

THE BETA ALPHA PARTICLES is published regularly for all members and friends of the Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi. Alumni news, photographs, letters and address changes should be mailed to: Ronald Szkodny, 50 Shady Lane, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

**NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION**

President: Karl Kopans
Treasurer: Chuck Dietz

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

Archon: John Alfonso
Historian: Pete Ferns
249 High Street ·
Newark, NJ 97102
(201)953-5253

Chapter Advisor: Ronald Szkodny
Telephone: (201) 643-9466

BETA ALPHA



PARTICLES

FALL 1986

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

NEWARK, NJ

Archon's Report

Once again, we, the undergrads, find ourselves back here at NJIT for another year. With 50 active brothers and more on the way through pledges, Beta Alpha is looking forward to a great year.

A great many of us are really excited because of the fact that we are finally graduating after many battles here in Newark.

Since there are many people looking to graduate in May, we are trying to replace those people now. A strong rush is necessary for Beta Alpha in both fall and spring in order for us to keep our strength.

There are many changes happening here on our block. Two fraternities recently bought the buildings next to Beta Alpha. Phi Lambda Sigma now owns the house next door and Theta Chi owns the old fire house. We really do not see this as a threat, but rather a way to bring more attention to our own house.

Things are really starting to change here at Beta Alpha and in the surrounding area, so if you are ever driving through the old neighborhood, you are always more than welcome to stop in and meet some of the new brothers. We are always happy to see the alumni come back "home".

Fraternally,
John Alfonso
Archon

Treasurer's Report

I am happy to report that at the writing of this article the undergraduate chapter is on solid financial ground. With a Brotherhood of fifty brothers, most of whom meet their financial obligations on time, we are able to meet our commitments. This ability to keep in the black has allowed the Brotherhood to undertake projects for improving the house (we finally have the leak in the Archon's room fixed), as well as prepare for the future. A new stove and stereo system are on the horizon.

In closing I would like to thank all of our alumni who have supported us in the past, and we hope to see your support continued.

Thomas Graham
Treasurer

Historian's Report

It is the responsibility of the Brotherhood of the Beta Alpha Chapter, as in all fraternities, to maintain a continuous, and if possible increasing flow of initiates. It would naturally follow that the alumni population is always increasing. Due to this fact, it becomes ever more difficult to keep track of our graduates.

Our mailing list is now in the process of being transferred from the nearly obsolete computer cards to floppy disk. It is easy to see the advantages. We no longer need to rely on the Computer Services Center of NJIT, along with saving the cost of printing. Updating the list to add new brothers and make address changes is a snap.

In cooperation with the continuing Alumni Relations Program, alumni are asked to complete a shore form called "Who's Who in our Chapter". This enables us to follow the careers and social lives of our alumni. The chapter is also endeavoring to establish a collection of business cards from each alumnus for reference to members in choosing a career field. We ask our alumni to keep in as close contact as possible with our growing chapter, and encourage them to stop at the house whenever possible.

Peter Ferns
Historian

Fall 1986 Officers

Archon - John Alfonso
Vice Archon - Steve Sawicki
Treasurer - Tom Graham
Secretary - Pat Suter
Chaplain - Tom Watkins
Warden - Paul Tarashuk
Historian - Pete Ferns
House Manager - Chris Konnouklous
Social Director - Jerry Wang

More from Beta Alpha

Pi Kappa Phi in the Area

Recently our chapter has been working towards better relations with other chapter of Pi Kappa Phi in the area. During the spring of '86 semester, a majority of the brotherhood along with the associate members (pledges) participated in an overnight visit to a chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute in Troy, N.Y. The outing was a success! It gave the associate members a feeling of the national expanse of Pi Kappa Phi. The visit also allowed us a chance to compare notes on managing our respective chapters.

Being in close proximity, the brothers of the Epsilon Theta Chapter at Seton Hall University are constantly in contact. They frequently use the facilities of our house for initiations and social events. Their chapter is growing at a healthy pace, and look to us for guidance in developing matters.

We are also in contact with the chapter at Brooklyn Polytech, one of the only two fraternity houses on that campus. They attended a few of our rush parties and aided in recruiting prospective members. Our relations with other chapters are a crucial part of the national fraternity experience of our organization.

Steve Sawicki
Vice Archon

Project Push

The 1985-86 PUSH campaign was a record breaking success for Beta Alpha Chapter. Close to \$1,100 was collected for handicapped children by means of a raffle.

This year's PUSH project will give alumni and brothers a chance to participate in this worthy cause. We are in the process of purchasing mugs and glasses with the Pi Kappa Phi crest and chapter name. They will then be sold to brothers and alumni at reasonable prices.

If the project proves to be successful, we will expand the project by ordering more and different types of glasses and sets.

If anyone has questions or suggestions, you may contact Richard Nass or Steve Schmaus at 643-9466.

Gino Pestana
PUSH Chairman

Alumni Relations

As everyone of Pi Kappa Phi knows, it is good for the alumni and the undergraduates of the Beta Alpha Chapter to keep in touch with each other and keep the communication lines open.

At Beta Alpha, we are doing that in several ways. One is to have the Beta Alpha Particles printed twice a year. The Housing Corporation involves several alumni who take care of all the main monetary and legal issues concerning the house and the Brotherhood. There are other programs such as the North Jersey Alumni Association. The big success of these programs is that the alumni and the undergraduates are working together on them. We then have the events held annually such as Founder's Day, the Rose Ball, the Alumni Party, and Alumni-Undergraduate football, basketball and softball games. Of course, parties, dinners and other events held down at the house are always open to alumni. It is nice to see the alumni and the undergraduates together at these events. We are united as one and the house belongs to all of us.

Patrick Suter
Secretary

Can you help us identify this photograph?

It was found in the Beta Alpha Archives without identification. If you can name the men in this photo please forward your replies to Ron Szkodny.



North Jersey Alumni Association 1987-1988 Officers

Election of officers was held at the October 1st meeting. The following are the results of the election.

Karl Kopans, President
16 West End Place
Blizabeth, NJ 07202
Home (201)354-0088
Work (201)761-8555

Jim Mowczan, Past President and Membership Chairman
10 Landing Lane, Apt. 4-B
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
Home (201)249-7570
Work (201)257-7700

Chuck Dietz, Treasurer
137 Greenwood Loop Roqad
Brick, NJ 08724
Home (201)840-3524
Work (201)842-8228

Steve Corbett, Secretary
26 Prospect Point Road
Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849
Home (201)663-0168
Work (212)505-1200

Alumni News

We recently received a note from Brother **HENRY KARNAS**. Henry is in the United States Navy, stationed at Naval Communications Station on the northwest cape of Western Australia. The station is quite remote, with the nearest town 220 miles away, and 500 miles to the nearest city! Brother Karnas's official title is "Officer in Charge of Resale Operations". His rank is Lieutenant.

Brother Karnas has been in the Navy for ten years and hopes to make a carrier of it. During 5 years of sea duty, he has been to France, Spain, Greece, Israel, Tunisia, Somalia, England, Norway, Hawaii, St. Thomas and Cuba. He has been up and down the east coast from Boston to Key West and cross country to San Francisco. After his present assignment, he is scheduled for the Navy's Post Graduate School at Monterey, CA in the fall of '87.

"Karnack" spends his spare time with his wife, Carol and two children, Peter, 5-1/2 years old, and Dau Elizabeth 3 years old, around the water swimming, snorkeling and shelling. He and his wife are expecting a third child by the time you read this. Henry also admits to a party or two a week, in true Pi Kappa Phi tradition. You can write to the Karnas family "Down Under" at NAVCOMMSTA H. E. Holt, Code 80, FPO SF 96680.

Alumni Announcements

Congratulations are in order for Brother **RICH DELCORE** and his wife, Linda on the birth of their first child. Her name is Amanda and she is just fine.

Brother **JIM MOWCZAN** and his wife, Sue recently ran the New York City Marathon. Jim and Sue are not saying where they finished in the ranking, just that they finished.

Brother **LARRY GAUDAGNO** has moved back to New Jersey from California. Welcome back! Larry can be reached at 440 W. Shore Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871.

CHUCK DIETY was recently engaged to Gail Pearson. The date for the nuptials is October 10, 1987.

Another recent return to the Northeast is Brother **PAT COLIN**. Pat recently returned from Georgia and now resides at 56 Bayview Place, Massapequa, NY 11758.

North Jersey Alumni Association Calendar of Events

January 7
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

February 4
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

February 6-8
RPI Ski Weekend. Stay in Troy, NY. Saturday-ski Mount Snow, in Vermont. Sunday-ski downhill at Hunter Mountain or try Cross Country Skiing at Hyer Meadows Cross Country Ski Area. For more information, contact Jim Krucher (Home)(201)546-0035, (Work)(201)740-5786.

March 4
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

March 13
Devils vs Islanders, Brendan Byrne Arena, approximate cost \$21.00 per person. For more information, contact Steve Corbett (Home)(201)663-0168, (Work)(201)505-1200.

April
Somerset County Bike Tour. For more information, contact Jim Mowczan (Home)(201)249-7570, (Work)(201)257-7705.

April 1
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

April 13
New York Yankees Home Opener, 1:00 p.m. Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY. For more information, contact John Pugliesi (Home)(203)967-3141, (Work)(203)359-2235.

April 18-19
Basketball Tournament at Beta Alpha, teams from area undergraduate chapters as well as alumni teams(s). For more information, contact Jim Krucher (Home)(201)546-0035, (W)(201)740-5786.

Recent Marriages

Brother **TONY TOBEY** to Paula Penna.

Brother **CHARLIE MANDALA** to Kim DePew.

Brother **AL THOR** and **FRANK ANDERSON** were also recently married. Sorry, but the names of their respective wives were not available to us as we went to print.

May 2
Beta Alpha vs Alpha Xi Alumni Basketball Tourney, Tannersville, NY, 12:00 p.m., picnic afterwards at the Villa Kopans. For more information, contact Karl Kopans (Work)(201)761-8555.

May 6
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

May 9
NJAA Softball Double header, 11:00 a.m., Five-Points Ballfield, Union, NJ. NJAA Alumni will first play the Pi Kapp Undergraduate Brothers and then will take on the Johnson controls team. For more information, contact Tom Reid, (Home)(201)7225-1750, (Work)(201)688-7900.

June 3
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

July 10-12
Canoe Trip, Barryville, NY, canoe and/or campout on the beautiful Delaware River. For more information, contact Karl Kopans (Work)(201)761-8555.

July 25
NJAA Family Picnic, 12:00-10:00 p.m., Lake Shawnee Clubhouse, Lake Shawnee, NJ. For more information, contact Bob Garvey (Home)(201)522-9417, (Work)(201)538-8585.

August 22
Giants vs Jets game, Giant's Stadium, E. Rutherford, NJ, with tailgate party. Approximate cost \$14.00 per person. For more information, contact Jim Krucher (Home)201-546-0035, (Work)(201)740-5786.

September 2
Meeting at Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.

September 26
Fan Appreciation Day, 1:00 p.m., Yankee Stadium, Bronx, NY. A thermal mug included with admission, approximate cost \$8.50. For more information, contact Jim Krucher (Home)(201)546-0035, (Work)(201)740-5786.

All meetings are held at the Ground Round, Route 22 East, Springfield, NJ.

Beta Alpha Alumni Briefs



As Senior Vice President for Edwards and Kelcey Inc., **JOHN S. URBAN** is in charge of Highways and Public Work Division. John has been with his company for 30 years. He is a member of NJSE and ASCE and received the ASCE Ridgeway Award, he has also served as the Past President of Consulting Engineers Council of NJ.

John graduated in '56 with his BSCE. While in school he served his chapter as Historian, and was active in Varsity Baseball and J.V. Basketball.

You can write to John and his wife Jane at 41 Lyons Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

KARLIS V. KOPANS, also known as the "Apple", is an Equipment Engineer for the NJ Transit Bus Operations, Inc. Karl graduated in '75 with a BS in Industrial Engineering, and received his MS in '85.

Apple was active in his chapter as Warden and Secretary. He was also a member of Who's Who, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Pi Mu, and received the Robert C. Gordon Award from the I.E. Department.

To say that Karl enjoys skiing is not enough. He is the Director of the Hyer Meadows Cross Country Ski Area Ski School, a Nordic Patrolling National Ski Patrol System, Registered Member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, he also writes for the *Hunter-Windham Scene* a monthly column entitled "Skimpy Skier Stuff", and the list goes on.

You can reach Apple and his wife Jean-Marie, when they are not on the slopes, at 16 West End Place, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

Better known as Pugs, **JOHN E. PUGLIESI**, is the Chief Civil Engineer with Edward J. Frattaroli and Company.

John graduated in '78 with a BSCE degree. Brother John served his chapter as Archon, Treasurer, Social Director, House Manager, Vice Archon, Member of the Housing Corporation, and NJAA President. He also participated in Varsity Basketball and Baseball.

John and his wife Phyllis reside at 81 Knickerbocker Avenue, Stamford, CT 06907.

NEIL FORRESTER must have been worshiped by his brothers to receive a nickname like "Buddha". A '85 graduate with a BS degree. He has gone on to become a Programmer with Delta Resources.

Neil was active with his chapter. He served as Secretary, Chaplain, Secre-

tary, Warden, Vice Archon, and Archon. He was also involved with Intramural sports and was on the Dean's List. You can write to "Buddha" at 181 Pearsall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07305.

JOHN V. LAVERY #258, graduated with a BSME and went on to receive his MS in Industrial Engineering at Texas A&M. He also has post graduate studies in Business Administration. John is the Vice President of Product Assurance with Martin Marietta Corporation. John is a member of the Board of Directors, Martin Marietta Measurement Systems, Society of Logistics Engineers, and several other organizations. He has also won awards from NSIA Quality and Reliability Achievement ('84), SOLE Product Assurance Field Award ('83), and DoD Meritorious Civilian Service Award ('82).

John and his wife have three children and can be reached at 10035 Senic View Terrace, Vienna, VA 22180.

CHARLES G. MANDALA is a Mechanical Engineer with Goldfarb & Hecht, where he designs heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Chas is a member of Engineer in Training.

Chas graduated in '85 with a BSME degree. He held the positions of Warden, Treasurer and Archon while at NJIT. He was also the Treasurer for the Student Senate. Chas can be reached at 19 Joyce Drive., Succasunna, NJ 07876.

Can you help us find these brothers?

Addresses Needed. Send to the Editor.

R. J. Brookman
P. M. Caruso
L. W. Crompton, Jr.
J. V. Donaldson
D. B. Ferguson, Jr.
R. H. Gross
R. A. Hinson
S. E. Hoffman
J. F. Joyce
R. A. Koch
R. A. Krzyzkowski
G. P. Kurth
J. J. Lyons
V. Marzarella
W. G. Muldowney
R. P. Pochank
H. R. Risko
R. E. Robinson
C. R. Schroeder
A. E. Sepko
J. J. Stemmer
A. Vanagas

Thank you Beta Alpha Alumni!

A special thank you to the following alumni who supported the 1986 Beta Alpha Chapter C.A.R. solicitation campaign. The student members and the Beta Alpha Alumni Association appreciate your important contribution.

1948-1955
J. Van Broekhaven
J. S. Urban
R. F. Kreh

1955-1961
J. B. Snodgrass, Jr.
W. J. Hrycak
J. W. O'Rourke
A. P. Brown

1961-1965
E. J. Klebaur, Jr.
J. V. Lavery

1965-1969
P. J. Orban

J. A. Stiles*
R. J. Rodrick
T. D. Cassera
S. DePalma
D. R. VanHouten

1969-1973
L. Fisher
A. E. Krumins
L. R. Miceli
A. V. Mangone
R. C. Delcore
R. P. Szkodny
R. J. Garvey, Jr.

1973-1978
H. P. Karnas

J. F. Lee, Jr.
R. M. Labinsky
J. Pugliesi
N. Adams

1978-1983
W. B. Hendry
P. J. Hazzard
P. Heller

1983-
M. A. Hammer
P. J. Conlin

*Contributed more than requested.