

The BACK BAY BETA



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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

Beta Rated Outstanding By District Chief

I had the opportunity, a few weeks ago, to meet at length with Carl Tinstman, our district chief. All alumni will be happy to learn that Beta Upsilon is considered to be an outstanding chapter—one which is exemplary in many ways. Carl told me that his job would be much easier if all of his chapters were like ours.

With the annex wiring job behind us, we are looking ahead toward additional much needed projects, including repair of the fire escapes, replacement of old furniture, and installation of new plumbing in the annex. With such an ambitious agenda, we urgently need your continued support. Thanks for all you've done; we can all be proud of the chapter's excellent standing.

Matt Breitenberg '76
Alumni Association President



A Beta banquet. (Names unknown.)

Chapter President Reports

While only a few weeks remain in the semester, all thoughts at Beta turn toward summer. In addition to a much needed respite from MIT academics, summer marks the beginning of our intensive rush program. Rush Week 1985 promises to be as successful as the past several have been, and any recommendations from alumni are welcomed by the chapter. The recent initiation of the pledge class of 1988 reflects the importance of obtaining new and qualified members.

Intramural athletics have been a focal point for the house this semester. In January, our indoor soccer team captured the "A" league title, which was soon followed, in March, by our hockey team's successful bid for the top crown. Support and enthusiasm for both squads and all intramural teams have been remarkably strong and spirited.

Our elected officers this semester continue to run the house smoothly, and many significant improvements have been made—most notably, the repair of the wiring and plumbing in the annex. As our treasurer notes, steps have been taken to ensure that our financial integrity will be intact.

Integral to all of the chapter's achievements is the hard work and devotion of members of the alumni association and all the alumni. With these certain to remain intact, all Betas can look forward to a bright and ever-promising future.

James Egan '86
President

Chapter Welcomes New Initiates

- Michael Nadolny '87
- Michael Ruf '88
- Todd Wilson '88
- Scott Stull '88
- John Schwager '88
- Rob Mentle '88
- Charles Diruzzio '88
- Steve Ponzio '88
- Rob Boye '88
- Ken Bryan '88
- Ben Silverman '88
- Dave Kramer '88

Congratulations and welcome!

House Finances Stable

As the spring term comes to a close, it is becoming obvious that our chapter's finances are sound and stable. With an eye toward efficiency and careful allocation of our funds, we are working effectively to keep our costs down. Given the imminence of MIT housing cost increases, we are trying (successfully) to avoid increases of the same magnitude.

In our move to become more efficient and organized, we have computerized our cash disbursement records. This not only enables us to keep more accurate records, but it also allows such officers as the steward and rush chairman to have immediate access to the status of their respective budgets. By the end of the summer, we will also have completed converting our accounts payable to a computerized system.

We have worked closely with the alumni association and its treasurer, Jerry Cole '78, and have received tremendous advice and support. With the hard work and planning of all Betas, we will be able to remain in our strong position and continue to prosper in the future.

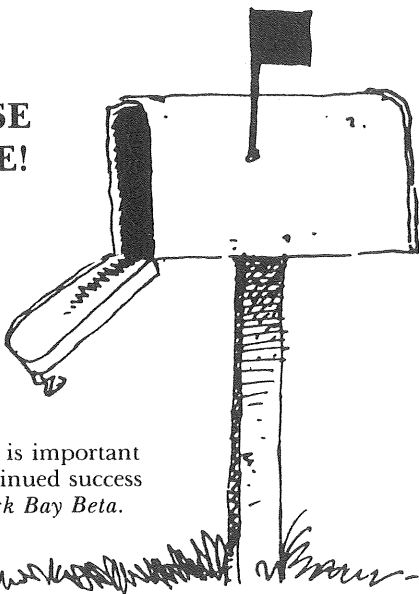
Mike Esposito '87
Treasurer



Remember this? Wild and crazy Betas. (Names unknown.)

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



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Alumni Support Remains Crucial, Bolsters Beta

In reviewing the numerous improvements made both to the main house and the annex in the last nine months, I was truly amazed to discover how significant our alumni support has been. Practically every major project has been given the overwhelming support of our alumni association, and other specific bequests from proud Beta alumni have allowed us to finance several major purchases. Those of us living at Beta now would sincerely like to express our gratitude to those alumni who have given their time and money to the house. We want to let you know that your generosity is very apparent and is greatly appreciated.

I would like to use the space allotted to me in this newsletter to describe some of the major projects that have been completed and especially to describe those projects that are currently being undertaken. I will do so in an effort to show that the current Beta actives are making a serious commitment to improving the house.

The most important improvement made since the last newsletter was the total rewiring of the annex. This major project was completed by contractors in January at a cost of \$25,000. Two major purchases recently made possible by alumni bequests were a piano for the main house and a much needed set of furniture for the annex living room. A 1903 Chickering grand piano was purchased as a result of the bequest of Eric C. Hofman '27 to replace our existing piano, while the purchase of a couch, loveseat, two lounge chairs, and a coffee table for the annex living room was made possible through the bequest of Clive Lacy '15.

Current projects include outfitting both houses with enough dressers, desks, and beds to replace those that have collapsed under use, as well as to provide for the possibility of more people living here next year than have lived here recently. The most significant structural improvement currently being undertaken is repairing the house's three fire escapes. Most of the work will be concentrated on the balcony outside the library, where several of the supports have nearly rusted through. A bid of \$15,000 was accepted for this work, and the work is slated to be finished before the nice weather encourages people to use the fire escapes for socializing during parties or for lounging in the sun.

As I see it, the most serious project we face is the replumbing of the annex drainage system. This will require a great deal of work, as many of the pipes run within walls and ceilings. Bids for this work are now being obtained.

This is a brief summary of what alumni support has allowed us to achieve in only the last nine months. It is amazing! But it is also only another fine example of the dedication of Beta brothers—both to each other and to the organization that brought them together.

John Apgar '87
House Manager



Charitable Betas spread holiday cheer. (Names unknown.)

Beta Upsilon Alumni Send Us Their News

JERRY CALDWELL '15 is retired and living at The Wartburg, 1 Bradley Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10552.

PAUL WOODWARD '17 writes that, although he has not been to Boston in a long time, he has fond memories of 264 Newbury Street and 179 Bay State Road. Paul lives at 816 Great Springs Rd., Rosemont, PA 19010.

JOHNNY BALLARD '18 is recovering after a heart attack and notes that his "doctor is well pleased" with his progress. His address is 1215 Hillcrest, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

YARD CHITTICK '22 is still doing some patent applications for local (New Hampshire) inventors. He reflects on the good fortune of the Betas to obtain 119 Bay State Road on a trade with Simmons after World War II and the annex with a low mortgage from MIT. Yard's address is Box 390, Ossipee, NH 03864.

OTTO KOHLER '31 is retired and reports "nothing new—just vegetating." Otto lives at 68 Woodbridge St., South Hadley, MA 01075.

JEFF FARMER '35 recently moved to the Ozarks from New England. He has been in contact with SETH R. BROOKS, district chief in the 1930s, who can be reached at 1661 Crescent Place NW, Washington, DC 20009. Jeff's new address is Route 9, Box 83F, Mountain Home, AZ 72653.

BERNIE NELSON '35 writes that his class's 50th reunion will begin on June 4 with many activities that Bernie, as class president, is organizing. He notes that WALT MARSHALL '35 will attend, and he hopes to hear from TONY CURTIS '35, KEN FINLAYSON '35, and JEFF FARMER '35. Bernie's address is 4 Lake Dr., Box 112, South Harwich, MA 02661.

DICK MUTHER '38 is a consultant to management and professional societies, helping them with specialty training in career and project planning. He occasionally hunts for duck with FRANK KEARNEY '38, who lives nearby. Dick's address is 1250 W. 63 Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64413.

OZ STEWART '39 is a personal financial planner with IDS/American Express and is enjoying his four grandchildren. He can be reached at 3395 Green Meadow Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

"WOODY" WOOD '40 retired last year after 38 years with IBM. He lives at 180 Scarborough Rd., Briarcliff, NY 10510.

SAM FRY '41 is with Boeing and is still active in climbing, skiing, and windsurfing. His four children are "spread around the world," and he has "nearly" 12 grandchildren. Sam's address is 8402 Benotho Place, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

WE HEAR FROM OUR BETA UPSILON ALUMNI

JACK CRANDALL '42 retired in December from DuPont, but he remains active as a consultant. Jack can be reached at 204 Laurel Circle, Graniteville, SC 29829.

BOB PECK '44 is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery in January, but reports that "otherwise, life is totally enjoyable." Bob's address is 108 Morton St., RR1, Box 108, Yarmouth, ME 04096.

TOM LACY '48 had a busy year in 1984, which saw the marriages of his son and daughter, as well as his own retirement. Tom sees **MEL ADAMS '49** regularly and will be seeing **BILL McEWEN '48** this year. Tom can be reached at 2396 Phillips Rd., Lebanon, OH 45036.

DICK LYLE '52 writes that he has moved back to the U.S. as manager of corporate accounts with the Chevron Chemical Company. Dick "loved the Geneva assignment, but won't miss the 70-80 percent per year travel." His new address is 200 Lakeside Dr., #405, Oakland, CA 94612.

GORDON BLACK '56 remarried last year and plans a career change this spring. His address is 1726 Bowers Rd., Route 6, Mansfield, OH 44903.

OLIVER JOHNS '56 is a physics professor at San Francisco State University, "the CCNY of the West Coast." Write to him at P.O. Box 585, Berkeley, CA 94701.

DICK McLAUGHLIN '58 remains busy with his mayoral duties and can be reached at 663 River Rd., Canal Fulton, OH 44614.

DOUG McMILLAN '62 is an investment consultant at his own firm. His address is The Glebe House, Bibury, Glos., GL75NS, ENGLAND, UK.

JIM GIFFIN '64 is with a medium-sized bank holding company and is busy acquiring banks. He welcomes visiting Betas to his home (near O'Hare Airport) at 282 Arlington Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126.

BILL ROESELER '65 writes that his family "became 'boat people' last July aboard a 46-foot house boat," and that research on sailing technology fills his leisure hours. Bill's address is 15 Lake St., #202, Kirkland, WA 98033.

"BRANDY" **BRANDON '68** notes the arrival of his second child, a boy, in January. He recently contacted **JOHN LAMY '68**, who is with Hewlett Packard. Brandy is with the First National Bank of Chicago and lives at 9719 Pebble Dr., Palos Park, IL 60464.

HORATIO DAUB '70 took a three-and-a-half-year trip around the world, visiting 46 countries. Now a family practice physician, "Raysh" invites visiting Betas to drop by and see him at 5 Knotty Oak Dr., Medford, NJ 08055.

WILF GARDNER '72 announces the arrival of daughter number two in December. Wilf is an oceanographer at Columbia University and can be reached at 139 Clark Ave., Old Tappan, NJ 07675.

ED RICH '72 is manager of leasing for the Dow Chemical Company. Ed's address is 1445 Oak Wood Terrace, Midland, MI 48640.

MARK LEWANDOWSKI '73 is an attorney and has "finally settled down," having gotten married last June. He keeps in touch with **BOB TRONNIER '73**, "who's putting people to sleep (anesthesia) in St. Paul." Mark can be reached at 1558 Wilmers Grove Rd., East Troy, WI 53120.

CHUCK CALHOUN '74 is working as a management consultant with Wall Street investment banks, introducing commercial mortgage-backed securities. After two years, he's half done renovating his house at 106 Harmon Ave., Pelham, NY 10803.

KEN SCHWARTZ '76 recently took a job as a materials scientist with SRI International. Ken has been in touch with **MIKE SKILLINGBERG '75**, **ERIC RAEFSKY '76**, and **MARK SWENSON '78**; Ken reports that Mark and his wife are expecting their first child this summer. Ken's address is 1609 Via Laguna, San Mateo, CA 94404.

BIFF BRISBIN '77 is an engineer with Bechtel. He's an active climber, having challenged Mt. Whitney and the Grand Tetons. Biff lives at 18 Janet Way, #159, Tiburon, CA 94920.

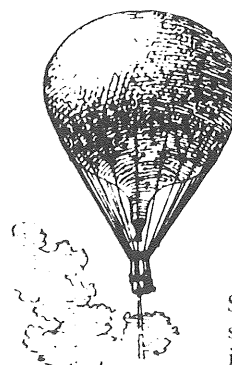
PAUL HAINES '78 reports that he has rejoined the bachelor ranks in Houston, where he still works for Schlumberger. Paul's address is 6439 Cindy Lane, Houston, TX 77008.

MARK BLOOMBERG '80 is an attorney in New York. His new address is 320 E. 65th St., Apt. 616, New York, NY 10021.

LEE FIELDS '83 reports that he finished a B.S. in computer science in December and is working for Conoco, consulting on personal computers as office systems. Lee can be reached at 2564 Honeywood, Apt. 215, Ponca City, OK 74604.

JOHN CHISOLM '84 is at Draper Labs until he begins work on an M.S. at Sloan in September. John is "partying it up" with **STEVE SILBERBERG '83**, **BILL MAIMONE '85**, and **RAY MILLS '83**, all of whom share an apartment with John at 168 Magazine St., #3, Cambridge, MA 02139.

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