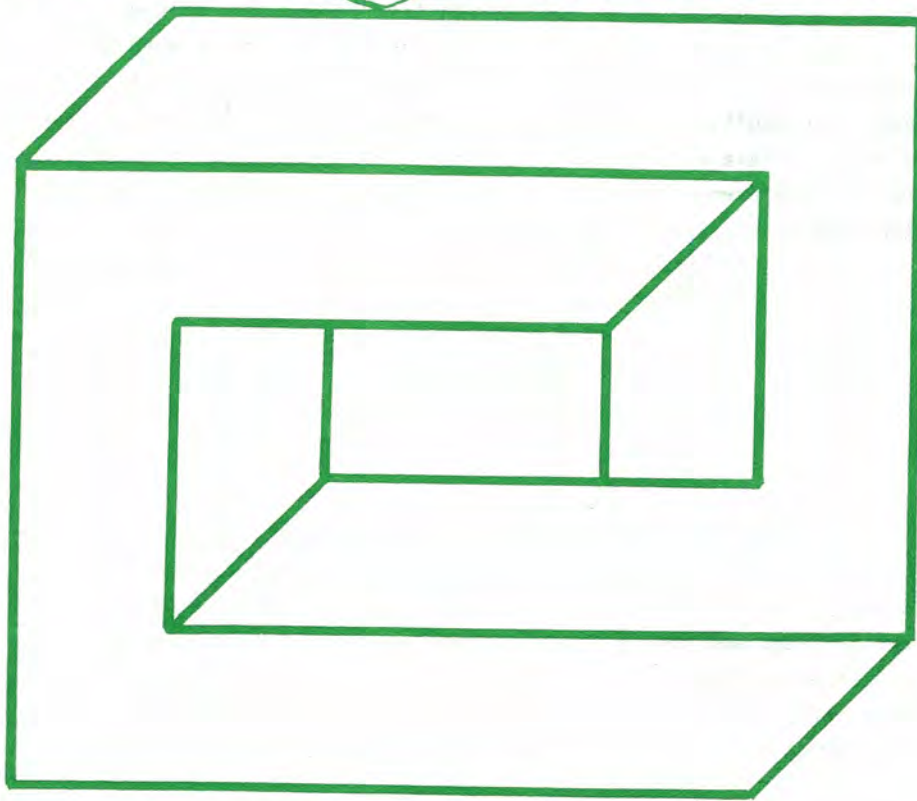


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ARCHON'S LETTER

Continuing along the same lines as the last letter, I'm wondering what you, the Alumni, would like from your Fraternity. Drop a word letting us know what you're doing, where you've been and what your criticisms are. You don't even have to send a letter, a post card now and then will do fine. I have a few ideas about what I'd like as an alumnus and I'm sure you have even more realistic ones. Perhaps you and your female companion combine ideas on the type of Roseball you would like to have and send us the idea. I was glad to see just about everyone enjoying himself at the last Founder's Day Dinner. Hope to see you again real soon.

Fraternally,

Joe Chapski
Archon

SOCIAL SERVICE

This past semester Beta Alpha's Social Service program has grown in leaps and bounds over past semesters' programs. In a large part, this is due to motivation which was inspired in us by being names National Master Chapter this past summer.

Our major project has been providing assistance for Saint Michael's Hospital in Newark. Many a Saturday, one could see Pi Kapp's caring for the lawn, painting various objects, or just being involved in general repair work.

Another project Beta Alpha undertook was to do all general repair work at the Westside Community Center. This was a

deeply gratifying task for all of us as we viewed the expressions on the faces of the children who used the center.

But, perhaps the most beneficial project undertaken by us this fall was the weekly tutoring program we helped to conduct. Each Thursday a group of Pi Kapps would spend the afternoon tutoring the neighborhood children who come from broken homes. This program, even if it helps only a few to rise from their doom, will provide us with our greatest satisfaction. In conclusion, one might say that as long as our community has a need for our service, we will be there to offer it.

FRATERNITY GROWTH STATISTICS

In the past ten years there has been a net gain of 895 active chapters of fraternities on 441 campuses, to include 92 institutions which never before had fraternities.

HOUSE CONDITIONING

The work of the house conditioning committee is being carried on this year by Brother Eskesen-chairman, and Brothers Orban, Hinson and Hoffman as committee men. The committee with House Manager Friday have been receiving valuable assistance and advice from our Alumni Advisor, Brother Bill Kowalski. With the assistance of Brother Kowalski and alumni Brother Ted Laffey, plans are being drawn up for installation of the stall showers on the third floor. This job has turned out to be more involved than originally expected. The installation of the showers will involve running large pipe in some sections of the house, and installation of a new sink and drain pipe in the third floor bathroom. The committee is seriously considering getting an outside plumber to do the job; because of the financial difficulties this may have to be postponed. Earliest possible completion date will be the end of the semester break.

During the Christmas vacation, Brotherhood work projects were assigned. Most of these were simply repair and maintenance jobs. Brother Stiles did a great job of varnishing an old, round, wooden table, which now serves the

live-ins in the dining room. Brothers Doudera and Hinson are doing extensive work on the walls in their room. Finally, thanks to the charity of Brother Bob Walsh, the live-ins finally have a much needed automatic dishwasher which is now in service due to the efforts of Brothers Schmidt, Shynne, Mooney and Derby.

Future plans of the committee include the organization of "Help Weekend" during which the pledges will spend about forty hours working on improving the house. One of the prospects the pledges will see will be the repairing and retiling of the stairs and hallways. Most of the houses interior will get a new paint job.

By the end of the school year, after these and other projects have been completed, the Brothers and pledges of Pi Kapp will be able to take real pride in the condition of our house. As Brother Kowalski has pointed out, the one key by which Pi Kapp can compete with the coming dormitory facilities and the Center is to improve the live-in facilities and the physical appearance of the house. This can be achieved only by the Brotherhood working together as they have done in the past with so much success.

P. M.'S ENCOURAGED BY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This year the "Prime Movers" of the house are being greatly aided by the social committee in their pursuit of the finer points of life. The parties so far this year have been bigger and better, with promises of still more to come.

The Halloween Party featured the party room turned into an authentic barn. Decorations for the affair consisted of bails hay, cornstalks, pumpkins, and a wagon (bar) to get on. One of the evening's brightlights between the band's playing was a paddling ceremony in honor of Bill Toth's birthday.

The next party was the Thanksgiving Party, featuring the Pilgrim's good ship, the "P. M. Mayflower". That vacation week also played host to the alumni Beer Blast where a good number of old

faces came down the house again for a Friday night party. In a few cases our illustrious old brethren brought their family for free babysitting was offered upstairs.

The last major event was the Playboy Party. The decorations were of the normal Playboy nature with a Playboy Bunnyhead on the bar whose crepe paper ears reached the ceiling. The band, food, and "open bar" blended together to make this champagne christened evening a memorable event of fall 1966.

The future plans of the Social Committee include a Flying Saucer Party, a Hay Ride this spring, the Pledge Party, and swinging Mixers, and a few more nifty surprises which will give the P.M.S. extra opportunities to show what they can do.

ATTENTION

Roseball time has come around once more. Soon we will share again the fellowships, spirit, food and spirits that have made the Roseball the yearly highlight of our chapter.

This year, however, the sight of "The Happening" has been changed. I am sure to the delight of many. Marconi's loss will be our gain, as this year the price has been lowered to a paltry twenty dollars, and the new "Place" is the Chi-am Chateau, Route 22 in Mountainside, only twenty minutes from the house. This location, quite convenient from much of the area has ample parking and a totally different atmosphere than Marconi's could ever

muster. One may ask what twenty dollars will buy. Say no more. After a long hour of endless cocktails, those lucky souls who made the smart decision to "blow their minds" at the Roseball will sit down to a delicious meal of top sirloin, and of course, beer with the meal. After which the bar will open once more with an endless supply of grain neutral spirits. All this for twenty dollars, not to speak of the fellowship that will be gained.

So Alumni keep APRIL 8, 1967 open in your appointment books and be ready for the 1967 ROSEBALL, the Roseball of the decade. If you don't come you won't know what you missed.

For further information either call Pete Schmidt at 643-9466 (the house phone) or write him
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WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU THERE

ALUMNI BRIEFS

While trying to be informative as possible and at the same time bring the alumni in closer contact with the undergraduates and the organization of the house, we are going to try a new procedure for getting information on the almost untouchable alumni. Up to now we have relied on those stalwarts of information (whom most of you know) for the majority of the alumni news. The new procedure will require about five minutes of your time about once a year! This is not too great a sacrifice and the little time spent in filling out a self-addressed, stamped post card will keep every one of

us well informed about you. The system is very simple. In every set of Beta Alpha Particles we will send about ninety of the alumni post cards, which have the pertinent questions on them. All you have to do is supply a brief answer, then don't forget to drop it in the mailbox! Then we will use these cards as references for new addresses, additions to the family, and of course, our Alumni News.

Certainly the success of this system depends on your cooperation. We are positive that it will not only help us to get to know more alumni, but will also further the contact between the alumni.

PI KAPPS' LOVE LIFE

By the time the Fall Semester was only half over, many undergraduates were shocked to see their Brothers being knocked off like flies. It can be said that Spring came very early at Beta Alpha, for several Brothers do not wear their pins anymore.

By the end of the summer two Brothers already bit the dust. Brothers Tony Rodriques and Nick Prato started the bandwagon which several other brothers followed. Tony is pinned to Karen Cramer, and Nick is pinned to Janet Moore, a student nurse at Newark City Hospital.

The Brothers were really surprised when All-American George Stramback got pinned to blonde Betty-Ann. She can be seen at the NCE Basketball games cheering George on to victory. Next came John J. McDonough who pinned Eileen and who is convincing his roommate Billy Toth to do the same.

By this time the bandwagon was really rolling. Pinned Brothers were threatening to outnumber the P.M.'s Jack Lavery pinned Susan Matthews, a student nurse from St. Elizabeth's and Hank Risko pinned Rosland, a tall red head who goes to school in New York City. And as a grand finale, Gerry Kurth became a happily married man over the Christmas Vacation.

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