

# The Back Bay Beta

Beta Upsilon Chapter

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## Beta Brothers Meet Fraternal And Academic Challenges

I am happy to report that the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is doing exceptionally well and is constantly striving to improve. This past year was very challenging, both academically and fraternally. Our chapter was given the honor and responsibility of colonizing the University of Rhode Island, performed a model initiation at the northeast workshop, and worked hard in hopes of receiving its second Sisson Award after being bestowed the honor last year. I believe we performed well in the face of all the pressure.

The general status of the chapter is good. This year we were committed to creating stronger ties between ourselves and our alumni. Communication between actives and alumni became more frequent, alumni were at the house on a regular basis, our fraternal fifties were honored, the alumni party was a success, and our alumni corporation is pleased with our overall performance.

As always, our chapter was active in varsity as well as intramural sports. Brothers from our chapter participated and distinguished themselves in the following varsity sports: soccer, baseball, basketball, wrestling, crew, sailing, lacrosse, indoor track, and rugby. Brothers from our chapter were the captains of basketball and lacrosse. We also participated in almost every intramural sport at MIT and excelled in basketball and softball. We finished second overall in B-league basketball and won the championship in A-league softball.

Even with all the participation in sports, our chapter had an exceptionally high grade point average. Our house cumulative average for the fall semester was a 4.5 out of 5.0, and an equally strong performance is expected for the spring semester.

The pledge programs this year were very challenging indeed. Brother Earl Watkins '90 did an excellent job of educating our pledges in Beta lore, songs, and Beta spirit. Brothers William Scruggs '92 and Mark Cooper '91 also did an outstanding job in motivating and instructing the founding fathers of the University of Rhode Island colony. As a result of these brothers' untiring devotion, the true meaning of Beta Theta Pi was instilled in all of our new initiates.

While this past rush was not as strong as those of the preceding few years, we nevertheless pledged an outstanding group of men. Seven men pledged this year, somewhat short of expectations. However, this was not detrimental to the house at all because our previous rushes were so strong. While initial goals were set, our philosophy during rush is to not reduce the activity to that of numbers. In the end, the ultimate goal is to pledge only

those men who we feel have what it takes to become Betas.

Our social calendar was intense this year. We work very hard at MIT, but we also like to party and relax. We sponsored many parties and cocktail hours over the year and many socials with various sororities. All of our events were well attended and enjoyed. I am also happy to say that our neighbor relations did not suffer at all because of our social activities. All enjoyed themselves in a responsible manner.

As mentioned earlier, we were given the honor of colonizing the University of Rhode Island. As a result of this and the northeast workshop, we performed three initiation rituals this past semester. I believe these ceremonies were performed well and were consistent with those of the General Fraternity. I am very proud of the gentlemen who performed these ceremonies as well as those men who were initiated during the rituals.

Our community involvement was active as always. The brothers of this chapter each performed a minimum of 20 hours of community service at the Margaret Fuller House for underprivileged children in Cambridge. Various construction and general maintenance tasks were performed, and a haunted house was set up and manned by the brothers on Halloween. In appreciation for our work, the kids made us cards, and the operators of the house cooked dinner for us. Also, the InterFraternity Council at MIT was honored by the mayor's office for a community service project in which the brothers of the Beta Upsilon Chapter were very active. The community service project was performed last year, but the award was presented this year. This award was a framed copy of the newspaper article that documented the community service project. Prominent members in the photograph that accompanied this article were men wearing the letters *Beta Theta Pi*.

One area we could improve is that of campus involvement. Our reputation on campus is good because of our social activities, but we do not participate actively in student government and other similar groups. Although the brothers are not particularly interested in this area, we have no difficulties with the MIT administration. It is clear that student government offices are accessible to members of this chapter. Robert Ramstad '90 will be serving as a member of the InterFraternity Council's judicial committee review board for the coming school year. This board is responsible for hearing and ruling on all cases concerning any member house of the IFC, especially cases regarding rush or the IFC's party policy. Our hope is that more members of the chap-

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## Our Beta Upsilon Alumni Send News From Far And Near . . .

ABBOTT L. JOHNSON '22 had his 90th birthday last June. He pens, "YARD CHITTICK '22 tells me that we are the only living members of the class of '22 delegation. I'm told that 1922 was the largest class ever to graduate from Tech. I still play golf when the weather is favorable, about once or twice a week, and still sing and dance. Crystal Downs, where I play golf in the summer, was recently listed in *Golf* magazine as the 21st finest golf course in the world. Any Beta brothers are welcome to play it if they'll call me at 616/253-7084 from about June 15 to September 30. Although I was captain of the first MIT golf team and have scored in the '60s, I have trouble shooting 90 today. But I'll be glad to accompany any visiting brothers around this fabulous course." Abbott lives alone, has one daughter, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. From October to May, he can be reached at 2201 N. Central Ave., Apt. 6-C, Phoenix, AZ 85004. In the summer, reach him at 170 Crystal Downs, Frankfort, MI 49635. His legal address is 2480 Warwick Rd., Muncie, IN 48304.

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ter will gradually become involved in the IFC and other important student organizations.

Our housing situation is good. The house has a comfortable number of brothers, and the houses we own are in an overall reasonable state of repair. Additionally, contracts were executed between each member of the chapter and MIT. These contracts require the complete payment of all debts to the chapter before grades and diplomas are released by MIT. This action should prevent future debts to the chapter from accruing.

As I have mentioned throughout this report, the Beta Upsilon Chapter has held a very definite leadership role in many circles. We have been leaders on the athletic field as well as in the classroom. Through our community service projects we have gained positive recognition in our community and have nurtured excellent neighbor relations. We were given a leadership role at the northeast workshop with the demonstration of the initiation ritual. Most important of all, we guided a group of eager young men at the University of Rhode Island on their way to a prosperous and productive place in Beta Theta Pi. This, I believe, was our greatest accomplishment.

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is alive and well.

Submitted in -kai-,  
James Kalamas '92



Left to right: J. Cureton '90, T. Rooze '85, M. DeCavalcante '87,  
D. Kramer '88, L. Tung '86, M. Nadolny '87.

In 1981, FRANK S. GARDNER '38 retired from the Office of Naval Research and moved shortly thereafter from Boston to middle New Hampshire. He writes, "My wife, Eleanor, is enjoying the Eastman community as much as I. We live on Eastman Lake (Box 322, Grantham, NH 03753), and one of my activities is the monitoring of its physical, chemical, and biological properties. So far it's a healthy body of water with good fishing, swimming, sailing, and, yes, a pair of loons." Frank and Eleanor travel once or twice a year, but most of the time they are home and would welcome visits from early classmates and brothers.

THOMAS M. McEVOY JR. '47 retired from a highway construction firm in 1987 and is currently working part-time in real estate (mostly commercial) in the New York metropolitan area. "Susie and I winter in Venice, Florida, where she consistently beats me at golf. We visit BILL McEWEN '48 and his wife in Naples, Florida, on a regular basis. All four of our children are married, and we have six grandchildren." The address for the McEvoys is 2 Copper Beech Circle, White Plains, NY 10605.

Retiree JOHN T. TOLAND '47 pens, "I sold my business (specialty steel distributing) to my key men last year and have been a part-time tourist, part-time student, and part-time volunteer since then." Jack and his wife, Dodie (who visited the Beta house in '46), were planning to host some Russian visitors during the Goodwill Games in Medina, Washington, this summer for a few days, after which they planned to recuperate at the beach. They receive mail at Box 228, Medina, WA 98039.

WILLIAM R. McEWEN JR. '48 still divides his time between Florida and Cape Cod. Besides the visit from Sue and TOM McEVOY '47, he enjoyed a visit from Edith and RUSS LAW '48. In the winter, reach Bill at 222 Harbour Dr., Apt. 203, Naples, FL 33940, and in the summer at Box 35, North Chatham, MA 02650.

In August 1988, ARTHUR A. WASSERMAN '51 joined Cardinal Stritch College as director of programs in management for adults. "In the fall of 1989, I was appointed to my present position (in charge of one of three academic divisions of the college) representing about half the student body of 3,200 total. Having spent 1974-'78 as regional vice president for Eastern European operations for Allis-Chalmers Corporation, I am now working to establish a pilot program at Stritch College to bring young Eastern European managers and other professionals to Stritch for a concentrated four- to six-month certificate program of study, providing education in 'management in a market economy.' Rotary clubs locally are interested in joining in this effort, and we also hope to obtain grants from U.S. agencies and local ethnic groups." Drop a note to Art at 422 E. Ravine Baye Rd., Bayside, WI 53217.



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Alumni financial support is a key ingredient in our chapter's strength. These members, through their generous contributions, helped sustain Beta Theta Pi during the past year. The leaders of

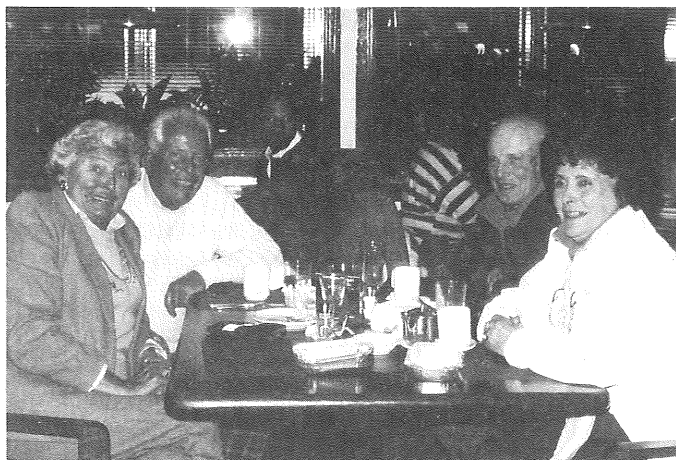
the Beta Upsilon Association join the undergraduate officers in expressing their sincere appreciation.

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 Mark A. Kilchenmann '78  
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 Calvin S. Koonce '60  
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 John J. Zayhowski Jr. '82



"Sis" and Don Barber '42 enjoyed dinner with "Muzz" and Earle Foote '42 in Tacoma, Washington, in 1989.



Barbara and John Lacy '42 celebrated 40 years of marriage with a surprise party on February 25, 1990.

## News Continues From Our Beta Upsilon Brothers

Reporting a new address is ROBERT S. CARLSON '56. He can now be reached at P.O. Box 8535, Honolulu, HI 96830.

A project engineer for Lawrence Livermore National Lab, DALE E. MILLER '63 pens, "My older son, Sven (22), is in Washington, DC, on an internship with Welt Publishing after finishing his fourth year in political science at UC-Berkeley. He wants to work before returning to school for graduate studies in international/European relations. My younger son, Hans, just survived his first 'doolie' at U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, where he made 'supe's' list and looks forward to learning to fly gliders." In other news, Dale pens, "I enjoyed trading stories with RICHARD WILLIAMSON '61 when I visited Lincoln Lab on business last February. In California, MIKE MONSLER '64 tells me he and his firm are also scrambling to make adjustments to the dramatic shifts in national defense goals." The address we have for Dale is 2829 Pardee Place, Livermore, CA 94550.

"After almost 17 years with Citibank," announces LESLIE M. BORING JR. '64, "I have decided to move into the mainstream of Parisian real estate finance and have joined Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce as director of its real estate finance business for France. Paris is always an exciting city, and this is an exciting opportunity to become far more involved in its architectural form and shape of the future. Any Beta is welcome at any time, as always, to give a call while here or passing through (3916-6319)." The home address for Leslie is 4, Chemin des Bouilins, Mareil-Marly 78750, FRANCE.

Residing at 643 Tennessee St., Lawrence, KS 66044, is DAVID M. PENNY '66. When he last wrote, he and his wife, Carmen, had three children and were expecting their fourth. David is serving on the Lawrence City Commission besides being the owner of his own business, Kaw Sand Company. He enjoyed a visit with TERRY VANDERWERFF '66 as well as Ann and BOB O'DONNELL '66. He would like to hear from his pledge father, DICK TSIEN '65 (866 Tolman Dr., Stanford, CA 94305).

WILLIAM T. STEWART '69 reports that he continues to enjoy running the family business. "Stewart Glapat Corporation has grown over the past five years, and we now have five children, with the addition of David Tanner in October." "Stew" and his family enjoyed a visit from WENDELL IVERSON '69 and his family last summer and has talked with JOEL HEMMELSTEIN '71. Reach "Stew" at his home address of 2775 Martin Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701.

When pediatrician/geneticist JEFFREY C. MURRAY '71 last wrote, he was planning a sabbatical to Oxford, England, from June 1990 to February 1991. "I invite any Betas to please visit," he penned. "I'll be in the Institute of Molecular Medicine at John Radcliffe Hospital. My wife, Ann Marie, got her PhD in May and thus has the highest academic degree in the family." The only address we have for Jeff is 2653 Princeton Rd., Iowa City, IA 52245.

NEIL J. COBELLI '73 is an orthopaedic surgeon and makes a new home at 129 Carthage Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

A design engineer for Polaroid, KENNETH J. LAUNIE '76 writes, "Gillian and I are still living in our ancient Cambridgeport house (15 Salem St., Cambridge, MA 02139), which seems to have gotten smaller since the birth of our second child, Neil, on

December 26, 1989. Our more or less eternal house restoration has stopped for the time being, although Ian, our oldest, is now three and seems more than willing to dismantle anything he can for us (a future engineer?)."

Drop a line to Dr. ERIC L. RAEFSKY '76 at 3314 West End Ave., Apt. 501, Nashville, TN 37203.

KENNETH B. SCHWARTZ '76 proudly announces that he was remarried last October, with MARK SWENSON '78 doing the honors as his best man. "Pledge brother ERIC RAEFSKY '76 was also in attendance. The wedding took place in La Honda in the Santa Cruz Mountains on October 14, three days before the Loma Prieta earthquake, which I managed to miss, as Barbara and I were on our honeymoon on the big island of Hawaii (watching the lava erupt from Kilauea). It was strange missing the 'quake, but fortunately, my son, Nicholas, was safe and all recovered nicely. Barb and I spend what free time we have exploring the deserts of California, Nevada, and Utah in our Toyota 4x4 4-Runner." Send congratulations to the happy couple at 909 W. Cardinal Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

"Joyce and I had our first baby, Michael Montini Lacy, this past January," boasts ROGER W. LACY '79. "On February 25, my parents, Barbara and JOHN LACY '42, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary (see photo). Their best man, TOM LACY '48, came down from New Hampshire and gave another great toast at their surprise party, attended by about 50 friends and relatives." Roger is an engineer with Boeing Helicopters and makes his home at 1125 Dodgson Rd., West Chester, PA 19382.

Drop a line to JOHN R. CHISHOLM '84 at 2501 8th St., Charlestown, MA 02129.

"After being a real civil engineer for part of 1989," pens ANDREW B. LEVY '84, "I re-entered the software engineering world as an applications consultant for Intelli Corp. We now have a consulting group here in Washington, DC, specializing in knowledge systems development for government agencies." About family, Andy pens, "Kendall and Alison are four and a half and are getting interested in gymnastics and in a child development class this fall at a local high school. Caitlin is two and doesn't miss a beat keeping up with her older brother and sister." The home address for the Levys is 18813 McFarlin Dr., Germantown, MD 20874.

SNEHAL S. PATEL '85 welcomes any visitors to A-5 WTC, 340 Woodlawn Terrace, Collingswood, NJ 08108. After two years of travel in Asia, he is working in engineering consulting/biotechnology for Stearns Catalytic, a division of United Engineers and Constructors. He also passes on the telephone numbers where he can be reached: (h) 609/854-6185 or (w) 215/422-3954.

LEI H. TUNG '86 pens, "I never had such a good time as I did this summer at Cal-Expo with TOM ROOZE '85, DAVE KRAMER '88, RICK LATTANZIO '87, MIKE NADOLNY '87, MIKE DeCAVALCANTE '87, and JIM CURETON '90 (see photo). The mailing address for Lei is P.O. Box 488, Belmont, CA 94002.

Notre Dame law student MICHAEL D. RECHTIN JR. '89 provides us with a new address of 9080 N. Greenbrook Court, River Hills, NJ 53217.

### DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

PHILIP H. HATCH '21, December 2, 1989

JOHN UPTON JR. '44

RICHARD L. YOUNG '68, August 2, 1989