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Summer 2003

Busy Summer for Rush Team Rush 2003 Kicks Off For Another Busy Year!

Although rush 2003 was completed two weeks ago, and the chapter has signed an outstanding pledge class of 55 men; it is never to early to look at next summer's rush.

One of the most important lessons we have learned is that successful recruitment requires early and frequent contact with our top prospects. If you have a family member or friend that will be attending OU or already attends OU and you feel they would be an outstanding addition to the chapter bring by the house this fall prior to the football games. Let them meet the brothers and pledges. The following is information we provided to alumni to explain the rush process and what the chapter needs.

In March, the Chapter elected an outstanding new rush team: head rush chairman Michael Kurtz (Oklahoma City '05), and assistants Zane Weaver (Ardmore '05), Tyson Carroll (Henryetta '06), and William Crosby (Ardmore '06). The rush team has already hosted several rushees at the annual Beta Lei function, which was an overwhelming success. However, the work has only just begun to meet the Chapter's goal of once again signing the best pledge class on campus.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Chapter is perhaps in its best shape ever. The young men who have been recruited to become Betas over the last several years are now consistently winning grades again. They also hold numerous leadership positions on campus, and are at the tops in tramurals. Beta is once again viewed by most as the best house on campus. Of course, this success would not be possible without strong alumni support for rush. Fundamentally, rush is the root of success for any fraternity, and that is nowhere better illustrated than with the Gamma Phi Chapter over the last several years. Thanks to the tireless efforts of brother Zach Allen '85, who has now moved to the position of Corporation President, the Beta house has successfully rushed and signed the best pledge classes on campus over the last several years.

However, success should not lead to complacency. To maintain Beta's position on campus, the Chapter must continue to rush and sign the top young men entering OU. This requires strong alumni support on three fronts.

First, referrals and recommendations of prospective rushees are needed. Please take a few minutes of your time to provide us with information on the young men that you know who will be attending OU next fall. Although pledges cannot be signed until after formal rush in August, it is essential that the rush team have the opportunity to contact prospective rushees during the school year and next summer. There is no doubt that the key to a successful formal rush is a successful summer rush. Although complete resumes are preferred for each candidate, a name, high school and one telephone number where the young man can be reached will do.

Second, strong financial support is the cornerstone of a strong rush. In the past, thanks to the generosity of our alums, our rush teams have been able to effectively compete with the other top houses on campus during summer rush. However, more financial support is needed each year to stay competitive with our rivals on campus. -continued page 8

Busy Summer for Rush Team

Rush 2003 Kicks Off For Another Busy Year!

Chapter Adopts Philanthropy

The Gamma Phi Chapter and the Muscular Dystrophy Association have teamed up to create the first annual Beta 500! University organizations will sponsor a go-kart to race Le Mans style at the Lloyd Noble Center parking lot. Dinner for the MDA will be hosted the night prior at the chapter house.

The chapter has set an aggressive goal of raising \$10,000 through entrance fees, charitable donations, and t-shirt sales. All proceeds will be donated to MDA.

The chapter is seeking alumni support for this worthy activity. Donations are needed for prizes, setup costs, and to secure the go-karts and facilities. "We have been trying to develop a campus-wide, first-class event for us to host for the past few years. After hearing the success another Beta chapter had in doing this event we decided to talk it at OU. It is great seeing the chapter rallying around a great charity," John Simpisen Philanthropy Chair.

If you or your company would like to donate money, in-kind products, or provide matching funds; you and/or your company will receive a tax donation receipt. You will also receive prominent placing on promotional materials, positive exposure to the OU and Norman community, and thanks from the chapter and MDA.

"We have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many wonderful children, and to help an organization that needs significant donations to stay alive. We can be proud that the life of a child was made better through the efforts of the brothers at the Gamma Phi Chapter, says Steve Sinos, Chapter President.

If you are interested in assisting the Beta 500 contact John Simpisen, Philanthropy Chair, at 405-388-5989 or email him at jsimpisen@ou.edu.



Pictured from Left 2003 Rush Chairman: William Crosby, Michael Kurtz, Tyson Carroll, Zane Weaver

Beta Donors Campaign

To date, alumni and friends have contributed \$35,920 to our 2002-2003 Beta Donors Campaign. As always, these funds will be used to finance repairs and capital improvements to the 74 year old Beta House. On behalf of the chapter, we extend our sincerest thanks to all of you who have once again generously given your support to the preservation of 800 Chautauqua.

If you have not visited the Beta House recently, you really should do so. **The house has never looked better.** Over the past couple of years, we have completed many major improvements which have long been on our "to do" list, such as the remodeling of the bathrooms and replacement of the living room wood floor. Most recently, we replaced the old wood stockade fence at the rear of the house with a new rod iron fence. We also completed two more repairs to the roof at a cost of \$15,000.

Our increasingly vital Parents Club has also done wonders for the house. Thanks to our parents, recent improvements to the ground floor alone include new heavy oak tables and chairs for the dining room and leather couches for the living room. They have reupholstered other furniture in the living room and refurbished the trophy case. Outdoors, they continue to beautify the grounds with new landscaping, including the planting of boxwood shrubs below the steel pipe guard rails which line the lot perimeter. Soon, these shrubs will envelope the guard rails for a more aesthetically appealing presentation.

Of course, **much work remains to be done to assure that the Beta House remains a first class facility.** Further improvements to the gutters are needed to protect the limestone facade from the weather. We are assessing the expensive possibility of replacing the aging heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. We need to purchase several pieces of new equipment for the kitchen this summer. Roof maintenance seems to be an ever present reality. All of the windows need to be replaced with more efficient and durable versions. Additional landscaping improvements remain on the agenda. Continuing support of the donor's program is needed to fund the costs of these items.

As for the chapter itself, **Gamma Phi is extremely strong and continuing its legacy as the preeminent fraternity at OU.** During the 2002-2003 year, the Chapter initiated 50 new members and signed 10 spring pledges. There are presently over 160 actives and pledges on its roster. Beta continues to perform well academically, most recently scoring a 3.10 overall GPA last fall. This spring, Gamma Phi received the **President's Award for Academic Excellence** and the **IFC Award of Excellence in Academic Achievement.** The Chapter is regularly competitive in intramurals and intent on once again capturing the all-fraternity championship. Betas are extensively involved in a broad range of campus activities and many are receiving awards in recognition of individual scholastic and leadership achievement.

I cannot describe Gamma Phi's present

successes without recognizing the enormous contributions of James Elder '69. James served as Corporation President from 1995 through 2002. When he took on this job, the Chapter was undoubtedly at the lowest ebb in its history. He immediately began the difficult process of rehabilitating the Chapter with superb leadership and selfless tenacity. As a direct result of his tireless efforts, Beta is once again a symbol of excellence at OU. All of us who value the traditions of Gamma Phi owe James a debt of gratitude for his unmatched service to the Chapter.

We are approaching the 100th anniversary of Gamma Phi's 1907 charter as a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Beta's future at OU appears as bright as ever. Much credit for this fact is owed to the stewardship of our loyal alumni. **Your past and future support is greatly appreciated.**

yours in kai,
Zach Allen '85
Corporation President



New Living Room Furniture and Trophy Case



Updated Living Room

ATTENTION ALUMNI!!!

We need your updates please send all updates to Everett Lees at everettlees@cox.net

Beta Donors 2002-2003

1934	1953 continued	1963 continued	1971 continued
John W. Kniseley	Albert L. Welsh	Don Copeland	G. Elden Hoffman
William P. Longmire, Jr.		C. Dale Klingensmith	Robert R. Klabzuba
John K. Orr			Michael T. Lynch
1937	1954	1964	R. Marc Nuttle
Louis V. Stuart	Robert W. Baker, Jr.	John S. Berry	Ken Privett
	Robert L. Bartheld	Grant Fair	John Ritz
	Richard D. Haynes	Richard W. Moore, Jr.	
1939	Millard Ingram	Larry Reams	1972
Horace K. Calvert	Langford Keith, Jr.	Paul N. Stanton	Chuck Buland
	Lee B. Thompson, Jr.	Tom Swineford	Paul Carlile
1941	1955	1965	Robert W. Dowe
Elmer Hale, Jr.	Fallis Beall	Charles Coward	Jim Gotwals
William P. Jolly	Tom H. McCasland, Jr.	Charles D. Watson, Jr.	Larry C. Houchin
1942	Bill K. Reed	1966	J. Steve Miller
Sam T. Allen, III	James W. Weed	Charles M. Cole, III	John G. Moore
1943	1956	Wayne E. Copeland, Jr.	Hank Ryan
Harry H. Diamond	Robert R. Champion	J. Douglas Frantz	Louis V. Stuart, Jr.
Robert L. Lunsford	Thomas G. Norris	W. Carlisle Mabrey, III	Fred O. Turner
1944	Ralph G. Thompson	Joe B. McMillin	Wayne L. Wasemiller
John N. Dew	1958	S. Kent Sloan	1973
	William R. Broach	C. Michael Smith	William L. Berry
	Robert M. Caron	1967	Mark Cantrell
1945	Fred A. Gipson	Jerry Beeson	John H. Coker, Jr.
William J. Hemphill	Philip D. Hart	J. William Conger	Stanley P. Defehr
Frank G. Gatchell	Richard G. Porter	Richard J. Gore	Kenneth Lisle
1947	Don A. Smith	Jerry C. Hassebroek	Thomas T. Moore
Lon T. Jackson, Jr.	Sam L. Wilhite, Jr.	J. Daryl Spence	Harbour Whitaker
1948	1959	Mike Strong	E. Bob Yeatts
Robert W. Allen	George W. Athey	1968	1974
Thomas E. Nix, Jr.	Don Cies	Larry S. Harral	Steven L. Barghols
1949	Philip W. Kyle	Steven E. Moore	Ronald E. Bowden
John A. Croom	V. Bryan Medlock, Jr.	Stephen A. Nisbet	Patrick E. Campbell
Goodwin Broaddus	M. Haskell Newman	Ron Shotts	Tcm Hamlin
Robert C. Millspaugh	Robert Osborne	1969	John A. Klabzuba
W.S. Warner, Jr.	Grover Ozmun	Mike Cawley	Joseph P. Klabzuba
1950	E. Neil Stanfield	Braden Cross	Chris H. Pierce
Richard L. Walton	1960	James C. Elder	Scott M. Rayburn
	D.W. Dreisker	W.B. Johnston	Bill Sherman
	Charles F. Long	Wm. O. Johnstone	G.R. Talley
	Joe Love	John Mantooth	Frank Thompson
1951	1961	Dan A. Moody	John Waldo
Jack T. Massey	Robert L. Barr	Richard D. Padberg	1975
1952	William Lynn	William R. Weimar, Jr.	W. Anderson Bishop
Richard Hefton	Stan M. Ward	1970	Clarence Dover
William M. McGee	1962	Bob Berry	William A. Gossett
Donald P. Sobocinski	T.M. Larason	John T. Lockard	David Oshel
1953	G.L. Smith	Rick Matthews	1976
Dwayne E. Godsey	1963	1971	Tony Bumpas
Warren A "Doc" Jordan	Peter Adamson III	Guy L. Berry, III	Mark W. Curnutt
J. Hugh Roff, Jr.	Guy Bacon	Chris Brown	John A. fuller
Byron H. Schaff	John Coffey	R.D. Folsom	G. Dean Luthey
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			Jack Rayburn, Jr.

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Alumni Notes and Announcements

The Founders of Gamma Phi



Thomas Buchanan Matthews



Jay Thomas Conway



John LeRoy Kingkade



Robert Richard Severin



Arthur Maxwell Alden

The Oldest Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma

According to some written reports, the Gamma Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi originated as a local fraternity at OU in the spring of 1903. Information in the 1907 Mistletoe (the predecessor of the Sooner yearbook) indicates that Gamma Phi was "Organized, Febuary 1904". In any event, Gamma Phi appears to be the oldest social fraternity at OU. Information in the 1931 Sooner indicates that the first local fraternity at OU, Eta Kappa Nu, was organized by ten students in 1898 but became "extinct" in 1903. A charter was granted to a group for a Kappa Alpha chapter in November 1905 "after several month's existence as a local fraternity." In 1906 a Kappa Sigma charter was granted to Alpha Delta Sigma, a group organized in November 1905. Gamma Phi became the third chapter of a national fraternity at OU when it received a charter from Beta theta Pi in October 1907.

Why Gamma Phi?

Various stories exist regarding the choice of the name Gamma Phi. "good Fellows", "Good Friends" and "Good Fellowship" have all been reported as the basis for selecting Gamma Phi as the name of the organization.

Why Beta Theta Pi?

At the time Gamma Phi was organized, David Ross Boyd was President of the University, and James Shannon Buchanan was Professor of History. Both of these men were members of Beta Theta Pi. Professor Buchanan, who was later President of the University and referred to on campus throughout his career at OU as "Uncle Buck", was Tom Matthews' uncle. The influence of these two Betas appears to have instilled a "Beta or nothing" attitude among the Gamma Phi members. In 1906 a third Beta, James Huston Felger, joined the faculty as a Professor of Mechanical Engineering in 1905.

Why did it take Four Years to get a Beta Theta Pi Charter?

The first effort to obtain a charter in 1904 did not meet application requirements. However, according to some reports, the University of Texas chapter did not support subsequent applications because Bob Severin, the center on the OU football team, had tackled the UT quarterback for a safety in the 1905 game, giving OU its first victory over UT. The UT quarterback was a Texas Beta and, so as the legend goes, vowed there would never be a Beta chapter in Oklahoma Territory. This may have influenced A. Maxwell Alden to "jump" to Alpha Delta Sigma, the local group that received a Kappa Sigma charter in 1906. Nevertheless, Gamma Phi was granted a Beta Theta Pi charter in October 1907, one month before Oklahoma statehood.

Preparing for Our 2007 Centennial

Preparation and planning are underway for our centennial celebration. We are looking for Betas, young and old, to help with this event. Please contact Hank Ryan or Zach Allen if you would like to assist.

Hank Ryan's Email Address: hank@hgryan.com
Zach Allen's Email Address: ZAllen@mswerb.com

Marching Along

David Kendrick '94 and his wife, Christy, are living in New Orleans. David is completing his residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Tulane University and Charity Hospital. He has also founded a medical technology company, MedSynergy.

Brad Hunter '94 is living in New Orleans and works for McDonald's as the Southern Regional Marketing Director.

Don Kirkpatrick '98 graduated from Arizona with a Ph.D in Pharmacology and Toxicology in March. He engaged to be married to Tarrah Dilley in May 2003.

Aaron Hutton '98 graduated from SMU Law School in December of 2002.

Everett Lees '99 was married May 3, 2003 to Kristin Steinbruck.

Zack Hall '00 and his wife, Carrie, gave birth to a 3rd generation Sooner (and 2nd generation Beta), on Oct. 22, 2002. Zack is Vice-President at the Exchange Bank and Trust in Perry, OK.

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Curtis Named Alumnus of the Year



Zach Allen and Curtis McCarty

Curtis McCarty '92 has been honored as Gamma Phi's 2002 Alumnus of the Year. Curtis has been a member of the Beta Corporation's Board of Trustees since 199... He is Operations Manager for Pinnacle Fine Homes LLC, a home building company based in Norman. With his extensive construction expertise, Curtis has provided invaluable assistance regarding the day-to-day maintenance and improvement of the Chapter House. Most notably, he supervised the replacement of the second and third floor bathrooms in 2001, an important and complex project which was completed at a cost of over \$100,000. Curtis and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Ella and Rhett.

Board Elects New Members

At the housing corporation's annual meeting last fall, Robert Beall '80, Dave Hughes '87 and Rob Robertson '84 were elected as the newest members of the Board of Trustees. Beall lives in Fort Worth and is President of RS Beall Investments. Hughes lives in Tulsa and is Director of Business Operations at McElroy Manufacturing, Inc. Robertson lives in Norman and is a partner in the Oklahoma City office the Gable & Gotwals law firms.

The Board of Trustees also elected new officers for the 2002-03 year. These officers and the current Board of Trustees are listed below.

Beta Corporation Officers

Zach Allen '85 - President
Fallis Beall '55 - Vice President
Tom McCasland, Jr. '56 - Vice President

Fred Turner '72 - Vice President

Curtis McCarty '92 - Vice President

Bill Sherman '74 - Treasurer

Mike LaBrie '90 - Secretary

Beta Corporation Members

Grover Ozmun '59

James Elder '69

John Hardeman '70

Hank Ryan '72

Steve Barghols '73

Harbour Whitaker '73

Michael Hall '88

Todd Booze '90

Robert Beall '80
John Hillis '82
Rob Robertson '84
Don Andrews '84
Brett Robinson '87
Dave Hughes '87
Blaine Matray '93

Donor Dinner

**Saturday, November 1st
After the OU/OSU GAME**

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A GENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this may change things. Each year, the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen.

Here's this year's list:

This fall's freshmen were born in 1983.

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw-off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about "Jaws."

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "De plane boss, de plane".

They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. even is.

McDonald's never came in styrofoam containers.

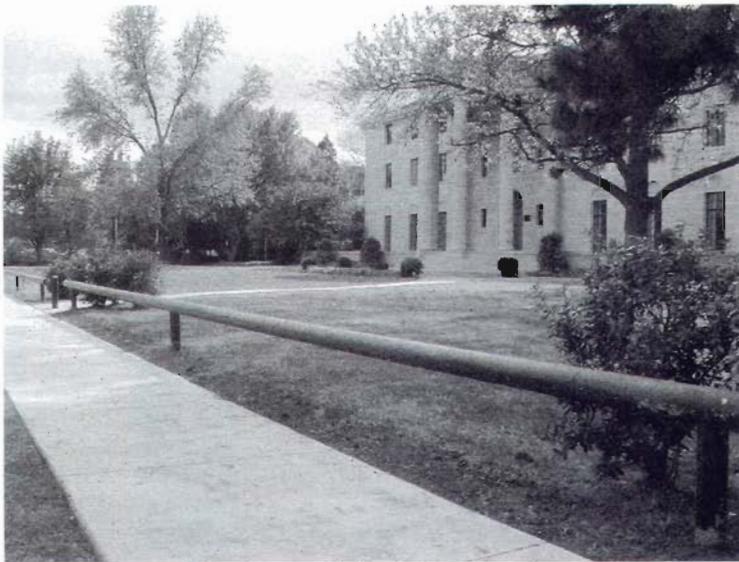
They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Gamma Lambda Receives Charter

At the 164th Annual Convention in Oxford, OH, the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Beta Theta Pi regained their charter. It was suspended in the late '90s after several risk management violations. Work to restart the chapter began in the Fall of 2000. In just over one year they have grown to over 120 members, won grades for the first time in chapter history, and have begun a million dollar renovation program. Tim Wright, Oklahoma State '72, served as chapter counselor, with his leadership and the strong leadership of the other advisors Beta is now the preeminent chapter at two universities.

"Having two strong chapters in this state benefits both chapters. We are both making a name for ourselves on our respective campuses, we can feed off each other for rush, and we look forward to greater co-operation between the chapters," Steve Sinos, Oklahoma '03, Gamma Phi Chapter President.

The General Fraternity has developed a policy to quickly restart closed chapters as their preferred means of expansion.



Front Lawn Before Landscaping



New Iron Fence Behind House



Front Lawn After Additional Landscaping

Alumni Gathering Set for Nov. 1st

By now you should have received your invitation to the annual donor dinner. It is set for **November 1st** at the Beta House. The dinner will begin following the OU/OSU game.

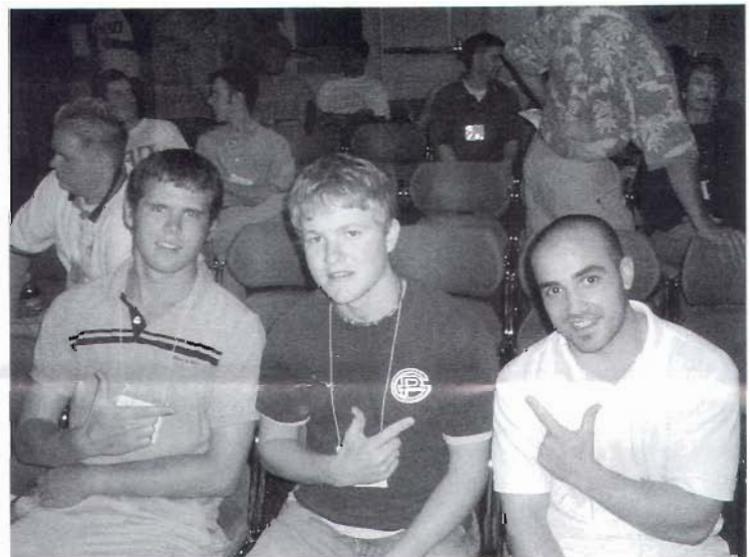
This is a great time to meet chapter officers, see what plans the Housing Corp has for the coming year, long-range plans, etc.

Also we will recognize our alumni through fraternal fifties, Alumnus of the Year, and recognize our Outstanding Pledge of the Year.

Prior to kick-off the Oklahoma City Alumni Club will be hosting a barbecue for alumni of both OU and OSU. The Oklahoma City Alumni Club, or The Band of Beta Brothers as they are known, meet monthly, and this will become an annual event at the respective chapter houses prior to the Bedlam game! For more information of the Band of Beta Brothers please email Hank Ryan, [hank@gryan.com](mailto:hgryan.com), to be added to our email list.

See you there!

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Matt McCall, William Crosby, Steve Sinos at Convention



Beta Campanile at the 164th annual convention

Beta Donors List 2002-2003 Continued

1977	1983 Continued	1991 Continued
Paul Brown	A. Andrew Louis	Jerry M. Taylor
Richard L. Campbell	Paul R. Shunatona	
Ron Crosby		1992
Charles E. Geister, III	1984	Curtis A. McCarty
Kim R. Hauger	William K. Briggs	Clint Pitzer
Donald P. Maxwell	J. Scott Edzards	
S. Neil Sisson	Steven Emmons	1995
Alan E. Synar	Richard Fell Rath	Ross Edwards
C. Rieger Wood, III	Jay P. Fitzgerald	1996
	Jeffrey T. Roberts	
1978	Rob F. Robertson	Todd C. Stanton
J. Marcus Godsy		Blake B. Williams
Donnie Hughes	1985	
Daniel W. Jordan	Zachary W. Allen	1998
Steven C. Jordan	Robert L. Barr IV	Aaron Douglas Hutton
Brad Kemp	Charles J. Dobbs	
Warren F. Kruger	Robert R. Felton	2000
John G. Munger	Dow R. Hughes	Zach Hall
Thomas S. Stapleton	Bryan K. Lansford	
Gregory C. Wallace	Mark Meyer	IN MEMORIAM
	Jay W. Pettit	Roger Bowman '59
1979	Charles E. Towe, Jr.	Jim Crocker '80
John Huff	Stan M. Vlasimsky	Michael R. Hall '77
Martin K. Jones	Randall S. Wells	Bill Holland '69
Robert N. Naifeh, Jr.	C. Robert Wright	Thomas H. Sterling, Jr. '52
Fred N. Reynolds		C. Victor Williams '68
James W. Taylor	1986	DISTRICT CHIEF
	Don Andrews	William T. Speller
1980	John F. Burns	
Robert Beall	Brent L. Mills	FRIENDS
Mike Bickford	Kirk Reed	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Purcell
Brian Busby		Ms. Sue Overton
Randy Helms	1987	
Richard T. Lane	Dave R. Hughes	
Jesse L. Leeds, Jr.	Drew Millington	
Jeff M. Manar	Brett Robinson	
1981	Bill Settle	
T.H. McCasland, III	Blake Stanfield	
Gerald K. Greer		
David D. Mordy	1988	
Kevin Redwine	Michael R. Hall	
	Richard N. Johannes	
1982	Maurice B. Lampl	
Bradford L. Boone	Scot Sullivan	
John E. Campbell, Jr.		
Bret A. Chandler	1989	
Bennett E. Fuller	Matthew T. Akin	
Cary Gathright	Jerry Goodson	
John R. Hillis	Daniel Medley	
J. Eric Ivester		
Greg T. Jones	1990	
Thomas E. Kemp, Jr.	Randy Brogan	
G. Calvin Sharpe	Todd K. Booze	
Lance S. Tolson	R. Lane Cutter	
Michael B. Tolson	Michael J. LaBrie	
1983		
William Banowsky	Phillip Farmer	
Ken Feagins	Keith H. Moore	
Donald M. Lehman	Jay W. Penn	

Alumni BBQ

The Annual Alumni BBQ was once again a great success. It was held prior to the kickoff for the UCLA game.

The event drew Betas spanning several decades. Alumni had a great time meeting the actives and pledges, seeing the wonderful job the Housing Corp and Parents Club have done on refurbishing the chapter house. This year over 300 Betas attended this event.

Watch for other great events for alumni including the donors dinner, rush events in your town, the Summer Golf Tournament, and game days at the house. Watch for information on these events.

Brett Chandler '82, of Rib Crib Barbeque, generously hosted this years event once again. Brother Chandler was one of the alumni who spearheaded this event, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his continued support and involvement. Thanks Brett!

Beta Theta Pi Dominates Academics Again

Academic success continues to be the foundation of the Gamma Phi chapter. Fall 2002 again showed the diligence of current members to achieve success. Though we finished just 0.04 points behind in second place on campus, we had the second highest number of actives (157) with a CUM GPA of 3.09. To celebrate fall 2002 academic achievements, the annual scholarship banquet was held at the chapter on March 24, 2003. University of Oklahoma Anthropology professor, Dr. Robert Fields, was the guest speaker. Members who earned a 4.0 GPA dined on lobster, and those who earned 3.5 GPA or higher received steak. The banquet was a success, and a great way to let members know how much their sacrifices mean to the successes of our chapter each semester.

Scholarship advising and support has taken a new meaning at 800 Chautauqua. Each semester activities begin with more of a "hands off" approach, allowing each Beta his own opportunity to achieve academic success. We continue to monitor progress, and remain accessible to each member, as he needs assistance/guidance. Our pledge program is structured to incorporate daily study hall hours, access to OU departmental tutors, as well as upper-class member support. The same is available to each initiated member. We are continually interact with the Interfraternity Council on campus to provide each Beta with consultation on academic advising, scholarships, student loans, etc.

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Every ... strongly urged to make a donation to rush this year, even if it is only a small amount. As the saying goes, "every penny counts."

Finally, we need help from several of you in hosting formal summer rush functions in your homes, especially in the Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Rush has changed dramatically since many of us went through. Given the limitations now imposed on formal rush functions, strong alumni support for summer rush is critical to meet the Chapter's goal of once again signing the best young men on campus. Anyone who can volunteer his home or other venue for an event next summer should contact Rob Robertson. We are already making plans for next summer.

Look for the rush wrap-up in the fall newsletter.

Please send your rush recommendations and rush contributions to our new Chapter Rush Advisor:

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(405) 321-1341 (home)

Academic Update continued from page

Our chapter advisors and the housing corporation also remain a strong support in aiding academic achievement. John Simpisen '04 served as scholarship chairman for 2002-2003, and Kenneth Pope '06 has been elected to serve for the remainder of the 2003-2004 semesters. Their hard work and dedication make scholarship advising successful.

It is again the time of year that the General Fraternity Scholarships are available to active Beta members across the country. Those of you with daughters in college may be surprised to learn the General Fraternity offers scholarships she may be eligible for. Two members of the Gamma Phi chapter received scholarships last year, and will hopefully garner more this academic year. Beta Theta Pi members continually strive to win grades, with academic success being a driving factor in new member recruitment each fall rush. If you have any "academic" rush referrals, scholarship suggestions, or questions, please feel free to contact us.

yours in kai,
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Updates!!!

