



The BACK BAY BETA



November 1981

Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

Alumni President's Message

The many favorable comments about the spring newsletter have prompted us to add this fall edition.

The news continues to be good on all fronts. The alumni have put a new roof on each house at a cost of about \$10,000, and we shall continue to upgrade the houses and the furnishings. Additional dining room chairs and the completion of the storm window coverage are current projects.

With this establishment of a fall newsletter, we will ask for dues and contributions now (rather than in May) for the fiscal year ending next June 30. We are in good financial shape but still need significant contributions to stay that way and continue the mortgage reduction.

We thank you in advance for your alumni news and contributions.

Yours in -kai-

Robert F. Danner '47
President

Beta Upsilon Alumni Association

Report from the Undergraduate President

The brothers returned from summer vacation ready to begin a new year at school. Everybody pitched in together for a successful work week and an excellent rush, and we now have eight new pledges in our house to maintain the strength and quality of the Chapter.

Undergraduate President

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We are doing well in the area of community relations. We routinely hold meetings with our Bay State Road neighbors and give them the opportunity to make suggestions or to voice any complaints they may have. We believe that this type of feedback is necessary if we are to maintain good relations with our neighbors.

September 20th was the day for our second annual Cape Cod trip. All the brothers and new pledges came on the bus ride to the Cape to enjoy good weather and a great time.

Dave Krall '82
Chapter President

House Looking Great

It was another successful work week for Beta this fall. All the brothers worked diligently to prepare the house for rush - new carpeting, fresh paint, new curtains, refinished floors, and other completed projects gave the Beta House a sparkling appearance.

Alumni-funded projects have been progressing well. The rooftops of both 119 and 120 Bay State Road were re-surfaced this summer so that the seniors will not have to put up with the leaks. New furniture has been arriving, including desks, bureaus, mattresses and chairs. Installation of heavy-duty storm windows is underway to provide tremendous savings on fuel bills as well as long desired warmth to rooms.

Things look very good at the Beta House. Our new House Manager, Craig Richards '83, is sure to do a fine job keeping Beta in a condition to inspire pride.

Jim Danna '83
Chapter Vice President

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—Rush—

The 1981 rush activities at MIT ended one of the most challenging tasks in recent memory. The opening of the new MIT dorm made competition for freshmen very tight, but our hard work paid off to give us eight excellent pledges who are looking forward to joining the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

The rush process at MIT began during the spring semester when our rush booklet was assembled. (For anyone who has not seen a copy and is interested in receiving one, write to me at the house and I'll send you one while the supply lasts.) This booklet was sent to the MIT freshmen before they arrived in the fall in hopes that the pictures and text would convey the spirit of the Beta House to the incoming freshmen.

Early in the summer, three successful rush parties were held at the homes of John O'Leary '84, Needham, MA; Bill Maimore '84, Huntington Station, NY; and Gary Henderson '82, Wayne, NJ. These parties were valuable for meeting the area freshmen as well as for getting vacationing brothers together. During the rest of the summer many freshmen throughout the country were contacted by the brothers. This "summer rush" gave us the chance to meet with many of the freshmen before rush week and to give them a preview of the fraternities. Fred Wilson '83 coordinated the rush efforts from Boston while I worked in Philadelphia.

On Friday, August 28, after the completion of a very thorough work week, rushing began with our pizza and beer party that featured gourmet pizzas skillfully prepared by our magnificent chef, Paul Daigler. On Saturday afternoon a Beta expedition ventured to George's Island in Boston Harbor for a clambake and barbecue followed by the Beta Bash festivities. Sunday evening, August 30, was the night for the Beta rotation party during which various beverages were served from locations throughout the house. Monday morning the pledging began and by Tuesday our pledge class of eight was complete.

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Rush

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Please send any rush recommendations that you have or any questions about rush to me at the house, 119 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA 02215. Thank you very much.

Michael Feinstein '83
Rush Chairman

OUR ALUMNI SEND
US THEIR NEWS

"No secretary could ever read my writing" declares FREEMAN H. DYKE '20, but he wants the Brothers to know that he's alive and well and still residing at 83 Fairview W., Tequesta, FL 33458.

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Ruth and YARD CHITTICK '22 (RFD #1, Ossipee, NH 03864) and Helen and MILES ZOLLER '21 (100 Intracoastal Pl., Apt. 201, Tequesta, FL 33458) spent the weekend after Technology Day with Marion and CHICK KNIGHT '21 (180 Main St., Apt. 6104, Bridgewater, MA 02324) at the Knights' residence on Martha's Vineyard. Incidentally, PHILIP H. HATCH '21 (70 Gibson St., North East, PA 16428) would like Miles to add Phil's name to the list of remaining Brothers from the class of '21.

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"NORM GREENE '22 (PO Box 379, Newtown Square, PA 19073) is well" reports ABBOTT L. JOHNSON '22, who enjoyed his recent visit from YARD CHITTICK '22 (For his address, see above). During the winter months, contact Ab at 2201 N. Central Ave. Apt. 6-C, Phoenix, AZ 85004; at other times use: 2480 Warwick Rd., Muncie, IN 47304

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Retired after a long career involved with industries including engineering and insurance, JONATHAN Y. BALLARD '23 writes that he continues to "keep in touch with MIT and was honored to have a building named for Mrs. Ballard and myself." The Ballards' address is 1215 Hillcrest, Ft. Worth, TX 76107.

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DONALD R. TABER '25 (400-B NE 20th St., Boca Raton, FL 33431) enjoyed traveling this summer to France and to the British Isles with his daughter and grandson.

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"We have lots of room 'down on the farm' and would enjoy visitors" declares CROCKETT A. HARRISON '26, who also reports that he's completed and published privately his book on the family history, *The Allens and the Harrisons of the Kingdom of Callaway*. Contact Crockett at RD #2, Box 2029, Grove City, PA 16127 or call him at (412) 458-9374.

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"Our house has a good view of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. I also have a large yard, partly wooded; so I'm a woodcutter" writes NELSON WILMOT '26, of 17030-12th Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98177. "Nels" hears from PRENTISS COLE '27, of 2150 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

MORE ALUMNI NEWS

After 12 years of retirement FRANKLIN T. KURT '27 was flown to Long Beach, California, as a guest of Grumman Aerospace to attend the 50th anniversary of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. "Hank's" address: South Brooksville, ME 04617, and he invites all Beta's to use his Penobscot Bay moorings.

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Ardent swimmer FREDERICK W. WILLCUTT '27 (6934-33rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015) loves to travel and particularly enjoyed the Canadian Rockies tour he and his wife took last year. Fred's in touch with J. HENRY GUNNING '28 (3094 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953).

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JOHN F. CROWTHER '32 lives on the Mile Creek Rd., Old Lyme, CT 06371.

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KELSEY Y. SAINT '34 is retired from his architectural firm and resides at 116 St. Dunstons Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212.

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Write to WALTON H. MARSHALL, JR. '35 at PO Box 358, Farnham, VA 22460.

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Summers in Michigan, travel, golf, sailing, his home computer, and three grandchildren keep ROBERT JORDAN '37 busy now that he's retired. Write to Bob and his wife Priscilla at 1420 Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, IL 60091.

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JOSEPH K. KNIGHT '40 can be reached at 2930 Concord Blvd. Concord, CA 94519.

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"The MIT Club of Rochester is now a year old; and our program committee has done such a good job that we now have over 100 active members" reports M. LOREN WOOD '40, of 180 Scarborough Rd., Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. "Woody's" an analyst at IBM as well as one of the directors of the Rochester club.

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A professor at the University of Waterloo, HARRY DAVIS '48 (355 Pommel Gate Crescent, Waterloo, Ontario N2L 5X7) tells us that WALTER MASSEY '51 (1951 Tupper St., Montreal, Quebec H3H 1N6) is a successful actor. "I've seen him on TV and he never seems to age" declares Harry. Walter himself adds "I am playing the role - yes, in French - of a Scottish ghost who is part of a world renowned organized crime syndicate!! And at night I play the role of a Jewish rabbi in the theatre - not bad for a Beta Wasp in Canada, eh?"

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ROBERT C. LOESCH '50 hopes "to go another twenty-five years as president of Loesch Assoc., Inc., a manufacturers' representative firm. "R. C." lives at 1335 Glenbrook Lane, Westlake, OH 44145.

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"Nancy, Joe III, Lucy and I had a great time at '51's 30th reunion" states JOSEPH N. SHERRILL, JR. '51, of 2003 Avondale, Wichita Falls, TX 76307. Joe was particularly pleased to see FRED WEITZ '51 (4800 SW 47th St., Des Moines, IA 50321), GREG GENTLEMAN '51 (818 SW 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50309), DICK REEDY '51 (Seawinds Folly Point, Gloucester, MA 01930), and GEORGE UNDERWOOD '51 (5712 Winthrop Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612).

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"Sorry to miss my 30th reunion but attending my elder son's graduation from Stanford took priority" writes University of Rochester professor and resident director HERBERT B. VOELCKER, JR. '51 (26 Castleman Rd., Rochester, NY 14620).

Along with his real estate business, DONALD B. MILLER '53 is teaching at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. Anyone planning to attend the World's Fair in Knoxville should contact Don at 586-6606 or write to Box F, Holly Hills Estates, Webster, NC 28788.

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J. WARREN DAVIS '54 lives at 7015 Tilden Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

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"I'm traveling from Denver to Honolulu and from San Diego to Anchorage designing performing arts facilities" reports RON MCKAY '54, an acoustical engineer with the firm of Bolt, Beranek & Newman. Ron and his wife Sally live at 5811 Kentland Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367 and keep in touch with CHUCK DOWNING '53, an attorney residing at 666 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802.

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Deirdre and ROBERT C. BRIGHAM '56 live at 700 Euclid Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. Robert's research interests are in graph theory and design of algorithms at the University of Central Florida's department of mathematics and statistics.

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ROBERT S. CARLSON '56 can be reached in care of Wake Forest University, PO Box 7659, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

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Spire Corporation physicist WARD D. HALVERSON '56 has a home at 25 Hutchinson St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

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ELLIS J. BRAMAN '58 hung up his Air Force Blues last March and has settled at 3146 Partridge Dr., Montgomery, AL 36111. E. J. picked up his MBA in 1980 along with a passion for golf, although he confesses that he hasn't yet discovered the secret to a low handicap. "Reading the accomplishments of Beta Upsilon in the Beta Theta Pi newsletter makes me damn proud to be a BU Beta."

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You'll find BRUCE A. JOHNSON '60 at 1926 Wood Ave. in Colorado Springs, CO 80907. Bruce is a bank consultant with Swords Associates.

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ALLAN J. MacLAREN '60 has been promoted by the USAF to "full bird" Colonel and anticipates new challenges with his command of the Rocket Propulsion Lab at Edwards AFB. Al was able to give us his official address last May: AFRPL/CC, Edwards AFB, CA 93523, Attn: Col. MacLaren. We hope to have a civilian address soon. Al's been corresponding with USN Captain KARL DUFF '57 (6101 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310) who's "working high technology" at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in Washington.

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RICHARD H. OELER '60 (3841 Trexler Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104) is the general manager of the process gas division at Air Products. Dick tried to contact STEVE YERETSKY '59 (119 Cambridge Rd., Wimbledon SW 20, England) in the UK, but couldn't obtain a phone number.

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Sally and PHIL ROBINSON '61 and their two daughters live at 17851 Westview Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034. Phil's vice president of Tektronix, Inc., in Beaverton, OR, and enjoyed the visit he and his family received last April from RICHARD C. "Punch" WILLIAMSON '61 (21 Pendleton Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776).

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Modular Computer Systems senior account manager, DAVID KORKOSZ '62 lives at 47 Indian Head Rd., Framingham, MA 01701.

More Alumni News—

Construction and engineering marketing manager for Citibank, LESLIE M. BORING '64 is delighted that he and Annie are now living in Paris after their adventures in the Middle East. "Bud's" son and daughter are doing well; his young son helps to correct his father's French. While presenting a physics paper at a Paris conference, MIKE MONSLER '64 (2061 Manzanita Dr., Oakland, CA 94611) and his wife Barbara visited Bud, who added that it was "encouraging to see how little change had taken place since we last saw them!" Contact Bud at 33, Rue de la Plaine; 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine; France.

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Contact ROBERT A. GRANT, JR. '64 at 405 Ortega Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040.

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You'll find STEPHEN H. SCHROEDER '67 at 1 Emerson Dr., Acton, MA 01720.

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JAMES REID '68 is a consultant with the Associates for International Research and his address is 11 Charlotte Rd., Newton Center, MA 02159. "My little brother Stan and I go backpacking with MIKE RYBA '67 every summer. Last year we got treed by a grizzly in Glacier National Park - had to be three of the biggest squirrels they'd ever seen in those parts" writes Jim, who added that Mike's a "globetrotting" vice president of Morgan Guaranty in NYC. (Our current address for Mike is 160 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.)

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The recipient of this year's award for outstanding teacher of engineering at Purdue University is WILLIAM T. STEWART '69 (1131 Eton St., West Lafayette, IN 47906), an assistant professor of industrial engineering. "Stew" had dinner in May with JOHN LAMY '68 (6113 Bridgewood, Santa Rosa, CA 95405) and has gotten together several times with WENDELL G. IVERSON '69 (823 Westwood Dr., Clayton, MO 63105) and his family. Stew also told us that JOEL HEMMELSTEIN '71 (311 W. Diamond Ave., Hazelton, PA 18201) "passed through town every now and then" but was currently in Israel, "doing his thing".

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After receipt of his master's degree in 1979 and the subsequent passing of his CPA exam, BRUCE LAUTENSCHLAGER '70 is installing a new general ledger and implementing the centralized word processing program at the Parker Pen Co. Bruce, his wife Nadene and their three children live at 654 Edison, Janesville, WI 53545.

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The young son and daughter of architect TIMOTHY M. BRADLEY '71 (PO Box 757, Kalaheo, Kauai, Hawaii 96741) are so accustomed to living on their island, that they assume everybody does. Tim and his wife Stormy are planning on a trip with the children to Disneyland, situated on what Tim's little boy refers to as "another island called California".

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"Flight medicine, several research projects, blue uniforms, rare coins, guitar and banjo" are the vocational and avocational interests for ROGER S. MECCA '72, who lives with his wife Karen and stepson Adam at 14606 Bitternut Woods Rd., San Antonio, TX 78249. Roger's serving as senior anesthesiologist and co-director of surgical ICU at the USAF Wilford Hall Medical Center.

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JEFFREY C. MURRAY '71 and his wife Ann Marie McCarthy have a two-year old son Ryan, and their address is 11534 Evans-ton Ave. N, Seattle, WA 98133. During the past year, Jeff's been in touch with BILL PREECE '71 (69 Riverside Ave., Stamford, CT 06905), BILL PINKSTON '71 (680 Bair Rd., Berwyn, PA 19312), FRED ANDREE '70 (266 Dean Rd., Brookline, MA 02146), HORATIO DAUB '70 (35 Orkney Rd., #12, Brookline, MA 02146) and KEN CAMERON '78 (MAD PMIC, Point Mugu, CA 93042).

After finishing his PhD at MIT and the Woods Hole Institute, WILFORD GARDNER '72 married Mary Jo Richardson and accepted a position at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. The Gardner's reside at 139 Clark Ave., Old Tappan, NJ 07675.

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New address for PAUL R. HOCHFELD '72 is Rt 1, Box 399, Ed-dyville, OR 97343.

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Attorney MARK LEWANDOWSKI '73 (2155 Division St., East Troy, WI 53120) turned thirty last May and is still single. He told us that BOB TRONNIER '73 (1941 Fremont South, #2, Minneapolis, MN 55403) had started his anesthesiology residency in Minneapolis. Bob corroborated this news and himself added that he'd married Wendy Kahn in July, 1980.

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Terry and CHARLES CALHOUN '74 live at 178 E. 80th St., Apt. 24C, NYC, NY 10021. Chuck is in operations and financial analysis at International Paper Co., and reports that STAN SHURSKY '74 (3 Cushing Rd., Marblehead, MA 01945), vice president at Electronics Corp. of America, has gotten married.

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Gail and DAN GREENE '74 have moved to 52 Carpenter Ave., Mt. Kisco, NY 10549, practically "next door" to Stephanie DeAugustinis and PAUL SHAPIRO '74 (71 N. Moger Ave., Mt. Kisco, NY 10549). Dan's employed at the Ciba-Geigy Corp. in research and development for materials and designs of aerospace composites; Paul's a mechanical engineer in the research and development department of Philips Labs.

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Congratulations to Barb and BOB MAUNUS '74 (57 Sylvan, Apt. 3E, Danvers, MA 01923), who married last August and honeymooned in Bermuda. Bob's a biochemist at Biolabs in Beverly.

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Avid golfer MARK SWENSON '78 (7227 Fay Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037) is working on his PhD in physical oceanography at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

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The address for ROGER LACY '79 is 3131 Meetinghouse Rd., Apt. D-19, Boothwyn, PA 19061. Roger says that he moved to be "nearer to my girlfriend's apartment".

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Yale medical student PAUL B. ROTHMAN '80 lives at 220 Lawrence St., New Haven, CT 06511.

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Texaco, Inc., metallurgical engineer JOHN C. KERINS '81 resides at 10300 Harwin Dr., Apt. 1215, Houston, TX 77036. John's been keeping tabs on most of the '80-'81 Beta's and wrote glowingly of a July 4th Beta gathering in Washington, DC.

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JOHN J. ZAYHOWSKI '81 (Rt 2, Averill Park, NY 12018) has been accepted into the PhD program in electrical engineering at MIT. He'll receive support from the Hertz Foundation.



In Memory

We are sorry to report the deaths of

Thomas P. Howes, Jr. '28

September 4, 1981

William A. Martin '60

June 2, 1981