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## Bringing Down the Barn

Wearing jean jackets and not shaving for weeks, building a big red barn, and listening to comedians on the front lawn, were annual events that Betas looked forward to when it was time for Beta Barn Dance weekend.

"It's our wildest party, but it is also the oldest and most traditional in the Beta house and on campus," said President **Charlie Towe**. The pledges have the "honor" of producing all the manual labor that made the barn dance atmosphere and the party special. Dedicating most of their time to this project, they started building

the barn and other decorations about one week before the party started.

"We spent all our time outside of class at the house, building the barn," said **Scot Sullivan**, a Norman pledge. "Since there is so much to do, the pledge class has to really come together to get everything done. It's a lot of hard work, but we have a lot of fun and feel like it is a great accomplishment."

After the barn was completed, the festivities began. The Betas, along with their dates, started their country weekend off with a hayride to Lake Thunderbird, follow

ed by a party. Keeping with this country theme, they hosted the Friday night activities at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. This part of the weekend consisted of Western bands and traditional cowboy attire. During the following day, a campus-wide party sponsored by the Betas featured the comedy group of Boley and Wilson for everyone to enjoy. After a Saturday night party in the barn, the most traditional part of the weekend activities occurs when late that night the red barn is torn down. **By Chris Delucchi**

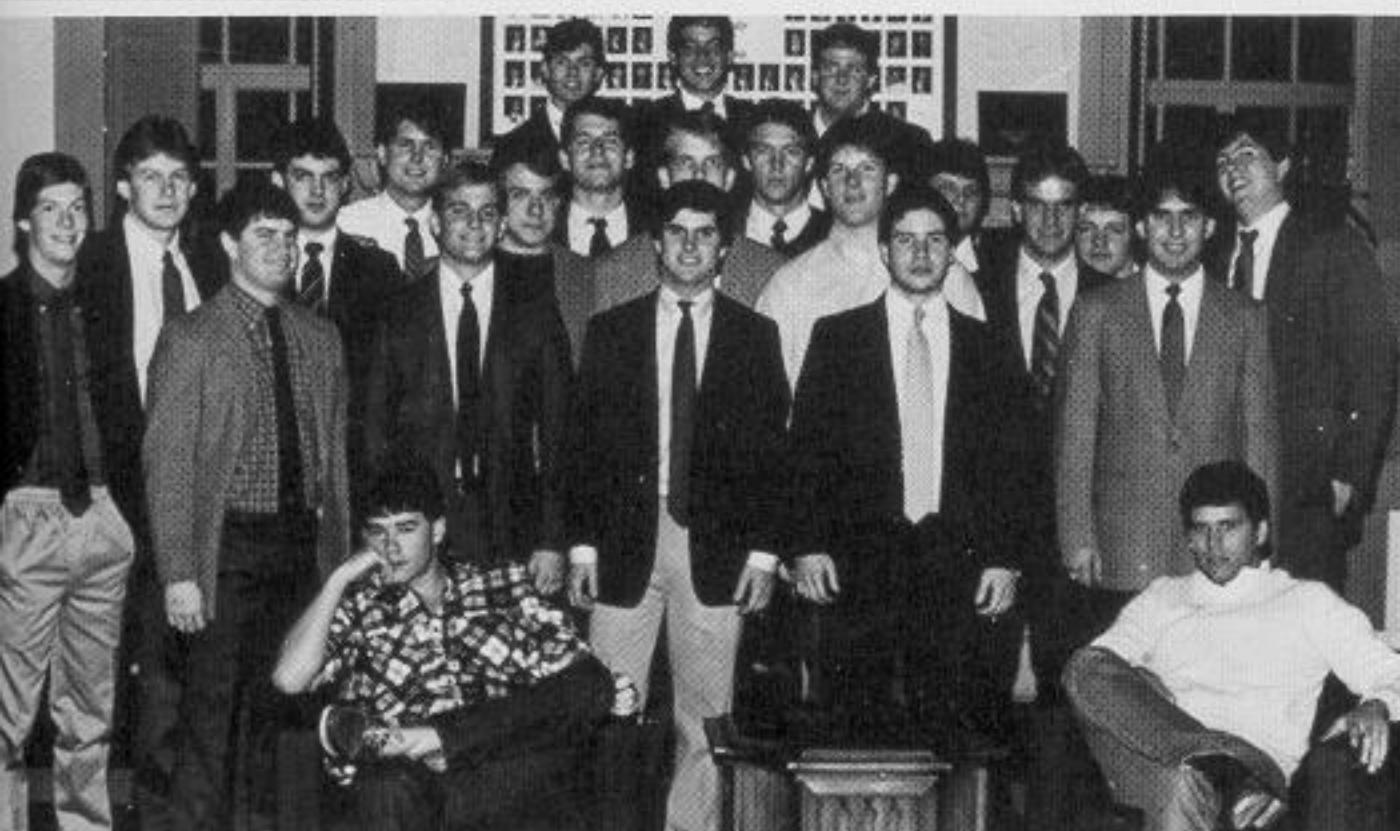


BETA THETA PI SENIORS. Front row: Tad Hughes, Scott Rahhal, Phil Littleton, Link Barr, Chuck Knapp and Zac Allen.



BETA THETA PI JUNIORS. Front row: Jim Kelly, Steve Gilbert, Rich Fuller and Dave K. Back row: Mike Melchert, Greg Nutter, Bart Liebmann and Bill Scherlag.





BETA THETA PI SOPHOMORES. Front row: Chris Bird and Steve Stich. Second row: Tim Jordan, Tom Pollard, Doug Fellrath, Dave Hughes, Lake Moore and Kyle Carrick. Third row: Mike Hough, Jack Moore, Drew Millington, Dave Schrouf, Kevin Akin, Robert Hauger and Brett Robinson. Fourth row: Chip Craft, Steve Kitchen, Blake Stanfield. Back row: Tony May, Bill Settle and others.

**BETA THETA PI PLEDGES.** Front row: Chris Poyner, Rob Fogg, Burt Lampl, Kevin Zeller, Robert Potts, Scott Morton, Mike Phillips and Bob Bethea. Second row: Tim Eisel, Rich Love, Mike Krampf, Steve Brock, Jack Burns, Kelly Muldrow, Scot Sullivan, Hal May and Shawn Teeters. Back row: Bo Harrison, David Melchert, Rick Johannes, Scott Thornton and Mike Hall.



**GREEN ACRES.** Sitting atop the old farm tractor, Lori Ledbetter, Kirk Hullender, Mike Thatch and Jennifer Hardwick stop a moment to rest from an evening of dancing. The setting for the annual Beta Barndance which is prepared by the pledges gives the party its country theme.

**BETA LINE-UP.** Taking a minute from the Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi party, the Sky's the Limit, all the Beta dates join with a cool and refreshing drink.

*All Greek To Me!*



Located at 800 Chautauqua, the Gamma Phi chapter of Beta Theta Pi was founded in 1907. With the colors of pink and blue, the Betas were originally founded in 1839 at the University of Miami at Ohio. Their symbol is a dragon and their flower is the red rose. Aside from the annual Beta Barn Dance, the Beta Theta Pis hosted several parties including Victory, St. Valentine's Day Formal and Beta Lei.