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Archon's Letter

Once again BETA ALPHA is sliding through another year. This year our problems have been greatly magnified by inflation, but through cautious spending and countless hours of price comparing, we are pulling through with our usual style. This semester we have been engaged in a complete overhaul of our pledge program. We feel our efforts will be successful.

BETA ALPHA has been quite active this year with our house tying for first place in the Greek Olympics and putting a lot of work into the Talent Show. Although we didn't win, it proved to be a lot of fun. Besides these inter-fraternity activities, we kept up relations with the other Chapters in our area. This summer, with the help of our books and our beloved treasurer, we helped Alpha Zeta set up a workable book keeping system. Once again we showed our willingness to travel by showing up in force for a conclave at Alpha Tau. The conclave turned out to be enjoyable and productive.

As usual the parties have been some of the best on campus. At the parties this year we have been honored with the presence of many recent alumni. It would be really great if we could see more alumni. We have a new group of pledges, so if you're in the area, stop in and meet the prospective members of your Family Tree, as well as the rest of the Brothers. There are quite a few Brothers who are graduating this year who would be interested in talking about your jobs or things that you've learned in industry, as many of them are undecided as what direction they should proceed in. Hope to see you soon!

Fraternally yours,
Peter Cady
Archon

PUBLICATION STAFF

Aivars Krumins
Ron Szkodny
Henry Karnas
John Lee

Treasurer's Report

Financially speaking, BETA ALPHA is holding it's own, thanks to the success of Annual Dues. Let me explain: The undergraduate brothers must pay in full (before Sept. 1) all their monthly dues and Roseball for the upcoming year. All this money is placed in a savings account and may only be withdrawn at a rate of \$15 a month per brother (like having monthly dues). This system in effect does away with (or at least greatly reduces) collection problems during the school year. It also supplies us with additional revenue (interest). Thus the treasurer, with the help of his budget and finance committee, can concentrate on worrying about Budgets vs Inflation. Yes, that's right, inflation has even reached BETA ALPHA. But, as I stated in the opening line of this article, BETA ALPHA is holding its own (so to speak). BETA ALPHA is learning how to squeeze every last penny out of it's budgets and then some.

The undergraduates at this time would like to say Thank You to all of you alumni who have contributed to the 'Alumni Pledge'. As you know we have an Alumni Pledge savings account to which all alumni donations are deposited. This money can only be used for major renovations on the house. A two thirds vote of the undergraduate brotherhood is necessary for any withdrawals of funds. This account operates on the dual signature method, in which withdrawals are to be made only with the undergraduate and Corporation Treasurers' signatures. This is meant to also give the alumni control over this account. A list of contributors so far will be supplied elsewhere in these Particles.

We would also like to say 'Thank You' to all you alumni who have paid your past undergraduate bills. Special thanks is due here for Brother and Area Governor Steve DePalma for helping us to collect these moneys. I hope the payment of these moneys continue.

Fraternally yours,
John F. Lee, Jr.
Treasurer

PLEDGE CLASS 1974

In late October, Beta Alpha inducted a small group of 9 pledges. A strong rush season but late bidding and inductions accounted for such a small class. However, these pledges are genuinely interested in the fraternity and will be a definite asset to our chapter.

This small class of pledges is also an experimental group. A new style pledge book is being used. Although this pledge pad is somewhat like past books, it has a new format allowing the Warden to keep a close watch over the pledges weekly work.

As a class, the pledges are working well. They conducted the Thanksgiving feast with a minimum of confusion. Their class is caught up in their work and is ahead in several areas of their pledge requirements.

This pledge class should finish completely in eight weeks and be initiated just after our first semester ends. They will be strong members and a boon to our chapter.

Love t e Warden

Talent Show

This year the brothers of Beta Alpha decided to present "The Ten Commandments" as our entry in the I.F.C. Talent Show. Although we didn't win a trophy, the Brothers who participated had a great time.

Charlton Heston, better known as Moses, was portrayed by Glenn Romanek, who also wrote and directed most of the show. Other standout performers were Bill McCabe as the "Flying Nun", Jim Mowczan as a bumble bee, and Tom Smith as "Tricky Dicky". Credit is also due to Ron Szkodny, technical director, who spent many hours on the soundtrack.

Next year the Brothers of Beta Alpha hope, and will, take first place in the Talent Show.



a serious note on the Summer Retreat

Summer Retreat

Due to popular demand, Beta Alpha's Summer Retreat was again held at the beautiful "Karnack Beach Mansion". For 3 days, August 16-18, this lovely seaside resort, located on the scenic, unpolluted shores of Barnegat Bay, became the home of about 30 Pi Kappas. Together, this massive hoard of fun-loving, thirsty men raided all the local hang-outs, and loving every moment of it.

Besides the fun, the main reason for the Retreat was to get the Brothers together and discuss the Chapter's problems and goals for the upcoming school year. The main topics discussed were rush and pledging, and a new pledge program was drawn up and is now being tested on our present Neophytes. Besides the Brothers attending, some Alumni showed up and we even managed to scrape up "in our Friday night escapades on the Boardwalk" an Alumnus from a Florida Chapter.

All in all, a lot was accomplished for the Chapter and everyone who attended benefited greatly.

This years Founder's Day was celebrated on December 8th at the Robin Hood Inn in Clifton. Just about 100 Alumni and Brothers feasted over the fine dinner while talking over old times.

Our speaker for the occasion was to be Ted Scharfenstein, National President, but due to an untimely death in his family, he couldn't make it. Pinch-hitting as speakers were Alumni Don VanHouten, president of the North Jersey Alumni Association, Alumni Steve DePalma, Area Governor, and Gregory Ploussas, Chapter Advisor. As usual, Al Brown, Alumni and past Area Governor, had his few words to say.

As in the past, certain awards are handed out on this occasion. Alumni of the Year went to Mike Merdinger, president of the Housing Corporation for the last two terms. Congradulations Mike! The award for traveling the farthest went to John Busch, B.A.210. He received a "brown boot" for attending from Denver, Colorado. The "Golden Shovel" award went to Steve DePalma for saying the most and meaning the least. Finally, the "Mindless Wonder" award, given to a undergraduate Brother, went to Paul Lavella. Upon receiving the award, all he had to say was YUK, YUK, YUK....I'M IMPRESSED.... TELL ME ABOUT IT....

Just about \$400 was collected from the Alumni for the Chapter's Housing Fund. This fund is strickly for the purchase of a new house or renovation of our present house. Al Brown even passed his sock around, collecting loose change for the fund. On behalf of all the Brothers, we are greatly thankful for your contributions and generosity. It strengthens our beliefs and ideals of BROTHERHOOD knowing that you Alumni do give a damn.

New Initiates

Mike Warivonchik B.A. 397
Ralph Johnson B.A. 398
Joe Hencoski B.A. 399

BETA ALPHA had a very disappointing football team this fall. We seemed to have a decent chance at the outset; but a mid-season injury to quarterback Tom Zygmunt threw a wrench into our machine. Our only win came on a forfeit and there were very few highlights since we only scored 6 points all season. The lone T.D. was scored by Aivars Krumins on a pass from Ed "Bonzo" Derohanes. Our alumni also managed to squeeze 19 points out of us in that annual battle.

Pi Kapp made an impressive showing in the annual Greek Olympics by placing first. Led by Henry "Karnack"Karnas, we won the Beer Can Race for the second consecutive year. After two false-starts we also won the ¼ Keg Relay Race. That team consisted of lead-off man Tom "Rookie" Reed, middlemen Jeff "The Winn" Winegar, Tom "Zigg" Zygmunt, and anchor-man Aivars "Brute" Krumins. Our other first place was in the tug-of-war in which BETA ALPHA won for the sixth consecutive year. The credit for that victory goes to the 2,200 lbs. of beef that made up the team.

Basketball is coming up soon, and with the return of four of our five starters from last year, I hope to report an I.F.C. championship in my next article.

Fraternally yours,
Tom Reed
Sports Chairman



6 years goes to show,
Pi Kapps can really pull

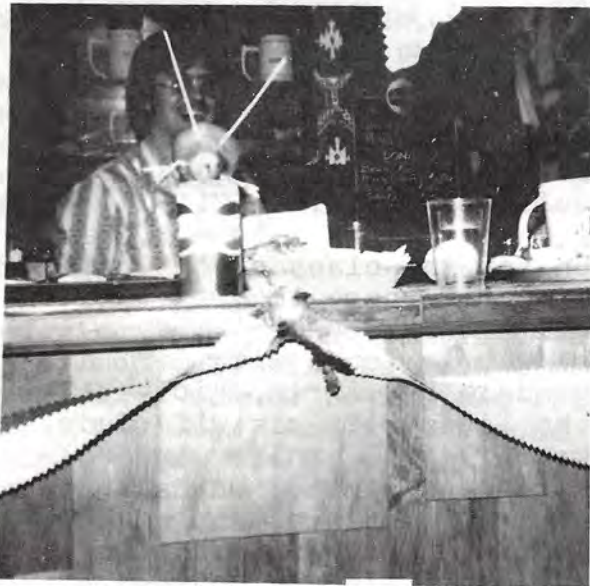
Social

Thanks to the acquirment of a "live-in" band (Whoopie) and donations from brothers (in exchange for mixed drinks), social has been able to have an extremely active semester. In addition to six friday nite parties (five of which featured live bands). There has also been three saturday nite parties. Two mixers at school and the conclave (Nov 8-10) cancelled out three other friday nite parties. This year the Christmas party

Saturday Dec. 21

will have a live band, so come on down and meet old friends and new brothers.

Fraternally Yours,
Bill McCabe
Social Director



Our Social Director hard at work

OFFICERS

ARCHON: Pete Cady
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CHAPLAIN: Robert Epsom
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CORP. REP.: Joseph Aragona

Alumni Pledge

By now I'll bet you're wondering how the undergraduates could possibly donate \$1200 to the Alumni Pledge account. Well, I'm not going to tell you. Instead, I will tell you that we, the undergraduates, have decided to try to match all Alumni donations. I hope it's going to be difficult for us. If you really want to know how we raised the money, come down the house anytime and ask the treasurer.

PI KAPP



SHORTS

We have some good news and some bad news:

The good news is, the mice are gone. The bad news is, that's because the roaches drove them out.

Fall came early at B.A. this year. The ceiling fell onto the Chapter room floor. But that was no problem. We used the mashed potatoes from the Thanksgiving dinner to patch it.

B.A.'s library's is growing. We now have 6 volumes, but 5 aren't colored yet.

Pledge Rich Labinsky made an interesting comment about the deteriorating condition of Feta Alpha's Chapter house. "If the termites stop holding hands, it's all over".

N.J.I.T.-The name is new but it's the same old screw.

We are currently locking into buying a new house. Here is a picture. Tell us what you think of it.



Alumni News

Alumni Brother Joe Manfredi, B.A. 352, tells us that he works with 3 other Pi Kapp's from Dallas, North Carolina and Perdue. Joe is employed by The Trane Corporation in LaCrosse Wisconsin as a Sales Engineer but indicates he'll be back in beautiful Newark shortly.

Paul Zelinsky, B.A. 207, had the opportunity to meet "a true Pi Kapp" Frank Cozzarelli, B.A. 3 while participating in activities of the AICHE. Paul lives at 145 Sycamore Ave., Livingston, NJ with his wife and two children, Carrie Anne (7) and Keith (4). He works as a Chemical Engineer for J.M. Huber Corp., Edison, NJ.

Charles Perron, B.A. 60, lives with his wife and two sons, aged 14 and 10. He can be reached at Box 264, Brookside, NJ and works as a Consulting Engineer for Knollwood Trail Engineering, in Brookside. Brother Perron is the present Master of his Masonic Lodge and enjoys golf and travel. He regrets that business keeps him from the house but the undergrads always welcome alumni down whenever they can make it.

Brother Robert Polucki, B.A. 226, became registered to practice before the U.S. Patent Office in May, 1974. He has a MBA from the Rutgers Graduate School of Business and also a degree of Juris Doctor from the Seton Hall Law School in June, 1974. He is employed by Wilputte Corp., Murray Hill, NJ as a Manager of Proposals and lives with his wife at 420 River Road, Apt. J-7, Chatham Twp., NJ.

Tony Bruno, B.A. 317, lives with his wife at 18 Congressional Pky., Livingston, NJ. He is employed by the pump division of Wauresha Foundry as the Sales Manager of the Eastern Region. His interests seem to be defeating Chapter Adviser Greg Ploussas in a game of chess!

Brother James Snodgrass, Jr., B.A. 101, sure has been keeping busy!

New Arrivals

John Thomas, born December 3, 1974,
to John and Trisha Derby, B.A. #277

Sandra Marie, born November 27, 1974,
to Jim and Sandy DiNapoli, B.A. #324

His interests range from hunting big game during the 9 years (1960-1969) he spent in Wyoming to the theater he enjoys so much in Philadelphia. Brother Snodgrass is a Civil Engineer working as Assistant Supervisor of Maintenance and Construction for Texaco Inc. at their Refining Department of the Eagle Point Plant in Westville, NJ. He lives at 1000 Rydal Rd., Cherry Hill, NJ with his wife and three children-Brenda (17), Deborah (15), Alisa (12). There's much more Brother Snodgrass wrote us about but due to space limitations, we can't print it all. Thanks for taking the time to write!

Brother Tony Mangone, B.A. 362, tells us his interests are gambling, shooting pool, bowling, music and football. He is presently a student at Kean College and works for the East Orange Post Office as a Distribution Clerk. His address is 39 Arsdale Terr., East Orange, NJ.

Jeff Bourghrum, B.A. 211, expresses an interest in a 10-year reunion for the class of '65. What better way is there than the '75 Roseball and/or Founder's Day 1975? You can get in touch with Jeff at 166 Avondale Dr., Akron, Ohio, 44313 where he lives with his wife Judy and two children-Jennifer Anne (6) and Jessica Alexis (15 months). He works for A.T. Kearney, Management Consultants as a Management Consultant. He holds a MBA in Marketing from the University of Akron and is interested in Tennis, Sailing, and Family. OK, class of '65, get organized!

Jim O'Neill, B.A. 250, dropped by the house recently one night to reminisce about the "the good old days". Jim, along with another brother, were the founder's of "whales tales" in Beta Alpha. He told many a story that night, and judging from them, you alumni sure knew how to party! By the way, do any of you alumni know the whereabouts of the movie Poncho Via vs. Batman?

Roseball '75

The Roseball is Beta Alpha's annual event that shows people that we've got class. This year we're trying to do this without raising the cost...much. We've decided to do things differently, too. Roseball 1975 will be held at the Cameo in Garfield, for a change of scenery. We're also changing the menu to Breast of Capon, since Prime Rib has lost its appeal, according to some alumni. The band will be a mellow rock band that won't try to blast you out of the room, yet provide good dance music.

With today's spiraling prices, you may think this Roseball Committee's task of keeping the cost within reach is insurmountable. Well, after a good deal of digging, begging and scavenging, we are happy to report that the Roseball will be held down to a price we can all afford. Quite amazing you say? Those undergrads must be cutting something out, right? **WRONGO**, Brother-nothing's being cut: this Roseball is the real thing.

This won't be a poor man's show (unless you happen to be a poor man). It will be good times for all—a chance to see old friends, meet new ones, and it's a good time to see how your family has grown (little brothers remember?).

Mark down the date:

MARCH 15, 1975

It's gonna be the biggest day of the year. The 27th Roseball will be a night to remember (unless you forget). See you there!

Roseball Committee



We hope the "75" Roseball will be a swinging time for all



Can you identify this Beta Alpha Alumnus?

HONOR LIST

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| Brothers initiated | 399 |
| Donations | Alumni \$1522 |
| | Undergrads \$1200 |
| | <u>Total \$2722</u> |

*have fulfilled alumni pledge

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If we have left anyone out, please let us know, and to these brothers we say: "Thank You!"

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