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## Yearly Highlights

- Nov 14, 2002– Theta Zeta Charters.
- Dec 02- Theta Zeta awarded Townhouse Row unit.
- Spring 03– Successful Rush yields 10 members in Alpha Class.
- May 03– Theta Zeta wins Order of Omega’s Chapter of the Year.
- Aug 03– Theta Zeta Wins Associate Chapter of the Year @ PKC

## 2002-2003 Intramural Sports Records

Flag	
Football	<b>4-2</b>
Indoor Soccer	<b>FB: 0-5 MV: 2-3</b>
Floor Hockey	<b>6-2</b>
Volleyball	<b>G: 2-3 B: 1-4</b>
Wiffle Ball	<b>1-2</b>
Basketball	
5-on-5	<b>2-3</b>
3-on-3	<b>2-1</b>
Arena Football	<b>G: 3-5 B: 1-8</b>

## Pi Kappa Phi Secures Townhouse

Dec 2002-

After many hours of hard work preparing a 100 plus page application, as well as, persistent support from Theta Zeta’s BOAA , Pi Kappa Phi Theta Zeta was selected as one of the final three residents of the University’s brand new \$16 million Townhouse Row. Theta Zeta will be joining two other fraternity houses, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi, and five sorority houses, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Sigma Kappa.

The townhouse, located at 607C 23rd St., consists of 4 stories and a basement ritual room, will hold 24 brothers, in 12 rooms. The new location will greatly improve chapter communications, functions and recruitment, in addition to strengthening fraternal bonds.

The whole chapter is optimistic

that the addition of the house will dramatically help Theta Zeta continue its phenomenal expansion at GW . Moreover, the house will let the chapter embark on the journey that most fraternities take for granted. According to Archon Brian Taylor, “This house symbolizes opportunity for unparalleled growth on many levels. Theta Zeta will be able to continue to attract prospective members by having a gathering place and a sense of tradition vested in a house.”

Fraternity house have traditionally been the foundations in which a truly strong brotherhood is built. The first fraternity house was the Chi Psi house at the University of Michigan in 1854, and since then fraternities have been able to take advantage of a house to focus their contributions to campus activities and campus social life.



**Pi Kappa Phi house overlooks 23rd St.**

Most importantly, Taylor says, “These walls will entrap Theta Zeta’s continuing brotherhood one memory at a time, with the hopes of starting chapter traditions that will be passed down for years to come so that when the Founding Fathers and all Associate Member classes return to their Alma Mater, they have a place they can still call home.”

## Pi Kappa Phi Awarded GW Chapter of The Year

May 2003-

At the 1st Annual Order of Omega, Greek Honor Society, Awards Banquet, Pi Kappa Phi - Theta Zeta was recognized as the chapter of the year.

Formed in 2003, the GWU chapter of the Order of Omega is a Greek Honor Society, whose mission is to award out-

standing members of the Greek community. Theta Zeta won the award after receiving high marks on its campus involvement, community service and expansion, during 2003.



The Chapter of the Year Award, is currently the highest inter-Greek award on campus and our accomplishment sets the chapter up for a banner year in 2004. After beating out, once again, every other, more established Greek organization, in our first year, Theta Zeta has shown it is truly the best fraternity at GWU.



**Theta Zeta's Charter was received on November 16, 2002**

## Theta Zeta Chartered: Second Fastest in Pi Kapp History

Nov 2002-

In what could only be described as a whirlwind journey of perseverance and fortitude, the GWU Associate Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, received its charter from the National Headquarters of Pi Kappa Phi on November 16, 2002. The chapter is officially known as Theta Zeta and was the 124th active chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at chartering time.

The Associate Chapter was formed in October of the previous year, and grew from 20

men to the chartering strength of twice as many. The 40 Founding Fathers were required to submit a chartering packet over 100 pages in length and pass both written and oral exams. It is reported that the chapter's exam scores were the highest in Pi Kapp history.

The only other chapter to charter faster than Theta Zeta, was Epsilon Alpha at Elon University chapter in 2001.

The chapter received great help with its chartering process from its new advisor, Kerry

Skelton. Skelton, an alumni from Delta Chi, took the reigns of guiding the chapter and introduced the work ethic needed to succeed. At the chartering ceremony Skelton proudly awarded each Founding Father a medallion significance of their achievements.

However, the greatest honor of the chartering was the presence of 4th Honorary Founding Father, Durwood Owen. Theta Zeta is the only chapter to be chartered by Owen, who is also the CEO emeritus of Pi Kappa Phi.

## Pi Kapp Regains Highest GPA Title

May 2003-

After all the final calculations were in, it was revealed that Pi Kappa Phi has once again claimed the title of highest cumulative GPA among fraternities. With a cumulative GPA of 3.16 Pi Kapp shows once again that fraternity life and academics are compatible, beating out the all-school men's average of 3.08.

Pi Kapp's GPA results con-

firms the successful recruitment of men of CLASS, and our commitment to scholarship as the first responsibility of a brother.

In addition to the released GPA results, 14 individual members of Pi Kapp were recognized in the GW Hatchet, as received GPA's of 3.5 or higher in the Fall 2002 semester. Congratulations to Brad Adams, Adam Bauer, Marc Boom, Jon Burwick, Jesse Daily, Mike

DiSabatino, Pete Garnett, Mike Giudice, Wes Johnson, Ryan Oder, Roman Pokora, Joey Saka, Justin Schumer, and Drew Steinberg.

In this achievement Theta Zeta has upheld one of the key tenants to continuing chapter success. Hopefully such success will continue into the upcoming year as we continue to recruit men not only of outstanding character but of excellent academic standing.



**Alex Otwell greets prospective members at a Spring Rush event.**

## Fall Rush Expands Our Brotherhood

The life blood of any fraternity is recruitment and on Sept 20th, Theta Zeta had the privilege to extend membership bids to 9 outstanding gentlemen.

This Fall Rush's schedule was a new experience for the chapter with a new house changing what type of events were held.

Events included a Baja Fresh open house, Hooters, a trip to ESPNZone, and a poker night with Isabel.

Tom Scazzafavo and Drew Steinberg coordinated and planned Rush and leadership and ability allowed for such a successful fall recruitment.

Additional help came from Alumnae Jared Moskowitz, Chris Mika and Jordan Sekulow.

The Beta Associate Class joins Theta Zeta in our second semester of full chapter status and will play an integral part in the development and success of Pi Kappa Phi at GWU.

Congratulations to: Andrew Abdel-Malik

Sultan Al-Sultan

Kevin DiSabatino

Ross Goldband

Justin Guthier

Andrew Hodes

Aaron Papermaster

Dustin Schiavi

Matt Steinhelfer



## Theta Zeta Awarded Associate Chapter of The Year; Skelton earns Advisor of the Year

On August 2- 6 Pi Kapp College was in session at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina (home of our fourth oldest chapter, Delta Chapter). Over the course of four days, Pi Kapp College "students" were able to study in the "major" they selected. Choices included: Recruitment Success, Membership Education, Living the Ritual, Service Learning, Archon, Leadership-Edge, and Lifelong Brotherhood.

Theta Zeta brothers including Harris Markowitz, Slade Thorpe and Adam Bauer attended, accepting the Associate Chapter of the Year Award. While Theta Zeta advisor Kerry Skelton, won Advisor of the Year.

Other awards given that evening included:

\*Mr. Pi Kappa Phi 2003 - Dr. Phillip M. Summers, Alpha Psi (Indiana)

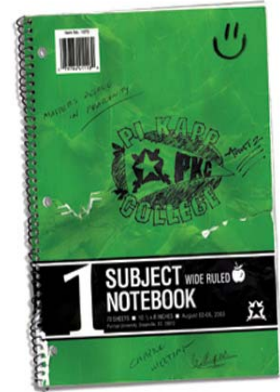
\*The Mixson Award - Epsilon Alpha (Elon)

\*The Fogarty Award - Eta Chi Chapter (Texas Christian) & Eta Gamma (Colorado)

\*The Kroeg Award - Alpha Psi (Indiana)

\*The Push America Cup - Eta Chi (Texas Christian) for raising \$11,200

\*The Thomas H. Sayre Award - Jason Kwartner, Psi (Cornell)



**"Every single one of them was so enthusiastic to meet the guys from Theta Zeta to congratulate us on our achievements and accomplishments we have made at GW."**

## Pi Kapp College a Worthwhile Experience

Harris Markowitz

When I elected to go to Pi Kapp College, my first reaction thought it was going to be quite boring. It was going to be held in a college in the middle of nowhere and I



would have to take "classes" when it was supposed to be my summer break from them. Yet, from the moment I stepped foot on the college campus of Furman University, I knew it was going to be an experience like none other.

The events held promoted teamwork, understanding, and knowledge. For most chapters, it was a typical experience. Since it was Theta Zeta's first time attending, it was one

which words could not express. While there, we got to see the Journey-of-Hope riders arrive, talk to all employees of the National Headquarters about how to make Theta Zeta a successful chapter, meet and talk to other chapters, as well as experience a brotherhood which was unimaginable to us just 2 years earlier. It made me appreciate the bond that each of us have and realize that Pi Kappa Phi is a lifelong journey,

## Theta Zeta Brothers participate in Give-A-Push Weekend

Oct. 10-12, 2003-

Marc Boom, Will Green and Harris Markowitz took the weekend off from college and studying and donated their time to building a playground for children with disabilities.

Driving up to Bethlehem, PA they joined 14 other Pi Kapps from around the Northeast to build a new playground for the Easter Seals of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Easter Seals is a organization that works with 2,700 child with disabilities such as Spina bifida, autism, and Down syndrome. They provide and day camp and a summer camp for the children.

The playground was partly paid for by Push America and the labor was provided by the brothers. The addition of a new playground should improve the quality of care for the children at the camp.

The specially designed playground helps the children gain strength and sensory stimulation. While parts such as a roller slide provide additional momentum for children who have difficulty pushing themselves.

All three Theta Zeta brothers agreed that the experience was amazing and fulfilling, and that spending time with the children really made the weekend project worthwhile.





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In order to continue to build a brotherhood in ΠΚΦ at GWU donations are sincerely appreciated.

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**America's Leading Fraternity**



Founded in 1904 Pi Kappa Phi has nearly 100 years of experience in building better men, chapters and lifelong brothers. In 2002 Theta Zeta was granted a charter to become the latest chapter to join in the tradition of excellence. Since its chartering Theta Zeta has set up to recruitment men of CLASS. The qualities of Character, Leadership, Academics, Sportsmanship, and Service must be found in all new members. Through the ideals laid down by previous generations, Theta Zeta will continue to the pursuit of brotherhood through scholarship, leadership, service and social experiences and the achievement of personal excellence in each member and collective excellence in our Fraternity. Most importantly it continues to build lifelong brotherhood for its members.



## A Message From the Archon



-Brian Taylor

Expansion has become the newest word around Greek Life at the George Washington University. As the newest chartered fraternity on campus, Pi Kappa Phi has seen the expansion process continue with Pi Kappa

Alpha and Alpha Epsilon Pi the newest colonies attempting to establish Greek ties to an urban campus like GW. Why do we see this trend in Greek life from large state schools to urban universities? Well, I think there are a couple of reasons for the trend.

Let's face it; the days of Animal House are long gone. With Fraternities being the #1 risk for an insurance company, Greek Life has become restricted to boundaries of business. With that in mind, Greek Organizations have decided to transfer some of their efforts from "party schools" into the scope of the world of Academia. Motivated young minds who like the sense of accomplishment are now being given

the opportunity to "break the stereotype" of fraternities. Within Pi Kappa Phi we see evidence of this in the expansion a year ago here at GW, and now one year later we are the first fraternity to expand at one of our neighboring schools, American University.

So, is this the right direction for Greeks to go? So far, so good. Theta Zeta has been a chapter of Pi Kappa Phi for almost one year and the list of accomplishments are beginning to pile up, whether it is in the academic arena, on the playing field, or in the community. The true test is whether or not the list of accomplishments will continue to grow.