

# ΤΕΜΠΟ

For the Alumni of Kappa Kappa Psi – Theta Beta at Boston University Volume 23, Issue 1, Spring 2010

## From the President...

Brothers,

This has been a very busy year for Theta Beta. In the fall, we had a full schedule of during marching season. This year's field show was themed Rhett Studies Abroad. The highlights of the season included the American Heart Association walk, our Fall Tour, and appearance on Wheel of Fortune. As we were busy with the demands of marching season, Theta Beta also held our rush and MEP. We had great turnouts at all of our rush events, including Alumni-Active Football and BBQ at the Beach. By the end of the semester, Theta Beta put through our new Alpha Epsilon class:

Janessa Greenleaf #221 Brother Driver  
Christina Finkle #222 Brother Coo-D'état  
Tom Patten #223 Brother Colt  
Anthony Popple #224 Brother Apollo  
Chris Szala #225 Brother Wolf  
Grace Tom #226 Brother Koi  
Dennis Yu #227 Brother Heart ΘροΒ



The seven AE's are all outstanding and driven band members who are already proving themselves to be great brothers.

This spring semester, Theta Beta has also been kept busy with our packed band schedule. We have cheered on our basketball and hockey teams, staying energetic even during those six games a week periods. Seven of our brothers are also members of BU's Winter Percussion Ensemble performing this year's show "Hypnotized." Both the brothers in Pep Band and those in Winter Percussion (and some who are in both) have dedicated countless hours to band this semester. Now as the Pep Band season is winding down, Theta Beta has begun to shift its focus from band participation to outside service and chapter improvement. We are working this semester to revamp our rush process and MEP. We have also been working a lot on increasing our musicality as a chapter by all bringing tuners to games and playing our instruments after every chapter meeting. We've been doing a lot of work for improvement this year and are continuing to look for more ways to grow. So far it has been a great, roller-coaster of a year and I have high expectations for the rest of the semester and for next year. It is an honor to be selected to serve.

Aaren Weisz  
"Kosher" 216  
President Spring 2010

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## Putting Together a Fundraiser

This year the Alpha Epsilons were charged with putting on a new type of fundraiser. We began to brainstorm and decided that the best fundraiser to do would be one that would reward the members of the pep band for all their hard work and give them a chance to relax a bit before the deluge of games that comes in February after Beanpot. We called it the “Beanpot Kickoff” and served chili while the BU Jazz Combo performed, set up Wii Sports and Super Smash Brothers in the front room, and had a raffle for 6 different baskets of various themes that we put together.

Everyone in the new classes paired up and each pair was in charge of putting together a basket to raffle off. Some of the ideas we came up with were a New England basket (Boston baked beans,

maple sugar candy, Dell’s lemonade, and similar items unique to New England), a Vegas basket, a Sewing basket, and a Movie Night basket. To increase our profit we did a guess the amount of jelly beans and then a separate guess how many Boston Baked Beans.

Working with the sister’s new class helped us get to know them better. We learned what their strengths and weaknesses are and what they hoped to gain by becoming sisters. It was a great experience to hear their reasons why they decided to join the sorority. It was truly a great way to get to learn about the sister class, raise money for our national dues, and serve the band at the same time.

### The Alpha Epsilon Class



Above: The Alpha Epsilons and Alpha Thetas watch as Chris and Anthony play tennis on the Wii.

From Left to Right: Dennis Yu “Heart GroB”, Erin McLean Sister “Starfish”, Chris Szala “Wolf”, Tom Patten “Colt”, Laura Brown “Cheez-it”, Janessa “Driver”, Emily Walsh “Eclipse”, Anthony, and Eva Gach “Acro”

Below : AEs after painting the rock and flashing their Alphas and Epsilons

From Right to Left: Grace Tom, Anthony Popple, Christina Finkel, Christopher Szala, Janessa Greenleaf, Tom Patten, Dennis Yu



## “Let Us Raise Our Voices to the Bond”

At this year’s Northern Precinct Meeting, we took our first steps toward national recognition of the Theta Beta-Eta Gamma Joint Hymn. By distributing flyers and copies of the sheet music to every chapter attending the meeting, representatives from both Theta Beta and Eta Gamma helped stir excitement in our precinct about the hymn. Some chapters already knew of and loved this musical celebration of joint relations. The host chapters at Syracuse, for example, heard the hymn such when they visited for Joint Ceremony last semester. Whether they were already familiar with the hymn or not, by the end of the weekend, Brothers and Sisters from all over the precinct were enthusiastic about our beautiful hymn, even those from schools without a Sister chapter. Our promotion of the hymn concluded with the Boston University Joint Assembly’s informal performance following Closing Joints.

For more information on the Joint Hymn and its promotion, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/kkpsitbsjointhymn/>

Cathy Kirch  
“Iceberg” #214  
Music Chair 2009-2010

## The Future of the Theta Handbooks

Keeping with our efforts all year of making more of our chapter documentation electronic, Theta Beta has decided to make

some pretty big changes to the Theta Handbook. Previously, the handbook would be printed out in hardcopy, put in binders, and distributed to the chapter. While this was certainly useful, it was a huge expenditure of time and resources for a binder that most people didn’t end up bringing to meetings (as was intended). The handbook had turned into a reference, since most of the information in it was for reference anyways. Additionally, most of the information in the handbook, such as various constitutions and national policies, was easily downloaded on the laptops that most people were already bringing to meetings. The decision was thus made to put the handbook online, and to expand on it. Using Wikimedia software, the Theta Handbook is going to become a sort of Theta Beta Wikipedia. While it’ll still have the information the old handbooks had, we’ll be able to integrate new things into it, such as the MEP, PIES, and more specific information on what it takes to be a good brother in Theta Beta and to the Boston University band program. Since it’ll be a wiki, anyone in the chapter will be able to edit and contribute their wisdom, giving the chapter a great new tool to educate new members. Additionally, the Theta Project, one of the major aspects of the current handbook, will be on the new wiki. The Theta Project, which is a collection of goals and ideals that the chapter is striving towards, helps us focus our efforts as a chapter. By putting it online in a wiki, it makes the document much more living and dynamic, allowing us to post our short term goals as well as our long term ones, which helps to initiate the goal, plan how to accomplish it, and then act. The previous format, which was updated once per year, did not support this. These changes will help Theta Beta better organize and execute their goals and as always, strive for the highest.

Ryan Pope  
“Bridgekeeper” #220  
Parliamentarian 2009-2010

## A Blast From the Past: The Revival of the TBAA

Over the summer and this past semester, Theta Beta has seen many changes with its operations, MEP, and focus of service. In addition to these innovations, the Theta Beta alumni have rallied together in support of the chapter and the Boston University Bands. In doing so, they have revived the Theta Beta Alumni Association. The current officers come from a wide range of Theta Beta's history. The current president, Lisa Tornatore, graduated in 2002 and provides a more recent historical background to the association. That being said, the Secretary/Treasurer comes from the Founding Class of 1984. The Vice President, James St. Pierre, rounds out the group as an alumnus from the 90's. These three have done an excellent job because each one brings a different era of Theta Beta's past to one organization. After elections and paperwork, the association began its work to assist the chapter. Their major goal was to eliminate the chapter's debt caused by the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that took place this April. The TBAA, Theta Beta, and the Eta Gamma chapter of Tau Beta Sigma have recently paid off this debt with much relief to all the organizations. Not only has the TBAA assisted financially, but also on October 24<sup>th</sup> the alumni

dusted off their instruments and joined the Boston University Pep Band at the Men's Hockey Game. This game was a special game because the BU Marching Band debuted on the ice and needed support in the stands while preparations for the ice show were being made. Along with the many changes Theta Beta has been making, this year's MEP was during the fall semester. The TBAA has worked very closely with the active chapter to help with the preparation and execution of the Alumni/Active Football game and the Membership Dinner. The game, a rush event for those wanting to join the fraternity, would not be possible without the attendance and support of the alumni. Furthermore, the TBAA went above and beyond previous years in the preparation for the Membership Dinner, a dinner after first degree welcoming the MC's. The TBAA hosted and prepared a truly delicious home cooked meal for that evening. The TBAA continues to bring together alumni from three decades in its support of the current chapter of Theta Beta

Matthew Lonergan  
 "Mole" #217  
 Alumni Relations Officer 2009-2010



Theta Beta after Third Degree with the newest Alpha Epsilon  
 Back Row Left to Right: Rachel, Janessa, Cathy, Tom, Matt, Ryan P., Anthony, Christina, Alice, Jesse, Rob, Dennis.  
 Front Row Left to Right: Greg, Michael, Chris, Ryan H., Grace, Aaren, and Emma

Farewell to our seniors...



Theta Beta says goodbye to three seniors this semester.

Right:  
 Alice Gomez "Breach" 205 AB  
 Rob Roman "Music Man" 208 AB

Above:  
 Aaren Weisz "Kosher" 216 AΓ



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A Kappa Kappa Psi Poem, by Cathy Kirch, "Iceberg" #214

There were so many things  
I didn't understand  
How this thing called Brotherhood  
Meant more than being in band

Now everything seems clearer  
And I realize why  
It's because I'm a Brother  
Of Kappa Kappa Psi

There is still a lot  
I need to learn and live  
About both how to take  
And mostly how to give

I know that I have family  
To help me to strive high  
Now that I'm a Brother  
Of Kappa Kappa Psi

My Brothers hold me up  
And push me when there's need  
They want to see me smile  
And to see me succeed

I place my trust in each of them  
Whether I laugh or cry  
They know that I'm a Brother  
Of Kappa Kappa Psi

Now one part is over  
Another just begun  
Never stopping striving  
Until my life is done

On the path I travel  
I can hold my head high  
Knowing I'm a Brother  
Of Kappa Kappa Psi

And if someone should ask me  
Why I'll always be true  
Why this means so much to me  
Why I do just what I do

If they request an explanation  
I will simply reply  
I'll say "I'm a Brother,  
Of Kappa Kappa Psi"



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