

# *pi kapp parent*

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## *from the president*

*Hello parents and welcome to the first issue of our monthly Pi Kapp Parent Newsletter. Each month we will be providing you with updates about the house including academic highlights as well as news regarding our intramural sports leagues.*

*Our goal is to keep you up to date with your son's fraternity and the positive things that are associated with his membership. Being in a fraternity involves a large financial obligation and we want to show you our commitment to being a house that tries to break the typical fraternity stereotype. By staying involved with the community through philanthropy, attaining a high house GPA, and staying on top as an athletic competitor, we are currently viewed as one of the best houses on campus.*

*I hope you enjoy the first issue and I am looking forward to meeting all of you at the Parent's Weekend.*

*-Rick Cosgrove, President*

## *the journey of hope*

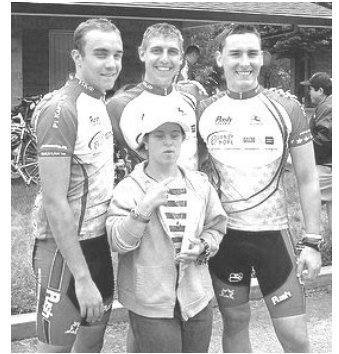
*To those of you who are unaware, Pi Kappa Phi is the only national fraternity that can proudly say it has its own philanthropy organization through which it works. This organization, Push America, devotes its efforts to those with disabilities. It offers a plethora of programs through which Pi Kapps across the country can get involved.*

*One of the most venerable programs is the "Journey of Hope". JOH is a summer trip from San Francisco to Washington D.C. – on a bicycle. To participate each member must first raise 5,000 dollars. Once this is accomplished and the trip begins, Pi Kapps cycle for 50-100 miles each day and then spend the evenings working with the disabled community.*

*Our Chapter, the Alpha Kappa Chapter, is proud to*

*have had 3 members in the last two years partake in this event – Jerry and Chris Kozak in 2005 and in just this past summer Sophomore Ben Luster. Ben Luster recalls the experience.*

*"The Journey of Hope was one reason I joined Pi Kappa Phi. After talking to many of the brothers who preceded me I realized what a great outreach program ΠΚΦ has started and maintained. However, I didn't fully understand the greatness of PUSH America and the JOH until this summer. I was fortunate enough see firsthand what this organization does. Not only do the brothers of ΠΚΦ donate hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to facilities and organizations that serve people with disabilities; they give their time, their hard work, their skills and ideas. It's truly became evident during the JOH. You arrive to a friendship visit with applause and smiles, and you leave while tears roll down the face of a young child in a wheelchair as he or she holds tightly to your hand and asks you when you'll be back. ΠΚΦ does more than simply raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities, they get on a personal level, they get involved and they truly make a difference. I appreciate all that ΠΚΦ does and I know many others do as well."*



*In addition to Ben, Chris, and Jerry, Pi Kapps would also like to congratulate senior Andy Cramer who has been accepted to the 2007 team. Andy has set his fund raising goal to 7,500 dollars, and has already started working towards it. You can support Andy's cause at*

*[pushamerica.org/events/profile.cfm?rID=1134842&ridecode=joh2007](http://pushamerica.org/events/profile.cfm?rID=1134842&ridecode=joh2007)*

*For more information about PUSH America and all the programs it offers, visit [www.pushamerica.org](http://www.pushamerica.org).*

# *upcoming events*

## *Parent Weekend Dinner Party*

*Pi Kappa Phi would like to invite all of the parents to a Parent Weekend dinner, Friday October 20th. The event will start at 5pm.*

*Unfortunately, the Saturday football game has already sold out. There is however a Michigan Hockey Game vs Miami Ohio that night at 7:30pm. Tickets are roughly 25 dollars and can be purchased at [www.mgoblue.com](http://www.mgoblue.com).*

## *recent accomplishments*

*Pi Kappa Phi congratulates the members on the following notable accomplishments.*

### *Scholarly Accomplishments*

- ◆ *28 members had a winter GPA above 3.0*
- ◆ *16 members had a winter GPA above 3.5*
- ◆ *Jonathan Zajac earned a 4.0 and a 98<sup>th</sup> percentile score on the LSAT*
- ◆ *Brandon Wojcik earned a 4.0 and a 93<sup>rd</sup> percentile score on the MCAT. Brandon is also president of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health honors society.*
- ◆ *Jeff Gurr, Louie Lucero, Adam Goldberg, and Jerry Kozak were accepted into the Ross Business School*
- ◆ *Mikael Olson spent the summer studying in France.*

- ◆ *Jerry Kozak is working to spend the summer of 2007 studying in Germany*
- ◆ *Juniors Ricky Winowiecki and Jerry Kozak recently celebrated the 2 year anniversary of their clothing company, Kozak and Cachinnate*
- ◆ *79% of the chapter spent the summer working in an internship or attending summer classes.*

### *Athletic Accomplishments*

- ◆ *Senior Patrick Flynn received the Intramural Manager of the Year Award*
- ◆ *Pi Kapps won the 2005-2006 All Year Points Intramural Championship*
- ◆ *Junior Dan Baltmanis won the Fraternity Athlete of the year award.*
- ◆ *Sophomore Adam Goldberg won the State Wars National Roller Hockey Tournament for New Jersey and in doing so also won the Most Valuable Goalie award.*
- ◆ *Pi Kapps was exclusively awarded the Joe Sewell Award for Intramural Excellence by our National Headquarters.*
- ◆ *Junior Brandon Johns ranked 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the NCRHA in goals scored.*

## *How to keep informed!*

*The latest details about Parents Weekend, the happenings at the House, and anything related to your son's Pi Kapp experience are available on the frequently updated*

*[www.michiganpikapps.com](http://www.michiganpikapps.com).*

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