

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.

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Archon's Report

As Beta Alpha's newest Archon let me introduce myself: My name is Jim Adams, you may know my brother Nick, BA 421. My major is Industrial Management, specializing in Finance. I have just completed a one year Co-op term with Schering Plough in both Union and Kenilworth. I am now in my senior year and plan to graduate in May 1988.

We, the Brotherhood, have set basic goals for this semester, they are:

1. Increase Alumni Awareness
2. Plan for future expansion
3. Increase interaction between ourselves and the NJIT Administration
4. Implement programs sponsored by National
5. Purchase and install a PUSH unit
6. Grant a scholarship from the Peter Jensen Fund
7. Increase awareness in our pilot SEMI-WET Program

Semi-wet? A program that we developed after attending our Leadership Conference in St. Louis. The term Semi-Wet refers to the serving of alcoholic beverages to those persons who are of the legal drinking age (21) at all of our open social and rush functions. It's off to a positive start and we hope to get others involved.

This is basically what we are all about this semester. If you have any questions or recommendations on how to accomplish our goals, PLEASE take the time to either call or write us at the house, we are always willing to listen and learn.

Thank you,
Jim Adams
Archon

Warden's Report

After the Fall 1986 Rush, which was the largest in the history of NJIT, we are proud to say that we initiated 11 associate members into our noble order.

Now that the Spring semester has brought us another Rush, we intend to present Pi Kappa Phi as "the" fraternity at NJIT. This will be done by showing the pride and quality we have in our brotherhood and in the chapter house.

So far, we have already inducted five associate members and intend on pinning more with our ultimate goal of initiating nineteen associate members. Our intention is to secure an award presented at the Supreme Chapter being held this year in Dallas, Texas.

Fraternally,
James Tomasini

Historian's Report

As stated in the last *Beta Alpha Particles*, all of our alumni information has been transferred from computer cards to floppy disks. This system is brand new to us and still has a few bugs. But we are trying to work them out. We would appreciate your help in trying to iron out these bugs. If the address on the mailings that you are receiving directly from the house are wrong or you know of a Pi Kapp that is not receiving any mailings please let me know so that we can keep everyone involved.

Fraternally,
Rich Nass

Our new policy is very simple. All people entering our social events are asked to show proper identification. After proving that they are 21 or over, they are given hospital bands. This means that people without bands are under 21. These people are not served alcoholic beverages. Other policies that we implemented include the provision of non-alcoholic beverages and the elimination of serving obviously intoxicated people.

Not only does this policy decrease our overall liability in case of an accident, but it also increases our already favorable reputation on campus. The Brotherhood is very confident that this policy will be a very successful one, as already proven by our well run RUSH social events. All alumni are encouraged to attend any events they can and are welcome to come down anytime as well. Call us anytime at 643-9466 for more information about future events.

Social Director
James R. Stoll

Social Director's Report

This semester marks the first time that Beta Alpha has instituted a "semi-wet" policy. We implemented this policy for several reasons. The main one was to limit our liability in case of a social event related accident. These days there is much talk about other fraternities at other schools who get into deep trouble because of fraternity related mishaps. Pi Kappa Phi is the first at NJIT to foresee this potential problem and also the first to actually do something about it.

Beta Alpha Chapter News

Secretary's Report

As Secretary of the Beta Alpha chapter, you are naturally abreast of all of the "goings on" in the house. Archon Jim Adams displays so much energy and enthusiasm he breathes life into the house. The meetings are full of information and yet kept comfortably short. Attendance is good and much is being accomplished.

As Chaplain, Matt Nichols has things in order. He's attempting to reactivate the Peter Jensen Scholarship, and of course we are all looking forward to the Rose Ball. Rich Nass, Historian, is making vast improvements in alumni relations due to his computer skills.

Gino, the strict House Manager, often seems to bite off more than he can swallow, but somehow gets the work done. All in all the chapter is running like a well oiled machine, and the Executive Council is acting as a strong set of spark plugs in that machine. Many projects and ideas are in action as our chapter continues it's growth.

Peter Ferns
Secretary

House Manager's Report

The beginning of the spring '87 semester really started off with a bang. Upon returning from Christmas vacation, to all of our surprise, our north-side neighbor was completely destroyed. It was later revealed that it's owner, Phi Lambda Epsilon, was also surprised. It turned out the city did it accidentally.

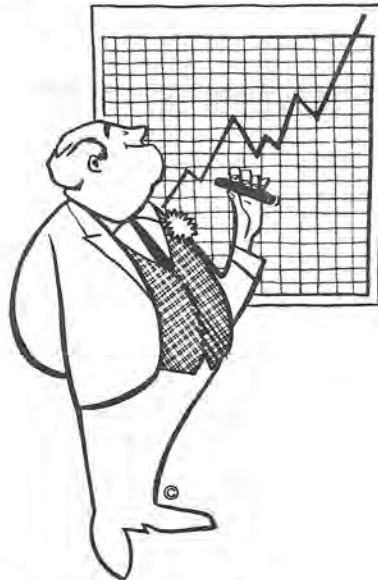
Fortunately there was no serious damage to our house. However, there is a noticeable heat loss factor as well as a clear opening in our alley which is guarded by only a six foot fence. As soon as it is monetarily possible, we will construct a wall of cinder block.

Meanwhile, there has been some drastic improvements in our home. Amongst these are: the wall next to the stairs leading to the kitchen is completely renovated with sheetrock and insulation, the chapter room has all new baseboards, the Archon's floor and roof

were redone, and the walls, rails, and doors have all received their 6,944th coat of paint!

Looking ahead, plans are being made to renovate our kitchen and dining area. I would appreciate it if any alumni can offer advice, service, or material to this cause.

Fraternally,
Gino Pestana
House Manager



Treasurer's Report

At the present time Beta Alpha chapter is in good standing with the National Organization as well as the Housing Corporation. No money is owed to either.

With an active Brotherhood of over fifty men, the chapter has a large base from which to work from. This coupled with our efforts to collect monies from Brothers who are no longer in school, has given us the opportunity to undertake projects which were previously financially impossible.

Chief among these are replacing the wall along the stairwell from the second floor to the third floor as well as replacing the Archon room's floor and new base molding in the chapter room.

We at Beta Alpha would like to thank all those who have helped us in the past and hope that your support continues.

Fraternally,
Thomas Graham

Please help us with Your Newsletter

Years and miles can have a way of loosening the bonds of Fraternity. While you will never forget your fraternity experience you may find that you could not find out what more than a handful of your pledge brothers are doing today. Thus, the importance of the Beta Alpha Particles.

The Beta Alpha Particles can be your way of getting news out to your Fraternity Brothers. The Beta Alpha Particles requests that you send in information if you have recently;

1. Moved (your Brothers can update your address, and contact you if you have moved into their area.)
2. Changed Jobs.
3. Become engaged or gotten married.
4. Had a child.
5. Seen a Fraternity Brother unexpectedly.
6. Done anything that you want your Fraternity Brothers to know about.

The only way we can get news about other alumni is for a few brave Brothers to stand up and say, "This is what I'm doing". By providing this information we hope that the data will be something you look forward to receiving.

Beta Alpha Chapter Officers

Archon-Jim Adams
Vice Archon-Steve Lynn
Treasurer-Tom Graham
Secretary-Pete Ferns
Warden-Jim Tomasini
Historian-Rich Nass
Chaplain-Matt Nichols

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North Jersey Alumni Association Calendar of Events

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.

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.

Septmeber 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.



The Reunion for all Pi Kappa Phi's

It is time to pull out your calendar and begin making reservations for the 41st Supreme Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity to be held in Dallas, Texas, August 12th through August 15th, 1987. The luxurious Dallas Registry Hotel will be the site of your Fraternity's biannual convention, providing Pi Kappa Phi with the most impressive surroundings Dallas has to offer.

Pi Kappa Phi's from across the country will meet in a world-class city that shares much of the same spirit and vigor that has made your Fraternity the fastest growing and one of the most respected in the Fraternity world.

There will be many special events to enjoy with your Fraternity Brothers; golf and tennis tournaments, trips to the Six Flags over Texas Amusement Park, as well as an evening at the premier rodeo facility in the country, the Mesquite Rodeo.

There will be special alumni events like the Founder's Breakfast, formal and informal gatherings and an opportunity to set up special chapter reunions. There is also a full slate of activities for your wives.

Many alumni make the Supreme Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi a stop on their family vacation. The southwest has plenty to offer for continuing a journey after stopping in Dallas.

Who are these guys?



Brother Paul Koehler, Beta Alpha #48, filled us in by remembering 4 of the 6 brothers pictured. He says that Carl Arvidson, Bob Tomaro, Phil Baumann, and Herb Martin are the smiling faces. What about the other two?

Beta Alpha Alumni Briefs

MICHAEL J. SCHULZKI, '85, is a Manufacturing Engineer for Howmedica. With a nickname like Bonzo, his brothers still trusted him as Treasurer and House Manager. He also served in the Student Senate and was a member of the Collage Swim Team.

When Michael is not out sailing, you can find him at 503 Davsel Road, Landing, NJ 07850.

As the Department Chief for the Business Marketing Planning Department for AT&T - Technologies, **JOHN A. DOMITER** plans marketing strategies for AT&T products and services.

JD graduated in '76 with a BSEE degree. He went on to receive his MSEE and his MBA. JD was active in his chapter and was also on the Dean's List and President of the Photo Club. He has an interesting story about the Lying Eyes Party, but don't worry, he's not telling.

JD enjoys fishing, woodworking, breeding beagles, and many other exciting hobbies. JD and his wife Janice can be reached at 75 Redfield Road, Lincolnton, NJ 07738.

JAMES A. KRUCHER is a Supervisor of Data Processing with CIT, prior to this he was a CIA Secret Agent, but he won't share and information about his missions. James graduated in '73 with a BSME. He served as the first Chapter Advisor of Epsilon Theta Chapter at Seton Hall University. He also served as Chairman for the National Alumni Relations Committee ('81). James presently serves as Area Governor of the Pi Kappa Phi Area I.

James enjoys photography, softball, football and basketball. Drop him a line at 3 Burgh Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07011.

THOMAS E. REID, JR., known to his friends as "Rookie", is holding down a job at Johnson Controls as project manager/engineer. He has been with this company for seven years. He received his degree in mechanical engineering in 1978.

Rookie still has that wonderful sense of humor, he would like all his brothers to remember him in their wills! Also, don't forget the annual softball game at Ronszkodny's house on May 9. Bring the whole family!

Rookie and wife Mary Sue would

love to hear from you. They can be reached at 105 Ivy Lane, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

JOHN RAYMOND ALBRIGHT, also known as Jack, is now an engineer for Veda, Inc. in Arlington, Va. He is project manager and gives technical support to systems engineers for F-14A, F-14D, and F/A-18. If this sounds technical to you, perhaps you need a background in the U.S.A.F. That's what Jack did prior to his present occupation. He retired after giving them 25 years.

Jack graduated in 1952 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was very active in his chapter, serving as President. Also, Jack was a member of ODK, and Pi Tau Sigma. Another top position he held was as President of the Student Council. Jack holds several awards, among them P.E. (Ohio), C.P.L. (Sole), and Master of the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus, Maryland District #2.

Jack and wife, Elenore have seven children and nine grandchildren. They can be reached at 2109 Brewton St., District Heights, MD 20747-2424.

ANTHONY MANDALA #493, has found a position as applications programmer for the Allied/Bendix Corporation. He's been with the company for one and a half years now. Anthony received his degree in computer science from NJIT.

So far, it looks as though no one has snagged Anthony yet, he remains a bachelor. Anyone with top prospects for Anthony can find him at 19 Joyce Dr., Succasunna, NJ 07876.

As chief engineer in manufacturing and refining for Texaco USA, **JAMES B. SNODGRASS, JR.**, is quite busy. But not too busy for his three daughters and two grandsons. He and wife Una reside at 12 Winding Hill Dr., Hockessin, DE 19707.

Jim would like to hear from his brothers, especially Ed Cooney, Gene Gilson, and Cosmo Pedicini. Also, he recently ran into Bill Hrycak, who says "Hi" to all. Jim would like to have all his brothers make a special effort to get together this year for a reunion.

Jim has some good advice for his undergraduate brothers, "Engineering is a very satisfying career. You may not use all the technology you learn, but it certainly prepares you to meet the challenges of tomorrow."

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.

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Brotherhood

"Are you a Pi Kapp?" These words are very important to the Brotherhood, they remind us of who we are. This is exactly what happened at the last alumni party. As part of a renewed effort to improve alumni relations, many alumni received a phone call inviting them down to the party. Bill Cawthra, Beta Alpha #58, returned to a house that he had never been to. Soon after the introductions were made the stories began. Many alumni and undergraduates were struck by the realization that however college fraternity life had changed, it also remains very much the same. As the saying goes, "The facts are the same but the names have been changed to protect the innocent" or not so innocent! Once a Pi Kapp always a Pi Kapp.