Greetings to our dear BUBJJ alumni and members,

After a two-year hiatus, our official newsletter is back healthier than ever to keep you all up to date with the club’s plans and activities! In this edition of our monthly publication, we will discuss the recent activities of the club and the tournaments that we plan on participating in within the near future.

Whether you are an alumni or a current club member, it is our goal that this newsletter will help you stay connected with BUBJJ. For our alumni, we hope that you still hold many fond memories from your involvement in the club and that these photos will remind you of your time here!

Sincerely,

The 2017-2018 BUBJJ E-Board Team

P.S: Please follow our Facebook page for the best access to regular updates!
JIU JITSU

Professor: Alex Costa
Assistant Coaches: Coaches Matt and Shane

This year, BUBJJ has the privilege of training under coaches from Gracie Barra Boston. Professor Alex and Coaches Matt and Shane have been leading our Tuesday Jiu Jitsu classes with excellence; it has only been one month since the semester started, yet we can see that their effective teaching practices have led to the quality of our members’ performances on the mat already improving. Our coaches have truly sparked a keen interest in the art of Jiu Jitsu amongst our current members and newcomers alike, and we look forward to learning from them in the future.

MUAY THAI

Head Coach: Nick Drummond
Assistant Coach: Robert Delany - COM’18

Headed by the one and only Coach Nick Drummond of Broadway Muay Thai, BUBJJ’s Muay Thai practice is one of the best places on campus to get an intense full body workout. Practice runs on Friday evenings, giving students a chance to have an intense and fulfilling workout to kick start the weekend. This will be Coach Nick’s 6th year teaching Muay Thai at BUBJJ.

This year, BUBJJ has arguably the most experienced group of Muay Thai athletes in recent years. We have plenty of newcomers interested in learning the Art of Eight limbs, and we hope to keep the standard of Muay Thai athletes in BUBJJ as high as it currently is for the future.
Every year, BUBJJ holds a booth at the annual BU club fair, SPLASH, and this year was no different. Along with some of our generous volunteer club members, the E-Board team held a booth for three hours in the hot Boston summer. We had members manning the booths to collect e-mails from students interested in joining our club, while some of our other members held a Muay Thai pad-work session to draw a larger crowd.

This year’s SPLASH was a major success for BUBJJ. By the end of the club fair, we ended up garnering around 250 e-mails on the e-mailing list, which is 117% more than that of last year’s sign ups. A huge thank you to everyone involved in this success. Well done!

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This year, we plan to send our members on a road trip to Rhode Island to compete in NAGA, which will be taking place in mid-October. Competition training has already begun, and we hope that the experience of training for and competing in this tournament will give our members a taste of Jiu Jitsu in an intensified setting. Moreover, our club will continue its active involvement from last year in participating in local tournaments, such as the bi-annual tournaments generously hosted by Harvard Jiu Jitsu.
**President**
**Jesse Chan** – CAS’19

As President of our club, Jesse is an inspirational leader and martial artist. His experience in martial arts includes 10 years in Jow Ga kung fu as well as four years of folk style wrestling. With this background, he has proudly and gratefully included Brazilian Jiu Jitsu into his repertoire since his freshman year.

His goals as president are to push the club and test its limits. He believes that since there is no real retention of knowledge without serious application, it is essential that the club gain more opportunities to compete than ever before. Moreover, he aims to prioritize the strengthening involvement in the Boston and New England BJJ community.

**Vice President**
**Jabari Evans** – CAS’19

Known to his friends as “Jabs”, Jabari grew up boxing and doing various other martial arts during his childhood. Jabari joined BUBJJ in his freshman year with no experience in Jiu Jitsu or Muay Thai. Now a Junior, he is developing very well in both disciplines, and has been doing excellently in teaching our newcomers the basics of Jiu Jitsu.

As the Vice President and one of our most responsible members, Jabari is our club’s designated van driver. Moreover, he is an excellent cook, and never fails to make everyone satisfied with his skillfully prepared food during club gatherings.
Sports Information Director
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Hailing from Thailand, Mac is has lived in the land of Muay Thai for his whole life. Ironically, he knew nothing about his country’s national sport until he came to the United States as a freshman in BUBJJ. His initial interest in Muay Thai eventually became an obsession that he is now keen to share with his team members.

As the Sports Information Director, Mac is responsible for keeping past and present members updated about the club’s plans and activities, as well as marketing for the club. His goals for BUBJJ this year is for newcomers to have a smooth transition into the club and increase member retention. Most of all, he wants every member of the club to enjoy the mentally therapeutic benefits of martial arts as best as they can.

Treasurer
Spencer Tai – CAS’19

Despite only having 2 years of experience in Jiu Jitsu, Spencer is one of our club’s most skilled practitioners. Combined with his flexibility, his cerebral approach to Jiu Jitsu makes him an extremely technical opponent to face on the mats. He is simply predictably unpredictable, both on and off the mats.

Like his Jiu Jitsu style, Spencer’s interests and hobbies are very unique. He spends his free time learning more about history and archaeology, with historical martial arts (such as HEMA) in particular. Moreover, he also enjoys the sport of rock climbing. Nonetheless, Spencer also enjoys indulging himself with gaming and watching anime. His goal for this semester is to increase our members’ drive for BJJ and to help the club’s growth and expansion.
Junior Officer
Benjamin Inglis – CAS’20

Also known by his peers as “Little Ben”, Benjamin has been involved in grappling sports since 7th grade when he started doing judo in California. He wrestled throughout high-school until junior year when he switched his focus to judo and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He currently ranks as a brown belt in Judo and a white belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. He hopes to achieve his blue belt by the end of next summer.

As Junior Officer, Benjamin has been instrumental in leading warm ups and teaching newcomers the fundamentals of grappling during open mat. His patience and humor makes him an asset to the club.

Honorary Senior Officer
WooJae Kim – COM’17

WooJae, also known as “Jae”, came to BUBJJ as a shy freshman with completely no knowledge in Jiu Jitsu. However, it is according to him that BUBJJ and Jiu Jitsu completely changed his physicality and his outlook on life. After four years of focused training, Jae is now a blue-belt under Professor Alex and is our club’s most experienced member.

Jae has been absolutely outstanding in being a teacher, mentor, and role model to our younger and less experienced members. His contributions to our club’s performance has been immense, and we cannot thank him enough for his efforts in sharing his knowledge with us. By the beginning of October, Jae will be returning to his home country of South Korea.

We all wish you the best of luck in the future and please keep in touch with us! We’ll really miss you Jae!