

The BACK BAY BETA



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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

Alumni President's Update

The news from the chapter and the Beta Upsilon Association continues to be good in almost every area. We clearly have one of the outstanding chapters in all of Beta Theta Pi.

The only cloud on our horizon, and it is a serious one, is our neighborhood environment. The Back Bay has undergone a considerable character change in the last 20 years and is now an upscale area of condominiums and private homes whose owners have little use for students, rooming houses, and fraternities. The simple acts of throwing a frisbee in the street or having a radio on with the window open on a warm night are offensive to our neighbors, and they are quick to complain. They have a strong neighborhood organization that is dedicated, among other things, to pushing out the fraternities. Their weapon is the revocation of the "lodging house license," which is a permit granted by the city—and without which we cannot operate.

Added to this is pressure from Boston University. BU has been "red-lined" and cannot expand outside its existing territory, so it would dearly love to see the Betas, who are next door to their admissions office, pushed off of Bay State Road.

The chapter is working hard to maintain the best possible relations with some difficult neighbors (many of you know some of them!). Nevertheless, the situation is precarious and needs constant attention.

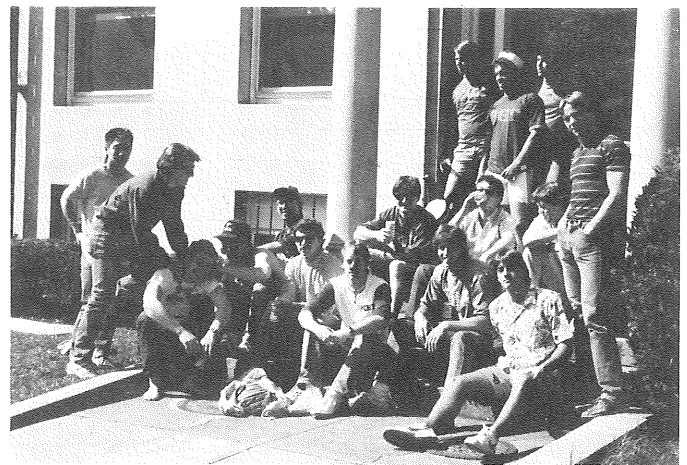
In a lighter vein, we think a great addition to this newsletter would be the publication of some of the pictures taken by the alumni over the years. To that end, we hope you will be able to send us some snapshots that you may have of your classmates. Please be sure to identify all those in the pictures, and please indicate whether the pictures are to be returned or added to the chapter archives.

In -kai-,
Robert F. Danner '47
Alumni President

Beta Upsilon Lends A Hand

This term, our community service project was done at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen in downtown Boston. The Betas returned to St. Francis House because of the success of last year's pledge project at the kitchen. The proprietors of the kitchen were very grateful for our time and effort, as a total of 350 working hours was logged.

Our main goal in the project was to help restore the old GE
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Hanging out on the front steps at last spring's alumni party.

Chapter President Reports: Striving For Excellence

Fall is in full swing at Beta, and the brothers are busy competing in intramurals, striving for academic excellence, and upholding our social reputation. During an enjoyable and well organized rush week, the chapter secured 11 fine new pledges—a welcomed addition to the brotherhood. Actives and pledges alike are planning for this year's Christmas party and look forward to seeing alumni and friends.

The community service/relations front has been a source of both outstanding achievement and unrest for Beta this semester. On a positive note, the brothers of Beta Upsilon donated 350 man-hours of their time to aid the St. Francis House for the homeless in Boston. On a negative note, however, confrontations with certain neighbors have served to remind us of our precarious position in the community and of the mutual need for compromise and understanding.

All other considerations aside, the spirit of brotherhood is alive and well at Beta. We shall continue to strive for excellence, work to overcome adversity, and uphold the tradition of the Beta Upsilon of Beta Theta Pi.

Yours in -kai-,
Christopher J. Morgen
President

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Budget Running Smoothly

Once again Beta is off to an excellent start with a new, carefully planned budget. As a result of cautious spending, we ended another year in the black. In fact, we were able to set up a money market fund with the excess of last year's funds.

With 43 Betas and pledges in the house, house bills have risen \$8.00 this year, \$3.00 of which are budgeted for continuing finance of our new "Beta pub," which was built in the annex last term. With long-term saving in mind, we have purchased all of the remaining phones that were rented from AT&T. Also, to alleviate the problem of tracking and billing long distance phone calls, all AT&T long distance services have been discontinued.

Budgeting is going well, and things are running smoothly and as planned. We are looking forward to another year of conscientious spending.

Michael Ruf
House Treasurer

Beta's Rush Week Events Keep Brothers Busy

This year the Betas once again ran a successful rush, despite the changes implemented by the R/O Committee. Rush 1986 began three hours earlier than in previous years and began on the Kresge Oval rather than in Killian Court. Some felt that the changes would give the fraternities along Amherst Alley an unfair advantage, but the only effect the changes had on us was to make Friday almost endless.

We didn't plan any organized events for Friday, as we chose a "meet-the-Betas" atmosphere to be more appropriate. Our chef prepared fried cheese, Buffalo style chicken wings, and many other appetizers for the brothers and prospective pledges to munch on throughout the day. On Saturday afternoon we went to George's Island for a cookout, followed by a steak and lobster dinner back at the house. That night we hosted a daiquiri party that was even attended by some women from nearby schools.

On Sunday morning we issued the bids to freshmen and began the fight to keep freshmen at our activities. After a picnic at the Blue Hills, we threw yet another successful rotation party, featuring different drinks on every floor.

Finally Monday arrived, and the freshmen started pledging. We got 10 on Monday, and on Tuesday we welcomed our 11th and final pledge. So now we present the list you've all been waiting for, the pledge class of 1990: Jeff Berg, David Dellagrotte, Neil Harrigan, Jeff Kalt, Eugene Lou, Daniel Moriarty, Erik Mott, Chris Mottes, Robert Ramstad, Gerald Waicukauski, and Earl Watkins.

My reign as the rush god is now over, and I would like to thank all of the brothers for making rush week run so smoothly. Thanks—and good luck next year.

Michael Nadolny
Rush Chairman

Beta Houses Receive New Facelift

Maintaining and improving the houses of Beta Theta Pi require constant effort. Early this summer, a new, dark brown, level loop carpet was installed in the living room of the main house. At the same time, new beige wallpaper was hung in the living room and the stairwell. Both the wallpaper and floor covering are gifts from our alumni.

The end of summer break gave way to a successful work week, run by Kendall Bryan '88. The annex pub, now known as "Wooglin's Eye" and financed by Michael Feinstein '82, was finished at that time. The job was made complete by the addition of a stereo, dart board, neon signs, and a painting of "Wooglin's Eye" incorporated into the Beta dragon by Richard Lattanzio '87. Other accomplishments on the annex included stripping and repainting the back fire escape and applying fresh coats of paint in some rooms and the front entranceway.

In the main house, many rooms, including the kitchen, were repainted, and the third landing plywood bathroom floor was replaced and retiled. The ceilings above the stairs, as well as the stairs themselves, were repainted and the steps recarpeted. With the continued cooperation of all brothers and pledges, the soundness and beauty of the Beta houses will continue.

In -kai-,
Michael McGovern
House Manager

New Pledges Are Already Strongly Active

Thanks to the hard work of our rush chairman, Mike Nadolny, 11 men have accepted bids to join our chapter. The new pledge class consists of 10 freshmen and a sophomore transfer student from the Air Force Academy.

Although it is still early in the pledge program, the pledges seem well on their way to becoming fine members of Beta Theta Pi. Through the planning of Bob Ramstad, pledge class president, and Jeff Berg, pledge class vice president, "pledge sneak" occurred early and was relatively trouble-free. The entire pledge class avoided a weekend of kitchen cleanups in order to visit the Phi Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. Overall, they had a great time and met many Betas from different chapters.

The pledge project has already been selected by the pledge project chairmen, Chris Mottes and Dave Dellagrotte. The project involves working on housing developments designed for the elderly and will be done through the Family Service of Greater Boston. This project was originally delayed while the pledges helped complete our chapter's own community service project at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen. As we go to press, the pledge project is scheduled for completion early in November.

The chapter and I are proud of the pledges and the work they have done. We hope to see all initiated.

Scott Stull '88
Pledge Trainer

Let us know before you move!

Alumni Secretary Reports

With the school year fully begun, it is good to see that everything is running smoothly at Beta. New acquisitions for the house include a new house stereo and a weight set, and we have also employed a new chef. The weight set was purchased by current active members.

I am pleased to report that last year's alumni party, organized by Bill Santos, was a complete success and was well attended. A hot buffet was served for dinner, and a large Loving Cup was performed outside after the meal.

Once again, if you have any old photos, we would be more than glad to work them into future issues. Remember to stop by whenever you're in the area. We hope to see and hear from you soon.

Yours in -kai-,
James Cureton
Alumni Secretary



Class of 1955 posing just after initiation.

Beta Lends, continued

building. We knocked down walls, moved furniture and wood, and cleared off a number of floors. In addition to restoring the old building, many Betas helped in the kitchen, preparing and serving food and cleaning up after dinner.

The soup kitchen feeds about 350 people daily, serving one hot meal a day. In the near future, the St. Francis House plans to use its renovated building as a free overnight lodging for Boston's homeless. We tore down the walls in the basement to make room for shower stalls.

On the whole, Beta's brothers and pledges alike felt that the experience was a rewarding one. We are hoping that our efforts this term will mark the revival of all house term community service projects.

Yours in -kai-,
Michael G. Casagrande '89
Community Service Chairman

Beta Alumni Send In Their News

"I enjoy receiving *The Back Bay Beta*," writes SAMUEL R. McLAUGHLIN '58. "Keep up the good work!" He is looking forward to seeing a lot of brothers at his 30th reunion in '88. Sam can be reached at 663 River Rd., Canal Fulton, OH 44614.

"I'm sorry to have missed the alumni party this year," writes ROBERT L. LABARRE '83. He finished his third year at the University of Pennsylvania medical school and will be applying for residency programs in internal medicine. Bob resides at 4400 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

A self-employed actor, director, and lecturer, WALTER E. H. MASSEY II '51 proudly informs us that his "lady of 11 years," Lynne Sharman, won first prize in a beautification contest for gardens in their area of Montreal. The prize included a full-page color spread in the local paper and a trip to Vancouver. "The photo of Lynne standing in her garden made it hard to tell which was the loveliest flower. Thank God *one of us is beautiful!*" When Walt wrote to us, he was looking forward to seeing some brothers from the class of '51 at the 35th reunion in June and dropping in at the Beta house. "The pride and memories live long, and the friendships grow warmer, if possible, as years go by. What a wonderful moment of life my Beta experience was. I treasure it always." Send your regards to Walt at 1951 Tupper St., Montreal, CANADA H3H 1N6.

"I have moved to Honolulu," writes ROBERT S. CARLSON, "where I will be a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii." His new address is University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Business Administration, Department of Finance, 2404 Maile Way, Honolulu, HI 96822.

An engineer for Boeing, WILLIAM G. ROESELER '65 enjoyed a family vacation by boat earlier this year to Expo '86 in Vancouver, British Columbia. "JOEL G. ROGERS '65 and his wife, Dr. Fran Wilt, were excellent hosts while we were there." Bill reported that he spent Easter with JON E. BURKHARDT '64 at National Cathedral. He also shared with us a letter from LAWRENCE A. KING '66, in which Lawrence reported the opening of his chiropractic office on May 15 and wife Barb's acceptance into the Ph.D. program in social welfare at the University of Washington. "Only three people in the entire country were admitted into the program, so it's quite an honor." Send your congratulations to the Kings at P.O. Box 95998, Seattle, WA 98145. The Roeselers reside at 539 16th W., Kirkland, WA 98633.

"Three kids in college!" writes WARD D. HALVERSON '56. He is a physicist for Spire Corporation and lives at 25 Hutchinson St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Reporting a new address of 1039 Devonshire Court, Highland Park, IL 60035, WILLIAM H. S. PREECE JR. '71 directs corporate finance for Dart & Kraft, Inc.

Financial consultant M. DOUGLAS McMILLAN '62 reports an address of The Glebe House, Bibury Glos, ENGLAND GL7 5NS.

J. RAY BOWEN '56 has just completed his fifth year at the University of Washington as a professor and dean of engineering. His son, J. Ray II, is working toward a Ph.D. in economics in Beijing, China. Daughters Sandra and Susan live and work in Madison, Wisconsin, while Ray and wife Priscilla enjoy outdoor activities in the Pacific Northwest. Ray informs us that TERRY J. VANDERWERFF '66 is dean of engineering at Seattle University. The Bowens live at 5324 NE 86th St., Seattle, WA 98115.

PAUL R. HOCHFELD '72 is still a full-time emergency physician in Corvallis, Oregon. When he wrote to us, he had just taken his oral boards for emergency medicine and was awaiting the results. Paul resides at 8105 Nashville Rd., Eddyville, OR 97343.

Alumni News Continues

OLIVER D. JOHNS '56 reports, "I'm still a professor of physics at San Francisco State University. I plan to go to England on sabbatical leave in the spring of '87 and may pass through Boston in January." Oliver can be reached at P.O. Box 585, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Retiree DONN W. BARBER '42 writes, "Even though my wife broke her hip in January, we took off for Florida five weeks later. It is all healed now—we even went dancing." Donn is still selling real estate and trying to improve his golf game—"these days it's hard to work both of them in." A number of old friends attended the Barbers' 40th wedding anniversary celebration, including Janet and DALE F. MORGAN '38 and Barbara and JOHN W. LACY '42. "Dale was a groomsman 40 years ago, and John was a classmate, thesis collaborator, and good friend. We hope to see JOHN 'Jack' CRANDALL '42 in Graniteville within the next year or two when we visit other old friends formerly of Graniteville." Donn's address is 229 N. Garfield St., Kennett Square, PA 19348.

A teacher at SUNYA School of Business, J. PETE SEAGLE '55 informs us that his son, Jim, was initiated into the Alpha Sigma Chapter at Dickinson College on April 19. "I put my pin on him in the ceremony. The district chief, Jack Easton, was present. This made me feel right at home, since his uncle, HARRY T. EASTON '36, was at my initiation." Pete makes his home at 193 Westchester Dr., Delmar, NY 12054.

For the past five years TY S. SHEN '68 has been vice president and research director for Cabot Advertising. His newest responsibilities include strategic planning and long-range marketing planning for Cabot's clients. He writes, "During the summer, my 40th year, my softball efforts have increased (Isn't that the wrong way to be going at this age?) to encompass playing for three teams. Camping with my family (wife Linda, kids Christopher, Victoria, and Sarah—ages 9, 8, and 5) occupied my weekend leisure time." Ty stays in close contact with THOMAS CHEN '68 and kids Cheryl and Stephen. "Tom still works for the Mitre Corporation in the hi-tech military industrial area in San Diego." Ty often hears from PETER BOWERS '69, a "land baron" owning several apartment buildings in Boston, who was planning to be married on August 23 in Maine. Ty spoke with JOEL HEMMELSTEIN '71 on Joel's annual tour through Boston. "Farb' (Joel) is still the quintessential traveling free-spirit who makes his home in the San Francisco area." Drop a line to Ty at 3 Winthrop Place, Wayland, MA 01778.

LESLIE M. BORING JR. '64 reports, "After spending three years supervising credit quality and target marketing for Citibank in Paris, my wife, Annie, and I are looking forward to less travel." As of September, "Bud" will take a position for the bank to start a real estate business in France, but will "still be happily based" in Paris. They often like to travel back to the Middle East, where "Bud" spent seven years for the bank. "The children are great—Nicolas is now almost 10, and Anne is now 6. We enjoyed seeing THOMAS GERRITY JR. '63 and his wife, Anna, in the spring. We got caught up on their days and the continued progress of INDEX and the 'spin-offs' now managed by FRED LUCONI '64 and RICHARD CARPENTER '64." The Borings would love to visit with anyone coming through Paris and can be reached at 33 rue de la Plaine, 78290 Croissy-sur-Seine, FRANCE.

MARK S. LEWANDOWSKI '73 graduated from Suffolk Law School in 1980, was married in June 1984, and had a daughter in April 1986. He's moved back to his old hometown and is putting his legal and technical educations to use by working with Wisconsin's vehicle emissions program. Write to Mark at 1558 Wilmers Grove Rd., East Troy, WI 53120.

A retired architect from Ayers/Saint Inc., KELSEY Y. SAINT '34 informs us that in December '85 and again in late April '86, he underwent two operations for spondylolithesis. "This is an ailment to the lower spine that I attribute, rightly or otherwise, to 50 years of leaning on drawing boards. I now have a stainless steel reinforcement holding things together that allows me to walk freely, but not too much else." He and his wife took a course in 1984 on the history of British science. The course was sponsored by Cambridge University for UCLA. "The lecture they held by Maxwell was in Maxwell's own lab in the old Cavendish. My wife and I had a great time living in one of the colleges (Trinity Hall—built, or started, at the close of the 16th century) as undergraduate students." Send your regards to Kelsey at 116 St. Dunstons Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212.

BERNARD H. NELSON '35, who's retired from the New York Telephone Company, writes, "Rhoda and I have been living on the Cape (Cape Cod) since retirement in early 1975. We currently have two daughters and three granddaughters. One daughter is living in Dallas, Texas, and the other lives in Holmdel, New Jersey." Bernie regrets having missed the spring dinner at the chapter house. "I've seen few Betas lately, except for WALTON H. MARSHALL JR. '35 and his wife—it was great to see them." The Nelsons reside at 4 Lake Dr., Box 112, South Harwick, MA 02661.

Retiree ALFRED A. MULLIKEN '32 reports that "since JOHN F. CROWTHER's ('32) passing, the only brother I have been in touch with is JOHN D. NORTHRUP '32, from whom I had a letter at Christmas. Of course, I am also in touch with my cousin Frances Stanton (the wife of the late AVERY STANTON '24), who lives in Wellesley, Massachusetts." Al and his wife are active members of a country club, where they enjoy golf regularly. "A year ago I served as treasurer of the club and this year became the vice president. The Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) also takes up quite a bit of my time." SCORE counsels people who want to start, or are already in, their own small business. He extends an invitation to any brother in the Southwest Florida area to attend the MIT luncheon they have every March. Al sends his best regards for a good year to Beta Upsilon. He can be reached at 2448 Ephraim Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33907.

When Brother RICHARD WHITING '26 wrote to us, he was looking forward to his 60th reunion. He was preparing a tape, entitled "26/86 MIT Reprise," of a dance band called the "Tech Tunesters." The recording was made by the late JIM MOON '26, "a close Beta friend," and features Dick (drummer) and his roommate, the late FABE TAUDLER (saxophone). "It has a lot of history." Dick, a retired lawyer, lives at 870 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following alumni:

DAVID L. BABCOCK '33, January 22, 1986
 DRAVEAUX W. BENDER '33, December 18, 1985
 ROBERT D. HARVEY '38, March 22, 1986
 OTTO C. KOHLER '31, June 12, 1986
 JULIAN B. McFARLAND '22, July 9, 1986
 GEORGE F. NESBITT JR. '23, February 26, 1986
 ALLEN S. WEBB '23, August 11, 1985