

Psi of Gamma Phi Beta
House Corporation Board
Annual Report
April 17, 2007

Members of the House Corporation Board,

We have had a busy year. Our current House Director Shirley Danley has kept the house organized and everything is running very smoothly. We tried something different this year by hiring University Food Solutions to operate the kitchen—staffing, food purchasing, preparation and clean-up, a turn-key operation. The girls are pleased with the food quality. We had a few bumps but overall the experience has been positive.

Over the summer changes were made to the house. Projects included our second remodeled bathroom. The maze is now a thing of the past where a new lounge dubbed the Crescent lounge upstairs and one sleeping room with new closets has been created. The President's suite was created with new furnishings and an area for privacy to conduct chapter business. We also purchased new area rugs for the landing and the fireplace entry. We even updated the fire alarm system and added a print reader to ease adding access to the house. Our home decorator Linda McCurdy has worked with us to stay within budget but also provide enhancements to update our physical facilities.

Rush in August had many changes with skits, costumes, and food items. We made quota with 65 wonderful girls. The way we track membership has caused the HCB concerns as well as the chapter. Our budgets are based on this number and through the years its importance was lost.

We had multiple chapter advisors this past year, Marcie Linduff, Stefanie Brickman, Jill Duty, and Ann Ross shared the responsibilities. Ann is now back in the chapter room completing the semester ready to handoff to the new chapter advisor. The girls went to Arkansas and initiated a NEW chapter just last weekend.

At Parent's Day (formerly Mom's Day) scholarships were given to girls and the Mom's raised funds through their silent auction. The Parent's Club last summer bought lawn furniture, planters and plants for the back patio coordinated through Linda McCurdy our decorator. It sure looks great. The girls participated in Sooner Scandals after lots of rehearsal time. The Parent's group has continued to be a strong group advocating for their daughters. They decorated the house at Christmas, provide snacks during finals and took on projects that only love would undertake.

We have to use a variety of media to get the word out to alums, parents and members. The web site, www.gammaphibeta-ou.org is in need of revitalization with the charge being attacked so it will be READY for rush. Chrissy Hancock and the Internet Chair are working to get it done through web designer Jesse Wells. My hope is that a password protected area can be used for parent and member information to make information available quickly.

Psi Sooners, our alum group, has raised around \$4,000 to purchase an OU historical marker which will be installed out front by rush. This group provides little extras and needs to be asked to help more. Thanks to Margaret, Stefani and Ann for getting the pink newsletter out.

Sarah Smith and Marcie Linduff attended the International Gamma Phi Beta House Corporation Board Training Session in Kansas City the weekend of April 13. The information learned from sisters will be invaluable to the growth of this board.

Issues that never seem to go away are: lack of parking, restructuring storage in sleeping rooms, good food, more two girl rooms. Our financial status continues to be sound as collection problems have been reduced with the use of Omega Financial Service. Another attempt on our part to use the web and make communication simpler. Our taxes are filed and up to date. From the changes that have evolved over the last two years the HCB has lost 10 beds which means less money for normal operations. The loss of this revenue is beginning to become evident as our financial reserve is being depleted.

A chapter officers, chapter advisors and the HCB members met on a Sunday afternoon in February to get to know each other and create goals for improving Gamma Phi Beta at OU. The goals are:.

1. Improve communication
2. Full house -- It looks like we are one away from a FULL HOUSE. Kudos to Suzanne, Ann, Holly, Kira and Jenna for all their hard work

Serving on the Board is a volunteer effort. During the year we all had a variety of personal experiences- marriages of children, births, deaths of loved one. Suzanne Vicsek had a life altering experience with the arrival of her legacy, she has done an excellent job as our Treasurer. A big thanks to Secretary Clea Puckett and her back-up Corrine Nelson as they document our activities. The yard committee—Margaret Pape and Barbara Clemens keep the flower beds looking great. Sarah Smith is providing sound financial guidance to the chapter as financial advisor. Words of wisdom are often provided by Lisa Thompson, Roberta Kendall, DeeDee Elias, Marcie Linduff and Charlotte Lovett. A big thank you to Ann Ross for taking on the role of chapter advisor. To the actives, Holly, Jenna and Kira we appreciate your spirit, the work you do and the insight you bring to the meetings. They have seen that joining Gamma Phi is a life time commitment.

Respectfully submitted in IIKE,

Jan Powell
HCB President

HCB Members

Suzanne Vicsek, Treasurer
Corrine Nelson
Ann Ross, Chapter Advisor
Lisa Thompson
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