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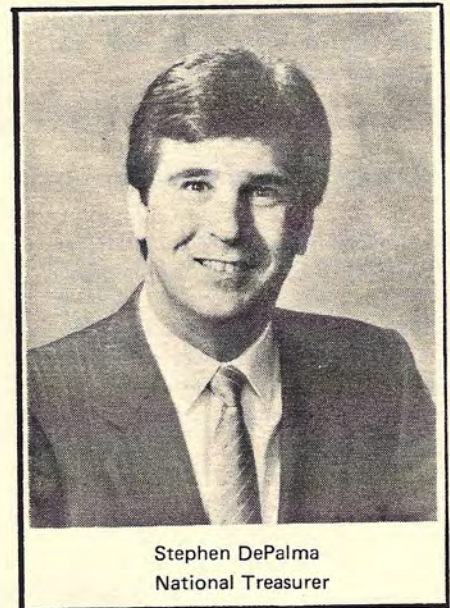


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Beta Alpha's Stephen DePalma Elected to National Council



Stephen DePalma
 National Treasurer

Elected to the National Council as Treasurer at the 40th Supreme Chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina this Summer was Stephen DePalma, Beta Alpha 322.

Steve's extensive background in business as president of Schoor, DePalma and Canger, Inc., A New Jersey based civil engineering firm with over 200 employees, should be a great asset to the Pi Kappa Phi National Council.

Steve served as Beta Alpha's Historian, Warden, Rush Chairman, and Archon as an undergraduate and stayed very active as an alumnus. Serving as Area Governor, Steve was named Area Governor of the Year in 1979.

Steve can be reached at 3 Brookview Court, Holmdel, New Jersey, 07733, where he lives with his wife Elizabeth and three children.

ARCHON'S REPORT

As you know, our last newsletter was one year ago. You also know a lot can happen in a year.

First of all, our brotherhood is growing, 42 brothers strong and 14 associate members (pledges). With only three brothers graduating come spring, Pi Kappa Phi could be the largest active fraternity on the NJIT campus. Our own Mike McKernan is now IFC President and keeps us in touch with what's going on in the other fraternities.

In the past year, the chapter house has undergone a great deal of physical change. As you may know, we now have "real" windows. With the help of alumni Ron Szkodny and John Publiesi, we have begun re-wiring the house. Alumnus John Lee has given us a new front door.

Without our alumni being so active, it would be a little tougher to live in Newark. We are honored to have Steve DePalma, BA 322, as National Treasurer; Jim Krucher, BA 341, a new Area I Governor; and Ron Szkodny, BA 374, as our new Chapter Advisor.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all alumni members to visit the chapter house and witness the



STUDENT OFFICERS

- Archon Paul Tarashuk
- Vice Archon John Mullooly
- Treasurer Chris Tarashuk
- Secretary Vic Kazdoba
- Historian Jerry Wang
- Chaplain Jim Stoll
- Warden Chris Kounouklos

changes and improvements since your leaving. All of you have helped this chapter in one way or another, and we wish to acknowledge this by opening our doors to you.

Remember our Fraternity is as one, and we are one.

Paul Tarashuk
 Archon

RUSH REPORT

The fall 1985 rush period went very well for Beta Alpha. The brotherhood took a very active role in rushing prospective members, inspired by the previous semester's large graduating class. New rushing events were started, such as a movie night. We also had day events (Hot Dog Days) and several good rush parties.

Realizing that personal contact is the best way to get a student interested in pledging, many brothers participated in the school's freshman orientation program as group leaders. Bernie Magoon, who visited from National early in the semester, also gave the brotherhood new and interesting suggestions for rushing.

A revived Pi Kapp spirit (was it ever dead?) was present throughout rush, and was obvious throughout the school. Of the 80 students inducted as pledges for the IFC, 18 were Pi Kapps. This was far more than the other 11 fraternities on campus. Our success was clearly due to that Pi Kapp spirit and attitude so evident during rush.

John Mullooly
 Vice Archon

More Beta Alpha News

PUSH

Over the past few semesters, Beta Alpha has been consistently plagued with problems demanding immediate attention involving the upkeep of the house. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a lack of attention being given to PUSH. In fact, according to the latest issue of the *Star and Lamp*, Beta Alpha lacked a considerable contribution over the past year.

Underway is our first fundraising function. A raffle is being held and all brothers are to sell a mandatory 15 tickets at \$1 each.

There is also a contest amongst the brotherhood for the first and second largest number of tickets sold, in order to encourage the selling of more than the mandatory number.

Our main objectives are to raise enough money to make a decent contribution to PUSH, as well as purchase items such as canisters, buttons, posters, and brochures for future PUSH functions.

We've estimated that the raffle alone will raise a minimum of \$500 towards our donation.

For years now, alcohol abuse has become synonymous with "fraternity." In light of this, the brotherhood of Beta Alpha Chapter is doing something new. Proof of age is now required to attend parties, implementing a system in which the hands of the people attending are marked according to their age. Other measures are being taken to avoid accidents due to over-indulgence.

One precaution is the use of discretion by those serving liquor to determine whether a recipient is intoxicated, and if so, to cut them off from further consumption. Yet another step is taken. If someone is witnessed to be attempting to drive, he is immediately stopped and forced to spend the night as our guest. There is a big difference between fun and abuse — so think before you drink. "The life you save may be your own."

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Secretary, I am in charge of the final resting place of all the chapter's nostalgia. I happened to be looking through the old *Beta Alpha Particles*, when I came across a letter which expressed the meaning of "brotherhood" according to a pledge president named Louis R. Miceli:

"A house, a grip, a badge, a song, an emblem — these do not make a fraternity. It is the unseen things — friendship, brotherhood, character, honor, courage, ideals — these make the fraternity and the man. . ."

The true meaning of fraternity will come from day to day experiences. Be dedicated, imaginative, cooperative, understanding. Eliminate negative thinking, disregard past failures; and strive as a team for betterment in the future.

Remember your responsibilities: scholastic, character, leadership, obedience, and financial.

We all know the Undergraduate Creed. Believe in it. Practice it. Remember the objectives of Pi Kappa Phi: "This Fraternity is and shall be a secret fraternal organization, whose purpose and aim shall be to promote fellowship and mutual trust among its members, to uphold the traditions and ideals of the colleges where its chapters are located, to encourage excellence in scholarship, and to inculcate in its members the highest ideal of Christian manhood and good citizenship."

This letter was written in 1971, but it still holds true for the brotherhood today. Each brother of Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi should reflect on his days as a pledge (undergraduate and alumnus) and consider what the Fraternity has done for him. Then ask himself, "Have I done what I could for the Fraternity?" If the answer is "yes," then you are a faithful brother and an asset to the brotherhood. If your answer is "no," it's never too late to start being a good brother.

Victor Kazdoba
Secretary

NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (NJAA) NOTES

We would like to remind you that we will soon be collecting our annual dues. This year's dues are \$10. Chuck Dietz, our Treasurer, will be collecting and issuing receipts. The annual dues are put into a general fund used for postage for our mailings, to "front" monies to run various events, and to hold our somewhat annual party for graduating seniors from the chapter house. Over the past several years our funds have been approaching an uncomfortably low level. I urge all alumni to get in touch with Chuck.

Although there will be no NJAA meetings held in December due to Founder's Day, meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Ground Round, Rt. 22 East, Springfield, NJ. Generally, the guys start to gather in the lounge about 7:00 to 7:30. By 8:00 p.m. we usually get a table, have a light dinner, and

begin discussing up and coming events.

Twice a year the NJAA sends out its calendar of events (Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall). If you have not been receiving these, please let us know. The NJAA mailing list is on a different computer program than those of National and Beta Alpha Chapter. We probably do not have your current address, or your name is not on our file. Send your NJAA correspondence to: NJAA, c/o Jim Mowczan, 10 Landing Lane, Apt. 4B, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

We hope to see you at the next monthly meeting held on January 8, 1986 at the Ground Round. (A rare second Wednesday of the month meeting). Should you need directions or have any questions, please feel free to call or drop us a line.

A Look Back at 1973



Beta Alpha, in the Spring of 1973, following a formal meeting