

# The BACK BAY BETA



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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

## Beta Brothers Awarded Scholarships

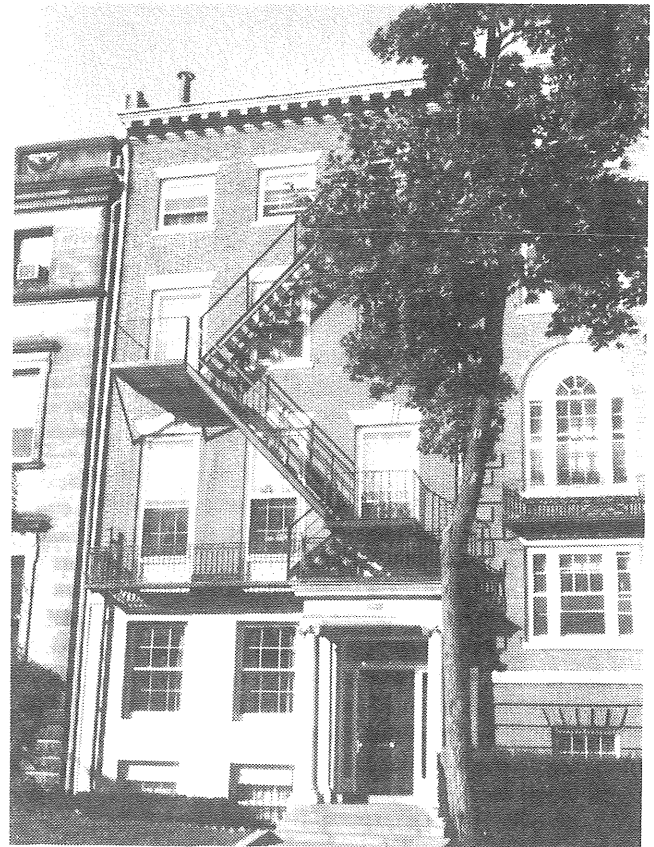
The semester is off to a smooth start at the chapter. In late August, the Brothers returned for a very productive Work Week. The House has reached the point where we can concentrate as much on improvements as on repairs. Work Week was followed by a most successful Rush Week, during which 12 men pledged at Beta Upsilon.

In September, we learned that the chapter had won the Virginia Tech Scholarship Award - Northeast Region, an honor we are very proud of, considering the higher academic standards at MIT compared to other schools. Also, Mark Bouchard, '84 won the Charles Henry Hardin Memorial Scholarship, given yearly by the General Fraternity to an outstanding undergrad. In early October, Ray Mills, a graduate student in Aero/Astro who came to the House this year from the Beta Chapter at Virginia Tech, traveled to Budapest, Hungary where a paper he presented to a world gathering on space development won first prize.

The intramural sports season is just beginning, and consistently strong Beta teams are competing in football, soccer, soon-to-come hockey, and basketball.

As always, we welcome any and all alumni to come and visit us at 119 Bay State Road.

MARTY ST. GEORGE '86  
Alumni Secretary



*The Beta House standing proud at 119 Bay State Road, Boston, MA.*

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## Treasurer's Report House Finances Remain Stable

The Beta Upsilon chapter can justifiably continue to boast a strong financial situation. The budget for fiscal 1983-84, prepared by last year's treasurer Kenneth J. Shine '85, calls for total House expenditures of \$133,870. This amount may be broken down into three major categories. House expenses, such as rent payments to the Beta Upsilon Association, and water, gas, and utility bill payments, account for \$58,600. Food expenses this year should total \$53,570. Chapter expenses, including the social, rush, and house manager budgets, account for the remaining \$21,700. This term the 29 Brothers and 12 pledges living in the House will pay \$356 monthly housebills. These cover all chapter and House costs, as well as 17 meals per week prepared by Paul Daigle, our cook.

Although the House can presently pay its bills as they are received, a laxness among some Brothers in paying their housebills may someday cause cash flow problems. We will soon decide whether or not to implement a stricter system of scaled fines to encourage timely payment of housebills. The House also may soon abolish its present no-interest, no-service charge checking account. A fixed amount (about \$2000) of this money would be transferred into an interest-bearing (5¼%) savings account, and the rest (\$3000-5000) would go into an interest-bearing business checking account requiring service charge payments. Alumni advice on this, or similar reorganizations of our accounts would be greatly appreciated.

As treasurer, I also hope to keep a close eye on other House officers, making sure that their expenditures are justifiable and within their budgetary constraints. Only with careful planning and avoidance of wasteful spending can our chapter remain financially sound.

MICHAEL STRAUB  
Treasurer

## New Heating System Installed

I am happy to report that down parkas will not need to be worn in the Main House this winter. Due to the much appreciated support of our alumni, we have been able to complete the installation of a new heating system. This system cost approximately \$15,000, and replaces the system that came with the House when it was acquired by the Fraternity in 1946. Replacing the old and dilapidated system is a new hot water heater and storage tank, a more efficient and compact burner, and in each room forced hot water baseboards. Those who remember frigid temperatures in the back of the House know how much this long-awaited improvement is valued.

Among other notes of interest is our new mascot, a dogwood tree on the front lawn of the Annex, as well as a new washing machine to replace the old one, which self-destructed this summer. Also dedicated this fall was the Annex Pub in the basement. The 24-hour pub features beer-on-tap (actually a vending machine which serves canned beer as well as soda), seating for 12 on new built-in sofas, and refreshing conversation with other Betas during those much-needed study breaks.

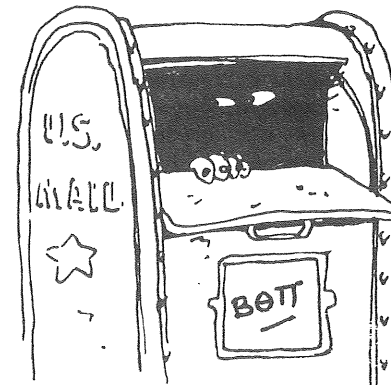
We are looking forward to a productive January Work Week, during which the Annex will receive its annual repairs and renovations.

JIM DANNA '84  
House Manager

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**WE'D LOVE  
TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

OUR ADDRESS IS AT THE TOP OF THIS PAGE





“Still alive and reasonably well,” writes DAVID M. HOUSTON '23. He is self-employed as an engineering consultant, and lives at 445 Pinehill Rd., Hillsborough, CA 94010.

DAVID O. RICHARDS '45 has retired from Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. after 37 years in research, development, engineering, and manufacturing management positions. “Now enjoying travel, hikes, bicycling and swimming. Have been treasurer of alumni association of Denison University Beta Chapter (Alpha Eta) for 15 years.” David has three children and had a grandchild scheduled to arrive in September. (503 Willrich Drive, Newark, OH 43055).

FREDERICK W. WILLICOTT '27 is retired and enjoying his free time. “We had a nice vacation in April/May visiting Epcot Center in Disney World and enjoying a cruise on the Western Carribean. Keep fit by swimming half a mile regularly and doing all home and yard work myself.” Fred lives at 6934 33rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015.

DICK MCLAUGHLIN '58 writes, “50% of our pledge class had dinner together on September 23 - JIM ROWAN, LARRY HOOVER, HENRY YOUNG and myself. A wonderful and nostalgic evening.” (663 River Road, Canal Fulton, OH 44614).

WALTER E. BORDEN '45 is retired from Exxon Chemical Co. and is now “trying to sell house in South Carolina. In October will leave for six months tour of New Zealand and Australia, with stops in Tahiti, Fiji and Hawaii. Will then return to permanent home at 105 Alder Circle, St. Simons Island, GA.” Walt's daughter was married on Oct. 1, 1983.

KEN SCHWARTZ '76 is doing post-doctoral work at Lawrence Livermore National Lab in California. “My wife Margaret and I had our first child, Nicholas Mark, on 6/29/83. . . and I'm looking for a permanent position in industry for 1984 in California or Boston.” Ken went to two Beta weddings last May - MARK SWENSON '78 and ERIC RAETSKY '76 (where he was also best man). He saw MATT BREITENBERG '78, JEFF MANNI '77 and MIKE SKILLENBERG '75.

LAWRENCE RUSSELL IV '75 is now owner of Crosby's Fire Equipment in Augusta, GA. He writes that he is “fired up about it.” (Very punny.) You can write to him at Cannon Hill, 2849½ Tobacco Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815.

RICHARD TSIEN '65 is doing research on brain and heart cells as a professor of physiology at Yale, while his wife, Julia, is finishing her doctorate at Harvard in the area of sociology/anthropology. Their second child was born last January. They live at 45 Westwood Road, New Haven, CT, 06515.

HAROLD V. SMITH '47 is retired from the United States Air Force. His home address is 326 E. Lake Road, Canandaigua, NY, 14424.

E. W. PEAKES '44 is a district manager in the Utility Division of General Electric. “No immediate plans for retirement, although we think about it occasionally.” Ed and the rest of the Peakes clan are “well rooted in Kansas City” and can be found at 11310 Madison, Kansas City, MO, 64114.

EDWARD T. HILL '48 works in marine transportation for the Maritime Overseas Corporation. His home address is 188 Chittenden Ave., Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

PAUL HOCHFELD '72 is an emergency physician. Outside of this, he writes, “good crop of sheep on farm in Oregon Coast Range. Starting to get hooked on kayaking . . . to the point that I expect I'll start working less so I can kayak more.” You can write to Paul at Rt 1, Box 399, Eddyville, OR 97343.

## House Officers '83

- President . . . . . Mark P. Bouchard '84
- Vice President . . . . . Richard C. Steines '84
- Treasurer . . . . . Michael A. Straub '86
- Secretary . . . . . Kenneth J. Shine '85
- Rush Chairman . . . . . Robert J. Struble '85
- Alumni Secretary . . . . . Martin J. St. George '86



# Alumni Correspondence Continues

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"Corporately, at least I'm returning to Boston. We are starting construction of a life care retirement community in Needham - known as "North Hill" in case any Betas from 1940 or earlier are interested," wrote FRED WEITZ '51 last May. He is a builder and developer with the Weitz Corporation and Subsidiaries. He also wrote that he sees GREG GENTLEMAN frequently. His address: 4800 SW 74th St., Des Moines, IA 50321.

EDWARD A. FLINN '53 writes, "I am still working in NASA's geodynamics program and aiming at a sabbatical next year to continue research in seismology; will also probably write a book on satellite geophysics." "Ten" lives at 3605 Tupelo Place, Alexandria, VA 22304.

JOHN B. JACOB '26 is retired, but "still active in management of our condominium community most of the time and traveling to remote spots when opportunity affords." He wrote back to us with his news after returning from a cruise around the African continent! "Had a call last month from WALTON MARSHALL '35." John lives 3216 Gleneagles Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20906.

"Still enjoying work every day," writes NORMAN C. BEDFORD '38. He and his son run the Beckwith Elevator Co. "Hilda and I enjoy traveling in the U.S. and overseas - there is still much to see, and look forward to many more trips." Norman's address is 124 Lincoln St., Hingham, MA 02243.

J.Y. BALLARD '23 is retired and living at 1215 Hillcrest, Fort Worth, TX 76107. "Enjoyed a visit with Dr. HOWARD JOHNSON and occasionally talk with HUGH DARDEN at Tech."

WALTON H. MARSHALL, JR. '35 writes that he is "simply retired." Walt "was overjoyed to learn from THE BACK BAY BETA that WILLIAM "Doc" KRAYBILL finally made the grade and graduated with the class of '38. Walt can be reached at 3593 S. Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20906.

M. LOREN WOOD '40 is in his 38th year with IBM, currently as a business planner. He writes that the MIT Club of Westchester, NY is now a "strong, growing organization." Woody also writes, "Your impressive 'strong record' in sports and social life certainly reflects the goals the chapter has always worked toward. . . congratulations." After 19 years, Woody still resides at 180 Scarborough Rd., Briarcliff, NY 10510.

In May, HERMAN MARSHALL '78 wrote, "I'm graduating June 9 from Harvard with my astronomy Ph.D. . . I've got a job, starting Sept. 1, at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, on the Johns Hopkins campus, so I'll be moving to Baltimore in August." The most recent address we have for Herman is 29-31 Harvard Ave., No. 36, Medford, MA 02156.

NORMAN J. GREENE '22 writes, "still fighting a mild case of OLD age. That is NOT news." Norman's address is Box 379, Newton Square, PA 19073.

HENRY C. STEPHENS '18 is leading the good life out in Honolulu, while working as a radio commentator for a local station. "Enjoying one hour exercise class each weekday morning...an ocean swim each morning and each afternoon. Celebrated 50 unusually happy years of marriage to my darling Judith last January. We are both alert, alive and enthusiastic - life is beautiful." Hank's address is 435 Seaside Ave., Apt. 1406, Honolulu, HI 96815

PHIL ROBINSON '61 is now vice president and general manager of the Instrument Systems Division of Tektronix. "We love it here in Oregon and would look forward to seeing other Betas when you're here." Phil enjoyed seeing "PUNCH" and Christi WILLIAMSON earlier this year. His home address is 17851 Westview Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

T. J. GUNDLACH, JR. '40 is now retired and living at 760-A Avenida Estancia, Venice, FL 33595. "We love Florida but still spend part of the year in the N.C. mountains and in Michigan visiting relatives. Now have one granddaughter, five grandsons, and two step-granddaughters. This spells success!"

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## PICTURE THIS!



We need your photographs from days gone by for future editions of our newsletter. If you have pictures you would like to share with us, please send them to us at the address on page two.

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## Deceased

EDWARD S. JOHNSTON '25