

# BETA ALPHA PARTICLES

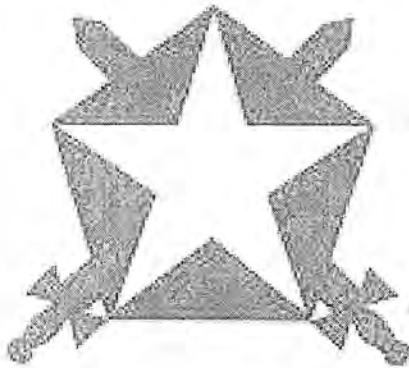
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## ARCHON REPORT

By Sean Butler BA 737

Welcome to Beta Alpha's 2007 Founders Day celebration. My name is Brother Archon Sean Butler BA 737. Currently we have 15 active members (up to BA 761) and 3 associate members. Originally we started with 5 associate members, which were tied for the most among fraternities this semester. With deferred rush here to stay, we have also made new and improved changes to our recruitment plan. Letters of intent, to give a bid out the following semester, are given to the first semester freshman that we want to recruit. This fall we handed out 15 letters, which was the first semester under these new recruitment procedures. Along with new associate members joining the fraternity, we also have a new chapter



advisor for this semester; Brother Joseph Menio BA 683.

Recent alumni Brother Anthony Massari BA 751 has also taken on a similar role at the Gamma Chapter.

Our PUSH Program also continues to evolve. Last year we re-introduced PUSH-A-THON as our major fundraising event. This year we are bringing back the wheelchair push. Members of the fraternity will wheel themselves around campus for a day or two, mimicking daily routines of people in wheelchairs to help raise awareness and funds for PUSH America and the handicapped. We also successfully held our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Sale for Halloween. So far we have raised nearly \$300 for PUSH. We also recently constructed a ramp for the dance floor to accommodate a sorority sister in a wheelchair. One service event the chapter has participated in was the Newark Breast Cancer Walk, where brothers walked and volunteered.

Other news includes an early semester visit from Brother Andrae Turner, our Leadership Consultant. We are also in the process of completing the Ladder of Risk Program, which is a program focusing

around risk management. The facilitator for that program is Brother Kevin Lockwood, who is also the Regional Governor for our chapter. And for the first time the Mid Year Leadership Conference will be held in Philadelphia.

We feel with the new changes to our recruitment and Push programs will help us continue to grow into a bigger and stronger chapter and we look forward to initiating the remaining associate members and the upcoming spring semester.

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## CHAPTER ADVISOR

By Joseph Menio BA 683

My name is Joseph Menio BA 683. It brings me great honor to announce that I am this year's Chapter Advisor for Beta Alpha. I started on my life long journey as a brother almost 10 years ago in the pledge class of Fall 1998. I graduated some 4 years ago with a degree in Information Systems, and have been working as a Radio Frequency engineer for the same consulting company since graduation.

During my years as an undergraduate I was active in all aspects of chapter life ranging from being a live-in

and holding positions to just being a brother and sharing good times. Beta Alpha has given so much to me in so many ways, and I'm very excited to be given the chance to give back to the fraternity. The brotherhood means more to me than I can ever describe in words, and I want the chapter to flourish for years to come so that other brothers can enjoy this same feeling.

The future starts with today and it is crucial that the brotherhood has the proper guidance and focus to flourish and thrive. In order to meet this objective I have promised to attend two meetings a month and to attend as many rituals as possible.

Mr. Owen is recognized as the fraternity's fourth honorary founding father.

Without Owen's dedication, service, vision, and many sacrifices, our great fraternity of Pi Kappa Phi wouldn't be where we are today.

## A TRIP TO GAMMA CHAPTER

by Louis Chen BA 749

"CAN I GET A NU PHI?!" How many of you have had the opportunity to hear that being said on the west coast? For me that happened this past summer when I went to California for the first time. The trip was a random and impulsive trip that happened when my mom asked me out of the blue if I wanted to go to California. Knowing my mom, she doesn't just ask her kids if they want to travel across the country randomly so I said, "sure I'll go," and her response, "ok I'll get you a plane ticket." Now I don't know how many of you have parents who would just shell out a couple hundred bucks for a roundtrip ticket to California but I can tell you that MY parents don't do that.

So knowing that I didn't think too much of it and just laughed it off and a couple of days later my mom sends me a flight itinerary from Jet Blue

Airlines. If any of you have a frugal parents you will understand my shock and dismay when I saw the email, I guess I was going to California after all. I called my mom up and asked her if she was ok and she scoffed at me saying, "What? Can't a mother do something nice for her son?" and then she laughed and said she got some frequent flyer miles that she didn't know what to spend it on.

After looking at my flight itinerary some more I realized that it was to San Francisco, CA. Our Gamma chapter is right there! Not only do I get to visit a very important chapter in our fraternity's history but my pledge brother, Anthony Massari, is going to grad school there and he's living at the Pi Kapp house over here.

Sunny, cool, high of 78, that was the forecast I got as my plane landed in San Francisco, CA.

My friend came to pick me up and I hung out with her for a couple of days before going to visit Anthony. The funny thing about UC - Berkeley is that there are A LOT of Asians who go to that school so Anthony being the Italian that he is stuck out like a sore thumb. Just picture a level line of Asians walking around who are generally 5'6" and then Anthony who monsters at around 6'. Anyways, we met up did the small talk and then went over the chapter house and gave me a tour. The gamma chapter house is 3 floors not including basement, has an industrialized kitchen complete with their very own chef who comes in and makes dinner every night, laundry room, fireplace, huge living room with a projector, big dining room and a really nice deck with a set in brick style grill.

The house can fit 50 brothers ...

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## A TRIP TO GAMMA CHAPTER, CONT.

comfortably and they used to have a Jacuzzi in the basement. Anthony's room is a small single complete with its very own bathroom that is off and away from the rest of the rooms of the house. The day I went to visit they had a rush event which I just missed and Quiznos catered the event so I got some free sandwiches out of that. The brothers were going to bring the rushes to a Giants game that night which I wanted to go to but I couldn't because I had plans already. All in all I had a great time meeting the brothers from Gamma chapter and would recommend that whoever is in the area stop by and take a look around.

Anthony Massari 3rd from left.

Louis Chen 4th from left.



## BETA ALPHA & PUSH AMERICA

By Aaron Van Blarcom BA 754

### Pumpkin Sale 2007

On Thursday October 25, 2007 Beta Alpha paired up with Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority to hold a Pumpkin Sale. We raised money selling pumpkins on campus for the up coming Halloween holiday. It was quite a successful event and we also sold some treats as well. It was a good experience as well which our brothers enjoyed and we also spread the word of Push America and Pi Kappa Phi,

Also we have recently built a ramp leading our chapter room so that our house can be accessed by wheelchair. What sparked this was that we have had some visitors that were on wheelchairs and to better accommodate them we decided to built the ramp. Seeing that Push America is our philanthropy we

decided to do something that would help those who are disabled.

An upcoming Push events we will soon be holding , involves a brother spending

time in a wheel chair to raise money and awareness for those on and around campus.





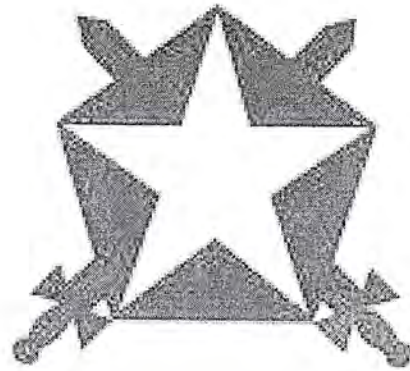
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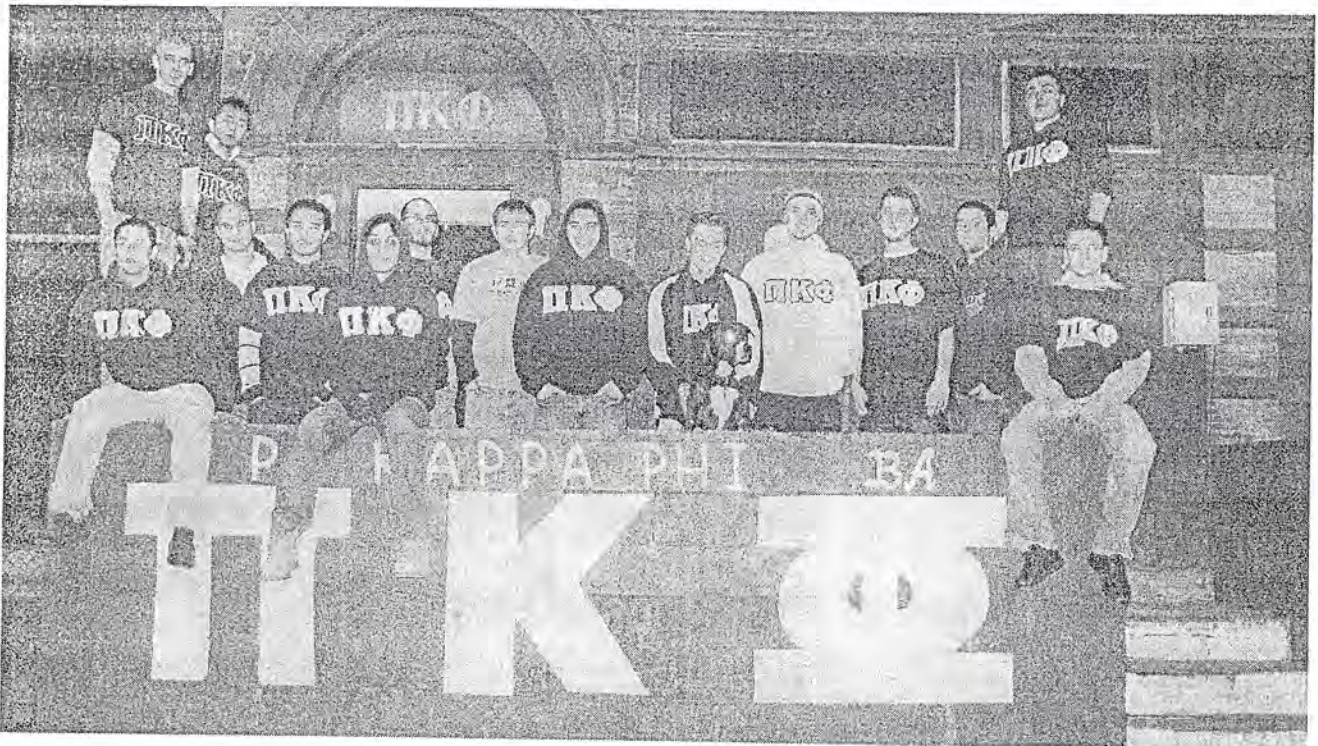
## PETER A. JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

By Samuel Guerra BA 747

Many years ago in a senseless act of violence we lost one of our brothers Peter A. Jensen. Soon after the tragedy a fund raising effort resulted and a scholarship endowed in his name. Over the years the fund continued to grow and has now reached almost \$50,000 in scholarship funds and is available to students. This Fall semester's 2007 winners for the Peter A. Jensen scholarship are Andrew Tolentino and Samuel Guerra. Both of whom are current undergraduates, majoring in Information Technology and are Pi Kapps.

As our chapter grows with new generations of Pi Kapps, we must help educate our members to insure Peter A. Jensen scholarship continues to be a tribute to our fallen brother. We will never forget.

God Bless The Fraternity, and God Bless Beta Alpha.



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