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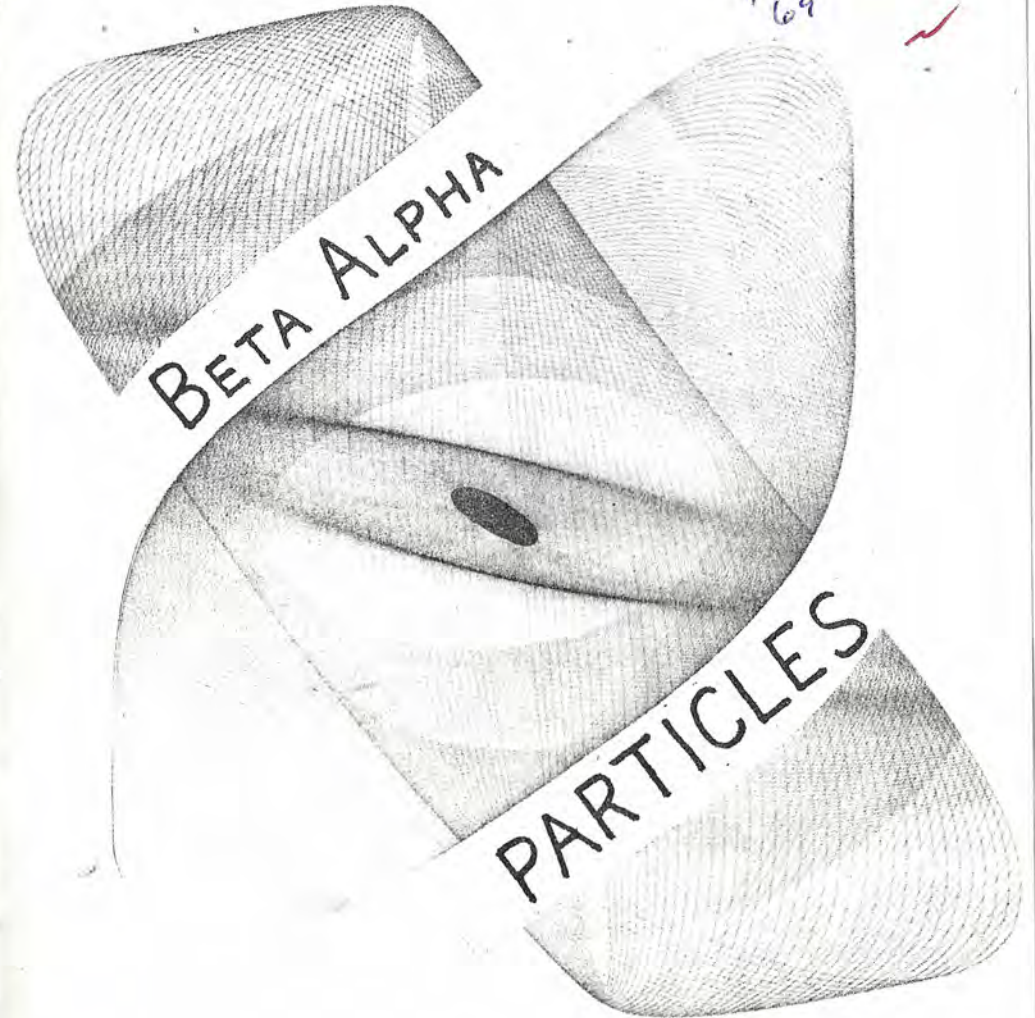


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ALUMNI NOTES

After four years of planning and development, the graduating pledge has finally become a reality. The idea was formulated in 1965, and last semester the program was formalized. The pledge, which was taken orally by last year's graduating class and will be signed by this senior class, is in the amount of one hundred dollars to be paid during the next five years. All funds secured through this program will be held in a special savings account and used exclusively for physical improvements to the fraternity house.

I hope you all realize that these funds will be put to good use. This program has been in the planning stage for many years, and has been considered carefully by those involved. We hope you will contribute to your fraternity through the alumni pledge.

Alumni Briefs

Jim O'Niell, former wildman, has tied the marital knot.

Rich Hinson and Tom Pardew are joining Uncle Sam's forces, and will soon sign with the Air Force.

Pat Parkinson, rising young executive, has moved up to a Grand Prix.

Art Eromenok is back at N.C.E. again(?)

Jack Lavery and Gerry Kurth have new additions to the family. Congratulations to the production engineers.



Bill "Moose" Muldowney is moving up in the world. He has moved up to Connecticut.

Mooney is.

John Bernet, former PM, pinned Jackie and is alive and well(?) with a 1-A at Rutgers grad school.

Chuck "the Sadist" Munier is taking dentistry at FDU.

Jack Shynne has come back to the church, he is taking out an alter girl at the local church in North Carolina. We heard they go to the CYO dances every week.

Russ Pepe just returned from a good-will skiing tour of Austria.

Rich Rodrick, Pat Parkinson, Pete Schmidt and Lou Romano are engaged.

Private John Derby is serving his country at Ford Dix.

Rumor has it that Mario Demasi is once again thinking of leaving home, but only if Dennis Danelowski and Tommy Switalski live with him.

Fred Becker has moved to Seattle, Washington.

Al Brown has realized his mistake, will invite John Kirincich to Founder's Day next year. Al is even on speaking terms with John Furman.

Has anyone seen Bob "Phantom #1" Manthey?

Ray Karpowitz, please pick up your smut mail.

Lou Romano, your ketchup sandwiches are ready.

Andy Yurchuck, please pay your dues.

Ken Wilson, there will be a football practice this Sunday. By the way, Ken, you did graduate, didn't you?

Joe Chapski, please send us your AA blazer for Friday nights.

John Dushney  
Larry Butterfoss  
Kevin McCranor

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#### NEW BROTHERS

The fall semester here at Beta Alpha Chapter saw thirteen neophytes initiated into the Brotherhood. Initiations were the culmination of a period during which the pledge class welded itself into a tight, close unit. Over the span of pledging friendships were made, personalities and traits recognized. If only for the sake of posterity these qualities should be noted, because these are a great bunch of guys.

There is Ted Cassera with his dirty VW who we dubbed Suede, after his pet horse. That brings to mind horsey Tom Creaven, one of the four sophs in our pledge class.

Tom threw the shot in high school. Nowadays he throws the bull and anyone game enough to Indian wrestle him. There's Frank Cyzzz affably known as smutman, he grooves on Playboy. Jim "Monopoly" DiNapoli has an uncanny knack for winning in monopoly. He has a nose for houses, boards, windows and nails (that's an inside joke, folks). Lover boy Steve De Palma eats up girls the same way. But as our pledge class president poor Steve caught grief for every thing we did as pledges. Also, there is Charlie "The Doc" Forman who came to the Halloween party dressed as even you know what. Only a sophomore, "Doc" is the editor in chief of our school newspaper. My buddy the "fish" is Tom Herits, ace swimmer for the school team. Al Ianuzzi is the nut who took his car to Florida with the guys during Christmas break, and when the bomb wasn't being hauled out of sand bogs or hauling in traffic tickets up and down the coast, the battery was dead. I can't forget myself, "Motoad the Maj," ace juggler of our successful pledge show and along with "Doc" member of the college tennis team; or Tony Perez, "The Pinapple" as we know him, was the secretary of our pledge class. Whether because of the performance of his duties, or because of his size he was nicknamed "pinapple," I cannot now recall. Next to myself Bob Russo is the most unlucky guy in the world. His lucky number is thirteen (sorry, house joke). And at eighteen is once again without licence. Don Van Houton is sorry NCE doesn't play lacrosse. He does, however, play basketball and football and excels for the house in IFC competition. And then there is Nick, certainly last but not least, star card shark of the house, second only to his big brother.

As pledges, we took solitary trips to Monopolies' house in the Pennsylvania mountains. There was a trip to Virginia visiting other chapters, and the long trek to Florida.

We've eaten and slept together, cried about grades to each other, and helped ourselves to be more complete. And we're glad and proud, that as brothers we can carry on forever, our fraternal relationships.

Fraternally,

Bill Mokoid

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#### SPORTS

Bet Alpha has managed to capture quite a few positions on NCE's varsity athletic teams. In keeping with pace with past years, the basketball team has three Pi Kapp's on it - Steve De Steno, starting guard, Ken "Bo-Bo" Bigos, sixth man and Mike Saul, starter on the J.V. team. The baseball team has three good Frosh additions this year - Brothers Nick Taglianetti and Ted Cassera, and also Pledge Mike Saul. Brothers Bill Mokoid and Chuck Forman represent Pi Kapp on the varsity Tennis team, while Tom Herits and Ralph Doudera participate on NCE's Swimming and Rifle teams, respectively.

Our usually strong defense on the gridiron came through again this year. However, the lack of an adequate offense cost us the IFC championship. We placed third overall,



second in our division and lost only to Sigma Pi (13-0) and Tau Delt (6-0). Our record wound up to 6 wins and 2 losses. There was a sum total of 21 points scored against us throughout the season.

Bowling seems to be at a low ebb this year. The team has compiled a 10-18 record to date. However, things are looking up. We have some freshmen that are coming on strong, and by next year Beta Alpha ought to be right on top in the league.

In IFC Basketball, Pi Kapp came back from a second place finish in their division (5-1), with the loss coming from the hands of Sigma Pi (38-31), to beat the same team 36 to 31 in the first round of the play-offs. We then played Tau Lambda Chi and lost 28 to 26 in the last seconds of the game. After everything was over we wound up with a 7-3 record and a third place finish.

Next year things could be brighter all around. There are many new brothers to fill the gap created by this year's graduating class.

Fraternally,

Les Cadigan

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### SOCIAL

The highlight of this spring's social scene will be the Rose Ball, on March 22nd. This promises to be the finest Rose Ball yet. With "The Manor's" reputation for fine catering and the Pi Kapp's reputation for having a good time this will be an unforgettable evening.

The spring semester started off with two Saturday night parties, the Wino Party and the Psychedelic Party. A new innovation for Beta Alpha will be the "Toga Party" held on Saturday, April 12th. For the inexperienced, the type of dress for this party is restricted to one sheet per person.

Two annual social events, "The Surfer Party" and the "Pi Kapp Picnic" will be held on May 3rd and May 24th respectively. More details will be mailed out as soon as possible.

Preparations are now under way for The District Conclave which will be held at Beta Alpha on the weekend of April 25-27. As in the past, the Brothers of Beta Alpha plan to have the largest attendance of the four chapters.

Now is a prime time for our alumni brothers to visit our house anytime, especially during our weekly Friday night beer parties, or a Saturday night party. Your visit will do more than acquaint you with new Pi Kapps, it will make evident to our newer brothers and pledges the width and breadth of our Brotherhood.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Steve Mazouat

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HISTORIAN'S NOTES

The fall 1968 pledge class did a fine job help week-end, under the supervision of House Conditioning Chairman John Spigel. Much needed improvement to the house was accomplished and soon-to-be assigned work projects should tie up the loose ends. Along with these improvements, the house is scheduled for a face paint before the summer.

Summer house searching has begun. Maxie, our main shore connection, is working with George Hospodar and Russ Chomiak in our searching endeavor. We hope to locate a large house close to a popular beach. If any alumni or friends of Beta Alpha know of any such rental opportunity, please contact the house.

An appropriate end is finding a new beginning. Nineteen seniors are doing just this with their continual plant trips and interviews. This constitutes quite a bit of senior complaining that the undergrads have to put up with. But we just chalk it up to experience and consider this "listening" as part of our brotherly affection when lending a sympathetic ear to the soon-to-be-alumni.

A reminder: the alumni pledges will soon be mailed and we greatly appreciate all the expected help. As in any institution, finance is the biggest problem and the expected alumni help will greatly alleviate some of the financial pressure we now face. Also, please get address changes in as soon as possible. I hope you enjoyed the Rose Ball.

Anthony J. Bruno  
Historian

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CAMPUS RELATIONS

Pi Kapps have always had a great interest in school activities and student government and this year was no exception. Originally, we envisioned a difficult task in trying to replace such student leaders as Jack Lavery, Pat Parkinson, Jack Shynne, and a host of other graduating seniors. However, with the vigor and enthusiasm so typical of Beta Alpha, we brothers set our goals high and achieved an outstanding representation of Pi Kapps throughout NCE's non-academic program. Some of our more notable election victories were: Ralph Doudera - President of the IFC; Robert Walsh - President of the Senior Class; George Newcombe - President of the Honors Society; John Dushney - Vice President of the Athletic Association; and Kevin McCranor - Vice President of the Student Council.

Student government was not our only area of success, however, as we also have several brothers in responsible positions in the professional societies with Steve Hoffman as President of the IEEE and Russ Chomiak as President of the ASME leading the way.

Space does not permit me to mention the several brothers who hold lower offices in many of the organizations at school. You can readily see, however, that we have continued Pi Kappa Phi's avid participation and representation in extracurricular activities at NCE.

Robert E. Walsh  
Chairman

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CONCLAVE

Since we will be the host chapter, the brothers of Beta Alpha are anxiously looking forward to the District I Conclave, which will be held April 25-27. In addition to the meetings which will be held Saturday morning and early afternoon, the weekend will include the Friday night beer blast - Beta Alpha style - and the Saturday night hard liquor party, with time for basketball, football and swimming Saturday after the meetings. Because the house itself is relatively small, we hope the guest chapters will find accommodations at one of the many hotels in the Newark area.

Russ Chomiak

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ARCHON'S LETTER

We of the undergraduate chapter realize that alumni support can only be secured by deserving it. Yet, how do we go about deserving your respect and support? By being financially responsible, scholastically sound, properly structured, organized, and by a mature attitude by all of our members. But this leads us to circular reasoning, for we need your help to gain all the virtues which you demand for support. I suggest we work together through the Alumni Advisory Committee, and ask for all interested brothers to become involved in their fraternity. Our chapter is not sinking, but it is not all it could be. You, the alumni, can make the difference, and we ask you to contribute - to give a damn.

Kevin McCranor  
Archon

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HOUSE CONDITIONING

Under the supervision of the House Conditioning Committee, many house improvements have been made. Fresh paint covers another two years of Beta Alpha history. The upstairs bathroom has been completed, and much needed plastering and painting has been completed on the second floor hallways. Skylight covers have been built to keep out the rain in the party room. A new sound system has been built and installed by several brothers. Speaker enclosures have been built by Brother Miller. A new stove donated by Brother Donnelly, and a new sink donated by Brother Le Palma have been installed in the kitchen.

Much work is planned for the spring semester. The front of the house will finally get a much needed coat of paint. The wiring in the third floor will be completed. Much needed presently is the donation of another gas stove for the third floor. Four burners is just not enough for sixteen live-ins. Provisions have been made for its installation, also another refrigerator is needed.

When one walks into the chapter house, he is greatly impressed by the work that has been done. The individual rooms are kept amazingly well, and rival those anywhere. Much initiative has been shown by the Brothers in maintaining and improving the condition of their House.

Fraternally yours,

John Spigel  
House Manager

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