

## Fraternity Mourns Death Of Founding Father Di Bartolo

Professor Ferdinand F. Di Bartolo, Alpha Chapter, died at the age of 86 on August 25, 1975. One of the seven Founding Fathers of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Prof. Di Bartolo suffered a nine week illness before his death.

A pioneering language educator who became a member of the Foreign Language Hall of Fame, Brother Di Bartolo was former associate professor at Buffalo State University College, where he taught teachers how to teach Italian. His lifelong goal, an associate said, was to bring the teaching of Italian on par with French and German.

## Christmas Dance Packs 460 In 3-D Land

The annual Third District Christmas Dinner-Dance is now history. Held Saturday evening, December 20, 460 people were in attendance representing the largest single gathering of Alpha Phi Delta men, their wives and friends in the entire Fraternity's history, second only to the National Convention of 1974 which drew 498.

This year's affair was held at Micale's Terrace in Brooklyn. Evidently the location and the price (\$35 per alumni couple, \$30 per undergraduate couple) were at least partially responsible for the tremendous turnout. The food was excellent and plentiful as were the refreshments. The menu included a full smorgasborg and cocktail hour, a filet mignon dinner topped off with Italian pastry and fresh fruit and name brand scotch and rye plus beer, wine and soft drinks at every table. Music and entertainment were supplied by the inimitable Bob Chevy and his Orchestra who added the crowning zest to a very enjoyable evening.

Price and location notwithstanding, Third District Governor Stan Raffa attributes much of the success to the committee's efforts in selling the affair and the excellent support received from virtually every entity in the district. The undergraduates in particular were tremendously responsive with a turnout accounting for nearly 50 couples which represents a very high percentage of the total District undergraduates. All present were a large number of the younger graduates as well as the older regulars all of whom also came through strongly.

The Christmas Journal, a fund-raising adjunct to the Christmas Dance was also highly successful, it too being the largest in the history of the District.

During the course of the Christmas Dance the Richard Rau Memorial Fund awarded \$100.00 to Steve Figliozzi, Beta Sigman, the Fund's second scholarship recipient. The Rau Fund also

A native of Sicily, his family migrated to this country when he was 15 years old. While studying for a degree at Syracuse University, which he received in 1917, Ferdinand De Bartolo and his six closest friends founded Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. Later, he became an instructor of Italian at Syracuse.

He began his career at the former Hutchinson Central H.S. in 1917, became head of the Modern Language Department there in 1928 and later taught at Grover Cleveland H.S. He was one of the organizers of the New York State Federation of Foreign Language Teachers, its first secretary-treasurer in 1917 and later its president. Work there earned him the organization's golden anniversary award in 1967. Before his arrival at Buffalo State College, Brother Di Bartolo served as a member of the Faculty of the former University of Buffalo and of Canisius College.

In 1934, he was one of five American teachers invited to make a three month tour of Italy as guests of the Italian Government. In 1958 he was appointed Director of Foreign Languages in the secondary and elementary public schools in Buffalo, a position he held until his retirement in 1963. During his tenure as Director, he introduced new teaching methods with tape recordings, language laboratories, television and text books, which stressed spoken language rather than the pure cultural background.

Brother De Bartolo served for twenty years on the New York State Board of Regents Examining Committee, and was instrumental in effecting legislation permitting colleges in the State to accept Italian as an entrance requirement.

A delegate to the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Association for more than two decades, he served as business manager of the Modern Language Journal used in educational systems throughout the world.

In addition to Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Ferdinand Di Bartolo was also a founder of the Dante Alighiere Cultural Club, in which he was subsequently given a life membership. Listed in the Directory of American Scholars, he was an active member of Lambda Tau Rho, an international language society. In 1963 the Federation of Italian-American Societies named him "Man of the Year."

Surviving are his wife, Edith (a letter from whom appears in this issue), his three sons — Ferdinand F. Jr., Ernest A., and Air Force Lt. Col. Eugene N., — a daughter, Edith E., and six grandchildren.

donated \$100.00 to the North Jersey Alumni Club for the purpose of assisting in the purchase of a house for Beta Xi Chapter, Newark College of Engineering. The check was received by former N.J.A.C. president Al Fafara.

Chairlady and hostess for the Christmas Dance was Alpha Phi Delta's First Lady, Dottie Palazzo who did a tremendous job in handling the reservations and arrangements. She was assisted by Natl. President Al Palazzo and 3D Governor Stan Raffa. Joe Derrico, Sr. was once again responsible for coordinating and producing the highly successful journal.



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## New Alumni Club Installed In West Virginia

On Saturday, October 25, 1975, an installing team of Al Palazzo, National President, Frank Cavallaro, National Expansion Chairman, Arnold Midili, Fifth District Governor, and Paul Fabrizio, past Fifth District Governor, converged on Fairmont, West Virginia from New York and Pittsburgh. The team conferred official status to the Central West Virginia Alumni Club at the Holiday Inn.

The occasion was celebrated with a charter banquet directed by Ralph Strippel, C.W.V.A.C. president. After the invocation and the introduction of visiting dignitaries by John May, secretary of the alumni club, the installation ceremonies were turned over to Frank Cavallaro. He explained the importance of alumni and alumni clubs to Alpha Phi Delta. He urged further expansion in the area, especially at West Liberty State College.

Paul Fabrizio administered the Oath of Alumni Club Induction to all the charter members, committing these brothers to support their alumni club and their National Fraternity. Arnold Midili installed the first official set of officers, administering the Oath of Office to: Ralph Strippel, president; Les Boggess, vice president; John May, secretary; Paul Raso, treasurer, and Walt Angelini, sergeant of arms.

Al Palazzo presented the National Expansion Awards to Ralph Strippel and John May. This is an achievement award bestowed by Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity on a deserving individual upon recommendation of the National Expansion Committee. It can only be awarded for the successful reactivation or the successful new induction of a chapter or alumni club. John May is the only brother who has earned two National Expansion Awards.

Frank Cavallaro presented the permanent charter to the new alumni club's president. This concluded the official ceremony but did not conclude the celebration. Pi Chapter, West Virginia University, hosted a party at their house in Morgantown.

Alpha Phi Delta congratulates the Central West Virginia Alumni Club and notes with pleasure the support that Pi Chapter and Beta Tau Chapter, Fairmont State College, have given to the new entity.



AWARD RECIPIENTS — Second District Governor Ernest Coletti, Mu (left), presents the district's highest honors at the annual Fraternity Dinner-Dance.

Receiving the Mohawk Valley Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Alumni Achievement is Brother Andrew Siracuse, BI (center), a justice of the New York State Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District.

Named Beta Iota's Outstanding Undergraduate for 1975 was Brother Paul Bianchi (right).

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## Scholarship Plans Of A.P.D. Unite!

There are three scholarship programs in Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity: the John Pasta Scholarship Fund, approximately six years of age, the Richard C. Rau Memorial Fund, approximately three years of age, and the National Scholarship Fund, approximately two years of age.

The John Pasta Fund originates from members of the Long Island Alumni Club, while the Richard Rau Fund is geared mainly by Beta Sigma alumni and others who knew Richie before his untimely death in 1970. The National Scholarship Fund is directed by a group of brothers from different locations in the Fraternity.

How ironic! For decades the Fraternity hungered for a scholarship program which would assist our men in their pursuit of academic excellence. Now, almost suddenly, an Alpha Phi Delta man has three programs which he can pursue.

Financially, each fund is holding its own at the present time. However, a good look to the future must cause one to admit to himself that much strength would come from unity. All three funds should unite into one National unit. While the thought is easy enough to comprehend, the mechanics of such a move may prove to be a trying time for all parties involved.

The benefit of this move is strength in two dimensions: first, and foremost, strength for Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity as a viable organization; and second, strength in the existence of a scholarship program in our organization.

The initial reaction to this suggestion will come from the members of the John Pasta and Richard Rau Funds, since it may seem that they are being asked to forfeit their identity to the already formed National Scholarship Foundation. The funds in the names of these two individuals are testimony to their unique brand of fraternalism. No one will take away this testimony. No one can. John Pasta, in his many years as an alumnus, has been an extremely important national figure. One has only to read the History of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity to understand what John Pasta means to this Fraternity. Richard Rau is special because he was nationally inspired as an undergraduate, never having the chance to become an alumnus. A devoted worker in his chapter, Richie played an active role at the 1970 National Convention, where he met his death.

No one will take away the tribute to these two men. It will be up to the operators of all three funds to share ideas in an attempt to arrive at a plan which will be suitable — compromising, perhaps, but suitable — to all three parties. If each person involved in the merger maintains the idea of strength for the cause of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and for the existence of a scholarship program, I am sure a plan will be drawn that will thrust Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity forward and lift it to a height it has never before experienced.

Now is not the time to be stubborn. Now is the time to be eager. Let's get the dialogue going. Let's establish a lasting scholarship program.

Fraternally,

Santo J. Barbarino  
National Editor

## Mrs. Di Bartolo Writes to Raffa

The following is a letter received by Stan Raffa, P.N.P. from Mrs. Edith S. De Bartolo, wife of Alpha Delta's deceased Founding Father. The letter is dated December 18, 1975.

Dear Mr. Raffa,

I had hoped to write you many weeks ago; it was my intention that I be the one from whom you would learn of my husband's death. I delayed, of necessity. It didn't work out as planned and I am sorry.

...I thank you for your beautiful letter. I appreciate it more than I can tell you. Ferdinand and I talked many times of our pleasure in knowing you, of your letters, of your brief visit to our home affording, never-the-less, the joy of "breaking bread" together (a truly Italian tradition no matter how brief the visit,) and our anticipation of another visit. He'd talk of your monumental project, the compiling of data, the taking of pictures, the traveling, the writing, and of his great joy in receiving the completed work, the handsome volume, from you. I remember it reached us in Florida and Ferdinand kept it at hand — where he could — and did — show it to all who stopped in to see us. He did the same in our home in Buffalo and kept it on the table next to "his" arm chair. It is there now — your Alpha Phi Delta History — and where it has been except for a few days when, at his request, I took it to the hospital (his last illness!) and he showed it to the doctors and nurses who attended him. Yes, when one talks of Alpha Phi Delta and Ferdinand, it must surely be in one breath — and one must use the words "love" and "pride" to appropriately describe his feeling of this Fraternity of which he was one of the original founders, close to sixty years ago.

To you... go my sincere thanks and those of all my family for your expression on behalf of our loved one and for your condolences to us. You have our warm appreciation for both letter and thought... You have my greetings of the Season and my many good wishes.

Sincerely,  
Edith Di Bartolo

## P.A.C. Has What It Takes

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club once again sponsored their Annual Fall Dinner-Dance, and, once again, it was a huge success. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Phi Buzzelli and Jerry De Riso, the dance attracted a tremendous crowd.

The brothers of the P.A.C. still have what it takes on the football field. At a recent undergraduate vs. alumni game, the alumni beat their younger brothers by a decisive 38-6 score. Paul Fabrizio, Phil Buzzelli, Chuck Scarlatto, Lefty Armenti, Ted and Pete Paladino, and Calvin Shipley represented the "more experienced" team. Lefty Armenti was the star, catching two touchdown passes.

The alumni congratulate Jerry De Riso and Charles Scarlatto who have joined together as a new team in the Law Firm of De Riso and Scarlatto. Their office will be located in the Frick Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## Beta Tau Is Growing Up

Beta Tau, Fairmont State College, began the fall semester with a small, devoted nucleus of eight undergraduate brothers. It was realized that a successful rush would be necessary for Alpha Phi Delta's youngest chapter to remain in existence.

On September 30, Beta Tau held their fall smoker. With appreciated help from brothers of Pi Chapter, West Virginia University, five pledges began their pledge period. This period lasted for five weeks. On November 21, three new brothers were inducted: Roger Davis, Kevin Riffle, and Dennis Winters. The Fraternity Oath was administered by Fifth District Governor Arnold Midilli.

Beta Tau has seen to it that Alpha Phi Delta is well represented in key areas at the College. Doug Leeper is vice president of the Intra-Fraternity Council, John Sabo is a member of the Student Government Advisory Council and Jon Falkenstein is secretary-treasurer of the Inter-Panathellenic Council. With the increased membership, Beta Tau hopes to improve its intramural program and place the chapter in a more secure position.

The chapter is in the process of setting up games with Pi Chapter. Last year, Beta Tau was able to emerge as winner after a tough time, since both chapters were evenly matched. The games are scheduled for March, 1976.

Beta Tau will announce the annual golf tournament at a later date. The brothers extend an invitation to all brothers of the Fraternity to try to dethrone last year's winner, Gary West. (Ernie Coletti, are you reading this?). The chapter is also planning a casino night for the spring semester.

The brothers offer their congratulations to the new Central West Virginia Alumni Club, and proudly announce the marriages of Doug Leeper with the former Cindy Davis, and Bob Drummond with the former Laura Little. Last, but not least, the brothers congratulate Ralph Strippel and his Diane, the proud parents of a baby boy.

## Stockey Serves As School Board Member



William E. Stockey, Psi '68

## Figliozzi, Beta Sigma Receives Rau Scholarship

Beta Sigma Chapter, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, enjoyed the Third District Christmas Dance, held December 20, 1975 for many reasons. One main reason was the selection of Stephen Figliozzi as recipient of the Richard Rau scholarship.

The Richard Rau Memorial Fund was established honoring the Beta Sigma brother who died at the 1970 National Convention. Steve was awarded \$100.00 for his outstanding contributions to Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and St. Francis College. He served as pledgemaster in his sophomore year and has continued to be a driving force in the chapter as an upperclassman. His school activities include being a member of the ice hockey team, the newspaper staff, and the St. Thomas Moore Law Society.

The brothers inducted four new members into the Fraternity in December: Pat Farella, Bob Gombar, Roy Kazalinsk, and Louis Sanchez-Duran. Unfortunately, Dave Quintero, who was inducted a little over a year ago moved west to Seattle. The brothers of Beta Sigma gave Dave a farewell dinner and then helped him load his truck in preparation for his four day journey. Dave promised to keep in touch with his brothers and vowed to explore the possibility of bringing Alpha Phi Delta to his new college in Seattle.

## Midili Keeps Close Ties In Large Area

As was announced in the last issue of the Kleos, Arnold W. Midili is the new Governor of the Fifth District. Since his election, Arnie has been determined to maintain close communication with the chapters and alumni clubs in his area.

Personal communication in the Fifth District is particularly difficult because of the large distance which separates the various chapters. This has not stopped Arnie from doing his job as District Governor. He was present at the initiation ceremonies of Chi Chapter, Penn State, Psi Chapter, Duquesne U., Beta Tau Chapter, Fairmont State, and Pi Chapter, West Virginia U.

On November 22, 1975 Arnie held a district meeting at which every chapter was represented. All present agreed that more meetings should be held in the future.

William E. Stockey, Psi '68, has been appointed to the school board of the Baldwin-Whitehall School District of Pennsylvania. While at Duquesne University, Bill received a B.S. in Business Administration in 1968 and a Doctorate in Law in 1972.

Presently, he is a partner in the law firm of Lewis and Stockey, located in Pittsburgh, Pa. A school teacher from 1968 to 1971, Bill also served as a law clerk in 1971 at the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

## B.A.C. Salutes

### Camillus; Donates To Scholarship

The Brooklyn Alumni Club sponsored a "Welcome Back" party for National Chaplain Brother Camillus Casey, O.S.F. on September 27, 1975. Brother Camillus spent many weeks in the hospital during last year's spring semester.

The affair was held at the Beta Sigma Chapter house and was attended by over sixty people, mostly Beta Sigma alumni who came to honor their chapter's moderator. Food was served, and toasts, many toasts were offered to Brother Camillus' good health.

The Brooklyn Alumni Club has decided to donate \$100.00 to the Alpha Phi Delta National Scholarship Foundation. Also, a plan has been established whereby a club member may deposit \$8.00 per month in a special account and once twelve payments have been made, the brother's name along with the \$100.00, would be sent to the National Secretary for enrollment as a Life Member.

The members of the B.A.C. have been active supporters of the many affairs that take place in the Third District, from pledge meetings to the annual Christmas Dance. The club has operated under the very capable leadership of the following officers: Jim McKenna, president; Bill Weber, vice president; Gerry Bruce, secretary-treasurer; and John Puckhaber, historian. Paul Schietroma serves as editor of the

Brooklyn Alumni Club Newsletter, a bi-monthly publication which is, perhaps, the most informative of its kind in the Fraternity. In the most recent edition, an interview with the National President was published, excerpts from which are included in this issue of the Kleos.

The alumni club members offer their congratulations to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, on the birth of their daughter, Kathleen; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas La Quercia, on the birth of their son, Mark Anthony; Dr. and Mrs. John Rollino, on the birth of their son, Daniel; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Polito, on the birth of their son, Michael Anthony; Gerry Bruce, on his engagement to Patricia Hansen; and Jim McKenna, on his engagement to Joan Giordano.

## Psi On Top At Duquesne

Psi Chapter, Duquesne University, began the school year with twenty-two brothers. The chapter has set up a very crowded schedule of events which demand the participation of its members.

The annual Carnival at Duquesne ran into problems with rain this year, having one day completely rained out. Because of this, almost all participants lost money. However, due to the efforts of Bro. Joe Clement and the chapter's sixty foot long booth consisting of five sections, Psi managed to make a small profit. Using a sit down band consisting of their own musicians,

Psi attracted crowds to their pizza, drinks and games. Jerry Ruta and Joe Clement organized a successful drive, while Tony Angiulli and Tony Svolos served on Duquesne's Carnival Committee. Also, Joe Clement served as choreographer for a show which won the top award. The end result: Psi Chapter was selected as the best booth winner for the Carnival of 1975.

The brothers of Duquesne were also actively involved in the annual Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon, chaired by Tony Angiulli. The third event of its kind, the Marathon lasted for fifty-two hours.

The Psi brothers congratulate Dan Evert, '70, and his wife Judy on the arrival of their new daughter, Kristin Anne. The brothers also welcome guests to their house, with some notice, of course, and would also like to know about different events taking place in various chapters so that they may visit their brothers.

## Beta Omicron Has New Brass

Beta Omicron Chapter, Youngstown State University, will operate under the leadership of a new group of officers: Ron Penta, president; Tony Bindas, vice president; Tim Gleason, secretary; and Ed Trgovac, treasurer. These newly elected officers extend their thanks to outgoing president Bill Mc Evoy.

In intramural sports, Beta Omicron's football team finished in third place after a heartbreaking 7-0 loss in overtime to last year's champions. Jumping right back, the chapter had a second place finish in table tennis with the superb play of Bill Terlecky and Tim Gleason.

Also, the undergraduate gridders issued a challenge to the bigger, more experienced alumni team, the last group to win the fraternity championship. The game was brutal but fun as it ended in a deadlock, 28-28, in overtime. Afterwards, all of the older brothers and their wives were invited to the chapter house for refreshments.

Recently, six new brothers were added to the Beta Omicron roster: Andrew D'Apolito, Thomas Gibbons, John Sabo, Gary Scurty, Brian Shambaugh, and Ron Stoops. A seventh newcomer was added in Fred Denoble, a Beta Rho transfer. Pledgmaster Bill Terlecky and Rush chairman Dave Butt were chiefly responsible for the successful pledge period.

The Beta Omicron brothers greatly appreciate the two visits made by National President Al Palazzo since the National Convention. Bill Mc Evoy and Ed Tergovac visited Psi Chapter, Duquesne University, during the last semester. They are anxious to visit other chapters with more of their Beta Omicron brothers.

## N.Y.A.C., Very Active, Social

The New York Alumni Club continues to be one of Alpha Phi Delta's smallest yet most active units. The oldest alumni club in the Third District, the N.Y.A.C. maintains a schedule of monthly meetings and many social events.

The current officers of the club are Dom Zema, president; Andy Modica, vice president; Vincent Marcotrignano, recording secretary; Stan Raffa, secretary; and Joe Derrico, Sr., treasurer.

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## TRAVELING SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION MAN WANTED

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The Traveling Secretary's duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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2. Investigate all known problems between chapters and National Office and report his findings and make recommendations to the National Secretary.
3. Make special visitations to individual chapters when necessary.
4. Maintain close liaison with alumnus/campus advisor; send copies of all correspondence to applicable advisor and District Governor.
5. Maintain a dossier on all schools (along the visitation route) relative to establishing chapters; establish and maintain liaison with appropriate school officials; establish and maintain liaison with prospective groups and/or personnel. (Commitment: establishment of at least one undergraduate chapter per year.)
6. Follow up all leads and be the liaison between any person, chapter or alumni club in establishing a new chapter or alumni club.
7. Attend the meetings of the Executive and Housing Committees and present his bi-yearly report.
8. Submit a report on the financial account of all expenses incurred during the year at the mid-year meeting and National Convention.
9. Assist Central Office in the preparation of the chapter letter.
10. Salary expected.

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## L.I.A.C. Serves 6th Pasta Dinner



At the John Pasta Scholarship Awards Dinner, left to right: Rocco Sutera, Chairman of the Fund, John Pasta, P.N.P., Charles Ragusa, and Marie Cassese.

At its Sixth Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner on October 3rd at the Savini Caterers in East Meadow, Long Island, the Long Island Alumni Club presented scholarships to two deserving candidates.

The proud and beaming recipients were Charles Ragusa of Beta Eta chapter who received \$300 and Marie Cassese, Rutgers University, \$200.

Brother Ragusa and Miss Cassese were selected not only for their scholastic achievements, but also for their participation and contributions to numerous benevolent activities.

Attending were 63 brothers, wives and girl friends including past presidents John Pasta, Frank Paladino, Stan Raffa and National officers Al Palazzo and Brother Camillus. Also enjoying the festivities were brothers from the New York, Brooklyn and North New Jersey Alumni Clubs and a good representation from the Third District undergrad chapters.

John Pasta, whose name graces the Fund, presented the awards.

Since its inception, the Fund has grown largely through contributions. Last May, a dinner-dance was held and ads solicited for a Journal. It was attended by 235 people and helped tremendously to enrich the Fund. Larger awards are planned for the future.

## The History of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity

contains the following:

- a history of the national fraternity since its inception at Syracuse University in 1914 through the installation of Beta Tau Chapter at Fairmont College in 1973;
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- historical notes on the fraternity traditions and symbols, housing, publications, the Ladies Auxiliary; and
- a look at the future of Alpha Phi Delta through its recent alumni, present undergraduates, and the challenges that face them.

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Always ready to help a chapter in need, the New York Alumni Club ran a raffle to help raise funds for the purpose of buying a house for Beta Xi Chapter, Newark College of Engineering. Also, at their November, 1975 meeting, the alumni allocated \$60.00 in order to host a restaurant meeting with prospective pledges for Delta Chapter, Polytechnic Institute of New York. One can always count on finding at least one member of the N.Y.A.C. at a chapter's induction ceremonies.

The members have decided to introduce a new feature to follow each monthly meeting, simply called a "Special Event." At the end of a recent meeting, the event was "The Jokers," in which, for one hour, the brothers provided the entertainment, demonstrating their comical talents. When it was all over, National President Al Palazzo was voted best joker and received an award.

Speaking of Al Palazzo, a Christmas party was hosted by Al and his wife, Dotty, on December 26 at their home which, fortunately, is large enough to accommodate thirty-five guests. As usual, Al and Dotty did all that was necessary to have a great party which lasted well into December 27th.

## A New Brother A New Way For Capitol A.C.

The Capitol Alumni Club has kept the Fraternity abreast of its events by publishing a newsletter, edited by William Zerega. The Capitol A.C. is responsible for, possibly, the first brother to enter the Fraternity through the new law passed by the National Council at the 1975 National Convention.

Under this law, it is no longer necessary to have an established chapter at a particular college or university in order to induct a person who may wish to be a part of Alpha Phi Delta while attending such an institution. On November 9, 1975 Stephen Pusateri was initiated at Psi Chapter, Duquesne University, Bill Zerega acting as big brother.

The Capitol Alumni Club is also hopeful of following a lead at Maryland University for the establishment of a colony. The members congratulate Tom Mauro and his wife on the birth of their new daughter, and Dave Di Tommaso and his wife, also on the birth of their new daughter.



**PURPLE AND WHITE AWARD** — Wearing the traditional garb, a purple and white apron, Brother Albert Rueb, Beta Iota (center) smiles cautiously after receiving the Beta Iota (BI) 1975 PW award. Offering congratulations are Brother Phil Vanno, BI, (left), president of the Mohawk Valley Alumni Association and Brother Robert Puccio, president of Beta Iota chapter at Utica College.

## An Interview With National President Al Palazzo

The following is an interview with National President Albert E. Palazzo. Questions were asked by Paul Schietroma of the Brooklyn Alumni Club. The interview, in its entirety, appeared in the Brooklyn A.C.'s Newsletter.

*What do you consider your major accomplishment during your previous term as President?*

I feel my major accomplishment has been bringing a recognition that National is more than a name or office. This has been done to a considerable extent by my predecessors and in my travels I certainly notice among the entities an exchange of ideas which continually increases. I've done extensive traveling and no matter where I go they welcome me and we talk brother to brother in an atmosphere of brotherhood. It's been a remarkable innovation over the last twelve years ago where the whole idea of a traveling President has come into being; I hope to see it continue, I hope it can continue.

*What goals have you set for your present term of office?*

Further than bringing the chapters together in a greater unity, I want to insure that every chapter is doing its share in supporting Alpha Phi Delta, and this means the payment of monies due National which are necessary for the maintaining of National. I do not feel that its right or fair for any chapter not to pay when all the others pay... I feel that these present inequities — and there are just a couple — will be straightened out this term and that all entities are equal with the National.

*What do you see as the major issues facing Alpha Phi Delta?*

It's a question of money. The brotherhood has pulled together strongly... and it comes down to the fact that we need more chapters... To have thirty chapters would be one of the most important things that could happen to us. As Stan Raffa says, we'd get more bang out of the buck. Right now we do not have enough money to actually operate on a par with other fraternities and we do need more entities to do this.

*There was substantial discussion at the previous national convention concerning alleged shortcomings in the fraternity's constitution, do you plan to take any action regarding this matter?*

I've appointed Jules Zangrillo to continue with his committee composed of Stan Raffa and Joe Creston to continue the work they started last year on the restructuring of the fraternity and at this time I want them to look into the constitution. The constitution is vague, perhaps constitutions are supposed to be vague, but I feel that the reading in of too many things into a constitution or establishing things by precedents is not good. I would like to see things more definite as to what powers any particular office has, how particular offices come about...

*What legislation or proposals would you like to see adopted at next year's national convention?*

I have no objection at all to the limitation on a term of office for anyone. I feel that I myself could not continue more than four years (two as Vice-President and two as President) on a national level. I don't think that I could keep up the pace, I don't see how anyone can keep up the pace. I feel that perhaps staying too long in office can lead to stagnation of ideas. It does stop any new people from moving up because there is no place for them to move up to.

*Where are the fraternity's prospects best for expansion?*

In traveling around the country and no matter where I talk the fraternity system is on the upswing today. We are past the 60's, past the individual who didn't join anything and degraded any organization. We have possibilities all over, certainly in the Third District... I see no reason why there aren't possibilities in the First District, but you run into the problem that you need someone to go out and get them — and no one is seemingly going out and getting them. In the Second and Fourth Districts there are enough schools — there are enough schools all over, small colleges where we can get onto the campus. Frank Cavallaro has said that expansion is everybody's job, others have said it's the job of the one interested person who can probably do the job more completely and thoroughly. In any event, I see no place where we cannot expand if we had the one man who would go out and do the job in one locality. The strangest thing I find is that there are sons of fraternity brothers who go to schools that we never find out about until after they have graduated. Here we have a man who has grown up in the fraternity, knows about the fraternity, and may end up joining some other fraternity rather than Alpha Phi Delta, or serve as the nucleus for us to get a chapter on his campus. There are any number of instances where this has happened.

## Obituary

The Fraternity offers sincere sympathy to the families of the following:

**Professor Ferdinand Di Bartolo, Alpha.** One of Alpha Phi Delta's Founding Fathers, Prof. Di Bartolo's son, Ferdinand Jr. is also a member of A.P.D. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Edith Di Bartolo, 284 Hoyt Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14213.

**Nicholas A. Piccione, Delta.** Died November 1, 1975. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Jean Piccione, 93 Clearstream Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

**Antoinette Schiraldi.** Mother of Robert Schiraldi, Eta. Died November 4, 1975. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Mr. Robert J. Schiraldi, 35 W. 16th Street, New York City, N.Y. 10011.

**Mrs. Concettina Zito.** Mother of Mrs. Mary Di Vincenzo. Messages of sympathy may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Di Vincenzo, 5100 Frich Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227.

## An A.P.D. Man's Vietnam Story



Top: (l. to r.) Be Chin, Domenick Fanelli and his wife Hien, Phuong Len. Bottom: (l. to r.) His two sons, Patrick and Paul.

When Domenick Fanelli (Eta '51), left Vietnam, he never anticipated a return journey so soon after and the adventures that were to confront him.

He had served in the Air Force as a pilot and had flown all types of aircraft — fighters, bombers, transports, observation, liaison — and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, 25 Air Medals and the Bronze Star.

During his stint in Vietnam, he married the former Nguyen Thi Hien. After 20 years' service, he retired, returned to the States with his wife and two children, enrolled in the University of Miami Law School, and made his home in Leisure City, Florida.

The closing days of the war were anxious ones for Fanelli and his wife who left behind in Tay Ninh a grandmother, father, mother, three brothers and four sisters. When the fall of South Vietnam was imminent, there was some brisk communication and Fanelli left for Saigon with the hope of getting them out of the country.

He arrived there on April 17th. Because of the fighting, his father-in-law, with his truck, was shuttling his family back and forth between Tay Ninh, north of Saigon and My Tho, south of Saigon. It was only by sheer luck that they found each other.

After a brief celebration in Tay Ninh, they drove back to Saigon where Fanelli was left with two of his sisters-in-laws, Be Chin, 16 and Phuong Lien, 12. His father-in-law was to return the next day.

With the help of an influential friend, he proceeded to cut through Vietnamese and American red tape to enable him to take his charges out of the country. He also was instrumental in evacuating two

more families of long-time friends back in the States. However, with increased Vietcong activity, he lost all contact with the rest of his wife's family.

When the helicopter evacuations from the American Embassy compound began, signalling the last day, it was obvious that Fanelli had to arrange his own and his charges' immediate departure and abandon all plans for his wife's family. Through his friend, they managed to get through the swarming masses of desperate Vietnamese and into the Embassy.

From the Embassy, they were transported by helicopter and various seacraft onto a merchant marine cargo ship which in the next five days took aboard a seemingly endless stream of refugees. The ship was loaded with hundreds over capacity and needless to say offered countless miseries, especially the limited sanitary facilities.

They were greatly relieved when they landed at Subic Bay in the Philippines. They traveled from there to Guam where they were processed through three camps and finally to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida arriving on May 17 exactly one month after Fanelli landed in Saigon. It was a long, unpleasant and at times, terrifying journey.

Presently, Domenick Fanelli is in the process of adopting his two sisters-in-law. He admits it's a very fast way to enlarge a family, but he's thankful he can be so privileged. He has received no word from the rest of the family and is hopeful that, in the near future channels for communication will reopen.

Before Vietnam and Florida, Fanelli lived in Islip, Long Island with his parents. He had attained the rank of major when he retired from the service.

## N.J.A.C. Wins "Super Bowl"

The North Jersey Alumni Club scored a second quarter touchdown, added the extra point, and made it stand up for a 7-0 victory over Beta Xi in the annual Alumni Football Game, played on September 21, at Branchbrook Park in Newark.

Defense again was the key for the alumni as the front line of Fafara, Beattie, and John Coll constantly pressured Guy Marsh into bad throws.

On Saturday, October 11, 1975 the North Jersey Alumni Club sponsored an outing to the Great Adventure Safari and Amusement Park in Jackson, N.J. Once again the weather did not cooperate entirely, as a steady drizzle (sic) fell for the first part of the day, and held the attendance down to 16 persons.

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