



The BACK BAY BETA

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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Renovations Continue

The forsythia is usually just starting to bud when I write this spring letter, but this year spring is late or we are getting our Newsletter started earlier.

Since our last letter in the fall we have had several discussions and one meeting with the Chapter. John Lacy '42, Treasurer, George Harper '55, Facilities Officer, Jerry Cole '78, Officer at Large, and I visited the house on February 24 to discuss a number of issues. Most important was our continuing upgrading of the house, including plans for a new furnace, the completion of the repointing of the masonry on the back of each house, and the possibility of some major rewiring.

Thirty new dining room chairs, two sofas, and other furniture for the living room has been purchased by the Alumni Association, and the improvements continue.

The costs of these projects are high, but thanks to the help of our loyal alumni, we continue in good financial condition. You will note elsewhere the bequest of \$3,200 from Brother Thomas Prince Howe, Jr. '28. Testamentary gifts are most welcome, and provide an easy way to help your Alumni Association.

The annual meeting of the Beta Upsilon Association will be held in the Kresge Lobby at 12:30 p.m. on Alumni Day (June 10, 1983). All Beta Upsilon Alumni are invited to attend. For those of you unable to attend, we have enclosed a proxy with this letter. We hope that those with currently paid dues, and life members, will return this card. If you haven't made a contribution, you are invited to do so when you return the proxy.

If you say the Chapter notes in the winter issue of the Beta Theta Pi Magazine, you know that all is well with the Chapter.

BOB DANNER '47
President

Undergrads Boast

Strong Record

in Sports,

Social Life

Things have been running smoothly at the chapter this semester. We have had several parties so far and they have all turned out well. During spring break about nine brothers went skiing at Sugarloaf, ME while four others headed south to warm-up for the varsity golf season. The intramural teams have been very successful over the winter and early spring. All three of our basketball teams had winning records, with our B-league team losing only in the championship game and by just three points. Our C-league hockey team was undefeated, finishing 5-0-1. The highlight of the season was the wrestling teams victory in the intramural tournament. The Betas won four weight classes and finished third in one to handily defeat their competition. Ed Hanley '74 who is an assistant coach for the varsity wrestling team was there to watch the action.

We are all looking forward to initiation at which time we will turn our efforts from getting this years fourteen pledges prepared to enter the chapter, to rushing for new prospective members.

We are very proud of our accomplishments and our Chapter, and we hope that any alumni travelling through the area will take a few minutes to come and see us. We always enjoy hearing stories and finding out what our Beta Brothers are doing these days.

RICHARD STEINES '84
Alumni Secretary

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Plans Underway to Keep Careful Eye on House Finances

As we all know, for a chapter to be strong it must be full of spirit and also financially sound. The first condition is easily satisfied at all times at the Beta Upsilon chapter and I am pleased to report that the second condition is also met.

The budget for fiscal year '82-'83, prepared by last year's Treasurer Chris M. Kurker '84, probably holds a few surprises for alumni who haven't thought much about house bills since their graduation. The total house budget comes to \$122,930. This is divided into three categories. Chapter expenses total \$18,640. House expenses total \$53,400. Food program expenses total \$50,890. With twenty-five brothers and fourteen pledges living in the house, the current monthly housebill is \$341.

The mid-year accounting shows some good and bad news. The largest problem is that for the Fall of 1982, the house manager expenses exceeded the budgeted amount by \$4,800. Since we still have enough funds to cover utilities, the way to correct this problem is to carefully restrict non-essential house manager costs. Money spent on food alone exceeded budget by \$450 which comes to approximately 4%. Thanks to Rush Chairman Bill Maimon, '84, our highly successful rush was \$900 under budget. Other good news included low heating bills due to the mild winter and recent state ruling which now places fraternities exempt from the restaurant meal tax. For a grand total the chapter is currently \$2,300 over budget which is slightly under 4%.

Since totaling these figures I have spent time talking with other house officers on how to control the problems. We feel that the problems can be solved by careful watching of expenses to plan accurately and to cut any useless or wasteful expenses. This is sound advice for anytime.

KENNETH J. SHINE
Treasurer

Alumni, Brothers, Pledges Contribute to House

Work week in January went along smoothly, with fifteen pledges and several brothers participating. A lot of insulation, rewiring, cleaning, and painting was done on both houses. Emergency lights, paid for by the alumni, were also installed in both houses. At a recent "Wish List" meeting between house and alumni officers, it was decided to seek advice on, and then to buy and install, a new heating system for the main house, to replace our 100-year-old system. It was also decided to repaint the back walls of both houses, which should cut down on both drafts and bees' nests.

Other areas which need to be addressed soon are the electrical wiring in both houses, and insulation in the rear of the main house. Also, plumbing problems often arise, although replumbing will have to wait for additional funding.

The brothers would like to thank the alumni for their continuing and generous support, which is so important to a strong chapter.

MICHAEL E. FLANAGAN '85

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Retired from the U. S. Air Force, LTC HAROLD B. SMITH '47 can be contacted at 80 Fiesta Way, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301, in the winter. His summer address is 326 East Lake Road, Canadaigua, NY 14424.

"It's a pain to write these notes," admits JOHN KERN '50, "but great to read about others!" And so John again returned his Newsform with the following information: Son, Jay, at Eton College in England this year; daughters: Louise in Germany at a girls' gymnasium, Liz at Lake Forest College in Illinois." John is directing trustee for The Kern Foundation, and can be reached at 3712 Adams Road, Oak Brook, IL 60521.

ALFRED A. MULLIKEN '32, who had his college nickname, "A-square," dredged up by WILLIAM KRAYBILL '38 in the last newsletter, sent his best regards to the Chapter. "Tell Doc I now have a grandson called Gus. He is the fifth generation of Alfred Augustus Mullikens," writes Al. His home address is 2448 Ephraim Avenue Villas, Ft. Myers, FL 33907.



Businessman RICHARD H. OELER '60 is "an extremely proud father" since his son, Kurt, stood out as a member of the Pennsylvania State Championship High School Swim Team this year. "Kurt also brought home a silver medal for his personal efforts," Dick writes. As for himself, Dick was promoted to vice president at Air Products last year and is responsible for five divisions. His home address is 3841 Trexler Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104.

"While I graduated in 1951 in mechanical engineering, the U. S. Army decreed that I should become an electrical engineer; that was fun, and I did EE until 1970," writes HERBERT B. VOELCKER '51. Herb eventually entered the field of what is now called "CAD/CAM" and leads "a merry band called the Production Automotives Project." Herb lists his occupation as professor at the University of Rochester. He is married to the woman he "pinched from Wellesley College in 1954." They have two sons, one graduated from Stanford and enjoying his current life as a young-man-about-Manhattan, and the other a student at Carnegie-Mellon. You can write Herb at 26 Castleman Rd., Rochester, NY 14620.

BOB KERSEY and ABBOTT L. JOHNSON '22 were at the annual luncheon of Muncie Betas, and Ab tells us it was "quite a representative group. Bob and I knew the words to the Beta songs—much to our surprise!" Ab identified the Betas in the July "Technology" photo on page A11. There is another picture of the steam roller in the MIT museum, which has JOHNNY BALLARD and others in it, Ab informs us. You can get in touch with Ab at his summer address: 170 Crystal Downs, Frankfort, ME 49635.

"Still acting up a storm! Recently played Willie in Toronto version of 'The Philadelphia Story.' Wonderful part—I pursued women all evening, drank a lot and pinched every female bottom that came within range! How often can you do that in public and get paid for it?!" exclaims freelance actor/director WALTER MASSEY '51. Walt adds, "I found the role came about quite naturally!" Walt (1951 Tupper Street, Montreal, Canada, H3H1H6) reports to us that GREG GENTLEMAN '51 is more like Mark Twain every day.

"Long-retired" JOHN F. CROWTHER '32 wonders "Do you still sing at mealtimes?" Presently, John grows wine grapes and lectures on wine appreciation, runs wine tastings and makes wine. He also serves as Republican town committee man in Old Lyme, CT. (239 Mile Creek Road, Old Lyme, 06371).

"Saw JIM ROWEN last May in New York City. He's living with his wife at their apartment on Central Park West," reports SAMUEL R. McLAUGHLIN '58. Dick is president of Communication Exhibits Inc., in Canal Fulton, Ohio. His home address: 663 River Road, Canal Fulton, OH 44614.

"Keeping with tradition, we moved again!" writes DANIEL C. GREENE '74. This time, the Greens live in Charlotte, NC where Dan is a materials engineer with the Celanese Corporation. Their first son was born on July 25, 1982. This must be the year for babies. Dan reports that both CHUCK CALHOUN '74 and BOB MANNUS '74 became fathers in 1982. You can write to Dan at P.O. Box 240704, Charlotte, NC 28224.

Two lines sum-up what JOSEPH F. KEITHLEY '37 is doing now: "Still working hard, still enjoying life very much." Joe is the director of Keithley Instruments, Inc., and lives at 2780 Chesterton Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122.

A milestone for MILES M. ZOLLER '21: "Helen and I celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 5. How about that!" Miles and Helen live at 100 Intracostal Pl., Apt. 201, Tequesta, FL 33458. They attended the Alumni Spring Festival at Epcot Center near Orlando. '21 was the oldest class there!

"Having to watch my health for the first time," writes BRIAN WHITE '61. Brian is with Signatron, Inc., and lives at 215 Mossman Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

"I finally wrote my thesis in the summer of 1981 and picked up my degrees. I'm currently still recovering from that 2-month exertion but I'm looking forward to getting a job by the mid to late '80's," admits LAMPROS FATSIS '77. Home address for Lampros is 14 Fairbanks St. No. 1, Brookline, MA 02146.

After four years in England and Alabama, ARTHUR A. WASSERMAN '51 has moved with his family to 422 East Ravine Baye Rd., Bayside, WI 53217. Art moved in connection with his job as general manager of the solids process equipment division of the Allis-Chalmers Corp. They have operations in Milwaukee, Appleton (Wisc.), Los Angeles and Boston.

After nearly 12 years as a "Road scholar," JOEL HEMMELSTEIN '71 continues work as a consultant, entertainer, teacher, child monitor and minister/healer. "Over the years I have continued the fraternal connection with several Betas involving such Beta legends as COG '70, STOL '69, STEWIE '69, IVERSON '69 RYBS '67, ALBRIGHT '69 and SCHROED '67," writes Dr. Farb. He also made it to Greece (finally) and ran into a Beta from Texas on the 220-yard track at Delphi. You can write Joel at 3121 Fifth St., Santa Monica, CA 90404. NEAL HEMMELSTEIN '75 is a kindergarten teacher in Los Angeles and loves it, Joel added. "The two of us can pass seven juggling clubs between us!"

We Hear From Beta Theta Pi Alumni

"Can hardly see, hear or walk," said JONATHAN Y. BALLARD '23 when he wrote us in December. Johnnie did make a trip to Washington D.C. and Toronto last fall. He keeps in touch with officials at MIT, and enjoys news of friends. You can write John, a retired executive, at 1215 Hillcrest, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

"I have been seeing DICK McLAUGHLIN '57 and his wife, Anne, for the last couple of years," writes KARL DUFF '57. They go sailing in the summer and skiing in the winter. Karl is assistant chief of navel research for the Office of Naval Research, and has been in the Washington area for five years. His home address is 6101 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310.

PETER DINSDALE '67, the owner (and farmer) of Blue Heron Farm writes he is struggling to pay debts, but also enjoying the work involved in running his diversified farm, and parenting three children. "My Spanish is improving with nearly annual vacations to Mexico or Guatemala, and dealing with Mexican workers." You can get in touch with Peter at 4290 Barrett St. S., Salem, OR 97302.

New address for Barb and LARRY KING '66 is P.O. Box 2087, Davenport, IA 52089.

Chemical engineer JOSEPH K. KNIGHT '40 continues to enjoy retirement (from Dupont 5 months ago). He is pursuing his hobby of restoring old family furniture, and is now ready to invest in a new bicycle. Joe's home address is 2930 Concord Blvd., Concord, CA 94519.

Manager of gas reactor programs with General Electric RUSS PFLASTERER '50 sends news about his two children: daughter Sue is a civil engineer in Alaska and son Chip recently graduated with a BS in Business Administration with a computer emphasis and is now looking for the right job in the right place. Job information can be sent to Russ or Chip at 17540 Holiday Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

After retirement, PHILIP H. HATCH '21 spent a year in Brazil as a railway consultant on a comprehensive transportation study and travelled all over the world. Now, Phil and his wife are enjoying life in Western Pennsylvania and in Florida in the winter. (70 Gibson Street, North East, PA 16428.)

"Jackie and I will celebrate our 17th wedding anniversary this summer," writes JAMES W. GRIFFIN '64 banker and executive vice-president of the Elmhurst, IL National Bank. "Still proud to be a Beta," boasts Jim. You can write to Jim at 1210 Broadmeadow Road, Winnetka, IL 60093.

ROBERT E. DONOVAN '51 experienced a "quasi-career-switch" caused by the liquidation of the company at which he was working. Now Bob is into auditing branch plants for compliance to quality control for nuclear components/fabrication. Bob lives at 405 Partridge St., Franklin, MA 02038.

Address for engineer DAVE GRASSO '75 is 3012 Mattos Avenue, San Jose, CA 95132. Dave is with Siliconix.

DONN W. BARBER '42 retired from the DuPont Company last year and has been working in real estate sales ever since. Donn, who has been married for 37 years lives at 229 N. Garfield St., Kennet Sq., PA 19348.

Newlywed DONALD R. TABER '25 lives at 400-B N.E. 20th Street, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431. Don married Mrs. Wilmina Ehrenberg on March 19. He also reports on a "delightful" visit with brothers DAVE EVANS '24 and ALDEN CUSHMAN '24, after not seeing each other for about 35 years!



Deceased

JAMES E. CUNNINGHAM '57, died on January 12, 1983, after a four-year struggle with leukemia. Jim was participating in a new bone marrow transplant therapy program for leukemia patients at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Jim is survived by his wife, Anne, and two daughters. Mrs. Cunningham wrote that plans are being made to fund a scholarship or fellowship in Jim's name at MIT. Any brothers wishing to contribute or seeking additional information may contact Anne Cunningham at 4144 San Carlos, Dallas, TX 75205.

JOHN P. TILLINGHAST '31 passed away on December 15, 1982, at the age of 74. John was the co-founder of Tillinghast, Nelson & Warren, Inc., of Atlanta, an international consulting and actuarial firm. "John and OTTO KOHLER '31 were close friends and roomed together when the Beta house was at 241 Kent Street," wrote BILL CORDER '32.

EDWARD SMITH JOHNSTON '25 died on May 4, 1982, as the age of 79. Ed lived in Mesa, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and several children. Ed and his sons-in-law had farming property in Arizona.

FISKE R. JONES '15 died on February 4, 1982.

Alumni Correspondence Continues

Associate professor of mathematics and computer sciences at the University of Florida, ROBERT C. BRIGHAM '56 splits his time about 50-50 between teaching and research and "loves both." You can write to Bob at 700 Euclid Ave., Orlando, FL 32801.

PRENTISS I. COLE '27 extends a golf date to any and all class of '27 Betas. Bud is the associate secretary for the Class of '27 members living on the West Coast. You can write him at 2150 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

"Married over 58 years!" boasts NORMAN J. GREENE '22. Norm is retired, spends his winters in Florida and has 8 grand-children and one great-grandchild. You can write him at P.O. Box 379, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

New address for WALTON H. MARSHALL, JR '35 is 3593 S. Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Graduate student HERMAN MARSHALL '78 just returned from a month-long stay in Italy, working with scientists most of the time, yet managing to take a week off with his wife to travel through Italy and Switzerland. Herman, who intends to graduate with his PhD from Harvard in June, saw ALAN LAVES '82 and MIKE DEWITT '81 while in Texas attending a conference. Mike lives at 29-31 Harvard Ave., No. 36, Medford, MA 02156.

Patent lawyer YARDLEY CHITTICK '22 attended the 143rd Beta Convention in French Lick, IN and was the only Beta Upsilon alumni there! When Yardley last wrote us he was heading south to Florida, and hoping to see many old friends from Beta. Yardley, the 1922 Class Secretary, may be reached at Box 390, Ossipee, NH 03864.

Owner/president of Bolotype, Inc., DONALD KAHN '46 reports that his son, Stephen, (Wesleyan '85), was initiated into the Mu Epsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi in December. You can write Don at 395 Marquesa Dr., Miami, FL 33156.

"I recently passed my ophthalmology boards and I am scheduled to function as a surgical tutor to residents at Pittsburgh Eye and Ear Infirmary," reports DANIEL NADLER '72. Nads lives on Scaife Road, Sewickley, PA, 15143.

"I host a weekly television talk show on cable (QUBE), 'Columbus Amen,' a program which deals with virtually every topic, i.e. surrogate mothering, homosexuality, public housing, etc.," writes ROBERT K. WHITTIER '60. He is assistant director of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority. Bob, who is a soccer coach in his spare time, lives at 2442 Salem Ave., Grove City, OH 43123.

"Nothing new," reveals DONALD W. ROSS '40. "Retired and leading the good life on the Florida Sun Coast. Great fishing and sailing!" Don lives at 582 Baywood Drive S., Dunedin, FL 33528.

"I am a senior engineer at Polaroid, in new product design, and am having fun again at it," writes design engineer KEN LAUNIE '76. Ken is with Polaroid in Cambridge where he is looking to buy a millstone (house). Ken also reveals he has been a member of a Scottish performing troupe, doing Scottish Highland dancing and singing. "Not something I could have foreseen while at MIT to say the least!" Ken lives at 211 Central St., Stoneham, MA 02180.

"My family and I are ski enthusiasts," reports RICHARD STIFLER '61, "I never thought I would resent a winter with temperatures in the 60s!" Richard, a psychiatrist who lives at 45 Leighton Rd, Wellesley, MA 02181, would like to hear from any brothers from the 1957-62 era who happen to be passing through the Boston area.

"Has anyone else in the class of '54 retired?" asks WARREN DAVIS '54. He retired at the end of 1982, but began a second career in January, with the American Satellite Company, as an engineer. Warren and Jeanne are at 7015 Tilden Lane, Rockville, MD 20852, and welcome visitors to the area.

"Commission for design of new library building still on back burner," writes ROBERT S. COOK '30. Bob, an architect with Bailey & Gardner, is still working on his lifetime project: technical aids to creativity. You can write him at P.O. Box 854, Orange, VA 22960.

Management consultant CHARLES CALHOUN '74 has a new job with Kenneth Leventhal & Co., working with real estate clients. There is also a new baby girl at his home (178 East 80th St., Apt. 24-C, New York, NY 10021). Amanda is "a great bundle of fun," says Chuck.

"Bought a house, living inside the Houston loop to escape our famous traffic. No kids," summarizes PAUL HAINES '78. Paul hosted BOBBY KNECHT '78 last December, and JOHN KERINS dropped in for a visit. Paul is a general field engineer with Schlumberger, and lives at 6439 Cindy Lane, Houston, TX 77008.

Now back in Illinois, WILLIAM H. S. PREECE, Jr '71 is running the pension fund at Dart & Kraft, Inc. His home address is 1039 Devonshire Ct., Highland Park, IL 60035.

The home address for THOMAS HAUER '79 is 9750 Farmcrest Drive, West Chester, OH 45069.

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Thanks!