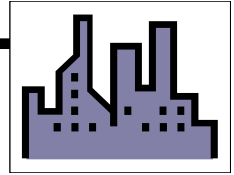


BETA ALPHA ALUMNI NEWS



NJIT CONSIDERS GREEK VILLIAGE WHERE DOES BA STAND?

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Submissions

Send To Pat

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Next Deadline Sept 1, 2006

Vacation stories, announcements or
other story ideas accepted

Founders Day

Hold The Date!

Sun. Nov. 12, 2006

1pm–5pm

Location: tba

Brotherhood Reception

5pm–Till?

Location: Chapter House



Over ten years ago we started a capital campaign to raise enough money to build a new house for Beta Alpha Chapter. Our Alumni Board of Overseers have been focusing on three priorities. 1. Keeping the chapter running. 2. Maintaining the current facility. 3. Keeping the Chapter in good standing with the Pi Kappa Phi National Organization. We have accomplished those goals.

There have been several long term goals that are still being worked on. Such as secure enough money to purchase or build a new house, get a property closer to school, & build a new house. None of these goals have been achieved.

Let me summarize where we are. We had a semi-successful Capital Campaign. We have saved a significant amount of money for a new house. One of our goals has been to secure a property closer to the campus for security reasons. There have been numerous attempts to secure a better property for a new house. We continue to look at potential properties. However, there is very little property closer to NJIT's campus for investigation. Most of the property is owned by a university, the hospital, or Newark's housing authority. There does not seem to be any alternatives for a better property at this time.

We were notified that our existing property might be taken under eminent domain for a new Grammar School. However, that plan is currently on hold due to funding issues. Will our current property be taken by a city agency? No one knows the answer to that question. Is there a timetable for taking over our property? No one knows the answer to that question either. However, we do know that our property has been targeted and it is in the redevelopment zone.

Since President Robert Altenkirch has taken over as President of NJIT there have been some

interesting developments. There was a Greek Community Task Force assembled over two years ago. The Organization consists of several campus Officials, Alumni from all the Fraternities/ Sororities, & Undergraduate Members from all Fraternities/Sororities. There have been a total of 3 meetings over the past 2 years. Joe Manfredi, Joe Chapski, myself & other Beta Alpha's have been attending these meetings.

Here is what we have learned:

- NJIT has designated land for Building Greek Housing.
- NJIT wants to discuss the possibility of using NJIT Land for a New Greek Community.
- Teams from NJIT have visited College housing at the University of Maryland, George Washington University in Washington, DC and the University of Houston. I visited two of these schools with NJIT Officials.
- The President of NJIT, a Greek himself made one of the site visits.
- There seems to be significant interest by NJIT to help out the Greek Community with new housing.

There was a general Greek Housing Community meeting held last month. There were several presentations made by NJIT Personnel followed by an extensive Q&A Period with Joel Bloom a Vice President at NJIT. **He stated that NJIT goals were to support quality housing & to improve Greek life at NJIT.** Vice President Bloom went on to answer questions such as the following :

- Is there a Master Plan for the North Area above the Campus? (Current Greek row)
No.
- Does NJIT plan to take over the Buildings Currently in Greek Row? **No**

- Can NJIT Protect the Greek Community Houses from being taken by the City of Newark? **No**
- Is there a possibility that Fraternity Houses on the current Greek row will be taken over by a developer or city sponsored development project? **Yes, the possibility exists. However, there are no definite plans at this time.**
- Will NJIT do anything to protect the current Greek Houses? **No, NJIT has little political power in Newark. NJIT is not a tax payer or voter. NJIT does not want to fight the City of Newark on this issue.**

We will meet with the school officials and see what they have to say. We will report back at that time through our Newsletters and emails to all Beta Alpha's. It may take a few months. Things seem to be moving very slowly.

You can help. Many of you have made contributions to BA's first ever Capital Campaign. However, many pledges have been only partially fulfilled and need to be paid in full. For those alumni who have made pledges we need you to fulfill your pledge at this time. To keep the doors open at the chapter house we had to comply to newly implemented state fire laws. We had to, by court order install a full sprinkler system throughout the chapter house. That project set the Campaign back over about \$45,000.00. If you had not made a pledge to the original campaign now is the time to make yours. Donations and Pledges can be sent to Beta Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, PO. Box 271, Pine Brook, NJ 07058. We need to be ready when opportunity knocks.

Jim Krucher BA 341

Director of Public Relations



“Not since Jim Krucher’s plan for world dominance in the 80’s has the Northeast seen expansion on this level.”

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NORTHEAST EXPANSION

For all of us in the Northeast that have felt like a red-headed step child when it comes to National times they are a changing. For the 1st time ever we have an Associate Chapter in New England. That’s right New England. The University of Massachusetts invited Pi Kapp to colonize on their campus. Right now there is a group of 25 determined Associate Members there who are all fired up about Pi Kappa Phi. I had the pleasure of hosting a Strategic Planning Retreat there and I can tell you this is one great group of guys. They are hoping to

Charter in the fall.

The biggest shock came with the announcement of Rutgers University in New Brunswick as a new Associate Chapter. Recruitment will take place March 19th through April 16th. This is just an unbelievable event; we can no longer complain that the Northeast is not getting any attention. If you know of anyone at Rutgers who may be interested please let David White know @ dw4422@aol.com.

Also Scheduled for expan-

sion is the University of Connecticut. There is an interest group at Johnson & Wales in Rhode Island. Not since Jim Krucher’s plan for world dominance in the 80’s has the Northeast seen expansion on this level.

If you know of any school where an interest group may exist please contact David White at the previously stated Email address and I will pass it along to the proper authorities.

David White BA 432

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

After recently touring the NJIT campus it is safe to say the school has changed quite a bit since I graduated. So has the Greek Community as a whole.

You often hear brothers telling tales of “When I was in School...Things were like this...Things were like that...” I graduated in 1999, not so long ago, and there has been a major change in the Greek Community, unfortunately it has not been for the better. The current Undergraduate Chapter has about 20 active members. That makes them the largest Fraternity on campus. In contrast, only a short while ago, in 1999 Theta Chi was the largest chapter on campus with over 45 men. The overall numbers of the Greek Community have been dropping from year to year. There is an apparent lack of direction and internal support.

Every cloud has a silver lining. I see this as an opportunity to recruit quality men from the NJIT community while there is an obvious Vacuum of Greek leadership.

Giving the Undergraduates all the tools they need to perform an outstanding RUSH will lead to recruiting some great men and might work toward bolstering Greek support overall.

RUSH is a game of Networking. Everyone out in the business world knows what networking is all about. Our Undergraduates, however do not have that business world experience.

A program was started this semester by the Alumni Board called “The Rush Roundtable”. It is an informal meeting where rush ideas are presented in a round table type setting. We will be scheduling September’s Roundtable just before “Move in Day” at the Dorms. “Move in Day” is the first RUSH event of the semester. It is a time to meet and Greet the newest NJIT students. To further complicate things starting in September no first semester freshman can Pledge a Greek Organization. This program is called RUSH Deferment and has been instituted across

the board by NJIT.

It is our goal to help facilitate the Undergraduate’s RUSH plan. As Alumni, we can offer our skills and experience to the Undergrads as they plan their RUSH schedule and strategies.

If you were good at recruiting quality associate members while you were an undergrad you may want to consider lending a hand at the next roundtable in September. If you possess the ability to enter a room full of strangers and leave with 2 friends you would be a valued addition to our Roundtable Panel. Please contact me at Bucketsupply@hotmail.com If you would like to participate.

Yes, things have changed on campus, but that is the cycle of life. Being a Beta Alpha I know that adversity is something that any member can overcome.

Pat Guerra BA 629
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NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI CHAPTER

2006 Schedule

All Brothers are Welcome to Attend our Social Gatherings.

May 3, 2006	Famished Frog, 14 Washington St., Morristown, NJ (973) 540-9601 (Located right off the Green in Central Morristown)
June 7, 2006	Kelly's Corner Tavern, Route 35, Neptune, NJ (732) 775-9517
August 2, 2006	Old Man Rafferty's, Route 206 South
Sept. 6, 2006	Outback Steakhouse, Rt. 22 West, Green Brook, NJ
Oct. 4, 2006	Outback Steakhouse, Rt. 22 West, Green Brook, NJ
Nov. 12, 2006	Founder's Day , 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Location To Be Determined

NEW CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW CENTURY

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity recently introduced a new marketing campaign to help steer the fraternity in its second century. The concept, **Leaders by Choice**, is based on research and recommendations developed by the Second Century Vision Committee. In 2004, the committee was charged with the task of assessing the state of the fraternity and devising a strategic plan to guide the organization.

The committee identified "leadership" as the principle most exemplified by our three founders, citing that Pi Kappa Phi was established to create leadership opportunities for its members. The committee assessed that the fraternity would need to accept a broader commitment to this founding principle in order to align with our founders' intentions for the organization.

The new campaign, which replaces the "America's Leading Fraternity" initiative introduced in 2000, aims to convey that commitment. All new marketing materials will incorporate the campaign's theme and the Pi Kappa Phi Web site will gradually be transformed to reflect the concept.

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Contact Pat Before the Next Issue (Sept 1, 06)

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CHAPTER INVESTMENT FUNDS

Chapter Investment Funds are special type of endowment funds, which have been established through the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation to allow and encourage alumni and others to make tax-deductible contributions on behalf of their chapter.

The IRS allows these funds to be tax-deductible with certain rules as to how the funds can be distributed. The Fund is managed totally by the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation. The funds can be used for educational purposes such as scholarships, academic tutors, leadership development retreats etc. The principal is not used to fund the above, only 5 % of the CIF can be disbursed each year once the fund has a total value of \$5,000.

If you currently contribute to the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation, I would like to

ask you to earmark your current contribution for the BA CIF. You will receive the same tax-deduction and the same credit for your contribution as far as National is concerned. The only difference is that the money you contribute will be earmarked for the Beta Alpha Chapter Investment Fund. To do this, all you need to do is write BA CIF in



the memo section of your check and write it on the return statement that came with the request for your donation from the Pi Kappa Phi Foundation. If you don't earmark your

donation it goes into the main fund in which BA can not directly use.

Currently the Beta Alpha Chapter Investment Fund is broken up into 2 categories-The General Account with a balance of \$2,283.94 and the Al Brown memorial Scholarship with a balance of \$22,754.73. The Al Brown Fund is distributed as scholarships to the undergrads each year. Our general fund is not yet at a point in which any money can be distributed.

It is very important that when you do decide to give to the foundation to earmark that donation as BA CIF. In no time our balance can be high enough to use.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Pugliesi BA 402
B.O.O. Past President

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2005-2006 NJIT ROOM RATES

NJIT Room Rates Per Semester

Cypress Hall:	Double Room	\$2987
Laurel Hall:	Double Room	\$2987
Redwood Hall:	Double Room	\$2810
Oak Hall:	Double Room	\$2987
	All Single Room:	\$3487



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Meal Plans range from \$1250—\$1492

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WORLDS BEST DRY RUB BBQ RIB RECIPE

Outdoor cooking to me is more than just a way to cook my food. It is a whole experience. Make it fun, comfortable, relaxing. I built my entire yard around it being "my outdoor space".

First make sure to use the cut of ribs that you favor the most. Remember that Baby Back ribs cook differently than St Louis style due to the different bone mass. Combine equal parts of salt, pepper, cayenne, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, pinch of oregano and chili powder. Mix well and use as a dry rub for your ribs. Spread a small amount of olive oil on the ribs paying attention to all the small pockets of meat in-between the bones. Then, rub on your combined spices until coated thoroughly. Set them on a baking sheet and refrigerate for a few hours allowing the rub to set. You

want a nice thick coat. If you think there is too much, its just right. If you like you may also add brown sugar to the rub.

When you are ready to cook, turn up the radio and pop on your favorite Frank Sinatra cd and preheat the grill to full blast. Once at max temperature turn off all burners but 1 and leave that on low. (If your grill allows make it the center burner.) Make sure you have a few cold beers and your favorite cigar near by because you have about 2-3 hours of cooking ahead of you. Its called Slow and Low. Make sure you keep the lid down unless you are turning the meat. When you first put the ribs on, since the grill itself is at max. temp., you should get some sizzling...that's normal. As it gets near your first 20 min turn, the temp. of the grill will be considerably lower.

Cooking time depends on your cut of ribs and how well-done you want them cooked. I keep careful watch of the ribs turning at most every 20 minutes so that all areas get the same heat coverage. The idea is to slow cook the ribs with no flame just indirect heat browning as you go. Keep the meaty, fatty side of the ribs facing up. This will help with self basting and overall appearance. I cook my ribs only long enough to say their cooked...that would be medium definitely not well done.

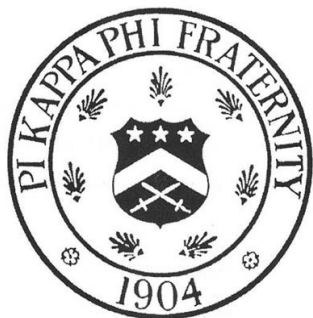
Experiment with adding more of one spice than the other until you get a mix for your dry rub that is your own. I favor the garlic and the oregano....Go Figure!

Mangia!

Pat Guerra BA 629

"Make sure you have a few cold beers and your favorite cigar near by..." "...Its called Slow and Low..."

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Our Roots

Pi Kappa Phi's commitment to leadership dates back more than 100 years to our humble roots at the College of Charleston where our founders exemplified leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, in campus politics and within the community. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity was founded to further create leadership opportunities—by men who made the choice to lead. Today, on more than 134 campuses across America, Pi Kappa Phi has broadened its commitment to building men who are leaders by choice.