



The BACK BAY BETA



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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

Alumni Officers Announced

It is certainly with very mixed emotions that I find myself once again reporting to the alumni on the status of the Beta Upsilon Association. A year ago at this time I was enjoying the warm feeling that the association was continuing its forward progress under the capable hands of our new president, Matt Breitenberg. Unfortunately for us, but fortunately for him, a job opportunity has lured him to Pennsylvania, and I am once again writing the president's letter.

The news continues to be good on all fronts. We had a recent alumni/chapter meeting at the house, and a number of items were discussed. The chapter house bills appear to be around the median for MIT, and the house is operating close to capacity. Thus, with our ongoing alumni generosity, plus some increases from our "heavy hitters," the general financial situation is good, which indicates that we will be able to continue to maintain the house in the proper manner.

The undergraduates are an outstanding group of young men. I am sure that they will report separately on their various and significant achievements in the academic, athletic, and social areas.

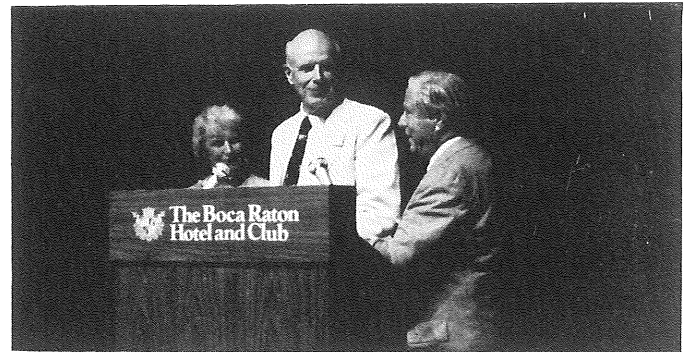
I am pleased to report the addition of some younger alumni as officers of the Beta Upsilon Association, and I hope that my current role will be of shorter duration than last time.

Current alumni officers include:

- Vice President Ken Launie '76
- Treasurer Jerry Cole '78
- Assistant Treasurer John Lacy '42
- Secretary Bill McEwen '48
- Assistant Secretary Mike Feinstein '82
- Officer at Large Jeff Manni '77
- Officer at Large Bob Knecht '78

Yours in -kai-,
Bob Danner '47
President

James Egan '86
President



Brother John Lacy '42 accepts Counselor of the Year Award at Beta's national convention this summer.

Chapter President Reviews Semester

The fall semester is well under way at the Beta house, along with the accompanying intramural victories, hard-core academics, and highly successful parties. Much should be made of this mix, which enables individuals within the house to grow together.

Rush week 1985 was another in a series of successes, bringing our house membership to 45—the highest number in years. Along with obtaining new, high-quality members, rush week continually provides an extra boost of spirit and morale that lasts the entire academic year.

Common to all Betas is the emphasis placed on broadening the individual within a supportive group setting. This personal growth cannot be over-emphasized, and it continues to provide the strength needed to maintain our fraternity.

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The response to our call for alumni news for this issue of *The Back Bay Beta* was extremely gratifying. We hope that you enjoy reading all about your friends and classmates on pages four, five, and six. Thank you—and keep those newsforms coming!



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The Back Bay Beta is published regularly by the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT. News contributions, address changes, and photos (black-and-white preferred) are always welcome and should be sent to Beta Theta Pi at MIT, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 575, Cambridge, MA 02139-0575. Photos will be returned, upon request, after use in the newsletter.

Annual Alumni Party To Be Held In April

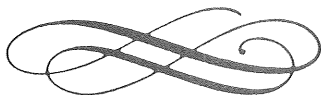
As alumni chairman, it is my responsibility to keep our alumni informed about Beta Upsilon. However, we would also love to hear what's new with all of you. If you have a minute, please feel free to drop us a line to tell us how you are doing. In addition, if you have any suggestions or improvements for *The Back Bay Beta*, please feel free to contact me.

Our annual alumni party will be held in April. If you plan to be in Boston in April, let us know the dates; if the party coincides, we'll be sure to let you know. We'd sure love to see you!

Bill Sortos '87
Alumni Chairman



Betas today still strive for academic and athletic excellence.



Fall Semester Brings Another Fine Pledge Class To Beta

A fine pledge class comprising 10 members was the result of a hard but satisfying rush week for the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. The pledge class includes nine freshmen and a junior transfer student from the Air Force Academy.

The pledge class of '86 has begun work on a community service project. The pledges are preparing and serving food at a soup kitchen in downtown Boston. The pledge class is also active on campus. The pledges compete in three varsity sports, as well as in all intramural sports.

The pledge class is working hard within the chapter. Pledges are learning Beta history and Beta songs, as well as chapter trivia. The pledges are also required to have an informal interview with all active members of the house.

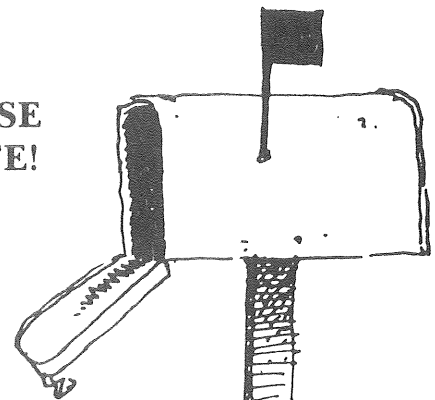
Hopes are high that our pledges will become proud members of Beta Theta Pi.

Alex Romeo '86
Pledge Trainer

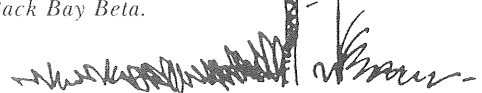
Beta Upsilon Welcomes The 1986 Pledge Class

- Michael Casagrande '89 Danbury, CT
- James Cureton '89 Ann Arbor, MI
- Michael DeCavalcante '87 Harrisburg, PA
- Jeffrey Fitzgerald '89 Cedar Grove, NJ
- Daniel Frankel '89 Schaumburg, IL
- Michael McGovern '89 Colonia, NJ
- Daniel O'Shea '89 Leroy, NY
- Michael Rechin '89 Naperville, IL
- Jonathan Spitzer '89 Salt Lake City, UT
- Kee Wee '89 Batavia, NY

**PLEASE
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Your news is important to the continued success of *The Back Bay Beta*.





Betas of yesteryear relaxing around the piano.



Work Week Puts Chapter House In Fine Shape

As a result of an excellent work week conducted by John Apgar '87, the houses were in excellent shape for rush. Much of the work was concentrated on the annex, which benefited from the addition of carpeting on the main stairs and renovation of the basement area, including the acquisition of much-needed furniture. The chapter room floor was refinished, and new doors were installed. Further improvements include the addition of furniture.

Overall, the houses are in fine shape. With the completion of such alumni "wish list"-sponsored projects as the replacement of both houses' door frames, which have begun to deteriorate, the main efforts of future work weeks will, we hope, be devoted to upkeep and maintenance rather than repair of the houses.

Edward Schreyer '87
House Manager

Chapter's Financial Situation Remains Sound

As the fall term continues, the chapter's financial situation remains sound. By improving the efficiency of our heating system (with the help of our alumni) and by careful budgeting, we have been able to keep our housing costs relatively constant, while expanding the expenses covered.

With the computerization of our house records and the addition of a new house printer, we will be able to print house bills and house records, making the treasurer's job easier and more efficient. With continued support of the alumni association, specifically its treasurer, Jerry Cole '78, we will maintain our excellent financial standing with the general fraternity, enabling us to maintain the strong position our house is in and ensuring the continuing prosperity of our chapter.

Robert Mentle '88
Treasurer

Brothers Respond To "Mystery" Photo

After publishing the "mystery" photo of a Beta banquet on page one of the last issue of *The Back Bay Beta*, we had a good response from alumni who were able to identify those in the photo. According to our sources, the brothers, from left to right,

were: Robert A. Grant, Jr., '64, Michael W. Lardner '66, Jon E. Burkhardt '64, and Michael J. Monsler '64. We appreciate the help we received from the following alumni: Robert D. Benveniste '68, B. Greg Brown '62, and William G. Roeseler '65.

BETA ALUMNI WRITE . . .

Retiree DONALD R. TABER '25 and his wife had a wonderful time at his 60th reunion. Don reports that the Boston Pops was great, and Technology Day was excellent. The only other '25 Beta Don saw at the reunion was AUSTIN COLE, JR., '25. When they wrote, the Tabers mentioned that they had plans to travel to Scandinavia, Germany, and Switzerland during August. Send them your regards at 80 Lindor Heights, Holyoke, MA 01040.

DOMINIC P. CAMARDELLA '72 and his wife, Joan, have been married 13 years, and they have three children. Dom is a computer engineer for Data Bank, Inc., and in his spare time he is still pursuing musical endeavors. Dom sent along some new addresses for CHARLES M. THOMPSON '73, DAVID R. PETERSON, and ARTHUR J. KILMURRAY, JR., '74. The Camardellas make their home at 1404 Sterling Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013.

Professor HERBERT B. VOELCKER '51 will be working in Washington, D.C., for a year to help the National Science Foundation launch a new engineering division. During the past two years, Herb has continued to direct the production automation project at the University of Rochester. The Voelckers have two sons, one who has graduated from Stanford and lives between San Francisco and Manhattan, and the other son, who is currently doing some grad study at Central Michigan University. Herb has had professional contact with JOHN R. DIXON '52, who is a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Get in touch with Herb at 26 Castleman Rd., Rochester, NY 14620.

"After five years of consulting for Bethlehem Steel, I decided to join their management team and help implement all that advice," writes MATTHEW D. BREITENBERG '76. Matt resides at 4485 Farm Dr., Allentown, PA 18104.

Naval officer KARL M. DUFF '57 reports that he is still working to bring modern ships, including hydrofoils, into the future Navy. Karl also does some speaking on the full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship circuit. He gets together with SAMUEL R. "Dick" McLAUGHLIN '58 occasionally for a skiing, sailing, or fishing trip. Karl was able to identify two of the brothers in the holiday photo that appeared on page three of the spring issue of *The Back Bay Beta*. The two brothers that Karl recognized were RICHARD C. WILLIAMSON '63 and WILLIAM S. WIDNALL '59. Write to Karl at 6101 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Although D. KENNETH FINLAYSON '35 retired a year ago, he reports that he still does consulting for his prior employer. Ken was sorry to miss his 50th reunion this past year. He has two children and four grandchildren, and you can send him a note at 9 Highland Park Place, Rye, NY 10580.

Congratulations to ROBERT C. BRIGHAM '56 on his recent promotion to professor of mathematics and computer science at the University of Central Florida. Bob teaches and does research in the area of graph theory. Wife Dee is working on a master's degree, son Geoffrey graduated from Georgetown Law School and will be joining a law firm, and daughter Rosalind is enrolled at the University of Florida with career plans to become a physical therapist. Bob has seen HARRY B. LEE, JR., and JEWELL RAY BOWEN '56 in the past few years. Any brothers passing through the area are invited to contact Bob at 700 Euclid Ave., Orlando, FL 32801.

When he wrote recently, EUGENE D. RICHTER '53 reported that he was starting a consulting engineering and marketing business. "Rick" has a daughter majoring in architecture in grad school at MIT. Get in touch with Rick at 3073 Fairfax Rd., Cleveland, OH 44118.

Engineer WILLIAM G. ROESELER '65 is employed by Boeing, and he reports that the technical challenge he is working on now is the composite wing structure for the A-6. When he is not spending time with his one-year-old granddaughter, the other challenge he is working on is getting a large kite sail (56-foot span) under control. Son Cory set a junior high school record in wrestling for having 21 pins in three years. Since Cory is also a 4.0 student, William hopes that he might be headed for MIT, class of '92. Drop William a note at 539 16th W., Kirkland, WA 98033.

When he wrote recently, astronomer HERMAN L. MARSHALL '78 reported that he was planning a change in employment. His plans were to accept a five-year position with Space Sciences Lab at the University of California-Berkeley. Herman was glad to see ROBERT D. KNECHT '78, MARK S. SWENSON '78, and ROLAND J. ZITO-WOLF '76 at a gathering at Bob's place in Lexington, Massachusetts. Mark reported that his wife was expecting a baby. Herman's new address is 977 34th St., Richmond, CA 94805.

Working as a consultant for WPL, Inc., STANLEY J. SHURSKY '74 is also trying to start a small software consulting firm. Stan would appreciate any comments or aid from Beta brothers, and you can reach him at 1336 Salem St., N. Andover, MA 01845.

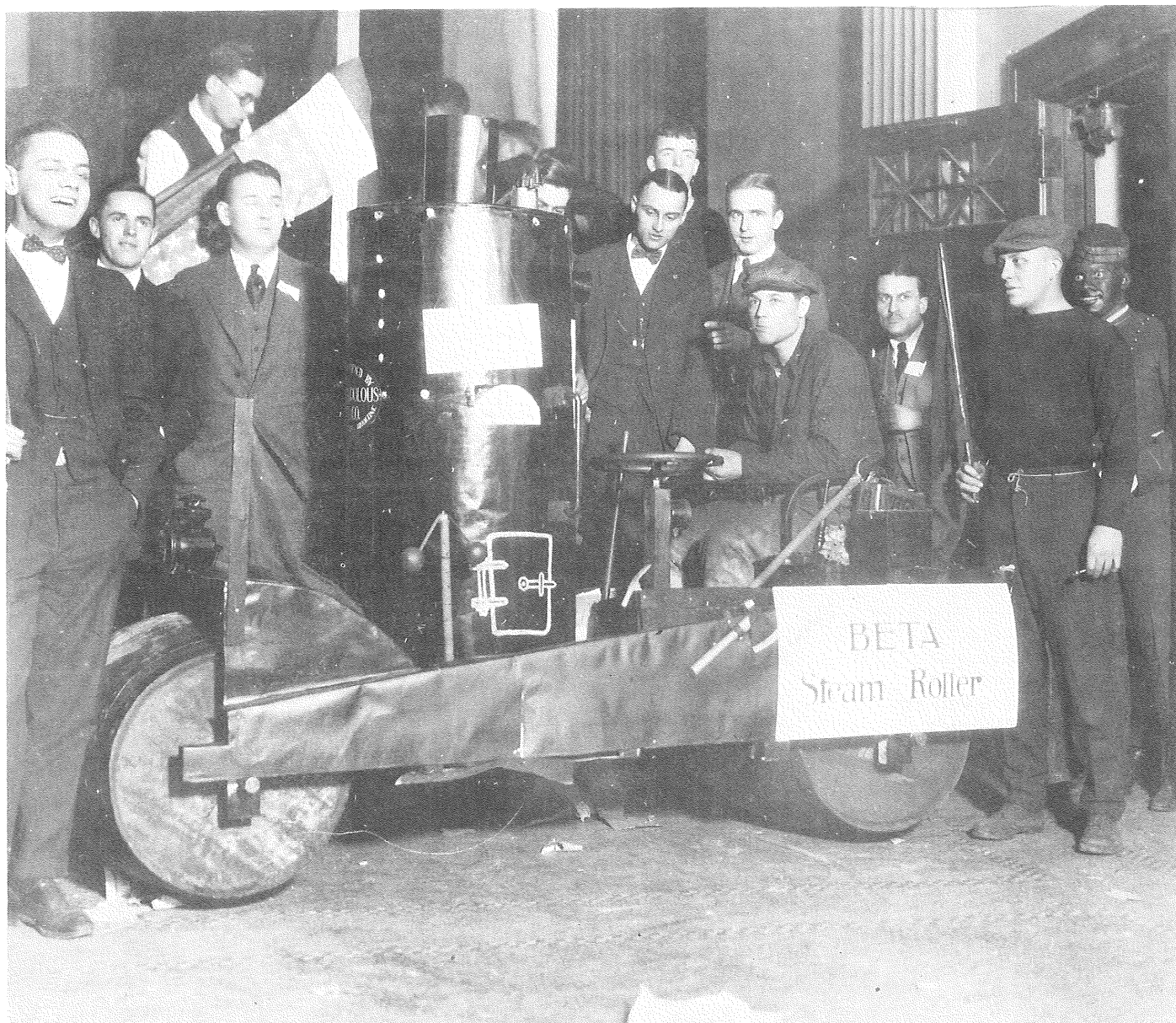
ALFRED B. BOOTH, JR., '41 is executive vice president/management consultant for Production Sharing International. "Albie" reports that production sharing with developing countries in the Caribbean Basin requires considerable travel within the area. Spare time is spent cruising on the Long Island Sound. "Albie" and his wife, Jacky, are proud of their three children—one is a doctor, one is a dentist, and one is comptroller of a CPA firm. They also have two granddaughters. HAROLD D. HAWES '40 has been in touch with "Albie." You can get write to "Albie" at 17 Harding Lane, Westport, CT 06880.

Congratulations to JOHN J. ELDER '66 on his marriage last summer. On his way home from a vacation in Japan, Jack saw TERRY J. VANDERWERFF '66 in Seattle. John resides at 86 Addington Rd., Brookline, MA 02146.

After six years with a management consulting firm, ROBERT D. BENVENISTE '68 recently joined General Electric as a marketing manager. "Roy" and his wife, Toni, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last October. They spend as much time as they can sailing the New England waters—"with further horizons in plan." Roy keeps in touch with YVES F. KRAUS '68. Roy's address is 139 Dolphin Cove Quay, Stamford, CT 06902.

Physician B. GREG BROWN '62 reports that he had a full summer. As well as his marriage, Greg moved up to professor of medicine at the cardiology division at the University of Washington. His research uses computer and fluid mechanics to understand coronary heart disease. Greg spends his spare time wind surfing. He also reports that he sees WILLIAM ROESELER '65 frequently. Write to Greg at 3201 Evergreen Point Rd., Bellevue, WA 98004.

When he wrote recently, WILFORD D. GARDNER '72 reported that in September he would become a professor at Texas A & M University. "Wilf" will continue doing research in oceanography, but he will be more involved with students. "Wilf's" address is 139 Clark Ave., Old Tappan, NJ 07675.



Can you tell us the story behind this picture?

... AND WRITE ...

L. WALTER HELMREICH, JR., '40 and his wife, Marg, attended his 45th reunion in June. They saw LOREN WOOD '40 there. Walter also attended the Beta convention in Boca Raton in August, and he has plans to go to Camelback next year. At the convention he saw JOHN LACY '42, who was recognized as Chapter Counselor of the Year. Other alumni that Walter is in touch with include IRA LOHMAN '38, RICHARD MUTHER '38, DONALD T. AXON '44, and JEFFREY A. BABB '77. Walter requested addresses for some Betas that he has lost touch with. MARSHALL A. PEASE '40 resides at 274 Mooreland Rd., Kensington, CT 06037; ABBOTT JOHNSON '22 resides at 2480 Warwick Rd., Muncie, IN 47304; and RICHARD R. HUGHES '42 resides at 4166 Manitou Way, Madison, WI 53711. You can get in touch with Walter at 4 Fair Oaks Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Congratulations to physician DANIEL J. NADLER '72, who was married in January. "Nads" writes that he enjoys his medical practice, vegetable garden, and fruit trees. He visited TIMOTHY M. BRADLEY '71 in Hawaii recently. Contact "Nads" at 126 Merriman Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143.

Astronomer HERMAN L. MARSHALL '78 writes, "Well, it's time to move on again! My current position ends on September 1, so after an eight-month search, I found a staff position at the University of California-Berkeley in the space sciences lab. This one's good for at least five years, because the satellite doesn't go up until 1990." Herman had plans to travel cross-country in August, so he was hoping to drop in on a few people. He also writes that he enjoyed the alumni reunion and wishes he could have stayed longer. Everyone's encouraged to visit Herman at 7611 Knollwood Rd., Towson, MD 21201.

LAMPROS FATSISS '77 started a new job on April Fool's Day as salesman for Crown Systems, Inc. He reports that "life's a blast." Contact "Lamp" at 16 Monument Square, Apt. 4, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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PAUL R. HOCHFELD '72 was married in August 1984. He is currently sheep farming in the Coast Range, and he is also studying to take the emergency medicine boards for board certification. Paul was able to identify some of the brothers in the "wild and crazy" photo on page two of the last issue of *The Back Bay Beta*. Thanks for your help, Paul. Get in touch with Paul at 8105 Blodgett Rd., Eddyville, OR 97343.

Assistant professor JEFFREY C. MURRAY '71 is employed by the University of Iowa in their department of pediatrics. Jeff writes that wife Ann Marie, sons Ryan and Chris, and he are "learning to love corn" since living in Iowa. He hears from WILLIAM H. S. PREECE, JR., '71, who lives in Chicago, and KENNETH D. CAMERON '78, who is in astronaut training in Houston. Drop Jeff a line at 2653 Princeton Rd., Iowa City, IA 52240.

Writing that he is "more or less" retired, DONN W. BARBER '42 reports that he sells real estate part-time whenever he is not traveling. Don and his wife were planning to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in November (a few months early). DALE MORGAN '38 was planning to be on hand for the occasion. Donn has also seen JOHN LACY '42. Send Donn your regards at 229 N. Garfield St., Kennett Square, PA 19348.

Account manager DAVID J. KORKOSZ '62 writes that he is very hard at work with the highly successful start up of Sun Microsystems, a workstation manufacturer. David's address is 47 Indian Head Rd., Framingham, MA 01701.

Enrolled in the Ph.D. program in statistics at Stanford University, DAVID E. SHAPIRO '82 writes that when he's not studying, he's playing softball, volleyball, cycling, or hiking in the mountains. HAL S. STERN '81 is also at Stanford. David reports that EDWARD M. "Ted" WEAVER '82 was married in July and is living in Burlington, Vermont. Get in touch with David at 1101 Johnson St., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Reporting a new address is LAWRENCE A. KING '66. Mail for Lawrence should now be sent to P.O. Box 95998, Seattle, WA 98145.

JEFFERSON FARMER '35 reports that he finally has a respectable power boat for cruising and taking the grandchildren water-skiing. Jeff writes that the area has really been made nice for recreation, as the lakes have been well stocked with fish, and they are surrounded by campgrounds. Jeff brought our attention to an error we made in reporting his address in the last issue of *The Back Bay Beta*. We incorrectly used the two letter abbreviation for Arizona in his address. We apologize for the error. His correct address is Route 9, Box 83F, Mountain Home, AR 72653.

We envy ROBERT S. CARLSON '56 his assignment as a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii for the spring semester. The address we have for Bob is Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7659, Winston Salem, NC 27109. Aloha, Bob!

FRED L. LUCONI '64 is president of Applied Expert Systems, Inc. (APEX). According to *Business Week*, APEX has devised a computer program that "plumbs the client's attitudes, objectives, and financial circumstances to offer ways to increase capital, lower taxes, and choose the best investments to reach the goals." Fred was a co-founder of the business which was started in 1983. He resides at 819 Monument St., Concord, MA 01712.

BRUCE A. LAUTENSCHLAGER '70 and his family have settled back in Wisconsin. Bruce is controller for Nelson/Jameson, a small dairy equipment distributor's main office. He spends his spare time hunting, teaching hunter safety, and fishing. Bruce writes that the area is beautiful with great deer hunting, and visitors are always welcome. Contact Bruce at 709 S. Linden Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449.

Since retiring in February 1985, JOHN B. BREYMAN, III, '44 has taken a more active part in The Theosophical Society. Oldest daughter Meg is at Yale studying to be a nurse practitioner, daughter Annie is in the nursing training program at the University of Southern Maine, daughter Becky is office manager for Connick Stained Glass, and daughter Kerry cleans houses. John was recently asked to join The Theosophical Investment Trust and discovered that JOHN C. KERN '50 is also a trustee. Write to John at 66 Devir St., #306, Malden, MA 02148.

PRENTISS I. COLE '27 writes, "When I read the headline 'House Finances Stable' in *The Back Bay Beta*, my first thought was that the chapter had gone into a tax shelter. On second thought, I could see the boys riding to classes on horseback. On third thought, I could see the chapter using good horse sense in financial matters. This is stable thinking. My congratulations." He adds, "California is no place to vegetate. I will challenge any Beta that comes my way to a walking round of golf in temperatures fit for human consumption. My best regards to the chapter." Send "Bud" your regards at 2150 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

Retiree ABBOTT L. JOHNSON '22 celebrated his 86th birthday on June 15 with FRITZ CLEMENT '23 in Delray Beach, Florida. Fritz and Abbott were on the first MIT golf team, along with JONATHAN Y. BALLARD '23. Abbott recalls that they beat Harvard, 9-0, that first year, and Harvard wouldn't play MIT again for awhile. Abbott had a pleasant afternoon with MILES M. ZOLLER '21 recently, and he also stopped in Philadelphia to see NORMAN J. GREENE '22. Although Norman is ailing, Abbott reports that he was his usual thoughtful and generous host, and they had lots of pleasant memories to review. Contact Abbott at 2480 Warwick Rd., Muncie, IN 47304.

A professor of neurology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, A. JIM ROWAN '57 is also involved in epilepsy research, electroencephalography, teaching and administration at the Bronx Veterans Medical Center. Jim is in the process of restoring a 1793 colonial house (on the national register). He reports that it is an endless job, but it is most satisfying. Jim spent eight years in Europe studying and practicing neurology. SAMUEL R. "Dick" McLAUGHLIN '58 visited him when he was there. They had a great time antiquing and catching bass, which they later grilled for breakfast. Jim has also seen FRITZ HERMINGHAUS '57 and LAWRENCE HOOVER '57 recently. Jim would love to hear from other '57 Betas. Write to him at 14 Sutton Place S., #9E, New York, NY 10022.



DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following alumni:

FREEMAN H. DYKE '20, March 8, 1983
 DANIEL G. HULETT '42, June 1985
 WILLIAM R. LACY '43
 OWEN W. MATTHEWS, III, '40
 DAVID A. MEEKER '24