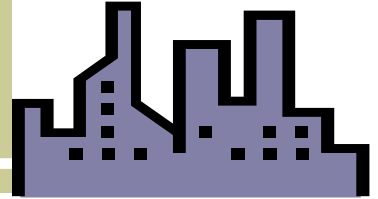


BETA ALPHA ALUMNI NEWS



NJIT'S GATEWAY PLAN

(The Redevelopment Project that affects our chapter house)

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Founders Day

Sun. Nov. 9, 2008

1pm–5pm

Location: Seabra's Rodizio
1034 Rt 21

Newark, NJ 07102

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Brotherhood Reception
to follow @

The Chapter House

In our first issue of this newsletter (April 2006 which can be found on our website) we introduced you to NJIT's Redevelopment plans for the "Gateway Area". That area basically covers the ground between Route 280 and NJIT's border of Central Avenue. Since then a lot of progress has been made with the project.

You can go to the following link and take a look at NJIT's plans for the area.

<http://gateway.njit.edu/>

Once you are on the above site click on project news. Under that heading view the NJIT Conceptual Rehabilitation Master Plan. This is a long document 55 pages in total. You can browse the first 44 at your own pace. To see how this directly affects Beta Alpha stop at the section that starts on page 45 and read carefully. You will notice that the first paragraph on page 47 brings the wrecking ball to our block on MLK Blvd and **does not leave our building standing.**

I was at the first meeting that the current president of NJIT ever had with the Greeks on this project. President Alternkirch and VP Bloom both stated that all Greek properties could opt into this project or not, that we could opt into the Greek village project or not and that they (NJIT) would never seek eminent domain to take our properties, but could not guarantee other developers or the city wouldn't. They also claimed the new Greek housing built at the Greek village had a lot of variables that we would all work out together in future meetings. The basics at that point headed in the direction of town house style buildings as previously been built on other campuses in the country. The Gateway committee then went on tours of some of those campuses. VP Bloom made it a point on several occasions to state that NJIT would not change the relationship they have with the Greeks currently, in regard to governance, no matter if you were in or out of the Greek village project.

Now that we are at the point in which NJIT has a conceptual plan submitted to the city of Newark, you would think that some of the details or variables would start to come to light. They have not. In fact the fraternities had little to no input on this conceptual plan. In our case, Jones Lang LaSalle who had the job of putting the plan together met with area property owners, but ignored Beta Alpha.

Some time ago a Greek Alumni Council was formed. Most of the Greek organizations are full participants of the GAC. The GAC has been asking the right questions to the right people thru letters and direct face to face meetings with NJIT's President and others. President Alternkirch has repeatedly stated that he does not have any answers to our questions. He defers questions that have to do with land ownership or leasing options, financing, building types, how many, square footage, building costs, etc...

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A TIME FOR REFLECTION

This past Dec, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity celebrated its 103rd anniversary. While this would be a notable birthday for any organization, it is especially remarkable for our Fraternity when you consider how it all began.

Three students at the College of Charleston in the Fall term of 1904, desiring each other's company, and bound through the bonds of fraternity, were motivated to change the campus culture by shaking up the well-established Greek system. We know from our history that Founder Kroeg was the oldest at nineteen, Founder Mixson - seventeen, and Founder Fogarty - sixteen, at the time of our founding. Upon reflection, it is nothing short of miraculous that we are connected, you and I, through the bond of brotherhood which was

initiated by three energetic teenagers over a century ago.

The early days of Pi Kappa Phi were filled with uncertainty. In 1907 Pi Kappa Phi opened its second chapter at Presbyterian College. Between 1905 and 1908, the Fraternity had only recruited eighteen men and, in 1908 alone, recruited no one! It wasn't until 1909 and the chartering of Gamma (UC-Berkeley) that Pi Kappa Phi would find firmer footing. We also know that our Founders were not in complete agreement about the growth of the fraternity. Mixson and Fogarty preferred smaller schools in the South. Kroeg was the visionary, wanting to grow Pi Kappa Phi from its provincial roots and expand to campuses across the country. These competing visions directed how and where the fra-

ternity would expand.

Today's Pi Kappa Phi, while dramatically different in scale and scope, is still the same organization at heart. We have chartered 207 chapters in our 103 year history. We are one of the ten largest national Greek letter Fraternities. Each year we have over 6,000 undergraduate men wear our letters at 140 campuses nationwide. We have over 73,000 living alumni and will, very soon, initiate our 100,000th brother. As Pi Kappa Phi enters its second century we are still committed to building lasting friendships but with a renewed vision to redefine fraternity as a lifelong brotherhood of leaders.

John R. Andrews
National President

GATEWAY CONTINUED...

to the future builder/developer of the Greek village/Gateway sites. Currently there is no builder or developer slated for the project, it is still just a conceptual plan.

If we sit by and wait for those answers from a builder, we will be in a very precarious position. On one hand if we like all the options we can go with them. On the other hand if the options that are before us don't work for our chapter then we are behind the 8 ball. At the point in time a builder gets involved with such a large project they want their ducks in a row. As far as NJIT there is some information that they could give us before a builder signed on that would help tremendously. In either case, like the options or not, if we wait for those answers and we need to put capital together for a new building at the Greek village site or other, we will be 2-3 years behind on the fund raising.

The GAC has retained a law firm to give us legal advise. Most Greek organizations with property have put up \$1000.00 to start our legal fund. The goals of the GAC are in part to get the answers that we need to make an educated decision when the time comes about our property, to keep the lines of communication open between all Greek Organizations on campus, to protect

all of our properties from Eminent Domain, and to work the best deal for each chapter as they specifically need it.

The biggest rub here is that we can't get any answers from the Gateway Plans author, President Alternkirch. We understand that until a developer has signed on and bought into the conceptual plan that a lot of questions will remain unanswered. However, there are some items that can be discussed. He also refuses to acknowledge the GAC as the voice of the Greek Alumni. He has refused our requests at having JLL or the Administration come to one of our GAC meetings to present plans. Many Greeks are inferring things from these refusals. For instance, if the deal that will be dealt to the Greeks was everything they originally outlined, it would more than likely be appealing to most organizations. So why hold back on us when we would be behind his project? By keeping us in the dark many fear that the eventual situation won't be as they first outlined and may not be good for their chapters. Everyone feels that there is a middle ground that the president can meet us on. Just meeting with the GAC would be a start.

The picture that NJIT is painting is not one that contains the veil of secrecy that we are experiencing.

They state this plan has gone forward with participation from the Greeks. The truth is we have had little to no **real** input on the situation.

Hope is not lost. We are on the case. There are a lot of great alumni involved with the GAC from our chapter as well as the other Greek chapters on campus. The NJIT Alumni Association is supporting our efforts. (Although they are now taking heat from NJIT over their support) Everyone is working together feverously to protect our own. We all hope that the Greek village/Gateway project turns out as it was originally depicted at that first meeting years ago.

Until there is a deal on the table that we can accept or reject we must be ready to fight a possible eminent domain case. (the worst case scenario) The area is designated in need of rehabilitation. Eminent domain for the type of project outlined in NJIT's conceptual plan could only take place if they get the area designated in need of redevelopment. The notice for a hearing that would decide that would come in the mail post-marked only 10 days in advance. Knowing that, we can not let our guard down.

Pat Guerra Ba 629

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NORTH JERSEY ALUMNI CHAPTER

2008 Schedule

Meetings are held the 1st Wed of the month

All ΠΚΦ Brothers are Welcome to Attend our Social Gatherings.

March 5, 08	Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 w, Green Brook, NJ	August 6, 08	Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 w, Green Brook, NJ
April 2, 08	Alfonso's Trattoria, 99 w.main st. (Rt 28) Sommerville, NJ	September 3, 08	Old Man Rafferty's, Rt 206 S, Hillsborough, NJ (Across from Lowes)
May 7, 08	Famished Frog, 14 Washington St., Morristown, NJ (Just off Green in central Morristown)	October 1, 08	Jose Tejas, 700 Us Hwy 1, Iselin, NJ 08830 732-283-3883
June 4, 08	Kelly's Tavern, RT 35 Neptune, NJ 732-775-9517	November 9, 08	Founders Day 1-5 pm see page 5
July 18, 08	Annual blow off the boss Friday location tba Take the day off and hang with your brothers.	December 3, 08	Outback Steakhouse, Rt 22 w, Green Brook, NJ

Our meetings are simple get togethers of fraternity brothers and old friends. Share some stories or Complain about your boss! Stop by one of our future dates the worst you could do is make some new friends.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!

"... As our organization grows the group of leaders in charge of our fraternity business needs to grow and become more efficient and effective ..."

The Beta Alpha Alumni board has initiated a committee membership drive. For years all of the business of the corporation has been handled by the corporate board of trustees and a handful of dedicated committee members. Beta Alpha Chapter now has nearly 800 members initiated through its ranks. This size of an organization requires work of a few successful committees.

All of our board and committee members are volunteers dedicating their time for free and should be applauded for their efforts. Everyone of them balance home, professional and fraternity life in a way that gives them a few minutes each week or month to handle the fraternity business in which they are an integral part.

As our organization grows and the world becomes more demanding, just a click a way, it makes sense that the group of leaders in charge of our fraternity business needs to grow and become more efficient and effective.

Following is a list of Committees that need to expand its membership. We are asking you to take a look at the committee list and see if you could find a few minutes a month to pitch in.

Different committees require different commitments. Where possible committee business is handled through e-mail's and conference calls. Some business is more hands on and may require more face to face time. Choose the committee that fits in

best with your available time and talents.

Committee list :

ALUMNI EVENT COMMITTEE

The Alumni Event Committee plans events for the fraternity such as weekend getaways, family picnics, sporting events, nites out on the town, etc. These events are to promote brotherhood and overall cohesiveness among our alumni and their families.

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The Anniversary Committee plans, runs, and promotes future anniversary events. This includes but is not limited to events such as the 50th or 75th anniversary roseball.

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2007-2008 NJIT ROOM RATES

NJIT Room Rates Per Semester

Cypress Hall:	Double Room \$3165
Laurel Hall:	Double Room \$3165
Oak Hall:	Double Room \$3165
Redwood Hall:	Double Room \$2980
	All Single Room: \$3695



For an extra \$1000/ 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.

Full Time Tuition in state per semester \$5675 + \$825 fees + \$125 parking

Meal Plans per semester range from \$ 1347-1389 www.NJIT.edu

FOUNDERS DAY 2008

Founders Day Celebration

Sunday Nov 9th, 2008

@ Seabra's Rodizio 1034 McCarter Highway, Newark NJ
973-622-6221

Downstairs Room (Enter From Parking Lot)

Registration 12:30-1:30PM Cocktail Hour begins @ 1pm

Brotherhood Reception at the Chapter House @ 5pm

\$65/ Brother in Advance \$80/ Brother at Registration

All Those who sign in will be in a drawing to win a \$50 Amex gift card.

RSVP with Payment By Nov 1st 2008 to:

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Beta Alpha Chapter
P.O. Box 4906 Clifton, NJ 07015-4906

Remember to include your name & BA # on your Check.

Please send a copy of this form with your RSVP

*"Mail Your Payment in
By November 1st to
Take advantage of The
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A FEW GOOD MEN CONTINUED...

FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Financial Planning Committee mentors the undergraduate chapter in their financial operations and decisions as well as aids the Corp. Treasurer in collecting funds. The committee also presents plans for long term financial security of the fraternity.

FOUNDERS DAY COMMITTEE

The Founders Day Committee plans, runs, and promotes the annual founders day celebration.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Housing Committee oversees the operation and maintenance of the chapter house. The Committee sets up work projects and coordinates all alumni & undergraduate volunteers needed for those projects as well as professional contractors when needed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee plans for

the expansion of the fraternity's membership, mentoring and overseeing the Undergraduate's recruitment policies and events. The committee provides support by means of workshops and other events to educate the undergraduates in the necessary skills, such as networking, in order to recruit new members. The Committee also investigates the potential of alumni initiations to expand membership.

NEW ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The New Alumni Committee coordinates with the undergraduate chapter to keep in close contact with recent graduates in order to inform them about alumni activities. The Committee sets up events, social gatherings and meetings to introduce the recent graduates to other more established alumni to facilitate networking and brotherhood.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee oversees and facilitates public statements that are used to promote the fraternity and its events. The committee

also mentors the Undergraduates in the skill of public relations (getting the message out) to aid in recruitment.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee coordinates all current scholarship funds and plans for all future needs. The committee also facilitates and solicits donations for the funds as well as examines criteria for potential recipients.

WEB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Web Development Committee is in charge of our web site and other means of utilizing the internet for the entire alumni organization.

Please fill in below the committee(s) that interests you and mail it in with your contact info.

Or you can email Pat@betaalpha.com include the same info.

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PI KAPPA PHI GOES TO NEW JERSEY



ON the twenty-ninth of May, nineteen hundred forty-eight another milestone was written into the history of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, with the installation of Beta Alpha Chapter at Newark College of Engineering, Newark, N. J. The ceremonies were conducted in the Hotel Essex House in Newark. This occasion marked the beginning of the third trip through the Greek alphabet in the naming of chapters and the first time in over ten years that Pi Kappa Phi has absorbed a local fraternity as one of its chapters.

Early in 1947 the local fraternity Phi Sigma Omega passed a resolution to look into national fraternities with the ultimate aim of being absorbed by one of them. After some preliminary investigation the matter was shelved for action during the next school year. During the early fall of that year, through the offices of William Hazell, Associate Dean, members of Phi Sigma Omega were put in contact with Brother Jack Mc-Cann. After several subsequent meetings with brothers of Pi Kappa Phi, including District Archon John Stevens and Travelling Counsellor Charles Martin, the local petitioned the national council to be admitted into Pi Kappa Phi as a chapter. The council accepted this petition and immediately plans got under way for the installation of Beta Alpha Chapter.

Brother George Dib very ably "M.C.'d" the banquet which was held after the completion of initiation and installation ceremonies. Brothers from Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Mu, Alpha Tau and Alpha Xi as well as alumni in the area

Upper Left: Master of Ceremonies, George Dib, reads congratulatory telegrams from other Pi Kapp chapters as Larew Wheaton, John Deimler, and Bernie Jones Listen.

(Right) First row seated left to right: Kort Gorshkoff, Gene Castagna, Al Taboada, Mike Bravette, Larry Wheaton, Frank Cozzarelli, James Gomes, William Schlosser, George Dib, Fred Sakate. **Second row standing left to right:** Ray Howard, Paul Kliminski, Carl Wheeler, Dominick Salamone, Herman Hempel, William Oak-enell, Ted Jensen, Bill Gray, Andy Young, Bill Zika, James Summer, Fred Rokosz. **Third row standing left to right:** Nick Salamone, Bob Moore, Robert Gourley, John Fitzgibbon, Joe Taboada, Charles Sewell, Camilla De Bonis, Leonard Wilson, George Perkins, Jacob Van Broekhoven, Robert Vande Vrede.

and friends of the new chapter were among the guests. Among the speakers were Dean Hazell, who welcomed Pi Kappa Phi to the campus in behalf of the college, and Executive Secretary, W. Bernard Jones, Jr., National Historian, archon; John W. Deimler, and District Archon, John Stevens, who were the officiating men at the installation.

The following officers were elected to steer the course of Beta Alpha's initial activities: Alfred Taboada, archon; Michael Bravette, treasurer; Frank Cozzarelli, secretary; Kort A. Gorshkoff, historian; James Gomes, chaplain; and William Schlosser, warden. Professor George Keefe was appointed chapter adviser of the group.

Newark College of Engineering, like Drexel and Brooklyn Poly, is an urban college in the asphalt campus class, being situated very close to the center of Newark, New Jersey. The little bit of clear ground that there was has recently disappeared under the construction work of the addition to the laboratory building. The college is expanding in other ways, also. A recent purchase of real estate from the City of Newark has made the college the dubious owner of an orphanage. This building has been the Newark Orphan Asylum for a great number of years and a landmark with a tower overlooking the city. Renamed Eberhardt Hall it will house the offices, a proposed cafeteria, and other activities long missing at the school

due to lack of space.

The city commission of Newark passed a resolution commending the college for its work on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the first graduating class of the twenty-nine year old school. There are about 1400 students enrolled in the day school and 1300 more attending the night school and the special courses of Newark Technical School, which was formed in 1885 and out of which the college grew. Technically a co-educational institution, the feminine section of the student body rarely has more than one or two girls per class. This is due to the fact that N. C. E. is an engineering college giving B.S. degrees in the four branches of the profession; mechanical, chemical, electrical, and civil. The new graduate school will present the first M.S. degrees next June. Of the seven fraternities on the campus there are now six nationals represented.

Beta Alpha wishes to thank Alpha Xi for the swell job their initiating team did in installing the new member of the family and showing it the way on the road of friendship and fraternity.

By Kort Gorshoff

Beta Alpha Historian

Star & Lamp, Aug 1948





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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

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.