

# THE BETA-ETA NEWS

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## You Are Invited For Homecoming

### Beta-Eta On Top In Activity Work

**CHEELEY, NIEDZELSKI ON  
GRID SQUAD; KNOWLES  
CAPTAINS FENCING**

Beta Eta chapter is off to a flying start in campus activities this year with members of the chapter holding several key campus posts.

Right now all attention is focused on football and for Pi K.A. it is on Ken Cheeley and Ike Niedzelski, members of Coach Bob Zuppke's fast and furious 1941 football team. Zup uses Cheeley regularly at center, and his 200-pound weight gives needed strength to the line. Ike, a 193-pound guard, forms part of the vital Illinois reserve strength. Zup plans to use both of these men frequently during the year, and both will undoubtedly see plenty of action in the Homecoming game on November 1.

#### On Top In Gymkana

Another top campus post is held by Don Britton, who is senior manager of Gymkana this year. Also in the Gymkana troupe is Ken Hottinger.

Henry Gumm, chapter S.M.C. is taking a fling at campus journalism and is senior associate editor of the Illinois Agriculturist. Also interested in things agrarian is Frank Alexander, who is a member of the Newman Club, the Agriculture Club, the Agriculture Education Club and vice-president of Alpha Tau Alpha.

#### Heads Fencing Team

Another Pi K.A. who is occupying a top campus position is Dick Knowles, captain of the University fencing team, a major in the Advanced R.O.T.C. Brigade, vice president of the Tribe of Illini, member of Scabbard and Blade, Blue Pencil, Caisson Club, Plateau and Drum, Pan-Xenia, and Scimitar.

Jack Oliver '42½ is national lieutenant commander of Phalanx, national honorary and professional military fraternity, Pierrots, cam-

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### Scholarship Up!

Beta-Eta boosted its scholarship considerable from the first to second semesters of the 1940-'41 school year.

The chapter was hitting bottom with an average of 2.8208 for the initial semester, landing in 55th place among 58 fraternities.

The second term was a different story, with the house in 25th place with the commendable average of 3.3685, a gain of .1902 over the same semester of the preceding school year. Among national social fraternities on the campus the chapter figured about 20th place.

### House In A-1 Shape To Start New Year

Due to the efforts of several of the members of the chapter, the chapter house has taken on a new lustre and gloss hitherto unknown.

The walls have all been painted a light cream color, and the pool room repainted. A new ceiling has been put in to replace the old one.

All the furniture in the living room has been re-covered and re-upholstered. New oak end tables for the living room are at the ends of the sofas. Also, there is a new lounge table and a new cocktail table adorning the living room. Several new lamps are placed around the living room.

In the library, new leather furniture lends a note of casual luxury, which is aided by matching Venetian blinds. New metal lamps on the end tables, as well as several new floor lamps, keep the library well lighted.

The old furniture in the library has been moved to the game room.

In the kitchen there is a new stove, while a new hot water heater keeps Erdie, the new porter, busy in the basement.

### Plan Celebration For November 1st

**BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS GREAT  
PROGRAM FOR RETURNING  
ALUMNI**

Calling all Beta-Eta alumni for Homecoming on November 1.

Remember what happened to Michigan in 1939—the biggest upset of the season when Illinois came through to whip the Wolverines and Tommy Harmon to the tune of 16 to 7?

Illinois' impressive victory over Miami in the first game of the season makes us think that history will repeat itself when the Illini and Wolverines tangle again at Memorial Stadium on November 1, and right here and now we're extending to all our alumni a cordial invitation to be present for all the festivities at the house and on the campus.

#### Don't Miss This Year

Too many regretted not being on hand to watch Michigan take a trouncing two years ago, so we warn you not to make the same mistake this year, but join the crowd that is coming to Champaign and the house to have a gala week-end.

The 1941 edition of the football team will be something to delight the eye. Zup has plenty of fleet backs, good passers and smart players who are going to put on a wonderful show over there at the Stadium. Two men, Cliff Niedzelski and Ken Cheeley, both in the line, will be carrying the Pi K.A. colors, and we expect to see them in action for this big home game.

#### We're Expecting You

Highlight of Homecoming at Beta Eta will be the Homecoming banquet at the chapter house following the game, but festivities will get underway in a blaze of color Friday evening, October 31, when Homecoming decorations will be judged. Many Homecoming activities will be centered around the

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Bob Pavey -----Editor

Contributions and news of brothers are solicited at all times. Address communications to the chapter house, 303 East Armory Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

### We'll Be Glad To Get Your Subscription

Making it possible for us to continue to send The Beta Eta News to alumni at regular intervals is the fine support we have been receiving in the form of subscriptions to our publication.

We are, therefore, starting out this 1941-'42 school year by again calling your attention to the fact that alumni help is always welcome where finances of The Beta Eta News are concerned. You can put the enclosed subscription blank to good use by attaching your check for \$1 or dollar bill and sending it to the editor of The Beta Eta News at the chapter house, 303 East Armory Avenue in Champaign.

Your support of this project helps defray a considerable share of the cost of placing The Beta Eta News in the hands of alumni and we are confident that you will again be listed among our loyal subscribers.

It is a simple thing to do—and we will appreciate it so much. All subscriptions will be acknowledged in the next issue of The Beta Eta News with our heartfelt thanks.

#### HELP! HELP!

Too many of our alumni are lost, strayed, or what have you from our files and we'd like some help in getting in touch with these men so that they will get their copies of the Beta Eta News. Send any clues as to the whereabouts of the following to the Beta Eta News editor:

Walter T. Anderson '26, Walter M. Baker '30, John M. Boyle '06, Olaf D. Burge '22, Albert Carroll '22, Marcus C. Carson '17, Fred C. Davis '33, Richard C. Dezur '33, Millard E. Doran '21, Lester M. Eaton '22, Jack R. Grout Jr. '25, Louis R. Henderson '21, Ray D. Parsons '34, Robert Reimann '35, William L. Sylvester '16, Osborn P. Wilkinson '25, Pete Tanuskus '33.

We'll be glad to get a line on these men.

## Facts About Beta-Eta Chapter

What do you know about your chapter, Beta-Eta?

The following paragraphs are a part of an article in the July issue of The Shield and Diamond telling about Beta Eta chapter. We think you'll find this interesting reading.

Year after year the members of Beta-Eta have continually set records in athletics on the university campus. More than 35 men have won the coveted "I," including five in swimming, seven in football, seven in baseball, four in basketball, and others in golf, wrestling, and track.

In social activities, Pi Kappa Alpha has the credit of holding one of the outstanding fraternity dances at Illinois—its annual "Hobo Brawl." Pi K.A.'s campus-famed octet, under the direction of Bud Britton, is considered as one of the finest fraternal singing groups at the university.

Financially, Beta-Eta has credited itself with more than any other fraternity on campus in the past two years. The men that make their home at Beta-Eta comprise the largest group in recent years. As far as the physical plant goes, Pi K.A. has one of the largest,

finest, and newest homes at Illinois. It is the privilege of the Illinois chapter of Pi K.A. to have a very fine group of alumni. While Homecoming invariably brings many of the older brothers back, the Pi K.A. house is always their welcome home when they return for a few days. A banquet is held in their honor the week-end of Homecoming.

Beta-Eta emerged in June with the highest standing on campus enjoyed for nearly a decade. In all respects by which the superiority of a fraternal organization is gauged, Pi K.A. is one of the strongest at the University of Illinois.

Many events go to fill out the year's activities at Beta-Eta. There are dances such as the Pledge Dance, Hobo Dance, Spring Formal, and Spring "Informal." Exchange dinners with the better campus sororities are enjoyed by all. A picnic in the Fall and a Hobo banquet in the Spring for the Mothers prove beneficial to all. The annual Jefferson Day Tea, in which more than 150 faculty members are guests; the Initiation Banquet on Founders' Day; the Christmas Banquet and the customary Christmas play given by the freshmen.

### Chapter Honors Plebes At Dance October 18

Beta-Eta will hold its annual pledge dance October 18, at the chapter house. Hank Messer and his orchestra will furnish the music, while several stunts have been arranged by different members in the house.

Louis Pinderski, Dick Knowles, and Bob Stebbins are in charge of decorations and the dance.

The following Sunday, members of the house will have their dates over for dinner.

The Hobo Brawl will be Saturday, December 13. As yet, an orchestra has not been engaged.

Out in Seattle, Wash., Eugene Edgar (Steve) Stephens Jr. '33 is now living at 6558 Seward Park Avenue. Steve, head cheer leader while on campus, is a mechanical engineer with Bailey Meter Company.

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Earl W. Volberding '29 is now living in Alhambra, Calif., at 2532 San Clemente.

### Frosh Working Hard For Campus Honors

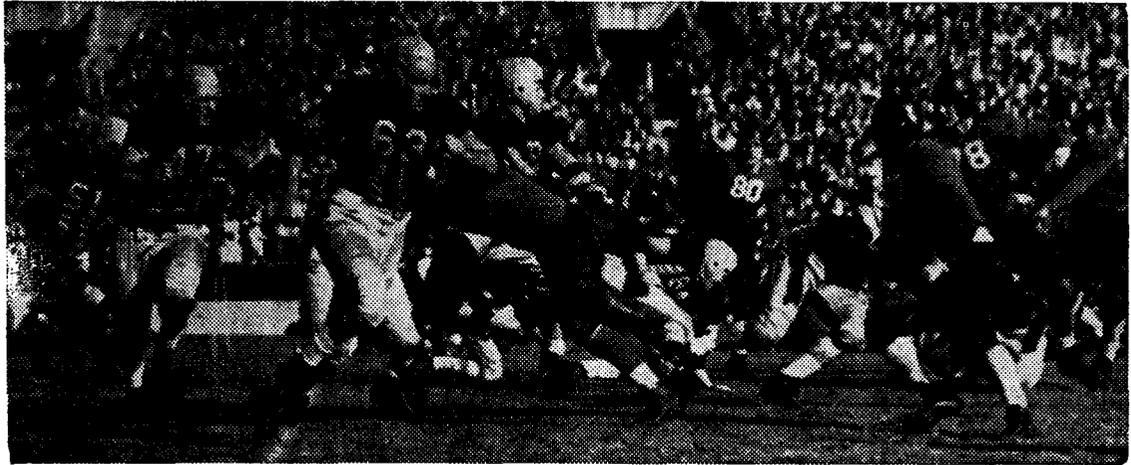
The Beta-Eta pledges are losing no time getting off on the right foot in campus activity work. They are doing a fine job of putting the house on the list of those most active on campus.

Gene Donner is in the Theatre Guild and on the Y.M.C.A. social committee. Ed Eveland is on the freshman Illio business staff. Don Willcoxon is in Pershing Rifles, Y. M.C.A., Faculty Relations and the International Friendship committee.

Jim Thon and Al Krukus are both members of the frosh football team, and are busy furnishing opposition to the varsity on the practice field.

Thanks to Al Seider '33 for sending us his subscription to The Beta Eta News. Al is an attorney at law with offices in Chicago at 1 North LaSalle street. He was married in August of '40 to Josephine Gunther, Illinois Kappa Delta.

## Thrill Again To Scenes Like These



THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ACTION AND THRILLS at Memorial Stadium when Illinois meets its opponents on the gridiron. Home games to be played at Memorial Stadium include Drake on October 18, Michigan on November 1 (Homecoming), Miami on November 4, and Iowa on November 8 (Dads' Day).

### Uncle Sam Claiming Most Recent Grads

Several of the graduates of the class of '41 are now aiding in national defense. Others have continued with their school work at other universities.

Ralph Sherman Chase '41, is in the naval air corps. He will soon be sent to Corpus Christi.

Norman Fitch '41, is in the Great Lakes Naval Station band for the duration of the national emergency.

Bob Richmond, former basketball star of the class of '41, is in the naval air corps at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Edward Furlong '41, is with the army in maneuvers in Pennsylvania.

Richard Cramer '42, is in medical school at Northwestern. Eugene (Jackie) Jewart is in the printing business at Gary, Ind. He is married and is building a new home.

Lloyd Shaffer is in the naval air corps, present position unknown.

Edward Smaltz '41, has been promoted to a cavalry captain. William (Bill) Todd '42, is in the University of Illinois medical school at Chicago. Bernard (Bernie) Vance is playing with Jan Garber in California.

Glenn G. Paxton '24, who was located in Tucson, Ariz., for some time, is now back in Chicago, and can be addressed at his office at 33 North LaSalle street. He is an attorney.

### Are We Going To Hear From You?

As we start the 1941-'42 school year, we've got big plans. We want to hear from more alumni than ever before.

To make it easy for you to write to us, we are again enclosing our blue data sheets. Won't you please take a few minutes' time to fill it out and send it to the editor at the chapter house? In this way we can verify your address in our files and let your classmates know where you are and what you are doing.

We'll appreciate your doing more than just filling in requested information—write us a letter with special bits of news so we can pass them on to alumni readers. In this way we can make our publication just that much more interesting.

Edmund B. Boatner '25 is superintendent for the American School for the Deaf at 139 N. Main street in West Hartford, Conn., a position he has held since 1935. Ed has a daughter, Emma Barbara, who is not yet a year old. Mrs. Boatner is the former Maxine Tull, Kappa Delta from Millsaps.

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Fred Wachendorfer '37 is now living in Joliet at 720 N. Raynor street. Fred was rushing chairman at the house while in school.

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pus dramatic group, Scimitar, fencing honorary, and is a major in the University Brigade.

Cliff Buys '43 is our Phi Eta Sigma man (freshman scholastic honorary) and is also interested in military work. Cliff is a member of Pershing Rifles, crack drill unit of the University brigade, and a second lieutenant in the Advanced Corps.

Bud Jobson is on the varsity fencing team and in Gamma Theta Phi. Louis Pinderski has had his finger in the campus political pie as a busy member of the White Horse party.

Bob Pavey '42 is another Gamma Theta Phi (journalism) and is active in campus politics, serving on the '42 party, which won the senior election this year.

### You Are Invited—

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beautiful new Illini Union Building.

Good seats for the Michigan-Illinois football game are already hard to get, but we'll be glad to secure the best available for you if you will send us your check for \$2.50 for every ticket wanted.

We feel sure that we can count on you to make Beta-Eta's 1941 Homecoming a real success from start to finish. All that is needed is for you to be on hand.

## Beta-Eta Pledges Top Notch Class Of Fifteen Men

**DESPITE HANDICAPS RUSHING  
PROVES HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL  
FOR PI K. A.**

Despite the threats of national defense, the new men's dorm and decreased enrollment (the figure is 9 per cent lower this year) Beta Eta chapter came through rush week with flying colors and as a result we have fifteen new pledges on our roster.

We're mighty proud of the men who are wearing the Pi K.A. pledge badge and we hope that a large group of alumni will be on hand for Homecoming and other week-ends this fall to meet these men.

The complete group follows:

Robert Castle '45, commerce school, Champaign; James Glenn Thon '45, PE, football, Oak Park; Robert William Stickel '45, L.A.S., Chicago; Alvern Bonnett '44, commerce, marketing club, Tuscola; Wilbur D. Stites '44, L.A.S., Magnolia; Alfred Joseph Krukus '44, L.A.S., Chicago.

Edwin Eveland '45, Fine Arts, Illio, Peoria; Donald Earl Willcoxon '45, L.A.S., Y.M.C.A., Peoria; Robert Edie '44, L.A.S., Tuscola; Jack Putnam '44, L.A.S., baseball, Chicago.

Pat Cheeley '45, P.E., football, Foley, Minn.; James S. Coe '45 Commerce, Chrisman; Gene L. Donner '45, Electrical Eng., Chicago; Richard Fowler Walton '45, Petroleum Eng., Fairfield; Richard O'Hair '44, L.A.S., Paris.

This fine group of pledges will greatly aid in keeping Pi K.A. the top house on the U. of I. campus.

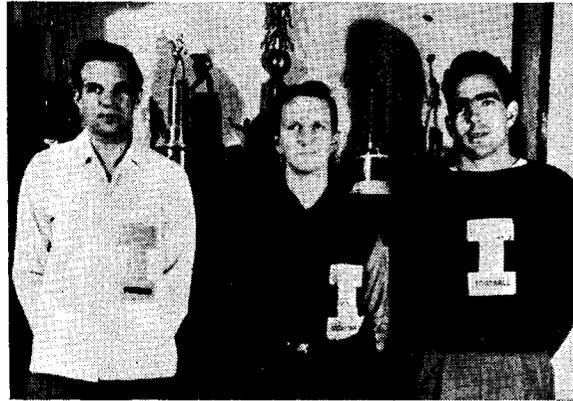
We wish to take this opportunity of thanking our alumni for their fine help in sending in recommendations and in otherwise aiding us in our rushing work during the summer.

Here's news about several Beta Eta alumni who have moved since our last issue. Jesse E. Haddon '29 is now living at [redacted] Ill. In

Rochelle, Ill., Charles A. MacEachern '38 now lives on [redacted] Kenneth J. Moss '39 gets his mail now at [redacted].

A new address for Gordon R. Ross '35 in [redacted]

## Pi K.A. Letter Winners



THIS PICTURE, USED in the chapter's summer rushing booklet, shows the three chapter letter-winners last year—Dick Knowles, captain of the varsity tennis team; Bob Richmond, outstanding player on the 1940 cage team, and Ken Cheeley, regular center on this year's varsity grid team. Destined to join the ranks of Beta-Eta letter-winners this year is Ike Niedzelski, guard on the Illini grid team.

## News From Brothers Everywhere

(Editor's note: We are anxious to learn the whereabouts of every Beta-Eta alumnus in the Service. We need this information for our files and we would also like to pass on news so that alumni in the same locality can contact each other. Please send all information about men in the Service as soon as possible.)

Clayton G. Haessler '39 can be addressed as follows: [redacted]

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Bob Gross '39, who lives in Paris, Ill., is now at [redacted]

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We've received word via a post office forwarding card that Dave Oram '31 has moved from Boulder, Colo., to Polo, Ill., and can be addressed there at [redacted]

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Lloyd K. (Mickey) McNeal '31, who is a sales supervisor for Proctor and Gamble Company, can now be reached at their Minneapolis offices. Mickey was formerly with the firm out in Denver, Colo.

We've received word that Edward J. Hunolt '32 has changed his residence from Chicago to [redacted]

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We note with pride that Maurice E. Zetterholm '15 was listed as one of the contributors to the Pi Kappa Alpha Endowment Fund in the July issue of The Shield and Diamond. Brother Zetterholm, a Chicago executive with offices in the Wrigley Building, is the only one listed from this chapter.

### YOU ARE INVITED

Deneen Watson '24, Chicago, is chairman of the policy and promotion committee of the University's alumni association, and is mapping out methods of making more effective and more frequent contacts with alumni everywhere. We think he is just the man for a job like this.

### ENROLLMENT DROPS

The anticipated large drop in University enrollment, which officials had predicted would be between 15 and 20 per cent, failed to materialize as registration figures released late in September showed a decrease of only 1,191 students, 9.65 per cent below that of last year.