



# BETA ALPHA *Particles*



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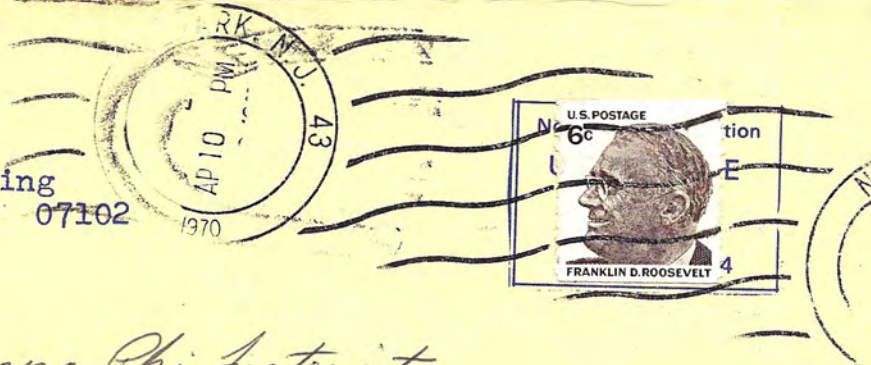
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LET'S REOPEN  
THE GATES TO THE  
NORTH  
JERSEY  
ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION

Beta Alpha Chapter  
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity  
at Newark College of Engineering  
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## CHANGING TIMES

A freshman coming to college today is interested in politics, world affairs, and social justice. If you mention fraternities to this kind of freshman, he gets the image of raccoon coats, parties and panty raids. This image has to be broken. These freshmen eventually will become the campus leaders and in order for a fraternity to attract them it will have to be involved in similar interests. The radicals may at times use the wrong methods, but at least they are involved in trying to make the world a better place.

A fraternity will have to be a freshman's alternative to the radicals on college campuses. It will have to provide a forum for constructive ideas on how to improve the community, rather than trying to capture its citadels. It will have to be a place where men can think and talk about subjects of common interests, as well as being a place to enjoy and share brotherhood.

Angelo Meola  
Archon Beta Alpha

### NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Our local Fraternity became incorporated with the National Organization of Pi Kappa Phi in 1948. Soon afterwards the North Jersey Alumni Association was founded, and then folded.

We of Beta Alpha are very fortunate to have many of our Alumni in this immediate area. I think that the original Alumni Association folded because of a lack of eligible participants. The years have rectified this situation and I believe that now is the time to revive the Alumni Association.

For this purpose, the Undergraduate Chapter has allotted funds

to get things under way. However, monetary support is not enough. I want a mandate from you, the Alumni, in the form of a "Yes, I would like to see an Alumni Chapter and I will participate in its activities."

If I can get the support of fifteen Alumni an organizational meeting will be arranged. There the purposes of the organization and the frequency of the meetings will be discussed. If a favorable attitude prevails at this point, letters will be sent to all Alumni inviting them to attend the first meeting of the revived North Jersey Alumni Association.

But remember, I must have fifteen positive responses in order to start anything. You can contact me by writing:

James Stiles  
c/o Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity  
249 High Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
or by calling me at the house  
201-643-9466.

A parting note: This organization can be anything that you, the Alumni, want. The guidelines will be selected by you, for you, and of course the facilities of the chapter house will be available for the Alumni Association.

Fraternally,  
James Stiles

Alumni remember your Undergraduate Debt.....

"Who bear their share of the financial burden of the chapter and national organization."

Alumni! We would like to include you in our next edition. Please drop us a note, care of Steve De Palma, Historian.



## THE HOUSING CRISIS

Newark is a place you like to forget as soon as you leave it. Those vivid memories of the gaging pollution, the congenial neighborhood, the illustrious years spent at the Newark College of Engineering are all put in the same file as those of your first kiss. But it seems some people would like to extinguish your memories from becoming our memories. They want to cleanse the air, paint the neighborhood, and let more and more girls attend N. C. E. The first and last points don't really cause too much concern, but that one about painting...

The best memories you take out of Newark were from the "house". The one on Central, Warren, Summit, or High Street, it didn't matter. The "house" was yours and you shared it with Brown, Kowalski, Lawless, Pepe, Lavery and the rest. The memories we hope to take from the "house" are being threatened. That big paint job I was telling you about is getting closer.

If per chance you read the Star Ledger or the Evening News, the article concerning urban renewal stated 4.6 million dollars is in the works, another 40 million is waiting in the wings. Model Cities programs and general urban revamping is the big cry of city officials. With the money allocated, and with more on the way, the city is beginning to pick up the paint brush and go to work. It just happens that High Street and the St. Michael's urban renewal project are high on the list to be started. All the fraternity houses are being threatened with destruction. The acquisition of land in the area is difficult. The administration is powerless and even less helpful. We are in a lot of trouble.

The I.F.C. has organized an Alumni Committee to help the Undergrads through the fog. Thus far we are engaged in reshearch and fact finding. The answers to the housing problem will come out of the combined efforts of the Alumni and Undergraduate Housing Committee.

Bill Kowalski is the Pi Kap who sits on this committee. It is evident we need help, not only financially but physically. You the Alumni can provide this support, remember this is YOUR chapter.

Anthony Bruno  
I.F.C. Housing Comm. Chairman

## SOCIAL

As usual Beta Alpha's new year started off great. By the time 1970's were ready to be ushered in, no one was in shape to find the door and let the sixties out. The seventies finally did sneak in and Beta Alpha showed them what a good party is like.

We took advantage of Valentines Saturday this year and had, you guessed it, a Valentines Party. Those who did make it through the snow to the party were lucky enough to be entertained by a bright new upcoming group, "The Apricots", recommended by "Pineapple" Tony Perez. All future Social Directors will be instructed not to associate with Erother Perez.

The Pajama Party, held on March 14, conflicted with Alumni Rick Donnelly's Bachelor Party; and when both groups got together it turned into a wild affair.



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Beta Alpha hosts this years District Conclave on April 3, 4, and 5. There are parties planned for both Friday and Saturday night, all Alumni are urged to attend.

After the Rose Ball on April 11, the spring semester will come to a close with the Surfer Party on May 2, the IFC Boatride on May 16 and the annual Picnic on May 23.

Ted Cassera  
Social Director

PI KAPPA PHI'S ROLE ON CAMPUS

If one word could describe the general feeling among this generation of college students, that word would have to be "change." Every facet of campus life is undergoing a transition in one form or another, with the cry of more student activism. Nothing on campus goes unquestioned; and the fraternity is no exception. Opponents of the fraternity system argue that fraternities are no longer a viable asset to the college, and to some extent this claim is well based.

Many fraternities and some chapters of Pi Kappa Phi still engage in pledge activities called Hell Week, Help Night or whatever. Justification of such activity seem illogical since they are not in tune with the times. To prepare a pledge for initiation by forcing him to do things which lower his dignity as a human being, to exhaust him physically, and to torture him psychologically seem to contradict the very bases of Pi Kappa Phi.

We at Beta Alpha have found a way in which, we think, a pledge is put to his best use and at the same time learns the essence of that nebulous, undefinable concept, "Brotherhood." For one weekend during the pledging period

the pledge class is commissioned to do major repairs in our place of abode. Here the class learns to work together as a cohesive unit; reinforcing the learning process are the brothers who work just as hard with the pledges. Monday morning finds a new face on the house and a new feeling in the hearts of the Pledge Class, and the Brotherhood knows that another class is a step closer to initiation and Brotherhood in PI KAPPA PHI.

Fraternally,  
Joseph Zengota

SPORTS

With five convincing victories and one close loss, Beta Alpha entered the I.F.C. Basketball playoffs sporting a second place finish in division "A". After losing two hard fought games by less than ten points, we came back to win the final game on the last second heroics of Don Van Houten to capture third place.

Although the standouts throughout the season were Bobo Bigos, our player coach, and frosh Nick De Nichilio, victory could not have been had without vital supporters in Jim Stiles, Pete Jensen and Al Ianuzzi.

In football it was a traditional battle between Tau Delt, Sigma Pi, and ourselves. Unfortunately, we did not fair well. However, the future looks bright with only the loss of our long distance threat Russ Chomiak and Jim Stiles as we will have an experienced team with pounds to spare. With the competitive spirit high, Beta Alpha managed to secure fourth place.

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"For the load don't weigh me down. He ain't heavy, he's my brother."

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