

### TIME LINES

June 15, 1929. The NINE HONORABLE FOUNDERS met at Pargas Store and pledged to bind themselves into a fraternity they christened BETA EPSILON, Brotherhood of Engineers.

August 23, 1929. The U.P. authorities recognized the organization with Val Pantoja as the first Most Exalted Brother, Mary Morales as Frat Sweetheart and Alejandro Melchor as Adviser.

Manila Carnival beauties Maria Kalaw, Pacita de los Reyes and Clarita Tankiang were BE Sweethearts in 1931, 1933 and 1934, respectively.

July 1932. Ramon Y. Enriquez, MEB that year was elected U.P. Student Council President.

July 1936. Alejandro Melchor was appointed to the Corps of Professors of PMA in Baguio; Antonio Albert was chosen Adviser. Otoniel Gonzaga '35 went to the Berlin Olimpia to compete in rifle markmanship.

August 1938. Beta Epsilon staged the musical skit, "The Mikado," at the Engineering Smoker, with Jess Monroy as Nanki Po and Abraham Perez as Koko. The following year, the sequel "The Son of the Mikado" with Loreto Andrada and Teodoro Arcenas as the stars.

August 1939. Tenth Anniversary Ball at Cosmos Club in Binondo. Jose Zulueta MEB and Victoria Fargas Sweetheart.

December 1941. Saturday evening before Pearl Harbor, the Beta Epsilon sponsored an oratorical contest held at Villamor Hall. Roy Gil and Jose San Juan were winners.

1944. Pedro Cristobal and Eddie Chanco as Adviser revived activities of the frat during war years.

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August 1946. Beta Epsilon presented the winning skit, "Circe, the Circle Without an L," with MEB George Paez dancing as Circe the sorcerer.

April 7, 1947. Beta Epsilon tendered a dinner-dance honoring Alejandro Melchor, first Brother Adviser, at the Engineering Roof Garden in Ermita Manila.

July 1949. First second generation Betan, Jose Arvisu, Jr. was initiated. Among his batch mates; Ernie Tabujara, Ric Quebral, Rod Casiple. Bugs Villares, Ernie Padriga, Ernie Arce.

August 1949. Twentieth Anniversary at Escoda Pavillion in Balara Filters. A brochure was published which contained the first postwar reconstructed directory.

1950. The University organized the Interfraternity Council, with Beta Epsilon MEB Alejo A. Aquino Jr. as first president.

July 1950. Beta Epsilon presented the riotous skit, "Page Eight," with an all star cast. 1950 Sweetheart was Connie Joaquin daughter of first Sweetheart Mary Morales Joaquin.

August 1953. The original gravel-paved Beta Way was constructed. MEB was Joe Arvisu Jr. Initial issue of the Purple Tower.

1954. That year came the famous Albert Case. Activities of frats were suspended. However, the Beta Epsilon was able to obtain special permission to celebrate its Silver Jubilee with a grand affair at the Escoda Pavillion in Balara. Jess Perlas Jr. was MEB. No Sweetheart that year, but a Lady of the Day was selected during the celebration in the person of Amelia Litonjua, an engineering coed.

1955. The initiation final rites were held at the engineering fifth floor. It was the most solemn and impressive. Chito Recto was MEB.

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1958. First time that the finals were held out of town. Twenty-three were admitted. The venue was Santa Maria in Bulacan. MEB was Jun Berba.

1959. Pearl Anniversary. Celebration with a grand ball at the residence of Dom Cepeda on Valley Road, Quezon City. Sweetheart was Betanxette Evelyn Mandac. MEB was Ding Abaya.

1960. The Beta Epsilon put up the First Materials Exhibit. The venue was at the General Purpose Pilot Plant Building (now the M.E. Lab). For one week the Betans camped at the exhibition site. MEB was Lito Manahan.

Also during the Pearl Jubilee year, Beta Epsilon sponsored a week long art and photographic exhibit. The works of Emilio Lopez, Dom Ilio, Chelsea Tinio and Louie Belardo were displayed. Also some frames by some fine arts students. Yearly afterwards up to the 70's, BE sponsored Emil Lopez art shows.

1961. Construction of the concrete-paved Beta Way. Most of the work was done that summer. Received a commendatory letter from President Vicente Sinco. Inaugurated on November 15, 1961, with President Sinco and Bobby Tinio laying the last purple colored paving block. Beta Epsilon received the Wenceslao Q. Vinzons Award for the activity. Also that year, the Interfraternity Council was revived, Bobby Tinio was elected president. And also that year, the Fraulein-sponsored oratorical contest was won by Ernie Odulio, in 1962 by Ben Vilorio, in 1963 by Boy de Leon, in 1964 by Ed Manrique, in 1965 by Henry Villanueva and in 1966 by Egbert Abiad.

1964. Coral Jubilee celebration was sponsored by Betans, Inc. at the swank Madrid Restaurant along EDSA in Mandaluyong. Many alumni came even from out of town. A full-page write-up in the Manila Times was arranged by Jess Ignacio. It was on that occasion that Val Pantoja delivered the classic "What Are Brothers For?"

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1966. Beta Epsilon and Sigma Beta presented "Bowl' Mich," an evening of live discotheque. In 1967, a performance of the Borromeo Dance Troupe was jointly sponsored by Beta Epsilon and Phi Chi Theta.

1968 to 1971. The Kem Engg -sponsored Awitan was won by the Epsilon Singers led by Emmy and Malong Manlapig, Oca Cajipe, Benny Cruz, Mon Marquez, Frankie Ramirez. A few years later, the group of Pepe Balderrama also won several times.

1969. During the Ruby Jubilee year, a grand ball was held at the new Intercontinental Hotel. MEB was Louie Sison. Sweetheart was Nelia Sancho. Beta Epsilon produced the hit play "Boys in the Band," directed by Nestor Torre with a cast that included Behn Cervantes, Leo Martinez and Ronaldo Valdez. It was staged for a week at the Insular Life Theater in Makati and later brought over to the Abelardo auditorium in Dilliman.

1970. Beta Epsilon constructed the Beta Gate at the U.P. Children's Playground in Area 14. The structure was designed by Napoleon Abueva.

August 23, 1971. First BE Salo-salo at Elegant Diner along Quezon Avenue. It was held a second time in 1972.

1972. Year martial law was proclaimed. Year that BE had four MEB's: Villagracia, Enriquez, Herbert Li and Ricky Lim. In 1973, frat ball was held at Valley Golf Club.

1974. Blockbooster was instituted. Abdon Laigo was MEB. Cristina Consunji was Sweetheart

1971. Norby Perrin and Sid Consuni ran and won the Engineering Council Chair and Vice-Chair--- Beta Epsilon alone versus the combine of all other engineering organizations.

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1975. Grand Reunion at Engineering Lobby with over two hundred Betans attending. MEB was Pablo Sagay Jr., Dorothy Barwell was Sweetheart.

1976. BE presented "Variety Show" managed by Hilary de Leon's mother Lillian Laing with a star-studded cast of stage and movie personalities.

1976. Planning of Golden Jubilee celebration started with a meeting at Tony Albert's residence. Present were Val Pantoja, Dom Cepeda, Eddie Chanco, Fred Jainio, Ernie Tabujara, Pol Abis, Tony Albert, D. Ilio.

1978. MASKIPAPS was first held at the Engineering Lobby a few days before the annual University's lantern parade.

1979. Beta Epsilon Golden Jubilee. Grand Ball at the Philippine Plaza. A big write-up about the fraternity was published in Panorama magazine. Also in Expressweek. A Rigodon de Honor was danced during the occasion. Sweetheart was Edwina "Dinky" Con-sunji, MEB was Dody Marquez. Earlier that year, the first Third Generation Betan entered the ffat in the person of Ruben Sison, son of Franklin and Bella, grandson of Emiliano.

1983. Construction of Beta Theater by the U.P. Lagoon, BE's gift to the U.P. on its Diamond Jubilee. Designed by Roni Manahan. First presentation on stage was Poetry Reading of the works of D.I. Ilio, Felichi Pangilinan, Rosette Lerias, Beng Gaspar, Lenard Berba, Adrian Jaranilla, Kenneth Ilio and Behn Cervantes among the readers.

1986. First BE Kapehan convened at Mister Donats in Unimart. It has been meeting every first Saturday of the month. Present venue at Cravings in EDSA Shangrila.

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1987. First reunion of U.S. Betans in San Francisco. BENA (Beta Epsilon North America) was formally organized in 1989 in Long Beach, California, where J.B.Cruz Jr. was elected first President. Subsequent BENA reunions were in New York (1991), Las Vegas (1994) San Diego (1996), Toronto (1998) Chicago (2000) & Las Vegas (2002).

1988. Beta Epsilon Alumni Inc. (BEAI) formally organized with Filemon T. Berba Jr. first president, An interim working committee prepared the ground work in birthing the alumni organization in 1987.

1987. Beta Epsilon Alumni established the Dom I. Ilio Award for the Most Outstanding All-around Engineering Graduate, in commemoration of his 50th year as a Betan. He was named Mr. Beta Epsilon in 1984.

1991. Blockout was first launched, then a beach games competition among engineering and architecture freshmen. It was revived in 1994 with assistance from ACK in furnishing beach sand for the playground.

1992. Construction of the Beta Epsilon Audio-Visual Room by the connecting wing to the NHRC labs.

1993. Book launching of Prof. Ilio's books, Collected Poems and Guerrilla memoirs, October 1993 at the Audio Visual Room.

1994. 65th Anniversary Ball at Intercontinental Hotel. BENANS came over for the occasion. One day trip to Corregidor .

1995. Beta Epsilon Quarterly Dinner. A brainchild of Fil Berba, BEAI instituted this affair in which Betan personalities were honored, starting with Chancellor Tabujara, Francis Ablan of Caltex, Dean Jwinio, Dave Consunji, Jonby Carlos, J.V. Angeles, Usec Josie Trinidad Lichawco and Pol Abis.

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1996. Quarterly Dinner on February 12, the Beta Epsilon invited -- gathered more than three dozens of roses which were proffered to same number of former Sweethearts of the fraternity. Among those who came: Clarita Tankiang (1934), Freddie Almeda Consunji (1944), Connie Joaquin Paz (1950), Josie Trinidad (1953), Bella Respicio (1956) Cecille Onrobia (1966), Agnes Abela (1967), Nelia Sancho (1969), Cristina Consunji (1973-74), Jonelle de Guzman (1977), Edwina Consunji (1979) and many younger ones. Freddie Consunji delivered a speech, "A Sweetheart's Message."

Summer 1996. The Beta Epsilon embarked on a Mindanao caravan by way of the Friendship Highway through Bicolandia, Samar, Leyte, to Surigao, Agusan del Norte on to Davao City then through Bukidnon and Cagayan de Oro. Arranged by BEAI president Rozel Santos.

1999. Grand celebration of the 70th year of Beta Epsilon at Manila Polo Club. Many BENans attended. Published were the Betan Yearbook edited by Betanette Carol Salazar and & 70 Years of Beta Epsilon written by Dom I. Ilio.

2000. Spearheaded by the Beta Epsilon and the UPAB, the Centennial of the birth of Alejandro Melchor was celebrated. An exhibit of the memorabilia of Melchor's archival possessions, including his Beta Epsilon frat pin. Initiated was a series of the Alejandro Memorial Lectures which so far seven have been delivered by various personalities. Also a brochure on Melchor's life and works was published.

2001. An annual "Bisita Iglesia" started. Churches in towns along the shore of Laguna de Ba-y were the destinations of the pilgrimage. Continued in 2002 & 3003.

2002. A program to award scholarship grants to seven Most Promising Engineering Students was initiated by BEAI president Ogie Alzona.