



The BACK BAY BETA

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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT



Remember this? l-r: GARDNER JOHNSON '18, FRANK MORSE '18, GEORGE WHITE '18, RALPH MCFADDEN '18, JAMES WOOTEN '18, and FRED DODSON '17.

Beta Buys Computer

As usual, Beta is moving along quite well. Our 12 pledges, led by Todd Wilson, have nearly completed their community service projects. They are helping to rebuild "Rosie's Place," a house for homeless women in the South End of Boston. They also held the annual Christmas Party, run by Mike Ruf, on December 8th.

The "computer age" has finally hit Beta. Through an alumni grant, we have obtained a Leading Edge IBM-XT compatible computer with a Winchester Drive. Right now, Matthew Denesuk '87 is developing software to completely computerize our alumni records, and an automation of the house treasury is planned for the future. The computer will also be used for word processing and any other purposes that may arise.

Enjoy the newsletter, and don't forget to stop by 119 Bay State if you are in the area.

MATTHEW DENESUK '87
Alumni Secretary

President Reflects On Beta Experience

The fall term has drawn to a close, and it is a signal that my pledge class shall soon join the ranks of alumni. Living at Beta has made the educational experience at MIT truly complete for the men of the class of 1985, just as it must have done for many alumni. The strength of the Beta Upsilon chapter today assures me that many other young men will benefit from the Beta experience at MIT, as we have, for years to come.

The chapter's strength lies in many areas, including academics, chapter organization, rush, neighborhood relations, sports, social events, and alumni support. Beta Upsilon has received the General Fraternity's Virginia Tech Award for academic excellence in the Northeast for the last two years. The chapter has written a successful comprehensive food program, and is revising the Bylaws, last examined in 1955. Ten of this year's pledges were found through our summer rush program. Relations with the Ryans and, especially, the Lappins, are better than they have ever been. Beta is currently fielding more A-league teams in intramural sports than ever in recent memory, and many brothers participate on various varsity teams. Beta parties are quite renowned, and enjoyed by all who attend. Alumni presence is indispensable during Rush Week. The dedication of so many alumni, the officers of the Alumni Association in particular, to the Beta Upsilon chapter is one of the main reasons for the chapter's present strength.

Beta offers opportunities for growth and learning that the Institute cannot provide. I am confident that those opportunities will be around for a long time to come.

DIMITRI N. KAZARINOFF '85
President

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Alumni Donations

Aid House Improvements

I'm proud to report that a good deal of improvements have been made in the past six months. The all-house work week preceding our fall rush was very productive. We even had a team of brothers up to their knees in mud, rolling in new sod for the front lawn! I cannot remember the house ever looking so good. This term has seen a renewed effort at fire safety and prevention, and our treasurer has informed me that the new heating system installed just over a year ago has already saved us close to \$6,000.

The improvements on the kitchen have been completed, after many hours of labor produced by several brothers, and financial support from the chapter Alumni Association. This assistance included funds to purchase a new gas stove to replace the existing one, which our cook rumors to be over 20 years old. Several other major projects for which funding has been approved include inspection and repair work for all three fire escapes, insulated exterior glass doors for the library, and hiring an electrical contractor to rewire the annex at 120 Bay State Rd. Bids are currently being accepted from firms for these three projects.

Two large donations for physical improvement of the house have been received recently: 1) a bequest of \$3,000 from the estate of ERIC C. HOFMAN '27. This is supposed to be used to purchase a new piano for the main house. A 1903 Chickering grand is currently under consideration; and 2) a bequest from CLIVE LACY '15 to be used to purchase furniture for the annex living room. We appreciate the generosity of these gentlemen and their concern for the upkeep of our chapter house.

I am looking forward to this January's pledge work week—there will be 12 pledges and several brothers working on the annex, sanding and refinishing the landings, installing carpeting, painting, and renovating the bathrooms. I know that we'll all benefit from this much-needed work period.

JOHN BARTHOLOMEW '86
House Manager

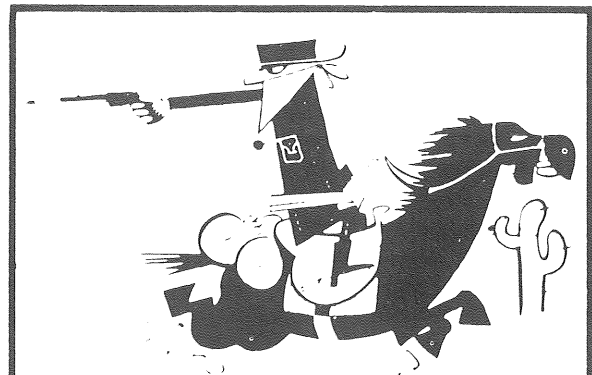
House Maintains Solid Financial

Standing

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi can once again declare that our house financial position is a sound one. The fiscal budget for 1984-85, prepared by last year's treasurer Michael Straub '86, totals \$138,710. House expenses will require the timely payment of housebills by all. A committee has been formed to propose ways to deal with and prevent personal debts to the house. We strongly believe that it is important to target and resolve such potential problems in order to maintain our solid financial standing.

As treasurer, I have tried to keep a careful watch on our budget. With the help and careful planning of our house officers including the house manager, steward, social chairman, and the assistant-treasurer, John Appar '87, I don't see any problem with keeping within these budgetary constraints. As a closing point, I would like to add that, in addition to being cost-conscious, we are trying hard to improve our financial rating with the General Fraternity.

MIKE ESPOSITO '87
Treasurer



Leaving Town?

Don't forget to send us your new address!

Alumni in the News

NORM GREENE '22 attended the tri-annual Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants held in September at Plymouth, MA. Norm is in touch with YARDLEY CHITTICK '22, ABBOTT JOHNSON '22, CHESTERTON KNIGHT '21, and MILES ZOLLER '21. Norm can be reached at P.O. Box 379, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

JOHNNY BALLARD '23 is retired and lives at 1215 Hillcrest, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

DON TABER '25 had a chance to visit with AUSTIN COLE JR. '27 whom he hadn't seen in 35 years. Don lives at 400-C NE 20th St., Boca Raton, FL 33431.

BUD COLE '27 would appreciate hearing from his classmates, and invites Betas to drop in for a visit at 2150 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

FRED WILLCUTT '27 reports the arrival of his first grandson, who was the "most popular person" at Fred's golden wedding anniversary in June. Fred can be reached at 6934 33rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20015.

"After 53 years of flying, I stopped flying my own plane in 1980," writes BOB SANDERS '31. Bob lives at 4000 Cathedral Ave., NW, Apt. 446B, Washington, DC 20016.

KELSEY SAINT '34 lives at 116 St. Dunstons Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212.

ALBIE BOOTH '41 spends half of his time on business-related travel in the Caribbean, finding contractors for light assembly manufacturing. Albie lives at 17 Harding Ln., Westport, CT 06880.

JACK PENNINGTON '43, an engineer with Hughes Tool Co., is still showing dogs and has recently moved to 3390 South Oneida Way, Denver, CO 80224.

JACK BREYMANN '44 reports that all four of his daughters are doing well and living in New England. Jack lives at 66 Devir St., No. 306, Malden, MA 02148.

"Just joined the exclusive and growing open heart surgery club for a triple bypass—progressing excellently," writes HAL SMITH '47. Hal's winter address is 80 Fiesta Way, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301.

Notes From

The Alumni President

As all of you who were able to attend know, the dinner held in honor of JOHN LACY '42 and BOB DANNER '47 in November was a huge success. The turnout was great, the food was delicious, and the speakers weren't long-winded. We did find out from DONN BARBER '42 some interesting facts about his "joint" thesis with Brother Lacy: first, Brother Barber did nearly all the work, and second, he received a lower grade! It was truly an outstanding event in honor of the tremendous service of Brothers Lacy and Danner.

We are grateful for continued alumni support for activities and for house improvements. This fall, we replaced the kitchen stove and gave the actives a personal computer. Special bequests from CLIVE LACY '15 and ERIC HOFFMAN '27 are being used for furniture and a new piano. Later in the year, we plan to work on the Annex wiring, a project long overdue. Please continue your support!

MATT BREITENBERG '76
Alumni Association President

GEORGE MOTZENBACKER '49 can be reached at 1697 Wabeek Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013.

EVAN EVANS '51 has recently moved to 331 Old Toll Rd., Madison, CT 06443.

DICK REEDY '51 is rebuilding a 1901 steam yacht using the original triple expansion engine. Dick has "loads of extra room" at his home and welcomes Betas any time. Dick's address is Folly Pt., Gloucester, MA 01930.

WALT MASSEY '51, who is self-employed as an actor/director/lecturer, can be reached at 1951 Tupper St., Montreal, CANADA H3H 1N6.

"On Sabbatical to do research for a year—back to being a bureaucrat in September," says TED FLINN '53. Ted lives at 3605 Tupelo Pl., Alexandria, VA 22304.

JOHN "Rockchock" RIDDELL '53 recently purchased a printing and bookmaking firm in Wisconsin. This is John's third career, after engineering and mortgage banking. His address is 1209 Laurie Ln., Hinsdale, IL 60521.

BOB BRIGHAM '56 reports a "year of graduations" for his two children. Bob's home is at 700 Euclid Ave., Orlando, FL 32801, and he teaches at the nearby University of Central Florida.

Alumni News Continues

DICK MCLAUGHLIN '58 was recently elected mayor of Canal Fulton, OH. "If anyone wishes to get married in our village, I can now perform the ceremony with gratuities waived for brothers." Dick may be reached at 663 River Rd., Canal Fulton, OH 44614.

After retiring from the Air Force last year, ALLAN MACLAREN '60 is now with Hercules, Inc., in Washington. Allan's two daughters are currently at Stanford. His address is 609 N. Oak St., Falls Church, VA 22046.

DICK OELER '60 spent the fall in the Boston area while attending a program at Harvard Business School. Dick, a vice president with Air Products and Chemicals, lives at 3841 Trexler Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104.

BUD BORING '64 is "still looking after Citibank's construction and engineering banking business in Europe." Bud visited with JERRY BURNETT '64 in Paris last spring. His address is 33 Rue de la Plaine, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine, FRANCE.

BILL PREECE '71 reports the birth of his first child, a son, last fall. Bill is director of pension finance for Dart & Kraft and can be reached at 1039 Devonshire Ct., Highland Park, IL 60035.

PAUL HOCHFELD '72 got married last summer at his farm in Oregon. Paul is an emergency physician, and his address is Rt. 1, Box 399, Eddyville, OR 97343.

BOB MAUNUS '74 reports that PAUL SHAPIRO '74 heads a project with Philips Research and lives in Ossining, NY. Bob is also in touch with DAN GREENE '74, STAN SHURSKY '74, and KEN LAUNIE '76. Bob is a biochemist at New England Biolabs, and he still collects and trades antique clocks and pocket watches. He lives at 10 Kimberly, Danvers, MA 01923.

DOUG BROWN '75 is in his second year of an MBA program at Harvard. Doug is looking forward to graduating next June and, he hopes, "returning to a net positive cash flow position." Doug's address is 19 Hancock St., Arlington, MA 02174.

B.J. DAVIES '75 is a landscape architect in New Jersey, and he recently won an award for his design of a playground and park. B.J., Normandie, and their two children live at 24-A Kinney St., Madison, NJ 07940.

KEN SCHWARTZ '76 recently finished his post-doctoral work at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. He's been in contact with ERIC RAEFSKY '76 and MARK SWENSON '78, discussing especially "the relative fortunes of the Yanks, Phils, Padres, and the latest Grateful Dead tour." Ken's address is 327 Scottsdale Rd., Pleasant Hills, CA 94523.

"I finally got a job," writes HERMAN MARSHALL '78. Herman is an astronomer with the Space Telescope Science Institute and lives at 7611 Knollwood Rd., Towson, MD 21204.

KEN CAMERON '78 is on his way to Houston after being selected by NASA for the Astronaut Program. "Needless to say, we're thrilled about that, except Robert (8 months), who could care less as long as the formula keeps coming!"

JOHN "J-Bag" KERINS '80 was married in June and at his wedding were MARK KILCHENMANN '78, BOB KNECHT '78, HERMAN MARSHALL '78, TOM HAUER '79, CRAIG KATZ '79, MARK BRETON '80, PAUL ROTHMAN '80, STEVE ADAMS '81, LEW BENDER '81, and KEN SCHOENDORF '81. John and Carol live at 3307A S. Wakefield St., Arlington, VA 22206.

PAUL ROTHMAN '80 graduated last year from the Yale Medical School and is a resident in internal medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York. Paul's address is 116 W. 72nd St., Apt. 11B, New York, NY 10023.

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TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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