

BETA ALPHA ALUMNI NEWS



50TH SUPREME CHAPTER

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Next Deadline March 1, 2007

Vacation stories, announcements or other story ideas accepted

Founders Day

Sun. Nov. 12, 2006

1pm–5pm

Location: Seabra's Rodizio
1034 Rt 21

Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 622-6221

Brotherhood Reception
5pm–Till?

Location: Chapter House



Reflecting back to this year's Supreme Chapter I can without a doubt recall the 2 widest talked about issues. The first was how hot it was the weekend we were in Fort Worth Texas for the event. Last weekend in July in Texas...Enough Said. The Second was that some how or another there is a Beta Alpha once again on the National Council. Our Very own Dave White.

That somehow or another has to do with Dave's impressive Pi Kapp resume: Regional Governor of the year, Nu Phi Society Member, Centennial Commission Member, He was a cyclist for gear up Florida 03 and was the top fund raiser for the event raising over \$11k for PUSH America, he has also served as chapter advisor for Beta Alpha and Zeta Kappa (Stockton State), Not too mention all the offices he held as an undergraduate at NJIT including the position of Archon.

Dave has been elected into the position of National Chaplain and from my point of view there was not a better man for the job. His new position, however, did raise some eyebrows from

some of the brothers who are from the more southern chapters. Jokingly of course, newly instilled National Treasurer Marc Jacobs (a Fort Worth Resident and Graduate of University of Texas Delta Psi Chapter) stated that he welcomes all of us to visit often or even move to the fort worth area with the exception of those relocating from NY and NJ "We have enough of the likes of y'all here already." All I can say is there is **no** better reason to go to a Supreme Chapter for a Beta Alpha than to get a rise from some of those Southern Eyebrows!

Our Supreme Chapter Contingent Cocktail consisted of 14 parts BA Brothers, 3 parts BA wives, 1 part BA daughter, & 1 part BA soon to be wife. (total of 19 people) Pour that over ice and defiantly shake things up do not stir.

For the Second Supreme Chapter in a row Beta Alpha hosted the 505 Club. To do so we secured a suite at the end of the hall to host the nightly gatherings. At which old friends were remembered, new friends were made, the business of the fraternity was aired,

and Brotherhood Spirit rang out Supreme.

It is near and dear to my heart (for reasons that you had to witness at past Supreme Chapters) to report that there were no new fee increases proposed to the body for a vote. The only direct legislative action that may affect our undergraduate chapter dealt with grade point average. To conform with NIC standards the minimum chapter grade point average as well as the minimum individual brother grade point average was raised from 2.2 to 2.5 on a graduated scale taking full affect in 2009. Since our undergraduate delegate raised his hand for the passage of that particular legislative action we can only assume that the new 2.5 average is not an obstacle for the chapter. For this we must all be pleased.

July 24th 2008 will be the start of our 51st Supreme Chapter in Denver, Colorado. Mark it on your calendars for it is truly an event in which you do not want to miss.

Pat Guerra
BA 629



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A BETA ALPHA IN LONDON

Greetings Brothers,

It has been over a year since I have moved to London I thought it would be good to share my experiences so far.

I came here on a 4-year international assignment with General Electric Co. I am the IT project manager responsible for setting up an institutional investment management office in London. Combining systems from offices in Germany, France, UK and the Netherlands all into one office here in London. So far the project is going well and we have integrated all the different businesses here on a common platform. The next step is to build a larger client base, which is the primary reason for creating this central office. It has been a challenging assignment, which has taught me many valuable project management lessons that I will carry forward as my career progresses.

One of the other challenges, I faced was moving to a new city, In Europe no less. It has taken some-time, but I have made some friends and have a nice social life here. I find the people in London very nice, and I haven't had any trouble meeting new people. Although it did help that I work for such a big company and actually know some people who work in other GE businesses here in London. My office is in Central London, very close to Big Ben, and Trafalgar Square. I have settled into a nice flat in Southwest section of London called Batter-

sea, about 4 miles from the office. One of the biggest eye openers here is the cost of living in London. London is the second most expensive city in terms of cost of living, being trumped only by Tokyo. To put it in perspective New York City is Number 9 on that list. Prices are the same number wise, for example a beer will cost about 3 pounds (depending on how trendy the place is) however the dollar is weaker than the pound so it takes nearly two dollars to make a pound. That's right, 6-dollar beers! If that wasn't enough England is a pub society, with most social functions taking place in a pub, bar, or club. That leads to lots of drinking, even at lunchtime, that's right London is a budget buster!

Travelling around London is quite easy because of the great public transportation system. With buses, the underground, and overland trains, there is absolutely no need for a car. Which is good because gas prices are astronomical! With the price of gas here nearly \$8 a gallon! Not to mention parking fees, and the congestion charge which charges 8 pounds (nearly 16 dollars) to come into central London during peak commuting hours. That, along with small roads, are the major reasons Europeans drive such small cars.

Living in London has many other benefits as well. First and foremost is the history. Everywhere you

look you are reminded just how much history is in this city. I have the benefit of passing Westminster abbey, Big Ben, and the houses of Parliament every morning on my way to work. In fact I look at the clock every morning to see how late I am! Along with the great old architecture, there are many museums that house some great art. London is a very cosmopolitan city. With so many different cultures packed into the same city, you have the benefit of cuisines from everywhere in the World. Just this past weekend I was at a South African restaurant and had Kudu (an relative of the antelope) Steak. It was very good. Every cuisine from Indian, Thai, Chinese, Malaysian, African, French, even American BBQ are available in the city, never a dull dining experience here! Being a sports fanatic has its benefits here as well, although I can't watch sports Like Baseball, and American Football (except on the internet). I have embraced the sports here such as football (Soccer), Rugby, and that's right Cricket. I enjoy the competition, and there is nothing like the experience of going to a live Soccer match. Its quite an experience listening to the crowd sing, and chant, and celebrate their teams. I have experienced nothing like it, even when I got a chance in 1996 to see the Yankees in the World Series. Its electric!

NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI CHAPTER

2006 Schedule

All Brothers are Welcome to Attend our Social Gatherings.

- Oct. 4, 2006** Outback Steakhouse, Rt. 22 West, Green Brook, NJ
Nov. 12, 2006 **Founder's Day**, 1:00pm - 5:00pm, see page 5 for details
Dec. 6, 2006 Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 West, Green Brook, NJ

A BETA ALPHA IN LONDON (CONT.)

This summer is the world cup in Germany, and the frenzy is building.

I have also benefited from the UK's close proximity to Europe and Asia. Last year I managed to visit France, Germany, Scotland, and Ireland. With the explosion of smaller inexpensive airlines (Like Ryan Air, and Easy Jet) kind of the "Jet Blues" of Europe, one is able to fly to Ireland and Scotland, and France in about an hour, and cheaply! Later this year I will be visiting another Beta Alpha alum, Rui Portugal, who is, funny enough living in Portugal. My big trip this year, though, will be to China, A 17-day excursion that will take me from Hong Kong, then a four-city tour in mainland China. I am very excited about this trip, and I will report back to the newsletter with pictures and a story

about my China experience.

Sure, there are many things I miss about home. rape Jelly (which, doesn't exist here, I have it imported!) dirty water dogs, late night White Castles runs, and of course my friends, family, Pi Kapp, the NY Jets, and the convenience of hopping in a car and going anywhere.

All things considered, though, I am so happy I have been given the opportunity to experience living in Europe, not only for international work experience, which is impressive on any resume, but also for the chance to experience different cultures, and to travel to far away places I could have never imagined going to, had I not taken this assignment. It is the kind of life education that you cannot measure. I would certainly recommend traveling to Europe if you are

able to do so. Its not as expensive or difficult as you may think. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact me, and if anyone has any interest in visiting London, Please look me up! A familiar face in a city can make all the difference in the world. My contact info is below

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PI KAPPA PHI LAUNCHES ONLINE JOB BOARD

"...No other fraternity or sorority offers a customized job board exclusively for its members. "



Pi Kappa Phi has long been recognized by its peers in the Greek community as an innovator. Pi Kappa Phi is leading the way once again.

Just as it has done in the past with leadership development, philanthropy and alcohol education, Pi Kappa Phi is now setting the standard in the Greek community in terms of career servicing for its members. With the introduction of an online job board, Pi Kappa Phi has created a virtual meeting space for employers and job seekers to connect.

"Most university career centers do a poor job of helping students transition into the world

of work," said National Chaplain Rob Shindell. "Pi Kappa Phi is leading the way by providing a service which will help to fill that transitional need for our members."

While a handful of other Greek organizations provide links from their Web sites to external career service sites such as Monster.com or CareerBuilder.com, no other fraternity or sorority offers a customized job board exclusively for its members.

Powered by CSO—a company that specializes in career service systems—the Pi Kappa Phi Job Board is designed for both job

seekers and employers. And while the "job seeking" function of the job board is available exclusively to members of Pi Kappa Phi, the site does not limit who can post employment opportunities.

The Pi Kappa Phi Job Board is result of legislation passed at the Centennial Supreme Chapter and aims to enhance the fraternal experience for undergraduates and alumni members alike.

WWW.PiKapp.org

To sign up as an employer go to:
www.myinterfase.com/pikapp/employer/

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



For an extra \$1200/ Semester you receive a **12 month contract**. This allows you to live in your dorm room all year round including the winter and summer breaks.

Meal Plans range from \$1250—\$1492

www.NJIT.edu

FOUNDERS DAY 2006

Founders Day Celebration

Sunday November 12th
2006

@ Seabra's Rodizio

1034 McCarter Hgwy Newark, NJ 07102
973.622.6221

1pm-5pm

Brotherhood Reception to follow at the Chapter House

\$65.00/Brother in Advance (by Nov 1st)
\$75.00/Brother At the Door

Please Send all Payments to:

**Beta Alpha Chapter
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity
P.O. Box 271
Pine Brook, NJ 07058**

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We Will Lead!

The expression of shared values and ideals as contained in the Ritual of Initiation, Supreme Law and Fraternity policy; The pursuit of brotherhood through scholarship, leadership, service and social experiences; The achievement of personal excellence in each member and collective excellence in our Fraternity; A lifelong brotherhood of its members

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.