

The Greek Garble



Beta Phi Chapter
of
Pi Kappa Phi

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WARDENS WORDS

by Reese Helms

Serving as warden for the past year, I have had the opportunity to see the brotherhood in two perspectives and to really familiarize myself with the backbone of the chapter – the pledge.

First, in the perspective of the brother, both graduate and undergraduate, we picture the brotherhood as a tight, close-knit group, united as one and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal except for those newcomers who threaten to invade the sanctity of established brotherhood. Although loose association is permitted with these outsiders, we would certainly not allow ourselves to become too involved until the day of initiation.

On the other hand, in the perspective of the pledge, the brotherhood lies before him as a rising plateau, distant at first, but growing nearer as the steps to acceptance are slowly climbed. He is able to look ahead and to realize the goals for which he is so diligently striving. As weeks turn into months the neophyte feels the magnetism of this closeknit group that is slowly drawing him in. The goal of belonging to an organization greater than himself is foremost on his mind. He wishes to better himself scholastically, socially, morally, and physically by becoming a member.

As pledgemaster, I have had the advantage of watching these pledges strive to obtain these goals. I am reminded that as brothers, we should not lose sight of such goals, but should provide an atmosphere that allows the pledge to see the intangible assets of brotherhood as obtainable goals. I feel that during the past year brothers of Beta Phi chapter have provided such an atmosphere. By requiring definite study hours, providing tutorial assistance and personal encouragement, we have tried to instill a desire for scholastic achievement above all else. Of course, as in days past, we have had no trouble in allowing social development. Beta Phi chapter of Pi Kappa Phi has had no less parties than anyone else on the East Carolina campus.

Turning from the philosophical to reality, a few words of tribute to our newest addition, the Omicron Pledge Class, is in order. Surviving a disappointing formal rush that failed to inspire the dormitory inhabitants. Beta Phi chapter acquired twelve eager young men, the second largest pledge class on campus. The Big "O" or likewise "The Dirty Dozen" are comprised of: Jim Britt, Newton Grove, N. C.; Jon Burt, Winston-Salem, N. C., president; Tom Damewood, Asheville, N. C., Danny Gibson, Sanford, N. C.; Bill Kemp, Wilson, N. C., social chairman; Rick McCrary, Asheville, N. C.; Lenny McFarland, Jameston, N. C.; Paul Monroe, Rockingham, N. C.; Gary Murchinson, Liberty, N. C., treasurer; Phil Puckett, Charlotte, N. C., chaplain; Ray Revels, Lumberton, N. C.; and Bob Stallworth, Charlotte, N. C.

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This hearty, robust assemblage of aspiring neophytes could be classified as one of the more "spirited" pledge classes. Wishing to demonstrate their rapidly circulating reputation as "The Big O", the Dauntless Dozen adorned our yard with tons of "cherios" and inscribed two gigantic "O's" of flour on either side of our walkway. Whether this barrage of zeros was intended to represent their average mentality remains to be seen.

Being versatile, the Omicrons have been able to display the ability to be constructive as well as spirited. They have worked hard, keeping the house clean, and helping with internal improvements. The Omicrons have chosen a splendid pledge project which will add a great deal to our chapter room. The project will be a huge fraternity pin of Pi Kappa Phi, complete with the Beta Phi guard and linking chain. An arrangement of colored lights will give the appearance of radiant jewels. Beta Phi Chapter is fortunate to have such devoted, hard-working pledges as the Omicron pledge class.

BØ RUSH

by Tom Yopp

Formal Rush was held at East Carolina University over a period of three weeks during the month of October. The rush program, conceived and approved by the IFC, contained open houses, rush parties, and IFC assembly for rushees, and other functions designed to create interest in the fraternity system.

When the smoke blew over and bids were given, the results proved to be bitterly disappointing. The Greek system at East Carolina has become faced with a nightmarish problem, lack of interest in fraternities by men on campus. The statistics speak for themselves. Of the three hundred and

eight men who registered for rush only one hundred and ten actually participated and only eighty-five of these received bids. These figures emphasize the concern of a fraternity system which exists on a campus with over four thousand men enrolled. A solution to this problem must be found quickly. The rushing methods of the eleven fraternities on campus cannot be so weak that they should absorb all the blame.

Beta Phi chapter pledged twelve men at formal rush which was the second largest class pledged. Our rush was not as successful as we had hoped, but it was adequate and then some for such a small turnout.

Wildcat Rush was held at the Pi Kapp house during the last week in November. After two very enjoyable nights of rush and meeting a fine group of young college men, the brothers of Beta Phi chose 15 men that show great promise. With the addition of our new pledge class, Beta Phi is the largest fraternal chapter on the campus of East Carolina University.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

by Carl Darden

Progress has been the key word at the Beta Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. The first quarter of the 1967 school year has gone down in the records of Beta Phi as the most successful and important period in house improvements since Beta Phi was founded. The progress was made by the most outstanding group of fraternity men on the campus of East Carolina University. When the time came for hard work, all hands were available and the task was overcome.

At the beginning of the quarter, the parents of Brother Frank Muir presented the chapter with a variety of shrubbery that has added a long lasting touch of beauty to the front of our house. Since that time a new roof and a coat of gray paint have been added to make the Pi Kapp house the most distinguished fraternity house on campus.

Improvements did not stop with the exterior of 1301 East Fifth Street. Upon entering the front door, one cannot help but notice the beautiful tile that was given to Beta Phi by Brother Bill Marks Lavalier mate, Miss Glenda Johnston of Charlotte, N. C. An addition of elegant white and gold wall paper blends well with the tile and makes the foyer an area of sophistication. The foyer is flanked on the left and right by a dazzling green carpet that is also a new addition to the house. The carpet covers the downstairs, the stairs, and the second floor hallway. A fresh coat of paint was applied by brothers, pledges and their dates to the living room. The paint coordinates with the carpet and new furnishings to make the living room the most comfortable and by far the best looking room in the house. One final addition has been fifteen new dressers distributed in the living quarters up and downstairs.

The brothers and pledges of Beta Phi have worked hard during the past quarter, and it is assured that this work must continue. It seems the fraternity that is on top has to work the hardest and Beta Phi has no intentions of slacking up!!!

ALUMNI REVIEW

In the past seven years Beta Phi Chapter has initiated one-hundred brothers of whom sixty-three are now alumni. Through various correspondence, Beta Phi has remained in contact with most of the alumni, and the present listings are where the individual alumnus were last residing. Many alumni have drifted afar and Beta Phi has lost contact with a few, but as much information as possible has been gathered and recorded.

- Dan Ray – Married to Pat Eubanks, employed with Fidelity Union Life Ins., living in Durham, N. C.
Bob Hood – Married to Linda Crouse, Air Force and stationed in Alaska.
Wiley Lewis – Married to Donna Bell, Insurance representative, living in Goldsboro, N. C.
Charlie Davis – Single, living in California.
Bruce McLamb – Single, state auditor, living in Raleigh, N. C.
Charlie Wohinick – Married to Charlyn Billings, one child, Air Force, stationed in California.
Otis Bailey – Single, teaching at Burlington, N. C.
Alan Fearing – Single, Navy pilot and stationed in Norfolk, Va.
George Resseguie – Single, Air Force, stationed at McGuire, N. J.
Charlie Martin – Single, high school teacher and coach at Rocky Mount.
Freo Webster – Single, high school teacher and coach at Lexington, N. C.
Miles Barefoot – Married to Sandy Waddell, working in Va.
Tommy Hicks – Married, Marine Corps, stationed in Viet Nam.
Bobby Childress – Single, employed with IBM, living in Greensboro, N. C.
Walter Jacob – Married to Kay Crawford, attending graduate school at American University, Washington, D. C.
Ken Martin – Married to Ricky Collins, Army.
Everett Cameron – Married to Kathy Roundtree, teaching in Farmville, N. C. and attending graduate school of East Carolina University.
David McLawhorn – Married to Rena Stapleford, Air Force and stationed at Homestead, Florida.
Mack Davis – Married to Marie Forbes, Marine Corps and stationed in Viet Nam.
Bill Campbell – Married to Zoe Boely, working and living in Greensboro.
Ralph Finch – Single, Army.
Danny Frye – Single, attending Guilford College at Greensboro, N. C.
Bob Woodrow – Single, Navy and stationed at Norfolk, Va.
Douglas Williams – Single, clothes salesman and living in Greenville, N. C.
Ray Lewis – Single, insurance salesman at Charleston, S. C.
Chip Chesson – Married to Freda Showfety, two children, employed with Du Pont in Kinston, N. C.
Larry Phifer – Engaged to Dianne Franks, insurance investigator at Raleigh, N. C.
Charlie Oldham – Single, attending graduate school at East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C.
Ted Martin – Single, teaching high school at Haw River, N. C.
John Thompson – Single, Army, stationed at Edgewood, N. J.
Joe Blanks – Married, teaching at Colonial Heights, Va.
Eddie Mitchell – Married to Jane Young, attending law school at University of Virginia.
Phil Lomax – Single and pinned, teaching commercial art at Virginia Beach, Va.
Mack Ramseur – Single, attending college in Okinawa.
Lyn Roper – Single, presently unemployed.

- Richard Scott – Single, Army and stationed in Germany.
Mike Holt – Married to Lyn Foushee, supervisor of physical education in Beaufort County, N. C.
Eddie Brock – Single, employed with Planters Peanuts Corp. in Suffolk, Va.
Jim Williams – Single and living in California.
Chip Butler – Married to Mary Johnson and living in Greenville, N. C.
Jimmy Dail – Engaged to Billie Wilson, state auditor and living in Raleigh, N. C.
Frank Johnson – Married to Mickey Moore, teaching and living in Washington, N. C.
Ken Hayes – Married to Debbie Billings, one child, working and living in Raleigh, N. C.
Jeff Wayman – Single, Army, stationed in Viet Nam.
George Styron – Married to Jeannie Lovet, attending I. B. M. School in Va.
Bobby Gunter – Married to Carol Madrid and teaching in Rocky Mount, N. C.
Ken Kirby – Married to Lannie Rouse, working and living in Greenville, N. C.
Rod Justice – Married to Betsey Young.
Howard Shebly – Married to Wanda Harris and living in Washington, D. C.
Tim Coltrane – Single, Army, stationed in Viet Nam.
Ron Hignite – Single and teaching at Folk Union Military High School, Va.
Ron Seigfried – Engaged to Rena Tingle, Air Force, stationed at Minerals Wells, Texas.
Wayne Scott – Married, Air Force and stationed at Norfolk, Va.
Danny West – Married, working in Wilmington, N. C. - Last Word

HOMECOMING '67

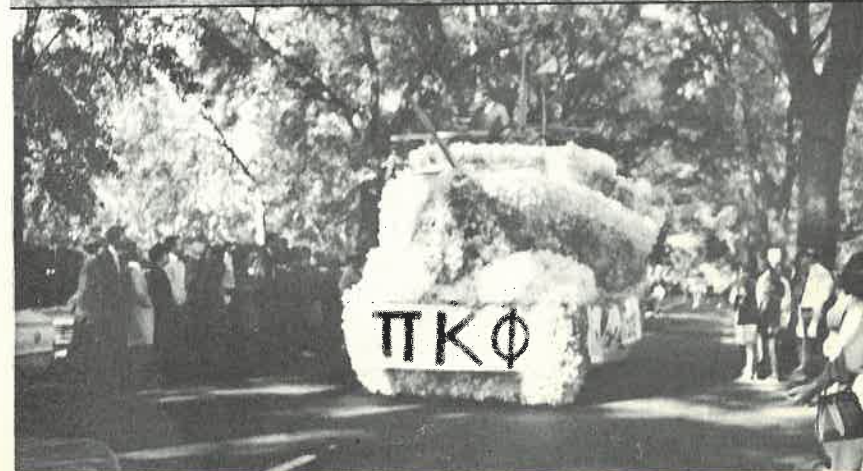
Homecoming on any campus is always a big weekend, but this year Pi Kappa Phi made it one of the biggest yet on the campus of East Carolina. Three weeks prior to the fantastic weekend, the brotherhood started plans for a tremendous float and outstanding house decoration. Assisted by the Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sororities, work rapidly progressed.

After many sleepless nights and more back breaking hours than anyone likes to think about, Homecoming finally came and Pi Kappa Phi was well represented with a beautiful float and a most unique house decoration. The theme was Mardis Gras and the Pi Kapp house looked as if it was straight from Bourbon Street. Decorated as a restaurant and bar, the house took on an air of New Orleans and the partying going on inside was most certainly as wild or wilder than Bourbon Street has ever seen.

Saturday saw parades, a cold, fall football afternoon, bull sessions with older brothers who had graduated previously, and one final party to end a great weekend. Sunday was definitely a day of rest and then a trip back home for the alumni.

Monday came as it always has, but this Monday was the worst of the year because Homecoming had come and gone and it would be another year long wait before that weekend of weekends – HOMECOMING!!! We were glad to see some of our alumni back and hope to see much more of them in the future.

Homecoming '67



PI KAPPS EXCEL IN INTRAMURALS

by John Usilton

The beginning of the 1967-1968 school year found Beta Phi Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi all around champions of intramural activities on the campus of East Carolina University. The most treasured trophy in intramurals is the PRESIDENTS CUP which is rewarded annually to intramural champions and Beta Phi has received the honorary cup for the last two years.

Last years first place finish was due to an overall effort and outstanding year round record. Archie Simmons and Ron Hignite were the only two Pi Kapps to take individual championships. They were in horseshoes and badminton respectively. The Pi Kapps finished in the first three places in all other events.

This year the Pi Kapps have had a slow start with third place finishes in football and volleyball, however, the basketball team has great potential and even greater hopes of taking first place. Everett Cameron, presently enrolled in graduate school, is expected to be a great boost to our scoring threat, as is "Doc" Tom Sayetta another graduate member and currently serving as our faculty advisor.

A good finish in the Spring and Winter sports should assure the Pi Kapps of another PRESIDENTS CUP and this would be number three in a long line of victories.

THE FIRST ANNUAL GALA BETA PHI NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!!

The first annual Beta Phi New Year's Eve Party will be held at the "NICHE", Sunday night, December 31. There also will be a cocktail party at the chapter house Sunday afternoon. The plan for the party was first brought to our attention by brother Everett Cameron. Beta Phi, after four years of vigorous growth, now feels that it has enough alumni to constitute a full-scale New Year's affair. This effort is, of course to acquaint the alumni with the current undergraduate population of Beta Phi and to draw the alumni together again.

Brother Cameron is currently arranging accommodations for the alumni and their wives or dates, of course the chapter house will be available for lodging.

The tentative plans are for each brother coming to chip in \$5.00 for everything, including cocktail party, combo party, and mixers. All brothers planning to attend should send the \$5.00 by Dec. 20. If they are not able to come, we are asking that they please send the latest news about themselves so that we may tell the brothers attending.

The entire brotherhood is working very hard on the party and a large turnout is hoped for, as we have already received many return letters. **ALUMNI** we will be looking for you!!! Remember - December 31 - so don't let us down. Let's bring the New Year in the Pi Kapp way!!!

BETA PHI BLABBER

The Peace Corps has always appeared to be the All-American way to serve our Country and to get out of the draft. Jim Mather blew his chances of serving so we are now wondering what Uncle Sam thinks of our South American playboy and part time student.

Everyone knew John Gaffney was a little different, but it never entered our minds that he was part Italian. It seems John was a marvel at pizza making fall quarter and is now playing around with a few courses concerning one of his other hobbies – COLLEGE!!!

Uncle Sam has relinquished one Pi Kapp of his military duties and we're glad to have him back in school – David Knock. Good luck David and remember – KEEP THAT CHIN UP!!!

Carl (H. C.) Darden is still going strong around the Pi Kapp house, but the word is out that Carl is not what he use to be. It seems Jack Cotten challenged him to a contest concerning the consumption of beverages and Carl was found asleep (?) on the stairs early the next morning. Are the years catching up Carl!?!?

Most people go to college and graduate or get the call of Uncle Sam. Jack Cotten seems to have been making a career of school and dodging Uncle Sam's call, but the word is out that Uncle Sam likes "fog horns" from New Bern. It looks as if Jack will soon be wearing a lot more army green and a little less hair.

Miss Susan Walton of Jacksonville, N. C. was our homecoming representative this past year and has currently been dating Bill Dryden or should we just say Bill gives her a break every now and then and calls her.

Cam Frazier has always been neat in his appearance, but we all felt he was going a little too far when we found him combing his hair with the aid of three mirrors while talking on the phone!!!

ARCHONS MESSAGE

by Bill Dryden

Due to the great assistance of the brotherhood of Beta Phi Chapter my position of Archon has been an easy and pleasurable job. Since last Spring quarter we have made many strides toward our leadership of the fraternity system on campus. Our membership has increased forty per cent and our scholarship has also improved. For the second year in succession we have won the Presidents Cup which is symbolic of the best overall intramural participation by a fraternity.

Since the beginning of the 1967-1968 school year, Pi Kappa Phi has had a very successful fall rush, homecoming house decoration, and homecoming float. All worked hard and enjoyed the results of their effort.

I must say without any restraint at all, that my year of service to Beta Phi Chapter has been most enjoyable and I will be proud to look back at the achievements we have made together. One man cannot carry the load and without the outstanding brotherhood of Beta Phi working together as one we would not be on top as we are today.