

PHI KAPPA THETA FRATERNITY  
Seton Hall University

Phi Beta Chapter

January 25, 1963

Dear Paul,

As a result of the observation of many people at Seton Hall, you are invited to participate in the Phi Beta rush program.

Rushing is a method employed by fraternities to determine which students should receive bids to pledge. It affords the student an opportunity to meet many of the brothers socially, and gives him a chance to evaluate the fraternity after gaining a thorough background of knowledge about the chapter.

For a decade Phi Beta has selected only those students who are Seton Hall's finest. This policy is also maintained concerning the rush program. Only students who are apparently Chapter material are rushed. The rush program permits the brotherhood to ascertain the significant rushees.

Participation in the rush program implies no obligation on the part of the rushee or on the part of the fraternity. It is merely a period of mutual observation.

The rush program, per se, consists of a number of social events. It will begin with an informal smoker on Thursday, January 31, from 7 P.M. - 9 P.M.. Everyone is to meet in the main lounge of Boland Hall. Transportation will be arranged. Boarding students are to leave their names with Earnie Delia who will arrange group permission.

Correspondence regarding this invitation may be left with Dr. Charles West or slipped under his door in Boland Hall. Please submit your responses on Wednesday, January 30.. If you are unable to attend this event but wish to investigate Phi Kappa Theta further, arrangements will be made to accomodate you.

Sincerely,

R.S.V.P.

Thomas H. Gasque  
President

## FRATERNITIES AND SETON HALL

- Q. When were fraternities recognized at Seton Hall University?  
A. In 1953 two fraternities were officially recognized, Phi Beta and Alpha Kappa Psi (in that order).
- Q. Does Seton Hall have National Social Fraternities?  
A. Phi Kappa Theta is the only chapter of a National Social Fraternity. The stages for becoming a national are first, affiliate, then colony, and finally, chapter. Until a group has its Chapter Charter it is not actually national. Phi Beta received its Chapter Charter in 1962, after a colonization period of only 3 months. This was a record colonization period in the 100 year history of PKT, and was only granted because of the group's excellence.
- Q. Will Seton Hall have more nationals?  
A. Probably. There are many valid local "off campus" groups that are completing probationary periods from 1-4 yrs. After a group has completed its trial period it may then apply for permission to go national. N.B. No probationary fraternity, at this time, has the assurance that it will be recognized.
- Q. How long does pledging last?  
A. From 6-8 weeks. The termination of pledging rests with the pledgemaster.
- Q. Who is the Pledgemaster?  
A. The Pledgemaster is appointed by the President and is responsible for the pledge education program. The pledges participate in socials with the bros., receive projects, and must indicate a strong interest in gaining full brotherhood.

The present officers of the fraternity are:

- President        Thomas H. Gasque '63, Pres. Federated Student Government, NY-NJ Regional Treas. NFCCS, Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities. Deal, N.J.
- V. President    Vincent R. Lupo '63, Chairman Biology Division ACS, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Trenton, N.J.
- Treas.           Paul Meehan '64, Junior Delegate NFCCS, Bridgeport, Conn.
- Cor. Sec.        Charles Lisa '63, Senior Class Secretary, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Glassboro, NJ
- Rec. Sec.        James Hallock '63, President Biology Research Society, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Paterson N.J..
- S.C. Rep.        Brian Vesley '64, Secretary Fed. St. Govt., Secretary IFC Rep.        IFC, Fairlawn, N.J.

WHY CONSIDER PHI KAPPA THETA ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

Only after careful study should a student select his college fraternity. Social, Academic, and, Moral, stability is the essence of a good college fraternity. Phi Beta Chapter has provided this to the students and to the University since it was founded in 1953.

Social full year-round social program, incl. socials, smokers, picnics, trips, mixers, summer house etc. Phi Kappa Theta IS NOT a public entertainment service. Our fraternity affairs are closed to bros. and their guests.

Sports Full participation in intermural sports program. 5 sports. So far our PKT basketball team is 4-0. The bowling team is now in 2ed place. Spring teams will be organized for appropriate sports.

Academic PKT average at Seton Hall is 2.7, the highest of any fraternity. Alumnus bros. are representing Seton Hall at schools such as UofP, Cornell, Princeton, Georgetown etc.. Bro. John Sena '62, is the first and only Seton Hall Fullbright Scholar. Bro. Bill Kane '62, is the only man from Seton Hall in the Peace Corps (Cameroon). The last 3 Valedictorians have been PKT.. This is an indication of the type of bros. you will gain in Phi Beta.

Spiritual V. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Fleming is the Chapter Chaplain and Spiritual Advisor. The bros. of PKT enjoy first and foremost the brotherhood of common ideal, that being Catholicism. The fraternity will begin its annual retreat this spring.

Brothers of our chapter have distinguished themselves in the service of Seton Hall. To mention a few positions currently filled by PKT bros.:

Pres. of University Board of Trustees  
Pres. of Seton Hall University  
Ex. V.P. Seton Hall University  
Spiritual Director of Seton Hall University  
Assistant Dean of Men  
Pres. Federated Student Government  
President Student Council  
President Class '63  
President Class '64  
President Class '  
Editor of Setonian Newspaper  
Editor of Galleon Yearbook  
President Academy of Science  
Pres. Biology Research Society  
Regional Office NFCCS  
NFCCS Senior Delegate

This is an indication that Phi Kappa Theta brothers take an interest in their University. Phi Beta is a fraternity of student and alumni leaders. It attempts to combine the dignity of the individual, the responsibility of leadership, and the enjoyment of social fraternalism, into one product --The PKT Man.

N.B. Phi Kappa Theta has once again taken the lead among fraternities at Seton Hall by abolishing personal pledging. This great step forward will be explained by the brothers. Its objective is to development a more mature pledge program which will be of greater benefit to both the pledge and the chapter.



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*Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity*

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

South Orange, New Jersey

January 4, 1963

V. Rev. Paul E. Lang Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of History  
Seton Hall University

Dear Msgr. Lang,

The brothers of Phi Beta congratulate you on the honor of having been named Papal Chamberlain by His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

This titled honor is indicative of the honorable service you have rendered to our University. For this we thank you, and offer our prayerful good wishes for future success.

Sincerely,  
The brothers of Phi Beta

Thomas H. Gascue '63  
President



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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

South Orange, New Jersey

November 30, 1962

To: All undergrads

Subject: Pledging

In accordance with a request by the Float Chairman, Pledge

Privileges for all undergraduates are suspended from

Sat., Dec. 1 - Mon. Dec. 3, 8:00 A.M..

Those excepted are the Chapter President and the Chapter

Pledgemaster.

*Thomas H. Gasque*

THOMAS H. GASQUE  
PRESIDENT

*William DeCingue*

Wm. DeCingue  
Pledgemaster

# PAX ROMANA

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October 14, 1962

JAIME CORDOVA  
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Mr. G. V. Uihlein, Jr.  
Executive Vice President  
Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity  
National Office  
One Rutland Terrace  
Worcester 9, Mass

Dear Mr. Uihlein:

Just a few days ago your letter "returned" from Montevideo, where it did not quite catch me while I was there. They forwarded it to me, at my Brooklyn address. A day later Ed Kirchner wrote me, enclosing another copy of the questionnaire. I guess you think I must be a bit delinquent; sorry for the delay, but - as I assume you can readily see - the fault was not quite mine.

Enclosed is the completed form; I assume I have done it properly. In case additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to call on me.

We just finished a very successful North American Commission seminar near Detroit. At least to me it seemed as our best effort in recent years. Ed had a few young men from the Detroit chapter with him.

So much for today. May I wish you continuous success in all your worthwhile endeavors.

Cordially,

  
Peter V. Vygantas

cc E. Kirchner

*Pres. V. Vygantas Sec. Jaime Cordova*  
*+ JTM WRG WAH*

RELIGIOUS TEACHERS FILIPPINI  
VILLA WALSH  
MORRISTOWN, N. J.

August 15, 1962

Reverend Edward J. Fleming  
Seton Hall University  
South Orange, New Jersey

Dear Father Fleming:

I am most grateful to you for making our recent visit at Seton Hall University such a memorable one.

May I assure you that Mr. Joseph Zitelli, attorney to the Holy Father, was extremely impressed by your kindness. He expressed his admiration for the great work accomplished at Seton Hall.

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Fleming is*  
I am particularly grateful to you for having sent Tom to accompany us. He was a credit to Seton Hall. Kindly extend my sincere thanks to him.

I greatly appreciate your benevolence and, while thanking you most cordially, I wish to assure you of my fervent prayers on your behalf.

Devotedly in Christ,

*Martin C. ...*  
Provincial



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## *Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity*

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

South Orange, New Jersey

October 16, 1962

Rev. Edward J. Fleming Ph.D.  
Executive Vice President  
Chairman University Facilities Committee  
Seton Hall University

Dear Fr. Fleming:

Realizing that campus space is at a premium it is the desire of Phi Kappa Theta to locate in an area that will not deprive anyone else of essential working space, ~~and let the same time~~ allow the fraternity to carry on its service program without interruption.

Within the last three years the fraternity headquarters have been transferred more than eight times. On each occasion the brothers have spent a great deal of time, effort and ~~money~~ improving the areas received. Our classic example is the third floor of McQuaid Hall, where the brothers spent a semester's time and over \$150 (out of pocket) on improvements. One week following the completion of the work we were requested to vacate the area. The money ~~was~~ never reimbursed.

Our present location in the basement of McQuaid offers great potential. However before the members ~~improve~~ the area some indication that the work would not be in vain would be required.

The Freshing Rifles were in a similar predicament some time ago. The situation was, for all practical purposes, identical. Since the time that they received encouragement from the Administration, ~~they~~ have made great strides in improving their facilities.

The students of Phi Kappa Theta request similar encouragement from you.

Mr. Pennisi has approved the opening of the back entrance which will greatly reduce any fire hazard.





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There is nothing that strengthens our fraternal spirit more than the feeling that we, in some small way, are participating in the progress of our University. This feeling would be greatly enhanced if we had a correlating feeling of permanence.

I wish to thank you once again for your support and your effort on behalf of your Phi Kapp brothers.

Fraternally,

Thomas H. Casque  
President



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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony B. Connell  
Director of Divinity School  
Seton Hall University

Dear Msgr. Connell,

The brothers of Phi Beta congratulate you on the honor of having been named Domestic Prelate by His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

This titled honor is indicative of the honorable service you have rendered to our University. We offer our prayerful good wishes for continued success in your capacity at Seton Hall.

Sincerely,  
The brothers of Phi Beta

Thomas H. Gasque '63  
President



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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

South Orange, New Jersey

February 15, 1958

Dear Sirs:

Phi Kappa Theta has been designated the official service arm of Seton Hall University. For fifteen years it has been our responsibility and privilege to serve in this capacity. We have been, and are, available to each department of the University, and members of the faculty and administration, alike. Your needs are our primary concern.

Please contact us in our service lounge in McQuaid Hall by phoning extension 422, Monday through Friday. We are always ready and willing to serve you.

Respectfully,

The Brothers of Phi Kappa Theta

Phi Kappa Theta Service.....Phone extension 422