



Beta Alpha Particles

Archon's Report

By Robert Siciliano

Beta Alpha Chapter has begun it's 40th year stronger than ever. By achieving a higher degree of undergraduate and alumni participation, morale is higher than in the past. This semester the chapter is looking to raise more money for PUSH than ever before. Through fundraisers at social functions, a bus trip to Atlantic City and a scheduled bike-a-thon across New Jersey, Beta Alpha's have approached the project with extreme enthusiasm.

One of our goals is to be more involved with the National Organization and this semester's efforts have proven to be quite positive. The chapter recently sent 8 delegates to the Mid Year Leadership Conference and 10 members to the Area I Conclave. At the conclave Beta Alpha received notable recognition for it's 'semi wet' policy and it's effect in controlling liability.

The productive attitude which has been prevalent throughout the semester has also shown through in various improvements and renovations to the chapter house. To date, a new ceiling has been installed in the chapter room, a new stage has been constructed in the party room, and several individual rooms have been remodeled. Some brothers have even taken it upon themselves to paint bright designs on the doors to their rooms to liven up the hallways. Future plans include a remodeled kitchen and dining area, new stairs, and possibly a new rear deck.

Pi Kappa Phi continues to be one of the biggest and most respected fraternities on campus. Our status as leaders on campus shall endure for semesters to come. The undergraduate brothers of Beta Alpha owe their deepest thanks to the alumni who instilled this drive within us through their example. It is this which keeps the spirit of Pi Kappa Phi alive.

Historian's Report

By Mark Tisdale

As usual it is time to inform you of our current alumni status. As you know, Beta Alpha is 40 years strong this May and our Rose Ball celebration will be a gala event. There will be a pre-Rose Ball celebration at the house. The Rose Ball is at the Holiday Inn in Springfield. A block of rooms has been reserved by the chapter for the late night activities.

Beta Alpha currently has 5 associate members which have all met several alumni. The alumni are encouraged to attend the different social events including the Rose Ball and the "Pedal-for-PUSH." Their presence at these events gives another dimension to the pledging experience.

House Improvements

By James C. Tomasini and Jerry Wang

As with every semester, we the undergrads have one thing on our minds: The Chapter House. This semester Beta Alpha is trying something new with the office of the house manager. Instead of one brother taking on this very important job, there will be co-house managers. This should increase the range and efficiency of the office.

As usual the chapter house is always in a constant state of improvement from new carpeting in the hallway to a new coat of paint in the hallway or other common areas. Even with these small everyday jobs and the bi-weekly work projects the list of jobs to be done is still far from being complete.

A few of the items on this list are: the renovation of the kitchen, a new roof for the house, renovation of the back porch, and new staircases for the first and second floors. One of the items on this list that was completed this semester was the installation of a new drop ceiling in the chapter room.

Our next major project that is currently underway is painting the front of the house for our annual house picture.

If you have any questions, ideas, information, or any ways to help shorten this ever growing list of jobs, please give us a call at 643-9466. Your ideas and input are just as important as ours for the improvement of the chapter house. Thank you.

Project PUSH

The PUSH project at Beta Alpha has progressed greatly this spring. Beginning with the informative presentations at the conclave by Ken Kaiser, a new wave of enthusiasm has gripped the chapter. A bus trip to Atlantic City added a sizeable sum to the PUSH fund. "Pedal-for-PUSH", a bike-a-thon across New Jersey, will be held on April 16th. This effort is being run jointly by Beta Alpha and Epsilon Theta (Seton Hall) and will precede National's Bike-Across-America. Another event on the PUSH calendar is a bus trip to a Mets game.

All the brothers at Beta Alpha realize the importance of project PUSH. Not only is it a worthy cause, but it also improves the image of our chapter. Finally, the Pi Kappa Phi project PUSH is an excellent example to our fellow Greeks, who may in turn follow our example and dedicate some of their resources for a worthy charity or cause.

Treasurer's Report

By Michael Gillooley

This year has been an outstanding one for the management of Beta Alpha's assets. Due to our new accounts receivable policy, we have been able to make major renovations on the house, as well as continue the trend of remaining debt free with both the national office and our housing corporation. This financial history was necessary to achieve the Champion Master Chapter award. Even though we have kept ourselves current with all our bills we cannot make use of all our budgeted monies because of outstanding debts from the following alumni:

Mike McDonald

Sam Cartegna

Mike McKernan

Juan Ortiz

Rudy Schuele

Bill Harrison

Tony Fernicola

Rich Nisivoccia

Bill Aquadro

Camilo Dominguez

Tony Pepe

Steve Schlehuder

These debt's total to \$1921.06 which could be used towards a number of projects to improve the house.

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Beta Alpha's 40th Anniversary Rose Ball

By Karl Kopans

This year being Beta Alpha's 40th birthday, the NJAA has combined forces with the undergrads to make this year's Rose Ball the best ever! The event will be held at the Holiday Inn in Springfield, NJ on May 14, 1988.

The response to the event has been fantastic! We expect upwards of 150 people at the Rose Ball, including our Executive Director and all of the National Officers. Alumni are coming from all over including Tennessee, Vermont, Florida, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.

The event will start with a complimentary cocktail hour by the pool from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The hors d'oeuvres will include fried shrimp, stuffed mushrooms, egg rolls, sweet and sour meatballs, mini shish kabobs, beef turnovers, stuffed celery, deviled eggs, etc. The reception itself will run from 8:00 p.m. to midnight and will include a live band, "Deja Vu," prime rib dinner with desert and coffee and a 3-hour open bar. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available to all the last hour of the affair.

For those interested, we can conclude the evening at Ruby's, the hotel's popular night club or we can retire to the NJAA hospitality suite.

Finally, a group brunch is planned for Sunday morning at the hotel. While the details are still to be worked out, the response to the brunch has been very good, so plan to attend if at all possible.

In keeping with our fraternity's semi-wet policy, all those of legal drinking age are asked to provide a good example for the undergraduates and their guests who are not of legal drinking age. We encourage those attending to stay overnight at the hotel, if possible, or to form a car-pool with a designated driver. The undergraduates have met with fraternity officers and have agreed to extra precautions regarding this issue in order to prevent the occurrence of problems similar to those experienced recently at other colleges and which have been recently publicized in the news media. Hats off to the young men of our chapter for supporting and upholding the policies of Pi Kappa Phi!

If you haven't signed up for the Rose Ball yet, let's get moving! This will be an affair that you

North Jersey Alumni Association

By Karl Kopans

We have had many successful events this past year. Here is a brief overview of some:

The Giants/Jets game at the Meadowlands was perhaps the most successful event of the year to date. 50 Pi Kapps, wives and their friends began the event with an early afternoon Tailgate Party which got everyone into the swing of things. The fun continued as we moved into the stadium to watch the Giants romp over the Jets.

The Devils/Rangers game was another sell-out. 30 tickets were sold.

The Yankees Home Opener on April 5th is sold out once again, too. Again, a block of 30 tickets was obtained by the NJAA. However, it appears that the event has changed, to the detriment of some, from a stag event to a family affair - many Brothers are now being forced to bring their wives!

Thanks to all the event chairmen for continuing to make these outings a rousing success!

Even though the school year is coming to a close, the NJAA has events scheduled throughout the summer (see complete calendar of events). Some events definitely not to miss are:

The Alumni Party at Beta Alpha on April 8th. The undergrads are footing the bill for the party. Let's all turn out and make this a night to remember.

On April 24th we will trounce the undergrads, once again, in softball. This year the undergrads will be defeated on their own turf, at Wasson Field on the NJIT Campus. A keg of beer will be on tap at the House after the game.

On May 7th we will once again play Team Johnson Controls in softball. Johnson Controls won the Engineers League Championship last year. Although we have always pummeled them soundly in the past, we could definitely use a little extra help this year, just in case. This event is always well attended. So, be sure to come this year. A good time is always had by all!

A new event this year will be held at the Monmouth Park Picnic Grove on August 6th. It will be a combination family picnic/horsing affair. The picnic grove is exclusively reserved for us. I understand that there are TV's and betting windows right in the picnic grove for our convenience. So, if your wife is after you to take the kids on a picnic instead of going to the horse races, here's an event where you can have your cake and eat it too! I expect this one to be a biggie, so see you there!

If you need additional information on any of the events being held, please call the event chairman.

Alumni Briefs

Paul Tarashuk became engaged to Cynthia Diasti in October of this past year with the wedding planned for November 6, 1988. The Brothers of Beta Alpha extend the wish of health and happiness to Paul and his wife to be in the years to come.

Albert Harraka has certainly gone far since his graduation from NJIT. He is now the President of C & M Technology, Inc. Albert and wife Mary Jane have three children and reside at 21 Maplewood Dr., East Lyme, CT 06333. Albert would like to hear from Bob Tocosco, Tony Kaczka, Russ Pepe, Frank Paul, and Bobby "V".

"Achieve good grades, be active in leadership roles on campus, and obtain summer employment which co-ordinates with your area of study," is sound advice from Patrick W. Parkinson. He is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Halston Fragrances, Inc. in New York. Patrick also was recently elected as township committeeman in Middletown, NJ.

Patrick and wife Claire have three children and reside at 15 Ravine Rd., Red Bark, NJ 07701.

Congratulations go to Steven R. Corbett and wife Mary Ann as they are expect-

ing their first child this April. Steve is a project manager for Alfred Wilner, Inc., a construction manager/consultant company.

Steve has kept in close contact with many brothers, notably Ken Lueth who is in the Navy and stationed at Andrews AFB, and Rick Pedersen who is married and has two children and lives in Texas. Steve would like all undergraduates to not "drink and drive." "Party all you like, but stay at the house. I was lucky and got home safely one night, I look back on it now and wonder how I survived." If you would like to get in touch with Steve, write him at 26 Prospect Point Rd., Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.

When traveling through the Borough of Eatontown, be on the look out for Louis R. Miceli. He is a police officer there and has been for the last ten years. Louis, or "Nitty", married Susan Urbanski and they have twin girls, now three years old. Louis and family reside at 1073 Montauk Dr., Forked River, NJ 08731.

Louis advises all undergraduates to "have the time of your life, but study hard too." "Your brothers will be with you forever (if you participate), but on the first job, it's only you and your grades."

North Jersey Alumni Association 1988 Schedule Of Events

- April 1 April Fool's Day Party at Beta Alpha, 249 King Blvd., Newark, NJ, 9:00 p.m.
- April 5 Yankees Home Opener - 30 tickets purchased. For more information, contact John Pugliesi H(203) 967-3141 or W(203) 359-2235.
- April 6 NJAA Meeting at the Beta Alpha, 7:00 p.m. An evening with the graduating seniors welcoming them into the ranks of the alumni.
- April 8 Alumni Party at the Beta Alpha House, 9:00 p.m.
- April 13[?] Corporation Meeting at Beta Alpha. For more information contact John Pugliesi.
- April 14 Brotherhood Night at Beta Alpha
- April 23 Chartering of Stockton State, 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Jim Krucher at H(201) 546-0035 or W(201) 740-5786.
- April 24 Alumni vs. Undergrad Softball Game, NJIT Wasson Field, 12:00 p.m. For more information contact Aivars Krumins at H(201) 530-5717 or W(201) 893-2287.
- April 27 Pledge Barbeque at Beta Alpha.
- April 29 Work Night at Beta Alpha.
- May 4 NJAA Meeting at the Ground Round, 7:00 p.m.
- May 7 NJAA vs. Johnson Controls softball game, "Five Points", Union, NJ. For more information contact Tom Reid at H(201) 725-1750 or W(201) 688-7900.
- May 11 Corporation Meeting at Beta Alpha. For more information contact John Pugliesi.
- May 14 Beta Alpha Chapter's 40th Anniversary Celebration. (Special event this year in lieu of Rose Ball. Please plan to attend! See article.)
- June 1 Meeting at the Ground Round, 7:00 p.m. July/August? Summer Corporation Meeting at Beta Alpha. For more information contact John Pugliesi.
- July 8-10 Canoe trip on the scenic Delaware River. For more information contact Karl Kopans at H(201) 889-0935 or W(201) 378-6555.
- August 6 Monmouth Park Picnic Grove, family picnic and horsing, \$1.50/person. For more information contact Jim Mowczan at H(201) 988-0459 or W(201) 257-7705.
- August 7 Princeton Bike Tour. For more information contact Jim Mowczan.
- August 22? Giants vs. Jets, Giant's Stadium. For more information contact Jim Krucher.

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Note:

1. The Ground Round is located on the east-bound side of Route 22 in Springfield, NJ across from Channel Lumber.

2. Dates with a question mark behind them are tentative. Actual dates not available at time of publication. Please contact event chairman for more information.

3. The North Jersey Alumni Association is open to all alumni of all chapters of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. Annual dues are \$10.00/year. (Dues payments are needed to cover cost of mailings, front money for ticket purchases, deposits, etc., for athletic and other events, to subsidize (in part) some events, etc.) Please send your dues payment to:

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