

The BACK BAY BETA



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Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at MIT

BETA TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS AT MIT!

On the weekend of September 30-October 2, 1988, the Beta Upsilon Chapter will celebrate its 75th anniversary. Alumni from near and far are planning to attend the event and participate in the many activities. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 30

Cocktail reception at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 1

Guided tours of MIT and Boston

Presentation at Beta house of house status

Dinner and reception at Prudential Center

Skywalk (with keynote address by John J. Rhodes, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives)

Sunday, October 2

Buffet brunch at Beta house

For those needing accommodations, hotel rooms have been reserved at the new Quality Inn in downtown Boston.

The 75th anniversary celebration will be a great chance to re-

establish friendships from your days at the Beta Upsilon Chapter. Also, you can be brought up-to-date on MIT, Boston, and the Beta house of 1988 by participating in the planned events. We have been lucky enough to arrange for John J. Rhodes, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and president of the Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity, to deliver the keynote address at our banquet on Saturday, October 1.

To date, Seth Davis '83 has done an excellent job of organizing the effort to contact as many Betas as possible. We thank him for his hard work. Over 100 Betas from every era have already expressed a strong interest in attending. We'd like to encourage all of you to come and join your Beta brothers in a celebration of 75 vibrant years at the Beta Upsilon Chapter!

If you are interested in attending, we ask that you complete the preliminary reservation form that is enclosed with this mailing and return it to me at 111 W. Dedham St., Boston, MA 02118. If you have further questions or suggestions, please call me at home (617/536-7815). I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Michael Feinstein '82

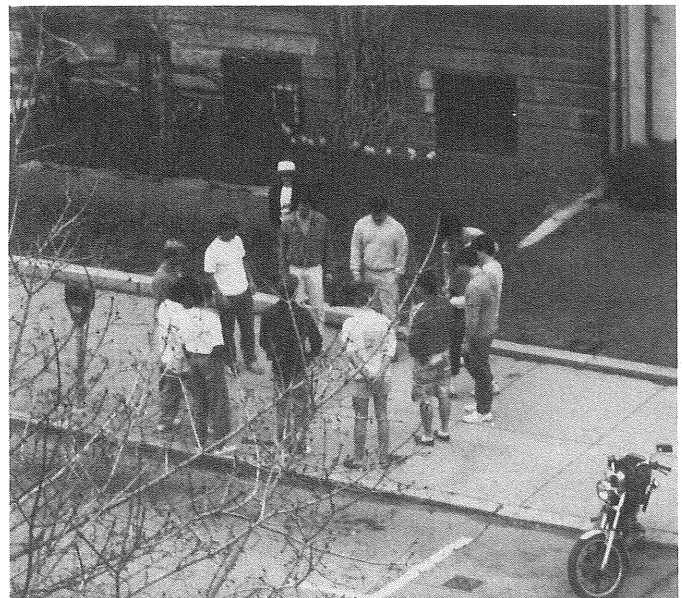
Betas Enjoy Community Service

Last term's community service project was done at the Margaret Fuller House in Cambridge, which provides social programs and academic tutoring for the Cambridge community. Betas helped renovate the house by erecting a new deck and back porch. We logged a total of 400 working hours, and the directors of the Margaret Fuller House were very grateful for our time and effort.

Our other major project was to set up and run a haunted house for the underprivileged children of Cambridge. Work on the haunted house was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as could be seen from the fact that many Betas spent over 20 hours on the project. The haunted house served over 350 residents and, thanks to the hard work and energy put forth by all members, was a tremendous success.

Community service proved to be a rewarding and unifying experience for our chapter this year. We look forward to more opportunities for serving our community in the future.

Yours in -kai-,
Kee Y. Wee '89
Community Service Chairman



New Beta sidewalk sport—hacky-sack.

Alumni Keep In Touch

Retiree CHESTERTON S. KNIGHT SR. '21 resides at 111 Tilton Ave., Brockton, MA 02401.

"My wife and I moved into a lovely retirement home last October," writes DONALD R. TABER '25. "We have a roomy apartment overlooking the inland waterway with the ocean not far distant. We feel very comfortable here." Their address is 401 E. Linton Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33483.

CROCKETT A. HARRISON '26 (RD #5, Box 2029, Grove City, PA 16127) recently completed a 500-page book on his wife's family lines. "It is a combination history, biography, and genealogy of over 20 very early New England families. A comparison volume was privately printed on my family lines in 1981; they were all from Virginia and Kentucky." From time to time, "Dave" receives postcards from JOHN B. JACOB '26, "from most any place in the world. He is an inveterate traveler."

RICHARD WHITING '26 began his career in engineering but then decided to become an attorney. "I am now retired and have gone quite heavily into acting and music." He can be reached at 870 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

"Last October I decided that enough was enough and that I did not wish to learn the intricacies of computer aided design," pens retired architect KELSEY Y. SAINT '34. "I could write an editorial on what is happening in construction these days, and very little of it is good for the architect. I realized that I must be getting old and that I had better get the hell out before someone dropped a brick on me!" Kelsey lives at 116 Saint Dunstan's Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212, and he is looking forward to seeing old friends at Beta Upsilon's 75th anniversary celebration this fall.

Our address for RICHARD H. SANDERS '34 is 110 Cache Cay Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32963.

STANLEY B. STOLZ '36 and his wife attended his class's 50th reunion at MIT in the summer of 1986. "To my disappointment, I saw no Betas from my class and no members of my course, either. I recently heard that BERNIE NELSON '35 is trying to set something up for this fall, so we're looking forward to that." Stanley keeps busy with golf, fishing, and traveling, "but no work—I don't have time for it!" He lives at 8 Sequoia Court, Callawassie Island, SC 29936.

"Beckwith Elevator Company is still growing," reports NORMAN C. BEDFORD '38, whose son, Clark, is now president of the firm. "The company has invested heavily in computerization of all aspects of our business—accounting, maintenance and servicing of elevators, and planning and record-keeping of our construction activities. I am still very active and keep a regular 8:00-to-5:30 schedule, with little time to relax during business hours. Vacations are spent with my wife, Hilda, traveling in the U.S. and overseas." Write to the Bedfords at 124 Lincoln St., Hingham, MA 02043.

ROBERT H. BERLE '38 writes, "Alumni should know that a 50-year anniversary certificate, beautiful for framing, is available for all Golden Sons of Minerva on the 50th anniversary of their initiation. Those interested should write to the Eminent Supreme Archon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, P.O. Box 1856, Evanston, IL 60204." Bob would love to hear from classmates at 2499 S. Colorado Blvd., #409, Denver, CO 80222.

"Five children, six grandchildren, one wife," enumerates LEWIS K. JOHNSON '43, who lives at 106 Woodland Rd., Pitts-

burgh, PA 15238. Lewis is enjoying his retirement and is keeping busy with tennis, platform tennis, sailing, skiing, and traveling. He'd like to get back in touch with MAURICE EVANS '43, for whom we have no address. If anyone knows how to reach Maurice, please let us know.

As he turns his company over to his son, ROBERT D. PECK '44 finds more time to play golf and to enjoy his two granddaughters. In addition, he has been serving as president of the MIT Club of Maine since last September. Bob writes that he would enjoy visits from brothers at 108 Morton Rd., RR #1, Box 108, Yarmouth, ME 04096.

DAVID O. RICHARDS '45 worked for Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation for 37 years before his retirement five years ago. He and his wife have two sons, one daughter, and two granddaughters, and they live at 503 Willrich Dr., Newark, OH 43055.

We were sorry to learn from HAROLD V. SMITH '47 that his wife, Grace, passed away last December. During the summer Hal resides at 4260 E. Lake Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424.

The owner and manager of Summerville Steel Company in Seattle, JOHN T. TOLAND '47 has begun "practicing for retirement." He and his wife, Dode, can be reached at Box 228, Medina, WA 98039.

"Edith and I had a delightful visit last summer with Sally and TOM LACY '48 at their farm in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire," writes RUSSELL L. LAW JR. '48. "Both looked and were great—a happy visit. Tom is retired but becoming interested in New Hampshire politics." Russ is employed by Northwestern Mutual Life in Lynchburg, Virginia, and he and Edith receive mail at The Glebe, Rte. 5, Box 116A, Amherst, VA 24521.

WILLIAM R. McEWEN JR. '48 wrote in December that he was still looking for a volunteer to replace him as secretary of the Beta Upsilon Association. He attends monthly meetings of the Naples Beta Theta Pi Alumni Association, "whose president is Oliver L. Bardes Jr., son of the late OLIVER L. BARDES '21." Bill's summer address is Box 35, North Chatham, MA 02650.

JOHN C. KERN '50 regularly attends meetings at MIT, and, although he hasn't yet dropped in at the house, he writes that "it's great to read in *The Back Bay Beta* about how the chapter's flourishing." He and Anne make their home at 3712 Adams Rd., Oak Brook, IL 60521.

Actor and director WALTER E. H. MASSEY II '51 writes that he's looking forward to seeing many Betas at the 75th anniversary celebration. Until then, write to Walt at 1951 Tupper St., Montreal H3H 1N6, CANADA.

Our best wishes go to ROBERT G. NORTON '51 and Carol Burnham, who were married on October 24, 1987. Two months later, Bob retired from his job (after receiving an offer he could not refuse!), and he is now looking for consulting work. The newlyweds live at 24 Bartlett Crescent, Brookline, MA 02146.

"We have been in Ithaca for 18 months now and have decided that it's a unique place!" writes HERBERT B. VOELCKER '51, a professor of mechanical engineering at Cornell. "Our elder son, John, has found his life's work: scribbler. (He's an associate editor of *IE³ Spectrum* and a confirmed Manhattanite.) Our younger son, Edward, is using his shiny new MBA to manage vast sums of money for Chevron in San Francisco. Wife Jean has rediscovered horses and spends a lot of time at Oxley Arena (the equestrian center) when not doing good things for the public library, Cornell Plantations, etc." Our new address for the Voelckers is 205 Valley Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

We Are Pleased To Introduce The 1991 Pledge Class

The freshman class of 1991 successfully completed the pledge program and was initiated on April 10. A special thanks is sent out to John O'Leary '84 for his last-minute help in performing the ceremony. The new brothers in the Beta Upsilon Chapter are as follows:

- 842 James Kalamas Baltimore, MD
- 843 Phil Johnson Pittsburgh, PA
- 844 Alex Chachkes East Greenwich, RI
- 845 Andy Obst Scandia, MN
- 846 John Sell Scarsdale, NY
- 847 Chris Sonne Salt Lake City, UT
- 848 John Springsteen Tampa, FL
- 849 Mark Cooper Sarasota, FL
- 850 Ken Chay Pittsburgh, PA
- 851 Cliff Merchant Baton Rouge, LA
- 852 Frank Aguirre Wheaton, IL
- 853 Tuan Elstrom Lake Forest, IL

All the newly initiated are fine young men who, I am sure, will continue the Beta traditions even after all the brothers ahead of them have graduated.

During the past year as pledges, these men went through a lot together. They came and pledged, not really sure of who their

pledge brothers would be and not really sure what a fraternity would be like. They became friends with each other and went on a pledge sneak weekend to the Colgate chapter. There they learned more about each other and probably about themselves. They were the primary people in charge of keeping the house neat through daily kitchen and dining room cleaning and weekly house cleaning. They accepted that responsibility and, for the most part, performed it well. The annual Christmas party was run successfully, to their credit.

Of course, not everything worked out perfectly all the time, as nothing really does. There were disagreements among pledges and occasionally some hard feelings. These were worked out in a "T" session near the end of the first term.

Upon returning from winter break, a successful pledge work week was run by Dan Moriarty '90. All this time the pledges had also been donating time to the Boston Food Bank to help feed homeless persons in the Boston area for their nationally required community service project. Then they anxiously awaited the time when they would become full brothers.

Congratulations to a fine pledge class!

Yours in -kai-,
Michael McGovern '89
Pledge Trainer

Chapter Examines Rush Strategies

The implementation of many new rush week policies at MIT has made it necessary for many independent living groups to take in boarders. This, in turn, has led to increased competition between fraternities for freshmen. Nevertheless, Beta Upsilon enjoyed a very successful rush last year (under the direction of Scott Stull '88), and we are determined to repeat that success this year with around 12 worthy pledges.

Since November, David Dellagrotte and I have been sharing the job of rush chairman. This approach is a first for Beta in a number of years. Because of the intense pressures placed on the rush chairman during his term, we felt that rush week could be more productive and efficient and less taxing, both mentally and physically, if two brothers shared the responsibilities. Other MIT fraternities have had great success with this system, and we are confident that it will produce a smooth and successful rush.

Summer rush will once again consist of rush parties and individual calls made to incoming freshmen. The geographical distribution of brothers in the house is currently so diverse that rush parties will be held this summer in California, Texas, Chicago, Florida, New York, New Jersey, and, of course, Boston. Any alumni are more than welcome to come and help us in our pursuit. The 1988 version of our rush book should be available soon, and its printing is being done by Ken Draper '52 (Carnegie-Mellon) at a significantly reduced price. I extend many thanks to Brother Draper for his generosity.

Rush week will start on September 2 this year, later than it has in the past. As usual, we will visit George's Island on Saturday, the Blue Hills on Sunday, and possibly Wellesley on Monday. With a little luck, the weather will be cooperative. I look forward to working with alumni and brothers in achieving a fantastic rush week that will maintain our standards of excellence. I would appreciate any recommendations, questions, comments, or suggestions in my endeavor. Hope to see you during rush week 1988.

Yours in -kai-,
Mike Rechten
Rush Co-Chairman

Spring Semester Proceeds Smoothly

Chapter events have proceeded smoothly during the spring semester. In February, the Beta Upsilon Chapter was host to the Northeastern Leadership Workshop at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. The highlight of the workshop was the initiation of 32 men from the Bowdoin chapter who had never been formally initiated. One of the largest parties in recent memory ensued at our house, with nearly every visiting chapter (and some of the general fraternity officials) in attendance. The colonization of Brown University by this chapter, which we have been considering for some time now, was also favorably discussed.

By the time you read this, we will have initiated our pledge class of 1991. These freshmen are pulling their weight in both intramural and varsity sports. We have championship hopes for our intramural basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming, and water polo teams this term. The new front porch athletic activity is hacky-sack, although I suspect that four-square will make a comeback as the weather improves. Despite the sometimes uproarious activity on Bay State Road, I have not had the pleasure of conversing with either Mrs. Lappin or the Ryans yet this term.

Finally, the 75th anniversary celebration of the Beta Upsilon Chapter has been scheduled for September 30-October 2, 1988. We look forward to seeing you there—and, as always, we hope that you will drop by whenever you are in town.

Yours in -kai-,
Daniel Frankel
President

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MORE NEWS



JOHN P. SEAGLE '55 wrote to us from University College in Galway, Ireland, where he was teaching through the Fulbright program. By the time this newsletter goes to press, he'll be back home at 193 Westchester Dr., Delmar, NY 12054.

"Our second daughter, Krystyn, was married on July 25, 1987, to Mark Doll," writes JOHN C. ZIMMER JR. '55, a business and technical analyst for Goodyear. "She is completing a master's degree in molecular genetics at Bowling Green State University." The Zimmers reside at 640 Beaverbrook Dr., Akron, OH 44313.

ROBERT S. CARLSON '56 (c/o University of Hawaii at Manoa, Department of Finance, 2404 Maile W., Honolulu, HI 96822) writes that he enjoys teaching one semester a year and exploring the Pacific basin countries each spring. "Australia and New Zealand comprised the itinerary in 1987, and trips to China and the mainland are booked for 1988." Bob adds that he was pleased to renew his friendship with ED BELL '57 at their 25th Stanford MBA reunion in 1987.

Writes KARL M. DUFF '57, "I have a new job with the navy, laying out the force level testing requirements for the fleet of the 1990s and early 21st century, plus designing and building the facilities to support the testing. It is the most complex, difficult task I've worked during my naval career; it makes hydrofoil development difficulties in the 1960s and 1970s pale by comparison. Ann and DICK McLAUGHLIN '58 are the only ones we see regularly. He has been re-elected as mayor of Canal Fulton, Ohio." Karl lives at 6101 Florence Lane, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Industrial engineer ROBERT P. CROSS III '59 informs us that son Robert IV graduated from De Pauw University in 1984 and from the law school of Wake Forest University in 1987. He now works for a law firm in Chicago. Another son, Stephen, was expecting to graduate from De Pauw this year with a major in history. Write to "Robin" at 639 Argyle Ave., Flossmoor, IL 60422.

DAVID J. KORKOSZ '62 has been with Sun Microsystems for five years, "almost since it started. It's been fascinating to watch a company grow from 70 to 6,000 employees!" He lives at 47 Indian Head Rd., Framingham, MA 01701.

HAROLD O. BRANSON '63 is president of General Programming, Inc., and he resides at 14028 Brookridge Dr., Dallas, TX 75240. He writes that he would like to hear from DAVID KOCH '62 (870 United Nations Plaza, Apt. #37E, New York, NY 10017).

The president of Index Technology Corporation, RICHARD A. CARPENTER '64 informs us that the four-year-old company continues to grow and provide excitement for him in the evolving CASE marketplace. He enjoys skiing, hiking, and climbing with his three children, Amy (14), Doug (12), and David (8), and last year he and Amy had a pleasant visit with MIKE LARDNER '64 and his family and JERRY BURNETT '64 and his family during a trip to the West Coast. Richard's new address is 25 Marion St., Hingham, MA 02043.

Jackie and JAMES W. GIFFIN '64 make their home at 282 Arlington Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126. "We have a 6'4" high school senior busy skiing and picking colleges," wrote Jim in January, "and a very active nine-year-old. Jackie is busy teaching Lotus and other software to businesses." Jim is a banker with Illinois Regional Bank, N.A.

Boeing engineer WILLIAM G. ROESELER '65 can be reached at 539 16th W., Kirkland, WA 98033.

The environmental law business is thriving, according to attorney STEPHEN H. SCHROEDER '67, who works for Goodwin, Procter & Hoar in Boston. Also thriving is his ever-increasing family—"three kids now!" Send your regards to the Schroeder family at One Emerson Dr., Acton, MA 01720.

When we last heard from PETER J. BOWERS '69, he was pleased to report that he and wife Sarah were expecting a child. "Megan and Joshua, Sarah's children, are overjoyed with the news, as are Sarah and I. My real estate interest in both Boston and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, continue to do very well, allowing me to spend a great deal of time with the kids. Life couldn't be better!" Send your good wishes to Peter and Sarah at Autumn Brook, P.O. Box 187, Cape Neddick, ME 03902.

"My wife, Patty, and I bought some property and plan to build a house," writes ophthalmologist DANIEL J. NADLER '72 (126 Merriman Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143). "We're currently restoring an old oil and gas well (gas to heat the house) and harvesting the wild cherry trees for interior woodwork. Our young son, Zachary, just celebrated his first birthday and will be taking his SATs this spring."

KENNETH B. SCHWARTZ '76 recently started a new job in research and development for Raychem Corporation. "I spend most of my non-working hours raising my four-year-old son, Nicholas, but still find time to see the Grateful Dead in southern California with MARK SWENSON '78 and here in the San Francisco Bay area with my Dead-head friends." Ken also finds time to keep in touch with ERIC RAEFSKY '76 and BIFF BRISBIN '77. Ken lives at 909 W. Cardinal Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

"We are moving to Louisiana, home of Mardi Gras and cajun food," writes PAUL M. HAINES JR. '78. "Come on down and visit!" Paul and his wife have a new baby, Andrew, and a new address of 3662 Inwood Ave., New Orleans, LA 70131.

After three years stationed aboard the *USS Midway* based out of Yokosuka, Japan, navy pilot MARK A. KILCHENMANN '78 has gotten orders to Meridian, Mississippi, as a flight instructor. We hope he'll send us his new address as soon as he gets settled.

"I'm in my fourth year of med school at Rutgers," wrote DENNIS C. SMITH JR. '81 earlier this year, "and it looks like I'll be doing a general surgery residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham starting in June." Mail will be forwarded to him from 29 Fir Court, Flemington, NJ 08822.

A member of the technical staff of Lincoln Laboratory, JOHN J. ZAYHOWSKI '81 lives at 3 Robin Lane, Pepperell, MA 01463.

Since September, TERRENCE J. McNATT '87 has been working for Wright Communications, a two-man company owned by Norman Wright. "I am officially hired on a one-year stint to assist Norm in designing and programming a new data base system for MIT's medical center. Fortunately, Norm and I have meshed well as a team, and work is going as well as, or better than, I could have expected. Other than work, I'm heavily involved in cross-country ski racing." His address is 83 Clough Rd., Dedham, MA 02026.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

ARTHUR J. KEMP '24, December 17, 1987
MARSHALL A. PEASE '40, February 29, 1988