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Al Brown is 'Mr. Pi Kapp'

If any Brother of Beta Alpha was asked who the most respected and oldest Brother of the Chapter was, there would be only one answer. If asked who has done more for the Chapter on the national level, there would be only one answer. If asked who gives the most meaningful speeches at Founders' Day, there would be only one answer. The answer to all of these questions would be Al Brown.

Al Brown began his Pi Kapp career in 1958 when he was initiated as Beta Alpha 161. His latest award was bestowed upon him at Pi Kapp College, which he has attended six times. We are extremely proud of Al for receiving the coveted Mr. Pi Kappa Phi of 1988 Award. This award is just another in the long list of accomplishments that Al has achieved in his 30 years of involvement in the Fraternity.

Some of the other awards Al has received include: Area Governor of the Year, Beta Alpha Chapter Alumnus of the Year (several years), as well as many Certificates of Appreciation and a Merit Citation by the National Council.



Al Brown (left) receiving plaque from Jim Krucher

These awards are all well and good, but more important are Al's accomplishments because they have served to make the Fraternity strong. Al was part of the "Mayflower Committee" which restructured the Fraternity in 1968. He was involved in the Fraternity Financial Portfolio Management between 1967 and 1973. He served on the National Alumni Relations Committee in the early 1980's. He has also been instrumental in the founding

of many new chapters including University of NC-Wilmington, Pembroke and VPI. He was also an Incorporating Trustee for the Beta Alpha Chapter Housing Corporation in the 1960's and Trustee and member of the Epsilon Theta Chapter Housing Corporation from 1981-83.

The list could go on. Let it suffice to say that Al Brown is very active and we are glad that the National Fraternity has recognized his service and contribution.

Archon's report

Over 175 attend 40th Anniversary/Rose Ball

Beta Alpha Chapter has begun its 40th year with a bang. The 40th Anniversary/Rose Ball celebration was a smashing success. Over 175 people attended, including the National Council, to help us celebrate the founding of our Chapter. At Pi Kapp College this past summer, our Chapter had the honor of having two of our Alumni rec-

ognized for their outstanding service to the Fraternity. Al Brown, BA 161, was named Mr. Pi Kappa Phi of 1988. This is the greatest award that is given out in our Fraternity. For the second year in a row, and this has never happened before in the history of our Fraternity, Jim Krucher, BA 341, was named Area Governor of the

Year. The undergraduate Brothers would like to congratulate Al Brown and Jim Krucher for their achievements.

Recently, several events have occurred that have affected the house considerably. The lot between the Chapter house and the

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Canoe trip enjoyable for alumni and undergrads

This year's canoe trip was held from July 8-10. This year's Pi Kapp contingent was made up of the alumni group of Jim and Sue Mowczan, John and Phyllis Pugliesi, and Karl and Jeannie Kopans, along with undergrads Mike Gillooley and Paul Ferreri.

We arrived at Kitatinny Campgrounds in Barryville, NY, Friday night during a mini-tornado. While we set up camp in the rain, we watched a tree come crashing down across the adjoining campsite. With the help of a few "cool ones" and expert advice from the veteran campers, everyone managed to set up their tents in a vertical position and get settled in. Once the camp was set up, everyone converged under the community tarp to socialize into the wee hours of the morning.

Morning brought plenty of sunshine as the canoers made breakfast, prepared their lunches, packed their coolers, and set off towards "The River". The group portaged to the Pond Eddy put-in and pushed off to a day of fun and frolic. Once in the river, the alumni tied up their canoes and began floating down the Delaware enjoying the sun, beer and good company. Record-breaking temperatures resulted in

frequent stops along the river for swims.

Peaches (Pug's dog) kept everyone busy by having us throw her ball in the river so she could swim after it and retrieve it. Peaches is obviously a whitewater maniac because she always stood, poised on the side of the canoe, through the rapids. In the

the campsite exhausted. Apart from unsuccessfully practicing "Eskimo rolls" on a number of occasions in an open canoe, they had spent most of the day chasing after every canoe they saw which contained unspoken-for women. Their efforts, however, went unappreciated and they returned to the campsite "holding their own" and immediately passed out in their sleeping bags. While the undergrads slept, the alumni feasted on gourmet meals and continued to party into the wee hours of the morning.

On Sunday, the undergrads, obviously beaten-up by "the River", were reluctantly persuaded to join the "old timers" for another day on the Delaware. Overnight Mike had been transformed into "Lobster Man"; Paul was still exhausted from the previous day's extensive paddling; and they had run out of beer. We put in at Barryville, and floated down to Pond Eddy, the

shorter leg of the trip, enjoying another peaceful, relaxing day on the river.

Next year's canoe trip will be July 7-9. If you haven't tried it, join us next summer for a relaxing weekend of floating down the Delaware River!

**- Karl Kopans
Canoe Trip Chairman**



calm water, obviously bored, she slept in the bottom of the canoe.

When we reached our destination of Matamora, PA, we pulled out our canoes and were portaged back to the campsite.

While the veteran alumni had enjoyed a peaceful, relaxing day, novice undergraduate canoers Mike and Paul returned to

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corner store, which is used as parking by the Brotherhood, has been fenced off by the owner. Therefore, a parking situation that is bad has become worse. Also, before the semester started, the asbestos that was used to insulate the pipes in the basement was removed.

The event that has affected our Chapter the most deals with the Fraternity Insurance Purchasing Group's Risk Management Policy. Pi Kappa Phi, along with 21 other national fraternities, adopted this policy to be able to continue to purchase liability insurance at an affordable rate. Fortunately, Beta Alpha has been practicing a large

majority of the policy's provisions for quite some time now, so only a few adjustments are necessary.

Another policy that will be affecting Beta Alpha is the policy being implemented by NJIT. This policy deals with the relationship between NJIT and the fraternities. The policy covers several areas of interest concerning Beta Alpha. However, after examination by our Chapter Advisor, members of our Housing Corporation, our Area Governor, and myself, it was determined that signing this policy might not be to Beta Alpha's advantage. We are under no obligation to sign this document. However, if we do not, the school will not recognize us as being a fraternity. A meet-

ing is scheduled between the school and all fraternities on campus in order to have the policy explained as far as NJIT sees it. Several Alumni will be attending this meeting, as well as several undergraduates. The undergraduates will inform you as to the outcome of this new policy. Hopefully, everything will work out.

One goal that we have set for this school year is winning the award for having the best Alumni Association (NJAA) and the best Alumni publication in Pi Kappa Phi. This award will be given at the Supreme Chapter this August. The undergraduates know that this goal is not a pipe dream but reality.

- Mike Gillooley



BA alumni at Jets vs Giants game

North Jersey Alumni Association 1989 Schedule of Events

February 1 7:00 PM NJAA Meeting
Ground Round

March 1 7:00 PM NJAA Meeting
Ground Round

March 10 Articles and pictures of events due for *BA Particles*. Please submit to Mike Schulzki, 16 Starlight Drive, Morristown, NJ 07960; or phone him at home (201/984-7745) or work (201/507-7410). Please send your articles about and pictures from NJAA and other Fraternity events/get-togethers for inclusion in future *BA Particles*!

April 5 7:00 PM NJAA Meeting
Ground Round

April 12 ?? Yankees Home Opener
Baseball Game Yankee Stadium

May 3 7:00 PM NJAA Meeting
Ground Round

May 6 ?? NJAA vs. Johnson Controls
Softball Game, "Five Points" Union, NJ

June 7 7:00 PM NJAA Meeting
Ground Round

July 7-9 Canoe Trip Delaware River
For more information, contact Karl Kopans at home (201/889-0935) or work (201/378-6555).

July/Aug. ?? Family Picnic and Horse
Racing Monmouth Park Picnic Grove

For more information, contact Jim Mowczan at home (201/988-0459) or work (201)257/7705).

August 5-8 42nd Supreme Chapter in
Washington, D.C.

August 26 Giants vs. Jets Football
Game and Tailgate Party Giant's Stadium

For more information, contact Jim Krucher at home (201/546-0035) or work (201/740-5786).

August 19??? BEG (Bruce/Ed/Gail) 1989
Clambake Kingston, NJ

Overnight accommodations available at the Villa Derohanes. For more information, contact Ed Derohanes at 914/255-9127.

Sept. 9?? Jim Mowczan's Birthday
and Fan Appreciation Day Yankee Stadium

Free mug. Yankees vs. TBA.

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Order tickets now for Giants game

In the long history of the NJAA, one of the most popular activities has been the Annual Giant Pre-Season Football Game. With only 20 tickets sold in 1978, the attendance has grown to approximately 60 members of the NJAA and their friends.

This year the Giants defeated the Jets. The Alumni and undergrads spent a number of enjoyable hours socializing. Topics ranged from bike tours to white water rafting trips down the same river in Idaho by different alumni a month apart.

The group of Pi Kapps at the tailgate party (which had very impressive grill facilities) included:

Paul Lavella
Don Van Houten
Tom Smith
Tom Reid
Mike Schulzki

Mike Gillooley
Rich Nass
Mike Merdinger
Jim Krucher
Bob Garvey
Joe Manfredi
Jim Mowczan
Karl Kopans
Bob Morgan
Paul Ferreri
Steve Corbett
Jim Adams.

This event is an annual affair. You can order tickets NOW for next year. The Kruchtron has opened its ticket reservation system 10 months before the game (August 26, 1989). Send your check today for \$19.00/ticket to: Jim Krucher, 3 Burgh Ave., Clifton, NJ 07011.

First annual 'Day at Races' held at Monmouth

On August 6th the NJAA sponsored its first annual Day at the Races/Picnic at Monmouth Park Racetrack. In attendance were 15 undergrads, 30 alumni and families.

The facilities offered to us by the officials at the track along with the fantastic weather we had added to the success of this NJAA outing. An area with several picnic tables along the Homestretch was reserved for the NJAA. All who attended brought along their coolers of food and beverage. As for the weather: in the middle of the longest heat wave on record, we were blessed with a prevailing breeze throughout the day to keep the temperatures relatively comfortable.

The eighth race was sponsored by the NJAA. The name chosen for our race was the Pi Kappa Phi Race. It appeared on both the tote board and in the program that day. After our race, Jeff Winegar, Jim Mowczan, Karl Kopans and Chuck Deitz went to the Winner's Circle to present the first place jockey with his trophy. None of these guys, however, went to the ticket window to collect their winnings from this race.

The NJAA is definitely planning to run a Second Annual Day at the Races/Picnic. Keep a date open on your social calendar next year about this same time because we hope to see you out for a day of handicapping and picnicking.

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Alumni attend 'Fan Appreciation Day'

The annual trip to the "Big Ball Yard in the Bronx" this year for "Fan Appreciation Day" was another success.

At the time of the game the Yankees were still in the pennant race and needed the victory against Detroit to help their chances. With the support of 25 NJAA members, spouses and friends doing their part, the Yanks were able to prevail 9-4. The support included



NJAA Alumni at Fan Appreciation Day

drinking beer, eating peanuts and hotdogs and cheering their hearts out.

Fan Appreciation Day is an event that Alumni and their wives often attend. This tends to make it a family outing to the ball park. This family atmosphere was added to

when Brother Paul Lavella brought the youngest NJAA member, Paul, Jr.

Now that the season is over, Opening Day 1989 is right around the corner. Get you ticket reservations in now and plan to bring the whole family!

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NOTES:

1. The Ground Round is located on the eastbound side of Route 22 in Springfield, NJ, across from Channel Lumber.
2. Dates with a question mark are tentative. Actual dates not available at time of this

publication. Please contact event chairman for more information.

3. The North Jersey Alumni Association is open to all alumni of all chapters of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. Annual dues are \$10.00/year. (Dues cover the cost of mailings, front money for ticket purchases, deposits, etc., to subsidize in part some events, etc.) Please send your dues payment to: Thomas Graham (address in box, left).