

Beta Alpha Particles



Spider's gone, Monkeyman
gave up on you, BUT...
MR. NITTY IS HERE!
He says: "Come on down to
Beta Alpha or I'll rub you out!"

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Archon's Message

Due to the efforts of the majority of undergraduates, B.A. got off to an excellent start this semester. The house was in fine shape in the areas of finances, rush and social. B.A. had the best rush on the entire campus. This was due mainly to the tireless efforts of our Rush Chairman, Karl Kopans and his "goons". Rush netted us 30 pledges this semester with many good prospective brothers. As far as social goes, I was told that we were having the best parties on campus.

The undergraduates are fairly stable now financially, but there are still some alumni who owe us a great deal of money which could come in very handy. I am not having their names printed in the Particles because I think that serves no purpose. Instead I am going to have the treasurer send you a bill for the amount you owe and "hope" that you will pay it, without any further delays. The undergraduates are quite prepared to take further action to collect their money, but we do value what little Alumni participation we get and would like not to jeopardize it.

While we are on the subject of alumni participation, I would just like to let you know how little participation we get. If it were not for our corporation and the recent Alumni of the past 3 years there would be no Alumni participation at all. To those Alumni I and the undergraduates owe a great deal of thanks for the assistance they have given us. Just last May there was a meeting of Alumni interested in working on Roseball & Founders' Day, to my surprise there was a number of interested Alumni there. Oh! the bull was passed around for hours and the undergrads were told that the alumni would take care of these functions. Come September nothing was done on either Founders'

Day or Roseball, so the undergraduates were stuck with running both affairs again. Please don't get me wrong, I am not complaining about having to run the functions, but don't bullshit us. And above all please support these two major alumni functions. These functions are run for your benefit not the undergraduates. So you the alumni can get together and possibly share some memories with us and see many of your old and new brothers. "Once a Pi Kapp, always a Pi Kapp!" (Quote from your initiation card).

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the undergraduates to thank Nick DeBenidictis B.A. 186 for his help this past summer in our case against the city of Newark. His help was greatly appreciated and without it the corporation would probably be in jail now.

The undergraduates try to understand that alumni have other responsibilities. But if you go back to the time when you were an undergraduate you had the same problems. You too were complaining about the same things, as is evident from the older issues of the Particles. So please try to remember your position and your answer.

This article was not meant to be offensive to anyone, I just tried to bring a point out. If anyone was offended please don't be bitter towards the entire chapter. This article was the work of one person, the Archon.

Don't get me wrong, I think our chapter is #1, whether we get national awards or not. But I also know our chapter can be much better with just a little more effort from everyone.

Greg Ploussas
Archon

Dear Brothers,

I am pleased to inform you that this years pledge class is one of the largest ever at Beta Alpha. At present thirty men have started the pledge program.

Four upper classmen have started early, they are:

Bill Spencer (class president)
Miquel Gonzalez (vice-pres.)
Rich Delcore
Tom Smith

They have performed excellently during their pledge period thus far and have helped explain pledging to freshmen both during rush and their pledge period. The freshmen pledge class, which started the seventh week of the semester, in accordance with school policy, is a very energetic group of men. They are: Ron Norris (pres.), John Lee (treas.), George Friday (sec. & kid brother of J.P.), Lester Pastusyn, Glen Romanek, Rich Ruff, Bruce Sack, Ron Szkodney, Tom Hark, Mark Dyevoich, Rich Szweg, Bill Tews, Jeff Winegar, Frank Crowley, Noel Afanador, Tom Black, Cliff Chapman, John Domiter, Bob Epsom, Bob Garvey, Henry Karnas, Jose Machin, Bill McCabe.

These pledges will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, and a Christmas Party for the brotherhood and a Parents Day. They will be holding a "Filthy Film" Festival at school on December 6, the proceeds of which will defray the cost of their initiation and if this as successful as anticipated it will form a precedent which could draw many rushees who are turned off by the high cost of initiation.

I urge all alumni to come to Founders' Day and meet them. Right now Pi Kapp is #1 among the Greeks at N.C.E. And these men will keep it there in the upcoming years.

Fraternally,

Mike Mahfouz
Warden

Bowling

After a disappointing 71-72 season, the Pi Kapp Keglers are looking ahead with renewed optimism. Seniors Bruce "Fox" Mazurkewicz, Bruce "Benno" Merker, and juniors Bill "Snake" England, Craig Chastney, and Tony Mangone comprise the team.

Even with the largest pledge class on campus, we seem to have amongst them the worst bowlers ever. This poses a problem for next year, since we will have three starting positions open and the need for a good substitute.

Captain "Benno" Merker refuses to comment this year on the team's expected performance. It seems that last year he boasted of finishing no lower than first place. Well, he has learned his lesson, since fifth place is very much lower than his prophesized "first place".

We desperately need good bowlers. We would like to continue our winning ways of the past. Our team looks upon last year as a re-organizational period - a strong and better team because of it.

Our season opens up December 10th at the usual place - Garden State Lanes in Union. If you have nothing to do, stop in and see the I.F.C. in action. The scoring starts at "high noon" (the bar opens soon afterward).

Fraternally,
Bill England

P.S. We extend our sincere appreciation to Brother Ron Keating who offered his talents as our "Super Sub", provided we could move the lanes closer to the bar.

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"On Your Mark"

"Get Ready"



"GO!"

Webster defines hope as "a feeling that what is wanted will happen". All great steps forward are based on the principle of hope. If we want it, we can get it. However, along with hope, we need the brains, time, energy, and financial support of all involved. We do not need indifference.

This indifference, or apathy, is a milestone on the necks of those who care. There is only one solution; that is for every one to care. Beta Alpha numbers one to three sixty nine must care (especially those later numbers). We are brothers and we are a team and we must all pull together to strive forward in the future and show the way for those who follow us. Pledgi must show that they are worthy to want to join Pi Kappa Phi but brothers must remember to show that they are worthy to be members. We must keep our organization alive and growing and as great as it is. Remember this:

GIVE

A

DAMN!!!

Louis R. Miceli
Secretary

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On May 29, 1948, Beta Alpha chapter of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity came into existence, its nucleus being the former local Phi Sigma Omega. Over the years, Beta Alpha has risen from its one-room storefront where Rutgers now stands to our present location at 249 High St. next to that grand cuisine of fine foods, "Gil's".

Well, on March 17, 1973, it's St. Patrick's Day, and to top that off, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our founding. Yes, that's right, remembering your old calculus, 1973-1948=25. The celebration will take place at the Wayne Manor, the cost is \$35, and believe me it'll be worth it!

So far our response has been good, but this is our 25th Anniversary, and for that our response has been poor. Brothers with low Beta Alpha numbers have not been sending early replies; as the BA numbers go up, the better the response. This is a big event, we would like to have record numbers in attendance, and we want brothers from BA 1-373 to be there, and come together as the one they are.

We have sent out two mailings. On the second one we wanted a reply with a deposit so we can tell the caterer an exact number. If you have not received the second mailing, inform us immediately.

See you there!

Aivars Krumins
Historian

!!ATTENTION!!

Brothers: REMEMBER YOUR ALUMNI
PLEDGE!!! . . . Beta Alpha won't
stand forever!!!!

Keep mailing in those questionnaires!
Watch for address changes of brothers in next alumni newsletter!!!

Remember When?



"The Prospect"



"Score!"



Football '72

As the new football season approached, like every year, Beta Alpha had to fill positions left open by brothers who had graduated. The largest hole was at quarterback where Bill Mokoid had played for a number of years with no understudy. Thus a few brothers tried out, and in the end, Nick DeNichilo was the starter. So far this season, Nick has played well, and through three games, he has thrown seven TD passes. On the receiving end of these passes are ends Bill "Snake" England, Ron Piccolo, and Aivars Krumins, backs Bruce Merker, and Don Van Houten. Of these, Bill and Ron have been outstanding, with one TD and five TD's respectively. Nick has rarely been dumped because of the good blocking he has received from his line, where Dennis Kaser, Joe Manfredi, Ed Derohanes, and Tony Mangone have worked.

Ah, but defense is the name of the game, and that's what Beta Alpha has plenty of. The front four is big and strong with Bruce Merker, Chris Midgley, Scott Albin, and Dennis Kaser. This front four has had the opposing quarterbacks running and there's little explanation needed why. The linebackers are Bruce Mazurkewicz, Joe Moran, and Don Van Houten. Ed Derohanes provides a good back up to these positions. This front seven is probably the best in the league and gives a lot of help to the defensive secondary which is hurt by inexperience. Nick DeNichilo, Al Ianuzzi, and Tom Cassidy alternate at defensive back. Only Nick is experienced, but since he plays quarterback, his defensive work has been limited.

The masterminds of this team are Don Van Houten, head coach, and Tony "pineapple" Perez. Pineapple, an alumnus, has been a great aide in helping out the players, and coaching from the sidelines at the games.

Highlights: So far, Beta Alpha is 2-1-1 and is looking forward to the playoffs.

Pi Kapp 44 - Iota Kappa Phi 0
Nick had 4 TD passes to Ron, and Al had a punt return. Defensively Iota Kapp had only 2 first downs, both on penalties, never passed its own 40 yard line had minus yards rushing and Scott Albin, yes that's right, Scott Albin intercepted a lateral for a touchdown on an attempted "flea-flicker".

Pi Kapp 6 - Sigma Pi 6
Overall Beta Alpha outplayed Sigma Pi. This was probably the best defensive efforts of the season by BA. BA scored on a TD pass to Pic. Sigma Pi scored on a questionable run by Ed Horta.

Pi Kapp vs. Teke - forfeit.

Pi Kapp 12 - Tau Delta Phi 35
Nobody's perfect. The game was even in the beginning, but Tau Delt sent in John Schneider, to whom our defensive backs gave up about a foot in height and 50 pounds, and Rich Mlcoch started to pick the secondary apart with his passes. And so it goes. Pi Kapp despite a strong rush scored on TD passes to Don and Snake.

This appears to be Beta Alpha's year, and it's going to end with a bang not a whimper.



Pi Kappa Phi Routs Theta Chi
For I.F.C. Championship

For the first time in three years the I.F.C. softball season and playoffs finished before the end of the spring semester. The championship game pitted Theta Chi against Pi Kappa Phi.

A pitchers duel seemed to be in progress until the third inning. In the first inning Pi Kapp pushed across a run when Jim Brogan doubled in Snake England who had singled.

The complexion of the game changed entirely in the third inning when Pi Kapp added five more runs. The first six batters, Perez, England, Brogan, Cassera, Merker, and Krucher all hit safely which scored four runs. With two outs, Gnat Piccolo slammed a double to score Krucher for the final run of the inning.

In the fourth inning Pi Kapp put the game on ice for good by sending thirteen men to the plate and scoring seven runs. England led off the inning with a walk followed by two singles from Brogan and Cassera. Benno walked to load the bases. Krucher singled and Moran then walked to load the bases again. Hits by Fisher, Perez, and England added four more insurance runs. By the end of the fourth inning the game was all but over with Pi Kapp leading 13-0.

Theta Chi scored its only run in the fifth inning. Pi Kapp closed out the scoring with two runs in the sixth leaving the final score at 15-1.

Although Theta Chi tagged winning pitcher Larry Fisher for nine hits, he spaced them well and only walked two. Fisher's strikeout pitch, the oscillating knuckle ball was outlawed for the game but he still managed a strikeout.

England and Krucher paced the eighteen hit Pi Kapp attack with four hits apiece. They were followed by Brogan and Cassera with three and two hits respectively.

Fall Semester Rush 1972

This year's rush proved one of the strongest rushes on campus. Our Friday night parties spearheaded by Social Director Don Van Houten, proved to be the longest and usually the best attended. More than 175 freshmen and sophomores visited our humble abode. Our brotherhood only 28 strong, really worked together. Even though outnumbered by the rushees at all times, the brothers managed to personally converse with hordes of prospective neophytes. We held two barbecues, going through close to a thousand burgers and dogs, immense quantities of "cervasa", plus other assorted trimmings. We implemented an enormously successful "Ziti and Wine Dinner", a first on the N.C.E. campus. Thanks to our experienced Head Chef, the notorious "Monkeyman" and his crew, 40 lbs. of succulent ziti and sauce were devoured along with 7 gallons of "Gorilla Piss", a well-loved wine. Our only unsuccessful event was a Wednesday night smoker. Even Joe Moran's widely publicized "bedtime stories" failed to arouse a larfer attendance. The final result was "out-of-state", an early pledge class of 4, followed by another of 26.

Fraternally Yours,
Karl Kopans
Rush Chairman

!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

Don Moro(BA319) married Karen Foti 11/19 -- Ted Cassera(BA321) married Laura Tassi 8/19 -- Frank Czysz (BA325) married Marianne Bara 8/26-- Bruce Mazurkewicz(BA343) engaged to Rosetta Mazeo -- Mike Mahfouz(BA356) pinned to Debbie Chimes -- Ron Keating(BA346) pinned to Kathy Falcker -- Chris Midgley(BA367) pinned to Nancy Nunno.