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## Yearly Highlights

- Jan 04– Successful Rush yields 9 members in Gamma Class.
- May 04– Theta Zeta wins Pikus Cup intramural championship..
- Aug 04– 3 Brothers complete the Journey of Hope
- Sept 04– Rush brings in 16 Delta Class members
- Oct 04– Push Week Raises \$1,600

## 2003-2004

### Intramural Sports Records

Flag Football	<b>3-2</b>
Indoor Soccer	<b>5-0</b>
Floor Hockey	<b>3-2</b>
Volleyball	<b>4-1</b>
Wiffle Ball	<b>5-0</b>
Basketball	
5-on-5	<b>2-3</b>
3-on-3	<b>3-2</b>
Arena Football	<b>7-0</b>

## Alumni Spotlight: Jordan Sekulow

Pin Number: 16

Positions held: Secretary

Having graduated in 2002 at only 19, Jordan Sekulow is not only one of Theta Zeta's Founding Fathers but also one of our first alumni to take his political aspirations from GW to the real world.

While some brothers aspire to volunteer for presidential campaigns, Jordan was actually running part of the Bush campaign. At only 22 he was selected to be the Youth Director of Bush Cheney '04 campaign.

This position allowed Jordan to travel across the country to organize student grass roots programs and coordinate them with student leaders on campuses around the nation.

Although much was made of the young Democratic vote, Jordan's work was represented in real time on a website that updated membership numbers every time someone signed up. By the end of the campaign Sekulow had coordinated the recruitment of 128,000 students to help the Bush campaign.

By recruiting the youth vote and helping in the 72 hour Republican get-out-the-vote plan, was one of the keys to the Bush victory in November.

Sekulow describes his ex-

perience as, "The most incredible opportunity any political science major can dream of. Everyone interested in politics dreams about working on a presidential campaign at the national level and I was fortunate to have this opportunity only a couple of years after college."

While in college Jordan decided to start Pi Kapp with the other original 15 associates. Although his time in Pi Kapp was short he was Secretary and for a while allowed the chapter to use his suite at 2401 Penn Ave as a meeting place.

He describes his time in Theta Zeta as one of the important experiences which helped him work in politics.

"When you start a new fraternity on your campus with people you don't really know, you have to learn to work with different types of people. In politics, its the exact same. You start your job and have to develop relationships with people very quickly in order to get your tasks completed."

His advice to young Pi Kapps is to cherish the college experience, because although it might be cliché, it is the best time of your life.

Jordan currently resides in Arlington, however he might be moving back to Capitol Hill now that the campaign is over.



Alumnus Jordan Sekulow at the Republican National Convention

However, he says that this will not be his last campaign as his zeal for grassroots politics will keep him involved for many years to come.

Because of his young age, Jordan doesn't quite feel like an alumnus yet, but he is interested in becoming more active with the chapter now that he isn't working 24/7.

Looking back at his experience with Theta Zeta Jordan summarizes by saying. "It was a lot of hard work but I made some of the best friends I'll have in my life. My best memory isn't about chartering or parties, it is the friendships I made."

- Marc Boom



**Theta Zeta won the Pikus Cup, claiming overall intramural championship status.**

## Theta Zeta declared Pikus Cup Champions

May 2004  
-Wes Johnson

In the second year of being given out at GW, the Pikus Cup will be awarded to Pi Kappa Phi as the top fraternity athletes of the 2003-2004 school year.

In order to secure this victory, the brothers competed in 17 intramural events throughout the year and accumulated more points than any other fraternity through regular season and playoff wins in each respective sport.

The highlights of the year included 3-on-3 basketball (4-1), floor hockey (4-1), team bowling (22-3), wiffleball (5-0, playoff quarterfinalists), 6-on-6 volleyball (4-1), and arena football (7-0, playoff quarterfinalists).

For this achievement, Pi Kappa Phi will receive a trophy, a \$300 stipend, and a banner bearing the fraternity's letters will be hung in the student Health and Wellness Center. In addition, some of the brothers will be accepting this award for the chapter at center-court

during halftime of the February 12th GW men's home basketball game against Richmond.

The Pikus Cup has certainly been a factor in increasing competitiveness among the fraternities at GW when it comes to intramurals.

Pi Kapp currently is ranked second in the standings for the 2004-2005 academic year, and the prize is more hotly contested than ever. With nearly a dozen sports remaining in the spring semester, as many as six groups are still in the running for the title.

## Delta Class Brings New Faces to Chapter

Dec 2004

This year's fall rush proved to be one of Theta Zeta's most successful. Working with a new two week rush format, the chapter managed to recruit 16 Associate Members into our Delta Class with events at the house and other venues

The Deltas worked all semester to complete their member education program. Each member had to participate in

weekly meetings, Push events and brotherhood dinners in order to attain the necessary 1904 points. After attaining those points, two exams were given to test their knowledge of the Fraternity.

We are happy that 15 associates showed themselves to be worthy of joining our membership and on Dec 3rd, 2004 they were initiated as brothers in our great Pi Kappa Phi.

Congratulations to:

Chris Barajas, Danny Brozman, Bobby Corp, Michael DiNapoli, Collin Gallagher, Josh Gordon, Daniel Klionsky, Andrew Miller, Jimmy Morgan, Andrew Morris, Ernesto Rodriguez, Uptin Saiidi, Mario Sansalone, Chris Singel, Ben Vaughan, & Dustin Wright



**Members of the Delta Class are proud to be Pi Kapps**

## Push Week Raises Money, Spreads Awareness at GW



**Matt Steinhelfer deals at the Poker for Push, Texas Hold'em Tournament event.**

The chapter held its fall Push Week during October 26-28th. Throughout the week, events were geared towards increasing awareness of people with disabilities and to raise funds for Push America.

The first event, "Points for Push" was held on the 26th in the Marvin Center next to the J Street food court. Associate Members of the Delta Class manned a table, handing out flyers to spread awareness of Push's role in helping the dis-

abled while students were able to donate using their GWorld card. This convenience added to the success of the project.

"Poker for Push" was held at the Chapter House on the 27th. The event catered mainly to the Greek Community, with members of 7 different fraternities and sororities paying an entrance fee to participate. Top winners received gift certificates of differing values as a reward. Brothers and Associates dealt to a total of around 30 partici-

pants. It was an extremely successful event, not only raising a lot of money for Push, but bringing the Greek Community at GW closer. Additional donations came from the GW IFC and several sororities.

Push Week was a big success for Theta Zeta raising a total of \$1,600 and spreading awareness of the problems facing people with disabilities and Push America's role in helping to solve them.

Another Push Week is scheduled for the spring semester.



## Alumni BBQ Celebrates Lifelong Brotherhood

23 October 2004-

The annual GW Colonials Weekend is a time when parents and alumni can return to Foggy Bottom for a few days of festivities and GW spirit. Theta Zeta took advantage of this time period to hold its annual Alumni and Parent BBQ.

Despite the rain outside, brothers used the chapters new Weber grill to cook up burgers and hot dogs for our guests. Meanwhile inside the house brothers chatted with

parents and returning alumni about what was new with the chapter and what still needed to be worked on.

One of the new features at this year's BBQ was a chapter wish list notebook, which allowed parents and alumni to donate towards objects the chapter hopes to purchase.

It is always a great time of year when our brotherhood can celebrate its strength with the support of those who came before us and those who make

our attendance at GW possible.

Among the most impressed were the parents of the new Delta class, who had their first experience meeting our chapter.

Overall most of the Alumni from the DC area where in attendance, and next year we hope to bring in alumni from around the country. Practicing lifelong brotherhood is always a goal for Theta Zeta.



**Brothers, Alumni and Parents reunite at the BBQ**



**Will Green, Sam Farber and Kevin DiSabatino leave San Francisco to bike across the**

## A Journey in Brotherhood

Theta Zeta sent 3 brothers on the Journey of Hope this past summer. Kevin DiSabatino, Will Green and Sam Farber were three of the 70 Pi Kapp brothers from around the country to be accepted on a ride that would cover nearly 4000 miles and raise over \$400,000 overall.

In order to participate in Push America's largest event, they had to raise a minimum of \$5000 each and commit

their summer to helping people with disabilities.

Other than riding an average of 75 miles a day, riders performed puppet shows and friendship visits at various centers serving the disabled across the nation.

All of our brothers described their journey as one of the most positive experiences of their lives. Recounting the growth of brotherhood be-

tween riders from different chapters, Kevin said, "It was like forming a whole new chapter." All JOH veterans become Pi Alphas within the fraternity.

Starting in June from San Francisco, CA and ending in Charleston, SC in August, our brothers felt proud to participate in the important tour that shows our fraternity's desire to serve those less privileged than ourselves

## Brothers Go To Charleston for Centennial Celebration

-by Harris Markowitz

It is not until you attend a national Pi Kappa Phi event that you truly feel like you are a real brother of Pi Kappa Phi. The comradely, the excitement, the passion, and the love are all encompassed in these weekends full of Pi Kapp learning.

This past national event, Supreme Chapter 2004, caused celebration for Theta Zeta for a few reasons. The first and most obvious is that it was Pi

Kappa Phi's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Being in the birth city of our fraternity, getting to see the gifts that were given to the College of Charleston including this year's gift of the bell tower, seeing the different chapter houses of Alpha, visiting Simon Fogarty, Jr.'s house, and most importantly, getting to talk with people where Pi Kappa Phi has become a household name was an experience like none other.

Supreme Chapter 2004 was significant to Theta Zeta for a

second reason. This was our first Supreme Chapter that we were considered a voting body in and allowed to be in the room for the private meetings. It was truly amazing to see how our National Organization operates, and how the individual chapters fit in.

Lastly, being the youngest new lettered chartered chapter, I realized that even our say can make a big difference in the decisions made for the chapters.



**The Pi Kappa Phi Bell Tower was the Centennial Gift**



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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 100 years of experience in building better men, chapters and life-long 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 recruit 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 in the pursuit of brotherhood through scholarship, leadership, service and social experiences and the achievement of personal excellence in each member for the collective excellence of our Fraternity. Most importantly it must continue to build lifelong brotherhood for its members.



**A Message From the Archon**



-Harris Markowitz

I first would like to begin by thanking everyone this year for making my term as archon as successful as it was. With all of your help, you not only made it enjoyable for me to be archon of Theta Zeta but made it possible for us to become an even more distinguished chapter on this campus. It has been an amazing experience and one that

some people thought I wouldn't be able to fulfill.

Originally when I became archon, my only goal was to make the fraternity more fun. As I began to think about it more, I knew that it would take more than just better social events to improve the chapter. I wanted to increase our chapter size, as well as our chapter presence. I wanted to keep our alumni more informed about chapter events, as well as continue to make them feel like a part of the chapter. I also wanted to increase our Push efforts.

Now that my term is over, I realize that the chapter accomplished even more than what I had originally intended. We not only increased the number of social events we had this semester, but we also took in an associate member class more than double the size of last fall. An

alumni database was created to keep our alumni better informed. We continue to be #1 in overall GPA for fraternities at GW and continue to remain #1 in athletics. We raised more money in Push this semester than all of last year and have officially begun our volunteer relationship with the National Rehabilitation Hospital. This year we have grown significantly towards being GW's leading fraternity.

Overall, it really has been a great year, and I'm looking forward to the next year with Wes Johnson as the our archon. I am sure next year, the chapter will have accomplished even more and will look forward to come back with everyone to share the memories.