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The Alumni Newsletter of the Beta Pi Chapter of
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

President's

Report

Joel Catania '71

The Beta Pi Alumni Association is proud to publish this latest newsletter. Once again we thank Affinity Connections, our website host, for providing editing, formatting, printing and mailing services. Affinity also maintains our chapter's database, which ensures that the mailings go out to the most recent addresses on record for all alumni. Affinity has also recently provided us with a service that helped us find several "lost" alums, some of whom have since become dues-paying members.

Your membership in the association is critical toward maintaining our ability to provide you with news and information about association and undergraduate happenings. Dues and contributions are used exclusively for funding the costs of the website services, publishing newsletters and planning social events. We hope you have enjoyed these services and we welcome any comments and suggestions that would help us make improvements to them. In particular, please utilize the newsletter insert to update your contact information, provide us with personal news, or submit dues and contributions.

The association has been excited by turnouts at recent Homecoming and Founders' Day events. We hope to see some new faces in the future, particularly brothers initiated prior to 1970 and after 1980. Mark your calendars now for Homecoming on November 5, 2005 and for a special program for Founders' Day on March 18, 2006.

The original slate of officers of the alumni association – myself, **Mort Cohen '65**, **Mitch Karig '76** and **Gregg Ormond '74** - are proud to have been a part of the chartering effort. We hope our efforts in forming the association, establishing the Yahoo group and website, reincarnating "Slice of Beta Pi," and arranging social events have provided you with the opportunity to stay connected with our loyal Beta Pi brotherhood. We hope that each year will bring out an increasing number of alumni supporting, and participating in, association activities. ■

Join the Beta Pi Alumni group on the Yahoo website. To join, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/betapialumni/> or email **Joel Catania** at jlclii@aol.com with a Beta Pi Yahoo Membership Request subject line.

Summer Outing July 8 to 10

The Beta Pi Alumni Association has reserved the weekend of July 8-10, 2005 for its third annual summer outing. The event will once again be held at the Seaview Marriott Resort & Spa in Galloway, NJ. A limited number of rooms and golf tee times have been reserved.

The expected plans for the weekend include a casual gathering for alums and families who arrive on Friday night. Golfers will tee off at 9 a.m. Saturday on the beautiful, restored Bay Course, a Donald Ross design and home of the annual LPGA Shop Rite Classic. Plans are in the works for a group dinner and this information will

be provided to all registrants as soon as the details are worked out.

The facility has an Elizabeth Arden Red Door Spa for those wishing to pamper themselves. There is a recreation room for children and a playground near the pool. After dinner, the Atlantic City Casinos are only 20 minutes away and we expect to see several big winners from 2003 return to the tables to try to beat the house again.

Reservations should be made individually by calling either the hotel directly at 609-652-1800 or Marriott reservations at 800-205-6518. You must mention that you are part of the

"Beta Pi Alumni Association Outing." For information about the Red Door Spa call 609-404-4100. Be sure to book your desired pleasures well in advance. For those of you wishing to play golf or with any general questions, please contact **Richard Sussman '69**, the outing chairman by telephone (H: 301-983-2104; W: 301-581-4125) or e-mail (rsussman5@comcast.net). Greens fees will be added to your hotel bills.

Everyone who has attended the last two years has had a great time. Don't miss out on what promises to be an enjoyable weekend of activities and brotherhood. ■

Founders Day 2005

By **Mort Cohen '65** and **Joel Catania '71**

A large and enthusiastic gathering of Beta Pi pledges, actives, and alumni celebrated Founders Day 2005 at the Faculty Club at the University Sheraton on February 19th. Dinner and speeches at the Sheraton preceded cards, conversation, and additional cuisine at the Chapter House. Once again, alumni came from distances afar to attend: **Paul Zaentz '69** from California; **Dan Darkes '68** from Florida; **Marc Perna '68** from Canada, and **Steve Leventhal '67** from Switzerland.

Alex Brodsky, undergrad Alumni Relations Chairman, opened the proceedings by greeting everyone and acknowledging the inspirational appearance of Matt Paris, who has made extraordinary progress in recovering from his tragic accident last semester.



Jerry, David and Erika Herman with Dave Herman Scholarship winner Alex Brodsky.

SMC Dave Kuhn thanked the alumni who provided scholarship money that enabled him and four other undergraduates to attend last year's International Convention in St. Louis. Using the ideas gathered at that event provided a renewed determination to make Beta Pi the leading fraternity on campus. Beta Pi actives have continued and expanded upon a tradition of community service highlighted by their participation in the annual Scott Mackler 5 Kilometer Run to benefit ALS research. In addition, the actives were able to attract a highly diverse group of 23 pledges following formal rush. The hometowns of some of the pledges include cities in Pakistan, Hawaii, Canada, and Singapore.

Rich Myers '69 provided the keynote address. He advised everyone that the University wishes to have the Chapter House brought "up to code" and any alumnus making charitable donations to the University can now designate any part or his entire donation to be used to benefit Beta Pi. He also gave a heartfelt talk on the meaning of brotherhood.

Joel Catania '71, the Alumni Association President, cited the undergrads for the pride they have shown in the chapter house and for their tremendous rush results. Emphasizing his message that Pi Kappa Alpha is a lifetime experience, Joel presented **Bruce Rubin '75** with a thirty-year membership certificate and **John Walden '55** with a 50-year certificate. John provided a brief memorial to **Bob McKee '50**, the long-time scorekeeper at the Palestra, who recently passed away. The failure to have forty-year certificates for **Morty Cohen '65** and

John Kollias '65, both in attendance, can only be attributed to the difficulty of pinpointing when they actually left the Chapter House and became Beta Pi alumni!

Gregg Ormond '74, Chairman of the Beta Pi House Corporation, reminded everyone that the experiences gained at Beta Pi cannot be paid back; they can only be paid forward. He announced the inception of an endowment fund that would provide scholarship money for Beta Pi undergraduates to attend future gatherings of the National Fraternity.

Dave Kuhn returned to the podium to present the annual SLAG awards. **Joey Cohen '02** received the Scholarship award, **Matt Klapper '02** was given the Leadership award, **Jeff Campbell '02** collected the best Athlete award, and **Frank Cupido '02** was recognized as the true Gentleman.

Jerry Herman '72 and **Rich Sussman '69**, with the able assistance of Jerry's daughter Erika and son David, presented the annual Dave Herman Memorial Award to Alex Brodsky. During the presentation, Jerry was assured of the full attention of all the undergraduates when he announced that his lovely daughter will be attending Penn in the fall.

After the Sheraton dinner, the festivities were continued at the Chapter House. All those who left the Sheraton hungry, were pleased with a sumptuous buffet featuring platters of shrimp, meats, cheese, hoagies, wings, meatballs, pasta, and various other snacks as well as an array of liquid refreshments. The snacks provided sustenance for brothers **Kolias, Myers, Zaentz, Cohen** and **Catania** to play pinochle until three o'clock in the morning.

The Alumni Association wishes to thank all the active brothers for hosting another memorable Founders Day. We hope to continue the tradition of honoring alumni celebrating five-year anniversaries at future Founder's Day events. In addition, plans are in the works for some special acknowledgments on Founder's Day 2006. Please hold the date of March 18 and plan on joining us. ■



Don Schreiber '47, John Walden '55 and Frank Bates '56

Beta Pi Alumni Association Wins Award at the 2004 Summer Convention

The Beta Pi Alumni Association was cited at the 2004 Convention in St. Louis as a winner of a "Dr. William R. Nester Award" for outstanding alumni association at the Garnet Level. The prior year the association had been cited as the "Outstanding New Alumni Association" of the year. ■

Find Old College Friends

Pi Kappa Alpha is your strongest link to Penn, and the friends you made there. We're on a mission to gather all the email addresses of our alumni. This will help you stay in touch with old friends, and reconnect with others. We'll work to keep the list current too, so you'll always know where you can find a brother's email address.

Only members of the Beta Pi chapter will have access to this information.

You can update your address by visiting our website at www.pika-upenn.org or by updating it on the enclosed solicitation form!

Many Return For Homecoming By Joel Catania '71

Dozens of alumni descended upon the Beta Pi Chapter house for Homecoming on October 16, 2004. The improvements that had been made to the house since last year included a new pool table and big screen television in the chapter room, a freshly decorated card/study room, garnet and gold curtains in the dining room, new carpeting and freshly painted bedrooms.

Bruce Wolfson '71 hosted an alumni association breakfast at the Inn at Penn on Saturday morning that was attended by over twenty alumni association members and undergraduates. Alumni Association President **Joel Catania '71** brought everyone up to date on the status of the alumni association. Progress reports were presented by the Housing Board (**Rich Epstein '72**) and the Advisory Board (**Dan Kryzanowski '97**). **Harvey Mackler '72** thanked the association for its fundraising efforts on behalf of the annual Scott Mackler 5K Race



Todd Wieseneck '72, Jake Levine '70, Marc Perna '68, Dave Deldotto '67, Paul Zaentz '69, and Mort Cohen '65 pose in front of the Fraternity House.

against ALS, to which the alumni pledged over \$10,000. Undergraduate SMC David Kuhn and undergraduate Alumni Relations Chairman Alex Brodsky brought the alumni up to date on chapter activities and plans for the school year. **Bruce Wolfson** commented on some International Fraternity issues as well as plans for the Beta Pi Endowment Fund, which will be

forthcoming. He also expressed excitement over the level of undergraduate participation in national and regional fraternity conferences.

Following the breakfast, the participants returned to the house to a brunch hosted by the undergraduates, where they met additional alumni and their families. Just after noon, the alumni marched down in bright, crisp weather to Franklin Field, where Ivy League co-leader Penn was hosting Ivy League doormat, Columbia and a blowout was expected. The weather conditions deteriorated as the game wore on with clouds rolling in followed by rain showers. The Penn offense was just as dreary and couldn't seem to mount a sustained drive. They did manage to pull out a rather dull 14-3 victory to remain undefeated in league play. After the game the alumni retreated to the chapter house for another spread of food and beverages hosted by the undergraduates.

A group of twenty-five alumni capped the day off with dinner at Mamma Maria's Italian Ristorante in South Philly. They were treated to a sumptuous seven course meal accompanied by a bottomless supply of table wines and capped off by several of the establishment's home made after dinner liquors. A strolling accordion player added some cultural entertainment to the affair.

Throughout the day Jodi Levine, the better half of "**Jake**" **Levine '70**, snapped several rolls full of candid photos to help record the festivities. The alumni thank her for her enthusiasm and kindness.

Homecoming, it seems, continues to be an "event" that many alumni do not miss. This year we saw several faces that had not been seen in the past several years. We hope that more of you will make an effort to join the "regulars" at future Homecoming events. ■

Dan Darkes' Comments on the Meaning of Brotherhood

According to Dan Darkes '68, the following story sums up his fraternity experience: "A high school friend of mine was doing a hitch-hiking trip with a lady friend in the late '60's and they found themselves in Philly during the summer with no place to stay. After a less-than-great night somewhere in town, my friend remembered that I was in school there and that I was a Pike. A couple of rings on the doorbell (of the chapter house) brought a head out of a second floor window. After a brief exchange, all parties knew that this person was a friend of mine and that I was home for the summer. The folks were then invited in with the usual 'if you are a friend of Dan's, you are welcome here' sort of stuff and spent a night or two there feeling welcome and comfortable in the house. I didn't know about this until a few years ago when I learned about it at a high school reunion. It just doesn't get much better than that."

Graduating Seniors Coast-To-Coast

Two thousand five looks to be an exciting year for Beta Pi's graduating seniors as they fan out across the country and embark on their new careers.

A number of native east coasters will find themselves transplanted out west -- **Frank Cupido**, a Mechanical Engineering major from Potomac, MD will be working as an investment banking analyst at Merriman Curhan Ford in San Francisco, and **Jeff Riley**, an Economics major from Waterford, CT will be working for the Commercial Real Estate Group in Santa Monica, CA. **Bertrand (Bert) Parcels** will also be on the west coast as the Biology major from Bethesda, MD is putting his medical studies on hold to pursue his dream of making it big on the silver screen.

Also seeking warmer climates next year is **Mike Schimmel** a Politics, Philosophy, and Economics major from North Brunswick, NJ who will start Law School at the University of Miami.

Joining him in the sunshine state will be **Jeff Campbell**, a Finance and Entrepreneurship concentrator from Medford, NJ who has accepted a job as an Equity Research Analyst at Raymond James in Saint Petersburg.

Moving up the east coast, four Beta Pi's will call Washington D.C. home next year. **Andrew Lerner**, a Biological Basis of Behavior major from nearby Bethesda, MD will be enrolling in Medical School at George Washington University. **Adam Dubin**, an International Relations major from Potomac, MD and **Mark Haase**, a PPE major from Atlanta, GA will be doing legal work as they take a year off before applying to law school. Salem Tierce rounds out the group in the nation's capital as the Finance and Real Estate concentrator from Columbus, MS will be working at a real estate development firm.

After serving as President of the Class of 2005 for the past four years, History major **Matt Klapper**, from

Summit, NJ, will be keeping his hand in politics as he works on the campaign of Democrat Cory Booker in his bid for Mayor of Newark, NJ. Matt will certainly be keeping busy as he will also be applying for a Rhodes Scholarship and starting a non-profit organization.

Three Beta Pi's head to the Big Apple to see the big city's bright lights. **Joseph "Joco" Cohen**, from Woodbury, NY, will be working as an actuarial analyst in the retirement group of consulting firm Watson Wyatt. Phil Engel, from Corpus Christi, TX will put his Economics degree to good use as a fixed income securities trading analyst at Prudential Financial. **Scott Richman**, a Finance and Political Science concentrator from Greenwich, CT, will be starting a trading analyst program at Lehman Brothers, after interning at Lehman for the past two summers.

Beta Pi wishes the best of luck to its graduating seniors. ■

NYC Alumni Association Gets Charter

Founders' Day, March 1, 2005 marked the chartering of the New York Area Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha. The event took place at The Penn Club in New York City and was attended by over 50 Pike alumni. Included among the alumni were 10 Beta Pi brothers who helped their New York City based brothers celebrate the occasion.

Eddie Scott, Director of Alumni Affairs for Pi Kappa Alpha, flew in from Memphis to give the keynote speech and to present

the charter to the new association. Supreme Council Vice-President, **Bruce Wolfson '71** spoke about Pike values and the goals of the Fraternity. Undergraduate representatives from chapters at Delaware, Columbia, NYU and Penn provided updates of events and progress at their respective chapters.

The NYC Area Alumni Association intends to hold monthly social events that all local Beta Pi brothers are welcome to attend. ■



*Penn Pikes at NYCAA Charter Dinner were, from left: **Tim O'Donoghue**, **Joel Catania '71**, **Steve Pyun '72**, **Mort Cohen '65**, **Bruce Wolfson '71**, **Paul Townsend**, **Ross Weiner '80**, **Larry Gordon '72**, and **Harvey Mackler '72**.*

Alumni Updates

Dennis P. Siegler '82
(3523 Oak Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025-1831; sieglerd@pamf.org) Faye and I have been married 11-plus years, and we have two children, Peter (9) and Nora (5). I'm an OB/GYN at Stanford Medical Center for the last 11 years. Also, I help direct a hospital in Nuevo Prospero, Guatemala. I would love to hear from **Tim Averch**, **Dave Hutchinson**, **Ed Mikus**, **Dave Meiselman**, and **Scott Potter** all for the class of '82.

Steven Darren Potter '82
(6 Sunrise Ter., Kinnelon, NJ 07405-2900; sdpotter@optonline.net) Living in Kinnelon New Jersey (Northern NJ) with my wife Lisa and two daughters Katie (8) and Allie (5). I have a busy surgery practice concentrating on Laparoscopic surgery. My

family and I also have a house on Long Beach Island, NJ where I enjoy biking, kyaking and being a beach potato.

David L. Sears '69
(20 Lindstrom Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950-2407; dlsears@optonline.net) I am a business consultant and author, living in New Jersey, 30 miles west of New York City with my wife, Mary and daughter, Jennie. After graduation, 4 years as a Navy officer, graduate school at Cornell and 20 years or so in corporate management, I began an executive search (headhunting) practice--initially focusing on technology but now on financial services. I have written 2 books, most recently a history book titled The Last Epic Naval Battle, due out in June, 2005.

Generous Beta Pi Alumni

Congratulations to the following Beta Pi brothers for achieving new levels of cumulative donations to Pi Kappa Alpha:

Sabre & Key Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999) – **Bruce Wolfson '71**
Garnet & Gold Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999) – **Gregg Ormond '74**
Richard Sussman '69

John Martin Feder '83
(280 Circle Rd., Muttontown, NY 11791; jfedermd@optonline.net) I am living and working on Long Island as an Orthopedic Surgeon. I am married to Annette A. Cohen, M.D. and we have two sons, Benjamin and Eli. I still ski hard and am always looking for another trip!

Leonard Jay Rosenthal '86
(18913 Hayfield Ct., Saratoga, CA 95070; lenny_rosenthal@yahoo.com) My wife Nancy and I are living in Saratoga, California - about 1 hour south of San Francisco. We have 3 boys (Kyle 9, Clay 6 and Blake 4). All are doing well. I have been working as the VP of Marketing at a computer technology start-up

(www.pathscale.com) since January of 2002. I am also now playing hockey again in an over 35 league.

Dan Kryzanowski '97 began his MBA studies Thunderbird (Garvin) School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona.

Adam Mariotti '97 is finishing up at Jefferson Medical School and will begin his Ear, Nose & Throat residency at Loyola, Chicago.

Noah Quinn '97 recently graduated Penn Dental School.

Chris Malloy '01 is taking post-grad science courses at the University of Scranton and hopes to attend dental school in the fall. ■


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