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"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party."

This well known saying can be applied to Pi Kappa Phi as well. The total brotherhood here at Beta Alpha is 407 strong and thanks to the North Jersey Alumni Association, our social events have had very strong alumni support. However, the most important event of the year for the alumni showed the undergraduates absorbing a considerable loss because of much less than average alumni attendance. We hope to remedy this next year by changing the format as well as lowering the price.

Alumni support at social functions is a prime mover in increasing our undergraduate moral. When Gene Castagna (BA#2) came down to the house (he was at the Roseball, thanx Gene) it brought a real sense of brotherhood to the men present. I suggest to all alumni to get in touch with the NJAA as they are planning many events to coincide with the undergrads' calendar (details later in this issue). Pi Kap National President Ted Sharfenstein mentioned at Founders' Day that our chapter has great spirit. This is because of alumni like Don, Toad, Kruch, Spig, Snake, Stamoose, Bakala, Friedo, Mr. Fiasco, T.C., Espo, Karl, Ed, Aivars, and others I could fill this page with. You guys have submitted more than your share of time to this house because you really care and we thank you for this. The undergrads realize that Newark is not another Westchester and our house is no Gracie Mansion,

but it is our castle and all brothers of Pi Kappa Phi can know that they are welcome here. Year after year, through donations and fulfilled alumni pledges we are able to fortify our castle a little more.

In your undergraduate days you made close to 100 different friends and turned them into brothers. That feeling is still here and we like to see you come down and feel it with us. Many times advice is given us by alumni that is implemented almost immediately. Experience is still the best teacher in the world.

I know almost every Archon's letter is full of requests for money and alumni pledges. You know that too, as you have read other chapter publications. The financial state of this country is such that this will always be true. However, the brothers here have come to know friendship for one another above all material things. There is a lot of joking and fooling around, but I would like to thank the undergrads for the support they have given me, and the alumni for the sense of brotherhood we have maintained.

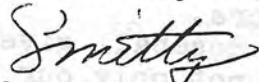
You alumni are the "good men" listed in the title. The undergrads are the "party". We are you and you are us. As my very good friend and alumnus brother Lou Miceli (BA#361) said in the Dec. '71 issue of the BA Particles as Pledge Class President: "The true meaning of fraternity comes from day to day

## THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

experiences. Be dedicated, imaginative, cooperative, and understanding. Eliminate negative thinking, disregard past failures (but learn from them), and strive as a team for betterment in the future."

You men are fantastic people. You are my brothers. We are Pi Kappa Phi.

Fraternally Yours,



Thomas J. Smith  
Archon



'Our Archon hard at work'

At first 1976 looked like it might be a rough year financially. But through wise budgeting and a little belt tightening, we are still getting work done and enjoying ourselves at a minimal cost. Because of hard work by the Budget and Finance Committee, Ron "Penny Pincher" Szkodny has instilled the "Waste not, Want not," spirit into everyone. By conserving all of our resources, we are able to operate without worrying about running into financial problems.

The annual dues system has worked very well, thus making the Treasurer more of a financial regulator than a collector. Also, the outstanding figures have been lowered considerably.

Our alumni pledge account has not had any substantial contributions since last issue. We know times are rough guys but any type of contribution to the account is greatly appreciated. The account is nearly large enough to cover us in case of an emergency or in need of a major renovation.

Despite the shape of our national economy, Beta Alpha's financial situation is well under control and in competent hands. If any of the President's financial assistants need advice, they should feel free to take a few lessons from us here at Pi Kapp.

Yours in Cash\$\$\$\$

Tom Reid  
Treasurer

Typists: Glenn Romanek  
Jeff Winegar  
Rich Labinsky

Editor : John Lee

Our Treasurer; 'Soliciting funds?'



This past semester we have been working closely with our corporation to try to reduce our expenditures.

One step in this direction is to get the members aware of how much the utilities are costing and to work with them to reduce these bills.

We are trying to reopen our building fund and make regular deposits into this badly neglected account.

All in all, the corporation officers have been doing an outstanding job in keeping our heads above water, and we would like to thank Tom Craven ( President ), Ed Esposito ( Treasurer ), Bill England ( Secretary ), John Spiegel and Jim Krucher ( Members at Large ).

Fraternally Yours,  
W.J. McCabe  
Corporation Rep.

On March 20, 1976, our 28<sup>th</sup> annual Roseball was held and a gala time was had by all. The highlight of the evening was the naming of Peggy Roman as Rose Queen '76. Peggy and her pinmate Tom Hark were both very excited and proud.

Special thanks goes to Bob Morgan who did a fine job as emcee and to all the girls who helped us set up the flowers and favors.

Roseball gives us a chance to see not only our alumni, but their wives as well. We wish that we could get to see the wives a little more often though. If a few of you ladies are interested in holding any Pi Kapp wives' events at the house, just let us know and we will do all we can to help you out.

Yours Truly  
Roseball Committee



'Typical Corporation Meeting'  
( Who's Getting The Beer? )

Area I Governor: Steve DePalma  
Chapter Advisor: Don VanHouten

New Initiate

Michael J. Cushing B.A. # 407

Warden's Report

The spring of 1976 pledge class consists of two members. Larry Guadagno, a sophomore transfer from Marshall U. resides in Sparta. Bill Morgan, a freshman student, is a ME major from Livingston.

These men are now being instructed into the usual required pledge material but additionally are being informed more into the setup of the National Office. With this increased knowledge, we feel that they will make better brothers and will be capable of leading the house at a future date.

We have maintained the same timetable with our pledge class and hope to see them initiated in the near future. Alumni are welcome down to get acquainted with the new pledges.

Fraternally Yours,  
Paul Lavella  
Warden

## Social Report

This semester has been a whole slew of social goings on. The social committee working hard has put together, in our opinion one of the most diversified calender of events remembered.

Such big events as a baseball trip on opening day of Yankee Stadium, weeknight picnic on the back porch, a canoe trip in upstate New York are a small portion of our social scheduling.

This semester Beta Alpha hosted an Area I & II conclave. Parties were thrown both nights of the weekend. With the retainment of a house band, our parties have been better than ever.

Of course, we are always welcoming alumni down at our social functions. Below is a tentative list of the social events for the remainder of the semester.

If you are in the area, stop by even if there isn't an event scheduled, there is always something in the planning.

- 4/23: School Semi-Formal
- 5/1 : Spring Party
- 5/7 : Band Party & Alumni Rec. Nite
- 5/21-5/23: Canoe Trip
- 5/15: Surfer Party

Tom Zygmunt  
Social Director



"Munchies Anyone"

## King Owen's Follies A Fairy Tale

### Chapter 1:

King Owen sat on his throne wondering to himself, "How shall I amuse myself this fine day," for he was rather bored of executions, tortures, and the like. He called in the Court Jester, Al Brown, to see if he could lighten the sagely spirits.

"Al?" The Court Jester came at once. "Yes," replied Al Brown with a touch of fear in his voice for he feared the King's ire. "I want you to entertain me at once," cried the King. But the jester's jokes were old and of no avail.

The King told him to cease his lousy joking and ordered him to find something to amuse him. "There must be something in this vast Pi Kapp kingdom to amuse a great King such as I."

"Yes, my King, I will search high and low for some amusement for thou!"

### Chapter 2:

No sooner had Al crossed the drawbridge of the castle, did he then spy a silly looking lad dressed in blue jeans and platform shoes. He had a strange manner about him that made it seem that he was oblivious to all about him, as if he was being carried by the tide; this way and that.

"Lo!" cried Al. "Who beist thou?" "I am De Palma, Miracle Wonder Man, Hero of Fools."

"You'll do," thought Al. "One look at this idiot and the King shall ~~for~~ laugh for days." "Come with me to the castle, the King wishes to see you."

"Sure," replied he, "but let me bring my friends along."

"Splendid," thought Al, there are many more of these fools around.

TO BE CONTINUED : MAYBE

## House Manager

This semester at Beta Alpha, we have tried to make the house look respectable since we are hosting a Area I & II conclave. To accomplish this we sanded, repaired and painted the kitchen. We also repaired some of the doors which were cracked or were in bad condition. Our thanks to alumnus brother John Spiegel for his donation of these doors. Problems with a leakly roof last semester caused us to rebuild the first floor bathroom and Archons room ceilings. The front of the house was also improved by putting up a new door and some lights.

If anybody is throwing out anything, please check the following list of things we need.

Chairs	Bathroom fixtures
Refrigerators	Light fixtures
Carpet	Curtains
Doors	Ceiling tiles
Glasses	Beds
Cups	Couches
Glass	Mattresses
Sheetrock	Lamps
Lumber	Mops
Any old paneling	Buckets

John Pugliesi  
House Manager

## Founders Day

This year Founders Day was something of a special occasion to the brothers of Beta Alpha. Ted Scharfenstein, the National President, was our guest speaker. This proved to be an excellent day to remember. One thing we hope to see in future Founders Days is more attendance of the older alumni who we don't see too often down at the house. One of the special moments this year was the resolution of appreciation given by the National Council to Al Brown, for his work involving the fraternity. As always, the alumni are welcome down the house, and we hope to see you all at Founders Day this December.

Respectfully Yours,  
Francis J. Wood  
Chaplain

## Sports

The Beta Alpha winter sports campaign was once again a series of near misses and unexpected failures.

With the loss of only one senior, the basketball team expected to be a serious contender. Led by perennial I.F.C. All-Star Jeff "Dr. J." Winegar and pledge Larry "Toughie" Gaudagno, the season opened on a high note. Two tough losses by 1 & 3 points burst the balloon early. The rest of the season was a few easy wins and a few tough losses with the end result being a 7-5 season. One bright note however was the emergence of Tom "Rookie" Reid, "Mikey" Cushing, Rich "Dopey" Labinsky, and Joe Hencoski. Next year will be different. Everyone on the team will return next year.

The bowling team has been around 4th place since the season started. Led by George "Boom Boom" Mayers imitation of Dancing Harry, the team has been a serious threat to challenge for the lead. Rich Ruffs 241 game is second in the individual standings, while Tom Zygmunt's 585 series is also second. The team is currently in third place, both in team average and team series.

Sports Committee



'The Staff Hard At Work'

## UNDERGRAD KILLED ON NEWARK CAMPUS

# Trio held in 1970 murder of NCE student

By **TEX NOVELLINO**  
and **BRUCE BAILEY**

Three men were charged with murder yesterday in the shooting death of a 20-year-old student five years ago at the old Newark College of Engineering.

More than two dozen witnesses were questioned over the five years and detectives of the Newark Homicide Squad painstakingly tracked down every lead in the death of Peter Jensen of Sayreville, a junior at what is now the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Jensen was slain Oct. 25, 1970, during an apparent robbery attempt outside the school's Center Building where he and other members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity were presenting a play to raise funds for the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Detective Sgt. Jerry Inneo said the first real break in the case came Tuesday night

when James Howard, 25, of 227 Park Ave., East Orange, learned police were looking for him on a charge he had threatened someone with a gun.

Howard, who was AWOL from the Army at the time of Jensen's death, turned himself in to Essex County Detective Richard Flaminio and Newark Detectives McKinley Jackson and Michael Minovich.

Paul Jones, 22, of 274 West Kinney St., Newark, a driver in the Newark Sanitation Division, was arrested yesterday.

The third suspect, Lavern Scott, 23, is in the Union County Jail on an unrelated burglary charge. A detainer has been filed against him by Newark police with Union County authorities. Police said Scott is unemployed.

Howard and Jones were arraigned before Newark Municipal Court Judge Chester Morrison on murder charges and were held without bail pending a hearing next

According to Inneo, Jensen and his fraternity brothers were in the middle of an intermission of the play "Anna Lucasta" when the engineering student went out to his car in a nearby parking lot for another costume.

Witnesses told police three or four young men approached Jensen and an argument ensued.

The young men fled and Jensen gave chase, catching one of his assailants at Bleeker and Colden streets. A scuffle followed and Jensen was shot once in the chest. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Martland Hospital.

Police chased two suspects into an area where college construction was going on, but lost them in a maze of partially erected buildings.

Howard, an unemployed plumber, was arrested on AWOL charges in Newark in 1973 and in 1974, and was returned to his infantry unit at Fort Knox. He was discharged from the Army in late 1974.

Jones was employed in the city's sanitation section under the federally funded Clean and Safe Streets program.

The dead student was survived by his parents and four younger brothers, all of Sayreville.

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FINALLY  
BEEN  
CAUGHT

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FROM NEWARK STAR LEADER  
MAY 1975

Peter Jensen  
Fund

### RECENT ALUMNI ADDRESS CHANGES

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Once again it is that time of year for the Peter Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year the drive will perhaps be the best ever. One bit of good news that we have for you alumni is that they have caught the three people who shot Peter on that Talent Show night in 1970. Finally Justice will take its toll.

This year we have sold more than 900 tickets and will have no expences for the prizes as they were donated by Act I and the Magic Show managements.

This year we hope to give out two scholarships. Also, in the future we hope to give out a greater number of scholarships. As always, we would like to thank those alumni and undergraduates who helped in the sale of the tickets.

Fraternally,  
Francis J. Wood  
Chaplain



- 1 ENTWISLE PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING — 80 LOCK STREET
- 2 THE CENTER — 150 BLEEKER STREET
- 3 ALUMNI-CENTER FOR CONTINUING ENGINEERING STUDIES — 150 BLEEKER STREET
- 4 CULLIMORE HALL (M) — 70 SUMMIT STREET
- 5 240 HIGH STREET
- 6 EBERHARDT HALL (E) — 323 HIGH STREET
- 7 CAMPBELL HALL (C) — 110 SUMMIT STREET
- 8 WESTON HALL (W) — 367 HIGH STREET
- 9 SPECHT MAINTENANCE BUILDING — 120 SUMMIT STREET
- 10 COLTON HALL (L) — SUMMIT PLACE
- 11 FACULTY MEMORIAL HALL (F) — 111 SUMMIT STREET
- 12 TIERNAN HALL (T) — 161 WARREN STREET
- 13 ROBERT W. VAN HOUTEN LIBRARY (H) — 99 SUMMIT STREET

2nd Alumni Recreation Night

On Friday night May 7, 1976 @ 7:30 P.M. the North Jersey Alumni Association is sponsoring its second annual recreation night at the N.J.I.T. Center recreation area.

For you older alumni, the recreation area is located in the basement floor of the Center building on campus. The address is 150 Bleeker Street.

The entire recreation facility has been rented for the evening from 7:30 till 10:30 P.M. The facilities include 6 bowling lanes, 10 pocket pool tables, 4 ping pong tables, and an assortment of pin ball machines. So bring your family, friends, and guests to have a great time. Everything will be supplied to play these games from bowling shoes to ping pong balls.

Afterswards there will be a party at Beta Alpha with band&refreshments.

Since nobody bowled a perfect 300 bowling score last year, the prize, a 1975 Cadillac was not awarded. It will be given away to the first person to bowl a perfect game this year. However, the winner will have to pay a slight tow away charge since it was stripped over the past year.

Alumni remember May 7, and be there!

Straightman

Beta Alpha vs N.J.I.T.

Beta Alpha has been involved with the happenings of N.J.I.T. Bob Morgan has finished his term as Student Senate President of the N.J.I.T. campus. Rich Ruff has been elected as Student Activities Council President for the '75-'77 year. Brothers John Lee and Jeff Winegar were elected to the offices of president and treasurer of the I.F.C. respectively. Tom Hark past I.F.C. president (also a Beta Alpha) along with John and Jeff as treasurer and secretary respectively, has served this past year. With such campus involvement, Beta Alpha still placed 2nd for overall grade point average.

Beta Alpha hopes to continue with its campus involvement in the years to come.