

# ***THE RAMBLER***

Issued from the Beta Kappa Chapter in Stillwater, OK



Coat of arms adopted at the  
1917 national convention



Coat of arms as revised at the  
1942 convention

## **SPRING 2008**

### **ALUMNI**

**We would like to take a moment to thank you for your support this past year. We appreciate everything you do to help our house! Thank you once again!**

### **RUSH**

Brothers we are pleased to announce that spring rush has been a success. The Beta Kappa chapter has signed a spring pledge class of six associate members. This is the second largest spring pledge class of any fraternity on campus this semester. The next major rush event will be Greek Discovery Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The Executive Rush Chair this year is Chris Karns; he has many new ideas- which have already been greatly benefiting our chapter. Plans are in the works for a 30+ pledge class this fall.

## PHILANTHROPY

As you may know, last year's fundraising projects raised a total of around \$1,000. Donations benefit "The Hole in the Wall Gang." Our chapter plans on raising the bar by contributing even more to our national philanthropy this year. Concerning community service the house has already volunteered 152 hours as of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 in programs such as walking dogs for the Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, along with various other programs. We even made the local Stillwater news paper with this work, see the below scan from the news paper:



## HOUSE WORK

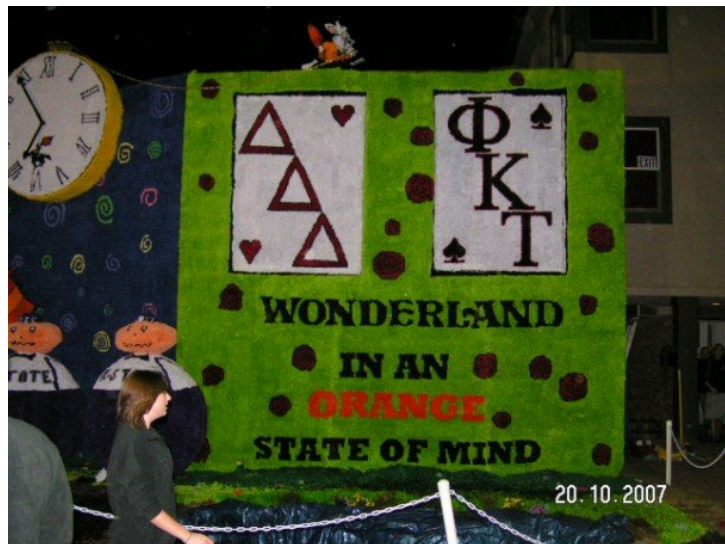
Throughout the year, we are always working on keeping the house clean and fixing any minor issues that may occur. A large change we had to this last semester was to our hot water system. The current system was installed in 1982 and had a large 75 gallon commercial hot water tank and a 150 gallon storage tank with a recirculation pump. This cost the house around \$300 a month minimum to keep the water hot even if nothing was used (like during the summer). In December the commercial heater started leaking water; so in cooperation with the Housing Corporation, Western Mechanical, and our insurance company, the house was able to get the old system replaced with a new high-tech environmentally friendly tank less heating system that works on demand. This system cost \$10,000 (about \$300 more than a new tanked system), but since the system was insured we only had to pay \$1,000 for this new system. See the below picture of the system:



We are also in the process of rebuilding the sundeck cover and we are nearly finished renovating the study room. All of this on the new shower and tile floors from this last summer. However, this is only the beginning of the improvements to make Beta Kappa even better than it is already.

## HOMECOMING

Oklahoma State's homecoming is regarded as number one in the nation, and this year's theme was "An Orange State of Mind". We would like to thank all the alumni who came to see the deck and tour the house to see what was new with Beta Kappa. This year we participated in homecoming with the lovely ladies of Delta Delta Delta. Our house deck came in sixth place in the competition out of the eleven entries. Our theme was "Alice in Wonderland in an Orange State of Mind". We created a water feature which had never before been attempted.



Another new feature our team innovated was pumping the entire ground in front of the deck all the way to the sidewalk. We were very pleased with the conclusion of the deck and look forward to doing it again this year!

## **SPRING 2008**

**STARDUST FORMAL** is for the second year in a row taking place in Tulsa at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel on APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking forward to the second installment of Formal at the Crowne Plaza. Once again, they have given us a fantastic rate. The events will be as follows:

**Friday** check-in time is 3pm, followed by a free evening for all to do as they wish.

**Saturday**, should you choose to stay at the hotel, you must once again check-in by 3pm. An afternoon activity will occur around 1pm to unite all Alumni that show up along with all of the undergraduates who are in attendance.

**Saturday evening**, you must be ready and have eaten by 6pm because the slideshow and awards will start promptly at 7:30pm. Formal will end in the ballroom around 10:30-11:30pm and the after-party, which everyone is invited to attend, will begin in the Director's Suite upon completion of the Formal slideshow and other activities.

All Alumni are encouraged to attend as we honor you for your contributions Beta Kappa chapter. Should you have any questions you can email or call me any time you need. I AM HERE TO BE YOUR LIASON TO THE CHAPTER!

## **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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I would like to hear from all 600+ Alumni, please take a moment to do one of the three options above. We thank you for your time. Look for the next installment of the *2008*

*Rambler* later in the year!

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