

BETA ALPHA PARTICLES

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PI KAPP COLLEGE REPORT

By Louis Chen BA 749



When I decided to attend PiKapp College, I was anxious but at the same time nervous about what I would encounter. I had heard different experiences and stories from the older brothers who went to previous colleges and knew immediately that it was going to be a memorable experience. The fact that it was going to be held at someplace I've never been to (Charlotte, North Carolina) made me even more eager to go.

The weekend we were to head down, the weather was supposed to be horrible

because it was going to be raining the whole drive down. Regardless of the bad weather I was looking forward to the road trip with my brothers, going to a new place and being able to meet brothers from other chapters around the country. On a good day it would be about a 6 hour drive down but due to the weather it took 8 hours.

Although it would've been smart to alternate drivers, I didn't feel comfortable enough to let the other brothers drive my car. Whenever we made a pit stop, we would load up on snacks and finish them by the next pit stop, so needless to say, a good amount of money was spent on junk food.

Driving through Virginia took forever but once we

got through we knew we were on the home stretch and the weather was finally clearing up. When we finally arrived I Charlotte, we got lost. The roads down there are so confusing because you could be traveling on Clarken Road, for example, and as your driving down the road changes to Digaetano Terrace. You would think that I made a turn somewhere but this is a straight road. So after driving around for a good 15 minutes, we got our bearings and reached our destination, which was Queens College.

Signing in and getting briefed on the upcoming weekend was an event in itself. As I was walking through the campus I heard someone calling my name and realized it was brothers

from Alpha Xi chapter (St. Johns University). We talked for a few minutes about our drives and headed our ways. After signing in, we went to our respective groups, where we received the material and some gifts like a book bag with the star shield on the back, a notebook and a pen. We were allowed to explore the campus, move in our luggage

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and get settled in before the opening ceremony proceeded by lunch. The rest of the day was more orientation with groups and such and pretty much boring. That night, my chapter and alpha xi chapter went downtown to explore the nightlife. Originally, the plan was to go to every bar there but there was no parking anywhere so we said screw it and went to taco bell and talked for a while.

The next day everyone had to wake up bright and early with another day of classes and lectures. Awards were also given out that day and a big congrats to all the chapters that received and award. Fast forward to the evening, there was going to be a crossing ritual for an alumni initiate, which I was really excited about because it would be the first ritual I would be witnessing instead of participating in. As I walked up to the church, I saw a huge line and found out that everyone was being challenged in order to get into the ritual. The wait was horrible because it was hot out and everyone had a suit

on so you can imagine how uncomfortable it was. Once everyone was settled in, we were told to stand up as quietly as we can and repeat the oath with the alumni initiate when it came up during the ritual. I was thinking to myself that it wasn't going to be quiet at all and that it would just be a hassle and ruin the ritual but I was wrong. When it came time to recite the oath and everyone stood up together and declared it in one unified voice, words cannot describe the feeling that comes over you. I had chills running down my spine knowing we all came together under the goals, perseverance and determination of seven unforgettable men. Men who refused to give up just because the odds were against them, men who weren't discouraged because people went behind their backs, men who formed a forever-lasting organization. Through this organization came more men (over 900,000 to be exact), all of whom I'm proud to call my brothers. After the ritual, some people were recognized

for their numerous contributions to the fraternity, one of them being Steve Depalma.

We set out early next morning for the long ride back and had to miss the closing ceremony because of work on Monday. Everyone said their good byes and exchanged contacts. I'm glad I took the leap of faith and attended PiKapp College because not only did I come back with great memories but I also came back being more knowledgeable in my position, which I can share with the rest of my chapter and future wardens. All in all it was a memorable weekend and I'm looking forward to midyear which I'll be attending as well and hope to share with you the experiences.

BETA ALPHA WEBSITE

By Anil Bridgpal BA 750

As newly appointed Historian, I took it upon my self to redesign the current Beta Alpha Website,

The current site is a newer revision of the previous beta alpha site from years ago. With a newer flair, and updated information, it will soon serve as a central hub

for the brothers of Beta Alpha past and present.

The new site features links to National, Push America, Pi Kappa Phi Alumni, and new page dedicated to the Pi Kappa Phi's values for potential freshman.

Also featured is a downloadable MP3 of "The Rose" along

with the creed, to always remind us of the positives.

Future updates to the website will include a private login for Beta Alpha brothers past and present to login to share pictures and messages.

A THANKS GOES OUT TO BROTHER RYAN SPADACCINI FOR PROVIDING FREE WEB HOSTING FOR THE BETA ALPHA WEBSITE

PI KAPPA PHI
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HISTORY OF PI KAPPA PHI

The fraternity movement began in 1776 when Thomas Jefferson formed a literary and political society with his closest friends at The College of William and Mary, and has been closely intertwined with the American experience ever since.

Fraternities have been born between men seeking brotherhood, fellowship, common understanding, and lifelong commitment, in nearly every imaginable environment - from the battlefields of the Civil War to the dining hall of a New York college to the second floor of a downtown storefront in Charleston. More than 250 years of leaders, scholars, athletes, citizens, and stewards have been shaped and built by the fraternity experience, and Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity is proud to be a leading member of that legacy.

Founded as Nu Phi (the non-fraternity) in Charleston, South Carolina at the turn of the 20th Century, we have grown from humble beginnings based in friendship and trust to a nationwide brotherhood of more than 80,000 men, living and leading in every state and community in our Union.

Learn of the proud history of the American Fraternities, the birth of Nu Phi, and the development of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

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HOUSE RENOVATIONS

By Fred Huang BA 739

Over the past few months, brothers and I have fixed up the house in different ways.

Our first concern was fixing up immediate problems that effected day to day life. With Brother Dan Loveless BA 742, he and my self took it upon our selves to fix the problems with the leak in the chapter room. Prepared with fresh shingles and roofing tar we proceeded to fix the roof and further reinforce it for years to come.

The dance floor became one of my prouder projects. Being handy with renovations and coming up with new ideas, I repainted the letters in the dance floor with UV reactive paint, to show up during parties and other events when black lights are on.

This combined with the new water misters that installed along tracks in the ceiling was a crowd favorite at parties and mixers.

Over the course of several years, Beta Alpha has acquired many items from brothers for DJ booth that helps during events. I took it upon my self to further contribute to the house by putting in all new speakers and redoing the wiring with better gauge wiring.

I am always finding new ways to fix up our house and make it more memorable for brothers, and hopefully my changes will be appreciated for many more years to come.



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NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Here is the remaining 2005 schedule. There is always the potential for change based on your input as we meet during the year. Please let me know any of your ideas for different places to meet. The monthly e-mails will keep you updated to changes in the schedule or locations.

North Jersey Alumni Chapter 2005 Meeting Schedule

December 7, 2005

Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 West, Green Brook, NJ

As always, the meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Locations are varied in order to accommodate as many brothers as possible.

If any brothers you know are not receiving monthly NJAC notices via e-mail, please send your current e-mail address to John Lee at jlee385@comcast.net and Ron Szkodny at ronaldszkodny@att.net.