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Archon's Letter

Yes that's right, Beta Alpha is still here, plugging away. Approaching the end of another semester, I've tried to think of a word to explain what's been going on here, and this is what I came up with: interesting, proud, heartbreaking, excitement, tradition, better luck next time, ect, ect, ect, . Well, I guess its the same old game, only the names have changed. We've had our fun, but we've had our problems. There were twelve brothers from Beta Alpha at Supreme Chapter in San Francisco; five alumni and seven undergrads. And of course Al Brown was there! A great time was had by all.

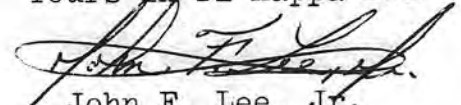
The back porch has been knocked down and replaced. The Peter Jensen Scholarship was given out this semester. There were two \$200 Scholarships given out, reasons being that due to difficulties with the financial aid office it wasn't given out during the 73-74 school year. So two were given out to compensate for it. Hopefully, next year we will be able to give out a full scholarship. Due to school and a full time night job, our Treasurer found himself in a position with no time for his responsibilities as an officer so he voluntarily resigned so as not to make the chapter suffer. And we thank him. Our new Treasurer is brother Tom Smith who is doing an outstanding job.

Beta Alpha is presently undertaking the tasks of changing the heating system by seperating it into different heating zones, and repairing the roof over the Archons room and the first floor bathroom. The Archons Room has been nicknamed Little Niagara.

Beta Alpha's largest and most important task has yet to be significantly started. We have to get our asses on the stick and move! Our problem is RUSH. Due to brothers who graduated and a few dropping out of school, we presently have 30 undergraduate brothers with 8 of them graduating this coming spring. Formal I.F.C. Rush is over and we only have two pledges. We have a lot of work ahead of us, and we will succeed!

Again as always, we would like to extend an open invitation to all our Brothers, to stop in, share your Fraternal experiances with us. We just love company. See you soon.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi


John F. Lee, Jr.
Archon

There's no holes
in our pockets

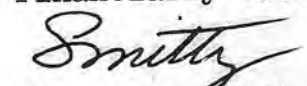
This year has been an outstanding year for the control of Beta Alpha's assets. Through the efforts of the executive council, spending has been extremely efficient, enabling us to renovate the Archon's Room, the first floor bathroom and the fire escape, and totally rebuild the back porch. Also the purchasing of new ritual equipment will greatly enhance our secret ceremonies.

All this, plus keeping the house in "Parent's Day" condition has been successfully accomplished even though the brotherhood is only 30 strong. With last year's enactment of an Annual Dues program, collection of monies has become so expeditious that the total outstanding is now below \$70 with our goal of zero by the end of the semester.

Thrifful spending, adhering to our unwritten motto "Wholesale or Cheaper" has kept Beta Alpha well on its financial feet. With prediction of a slow membership turnover for the next few years, Pi Kappa Phi expects a large undergraduate brotherhood in time for our 30th Anniversary and House Ownership Parties as we finish paying the mortgage.

In general, though, Pi Kappa Phi's financial resources are managing well over the last year in spite of the country's economic state.

Financially Yours,


Thomas J. Smith
Treasurer

We at Beta Alpha are proud to say that we had the most brothers at the 35th Supreme Chapter in San Francisco last August. The total number of Beta Alphans to invade California was twelve. All twelve of us had a very educational and enjoyable experience. While in San Francisco we did all the things that any tourist from New Jersey would want to do. Aside from attending luncheons and meetings we saw everything from the Golden Gate Bridge and Chinatown to Alcatraz and Fisherman's Wharf. Brother Winegar rented a Le Mans for us to drive around in, trouble was it didn't have eight bucket seats.

After Supreme Chapter five of us took a side trip to L.A. for a week. During that week we spent a couple of days at our Associate Chapter at U.S.C. Our only regret was that we couldn't bring any of those beautiful California girls back to Newark with us.



OFFICERS

ARCHON: John Lee
 TREASURER: Tom Smith
 SECRETARY: Steve Flatly
 WARDEN: Tom Zygmunt
 HISTORIAN: Tom Reid
 CHAPLAIN: Frank Wood
 HOUSE MANAGER: Rich Labinsky
 SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Jim Mowczan
 CORP. REP.: Nick Taglianetti

This year we were forced with a seemingly difficult task to take a pledge program that had been somewhat less than effective in the past and reshape it into a comprehensive program of knowledge, enjoyment, and acquaintance with the brotherhood of Pi Kappa Phi. Thus we set out to rebuild the structure of pledge education. Tests were changed and consolidated with the emphasis on national and Beta Alpha history, in addition to the workings of the brotherhood both in the house and the national organization. We drew up 6 new tests and shifted the order of requirements around so that they would more closely follow the new White Diamond which the national office has just released. We also decided to illustrate the workings of the chapter officers by assigning pledges to work each week with different officers.

We took into consideration the lack of knowledge by our pledges of the presence of alumni in the area. We came up with a scavenger hunt to find alumni in the area, (There is no connection between scavengers and alumni) in addition to the usual trips to other chapters, picture taking in N.Y.C. and pumpkins and Christmas decoration raids.

As rush drew to a close, our efforts to create a large pledge class proved to be in vain as only two men decided to pledge. But what men they are! Mike Cushing from Harrison and Ron Schiefer from Somerville are two hard working individuals.

But next semester looks promising as we have many new prospects with plans to push the brotherhood into gear for the most exciting spring rush this campus has ever seen.

Fraternally Yours

Tom Zygmunt
 Tom Zygmunt
 Warden

New Initiate

Russ Bouwense

B.A. 406

Sports

Football season at Beta Alpha was very disappointing this year. We saw our hopes of a playoff spot go down the tubes at the hands of the more powerful teams of the I.F.C.

Sparked by a tough determined team and a promising defense Beta Alpha played a hard season. Unfortunately hopes don't win football games and the brothers of Beta Alpha sure found that out. Well were ready to try our best next year and I'll be sure to let you know how we make out.

Upcoming basketball season sees four returning starters and a very promising bench. Our keglers are all looking forward to an I.F.C. Championship this year with the coming spring semester. The Greek Olympics saw the Beta Alpha boys scraping hard to stay in the competition. A few seconds and even fewer firsts and third place finishes saw us falling back in the line-up. Disgruntled and down trodden we retreated to our home port. We lost the battle, but the war isn't over.

Sports Commitee



Give up, Steve, you don't dare :
Mongo knows you already had
sixteen meatball sandwiches. Leave
some for the rushees.....



.....Errrrrrr...

Brother Al Brown met "Ralph" in
San Francisco...

Winegar, have you met your uncle yet?

Caldwell...74
St.E's.....75

The Swamp Frogs are on the march !
Thanx, White Castle...

TURKEY !!!!!!!

Heah come da Head....

By the way, any mistakes you come
across, they're not typing errors;
they're just to show you that the
people writing the articles can't
spell.

This is a Karnack and Smitty Booster..





Last, we must mention that alumni support has been with us again. It goes without saying that alumni are always welcome. Drop down and prove to yourself that parties are what we say they are. Thank you.

P.S. Has anyone seen the Social Director

Social Committee

Roseball 1976

This year's Roseball will be an event to remember. It will again be held at the Cameo in Garfield and with better accommodations.

This year the menu will consist of a cocktail hour with hot and cold hors d'ourves and the customary open bar. This hour will be followed by a roast beef entree for a change of pace. While you are dining we will have soft music played for you by a live band and an open bar.

Due to the cost of living we had to increase the tab for the night, but not too much. However, for this gala event we all agree that it's worth it.

This Roseball will be the best ever and I hope all will attend to make this an event to remember.

Now for those of you who are wondering when the Roseball is, well:
Saturday, March 20, 1976

P.S. Remember, this is the Bicentennial year, so live it up and attend this historic event.

Roseball Committee

Amazing! No, I'm not talking about baseball's Mets, but this semesters social functions. Once again Beta Alpha's Parties have been the best yet.

Due to the increasing squeeze on finances, a difficult task was in store for the social committee. Unable to obtain a live-in band, things looked bad. However, thanks to the tight budgeting and shopping for good bands at good prices by our musically inclined brothers, our parties was a grand success. On nights without a band, music was provided by tapes carefully selected by our own panel of party experts. Young, available ladies were in abundance and the brothers put the music to good use. Once again, drinks were plentiful at the bar, adding the last particle of quality to our gatherings.

Saturday parties were a little mellower then those on fridays but just as successful. The Halloween Party featured an abundance of food, drinks, and music at a nominal charge to those who attended. A prize for the best costume went to alumni brother Aivars Krumins for his portrayal of a tree(???)

This being a semester without a band this committee has set a goal of rebuilding the house sound system. The money saved on not having a band will be used on the purchase of equipment which in turn will save more money in the future. To date, speakers and amplifiers have been purchased or acquired and the committee is currently looking into record and tape equipment. If anyone has used equipment he wishes to sell or donate, get in touch with the committee head or Social Director. All help will be appreciated.



Beta Alpha Goes Anywhere

Once again, in mid-November, $\Pi\kappa\phi$ in Newark proved to ourselves and national that we will go anywhere (as long as there's a party when we get there or we make one). Six of us trucked down about 670 miles to see the dedication of our new national office in North Carolina.

We left at 11PM Friday night in the midst of a party. With two brothers from Brooklyn we proceeded to Archon Lee's house, 30 miles away. This was to drop off his dirty laundry and our first pit stop. Next we hit Drexel in Philadelphia to pick up Snap, another hitch-hiker, from AY Chapter. Finally, after two more stops for gas and water for one boiled-over battery, we arrived in Charlotte at 1PM Saturday.

Realizing that we had just spent 14 hours in the cars and also that everyone but us had jackets and ties, we stayed and downwind of the dedication crowd.

After the official ceremonies, we were offered a tour of the premises. It was a bit empty but bids for furniture are out. The decor is very nice though and the building very well laid out. After a showing of a fantastic slide-show, we proceeded to make our way to the University of NC at Charlotte, which was to be our mainstay for the night, and cleaned up.

Without too much sleep the night before and a bit hungry, we left to go to an open-bar cocktail party, which we were to proud to pass up. There we met Pi Kapps from all over the South. Their Southern Hospitality we had heard so much about was truly imminent here.

Hearing stories of a dance at UNCC we proceeded to same, where we partied in the true Pi Kapp spirit.

Sleeping, on the avg., 5 hours, we got up at 10:30AM Sunday and left for breakfast on the road. Leaving N.C. with cries of "You Yankees are all right" and "What in the hell is this word TURKEY we're hearing from you" ringing in our ears, we returned to our humble Newark home to await, the arrival of Pi Kappa Phi's to our house for February's conclave.

Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of those who cook those rush function dinners ?



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PI KAPP'S ANNUAL FOTO CONTEST
For valuable prizes, like a fresh bag of next weeks garbage, match the #'s with the following letters:

- A. Moe
- B. Larry
- C. Curly

Publication Staff

Henry Karnas: Editor, Typist, and Setup
Tom Smith: Ass. Editor, Typist, and Setup
Rich Labinski: Typist
Bill McCabe: Typist



Talent Show "75"

As in Talent Show "74", "73", "72", ect. and so forth, the Talent Show Committee managed to write, cast, direct, and perform our production in an approximate span of two weeks! But....It showed promise this year. In the Committee's opinion, Newark Night Court, the title of our extravaganza, was as superbly written as it was acted. Unfortunately, the judges had a different opinion. The climax of the performance was Brother Tom Weingart's dramatic portraial of the prosecuting attorney. Other stand-outs were Brother's Tom Reid, Bob Morgan, and Tom Smith playing the bailiff, a detective, and the public defender respectfully.

Afterwards, everyone agreed that all had a great time. Rumor has it that the committee has all ready started on next years show. Any and all suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

The Talent Show Committee

Summer Retreat

For the third, and probable the last year, Beta Alpha's Summer Retreat was again held at the beautiful "Karnack Beach Mansion". With the addition of the "White House" to the estate, all undergrads and alumni were housed comfortable.

Starting on Friday, July 18, and ending July 20, a lot was accomplished during the group discussions and gripe sessions. Most of Beta Alpha's problems were ironed out and the goals and aspirations of the Chapter for the upcoming school year were discussed. All who attended had a great time and benefited greatly.

LOOK AT THE SHAPE OF THESE GUYS!!

House Manager's Report

This year at Pi Kappa Phi has been a busy one. In the fall of this year, we took on the enormous job of rebuilding the back porch, which was made necessary by our June fire inspection. Other minor infractions were cleared to preserve our boarding house license for another year. It all started on one dreary weekend when the mass destruction began. Everything was torn down and plans were being carefully followed, as to the orders of Brother Paul Lavella, our supervisor, who really deserves a golden hammer for his work.

After the start of the fall semester had been shouldered, the final steps were put in place. The Archon's Room and the first floor bathroom are being put into shape and the roof outside is being patched and tarred. Beta Alpha is in fine shape now and all is going smoothly. The roaches have moved to the Greasy Spoon next door with a little persuasion, from the house exterminator. All is set for another semester of improvements.

Fraternally,
Rich Labinsky
Rich "At's a buck"
Labinsky,
House Manager



Mastermind Paul Lavella
supervises porch construction

HONOR LIST

Brothers initiated		406
Donations	Alumni	\$1591
	undergrads	\$1292
Interest		\$73
Founder's Day		\$36
	Total	\$2992
Spent in 1971		100
Remaining on Account		\$2892

*have fulfilled alumni pledge

Cady	369	*Herits	331
Bernet	285	Hospodar	308
Brogan	347	Kowalski	109
Brown	161	Krucher	341
Brusco	215	Krumins	360
Busch	210	Lavery	258
Cadigan	265	Malerek	219
Cassera	321	Mahfouz	355
Chalfant	251	Manfredi	352
Chastney	358	Mason	220
Chomiak	310	Mazouat	314
Christian	209	McCranor	302
Creaven	327	Moran	336
DelCore	370	Midgley	367
*DePalma	322	Orban	291
Dushney	282	*Ploussas	344
England	353	Russo	332
*Eskesen	270	Spencer	372
Esposito	354	Spinelli	241
Fisher	348	Stiles	293
Furman	292	Stramback	273
Friend	179	*Toth	269
Garvey	375	*Van Houten	323
Bruno	317	Wilson	225
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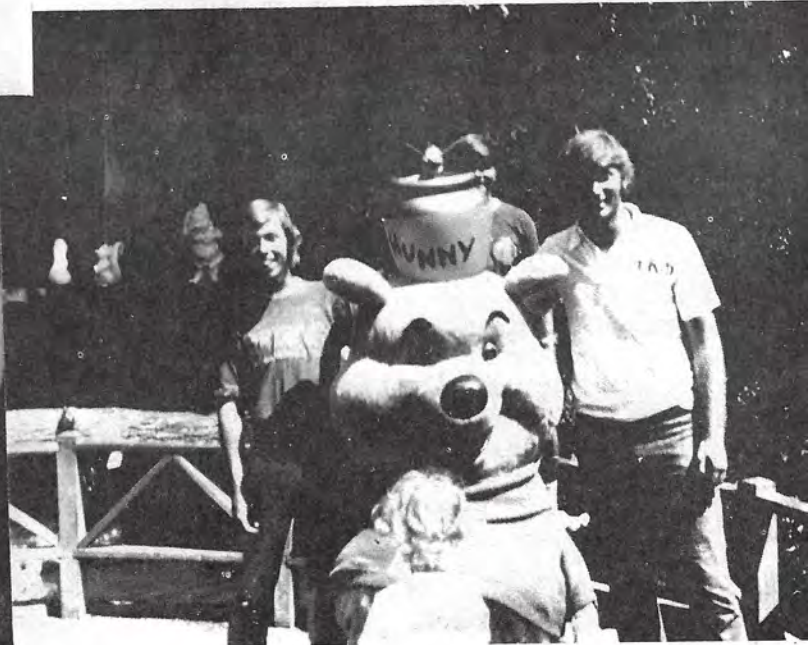
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Alumni Association President
 Jim Krucher enjoying the rides
 at Disneyland

A couple of our boys in California
 checking out the sights.