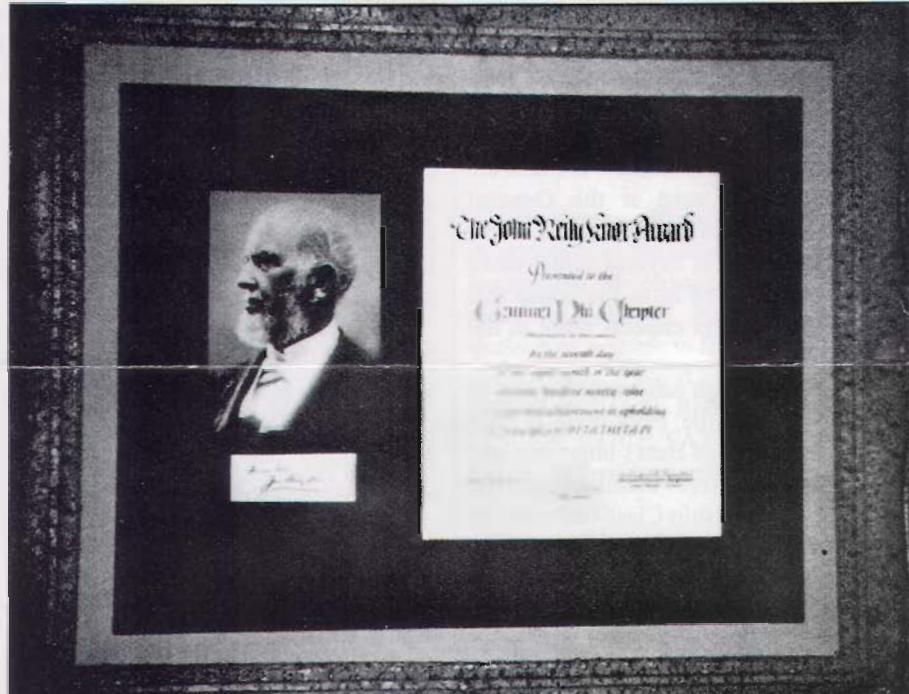
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GAMMA PHI WINS KNOX AWARD

At Beta Theta Pi's 160th General Convention last August, Gamma Phi Chapter was awarded the coveted Knox Award. The Knox Award, named after John Reily Knox, was created four years ago and is the most prestigious award conferred by the General Fraternity. This year, Gamma Phi was one of only four chapters to receive the award. Of course, the Chapter also won the Sisson for the third straight year.

The Knox Award recognizes chapters which demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics, philanthropy and pledgeship, among others. The requirements are rigorous and few chapters qualify. For example, the following represent only a few of the requirements which a chapter must satisfy just to be eligible for the Knox Award: every man in the chapter must be involved in a campus activity; the chapter must record at least 20 hours of community service per man; at least four members of the chapter must serve as an officer in a major campus organization; the chapter must provide assistance to another Beta Theta Pi chapter; and the chapter must hold at least three risk management seminars per year.



The John Reily Knox Award, won by Gamma Phi for the 1998-99 school year, is framed and now hangs in the chapter house in Norman.

which cover alcohol, rape, fire safety and hazing.

Gamma Phi went above and beyond the minimum requirements in many areas. Perhaps most notable was the Chapter's initiation of 43 pledges last year. This figure far exceeded the number of pledges initiated by any other Beta Theta Pi chapter.

Winning the Knox Award is a landmark achievement for Gamma

Phi. It has firmly established Gamma Phi as one of the flagship chapters in the General Fraternity.

Special recognition goes to Trey Dzialo (Lawton '00) for his hard work in organizing the Knox Award application. The application requirements for the Knox Award are very rigorous and Brother Dzialo's efforts were instrumental in the Chapter's success.

Chapter News...

CHAPTER CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL 1999 RUSH

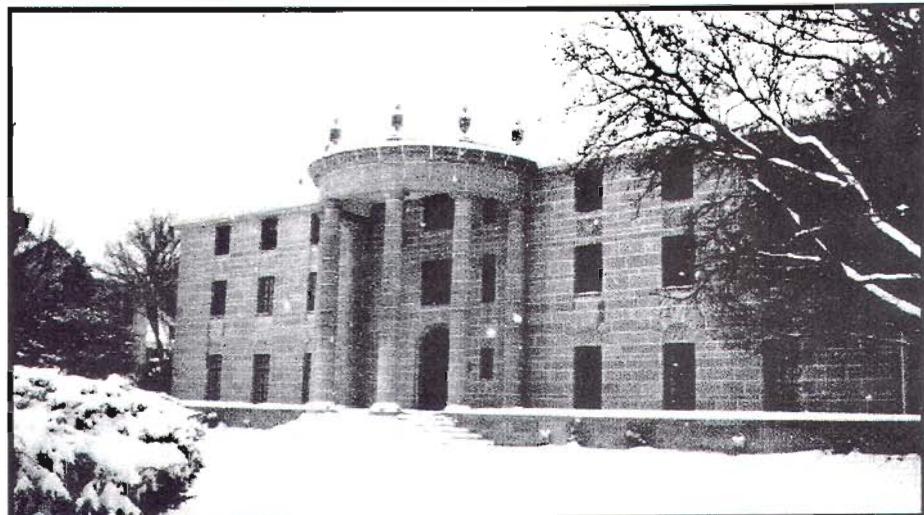
Gamma Phi completed this fall's formal rush with the signing of 45 outstanding pledges. This class is the product of a diligent and well-run rush directed by Rush Chairman, Matt Clouse ('01 Grove), and Assistant Rush Chairmen, Casey Barto ('02 Bartlesville), Cody Fleming ('02 Enid) and Matt Pollock ('02 Duncan).

The Chapter is very pleased with this class and believes it represents yet another step forward. The great progress which Gamma Phi has recently made is perhaps best exemplified by the Chapter's receipt of both the Sisson Award and the coveted Knox Award at the General Fraternity's convention last August. Also for the first time in several years, more than 60 men moved in to the house this fall and the Chapter expects more in the future.

Of course, rush has been the key to this success, and the 1999 class is only the latest example of Beta's improvement. This class has five members of the President's Leadership Class (the most of any fraternity), eight of nine known Beta legacies who went through rush, four varsity athletes and excellent academic credentials (average GPA 3.62). This class and last year's excellent pledge class are now clearly the strength of the Chapter.

In terms of size, this class ranked fifth among all fraternities at OU. But don't confuse the quantitative ranking with quality. If it chose to do so, the Chapter could have easily signed many more pledges. However, Gamma Phi elected to sign only those rushees who met the Chapter's standards for quality, character and academics.

Once again, our alumni's financial and organizational support was instrumental in achieving this latest rush success. Alumni financial support enabled the rush chairmen to wage a relentless rush throughout the summer. The Chapter extends its deepest thanks to the Gamma Phi alumni for their loyalty and generous support. The alumni deserve



much credit for this success.

Special thanks also goes to those of you who referred rush prospects to the Chapter. These referrals are absolutely critical to a successful rush. The Chapter signed a very high percentage of these referrals, many of whom the rush chairmen would not otherwise have learned about until rush week.

It's time to start thinking about Year 2000 rush. If you know of any good rush prospects for next summer, please let the Chapter know about them! Beta stands a substantially better chance of signing prospects it learns about in the early spring. Please direct all rush referrals to the following address:

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211 N. Robinson
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
Telephone: 405/235-5581
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Email: zallen@mswerb.com

Thanks again for your support!

INTRAMURALS REPORT

Intramurals went very well for Gamma Phi last fall. At the conclusion of fall competition, Beta was in second place in the overall standings, only 15 points behind Lambda Chi Alpha. The highlight of the fall was Beta's performance in 3 on 3 basketball, in which Beta won the all-fraternity championship and

finished third among all-campus standings. Gamma Phi also captured the handball championship. In football, the chapter finished second after losing the championship round to the Lambda Chi. Beta's fourth place finish in the golf scramble also contributed to a very successful fall campaign.

Major sports in the spring are basketball, softball, volleyball (4 on 4) and passing league football. Traditionally, basketball and softball have been Gamma Phi's strongest sports. With each major sport championship being worth 60 points (30 for second place, 15 for third place and 8 for fourth place), the chapter is very optimistic about its chances of erasing Lambda Chi's 15 point lead.

Chapter Officers 2000 - 01

President - Matt Pollock
Vice President - Steven Carter
Risk Manager - Cody Fleming
Treasurer - Brandon Lee
Secretary - Blake O'Brien
Intramurals - Rob Cunningham
Social Chairman - Casey Barto
Pledge Educator - Matt Allen
Scholarship (Member) - David Lam
Scholarship (Pledge) - Connor Cross
Philanthropy - Bridger Cox
Rush Chairman - Casey Barto
House Manager - Ted Downey

Beta Donors Contribute \$35,157 in 1999 Campaign

Led by Dan Moody '69, Levoy Ellsworth '72 and Mark Harris '73 and by 46 of the Chapter's Fraternal Fifty members, Beta Donors have contributed \$35,382.87 to the current fund raising campaign. In fact, our total of 286 donors from 57 classes, who are all listed on the previous page constitute approximately 20% of the Chapter's mailing list. The class of '85 continues its admirable dedication with 24 donors. This is a tremendous and much needed response.

Last year we spent over \$75,000 on repair, replacement and cleaning of the east facade and its retaining walls, repair of the portico, replacement of additional guttering, cleaning of the north facade, etc., etc. All of the work was necessary to maintain our beautiful, historic Chapter House. However, the expenditures depleted existing financial reserves, and your contributions are essential to continuing refurbishment efforts.

As reported to the Beta Donors, we are working with the Parents' Club on the first comprehensive landscaping plan in years. New trees have been planted between the front sidewalk and Chautauqua; we have removed a number of unsightly trees and shrubs; a concrete

walkway/landscape retaining wall has been installed in front of the flower bed; and we will be installing a front yard sprinkler systems and additional landscaping this spring. Over the summer, the northwest part of the roof needs to be repaired; approximately one-half of the roof guttering still needs to be replaced; and the bathrooms on the second and third floors need to be remodeled or replaced.

Besides maintaining the House, all of this refurbishment work is necessary to remain competitive in rush. Please encourage your Beta brothers to contribute to both the Beta Donors Program

and to our later rush solicitation. Your dollars are making the difference, and we very much appreciate your generous contributions for the benefit of Gamma Phi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Yours in -kai-,
James C. Elder, President
Beta Theta Pi Corporation



Alumni Directories To Arrive Soon

If you're waiting for your new Gamma Phi alumni directory to arrive in the mail, your wait should soon be over! Editing work on the directory is now complete, and the publisher expects to mail them out in the very near future. The Chapter appreciates all alumni who have made this directory a success by providing updated biographical information and financial support.

By the way, if your address or other information in the directory is incorrect, incomplete or changes in the future, please let us know! Please send all corrections or updates to Beta Theta Pi, c/o Zach Allen, Two Leadership Square, 14th Floor, 211 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, OK 73102; FAX: (405)235-0333; Email: zallen@mswerb.com.

GROVER OZMUN NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Gamma Phi Chapter named Grover Ozmun ('59) as its 1999-2000 alumnus of the year. This recognition was awarded to Brother Ozmun at the Beta Donors Reception on October 23 after the OU-Texas A&M game.

Brother Ozmun has served as Chapter Counselor to Gamma Phi since 1994. In that capacity, he has generously contributed his time and efforts to the men of Gamma Phi and the well-being of the Chapter.

This award is richly deserved by Brother Ozmun, and the Chapter extends its heart-felt thanks to him for his tireless service.

Grover Ozmum accepts Alumnus of the Year Award from Chapter President Joe Ford on October 23.



1999-2000 BETA DONORS

1930
Wilbur L. Griffith
Robert R. Hayes

1933
Loy E. Harris

1934
Fred E. Brown
John W. Kniseley
William P. Longmire, Jr.
John K. Orr

1937
Louis V. Stuart

1938
Benson W. Campbell, Jr.
Walter D. Hart

1942
Robert S. Frantz

1943
Harry H. Diamond
William Klingensmith
R.L. Lunsford

1944
John N. Dew
Sam Shackleford
Strat Tolson

1945
William J. Hemphill

1946
Ralph Tolson

1947
Bion J. Acton

Herbert F. Hewett
Lon T. Jackson, Jr.

1949
Goodwin Broaddus
J. Wallace Feild
Shelby R. Gibbs
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1950
Sam T. Allen III
M.W. Eddleman
John P. Harlan
Lloyd Lynd, Jr.
John A. Reid
Richard L. Walton

1951
C. Warren Fatheree
Jack T. Massey
Frank M. Paget
William R. Shirley

1952
Richard R. Hefton
George H. Lundberg
William M. McGee
Richard H. Reid
William J. Ross

1953
Dwayne E. Godsey
Warren "Doc" Jordan
J. Hugh Roff, Jr.
Byron H. Schaff
James R. Snider
Albert L. Welsh

1954
John M. Arnold
Richard D. Haynes
Millard Ingram
Langford Keith, Jr.
George S. Mason
Burke Mordy
Lee B. Thompson, Jr.

1955
Fallis Beall
Tom H. McCasland, Jr.
Bradley Million
Bill K. Reed

1956
Robert R. Champion
Mark H. McKinsey
Frank G. Mitchell
Tom Norris
G. Max Richards

1957
James H. Warram, Jr.

1958
B.A. Bridgewater, Jr.
William R. Broach
Davis A. Coppedge

Fred Gipson
Richard G. Porter

1959
T. Joseph Semrod
Don A. Smith
Sam L. Wilhite, Jr.

1960
George W. Athey
Richard L. Boone
Don Cies

Robert Osborne
Grover Ozmun
Neil Stanfield

1961
Roger Bowman
Charles F. Long
Joe R. Love

1962
Robert L. Barr
William R. Lynn
Thomas R. Medlock

1963
G.L. Smith
William A. Vesely
John M. Yeager

1964
Guy Bacon
Frank Lee Bollinger
Mark Butterly
John M. Coffey
Clark Ellison
C. Dale Klingensmith

Donald Reece
Jerry Richardson
Ken Sloan
Roger S. VanDyke

1965
John M. Arnold
Richard D. Haynes
Millard Ingram
Langford Keith, Jr.
George S. Mason
Burke Mordy
Lee B. Thompson, Jr.

1966
Charles M. Cole, III
Wayne E. Copeland, Jr.
J. Douglas Frantz
Dean Hart, Jr.
W. Carlisle Mabrey, III

1967
J. William Conger
Jerry C. Hassebrock
Scott D. Lawrence

Ken Schuerman
J. Daryl Spence

1968
Steven E. Moore
Robert J. Ritz
Ron Shotts
Richard K. Turner

1969
Mike Cawley
Don V. Cogman
Braden R. Cross
James C. Elder
W.B. Johnston
Wm. O. Johnstone

John Mantooth
Dan A. Moody
Richard D. Padberg
G. Blaine Schwabe III

1970
Greg Cox
Kurt S. Frantz
Don Harral
John T. Lockard

1971
Guy L. Berry, III
R.D. Folsom
G. Elden Hoffman
Robert R. Klabzuba
Peter Pierce
John Ritz



Warren "Doc" Jordan, Dick Hefton, Bill Ross, Hugh Roff, Al Welch and James Snider received "Fraternal Fifties" recognition at the Beta Donors reception in November at the chapter house.

1976
Mark W. Curnutt
John A. Fuller
Monty Golladay
Ronald C. Krieger
Mark Lisle
Jack Rayburn
Mark A. Scott

1977
Paul Brown
Ron J. Crosby
Charles E. Geister
Kim R. Hauger
James B. Read
Don Maxwell

1978
Jerry Colclazier
Kevin L. Foxx
Donnie Hughes
Dan W. Jordan

1979
Dewey W. Chambers
Martin Jones
Robert N. Naifeh, Jr.
David F. Welsh

1980
Robert Beall
Michael A. Bickford
Randy Helms
Jesse L. Leeds, Jr.

1981
T.H. McCasland, III
Dale Reneau

1982
Bradford L. Boone
John E. Campbell, Jr.

1983
William S. Banowsky, Jr.
Jeff Dietert
Ken Feagins
Donald M. Lehman

1984
Andrew R. Louis

1985
R. Todd Boone
Rex Duncan
Steve Emmons
Richard Fellrath
R. Park Medearis, Jr.

1986
Lance S. Tolson

1987
William S. Banowsky, Jr.
Jeff Dietert
Ken Feagins
Donald M. Lehman

1988
Bo Harrison
Mike Krampf
Lindbergh J. Rahhal

1989
Scot Sullivan

1990
Daniel Medley

1991
Todd K. Booze
Michael J. LaBrie

1992
James T. Johnson III
Curtis A. McCarty

1993
Don E. Noble

1994
Jason Lees

1995
Aaron Hutton

1996
John C. Van Aken '61

IN MEMORIAM
Ross Duncan '85
Michael R. Hall '77
John C. Van Aken '61

FRIENDS
William T. Speller



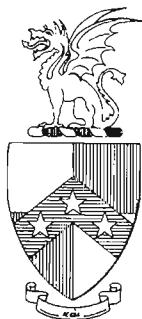
Bid Day 1999 found 45 new pledges posing on the front steps with members at the conclusion of fall rush.



1999 Rush Contributors



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Fallis A. Beall	J. Dougals Frantz	Robert W. King	John G. Munger	Louis V. Stuart
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Guy L. Berry, III	Rick Gibbon	Robert R. Klabzuba	John K. Orr	Frank Thompson
W. Anderson Bishop	Monty Golladay	Charles F. Knapp	Jay W. Penn	Lee B. Thompson, Jr.
William H. Boies	Charles P. Gotwals, Jr.	Mike Krampf	James Pickens	Charles E. Towe, Jr.
Todd Booze	Elmer "Bud" Hale, Jr.	Michael J. Labrie	Chris H. Pierce	Stan M. Vlasimsky
Bryan Brown	L.H. Hammond, Jr.	Scott D. Lawrence	Richard G. Porter	Jay Wade
Gary L. Brown, III	John P. Harlan	Brad H. Liebmann	Gordon Pugh	John Waldo
Horace K. Calvert	Don L. Harral	Kenneth Lisle	Scott E. Rahhal	W.S. Warner, Jr.
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Michael A. Cawley	Jerry C. Hassebroek	George H. Lundberg	W.T. Richardson, Jr.	Charles D. Watson, Jr.
Dewey W. Chambers	K.R. Hauger	W. Carlisle Mabrey, III	Robert J. Ritz	Harbor W. Whitaker
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