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Alumni President Reports

In the previous edition of *The Back Bay Beta*, I noted some of the changes either being considered or already being implemented at MIT. Here's an update. (Note: There was a misprint in the insert to that newsletter. The Massachusetts drinking age is 21.)

Rush/orientation week will now be known as Orientation '98, with a stronger emphasis on academic orientation.

The traditional order of rush followed by academic orientation has been reversed. The traditional rush booklet sent individually by each living group has been sent as one complete set so that incoming freshmen are not deluged throughout the summer with mail.

I'm very pleased to report that Professor Sheila Widnall '60 has offered to serve as our chapter's faculty adviser for next year. Her husband, Bill Widnall '59, a former chapter president, contacted me initially to express her interest after reading the last newsletter. She and I have since had a positive, engaging

discussion. The dean's office is creating a description of the responsibilities using, in part, some guidelines from our Beta national office. My sense is that we have considerable say in how we would like our adviser's role to be designed, and we look forward to working with Sheila. Her extensive background, which includes such roles as former chair of the MIT faculty, former associate provost, and former secretary of the U.S. Air Force, together with her relationship with Beta through Bill, give us an interesting foundation from which to build as we work together to properly frame important discussions.

As of the end of the spring term, the requirement for a live-in adviser was considered optional and part of a pilot program for fall 1998. At the beginning of the summer it was announced by MIT that the requirement is now a mandatory one for all living groups. We are scrambling to comply.

With respect to the issue of underage drinking, I expect house corporations of the Alumni IFC to meet this summer to discuss, among other things, the possibility of proposing banning hard liquor in the houses. This would obviously fall short of banning alcohol completely, which would be a much more complex decision and should involve extensive outreach to both students and alumni. Nevertheless, with MIT facing possible criminal charges in the death of a freshman student last year and with the Boston licensing board seeming to be increasingly skeptical of students' abilities to control themselves, the alumni trustees are looking to further reduce risks and exposure.

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Chapter President Tells News

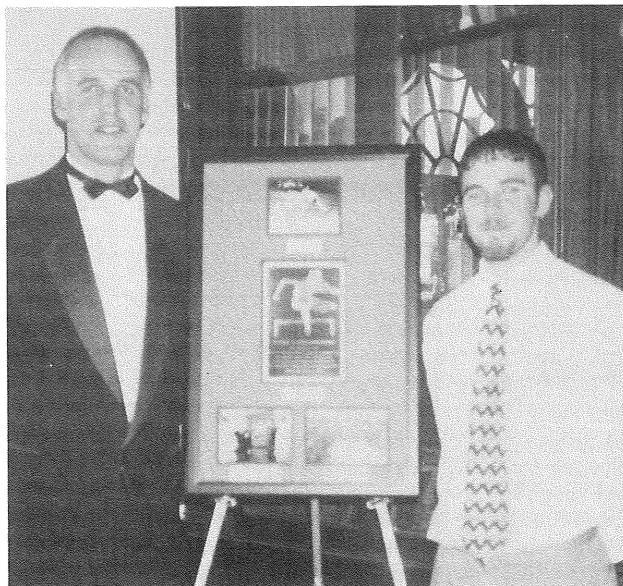
Beta Upsilon finished the fall term very successfully. The Christmas party was a blast, and the pledges put on an amazing skit that included the use of novel audio equipment and special effects. All of the brothers had a wonderful time, even though it is well known that my pledge class had the best skit ever!

The January term was a good time for all; many came back to 119 to relax and enjoy themselves without worrying about classes—and many went on skiing trips. One of the pledges has a house in Maine, and every weekend five to 10 brothers would ski there for several days. Along with two of my pledge brothers, I also had the opportunity to ski for a week and a half at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. We saw the national elk preserves, bald eagles nesting, and coyotes darting around in the snow. We were no more than an hour from Yellowstone National Park, and we had a great view of the Grand Tetons from where we stayed.

The spring semester started off with a successful pledge work week. The annex steps were recarpeted, several rooms were sanded and polyurethaned, and the weight room was dry-walled and remirrored. Unfortunately, the time has come to get rid of the old Seven-Up machine, the Joust machine, and Galaga—all of which were beyond repair. Some of the pledges had the honor of sawing them in half so they could be moved out of the house. I, like many others, was sad to see them go.

Although the political atmosphere this year was not conducive to hosting social events, we found many alternative ways to enjoy ourselves. Friday afternoon pizza mixers with local women's groups kept our spirits high, as Social Chairs Jordan Kanter

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Mike Johnson '80 presenting an exhibit to Chapter President Dave Weaver '99 that honors the late Henry Steinbrenner '27.

Chairmen Plan For Rush Success

With this year's pledge class on its way to being initiated, the house is turning its focus to the prospect of a new pledge class. In light of last fall's tragedy, MIT's rush practices have come under the scrutiny of the administration as well as the nation as a whole. Pressures to revamp the entire system have led to changes in rush that may prove to make this year's effort the most difficult ever. Limitations on summer mailings to incoming freshmen and changes to rush week itself minimize the time allowed with the freshmen and will make it harder than ever to make our presence known to the entering class of 2002.

Regardless of the additional challenges that these and other changes will bring, as rush chairmen we are confident the house will come together to surmount any and all difficulties and come out of rush with a full pledge class we can all be proud of.

While there have been numerous drastic changes, many aspects of rush at MIT and those pertaining specifically to our chapter remain the same. Just as we have relied heavily on alumni in the past for summer rush parties, their presence during rush week, and the wisdom their experience offers, we expect the role of alumni this year to be of

even greater importance. Success this fall is contingent upon their continued support. The parties and other events we have during the summer and the week of rush have always been our opportunity to demonstrate most effectively the sense of brotherhood that has defined life at Beta. The same will go for this year, although decreased freshman accessibility over the summer may lead to smaller numbers at summer rush parties. The house is already gearing up for the rush to come. Every member of the house knows that the effort he makes this year will have to be his greatest yet. The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has much to be proud of. The people, accomplishments, and environment we provide at the house will be apparent to the incoming class, and these will be our greatest assets during rush. For years, freshmen of the greatest quality at MIT have been pledging Beta Theta Pi—as the best always recognize others with greatness. This will not change, regardless of any eventualities the new rush may effect.

Yours in _ kai _,
Rob Tunick '00
Steve Lefkowitz '00

House Gets Work Week Overhaul

During the month of January, our annual pledge work week was run by House Managers Kevin Kennedy '99 and Bryan Morrissey '98. With 12 pledges and seven days of work, we successfully completed a number of projects that included repairing and painting the walls of the annex basement, installing approximately 30 new light fixtures, refinishing a couple of floors, repainting rooms and part of the back annex stairwell, and replacing three doors. In addition, the alumni corporation had contractors recarpet the annex stairs and replace the central skylight glass.

As of this writing, both houses are in fairly good condition. Alumni President Mike Johnson has a number of plans, which include renovating the second-floor annex bathroom and upgrading the electrical

power in the annex. As house managers, Matt Rehtin and I see a good term ahead, and our goal is to fix all problems as they arise and flawlessly pass the egress inspection in April. We hope we will not encounter any more cases of flying vegetables crashing through kitchen windows!

Looking toward the future, we expect good things to come this August from rush work week and from other various projects. Matt and I have already tossed around ideas for good, cost-effective ways in which to make Beta Upsilon a better place to live and to show to prospective freshmen. Finally, with Mike Johnson's assistance, we hope to see a number of improvements in the near future that include upgrading our bathrooms to "industrial strength."

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Mark Your Calendar!
Head Of The Charles Is Set For
October 16-18, 1998!

Alumni President Reports

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any new information about the anticipated size and completion date for the new dorm that President Vest is committed to building.

The articles you are reading in this newsletter were written earlier in the spring term and reflect some optimism, but also concern, for fall rush and for the future of the FSILG system at MIT.

Probably the biggest change that has happened with respect to fraternity rush is that the living groups no longer automatically receive the names, addresses, and telephone numbers for the incoming class. Traditionally, Beta has rolled out an effective outreach program and has contacted each incoming male freshman over the course of the summer so that actives could meet new students in a relaxed format, and, by the time they arrived at MIT, the chapter would have a list of about 50 men they would actively rush.

The new system puts the burden on individual students to respond to a postcard, indicating whether or not they want to be contacted by a specific house. Part of the intent of the postcard was for MIT to get contact information so that the institute could be sure to reach the student over the summer with information in the event that the summer address was different than the spring address. Needless to say, the return card was not well designed, did not even ask for the street address, and has had a low response rate—on the order of 30 percent as of mid-June. (The list we expect to have available to us will have somewhere between 50 and 100 names, compared to about 650.) MIT's fallback plan was envisioned to have a phone bank for MIT to contact all students who had not directly responded to the postcard to ensure a 100-percent response rate. That plan is being pushed into service.

Alumni trustees like me voiced concern over this and some other aspects of the new orientation program, recognizing that change can be healthy if implementation is well considered and thoughtful.

As much as I would like to report that we should be upbeat as the new school year approaches, we are dealing with a much different dynamic that I expect will prompt me to constructively voice my concerns directly to the chairman of the MIT corporation over the next few weeks. Quite honestly, while much of the programming for academic orientation seems to be an improvement over the previous year's, the level of commitment and attention to detail from the MIT administration on the residential aspect of orientation is, in my opinion, not at the level we have every right to expect, and you can be sure I am staying on top of it and communicating with my peers at other houses.

Our two rush chairmen are very con-

Treasurer Tells Of Solid Year

This past year has been a good financial one for the house. My hearty thanks go out to my dear pledge father, Ned Patterson '98, for conducting his turnover at a level that reflects the highest ideals of Naval service. In addition, I would like to thank James Williams '98, who did a great job rolling as assistant treasurer. We have made great strides in reducing our debt to the alumni house corporation. We have shifted gears in accordance with Kevin Kennedy's new economic paradigm and are on pace to be debt-free by the start of the 1998-1999 school year. To aid in this process, we have implemented a new policy linking rent payments to room picks.

To encourage people to make timely payments, we penalize people with late payments by lowering their room picks. It worked to such an extent that we collected several thousand dollars this semester in the two days before the rooming meeting. In addition, the house is full with 40 people this year, and we have been able to keep house bills relatively

low. We are looking to end up under or on budget in almost all categories, and I am proud to report that we are finally current on all of our bills. One place that we are still having problems, however, is with Boston Edison, a company that repeatedly overcharges us for power in the annex as well as the main house. We have also yet to resolve the issue of a mysterious bill from back in 1995. Also, interesting things have been done this year with the steward budget—due in part to the use of spices and exotic oils by Aaron Boyd, Tokeem Talbot, and Kevin Kennedy to prove once again that cooking can be an art.

All in all, this has been a good financial year. It has been a pleasure to serve the house as treasurer, and I wish the best of luck to my successor.

Yours in _ kai _,
Randy Graebner

cerned and are looking for support from all of us. You can contact Rob Tunick at rtunick@mit.edu and Steve Lefkowitz at stebah@mit.edu or at 617/267-5333.

At the alumni party on May 2, I presented the chapter with a set of matted and framed photographs from the MIT Museum honoring the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Steinbrenner Stadium at MIT and the memory of Henry Steinbrenner '27, one of our alums who passed on in recent years. I felt it was important to help today's students understand that Beta has been at MIT for many years, and we intend to be here for many more.

Of the four photos in the frame shown on page one, the top one shows Henry running in the background—on the road to becoming MIT's only national collegiate track champion for his performance in the 220-yard low hurdles; the middle one shows the plaque at the stadium entrance; the bottom left one shows Henry and his wife with Howard Johnson (former chairman of the MIT corporation) and the track team captain; and the bottom right one shows the stadium looking out from the student center.

The pace of change remains brisk, and, with only two newsletters published each year, it's hard to keep our information timely, but we try. For those of you with access to the Internet, you can see some of the news as it happens by visiting the following sites: <http://web.mit.edu> (MIT's main site); <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/tt/> (MIT Tech Talk site); <http://web.mit.edu/ro/> (The Official Online Guide to Orientation '98); and <http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/nr/1997/krueger.html> (articles about alcohol, etc.).

MIT has recreated the position of chancellor, to be held by Professor Larry Bacow, one of my former professors and someone with whom I have a good relationship. One of his responsibilities will be campus development. I encourage you to explore Tech Talk online for more information, and we look forward to engaging him in conversations about how MIT will be supporting its FSILG system in the years ahead.

Randy Cox has had to step down as our chapter counselor, and we need to replace him. If you live in the Boston area and are looking for a way to help both the chapter and the house corporation, I'd be happy to talk with you and send you information about the role.

C. Yardley Chittick '22 sends his best to all of you. At 98 years old, he recently moved into a retirement home and hopes to attend the Beta National Convention in Miami. He was recognized as the oldest Beta attending last year's convention, was the oldest alumnus at this year's MIT Reunion, and looks forward to turning 100 in the year 2000! When I described the Steinbrenner presentation at the alumni party, he reflected fondly on his days as the captain of the MIT track team. Yardley can be reached at Pleasant View, 227 Pleasant St., #308, Concord, NH 03301. His phone number is 603/225-9235.

Your house corporation is very active and appreciates your continued support. Proud to be a Beta.

Yours in _ kai _,
Mike Johnson '80
President

Pledge Class Endears Itself To President

I came to this house a skinny, arrogant kid with long hair and quickly earned the pledge nickname of "Clown." My big office was assistant steward, whose duties included getting the doughs and toppings for our chapter's infamous Friday Pledge Pizza. Freshman year, I wrote a paper for Hass-D about antelope that talk and lions that have morals. The paper was so ridiculous that one of the candidates for president ran on the platform that he would read one of the paper's paragraphs at the beginning of each chapter meeting, just for a few laughs. He won the election!

During the first house trip that I went on, it rained horribly. We couldn't play kickball; we couldn't play Frisbee. We

watched a scrawny senior (Seth) taunt a huge alumnus ("Abs") as we laughed at the two soaked in rain. Seth ran circles around Abs for hours, pulling up muddy pieces of grass and throwing them at him. We all cheered for Seth and hoped Abs would not catch him. When we finally returned to Beta, I went to bed for an amazing 20 hours. I could get away with that then—freshman year pass/fail, you know?

I look at this year's pledge class: 12 funny, quirky fools who run around the house and gang-tackle for fun. They build lofts and set up movie theaters in their rooms. They quote ridiculous lines from television that nobody understands. My huge pledge son runs up to me in the mid-

dle of the infinite corridor, tosses me around, and screams, "Papa!" at the top of his lungs. They are little wrestlers who leap from halfway up the stairs and go sprinting out the door before anyone can react. They write comic strips for *The Tech*. They pledge on top of the Prudential. They shave their hair off for fun. They have names like "Yip" and "Retro."

I'm glad to see that the future of this house looks as bright as ever.

Above and beyond...
Forever and ever...
Proud to be a Beta,
Dave Weaver

Pledge Class Unites During Super Bowl

The Super Bowl: It's an American tradition. In sports bars, family rooms, apartments, and restaurants across the country millions of people stop everything for one night to watch a good, old-fashioned football game. In my family, it's always a night to get everyone together—relatives and friends alike. And it's always a good time.

But it wasn't until this year that I truly spent the evening with friends. I began the day without social plans, which is typical at times for our pledge class. By 5:30, with less than an hour to go before game time, Darnell, one of my pledge brothers, finally came to the rescue with reservations at a bar on Newbury Street. At first we had no idea who was going, so we got some people together and walked over. When we got there, we realized that for the first time we had our entire pledge class together for an event other than a house meeting or clean-up. It was an odd feeling at first, but it turned out to be one of the best nights I've had since arriving here.

From the opening kickoff to the first time Elway dove toward the end zone to the "interesting" half-time show to the final seconds ticking away, the game was as much about having a great time with my pledge brothers—my friends—as it was about football. And so I will always remember Super Bowl '98 not for the game, but for time spent with my friends both during *and* after the game. But that's another story altogether.

Andrew Hogue

Sharing Bathroom Gets Easier

"I pledge!" These two words have played an extremely significant role in my life so far at MIT. When I said these two words in August of last year, I had no idea what kind of voyage I was about to take. I entered the house with one suitcase, abundant interest, and some reservations about my future. I was not yet comfortable with my new roommates, but I imagined that comfort would come in time.

I was warmly welcomed into the brotherhood by 30 Betas singing "Wooglin to the Pledge," and I remember thinking "I'm going to have to share a bathroom with these guys!" However, I got used to living with these guys, and now it has come to the point where I call the brownstone at 119 Bay State Road not a house, but a home.

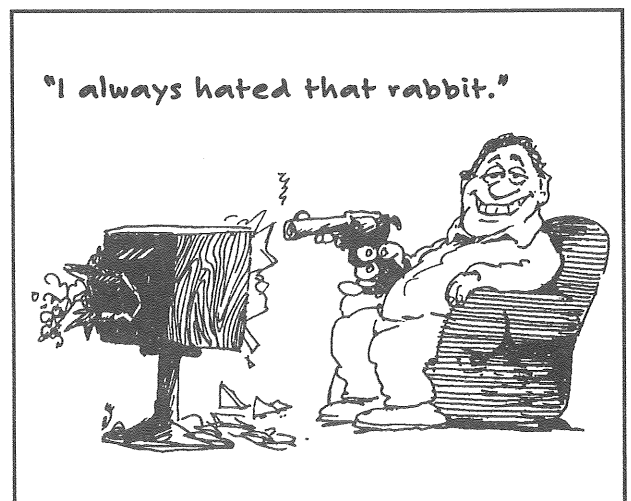
For example, I was having the usual trouble with my mechanics and materials problem set. I asked an upperclassman who had taken mechanical engineering to help me out. Even though this Beta had a lot of

work to do that night, he took about half an hour to explain shear force diagrams to me. It is this kind of help and generosity that I greatly appreciate at Beta Theta Pi.

In addition, Beta is a great place for me to relax and enjoy some of the better things in life that I enjoy doing, like socializing with my friends. Last semester, I had some of the best times of my life. The entire house went on a trip to Worcester, Massachusetts, where we played some games and had a water fight. Also, my pledge class visited a remote house in Maine for a weekend and exchanged stories about high school, girlfriends, and other significant things in our lives. Overall, my time here at Beta has been short—only about six months, and yet I am doing well at MIT and having a great time at Beta Theta Pi. What more can I say than, "Life here is great." To life!

Chetak Mahesh Reshamwala

Congratulations
to Walter
Helmreich '40
for his winning
caption, selected
by our
international
staff of
professional
adjudicators.



Chapter President

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and Justin Manor implemented new Beta social programs.

One new addition to the house, along with 12 shiny pledges, was the lounge iguana. Suggested names for said lizard would be most welcome!

Our intramural sports this year have been as strong as ever, with the entire house participating in favorites such as soccer, water polo, football, tennis, and ice hockey. The budding billiards team, however, demonstrated its youth as it was dominated by the Pi Lambda Phi house.

Yet again we are looking forward to a summer in which the house is filled, and we are proud to announce that Petr Erik Berger will again join us. Petr is about to complete his first year of law school with an outstanding GPA at Stanford. Congratulations, Pete. I knew that you would eventually come back to this place!

We may have a new alumnus this year: one Eric Danforth Mudama. Due to some unfortunate illnesses, he is completing his sixth year here at the house, but he is expecting to graduate this spring and move to California, where he will work for Orion. He has been a great asset to this house, guiding us down the right path with his wise and sarcastic comments.

Another exciting thing that could happen to the house involves our cook, Jim. There has been a rumor that his son is applying to MIT. Many of you who know Jim and have heard the stories of just how awesome his son is—leaping over cars without a running start—would probably agree he would make a fine Beta. For the alumni who have never met our cook or heard any of his fine stories, the alumni party will be the time to do it.

We are looking forward to the coming year in which, for the first time in a long while, pledge class sizes are relatively uniform. Two years ago the senior class was 10 strong, the junior class four, and the sophomore class 16. Next year the senior class will boast 10, the junior class 10, and the sophomore class 12. We hope this will make our rushes more uniform and easier to anticipate.

As for rush, however, we are looking at potentially large format changes brought about by the unfortunate drinking death of a Fiji pledge, Scott Krueger. We hope these changes will not hurt the house's rush too much, but we would appreciate as much support from alumni as possible. In addition to the changes in rush, Greeks in general have gotten a bad reputation because of the Krueger death. If any alumni know the local public view of fraternities, especially at MIT, your feedback would be very helpful.

NBΘΠ NEWS

Congratulations to C. YARDLEY CHIT-TICK '22, who writes, "While probably of no interest to any member of Beta Upsilon except possibly Dick Whiting '26, I am the oldest living patent lawyer still registered to practice before the patent office! I hope to go to the convention this summer in Miami, Florida." Write to "Yard" at his new address, which is 227 Pleasant St., #308, Concord, NH 03301.

"The last issue of *The Back Bay Beta* was one of the best. I always read every word," writes DONALD R. TABER '25. "Because of the drinking problem outlined in detail, I think you may be interested in life at the Beta house when I joined in 1921: All of the seniors and juniors were back from World War I, and their main interest was to get educated—so we had strict rules, which were enforced. At 8:30 every night except Saturday the downstairs lights went out, which stopped bridge or pool games. It was study time! About midnight many went out to get a snack while others went to bed. As for drinking, it was prohibition, and in four years I never saw a drink served in the house. At the first house meeting freshmen were told that if they wanted to drink outside the house, that was a personal matter. However, as a Beta, every member was expected to drink as a gentleman would, and anyone coming back to the house inebriated would be sorry. The first year everyone handled his liquor okay, but the next year a freshman came back with two friends helping him into the house—so a tub was filled with ice-cold water, and the poor guy was dropped in, tuxedo and all. That was the one and only drunk I saw in four years. To me, it is unbelievable to hear stories of fraternity members getting drunk night after night. Betas made their own rules

then, and I hope you will do the same today." Write to Donald at 401, E. Linton Blvd., #519, Delray Beach, FL 33483.

IRA H. LOHMAN JR. '38 reports that he and his wife, Louise, are blessed with good health and are enjoying life at The Forum, a resident-owned retirement community managed by Marriott. "We see DON WEIR '38 and his wife, Betts, occasionally when in the Los Angeles area, and we had a nice visit in 1996 with FRANK GARDNER '38 and his wife, 'E.' We've also seen Louise and DICK MUTHER '38 as well as Jo and FRANK KEARNY '38." Write to Ira at 23800 Amapolo Court, Villa 7, Cupertino, CA 95014.

L. WALTER HELMREICH '40 reports that his wife, Marg Wellesley '39, who is also the sister of IRA LOHMAN '38, suffered a stroke last September while on a ship from Moscow to St. Petersburg. "We were two days getting to a hospital in St. Petersburg and were advised to get out of Russia. We rode a med-evac Mitsubishi jet to Helsinki, where we had very good attention for several weeks. Then we took a regular jet to Heathrow and then to Detroit. They booked 12 seats to get us, the nurse, and a stretcher across the Atlantic. Marg is now home after some time in the hospital and nursing facility. Progress is slow, but she is in good spirits...she sends greetings to her many Beta friends." Write to Walt and Marg at 4 Fair Oaks Pkwy., Ann Arbor, MI 48104-3658, or send them an e-mail at whelmreich@aol.com.

HAROLD V. SMITH '47, a retired military officer, receives mail at 2672 Moss
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We need to get the public behind us, and any suggestions and comments on how to strengthen our image will be considered very seriously.

As well, the Beta rush machine will need more support than ever during this summer's on-the-road rush activities. So, if you would give up your floors for tired traveling Betas or extend your grills to hungry ones, it would be greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the alumni in San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle, Houston, and Detroit for helping us last summer. It was a blast! Many of the juniors and sophomores

have job offers in different parts of the country including California, New York, Texas, and Minnesota—so expect to hear from us soon if we happen to be in your neck of the woods.

As I end my role this summer as chapter president, I hope all is well with your families and friends. I also extend a warm welcome to my successor, Mike Rechtin, who can be reached at mrechtin@mit.edu. Enjoy your summer and keep in touch.

Yours in _ kai _
David Weaver '99

NEWS

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Creek Dr., Dalzell, SC 29040.

ARTHUR A. WASSERMAN '51 writes to announce the birth of his first grandchild, Haley Marie, who was born December 29, 1997. "All are doing well," Art reports. "My wife, Sheila, continues to do legal work as a free-lance public defender, serving clients mainly from the inner city. I continue as dean of the college of business and management at Cardinal Stritch University (formerly known as Cardinal Stritch College). Kind regards to all Betas! Hope to make the class of '51 50th Reunion in 2001." Write to Art at 422 E. Ravine Baye Rd., Bayside, WI 53217-1329, or send him an e-mail at artwass@acs.stritch.edu.

J. STANLEY GRAVES '58, reports that he welcomed his first granddaughter in July 1997. "The year 1997 was one of change," he reports. "I retired in August from my position as vice president of Commonwealth Edison. I am continuing on several boards and participate in volunteer activities. I look forward to more travel and perhaps the opportunity to see some of our Beta brothers." Stan makes his home at 826 Greenwood Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091, and can be reached via e-mail at jgraves@ameritech.net.

"Some might say that the knowledge and experience gained by living in a fraternity house have a profound effect on one's career and later life...in some cases, more than the knowledge gained through the institute," writes SAMUEL R. McLAUGHLIN '58. "I know this was true for Beta Theta Pi in my case." Write to "Dick" at 139 Ocean Creek Blvd., Fripp Island, SC 29920.

Kudos to GREG B. BROWN '62, who was recently awarded the NIH-NCEP Clinical Science Achievement Award for clinical research done over the past decade. Greg reports that he is also enjoying the madness of a three-year-old daughter and an active academic position at the University of Washington. Write to Greg at 3201 Evergreen Point Rd., Medina, WA 98039, or send him an e-mail at bg_brown@u.washington.edu.

WILLIAM T. STEWART '69, president and CEO of Stewart Glapat Corporation, reports that his company, which builds materials handling systems, is prospering due to a healthy economy. "With one son at Princeton and a daughter at Buckness, I am keeping up on college costs and issues!" Write to Stewey

at 2775 Martin Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701, or send him an e-mail at sglapat@ee.net.

After a lapse in communication with his Beta brothers, WILLIAM D. TOMLINSON '79 sends his greetings from Kanye, Botswana. "I left the U.S. in 1981 with the Peace Corps," he writes, "and came to Botswana to teach mechanics and metal work. After four years as a volunteer, I started my own business doing mechanical repair work and welding. I hired several of my ex-students and stuck with that business until 1992 when I sold out. That led me to the safari lodge/hotel that I currently own and operate. I've hunted lion, leopard, and buffalo, traveled all over Southern Africa, and fathered two beautiful boys who both live with me. In general, I have stayed off the main track, but have spent 16 years learning about life, love, and the pursuit of happiness—not to mention having become, basically, an African. I am writing now just to practice my English!" Bill invites anyone interested in going on an African safari to contact him by mail at P.O. Box 10164, Kanye, BOTSWANA, or by e-mail at center@info.bw.

MICHAEL G. FEINSTEIN '82 reports that, in addition to enjoying his two great children, Ben (4) and Samantha (1), he is enjoying his job as vice president of product marketing for New Oak Communications. Write to Michael at 3 Harvard Dr., Bedford, MA 01730, or send him an e-mail at mikedf@ma.ultranet.com.

MICHAEL A. LOPEZ '83 writes, "I was sad to hear about John Doyle. I had taken many journeys with him, and he brought the Nippanese out in me." "Coco" also reports that he plans to attend this summer's 15-year reunion at MIT. Write to Coco at his new address, which is 33023 Roundhead Place, Solon, OH 44139.

In addition to recently completing a master's degree in manufacturing engineering, MICHAEL E. FLANAGAN '85 reports that his second child is due in September. "Anyone older than 30 years old want to play indoor soccer on weeknights in Milford, Massachusetts?" he asks. "My team needs a few more guys." Write to Michael at 196 Valley Rd., Needham, MA 02192.

CHRISTOPHER J. MORGEN '87 and his wife, Nathalie, extend thanks to all Betas who attended their October wedding. "We continue to welcome guests in scenic Findley

Lake," they add. Write to the Morgens at 2654 Sunside Rd., Findley Lake, NY 14736, or send an e-mail to christopher.morgen@usa.net.

"Euchre is alive and well among Beta alumni!" writes R. SCOTT STULL '88. "The 1997 Euchre Tournament, held in New Orleans, drew 17 alumni from across the country. Defending champions BOB STRUBLE '87 and SCOTT STULL '88 narrowly defeated archrivals RICK LATTANZIO '87 and DAVE KRAMER '88 to retain the title. Other participants included DIMITRI KAZARINOFF '85, DAVE LINEMAN '85, TOM ROOZE '85, ALEX ROMEO '86, BEN SILVERMAN '88, JOHN SCHWAGER '88, JIM CURETON '90, MIKE CASAGRANDE '89, MIKE RECHTIN '89, JAY WATKINS '90, JEFF KALT '90, ANDY OBST '90, and CHRIS SONNE '91." Scott encourages all Betas interested in future tournaments to contact him at his new address, which is 555 Pierce St., #1407, Albany, CA 94706, or send him an e-mail at sstull@educaide.com.

GODARD K. ABEL '93 makes his home at 69 Roosevelt Circle, Palo Alto, CA 94305.

NEIL BEST '95 writes to announce his first "real" job, which involves consulting for the Navy in oil pollution prevention and solid waste disposal technologies and practices. "On weekends," writes Neil, "I'll be carousing with JAVIER NAZARIO '95, who started his PhD recently at the University of Maryland. We also entertained ALEJANDRO MEDINA '92 during a business trip to DC. Alumni and actives are encouraged to visit us in the nation's capital." Write to Neil at 1400 S. Joyce St., #1511, Arlington, VA 22202.

HYUNG S. CHANG '95, an application engineer for Motorola, reports that he has been hanging out with BRUCE KRYSIAK '95 and MIKE MILLER '96 in Austin. "I recently saw MIKE COLLINS '94 and DEREK LOU '95 in Dallas and had MIKE NUCKLES '96 visit me from Waco." Hyung invites any Betas interested in visiting Austin to drop him a line at 3210 John Campbell's Trail, Austin, TX 78735, or send him an e-mail at hschang@alum.mit.edu.

ALEXANDER ZAKHAROV '96 receives mail at 210 Avenue B., #45, New York, NY 10009.

DECEASED

We regret to announce the death of the following alumni:

HARRY F. DAVIS II '48

RICHARD WHITING '26