



# The BACK BAY BETA



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## Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

Don't Miss The Questionnaire

### Newsnotes From The Alumni Association President

We continue to be pleased with your response to our requests for Alumni News—but there are still many we haven't heard from yet. Please take a moment and send us a word or two.

In our school/fiscal year ending last July we received \$4,230 in Alumni dues and extra gifts, exclusive of a handsome gift from the estate of founder Clive W. Lacy '15. Thanks are due to all who participate.

We are continuing the modernization and refurbishment of the houses with a goal of maximum energy savings as well as optimum living conditions.

We hope you are following the Chapter News in the Beta Theta Pi Magazine. The Brothers have been diligent in providing an article for each issue, and the Chapter news makes consistently good reading.

If you saw the July issue of Technology Review you saw a photo of a 1920 Beta "Steam Roller" being driven into Walker Memorial. The article was about 100 years of fraternities at MIT, and reported that the fraternity system was "alive and well" and very strong. Fraternities house over one-third of the undergraduates, and since women compromise 25% of incoming classes, the 33 fraternities house almost half the men. Tuition is now \$8,700, and average total expenses are in the \$13,000 range—per year, that is!

Please note the enclosed questionnaire prepared by the Chapter, and return it with your alumni news.

ROBERT F. DANNER '47  
President, Beta Upsilon Association

### Alumni Involvement

### Greatly Aids Brothers

Many thanks are due the Beta Upsilon Association, our alumni organization for MIT Betas, for its continued financial support to the chapter. This spring and summer both houses were repainted and storm windows were added, both major steps toward keeping the brothers warm for many future Boston winters.

We particularly recognize Robert F. Danner, '47, and John W. Lacy, '42, for some three decades of service as President and Treasurer respectively, of the Beta Upsilon Association. We concurrently at the request of Brothers Danner and Lacy, call on interested MIT Beta alumni who live within 60 miles or so of the house to volunteer their services as successors to these dedicated men. The treasurer also serves as the chapter's financial advisor, and both president and treasurer generally meet with the chapter a few times each year. The brothers look forward to hearing from you.

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### CLIVE W. LACY '15

The Beta Upsilon Association received a handsome gift from the estate of Clive W. Lacy '15, who was a Beta Upsilon founder, and had been an officer in both the Chapter and the Alumni Association. His request was that the money be used for "appropriate furnishings for one of the common rooms", and to this end, we plan to buy a piano on which we will install a suitable bronze plaque to note Brother Lacy's generosity.



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## Alumni Involvement

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The fall '82 term has been a time of rejuvenation for the chapter. Rush Week brought more freshmen through the house than any other in recent memory and netted 15 of the best men of the class of '86. As their service project, the pledge class planned a benefit dance marathon for the American Cancer Society last November. The dance marathon was the third held by Beta pledges classes in the last four years. Also, speaking of rejuvenation, the chapter cross country team captured the MIT Intramural crown for the first time since the glory days of the mid-50s.

Active membership in the chapter stands at 44 for the fall '82 term, with 42 living in the house. President of the chapter for the fall term is Steven Silberberg '83, and Treasurer is Kenneth Shine '85.

## Alumni Update

MILES M. ZOLLER '21 reports he is alive and kicking, and ready to extend a warm welcome to any Brothers in Florida. Home for Miles is 100 Intercoastal Place, Apt. 201, Tequesta, FL 33458.

Patent lawyer YARDLEY CHITTICK '22 writes that he and ABBOTT JOHNSON planned to attend their 60th reunion at MIT in June. Yard also relayed news of TED ELLIOTT '22. Ted and his wife, Louise, will continue to do some cruising on their 30-foot sloop. You can write Yard at RFD 1, Ossipee, NH 03864.

JOHN B. JACOB '26, retired from United Aircraft International, enjoyed a two week tour of Switzerland in May. John visited CROCKETT HARRISON '26 in Washington and writes, "Crockett, who has finished a genealogical volume on his ancestors, was attending a genealogical society meeting there." John lives at 3216 Gleneagles Drive, Silver Springs, MD 20906.

Great grandfather NELSON F. WILMOT '26 reported the birth of a great-granddaughter. Congratulations can be sent to Willie at 12030 12 NW, Seattle, WA 98177.

## Alumni News Continues

FREDERICK W. WILLCUTT '27 reports the death of his oldest son last February. In March, he was best man at the wedding of his youngest son. Fred attended the first annual "Beta Day" at the University of New Hampshire, and was also present at the initiation of the new Penn State Beta pledges. In June, Fred attended his 55th class reunion in Cambridge. Fred noted he was in the Marine Corps during WWII, and is interested in hearing from other Betas who served. His home is 6934 33rd Street NW, Washington DC 20015.

ABBOTT JOHNSON '22 should be in Arizona by now—his winter home is 2201 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, 85004. Ab had a corneal transplant in late 1981, and he writes "Things seem to be coming along well."

Another member of '22, NORMAN J. GREENE writes "I am heading towards my 85th birthday and all is well."

Now retired, DONALD B. JENKINS '24 writes he enjoys retirement and "my twins (aged 33) are the tycoons now." Home for Don is 2 Fern Hill Avenue, Ross, CA 94957.

JONATHAN Y. BALLARD '23 is retired and enjoying the relatively mild Texas winters. Home for Jonathan is 1215 Hillcrest, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

ARTHUR J. KEMP '24 and family spent their vacation around Darien, CT, late this summer, and hoped to get a chance to visit the chapter house. Art lives at 763-B Calle Aragon, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

Home for AUSTIN COLE, JR '25 is 227 S. Hanson, Easton, MA 21601.

DONALD R. TABER '25 can be reached at 400-B NE 20th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

Patent lawyer RICHARD WHITING '26 reports a busy practice, "but that's the way I like it." He has kept up his one-time hobby of playing in a dance band at MIT, and now plays in a Dixieland band. Dick writes "I was in the Tech Shows of '23-'26, and here I'm on the stage and in the movies (Ordinary People, Missing.)" Dick encourages people to "cultivate hobbies when you are young so you will have them when you need them, later." Dick can be reached at 87 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

Our apologies to J. HENRY GUNNING '28, whose name was accidentally left off the Beta Honor Roll. Henry lives at 3094 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93954.

Architect ROBERT S. COOK '30 is looking forward to retirement. Bob can be contacted at 191 Barbour Street, Orange, VA 22960.

A challenge was issued by DAVID L. BABCOCK '33. Dave wrote, "I'll bet I'm the only grad of the 30s with a daughter at MIT and a daughter at Cornell." You can reply to Dave, now retired from Kodak, at 343 Saggamore Drive, Rochester, NY 14617.

WILLIAM S. KRAYBILL '34, now retired from the Chase Manhattan Bank, writes with a suggestion for more nicknames. Doc has revealed two— "A-SQUARE" MULLIKAN



## Alumni News Continues

'32, and "STINKY" STOLZ. "If the brothers are too shy to divulge them let their nostalgic classmates supply them," Doc adds. You can contact Doc at 7205 Marilyn Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

FRANCIS J. KEARNY '38, a manufacturer's agent with Frank J. Kearny & Co., Inc., visited the old Beta House at 241 Kent Street. "It brought back many fond memories," Frank writes. He remarried a year ago, and has been settling into his new house at 4100-W 100 Place, Overland Park, KS 66207. "I would welcome a visit from all of my old Beta friends when they pass through the city," he adds.

Father and grandfather THEODORE J. GUNDLACH, JR. '40 visited his "two children and 3½ (?) grandchildren in Michigan." Home for Ted is 760-A Avenida Estancia, FL 33595.

First-time grandparent GEORGE W. CARNRICK '40, is self-employed as a CPA in New Jersey. You can reach Virginia Mary Carnrick's (born Sept. 30, 1981) grandpa at 26 Bowers Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

"This summer we'll be sailing in and around Denmark and Norway, which will complete our sailing in Europe," writes LOREN WOOD '40. When docked, Woody can be contacted at 180 Scarborough Road, Briarcliff, NY 10510. He is a business planner with the IBM Corporation.

RICHARD A. MARKEY JR '41, a consultant in the renovation and restoration of churches, saw the last of his six children off to college this fall. Dick works for Victor Zucchi & Son, Inc., and lives at 36 Colt Road, Summit, NJ 07901.

"Children grown and on their own now," writes ALFRED B. BOOTH '41. Albie recently began a new career as a management consultant for Production Sharing International. His work requires him to travel, but Albie adds "San Jose, Costa Rica in mid-winter isn't hard to take." Home for Albie is 17 Harding Lane, Westport, CT 06880.

Representing the Betas at the 40th Reunion at Cape Cod, DONN BARBER '42 reports he and JOHN LACY '42 "had a great get-together even though the weather left a lot to be desired." Donn also visited BILL McEWEN '48 and his wife, renewing an old friendship. Donn lives at 229 N. Garfield Street, Kenneth Square, PA 19348.

DANIEL G. HULETT '42 took time out to write that, as independent consultant with D.G. Hulett Associates he has built business "to the point that it is hard to sneak a vacation." Dan lives at 156 Slice Drive, Stamford, CT 06907.

THOMAS S. MARKEY '45 sent a wild Newsform from Glencoe, IL (861 Grove Street, 60022). He mentioned beer strikes and a tenured teaching position at a well-known technological institute. Those wishing clarification should contact T.S. in Glencoe.

"After a year of training I ran my first marathon," writes LEDYARD P. HALE '48. His time was 4 hours 19 minutes—just under 10-minute miles! Ledge is vice president in marketing at R.S. Hughes Company, and lives at 26 Valley View, Irvine, CA 92715.

WALTER E. BORDEN '45 retired from Exxon Chemical in July of 1981. Walt lives in Summerville, SC, but plans to move to 105 Alder Circle, St. Simon's Island, GA 31522, some time after February, 1983.

Home address for ED PEAKES '44 is 11310 Madison, Kansas City, MO 64114. Ed is manager of the Electric Utility Sales with General Electric.

JOHN UPTON, JR '44, vice president of Wean United, Inc., reports his address is Apt. 2104, 1420 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

From his farm in Ohio, THOMAS B. LACY '48 writes he is "enjoying life as a businessman and part-time farmer (cattle, sheep and vegetables.) My wife, Sally, handles the livestock and I handle the vegetables. We welcome visits from any Beta friends in the area." Tom says he and Sally see Terry and C. MEL ADAMS '49 often. Tom is the industrial sales manager at Totes, Inc., and lives at 2396 Phillips Road, Lebanon, OH 45036.

JOHN KERN '50, directing trustee of the Kern Foundation, writes he and his wife, Anne, visited West Germany, Amsterdam and Venice earlier in the year. The Kerns have three children and John built an "energy sensitive house office of unique design and more than a few problems." "In spare moments," John added, "we get down to our place in Puerto Rico." The Kerns live at 3712 Adams Road, Oak Brook, IL 60521.

"Having just attended parents' orientation at University of Montevallo, my memory jumps back to Karl Compton talking to us freshmen assembled in the Great Court in 1947," writes ART WASSERMAN '51. Art, the executive vice president and general manager of the Barrow Industries Division of Allis-Chalmers Corp, has two sons. He and wife Sheila have returned to playing tennis, and live at 3374 Hermitage Road, Mountain Brook Birmingham, AL 35223.

EVAN EVANS '51, petroleum executive for Western Crude Oil, can be reached at 53 Fairway Lane, Littleton, CO 80123.

"Work is cool," comments ROBERT G. NORTON '51. Bob is vice president for Distrigas, and imports liquified natural gas. Bob keeps busy fixing up the old dairy he now calls home. Write Bob at 24 Bartlett Crescent, Brookline, MA 02146.

Vice president: additives at Chevron Chemical International, RICHARD C. LYLE now lives in Geneva and covers Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Rick can be contacted at home: Chevillarde 30, 1208 Geneva, Switzerland.

E.D. RICHTER '53 cleared up ROBERT PORTER's '56 question in the last newsletter, as to the whereabouts of JOHN HIRSCHI. John has returned to his hometown of Wichita Falls, Texas and lives at 3308 Kemp. Meanwhile, Rick Richter has one daughter already graduated from Dartmouth and a second who is a freshman. Rick is sales manger at Royal Manufacturing Company and lives at 3073 Fairfax Road, Cleveland, OH 44118.

"I sincerely recommend our lost frontier in Alaska," writes RONALD L. McKAY '54. An acoustical engineer, Ron and wife Sally toured the northwest and Canada earlier this year. They have two sons and can be contacted at 5811 Kentland Avenue, Woodland, Hills, CA 91367.

JOHN P. SEAGLE '55 works at the SUNY School of Business in Albany, teaching "information systems and operations research." In the summer, Buggy and his father run a music camp in the Adirondacks. His home is 193 Westchester Drive, Delmar, NY 12054.



## MORE ALUMNI NEWS

GORDON LOHMAN '55, vice-president of Amsted Industries in Illinois, now has a daughter, Karin ('85) at MIT. Gordon's home address is 709 48th Street, Western Springs, IL 60558.

"I conducted a four week program in international finance/banking for MBA students at Wake Forest University," writes ROBERT S. CARLSON '56. The program was in Europe! Write Bob at 112 Cedar Cove Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

LAURENCE R. HOOVER '57, vice president for Ohio Paper Co., reported his address as 2251 Washington Blvd NW, Canton, OH 44709. Larry also supplied us with an address for JOHN F. HERMINGHOUSE '57. Fritz lives at Adelgundenstrasse 2, 8000 Munich 22, GERMANY.

JAMES E. CUNNINGHAM '57 is in Dallas with Docutel Corp., and can be written at P.O. Box 222306, Dallas TX 75222.

"I'm still at Wright Field trying to spend your defense dollars wisely," says WILLIAM H. AUSTIN, JR '58. Jim has five children and a very busy wife, Barbra. An engineer/manager for the Air Force, Jim lives at 25 Park Road, Dayton, OH 45419.

Having retired from the Air Force, ELLIS J. BRAMAN '58 now works for Pan Am World Services as a program manager. "Betas should give a yell if they're in the area," Goose writes. His home is 1635 Candle Court, Titusville, FL 32780.

ROBERT P. CROSS III '59 sent us his new address: 639 Argyle Avenue, Flossmoor, IL 60422. Robin is an Industrial engineer with Interlake, Inc.

"Family is fine; growing up very quickly," writes RICHARD H. OELER '60. Dick had knee surgery in May, which kept him "off the golf course and at home, rather than on the wood." Dick's home address is 3841 Trelexer Blvd, Allentown, PA 18104.

JOHN J. ELDER '66 writes he is still working as a mechanical engineer for Stone and Webster, a job which took him to Damascus, Syria, earlier this year. Jack lives at 86 Ad-dington Road, Brookline, MA 02146.

"Where is Farb?" queries LELAND BRISTOL '69. Lee has two children and started his own business consulting law firms with respect to office automation equipment. Anyone knowing Farb's whereabouts can write Lee at 20530 Bealls-ville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839.

Professor WILLIAM T. STEWART '69 recently joined the staff of the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Steve's new address is 385 Wildwood Court, Charlottesville, VA.

"Beer is on me for all Betas visiting St. Louis," writes WEN-DALL G. IVERSON '69. After 10 years abroad, Wendall is readjusting to life in the States—he's been in St. Louis for almost four years now. Wendall even bought a house—his new address: 335 N. Central, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Dr. PAUL HOCHFELD '72 climbed Mt. Ranier early in the summer, and he and wife Carole were expecting a baby in mid-July. Paul has a small farm in the Oregon Coast Range (Rt. 1, Box 399, Eddyville, OR 97343) and his general practice operates from the back of his home.

DANIEL NADLER '72 finished school and joined his father in private practice as an ophthalmologist. Nads' new address: 406 Edgeworth Lane, Sewickley, PA 15143.

"Mary Jo and I are expecting our first child in October," writes WILFORD GARDNER '72. Wilford, an oceanographer with Columbia University, lives at 139 Clark Avenue, Old Tappan, NJ 07675.

New address for CAM WILSON '73 is 1029 West 6th, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

MATT BREITENBERG '76 recently moved to be closer to his job with Marshall Bartlett. There is a trio of Betas in Lexington, reports Matt: himself, BOB KNECHT '78 and STEVE ADAMS '80. Matt lives at 11 Suzanne Road, Lexington, MA 02173.

Having completed his Ph.D. in crystallography, KEN-NETH SCHWARTZ '76 is doing post-doctoral research at Laurence Livermore National Lab in California. Ken saw several brothers on his way out west, including MIKE SKILLENBERG '75 and MARK SWENSON '78. Ken and his wife Margaret also see Mary and BIFF BRISBIN '77. Ken's new address: 327 Scottsdale Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

ERIC RAEFSKY '76 began his third year of residency in internal medicine at Barres Hospital (Washington Univ. School of Medicine.) "I'm still into the same stuff," Eric writes, "baseball, the Grateful Dead, tennis and golf." Eric noted P. MICHAEL DONNALT '75 completed his MD degree from Washington University in St. Louis, and MICHAEL W. COUCH '78 began his residency in Hawaii in July. Dr. Raefsky's home is 4460 Greenwich Court, Apt. C-7, St. Louis, MO 63108.

Design engineer TOM HAUER '79 reports he finished General Electric's three-year training program and also bought a house. "No kids yet," Tom added. "I'm still reading the book." Tom (who refused to give his nickname) lives at 9740 Farmcrest Drive, Union Township, OH 45069.

KEVIN J. GRANNAN '79 supplied this quote: "When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro." Doc Joe listed three major events in his life: he married Cheryl Boudro in June, graduated from the Ohio State University College of Medicine, and began his surgical residency at Cincinnati. You can write Doc Joe at 3763 Westmont Drive, Apt. 5, Cincinnati, OH 45205.

"I had a good time at the Alumni Party," reports ROGER LACY '79, "especially seeing DAVE MOHR '79, CRAIG KATZ '79, ED INSEL '82 and other brothers." Buck has been promoted to senior engineer at Boeing Vertal, and plans to be married in October (1982). Roger and his wife are the proud owners of a new house at 307 Highland Avenue, Wallingford, PA 19086.

KEVIN CRYSTAL '79, now married to Anne Hales Crystal, writes he is still with Storage Technology Corp., but is interested in making bike computers. Kevin lives at P.O. Box 365, Hudson, CO 80642.