This past November, Peter Millin passed away unexpectedly. It was a shock to everyone in the Beta Chi family. No one was ready for a tragedy like this, nor was anyone willing to accept it at first. Pete was one of the founding fathers of our chapter; he was an active member, helping out as much as possible during pledging, coming to many of the socials such as the weekly dinners, and even hosting the initiation celebration at his house. Even though many of our brothers live and work all over the country, everyone: active brothers and alumni, gathered and provided support for each other to get through the tough time. The fact that everyone showed up during that dark period, showed our brotherhood runs deep and we wanted to pay our respects to a true brother, pharmacist, and friend, Pete.

When looking back at all Pete did, nothing changed from when he was an active brother or an alumnus. Regardless of his status in the chapter, he would still attend important chapter events such as rush events and our annual Health Fair. He even suggested ideas for social events and was known to have heart-to-heart talks with the other brothers. The pride he felt for our chapter and fraternity was infinite; not only did the fellow brothers realize his dedication, but also his classmates, family members, and coworkers. They saw the commitment he had towards any part of his life. He graduated from Northeastern University and was offered a residency position at one of the finest hospitals in Boston, Brigham and Women’s. His professors and coworkers remember him as a hardworking individual. His friends cherish the influence he had on them and all the moments they spent together, and his brothers value all he has done for us. Phi Delta Chi wasn’t a secret in his life but an experience everyone around him knew about. He was someone a pledge looked to for answers, someone a brother modeled themselves after, and someone a friend went to for laughter. Pete, we love you; always have and always will.
This year, for rush, the Pledging Committee met several times at the start of the semester to discuss ways we could reach out to potential brothers. We started out by going around to each of the pharmacy freshman seminar classes to present our fraternity and its mission and hopefully spark the interest of some. Our first rush event was held in the game room in Northeastern’s student center. Game room night was a great time to talk and laugh with any potential pledges in a very relaxed environment, where everyone was just playing ping pong or Wii. A few days later we had a pizza party where we introduced our advisor, a brother himself, Dr. Mark Douglass. After these three events, the rushes became pledges, and in order to end the rush period and kick off pledging, we had a get together for all of the brothers. We had a night with tons of food and dancing, and it was just a fun way to begin 2008 pledging.

Since the founding of our chapter in 2005, our pledge classes have gotten progressively larger each year. This year, though, we had a different pledging experience with our Epsilon class, which had only four pledges. Because there were only a few pledges this year, they all grew extremely close throughout the weeks of pledging. There was a lot of work to be done during the pledge period, and because there were only four people to divvy the work between, they had their work cut out for them. The Epsilons walked with some of the current brothers in Boston’s Light the Night Walk to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as their first community event. Professionally, they took on the task of designing and manning a table about STD Awareness at Phi Delta Chi’s annual Health Day. For a fun social event, we had the four do a little pumpkin carving competition to see how creative they could be. They then brought their masterpieces to Quincy where hundreds of other pumpkins were on display and a huge fund raising event called Carving for a Cure supporting the Jimmy Fund was being held. As a pledge project, the four teamed up to make a huge family tree of each of the four classes that came before them, showing all the brothers and family lines. Small but strong, the Epsilons proved to be not only a great class but a learning experience for all involved with the pledging experience. We are so happy to now have them as part of our PDC family!
Health Day 2008 by Kevin Chan

On October 22, 2008, the Beta Chi Chapter at Northeastern University presented the second annual Health Day. After months of planning and preparation, our chapter put on this big event known as Health Day in our student center. An event dealing with a multitude of important issues about health-related topics and that featured displays ranging from nutrition and posture screenings to alcohol awareness and diabetes awareness. However, to put on such a large event, we reached out to other health science majors and organizations to collaborate, much like in actual health care settings, in order to create a much better final product. We worked together with organizations such as Rho Chi and Lambda Kappa Sigma, as well as students of other majors, including nursing and physical therapy.

On top of this, we also reached out to pharmaceutical companies, local hospitals, and community organizations to help us with their expertise in their respective fields. Massachusetts General Hospital came in and helped us put on a blood drive. Other highlights of Health Day included a Melanoma Awareness table, set up by the Melanoma Education Foundation, which had a Skin Analyzer Magnifier, which highlighted areas of the skin that have suffered damage from the sun. Healthy Achievers helped give out 200 free cholesterol tests, the Student Nurse's Association helped give blood pressure screenings, Lambda Kappa Sigma talked about breast cancer awareness, Families for Depression Awareness had a table about the effects and dangers of depression, and the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts came to talk about HIV awareness and testing information. There were tables featuring heartburn awareness and awareness of sexually transmitted diseases, both of which were created and manned by our brothers. Suffice to say, there was a plethora of information and services being offered, which over 1500 visitors from the university and the community took advantage of.
Throughout the day, we gave out all the flu shots, glucose tests, and cholesterol tests that we had and had a great turnout. The people who came out gave us great feedback about the event and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. We, the Beta Chi chapter, are extremely proud of what we have been able to accomplish with this event and it just shows what can be done when a few people get together with a common goal in mind. Whether it was creating one of the many displays that we personally put together, taking shifts at those tables, promoting the event, helping to organize and communicate with different companies and organizations, directing the influxes of people, or just little errands that were done leading up to and throughout the day, we came together as a fraternity and made it happen and we are just ecstatic about it.

The success of this event in the past two years has set a precedent which we can only hope to match, or even surpass, in the future. This is only the beginning and we're going to keep trying to make Health Day even bigger and better than before, we're going to keep promoting our presence on-campus, and we're definitely going to keep doing our best to give back to our community and our school.
The 2008 Boston AIDS Walk  
by Justin Huynh

Every year, the Beta Chi chapter participates in Boston's annual AIDS Walk, presented by the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts- New England's largest and oldest HIV/AIDS prevention organization. Our chapter is very proud of this event as the tradition started with our very own Alpha Class and has stayed strong every since.

On June 1, 2008, the Beta Chi chapter, along with students and faculty from the Bouve College of Health Sciences gathered along the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Charles River Esplanade in Boston. It was sunny and warm Sunday morning as the brothers prepared for the 10K walk. Joined by thousands of other walkers from communities all over Boston, our chapter walked along the city's scenic routes through the streets of Boston, Brookline, and Cambridge.

Not only was this a great event to support, but our fraternity also got to chance to bond during the summer. Whether it was stopping for some free ice cream and snacks or whether it was cracking jokes along the way, our chapter had a very enjoyable time at the AIDS Walk.

Advisor of The Year- Our Very Own Dr. Mark Douglass  
by Katie Trotta

This year, the presidents of more than 200 student groups from Northeastern nominated their advisors for the advisor of the year award. Lucky for us, we have the best advisor on the whole campus, so the President’s Award this year went to Phi Delta Chi’s own, Dr. Mark Douglass. He was being awarded along with two other advisors at a banquet, and to top off the whole evening, there was the added element of surprise. Dr. Douglass didn’t know he was being awarded for anything; in fact, he thought he was showing up that day to support someone else. We all gathered and feasted on the delicious buffet that was provided for us. When Steve Bird, our past WCC, took the podium, Douglass knew he was around that day for more than just support.

Steve talked about the dedication Dr. Douglass has for PDC and how we would never be able to accomplish all the things we do each year without his help. Douglass was nearly speechless but extremely appreciative of the kind words and award we were sharing with him that day. It was great to get to properly thank the advisor that helps us do so much!