

# ***THE RAMBLER***

Issued from the Beta Kappa Chapter in Stillwater, OK



Code of arms adopted at the 1917 national convention



Code of arms as revised in the 1947 convention

## **FALL 2009**

### **RECRUITMENT**

Due to hard work by the recruitment team and the support of both the undergraduates and alumni, summer recruitment was extremely successful. Immediately following Greek Discovery Day in spring '09, the recruitment chairmen started making phone class and setting up meetings with incoming freshmen. Home visits and dinners were conducted all the way from Bartlesville, Okla. to Mt. Pleasant, Texas but associates members were signed from Colorado to New Jersey to Michigan. Once again the associate membership is a very diverse class including letterman athletes, a valedictorian and an Iraq veteran. The total for the pledge class is 24.

Bomar, Justin Broken Arrow, OK

Braham, Eric Saline, MI

Caldwell, Thomas Mt. Pleasant, TX

Crump, D'Andre McKinney, TX

Cruz, Cody San Antonio, TX

DeWalt, Ben Montclair, NJ

Diaz, Aaron Yukon, OK

Engle, Danny Broken Arrow, OK

Fowler, Brian Meeker, OK

Gaudreau, Thomas     Edmond, OK  
Gregg, Timothy         Elgin, OK  
Hubbard, Frederick    Broken Arrow, OK  
Jones, Peter         Tahlequah, OK  
Lockamy, Jack         Colleyville, TX  
Murphy, Mitch         Elmhurst, IL  
Ramsey, Ian         Meeker, OK  
Raney, Sean         Flint, TX  
Reynolds, Jon         Colorado Springs, CO  
Riggs, Zane         Oklahoma City, OK  
Rogers, Bryan         Tyler, TX  
Saldana, Adrian         Buffalo, OK  
Spector, Ian         Dallas, TX  
Strawn, David         Edmond, OK  
Wainscott, Braden     Bethany, OK

## **THE MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

The position of membership orientation officer will be held by Tyler Wainscott for the fall 2009 semester. Caleb Knight will be accompanying him as the assistant orientating officer. These boys are required to attend a weekly MOO meeting and study halls, and also maintain study hours to make sure they stay on top of their grades.

Education will be our number one concern for the associate members as we progress through this semester. School is the real reason any of us are here. This program will also focus on educating these young men on the history, traditions, and organizational structure of Phi Kappa Tau and the Beta Kappa Chapter. This program should help to develop these associates to a level where they can become an asset to the chapter and a good brother.

There will be many activities designed to assist this group of men as they search for the bond of fraternal brotherhood. These exercises will be conducted so that they may gain full benefit of the activity and use the knowledge throughout the associate period. Following their associate membership, these boys will be able to represent themselves and Phi Kappa Tau as men of character

## **PHILANTHROPY**

One of our many goals this year is to make more philanthropic donations to the Paul Newman Hole in the Wall Gang Camps, as well as help out many of the other philanthropies on campus and in the community. This year, we are bringing back our philanthropy event, Absolute Pledge Class, a 3-day competition held on October 20-22 between the all the fraternities pledge classes. The event includes a dodgeball tournament, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a 3-pt shootout, the Battle for the Campus field games, and penny wars throughout the 3-days. Our goal is to raise \$2,000, the cost to send a terminally ill kid to a camp for one week, and with the support of local sponsors, the Greek community, and all the brothers and alumni we should meet this goal with ease.

## **HOUSE WORK**

Preceding move-in day of the fall semester, a lot of work was done on 1203 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. One of the biggest changes was that all of the lofts that were previously in a majority of the rooms were torn down, disposed of and replaced with brand new bunk beds that were assembled in-house by both undergraduates and alumni together. Along with the new bed frames, 29 mattresses were purchased to replace older ones that were no longer in an acceptable state. On top of bunk beds and mattresses a new fire alarm system was installed that has capabilities far beyond the old one. Repairs to the smoke deck were also generously done by the Corriveau family, All of the work done on the Phi Tau house this summer totaled at around \$20,000.

## **CAMPUS INVOLEMENT**

Members of the brotherhood are a part of the following organizations: Junior Greek Life, Homecoming Steering, Homecoming Committee, The Daily O'Collegian, IFC Public Relations Committee, College Republicans Executive Council, College Republicans, Ad Club, Camp Cowboy Wrangler, Health Promotions Club, Nutritional Sciences Club, Weight Lifting Club, FSAE, Construction Management Society, Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi, Society of American Foresters, IEEE, OSSO, Entrepreneurship Club, Psychology Club, ROTC, Student Alumni Board, Sailing Club

## **NEWS AND NOTES**

- At Leadership Academy 2009, Beta Kappa was awarded the following: Recruitment Pacesetter, Administrative Excellence, Order of the Star, Certificate of Merit for averaging 51.5 hours of community service and Certificate of Merit for volunteering a total of 2,833 hours.
- This Associate Membership Class is the first group from Phi Kappa Tau in five years to make Freshman Follies. Only eight pairings make the Freshman Follies final performance, which is a choreographed and vocal performance consisting of nine songs. Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Delta Pi will be performing in the show together and are working extremely hard with goal of not only placing but winning.

- National Convention will be held this summer in Denver, Colorado.
- Beta Kappa is looking for alumni sponsors to help send two representatives from our to volunteer a Hole in the Wall camp. If interested in giving back in this manner please contact the External Vice President at anytime.
- The Phi Tau representatives in the Chi Omega Wish Week dance-off were awarded both second place and crowd favorite for their dance. Members of the dance team were Brandon Rogers, Nathan Scaggs, Chance Pearce, Caleb Knight and DJ Crump.
- The 2007-2008 Composite that was never completed has now been located, will soon be finished and placed within the house.
- Justin Yearwood wrote an article that was published on the front page of the Tulsa World.
- Jesse Green won first place in the Delta Delta Delta pancake eating contest at the sorority's DHOP philanthropy event.

## **DONATIONS**

If you are interested in making a donation, we have several options for you to choose from. (Some of which are even **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**) please contact the Housing Corporation through email at

[HC@pktbk.com](mailto:HC@pktbk.com) or go to the website at [www.pktbk.com](http://www.pktbk.com)

*We greatly appreciate it.*

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