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Alpha Beta Named Greek Man of the Year

(Oxford, OH) (April 14, 2008)-- Miami University Senior Michael Geswein was recently named the recipient of the Martha & Phillip Shriver Greek Man of the Year Award at the University's Greek Awards ceremony held on April 6, 2008 on campus.

The award is the highest individual recognition a student can receive for leadership and contributions within Miami University's Greek community.

"The award was a fitting tribute to Mike's leadership over the past three years and his devotion to improving the Fraternity experience for Betas and others alike," commented Chapter Advisor Brian Breittholz.

Michael joined the Alpha Chapter of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity in 2005 and immediately assumed leadership roles including serving as Community Open House Chairman, Greek Life Guide, Risk Manager and Chapter President.

As Chapter President Geswein's focus was on recommitting the chapter to the Fraternity's founding principles. With his leadership, the chapter formed a membership expectation committee to develop a set of basic expectations for each member to meet.

"Mike had donated his life to this chapter over this past year, I can only hope that I can leave the same legacy as him one day," said current chapter president, Ben Bressler. "Mike truly has been an inspiration to us all for being an example of what it means to wear the badge of Beta Theta Pi."

Along with the Greek Man of the Year award, Geswein was also named the Outstanding Fraternity President at Miami for 2007-2008 at the awards program. "Rarely does one individual student leader receive both prestigious awards," stated Breittholz. He added, "I'm pleased the awards committee also recognized that Mike is truly a special young man."

Along with student activities, Geswein successfully double majored in finance and management information systems along with a minor in interactive media studies. He will graduate having achieved Dean's List status multiple times.

The Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi was founded at Miami University in 1839. Beta Theta Pi has some 125 chapters across the United States and Canada.