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GENE CASTAGNA-
OUR NEW FACULTY ADVISOR

Due to budget cuts last spring, Jim Russell was laid off by the school so we were forced to search for a replacement as faculty advisor. Our search did not end in vain, however, since Gene Castagna (B.A. #2) came on the scene. Gene was one of the original members of a local fraternity (Phi Sigma Omega) which joined Pi Kappa Phi back in 1948.

A native of Newark, Gene was a member of the varsity basketball team while here at NCE. He graduated in 1948 as a Chemical Engineer and began working at the Picatinny Arsenal in New York. While there, he studied for his Master's Degree at Stevens Tech.

In 1954, Gene was drafted into the Army. He served in the Scientific and Professional Corps stationed in Baltimore. After his discharge, Gene remained in Baltimore until 1961.

In 1958, he married Mary Louise Craven and the couple have five children, three daughters and two sons. Gene is currently residing in Clark, NJ and works for Dart Ind. in Paramus.

Gene is listed in the Who's Who in the East, is an officer in the local Little League in Clark and is currently involved in a three year training program to become a Deacon in the Catholic Church.

Our new advisor began teaching at NCE in 1964 as a part-time teacher in the Engineering Technology program and is now the supervisor of the Plastics Technology program, a position he assumed in 1970.

Gene was elected as the first president of the NJAA when it was chartered in 1952.

A truly well-rounded individual, Gene Castagna will continue his service to the fraternity as our new faculty advisor. We wish to thank him for accepting our request to fill this position.

Mike Cushing

ARCHON'S NEWSLETTER

This past semester at Beta Alpha has been a fantastic one. We have witnessed the rebirth of Scholarship, social success, athletic excellence and spirit. I wish that I could take the credit for this, but really it's due to guys like Mike Cushing and Russ Bowense- our scholastic stalwarts, Ron Szkodny- social wizard, Larry Guadagno- star quarterback, Rich Labinsky- Rush, Rush, Rush and a bunch of beautiful Alumni- the ones that helped with rush, corporation business and general good-natured assistance.

We've enlisted Beta Alpha #2, Chapter Founder Eugene Castagna as our Faculty Advisor. He's teaching night classes at NJIT and attends most of our meetings to help us in any way that he can. One of his goals for the house is to establish the history of the chapter by compiling as much information as possible about the guys that have passed through our hallowed halls. We've initiated over 400 brothers since May 29, 1948, and we'd sure like to keep in touch.

We'll have our annual Founder's Day event on December 12, and the Rose Ball on March 12, so keep your eyes open for the newsletters.

Remember, Guys, Pi Kappa Phi is a very personal experience-one that we've all shared. Keep in touch with us-call, stop in, or drop us a note to keep us attuned to what you are doing. Any information that you can supply us with will be greatly appreciated. We'll see you at Founder's Day and the Rose Ball!

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,

Bob Morgan

TREASURER'S LETTER

The Founding of Beta Alpha by Mike Cushing

Despite a budget much smaller than we are use to living on, Beta Alpha has done very well this year financially. This Fall, although we had only 20 Active Undergraduate Brothers, careful spending kept us out of serious trouble.

The biggest financial handicap of the semester was the fact that bands had to be hired for our rush parties. This rapidly depleted that budget, but by a re-alignment of our program, we pulled out of this dilemma.

Unfortunately, we had two unexpected expenses to contend with this year. The shower had to be rebuilt again, hopefully for the last time. The Rose Ball lost a good deal of money for us also. However, Beta Alpha weathered the storm with the help of tight budgetting and assistance from the corporation.

Again, as always, collection of money has been a problem. The recession has hit Beta Alpha, in the form of some brothers not working or not working enough over the summer. We've been very liberal in our collection policies because of this, and these brothers have come through with the cash, given the extra time.

In the past, the chapter has been playing to a full house, live-in wise, that is. This has kept us in good terms with the corporation. We've had very little to complain about and I believe so should they. The undergrads have had little trouble in keeping up with obligations to the corporation because of this.

In retrospect, the semester has been fruitful for the house and there is every reason to believe the future will bring the same. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, especially Ron Szkodny, for the help I have received and for the cooperation and understanding of the brotherhood. Thank You everyone.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,

John Pugliesi

\$ John Pugliesi \$
Treasurer

In 1947, above a small store on Warren St., existed the house of the brothers of Phi Sigma Omega, a local fraternity at NCE. These men were looking to expand and add stability so they decided to nationalize. Dr. Hazell, then Dean of Students, became aware of their situation.

Coincidentally, Pi Kappa Phi was looking to establish a new chapter in the area and Dean Hazell brought the two interested parties together. Pi Kapp sent Bernard Jones as a representative to meet with Larry Wheaton, Phi Sigma Omega's archon, as well as the rest of the brotherhood.

After the necessary procedures, a team from Drexel(A γ) and Brooklyn Poly(A \equiv) performed the initiations on May 29, 1948.

The first house as Pi Kappa Phi was located at 117 Warren St., where Al Taboda, the first Archon of BA, helped ease problems between fraternities and school by forming the first IFC in 1948. More cooperation between all parties was now possible.

FAMILY TREE

As you all probably know, on the wall of our Chapter Room hangs an impressive family tree of Beta Alpha. However, there are many gaps strewn throughout the tree. We now would like to fill in these gaps, but we need Your Help.

Please send me a card with your name, and your big and little brothers listed on it. Your cooperation will be gratefully appreciated. THANK

Fraternally Yours,

Mike
Mike Cushing
Historian

R U S H

Dear Fellow Brethren,

At Beta Alpha this semester, we have seen one of the most productive rush seasons in the past few years. All of our rush parties were backed strongly by the entire undergraduate brotherhood, as well as the bountiful alumni support. Everyone pitched in to give a real team effort and we displayed our spirit.

This enthusiasm gave us the most productive rush on campus. We foresee the initiation of all eleven pledges.

A great deal of credit must go to the Pi Kapp College staff for their many applicable ideas which we immediately incorporated into our system.

Yours in Pi Kappa Phi,

Six Pack

Rich Labinsky
Rush Comm. Chairman

SPORTS

This year, our football schedule was expanded to include a game with every participating house in the IFC. Beta Alpha showed that it was able to handle the long season well enough. Although we finished with a record of 4 wins and 5 losses, we unleashed a potent offence and a solid defence. Leading the attack was our quarterback, Larry Guadagno, who quickly worked out a scoring act with star receiver Rich Labinsky. Another notable player was Jeff "stone hands" Winegar, who finally learned how to catch after 3 years of playing. Protection by the fine blocking of John Pugliesi, Jim Mowczan, John Lee and Paul Lavella. The heartbreaker of the long season was against Sigma Pi. They scored with only 4 seconds left in overtime to win 6-0.

In other football action, the undergrads brake a long string of defeats at the hands of the alumni with an incredible 12-0 victory. Since we undergrads are obliging people, there is a rematch against the alumni to be played Dec. 5, granted at their request.

Surprisingly, the pledges gave the brothers more football than we could handle. With Gus Traficante leading the offense, the undergrads faced a humiliating 24-12 defeat.

Moving on, this year we had one of our finest showings in the recent past in the Greek Olympics. Larry Guadagno finished third in the football throw and our chariot was re-engineered well enough to give us a first place in the event. An overpowering victory in the Tug-Of-War continued our dominance in that event, bringing our eighth win in the past nine years. Unfortunately, we finished the day with the third place prize, which was very close to first and second, point wise. The competition was unquestionably close.

Coming up, Dec. 17 is the annual Alumni- Undergrad basketball game the time is 7:30 in the gym, so go brush the dust off your sneakers and mark the date on your calendar.

Spirit is high as the IFC basketball season approaches us. We anticipate a good season with a strong, returning team. Hopefully the Spring Issue of the Particles will be reporting our first place in basketball.

Fraternally yours
Mike Cushing &
Ron Szkodny

Founder's Day '76

This year's Founder's Day was celebrated on December 12th at the Kingston Inn in Union. Nearly one hundred alumni and undergrads enjoyed a fine dinner and good conversation and reminiscing.

Our speaker for the occasion was Jeff Clark, chairman of Pi Kappa Phi Scholarship Committee. Al Brown also gave a short speech. Many people came to the house afterwards to continue the festivities and play cards.

Again, the success of such events brings the brotherhood closer together and makes us a better house.

Fraternally yours,

Jim Mowczan
Chaplain

" ROSEBALL '77 "

This year, Beta Alpha will hold it's 29th Annual Roseball at Vecchiarello's in Little Ferry, on March 12, 1977.

The evening begins at 7:30 with hot hors' d' oeuvres' being served during the cocktail hour followed by dinner at 9:00. The menu includes fruit cup, ziti, roast beef, veal parmiaghian, all served up family style. Coffee and cake will follow dinner.

Entertainment will be supplied by "Remember When", a band specializing in Oldies, the Beatles and the Beach Boys.

We anticipate a highly successful event, as the past Roseballs have been. All Alumni are welcome, and we certainly hope to see you all there!

Fraternally yours,

Paul Lavella

Paul Lavella
Roseball Comm. Chrn.

NEOPHYTES OF FALL '76

The fall rush was a good one with good brother participation. For this, much credit is to be given to Rich Labinsky, chairman of the Rush Committee. Although this rush yielded a disappointment in the number of pledges, their quality is an uplift. They all showed responsibility in the immediate filling in of offices and completion of duties as assigned by thier officers. Such responsibility has resulted in a good Thanksgiving Dinner and early completion of the gig books and paddle. The pledges are: Paul Bamburak, Paul Bunker, Don Frederick, Gary Lowenberger, Joe Mantz, Paul Silverthorne, Barry Stempel, Al Thor, Gus Traficante and Ray Wachna.

This semester's pledge program is 8 weeks (reaching tentative completion as the semester closes). The last big requirement at this point will be the Christmas Party, Dec. 18th. The program consists of 5 tests and a final, as compared with the old seven and a final. The majority of the pledges have consistently scored well on tests which require more than the old ones. Of course there is the paddle, N.Y.

picture taking tour, photo album and weekend pledge trip.

All in all, this pledge class has gained quite a bit of respect and Beta Alpha looks forward to initiating all ten. They will make good brothers.

Love,

Dutch

Russ Bouwense
The Warden

HOUSE CONDITIONING

This fall, Beta Alpha was kept busy with a large amount of small projects that were needed to be done throughout the house. Under the guidance of Jeff Wingar, the shower was rebuilt, and the dining was completed by Bill McCabe. The summer work projects included the mounting of our letters on the face of the house and an excellent job of painting the party room by Jim Mowczan and Mike Cushing.

As always, any donations by alumni will be gratefully accepted, just give us a call.

Motherly yours,

Frank Wood

Frank "MCM" Wood

Campus Relations

by Mike Cushing

As is customary, Pi Kapp is very much involved with the school. Rich Ruff is currently serving as the President of the Student Activities Council. John Lee and Jeff Winegar have been elected as president and treasurer, respectively, of the IFC. Incidentally, Jeff is also a member of the varsity basketball team.

Our involvement does not stop here, however. Pi Kapp recently won a quarter keg for our outstanding contributions to the Blood Drive at school. Many Pi Kapps were involved with Miniversity, our orientation program. We had people working hard both organizing the program and serving as group leaders.

Beta Alpha has Little Sisters

Initiated on October 10, 1976, after a three week pledge program, seven women became members of Beta Alpha's first class of Little Sisters.

We have had our elections in which Peggy Roman became president, Valerie Miller secretary-treasurer and Cheryl Pierce, social. Our other sisters are Terry Biemer, Kris Pietela, Robin Elmore and Lynn Skevington.

Our first order of business has been to shape our constitution and to sponsor our first party, which was a success. Our enthusiasm and devotion can't be surpassed and we hope that our presence will further strengthen the already strong bond of unity shared by our "Big Brothers".

We have received great support from our brothers and we hope to continue this program for the lifetime of Pi Kappa Phi.

Love to our Big Bros.
The Little Sisters
Valerie Miller

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT or, THE DISMANTLING OF BETA ALPHA'S MORALITY

Fall 1976 will be a semester to remember. It saw the reinstatement of Pi Kappa Phi's prowess as THE partying house on the NJIT campus. Despite a extremely tight budget, we had the most women, most music, most dancing and most fun.

The social calendar to date has consisted of four Friday Night Parties, three Saturday Night Parties and one not so successful Thursday Night Party. Most prominent of these parties was a Saturday affair dubbed "Cinema Night". We obtained some old comedy flicks for the show that were well received by everyone in attendance. It definitely was one of our best new ideas in a long time.

Besides that, the parties have been quite normal in that the brothers and ladies in attendance have a good time. What has been different this year is alumni participation. It has been good and

is getting better! To cite an example, the first Friday Rush Party (Sept. 17) had a tremendous amount of alumni come down. (In fact, rumor has it that at one of the girl's schools that were there, we are known as the "old man" Fraternity!) Indeed, alumni support of all house functions has been high. I can only urge that this trend continue and if you haven't come down yet, you should. There's no telling who you will bump into.

I must take the time to thank everyone who's made my job easier. Through the tremendous support of the brothers on the social committee, everything went off smoothly. I couldn't have done it without 'em. I should also thank certain alumni who were active on the social committee. Thank You Aivars Krumins for your support and ideas. To John Domiter, who gave me helpful guidance and band contacts, I say thank you. I can't leave out our Little Sisters, who ran one very good Saturday Night Party. They've been a tremendous help throughout the semester and assisted in giving the place its party atmosphere. We Love Them!!

The dates to remember for the remainder of the semester are:
Dec. 18 Christmas Party
Dec. 23 Last Day of the Semester- Beer on Tap

And once again, thank you for supporting us. We hope to see you again soon.

Fraternally Yours,
Ronald Szkodny
Ronald Szkodny
Social Director



Social Director hard
at work

RECENT GRADUATES

What are some of the recent graduates doing? Well, som, I'm glad you asked that question,.....

Ed Derohanes (BA366), has recently presented an award-winning paper, "toward a Non Invasive Diagnosis of Disturbed Arterial Flow", before the section on Bio Medical Engineering of the New York Academy of Medicine. The paper has been accepted for publication in the academy's bulletin

Pete Gady has been awarded an M.S. in Environmental Engineering this past May.....

John Domiter has been granted a teaching fellowship here at N. J.I.T., where he will continue his studies in Elect. Engrg. on the graduate level.....

Lou Miceli is currently working at N.J.I.T. as a campus policeman..

Aivars Krumins has been doing work on a research fellowship and working on his M.S. here at NJIT...

Lester Pastuszyn recently was married to Patricia Mayer, the couple are residing in Fullerton, Calif. where Lester is working for Rockwell Int.

Bob Epsom is living in Chicago where he is employed by Motorola.

FALL '71 REUNION

As it has been our tradition, the pledge class of Fall '71 will hold its annual reunion. The date and time are Saturday, February 26, 1977 at 6:30

Let us relive those days of yesterday: "Yako specials" The infamous pledges Tony Aragona and Joe Mangone, Tom never finishing a race at the Greek Olympics on his feet, the Plywood Palace and B.C. diner at Lake George, Pete's socks, Ed's very candid shot of Aivars, Karl and Chris doing the dog routine in the Talent Show, and the infamous Nitty. How great it was!

We will have Michelob on tap and go to dinner between beers. So mark February 26th on your calendar, more information will be mailed later, or call evenings around 10pm 354-5938

Fraternally
yours

AIVARS

Pi Kapp College

by Bob Morgan

This past August, Beta Alpha's annual summer excursion to the National happening took us to a little known town named Roanoke, Virginia. Rich Labinsky, John Pugliesi, Tom Smith and Bob Morgan represented our chapter at Pi Kapp College.

Emcee Durward Owen and his staff put together an excellent five day program with topics ranging from leadership to ritual to rushing to selling. The sessions were informative, although attendance at early morning sessions had far fewer attending than those in the afternoon. Everyone came out ready to go for an all-out rush season that turned out to be very successful.

Aside from the direct educational benefits from the Pi Kapp College experience, a great deal of feedback and many new ideas were exchanged in conversations with guys from other chapters. We had excellent food service and plenty of alcohol to wash it down at night.

One of the most pleasant aspects of the program was the appearance of Kathy Fleming, our National Rose Queen from Appalachian State.

Next summer Supreme Chapter will be held in New Orleans, and EVERYBODY will know Beta Alpha was there!!



"Jimmy Carter" visits Pi Kapp
College

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ARCHON: Bob Morgan TREASURER: John Pugliesi SECRETARY: Tom Smith
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