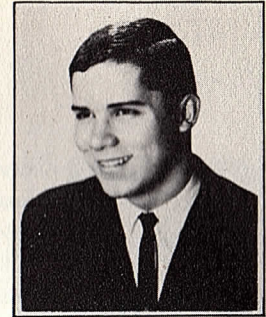


Beta Theta Pi

*Come smoke a friendly
pipe with me . . .*



Dear Freshman,

In reading this pamphlet, it should soon become evident to you why we of Beta are proud of our record at M.I.T. This pride stems from a healthy respect for Beta accomplishments and successes that exists both on the M.I.T. campus and throughout the Fraternity's national organization. Built upon the self respect and personal independence of each brother, Beta triumphs as the individual grows.

Collecting achievements, however, is not the only facet of life at M.I.T. or anywhere for that matter. Thus, in the process of working together for such a top record we feel our fraternity at the same time builds strong and enduring bonds of friendship. Brotherhood at Beta means many things in terms of good fellowship and mutual understanding, but most important it means just having a good time together in those all-important hours of respite from our work. This sense of Beta brotherhood is hard to capture in the printed word, but I think a hint of its spirit will reach you through the pages of this pamphlet.

One final note: You've made an excellent choice of a school; now you owe it to yourself to be just as careful and selective in your choice of a living group.

Sincerely,

Bill Roessler

President

The tutors made us grub and dig



Beta Theta Pi wins Scholarship Cup for the third straight year.

Every fraternity at M.I.T. talks of scholarship as its first goal. Yet no other fraternity can point to the record of excellence which Beta Theta Pi has achieved. The scholarship cup has entered the halls of Beta six times in the last ten and in all of the last three years — a record unequalled in the history of M.I.T. The question you should ask is, Who is first at present? Although the results for 1963–1964 are not tabulated until late August, our first term 4.0 house average puts us well on the way to a *fourth* year in a row in first place. As a result of our Dean's List house average, two years ago we were honored by the National Interfraternity Conference with a scholastic rating of "Summa Cum Laude," recognizing us as *one of the top five chapters in the National I.F.C.*

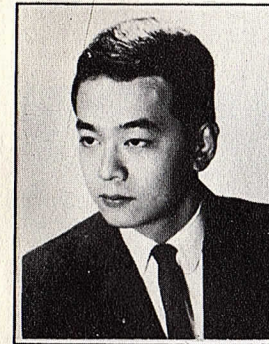
We both know that learning is something very individual, *but a house can help by a mature overall attitude toward scholarship!* It can also set an example through scholastic achievements of its members, but the most effective part of our program is the personal interest shown by each Beta to the young men entering the halls of Beta Theta Pi. A brother will go to almost any extreme to show a fellow Beta the correct path to follow. Our scholarship program includes emphasis on quiet study conditions every school night and Sunday; a complete file of examinations, themes, and labs from previous years, an upperclassman in every freshman room, and special reviews given to freshmen before each exam. As a result of this effort more than half the brothers receive scholarship aid, including grants from National Merit, General Motors, and the Sloan Foundation.

Of course, school work is by no means the only part of the total education that M.I.T. and Boston have to offer. Indeed, living with thirty-five other men, each with his own unique viewpoint, is an education in itself.

Following paths old wooglin blazed for us . . .



Tom Gerrity will represent MIT as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford this fall.



President of next year's Senior Class, Dick Tsien.

Dick Carpenter is awarded the Compton Award as an "outstanding leader" in student government.

Tau Beta Pi, often described as the "engineer's Phi Beta Kappa," annually selects two or three "honor juniors" from each junior class. These men are chosen for their all-around achievement and scholarship. Two Betas, Dick Tsien and Bill Roeseler, were the only men thus honored last year. They joined Dick Carpenter and Tom Gerrity in giving Beta Theta Pi more than half the "honor juniors" chosen in the last three years.

In the past year, Betas have served as President of the Aeronautical Engineering Honorary, as head of the Secretariat, as IFC Representative to Institute Committee, as IFC Purchasing Manager, and as President of the Senior Class.

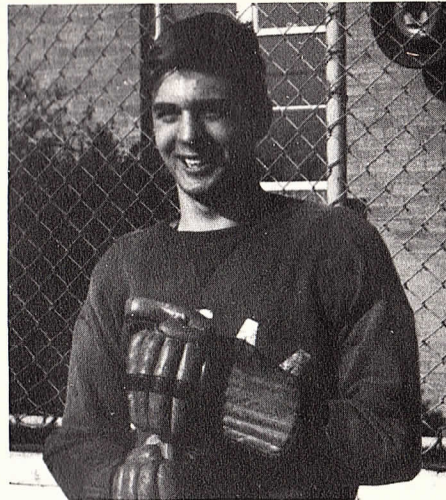
We mention a few of our major accomplishments as individuals and as a group because we believe a house needs *both* to be strong. We look upon MIT as a unique challenge . . . to develop the ability to excel in many ways.



Long beam our diamond...



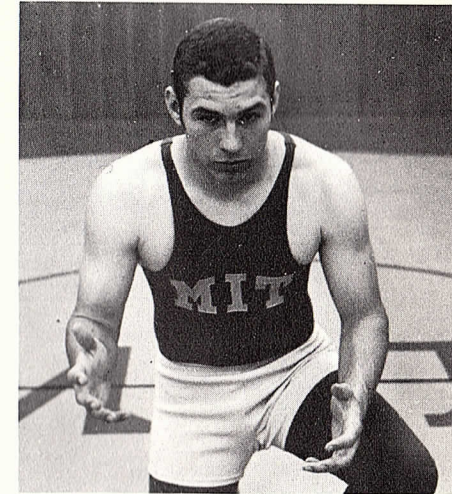
PETE KIRKWOOD: Dean's List, Varsity Lacrosse (high scorer as a sophomore), Basketball, Q-Club, Beaver Key.



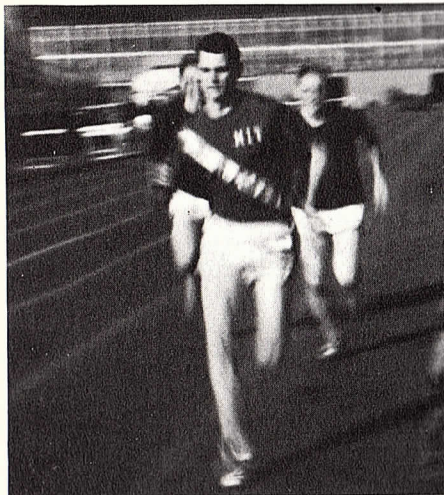
BART ELMER: Captain Frosh Hockey, Freshman Lacrosse, Vice-President of Q-Club.



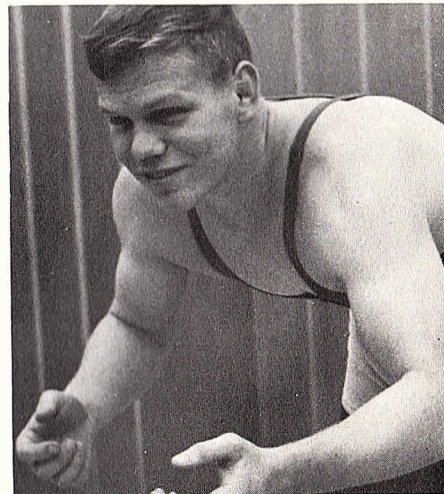
JAY ROGERS: Dean's List, Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track, MIT Investigations Committee, Chapter Humorist, Social Chairman and Vice President.



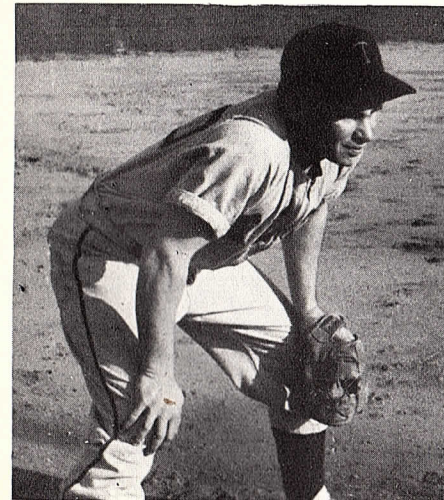
DICK NYGREN: Dean's List, Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Wrestling, Q-Club, Intramural Track Manager, Chapter Athletic Chairman and Song Leader.



JOHN RYDER: Captain Freshman Track, Vice-President of Track Club, Freshman Council, Secretariat.



DON FREDRICKSON: Dean's List, Freshman Wrestling Captain, Varsity Wrestling, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, Chapter Treasurer, Top scholar with 4.93 avg.



MIKE RYBA: Freshman Baseball (.400 hitter), Fall Crew, Indoor Track.



STEVE SCHROEDER: Dean's List, Top scorer Freshman Lacrosse, Frosh Basketball, Q-Club.

...and bright shine our stars

The sons of the dragon . . .



MICHAEL J. MONDLER



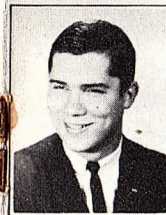
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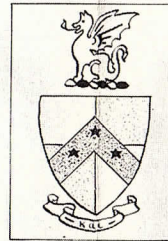
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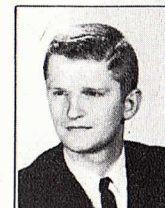
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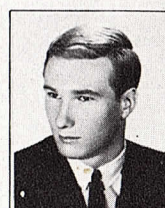
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*The dragon is lord of the beasts
of the world . . .*



Bob Chinchillo anchors 880 medley, leading Betas to fourth straight year as track champs.

"The brutes," Bob O'Donnell and David Penny train for the Olympic trials.

On the playing field, we find much of the Beta spirit that makes us a unit. Led by several team captains, thirty Betas competed in intercollegiate sports, placing us second on campus in percentage participation. Our intramural program was capped with an exciting victory in track. And the freshmen came on strong, winning sixteen freshman letters and blanking their challengers in touch football.

The whole house has watched the weekly progress of Bob O'Donnell and Dave Penny in their training for the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Both rowed in the J.V. crew that finished third in the nation, and Dave won the crew Inspirational Trophy.

As a fitting close to our year, we all joined in to play our traditional Warren Goodnow-Harold Branson Memorial soccer game down at Cape Cod. Although at times it looked like a street brawl, the "skins" played a sparkling game to defeat the "shirts," 4-2.



Beta's own lacrosse team, including four varsity lettermen (back) and five freshmen lettermen (front).



Captain of next year's skiing team, Stan Brown jumps at Middlebury.



The Beta Machine breaks loose for another first down.





Weekends at the Beta house are always a fun thing. The brothers like to take time out to relax. Whether it's rock-climbing, canoeing, or camping, formal dances at Boston hotels or parties at the house, the Betas always come through with that extra spirit that makes a good time a great time. Or sometimes we just sit around with guitars and girls and sing anything that comes to mind. In particular, to mention a few of the organized social events, we all go sailing at Marblehead, Mass. in the fall, in Barnegats, Lightnings, and 110's, then assemble at Crane's beach for a Saturday night beach party. Just before Christmas vacation, we all enjoy carolling the dormitories at Wellesley. And in the spring, a few weeks before exams, the Betas descend on Cape Cod for a weekend blast that polishes off the year in fine style.



Strong in the might of our bond fraternal . . .

In the preceding pages you have a glimpse of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, but you are no doubt interested in Beta Theta Pi itself. Beta Theta Pi, being the first fraternity founded in the West in 1839, has continued in the tradition of a pioneering fraternity. Beta Theta Pi recognized early the importance of a national outlook. This is clearly evidenced by the fact that Beta Theta Pi was the first fraternity on 37 campuses throughout the country. The Fraternity, however, has never allowed itself to become weak through unchecked expansion. It does not have chapters at every college or university. Of the many groups that petition for admission to Beta Theta Pi, very few are granted charters.

A recent study of Who's Who in America revealed the names of over 1000 Betas recorded in its pages, a total of 80 more than the second leading fraternity and 250 more than the third. This situation prompted a nationally read newspaper columnist to remark recently, "You have to be a doctor, a lawyer, or a member of Beta Theta Pi to get into Who's Who."

Beta Theta Pi has the oldest national fraternity magazine in continuous existence; it was the first fraternity to be recognized by a college or university; it was a charter member of the National Interfraternity Council, which was founded by a Beta; and it has been able to report all dues received, all bills paid, and a balance in the treasury for over 50 years (a record not even remotely equalled by any other fraternity). It is the only one of the older fraternities that has been above the all-men's average for the years in which the National Interfraternity Council figures have been computed, and has rated first in this list for 30 of the past 32 years.

The national position of the Fraternity may be estimated by such remarks as were made about Beta Theta Pi in Time, Life and other national magazines in connection with the late Wendell Willkie. These publications named his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, as the "nation's number one college fraternity."

All of this has created a national respect for Beta Theta Pi which is both a point of pride to the men who wear the badge and a tribute to the careful selection of those who will uphold the standards of the Fraternity.

We're coming from the east boys, We're coming from the west . . .

Dave Avrin	1	Detroit, Michigan
Bud Boring	4	Quanah, Texas
Stan Brown	3	Concord, Massachusetts
Jon Burkhardt	4	Muncie, Indiana
Jerry Burnett	4	Sacramento, California
Dick Carpenter	4	Mohawk, New York
Bob Chinchillo	4	Revere, Massachusetts
John Coggeshall	2	Washington, D. C.
Hank DeJong	1	Hawthorne, New Jersey
Jack Elder	2	Huntington, New York
Bart Elmer	1	Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Don Fredrickson	3	Tacoma, Washington
Pete Getting	1	Los Angeles, California
Jim Giffin	4	Wadsworth, Ohio
Bob Grant	4	South Bend, Indiana
Gregg Heacock	1	Mercer Island, Washington
Steve Hendryx	1	Burlingame, California
Larry King	2	Los Angeles, California
Pete Kirkwood	2	Cleveland, Ohio
Mike Lardner	4	Kirkwood, Missouri
Fred Luconi	4	Hammond, Indiana
Bob Macdonald	2	East Grand Rapids, Michigan
Mike Monsler	4	Elkhorn, Wisconsin
Dick Nygren	2	Mercer Island, Washington
Bob O'Donnell	2	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Dave Penny	2	Emporia, Kansas
Terry Riley	3	Norfolk, Virginia
Bill Roeseler	3	Racine, Wisconsin
Jay Rogers	3	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Mike Ryba	1	Ridgewood, Connecticut
John Ryder	1	Seattle, Washington
Steve Schroeder	1	Lewes, Delaware
Gerry Tomanek	1	Dallas, Texas
Dick Tsien	3	Livingston, New Jersey
Terry Vander Werff	2	Lansing, Illinois
Greg Wheeler	1	Arlington, Virginia
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