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President's Desk



SMC: Ryan Hiestand (AK '04)

Alpha Kappa is coming off its most successful year ever! At the 2007 Pike University Academy held in Memphis, Tennessee, Alpha Kappa walked away with many awards from the International Fraternity. For the second time in five years, Alpha Kappa was awarded the title of "**House of the Year**", which

is given to the Chapter with the best property management and maintenance policies. The Chapter also won its **fourth consecutive Smythe Award**, given to the top 6% of all chapters. Alpha Kappa was also recognized for the second year in a row for having the **top Alumni Relations program**, as well as the top Community Service program. Other awards and recognitions Alpha Kappa received include the Chapter Excellence award, scholarship plate (GPA above 3.0), Pike University highest attendance award, 100-man chapter, international work day participation, and 100% participation in the phi phi kappa alpha club.

Alpha Kappa continues to dominate in recruitment at UMR. Chaz Blaschke (AK '04) and Josh Heger (AK '06), with the help of the recently formed recruitment committee, once again rushed the largest pledge class at UMR. Led by Pledge Educator, Rob Lichtenberg, the Chapter expects this group of young men to continue the success of the Chapter over the next four years. Alpha Kappa looks to carry the momentum into spring recruitment and is confident that Lance Weinmann will recruit "the most best men" for our spring pledge class.

The Chapter continues to excel over other Fraternities on campus in all aspects. The Chapter won its **7th consecutive fraternity intramural championship**, placing first in softball, football, basketball, tennis and soccer and in the top three in seven other events. The Chapter finished **3rd out of 21 fraternities**

in grade point average for the spring semester, once again **exceeding the All-Men's and All-Fraternity grade point averages**. Alpha Kappa completed more than **10,000 hours of community service for the 2006-2007 school year, more than any other organization on campus**. These accomplishments led the UMR Student Council and the Corporate Development Council to award the Chapter the title of "**Most Remarkable Student Group**" at the student organization recognition banquet. This recognition is the most prestigious award any student group at UMR may be awarded!

Several individual members also won very prestigious awards this past year. Kurt Haslag was chosen as "Undergraduate Civil of the Year" as well as "IFC Man of the Year." Andrew Arnold was named "First Year Representative of the Year," while Steven Grelle and Tom Graff were elected as "Academic All-Americans" for Lacrosse. On the soccer team, Dan Gravlin was recognized as an "ESPN Academic All-American" and Andy Held was elected as "2nd Team All GLVC."

All of our accomplishments would not be possible without the immense and continued support of all our alumni. With the completion of the expansion to the chapter house, the Chapter would like to enthusiastically thank all the alumni that have helped to make this possible and who will continue to support the Chapter in the future. I hope to see many of you at the UMR Homecoming the weekend of October 19th & 20th for the expansion dedication ceremony.

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Ryan Hiestand
SMC, Spring 2007

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Ramsay's Corner

Chapter

I often find myself sitting in the Chapter Room or the Executive Officers meeting filled with admiration for the men who are Alpha Kappa actives. These young men possess a maturity and far-sightedness that is far beyond our expectation for men of their age group. They have to deal with issues in a manner that we simply did not worry about "back in the day". The responsibilities they shoulder are beyond the comprehension of many of us, even today. For instance, the Active Chapter Budget is currently in excess of \$650K. Believe it or not, it's a very tight budget with little room for error. The rules they must adhere to with regard to alcohol and to hazing are a fact of life we didn't have to worry much about 25 years ago. Today, the consequences of those bad behaviors are not the "boys will be boys" lectures we experienced. Today the consequences of bad behavior or simply having knowledge that bad behavior took place are serious and can threaten the existence of the Chapter. Our officers have a very serious responsibility – we are long past the "times are a changing", times have changed, and changed dramatically.

Wolf told me that it simply did not matter who was elected as SMC, or the IMC,

or any of the other positions. He said that, our men have a way of "rising to the occasion". He was almost always right. Nearly all of our men do rise to the demands of the job and execute that job effectively and with a degree of professionalism and detachment, tempered with the bonds of brotherhood and faith in those who surround them. Watching these men for the last 17 years, it has been my experience to see that our Brothers will rise to meet and exceed our expectations.

The kind of responsibility that these men take on, for the other members of Alpha Kappa, requires Brotherhood. Brotherhood is so much more than friendship. Brotherhood requires love. Sufficient love that a man will step up and be his brother's keeper – when his brother doesn't want him to do so, when his Brother is telling him he is doing something either stupid or wrong and that he had better choose to change paths. Or, his Brother will change his path for him. Friends like each other. Brothers love each other. Brotherhood is often inconvenient.

Alpha Kappa is simply amazing. I cannot say that AK is the best Chapter within PiKA, because I just don't know, (and, if you have to go around and tell everyone you are "number one" you probably aren't). I can say that AK is one of a very small group of chapters who are truly excellent within our organization. And, I'm not talking about the Smythe Chapters. I'm talking about those few chapters who really understand the true meaning of living a life in phi phi kappa alpha, of being and doing Brotherhood. AK belongs in the group of those few chapters whose values become their destiny. Men whose values, based on the words of our motto, really do guide the way they choose to live.

The Smythe Awards are only one visible outcome of an efficient and "well-oiled" machine that AK has become. The value of the Smythe is not the recognition for achievement. Its real value is in the close relationships and the personal growth that result within the men of Alpha Kappa when they organize a plan and then execute all of the hard work to reach the level of excellence represented by the award. The award itself is pretty much meaningless – the Brotherhood that develops within Alpha Kappa as a result of the common difficult goal – now that is priceless.

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Chris Ramsay
Your Friendly Neighborhood Chapter Advisor

Pi Kappa Alpha Parents Club

This past semester, the Alpha Kappa chapter worked on developing a better relationship between the parents and the active chapter. The result of this interaction was the development of the Parents Club. The Parents Club is made up of none other than the parents of the men of Pi Kappa Alpha. The Parents Club will be involved with a variety of activities that the active chapter hosts. The group will create and distribute "The Link," a monthly, electronic newsletter filled with information regarding the events at Alpha Kappa and that also serves as a communication tool between parents and their sons. The Parents Club will also host a Mom's Day during the Fall and a Dad's Day during the Spring. This is a blossoming new entity within Alpha Kappa and it will hopefully develop into a successful program to help provide a more effective form of communication between parents and students while building a sense of community amongst all UMR Pike Parents. If you would like to become involved with the Parents Club or learn more about the group, please e-mail the Parents Club at parents.club@akpikes.com.

Mom's Day

The men of Pi Kappa Alpha in conjunction with the Parents Club would like to invite all of our mothers to join us for the 1st Annual "Mom's Day" on Saturday, September 29th at the UMR Pike House. The day will begin with a group brunch at 10:00am followed by the presentation of individual scholarships from the AK Educational Foundation. Once the brunch is completed, a few hours of free time for mothers and sons to converse and spend time together will take place. The day will then continue at 2:00pm with all Pikes and their mothers traveling to some wineries for drinks, games and prizes. This will be an excellent opportunity for mothers to spend time with their sons and meet other mothers of UMR Pikes. If you would like to come, please RSVP by emailing parents.club@akpikes.com or by contacting the Parents Club Liaison, Ryan Hiestand, whose contact information is listed on page 1.

Founder's Day

The Alpha Kappa Chapter held its annual Founder's Day Celebration on the weekend of March 2nd - 4th. The chapter welcomed over 110 family, friends, alumni and brothers for the celebration. Members and guests enjoyed a lunch banquet at the Havener Center, along with keynote speaker, Housing Corporation President, Robert Brockhaus (AK '62). The banquet included the leadership and academic scholarship presentation by the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. Festivities concluded on Saturday with a House Corporation meeting and expansion update. For more information about scholarships, see page 20. For more information about the expansion, see page 22.



Bob Brockhaus (AK '62)

International Work Day

On April 14th, the men of Alpha Kappa, along with the help of many PiKA parents, participated in International Work Day. Due to weather complications, the numerous improvements to the house were forced to be kept almost entirely indoors. The improvements to the house included steam cleaning the carpets, polishing the wood furniture, and power-washing the patio. A large amount of time and energy were also put into cleaning and repairing "The Palace," the temporary annex that was leased in order to house the brothers who were unable to live in house due to space limitations. The Chapter also used the occasion to host the annual "Parent's Day." A barbeque was held afterward to thank all for the help and support. The event was a wonderful success and fun was had by all while making the house look great.



Group of participating Pikes and their parents.



Brother Blaschke III (AK '07) and his two brothers prepare lunch for the hard workers.

Recognition at UMR

Excellence Among Greeks

The Greek Banquet, held by the UMR Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils, recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations on campus that are members of the Greek Community. Pi Kappa Alpha stole the show at this year's banquet by claiming two of the most prized individual awards (right), the Greek Group Community Service Award, and an award from Phelps County Community Partnership (PCCP), recognizing Pi Kappa Alpha for the contributions made to the local community during a time of crisis (read more about these service awards in the Community Service Section on page 7). The PCCP does not normally present awards at the Greek Banquet but felt compelled to honor the men of Alpha Kappa for their great deeds. Many Greek organizations were honored throughout the event but it was shown evident that Pi Kappa Alpha is a leader within the Greek community at UMR.



From left to right: Brothers Miller (AK '06), Rothermich (AK '06), Arnold (AK '05), Blaschke (AK '04), Haslag (AK '04), Bernasek (AK '05), and Murphy (AK '04) at the 2007 Greek Banquet.

Remarkable Student Group

Each year the Corporate Development Council partnership with Student Council hosts the Student Leaders' Banquet to recognize the outstanding achievements of UMR's students, organizations, faculty, and staff. In addition to these awards are organizational awards to commend the dedication and contributions of several individuals and student groups to the university and entire community. The most coveted of organizational awards given at the banquet is the Remarkable Student Group Award. This award is given to a student group that shows outstanding commitment to the principles of leadership on which the University of Missouri - Rolla was founded. This year, the award went to Pi Kappa Alpha for its numerous contributions to the University and the dedication to their chosen purpose by all of the men of the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

IFC Man of the Year



This award is presented by the Interfraternity Council to a male Greek student who best exemplifies the qualities of a Greek man. The award is judged by numerous Greek students on the criteria of campus involvement, scholastics, and leadership within his fraternity and is considered to be the greatest individual honor within the Greek community. This year the IFC "Man of the Year" award went to Alpha Kappa's Kurt Haslag (AK '04).

Best First Year IFC Representative



Alpha Kappa has kept a tradition of strong representation in the UMR Interfraternity Council and this year was no exception. At this year's Greek banquet, IFC representative Andrew Arnold (AK '05) was named the 2006 Interfraternity Council First Year Representative of the Year. This honor is annually awarded to the one person who shows the most devotion and leadership within the organization. Currently, Arnold is the chairman of Greek Week on the council, which is considered to be one of the top committees within the organization.

Preparing for the 100th Annual St. Pat's

Alpha Kappa continued to show a strong return to the St. Pat's competition in the 2007 celebration. Even though the chapter was still gaining experience in the competition, the men of Alpha Kappa excelled in multiple aspects of the celebration, allowing PiKA a chance to dominate the competition in the upcoming centennial. The chapter took third place for its "X-Men" float and first in many events at Follies including giant pong. The Pikes also won numerous awards at Gonzo and Games including second in shillelagh toss. Due to the exceptional showings and amount of time devoted to the Fall special events, the Brothers were unable to make a cudgel for this year's competition. However, this situation allowed for the chapter to not only obtain knowledge about making a cudgel, but also actually begin work on the cudgel that AK will use in the next St. Pat's. Through hard work and planning, the 99th celebration has allowed the Pikes to be a main contender for first place at the 100th annual St. Pat's.



The Pi Kappa Alpha "X-Men" Float

First Page of St. Pat's Court



Darrin Smith (AK '05) was elected to the position of First Page of St. Pat's Court during the 99th Annual St. Pat's Celebration. Smith was very involved with the St. Pat's Board by holding the committees of Gonzo and Games as a second-year representative and Parade Fund as a third-year representative. Both positions are held in very high regard and require much time and attention. Smith has served as a great representative for Alpha Kappa and has been a key reason for the success of PiKA in the celebration.

On Top of the St. Pat's Board

PiKA has recently taken the St. Pat's Board by storm, obtaining two executive positions and two primary committees. With the recent elections, Jeremiah Mohan (AK '06) was elected Vice-President and Elliot Giles (AK '06) obtained the position of Sales Manager. Both positions occupy part of the five-man executive council on the Board and are of utmost importance. In addition, Alpha Kappa has also attained important committees with Daniel Ryan (AK '06) chairing "Recruitment," and Andrew Rasdall (AK '07) chairing "Local/Special Sales." By securing these important positions, the Centennial Celebration will truly be a St. Pat's for the Pikes.

Want To Attend Centennial?

Were you a member of the St. Pat's Board at UMR? Were you a student knight of St. Pat? Maybe you just love St. Pat's. Whatever the reason, the chapter would love to have you in attendance for this year's St. Pat's. If you would like to attend or even just find out what is going on with the Best Ever celebration, please feel free to contact the individual below.

St. Pat's Representative:

Daniel Ryan | dlrkdbd@umr.edu



Brothers Mohan (AK '06), Rasdall (AK '07), Giles (AK '06), and Ryan (AK '06).

Graduating Seniors

Chapter

May 2007 Graduates

On May 12, 2007, eleven members of Pi Kappa Alpha graduated from University of Missouri-Rolla to begin professional careers. These individuals served the fraternity in a multiplicity of ways throughout their tenure at UMR. We wish them the best in their endeavors, and hope to see them serve AK as an alumnus.

Picture on right taken at Commencement. (From left to right): Ryan Giacometto, Jeff Zuch, Kurt Haslag, Jeff Harrouff, Justin Lightner, Nathan Rieger, Derek Pelate, Adam Daniel, and Casey Henning. Not pictured: Michael Loeffler and Zac Hammel.



Adam Jonathan Daniel (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Nuclear Engineering. Adam served AK as Fundraising Chair, SC, and 1st IMC. Adam also played soccer for 4 years and was very involved on campus. Adam accepted a job with Bechtel Bettis in Pittsburgh, PA.



Derek Daniel Pelate (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Electrical Engineering. Derek served AK as ThC and public relations chair. Derek also played soccer for four years. He accepted a position with Sprint in Overland Park, KS.



Jeffrey Michael Zuch (AK '05) graduated with a BS in Metallurgical Engineering. While at UMR, Jeff served AK as Steward and Risk Manager. Jeff accepted a job with Cameron Drilling and Production Systems in Houston, TX.



Kurt Joseph Haslag (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. While at UMR, Kurt served AK as House Manager, 2nd IMC, SMC, Pledge Educator and Undergraduate Chapter Advisor. Kurt was also voted Undergraduate Civil Engineer of the Year by the faculty. He accepted a job with Brinkman Constructors in Denver, CO.



Nathan Dean Rieger (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Engineering Management. While at UMR, Nathan was Sorority Relations Chair for AK and was very involved as a Student Ambassador. He is currently residing in Malta, NY.



Casey Matthew Henning (AK '03) graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Casey, a Fall 2002 pledge, served AK as Social Chair. Casey accepted a position with the Missouri Department of Transportation in St. Louis, MO.



Jeffrey Blake Harrouff (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Nuclear Engineering. Jeff served AK as Special Events Chairman, Correspondence Chairman, and Social Chair. Jeff accepted a position with Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Schenectady, NY.



Justin Douglas Lightner (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering. Justin, a spring 2004 pledge, played soccer for four years and received numerous awards. Justin accepted a position with Burns and McDonnell in Kansas City, MO.



Michael Paul Loeffler (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Metallurgical Engineering. A fall 2003 pledge, Michael served AK as the Duties Manager. He accepted a job with Gerdau Ameristeel in Jackson, TN.



Ryan Joseph Giacometto (AK '03) graduated with a BS in Chemical Engineering. He served AK as 2nd IMC, Rush Chairman, and Scholarship Chairman. He accepted a position with Vertex Chemicals in Dupon, IL.



Zachary Blake Hammel (AK '04) graduated with a BS in Aerospace Engineering. A spring 2004 pledge, Zac served as Special Events Chair for AK. He plans on returning to UMR to receive his Master's Degree.

Springfield Ice Storm Relief

On February 25th, the men of Alpha Kappa left UMR and traveled to Springfield, Missouri, to spend the weekend helping local residents recover from a terrible winter ice storm that had hit weeks before. Many families and elderly members of the community who had no one else to turn to were assisted by the actives with tasks such as brush clearing and home repair. Stephen Grelle (AK '06) organized the relief that meant so much to the chapter because of the local impact of the event and the fact that Rolla had been affected by the same storm. Thirty-three AK members provided over 1,500 hours of service to the community in response to this disaster that cost millions

of dollars in damage to Springfield residents. It was a touching occasion for all that were affected and the Pikes were more than happy to provide support after the disaster.



Above: Group of Pikes pause to take a picture while clearing brush from an elderly Springfield resident's yard



Right: Group of Pikes take a picture after cutting a tree that had fallen from the storm.

Special Olympics

On April 20th, Alpha Kappa spent all day volunteering at the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet. Stephen Grelle (AK '06) and Trish Lutz (Special Olympics) coordinated the service event. This event, sponsored by the Special Olympics, South Central Missouri Region, provided the opportunity for the men of Pi Kappa Alpha to assist with various tasks such as hanging banners, coordinating and running events, and handing out awards to the winners of the events. 40 members of Alpha Kappa participated in lending a hand with this event, accumulating 120 community service hours.



Group of Pikes volunteering at the Special Olympics

Recognition of Service

At the UMR Greek Banquet, an award is given to a student group that demonstrates very high dedication to the service of the community at-large. The award is judged based on the amount and quality of community service, as well as its betterment of the University's standing and Greek presence within the community. This award is designated for groups whose chosen purpose is other than community service. After collecting more than 11,000 community service hours (ranging from highway clean-ups to tutoring to Special Olympics) for the 2006-2007 academic year, AK was honored by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils for their hard work. In addition to the Greek Group Community Service Award, the Phelps County Community Partnership (PCCP) also recognized Pi Kappa Alpha at the banquet for the service that the men provided to local Rolla residents during a winter ice storm that cut power off to a large section of the city. When the storm hit in late January, many students of UMR, including 20 PiKA's, aided the community after the disaster. The Pikes were commended for their response to the tragedy and continuous service to the Rolla community.

Leadership

Spring 2007 Leaders

Executive Council

SMC: *Ryan Hiestand*
 1st IMC: *Adam Daniel*
 2nd IMC: *Ben Schnurbusch*
 ThC: *Derek Pelate*
 SC: *Lance Weinmann*

Pledge Ed: *Andrew Reitter*
 House Manager: *Andrew Binz*
 Rush: *Chaz Blaschke & Josh Heger*



Executive Council,
 From left to right:
Andrew Reitter (AK '04), Andrew Binz (AK '05), Lance Weinmann (AK '06), Josh Heger (AK '06), Ryan Hiestand (AK '04), Adam Daniel (AK '04), Derek Pelate (AK '04);
 Not pictured: *Ben Schnurbusch (AK '04) and Chaz Blaschke (AK '04).*

Committee Chairman

Campus Involvement: *John Pettit*
 Community Service: *Stephen Grelle*
 Correspondence: *Wade Aitken-Palmer*
 Intramurals: *Kenny Baer*
 Public Relations: *David Hill*
 Social: *Drew Huebner*
 Sorority Relations: *Billy Cacheris*

Special Events: *Josh Heger*
 Alumni Relations: *Daniel Ryan*
 Brotherhood: *Neil Fehr*
 Computers: *Kevin Post*
 Continuing Ed: *Caleb Waldbuesser*
 Fundraising: *Lucas Rottler*
 Historian: *Alex Mathis*

Risk Management: *Jeremy Schlosser*
 Scholarship: *Nick Montesana*
 Steward: *Jeremiah Mohan*
 House Fix-It: *Ryan Eller*
 House Exterior: *Brian Amsler*
 House Duties: *Elliot Giles*
 Assistant ThC: *Jerel Bernasek*

Leaders On Campus

Alpha Phi Omega

Vice President: *Andrew Arnold*
 Treasurer: *Adam Wolf*
 Secretary: *Jerel Bernasek*
 Social Chair: *Jeff Harrouff*
 Fundraising Chair: *Wes Chappell*

American Nuclear Society

Social Chair: *Jeff Harrouff*

American Society of Eng Management & Institute of Industrial Engineers

Secretary: *David Hill*

American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Treasurer: *John Pettit*
 Secretary: *Brandon Moore*
 Fundraising: *Wade Aitken-Palmer*

Engineers Without Borders

President: *Kurt Haslag*
 Vice-President: *Jerel Bernasek*

Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineering

President: *Jeremy Schlosser*
 Treasurer: *Jared Hellebusch*
 Secretary: *Derek Pelate*

Intercollegiate Knights

Secretary: *Stephen Grelle*
 Social Chair: *Stephen Rothermich*

Interfraternity Council

Vice President – Internal: *Brian Amsler*
 Greek Week Chairman: *Andrew Arnold*

Phi Eta Sigma

Senior Advisor: *Mike McNamee*

Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration

Fundraising: *Joseph Roth*

St. Pat's Committee

Vice-President: *Jeremiah Mohan*
 Sales Manager: *Elliot Giles*
 Recruitment: *Daniel Ryan*
 Local/Special Sales: *Andrew Rasdall*

Student Activity Finance Board

Alumni Advisor: *Jerel Bernasek*

Student Council

Executive-at-large: *Wes Chapell*
 Public Relations: *Josh Heger*
 City Council: *Daniel Ryan*

Student Ambassador

Supervisor: *Nathan Reiger*

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

President: *David Hill*
 Secretary: *Daniel Ryan*

Student Union Board

Concerts Director: *Ben Swagman*

Tau Beta Pi

Corresponding Secretary: *Derek Pelate*

Theta Tau Omega

Treasurer: *Joe Grier*

UMR Lacrosse Team

Secretary: *Tom Graff*
 Public Relations: *Steve Grelle*

UMR Roller Hockey Team

President: *Brian Amsler*

Varsity Soccer

Captain: *Dan Graavlin*
 Captain: *Mike McNamee*

New Initiates & Pledges

Initiation Update

On January 20th, Alpha Kappa initiated the twenty-one men of the Fall 2006 pledge class into the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha. They had a successful pledge semester, led by their pledge educator Kurt Haslag (AK '04). This initiation pushed AK to over 1500 members since 1905.

Pictured: (Far Back, left to right) Josh Kaltenbronn, Drew Rothermich, Matt Stansfield, Ryan O'Daniel, Anthony Rieger, Charles Hasseldiek, Patrick McVey; (Standing, left to right) Curt McDonald, Micah Weber, Ryan Brunkhorst, Fred Reineke, Ian Miller, Kevin Laut, Alec Wiedau; (Front, left to right) Andrew Rasdall, William Cacheris, Alex Mathis, Afif Najjar, Eric Mack, and Wes Miravelle.



Spring 2007 Pledge Class

Rush Chairman Jeff Busby (AK '04) rushed a respectable pledge class of five men. They were led by pledge educator Andrew Reitter (AK '04) and collectively, these young men acquired a GPA of 3.70 during their pledge semester. By the end of the semester, four men had fulfilled their obligations.

As pictured left to right: Brett Gaumond, Ballwin, MO; Matt Wilson, Sherwood, AR; Brian Tucker, O'Fallon, MO; Nick Landon, Ballwin, MO; Andrew Reitter, Pledge Educator.



Special Initiate Charles Blaschke III

Charles Blaschke III (AK'07), father of Charles Blaschke IV (AK'04), was initiated into the bonds of phi phi kappa alpha on January 20th, 2007 with the fall 2006 pledge class. Brother Blaschke graduated from the University of Missouri with a BS in Animal Sciences in 1979 and is currently a Colonel in the U.S. Army National Guard as well a paralegal for an asbestos defense law firm in Kansas City, MO.



Colonel Blaschke III and his troop in Iraq

Intramurals



A Team Soccer - Champions



A Team Basketball - Champions

Intramural Sport	Pikes	Hooligans
Badminton	8	11
Basketball	1	11
Billards	1	10
Bowling	4	6
Cross Country	3	19
Darts	23	1
Football	1	1
Golf	3	19
Racquetball	5	9
Soccer	1	5
Softball	1	9
Swimming	5	11
Table Tennis	3	12
Tennis	1	8
Track & Field	2	13
Ultimate Frisbee	3	17
Volleyball	3	7
Washers	3	6
Weight Lifting	3	9

Champions Until the End

The 2007 Spring semester was extremely successful for PiKA Intramurals. For the **second straight year**, and for the sixth time since 2000, Alpha Kappa came away with the **overall intramural championship**. As the semester started with a lead of 85 points, Pi Kappa Alpha looked to increase their lead. The A-Team basketball team beat Deuces Wild in a wild overtime finish, giving PiKA a solid boost of excitement throughout the Chapter to finish the year strong. As the semester continued, PiKA took a solid fourth place in bowling, and a fifth place finish in racquetball with the help of Jeff Harouff (AK '04), Michael Leoffler (AK '04), and Jake Rathert (AK '03). The Pikes maintained their lead with a third place finish in washers by Kurt Haslag (AK '04), Alex Mear (AK '04), and Lucas Rottler (AK '05), and also took third place in both table tennis and weightlifting, surpassing very tough competition. In the track & field competition, PiKA garnered a second place finish with excellent performances by Neil Fehr (AK '05) in the high jump and Andrew Becker (AK '02) in the thirty-two hundred meter competitions. As the semester neared completion, the intramural competition heated up, but AK finished strong with first place finishes in tennis, led by Josh Heger (AK' 06) and Jeff Harrouff (AK' 04), and soccer. This championship marks the seventh straight year that Alpha Kappa has finished first among fraternities, and also marks AK's fifth overall intramural championship in the past six years. Additionally, the Pike B team, Hooligans, took seventh place overall, which marks the third year in a row that Hooligans has placed in the top ten.



Celebrating the overall championship!

Dominating Rush

The Fall rush program saw many changes in the past year. Through the hard work of the chapter, Alpha Kappa is now in a position that allows for a continuous successful Fall rush. Many new programs were implemented this spring that made this situation possible including all new publications, a rush "phone-a-thon", and a new rush-oriented website.

The publications consisted of a tri-fold, a housing brochure, a scholarship brochure, and a brotherhood brochure. The tri-fold summarized the three brochures, which basically described the three main rush interest points pertaining to AK. This tri-fold was sent to every incoming freshman who showed interest in Greek life when applying to UMR and it gave each recipient an overall idea of Pi Kappa Alpha at Rolla. After receiving the tri-fold, the recipient could then indicate which of the three areas they were most interested in and a corresponding brochure was then sent to them.

Shortly after the tri-folds were mailed, a group of members participated in a rush "phone-a-thon" in order to contact all 900 interested men. The phone-a-thon ensured every possible rush was contacted and that men who fit the mold of a PiKA were pursued in the future. If the incoming freshman only provided an email address, an email was sent to them that gave a brief overview of AK and other information included in the tri-fold described above. This initial contact with the freshman was one of the most difficult and



Summer Float Trip

crucial steps in the rush process.

The rush-oriented website was also a useful tool in the rush process. The interest form has been a great avenue for receiving information from rushees interested in joining and from alumni who recommend men

worthy of being PiKA's. The website is continually being updated and once the processes associated with the site are finalized, it will improve the rush process even more.

With these programs in place, AK has signed 25 exceptional young men for the upcoming Fall semester, which is the highest number recruited at UMR. The timing of the contact, bid and sign process was much faster than in the past, due to the programs and systems established by the chapter (summarized in the graph below). The new rush process has now been improved to give the chapter a better knowledge of the housing situation for the upcoming semester, while still allowing the future men of Pi Kappa Alpha to be successfully rushed.

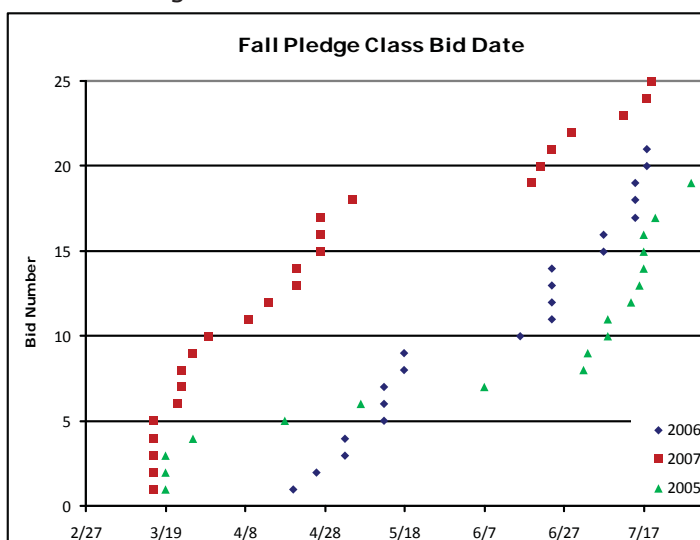
With the completion of the new addition, there is major demand put on rushing quality guys while still maintaining the quantity of men needed to fill the chapter house. The extensive overhaul of recruitment promises to improve the life-blood of the Fraternity and ensure the successful future of the chapter. Fall rush will need to constantly evolve with time, but, by implementing these strategies, the overall recruitment program should be self-sustaining with no need for major renovation for many years to come. Recruitment determines the direction of any chapter, and, with these changes, the future of Alpha Kappa looks to be a bright one.

Want To Help With Rush?

Do you know someone who is graduating from high school and coming to UMR? Would they make a great Pike? The chapter would love your support in recruiting the best men. Any recommendations will be actively pursued with utmost urgency. Feel free to contact the individual below.

Rush Chairman:

Lance Weinmann | lwwz82@umr.edu



The Academy

Starting the Semester with Success

The brothers who attended the 2007 Academy returned to Rolla with much more than they arrived with. Not only did they leave Memphis with great ideas on how to improve Alpha Kappa, but with a barrage of awards as well. Of course, those who contribute to Alpha Kappa's success don't commit all their time and effort to win awards, but those trophies are simply a way for those contributions to be recognized.

In recognition for Alpha Kappa's excellent programming, cornerstone awards were received in the categories of Alumni Relations and Community Service. Additionally, Alpha Kappa was acknowledged as runner-up in three other categories: new member education; continuing education; and international fraternity participation. Cornerstone awards are designed to recognize chapters for excellence in specific areas of chapter programming. Only sixteen cornerstones were given out by the International Fraternity overall.

Being successful in the cornerstone areas helped Alpha Kappa obtain several other prestigious awards.

The brothers of Alpha Kappa are proudest of their **fourth straight Robert Adger Smythe Award**. Not only is this award the most prestigious, but Alpha Kappa was one of only seventeen chapters to receive this award. Also, for the first time since 2003, Alpha Kappa was awarded the title of **"House of the Year"**. This award, which is given out to only one chapter per year, recognizes a chapter's programming and management used in maintaining their physical facilities. Other awards and recognitions Alpha Kappa received included the following: chapter excellence award; scholarship plate (GPA above 3.0); Pike University highest attendance award; 100-man chapter; international work day participation; and 100% participation in the phi phi kappa alpha club. The Alpha Kappa chapter would like to thank all its members and alumni who helped contribute to its success.



Annual Semi-Formal

On February 3rd, Alpha Kappa held its annual semi-formal at The Resort of Port Arrowhead, in the Lake of the Ozarks. It turned out to be a spectacular event with about 60 Pikes and dates in attendance. Everyone enjoyed a formal meal and dancing. We hope to have just as successful of an event next time.



Pikes Rock Rolla

The Interfraternity Council sponsored event, Greek Sing, reveals hidden talents from many different people throughout the Greek community. Showcasing their talents for Pi Kappa Alpha were brothers Jeffrey Harrouff (AK '04), Alex Mathis (AK '07), Evan Stevens (AK '05), Nicholas Toller (AK '03), Jon Miller (AK '06), Daniel Ryan (AK '06), and Jedidiah Momot (AK '05). They rocked the crowd with two currently popular songs "What it is to burn" by FINCH, and "Crazy Game of Poker" by OAR. Many hours of practice went into their performance, and their hard work and strong efforts are to be commended. The group has already started practicing for the next performance, so we are expecting to perform well next year.



Brothers Ryan (AK '06), Mathis (AK '07), Toeller (AK '03), and Harrouff (AK '04) performing at Greek Sing.

Pikes Ski Colorado

This year twenty-two Pikes and four friends of Alpha Kappa attended this year's ski trip. The trip took place in beautiful Crested Butte, CO which has a variety of runs. The snowfall was not as prevalent as in years past but that did not prevent the group from enjoying themselves. This was the third year for the event with continually growing popularity among the chapter members. With no injuries and many stories made, the group had a blast.



UMR Lacrosse Team

With seven men making up half of the roster and nearly the entire starting lineup, Pi Kappa Alpha is the major driving force behind the UMR lacrosse team. Over the summer, several Alpha Kappas were recognized with honors from the B Division of the Great Rivers Lacrosse Conference (GRLC). Midfielder Thomas Graff (AK '05) was honored with an election to the All-Conference Second Team for the second year in a row as well as a selection to the Academic All-America Team. Goaltender Stephen Grelle (AK '06) received the honors of First Team All-Conference, Academic All-America, and Honorable Mention All-America. Stephen is the first player in the team's history to be honored on the All-America Team. Congratulations to these brothers for their well-deserved recognitions.



From left to right: Brothers Grelle (AK '06), Weinmann (AK '06), Graff (AK '05), Blaschke (AK '04), Bell (AK '05) Hiestand (AK '04), and Schrenk (AK '04).

Alumni Updates

Career Advancements

P. Andrew Becker

(AK `03) completed his second BS degree in Biological Sciences from UMR in December 2006 with his first BS degree being in Biochemical Engineering. While at UMR, Andrew served AK as SC and intramural chair. He was captain of the varsity soccer team and later the assistant coach. Andrew has accepted a position with Cargill Inc. in Chicago, IL.



Thomas Qualls (AK `01) is currently a project engineer at S.M. & Wilson Construction Company and has started advanced studies in the MBA program at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville.



Thomas Siengsukon (AK `03), a December 2006 graduate in aerospace engineering, accepted a position with Spirit Aero in Wichita, KS. His work currently involves the creation

of tool designs for passenger airliners. Thomas will continue taking distance education in Wichita to receive his BS in Mechanical Engineering through UMR.

Donald Myers (AK `58), a professor of engineering management at the University of Missouri-Rolla, has been elected a fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) for distinguished service and contributions to the society and was inducted into the ASEE Academy of Fellows in June at the ASEE National Conference in Honolulu. The fellow designation is the highest honor for ASEE members.



Jesse Smith (AK `99) announces the birth of Dahlia Jayne Colby Smith. Dahlia was born September 20, 2006. She joins big brother Dade Smith. Congratulations!

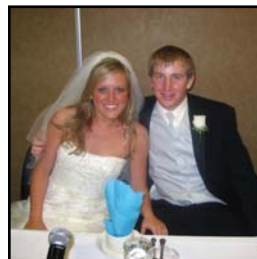
Adam Hale (AK `00) has passed the Missouri Bar exam and was sworn in as a member of the bar on Thursday, September 20. He is a December 2006 graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. Adam is a patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA.

James Michael Party (AK `75) will receive the Robert V. Wolf Service Award from the MSM/UMR Alumni Association at this fall's 2007 Homecoming.

Richard Bauer (AK `48) and wife Shirley have moved to 159 Ameren Way, Ballwin, MO, 63021. They still have the same e-mail address: rhbswb@att.net.

Married Brothers

Matthew Brooks (AK `04) and Brandi Strauss were married on October 21, 2006 in Malvern, AR. Brothers Michael Loeffler (AK `04) and Evan Stevens (AK `05) were groomsmen.



Justin Lightner

(AK `04) and Melissa Mullen were married on Saturday, May 19th in Rolla, MO. In attendance were brothers Blaschke (AK `04), Daniel (AK `04), Dixon (AK `04), Hammel (AK `04), and Myers (AK `58). Justin and Melissa now reside in Lee's Summit, MO.

Adam Koth (AK `02) and Nicole Schmidt were married on Saturday, August 18th. Adam and Nicole now reside in St. Charles, MO.

Alumni Events

3rd Annual AK Golf Tournament

On May 19, 2007, Alpha Kappa held its third annual alumni golf tournament at Sugar Creek Country Club. Five actives and seventeen alumni were in attendance for the event. This year, director Fred Hohenberger (AK '66) divided the field into two flights; one flight for younger alumni and the other for older alumni. Taking first place in Flight "A" with a final score of 62 (-8) was Dean Berger (AK '66), Jim Ponciroli (AK '66), Barry Craig (AK '83), and Tom Castro (AK '66). Coming away with first place in Flight "B" was Tim Baudendistel (AK '84), Dave Mocker (AK '87), Al Bess (AK '84), and Chris Thornton (AK '87) with a score of 68 (-2). Additionally, J.W. Best (father of active Jerel Bernasek (AK '05)) was named the winner of both the longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Overall, the weather was beautiful, the golf was great, and fun was had by all.



Group Picture of all participants



Flight "A" winners
Tom Castro (AK '66), Jim Ponciroli (AK '66), and
Dean Berger (AK '66)

AK Alumni & The St. Louis Blues

The AK Alumni Association held its first social event of the New Year on Tuesday, January 30th at Bernie Federko's for happy hour, billiards and Blues hockey. It proved to be a fun event for the 15 or so in attendance, who enjoyed free appetizers and billiards in a private room provided by Brother Alum, Joseph Maul at the Scott Trade Center neighboring restaurant.

Three PiKA's Inducted into Academy of Mines & Metallurgy

Three Alpha Kappa alums were inducted to the UMR Academy of Mines and Metallurgy during a ceremony April 19th on the UMR campus. The academy, founded in 1995, is an advisory group to the UMR School of Materials, Energy and Earth Resources. Members include alumni and others who have made outstanding contributions to their profession.

James Michael Party (AK '75), of Midland, Texas, earned a bachelor's degree in geology and geophysics from UMR in 1978. He is currently the exploration manager for Wagner and Brown Ltd.



Virgil Lee Powell (AK '52), of Edmond, Oklahoma, earned a bachelor's degree from UMR in 1955 and a master's degree in petroleum and natural gas engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1960. He is the owner of Sentinel Resources, an oil and gas company in Oklahoma City.

Christopher Wayne Ramsay (AK '90) earned bachelor's and master's degrees in metallurgical engineering from UMR in 1983 and 1985, respectively. He earned a Ph.D. from the Colorado School of Mines in 1990. Ramsay is currently an adjunct professor of metallurgical engineering at UMR and principal engineer of Ramsay Scientific in Rolla, Missouri.



Alumni Profiles

Brother Shaughnessy Revives St. Louis with Gilded-Age



Trace Shaughnessy (AK '84) & wife Lynn

Brother Shaughnessy is the managing partner of Gilded Age, LLC. He is involved with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Louis Ambassadors, Legatus, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. In 2005, he was named a recipient of the St. Louis Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award which recognizes prominent St. Louis business men and women under the age of 40. Shaughnessy has served Pi Kappa Alpha as chapter treasurer and vice president of the Alpha Kappa Housing Corporation and was one of the chapter's St. Pat's Board representatives from 1984-1986 (guard, 1986). He is a member of the Educational Foundation's President's Council. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children, Shannon and Brendan, and reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

Shaughnessy and his business partner formed Gilded Age in 1998. Through the subsequent years, it has grown into a formidable real estate development force in the City of St. Louis. With over \$25M in annual sales, Gilded Age and its related companies have completed over \$150M worth of development projects since its inception. Some of Gilded Age's more prominent residential and mixed-use projects include the Georgian (a conversion of the former City Hospital just south of downtown St. Louis into 104 condominiums), Eden Publishing (the conversion of a 65,000 SF former printing complex located in Lafayette Square into 40 condominiums), the Abbey on the Park, 1801 Park Avenue, Mississippi Place, and its newest project – the Union Club – which is a replica of a historic structure located at Jefferson and Lafayette Avenues. The Union Club will become 39 condominiums with 5,500 SF of restaurant space on the first floor. Other projects that are just beginning construction include the second phase of the Georgian which will include an additional 55,000 SF of residential

units (condominiums and apartments) and 45,000 SF of commercial space including a permanent venue for a company called the Butler's Pantry. The third phase of the Georgian, which is known as Georgian Square, will include very welcome commercial additions to the area including a City Market, Starbucks, Walgreens, a bank, and several other valuable commercial tenants. All of Gilded Age's current projects can be viewed on its web site: www.gilded-age.com.

Outside of work, Brother Shaughnessy spends most of his time helping his wife run his children, ages 11 and 9, from soccer to hockey to Irish dance to lacrosse to softball to baseball, etc., etc. With the help and understanding of his family, Brother Shaughnessy is currently working on completing an executive MBA at the University of Notre Dame. If all goes well, he will complete the program in May 2009. He and his family like to travel and play golf and they live right in the middle of the neighborhood in which Gilded Age does most of its development business – Lafayette Square – which is just south of downtown St. Louis.

Two PiKA's Inducted into Academy of Civil Engineering

Michael Simac (AK '75), received his BSCE and MSCE from UMR in 1978 and 1979, respectively and has spent his entire career in geotechnical consulting, design and construction. He founded Earth Improvement Technologies in 1990 to specialize in the design of geosynthetic reinforced soil structures. He and his wife of 25 years, Judith, live in Fort Mill, South Carolina enjoying great weather and golf.



Bob Sieckhaus (AK '63), received his BSCE from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in 1963 and began a career in construction from which he recently retired as Area Manager, Heavy Industrial for the Murphy Company. Since retiring he has founded the RHSCS LLC Construction Consulting Services Company. He and his wife Judy live in St. Louis and have always supported UMR, where two of their four children have received BS degrees in Civil Engineering.

Brother Donald Myers (AK '58)



Don Myers, a 1961 graduate, has served as the House Corporation (HC) secretary/treasurer since 1998, following Bob Wolf's long tenure in that office. He has served on the HC Board and/or Scholarship Trustees Board (precursor to AKEF) for over 35 years. Don's efforts, since 1998, for AK have included managing the House

Corporation finances including the finances for the construction of the House and the recently completed expansion. He led the effort over several years in scouting and negotiating property acquisitions that accommodated the expansion. In addition, he has managed "putting the House back like new" each summer and also serves as the HC contact for the Chapter for any maintenance issues. Don serves Alpha Kappa organizations as a volunteer legal counsel and managed the incorporation of and acquiring the IRS 501(c)3 status for AKEF. He has worked closely with other officers and directors of the HC, AKEF, and AK Alumni Association in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategic plan that establishes a strong foundation for perpetual high-level success of the Alpha Kappa Chapter.

Don is a professor in the UMR Engineering Management Department beginning his 29th year. His academic interests include Management of Technology, Technical Entrepreneurship, Strategic Management, Legal Aspects of Technology Management, and New Technical Product Development. His research has been funded by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the National Institute of Science and Technology. He presently serves as faculty advisor to the UMR Inter-fraternity Council and Blue Key. He has served as president of the UMR Academic Council and chaired the UM System Inter-Faculty Council.

Don received his B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from UMR and an MBA and Law degree from St. Louis University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri, admitted to the Missouri Bar, and admitted to the U.S. Patent Bar. He served as the Science Advisor to Missouri governors

Christopher Bond and John Ashcroft. In addition, he was a member of the U.S. Senate Staff Science Committee staff that helped developed the Technology Transfer Act of 1986. He has been selected as a fellow of four professional organizations: American Society for Engineering Education, American Society for Engineering Management, International Council for Small Business, and United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He serves as officer and legal counsel for several technology firms. Prior to returning to UMR in 1979, he held engineering and management positions for 17 years at Westinghouse Electric, Emerson Electric, Monsanto, and McDonnell Douglas.

Beloved Brother Passes Away

A. Wayne Johner (AK '58), was born August 8, 1939. Wayne received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from MSM-UMR in 1961. He was a former Captain for the United States Army. Wayne was a project manager integral in bringing the General Motors Corvette plant to Bowling Green, KY. In his spare time, Wayne was an avid sailor and sailboat builder, gifted mechanic and architectural engineer for several projects in Bowling Green and St. Louis, MO. He was a beloved husband to his wife Carole and had three children Lisa, Jeff, and Chris. Wayne died on September 7, 2007 at the age of 68.



Brother Charles Wentz Jr. (AK '54)

Brother Charles Alvin Wentz Jr. (AK '54) is the president of Wentz Health Care, Inc. He is a member of the Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation, the Lincoln School Alumni Foundation, and the MSM-UMR Alumni Association. Brother Wentz has authored numerous college textbooks in environmental and safety engineering and published several gourmet cookbooks. He has served Alpha Kappa as Chapter President, Vice President and Secretary during his undergraduate years. As an alumnus he has provided leadership as a member of the Board of Directors for the Alpha Kappa House Corporation and as President of the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. He is also a member of the Educational Foundation's President's Council. Brother Wentz resides in Edwardsville, Illinois with his wife, Joan, and has seven children, Sharon, Chris, Suzanne, Sheila, David, Lisa and Christopher.

AK Alumni Scholarships

Continuation of the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program

In the Spring 2007 *Kapers*, a list of alumni who received scholarships during their tenure as undergraduates from the Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program from inception to 1972 was published. This edition of the *Kapers* will span from 1973 to 1986.

At the December 28, 1972 meeting of the Alumni Scholarship Board of Trustees, the trustees voted to modify the Alumni Scholarship Award of the past to be: 1) a \$125 scholarship to the member with the Overall Scholastic Record GPA based on the member's cumulative GPA with greater than 60 hours and 2) a \$100 scholarship to the member with the Semester Scholastic Record based on the member's semester GPA with at least 15 credit hours. In addition, the trustees voted to finance a \$50 scholarship for Scholastic Improvement given to the member who demonstrated the greatest improvement in semester GPA over the comparison period. The trustees also authorized the establishment of the Thomas G. Frisbee Memorial Fund that will award an annual scholarship of \$150. In addition, the Hubbard Award was increased from \$35 to \$50 and the honor society initiation fee was increased from \$20 to \$25.

The meeting minutes from February 23, 1977 indicate the establishment of the Bernie Rippert Scholarship for \$30 to the outstanding pledge as voted by his pledge class. The Mark H. Thompson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at the March 1, 1978 meeting to recognize the second year man. The Intramural Athlete of the Year Award was started in 1981, to recognize the member who excels in intramural athletics.

A detailed explanation of the aforementioned scholarships begin on page 265 "Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation Appendix" of **A History of the Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, Rolla, MO, 1905-2005.**

The program that started in 1952 continues to influence our members and has resulted in members achieving consecutive semester GPA results above the all-campus average. Can you remember how you felt when you received an award? What impact did the financial support have on you? Do you remember the individual who handed you the check or announced your name? We hope you enjoy this walk down memory lane and anxiously await the next issue of the *Kapers* detailing additional years!

Alpha Kappa Scholarship Program Awardees - 1973-1986

1973

Robert Scanlon - Frisbee
David Wisch - Morgan
Mark S. Smith - Overall Scholastic
William Lueckenhoff - Semester Scholastic
John Rogers - Scholastic Improvement
David Miller - Hubbard
Dennis Visos - Honor Society
Richard Buchanan - Honor Society
John Cummings - Honor Society
Mark Smith - Honor Society
Philip Weddle - Honor Society

1974

David Barczewski - Frisbee
Mark S. Smith - Overall Scholastic
David Wisch - Semester Scholastic
Thomas Domagalski - Scholastic Improvement
Mark Post - Hubbard
Robert Bay - Hubbard
Robert Fleischman - Honor Society
Scott Boyd - Honor Society
David Wisch - Honor Society
William Lueckenhoff - Honor Society
David Allan - Honor Society
James Forck - Honor Society
Allen Kuliniwicz - Honor Society
David Wisch - Honor Society

1975

David Wisch - Frisbee
William Lueckenhoff - Overall Scholastic
David Allan - Overall Scholastic
Mark Post - Semester Scholastic
Michael Lueckenhoff - Scholastic Improvement
Gary Maxwell - Hubbard
Stephen Bay - Honor Society
Michael Lueckenhoff - Honor Society
Ronald Reed - Honor Society
Richard Fleschner - Honor Society
Donald Weidinger - Honor Society

1976

Robert Fleischman - Frisbee
Michael Simac - Morgan
Timothy Scanlon - Overall Scholastic
Richard Fleschner - Semester Scholastic
Robert Welsh - Semester Scholastic
Leonard Lutz - Scholastic Improvement
David Winter - Hubbard
David Winter - Honor Society
Gary Maxwell - Honor Society
Timothy Scanlon - Honor Society
Gary Sedlacek - Honor Society
Michael Lueckenhoff - Honor Society
Rex Cramer - Honor Society
Ronald Reed - Honor Society
Gary Maxwell - Honor Society
Robert Welsh - Honor Society

Robert Welsh - Honor Society
Michael Lueckenhoff - Honor Society
Kenneth Lueckenhoff - Honor Society
Donald Weidinger - Honor Society
Gary Maxwell - Honor Society
Tom Fennessey - Honor Society
Robert Schnell - Honor Society
Michael Party - Honor Society
Russell Dahmer - Honor Society
Timothy Scanlon - Honor Society
Richard Fleschner - Honor Society
Robert Rundle - Honor Society

1977

Kenneth Lueckenhoff - Frisbee
Michael Simac - Morgan
Robert Welsh - Overall Scholastic
Tim Scanlon - Semester Scholastic
Tom Fennessey - Semester Scholastic
Mark Post - Semester Scholastic
David Winter - Semester Scholastic
Russell Dahmer - Scholastic Improvement
David Simac - Hubbard
David Simac - Rippert
Tom Fennessey - Honor Society
David Winter - Honor Society
William Schlittler - Honor Society
Robert Schnell - Honor Society
Michael Simac - Honor Society
Michael Party - Honor Society

AK Alumni Scholarships

Mark Post - Honor Society
David Winter - Honor Society
Ethan Chamberlain - Honor Society
Tom Fennessey - Honor Society
Jeffrey Welzbacher - Honor Society
David Winter - Honor Society

1978

Gary Maxwell - Frisbee
Michael Simac - Morgan
David Winter - Overall Scholastic
Robert Welsh - Semester Scholastic
Tom Fennessey - Semester Scholastic
Mark Post - Semester Scholastic
Gary Sedlacek - Scholastic Improvement
Dale McHenry - Hubbard
Benjamin Winter - Hubbard
Robert Hea - Rippert
David Simac - Thompson
Richard Bay - Thompson
David Winter - Honor Society
Michael Party - Honor Society
Patrick McCole - Honor Society
Michael Simac - Honor Society
Bruce McCoy - Honor Society
Paul Baldetti - Honor Society
Dale McHenry - Honor Society
Robert Hea - Honor Society
Mark Nealon - Honor Society
Jerulld Weiland - Honor Society
Benjamin Winter - Honor Society

1979

David Winter - Frisbee
Kirk Avery - Morgan
David Simac - Overall Scholastic
Mark Nealon - Semester Scholastic
Dale McHenry - Semester Scholastic
Paul Baldetti - Semester Scholastic
David Acre - Scholastic Improvement
Greg Symes - Hubbard
Mike Moline - Rippert
Benjamin Winter - Thompson
Benjamin Winter - Honor Society
Mark Nealon - Honor Society
Dale McHenry - Honor Society
Paul Baldetti - Honor Society

1980

Benjamin Winter - Overall Scholastic
Mark Nealon - Semester Scholastic
Paul Baldetti - Semester Scholastic
Richard Leopold - Scholastic Improvement
Raymond Drury - Scholastic Improvement
Tom Kenney - Scholastic Improvement
Douglas Swenson - Hubbard
Donald Anselm - Morgan
Kirk Avery - Morgan
Michael Moline - Thompson
Donald Anselm - Thompson
Thomas Trautman - Rippert
Dale McHenry - Frisbee
Benjamin Winter - Honor Society

David Simac - Honor Society
Stephen Winkelhoch - Honor Society
Richard Bay - Honor Society
Dale McHenry - Honor Society
Mark Nealon - Honor Society
Robert Hea - Honor Society
Paul Baldetti - Honor Society
Robert Hea - Honor Society
Douglas Gordon - Honor Society

1981

Dale McHenry - Overall Scholastic
Douglas Gordon - Semester Scholastic
Michael Fleming - Semester Scholastic
Thomas Hewer - Scholastic Improvement
Michael Simms - Hubbard
Donald Anselm - Morgan
Douglas Swenson - Thompson
Joseph Lambing - Rippert
Paul Baldetti - Frisbee
Mark Nealon - Frisbee
Richard Henry - IM Athlete
Mark Nealon - Honor Society
Raymond Drury - Honor Society
Jerulld Weiland - Honor Society
Stephen Winkelhoch - Honor Society

1982

Douglas Swenson - Overall Scholastic
Michael Simms - Semester Scholastic
Kevin McIlvaine - Scholastic Improvement
Scott White - Hubbard
Kirk Avery - Morgan
Donald Anselm - Morgan
Joseph Lambing - Thompson
Everett Moore - Rippert
Michael Moline - Frisbee
Michael Simms - IM Athlete
Robert Lynch - IM Athlete
Larry Elliot - Honor Society
Douglas Swenson - Honor Society
Michael Fleming - Honor Society
Mark Tettambel - Honor Society
Michael Moline - Honor Society
Donald Anselm - Honor Society
Michael Simms - Honor Society

1983

Douglas Swenson - Overall Scholastic
Richard Johnson - Semester Scholastic
Ronald Clendenny - Scholastic Improvement
Ronald Davis - Hubbard
Scott White - Thompson
Jeffrey Krohn - Thompson
John Clawson - Rippert
Richard Henry - Frisbee
Robert Lynch - IM Athlete

1984

Scott White - Overall Scholastic
David Kilp - Semester Scholastic
James Pisoni - Scholastic Improvement
Pierre Powell - Hubbard

Grant Degenhardt - Hubbard
Ronald Henry - Thompson
Peter Hinden - Thompson
Alan Bess - Rippert
Joseph Lambing - Frisbee
Leonard Marks - IM Athlete
Robert Lynch - IM Athlete
Scott White - Honor Society
Jeffrey Krohn - Honor Society

1985

Jeffrey Costellia - Overall Scholastic
Grant Degenhardt - Semester Scholastic
Craig Beard - Scholastic Improvement
Timothy Crosnoe - Hubbard
Daniel Ray - Morgan
Pierre Powell - Thompson
Christopher McDaniel - Rippert
David Zimmerman - Rippert
Scott White - Frisbee
Jeffrey Krohn - Frisbee
Leonard Marks - IM Athlete
Robert Lynch - IM Athlete
Charles Drebes - Honor Society
Todd Casagrande - Honor Society
Grant Degenhardt - Honor Society
Christopher Robinson - Honor Society
Timothy Allen - Honor Society
Peter Hinden - Honor Society
Sean Foote - Honor Society
Pierre Powell - Honor Society
Jeffrey Costellia - Honor Society
David Winter - Honor Society
Ethan Chamberlain - Honor Society
Tom Fennessey - Honor Society
Jeffrey Welzbacher - Honor Society
David Winter - Honor Society

1986

Pierre Powell - Overall Scholastic
Sean Foote - Semester Scholastic
James Jennings - Scholastic Improvement
Douglas Morris - Hubbard
Grant Degenhardt - Morgan
Andrew Reinitz - Morgan
David Zimmerman - Thompson
Douglas Nolkemper - Rippert
Douglas Morris - Rippert
Timothy Allen - Frisbee
Andrew Reinitz - IM Athlete
Timothy Crosnoe - Honor Society
Christopher Robinson - Honor Society
Timothy Allen - Honor Society
Frederick Kielhorn - Honor Society
Douglas Nolkemper - Honor Society
Michael Unland - Honor Society
Jeffrey Costellia - Honor Society
Trace Shaughnessy - Honor Society
David Kluesner - Honor Society
Christopher McDaniel - Honor Society
Douglas Morris - Honor Society
Kirk Phillips - Honor Society
Pierre Powell - Honor Society

Founder's Day Scholarships

Over \$16,000 in Scholarships Awarded During Founders Day

This past Founders Day, celebrated on March 3, 2007, over \$16,000 in awards was presented to Alpha Kappa brothers. A total of 52 awards were given with 47 members receiving one or more awards. Scholastic awards totaled \$12,150; leadership awards totaled \$4,150; and two memorial awards were presented totaling \$150. The Founders Day event was the second AK award ceremony held during the year. The annual Scholarship Awards Banquet is held each year during the Fall semester. Last year over \$42,500 was distributed to 61 different chapter members during the scholarship awards banquet held during the UMR Homecoming weekend.



The Alpha Kappa 3.5 - 3.79
Scholarship Recipients



The Alpha Kappa 3.2 - 3.49
Scholarship Recipients

Memorial Awards

Rippert Award

Josh Kaltenbronn

Hubbard Award

Josh Kaltenbronn

Scholastic Awards

3.8 - 4.0

William Cacheris
Eric Dixon
Ryan Eller
Daniel Gravlin
Stephen Grelle
Jeffrey Harrouff
Joshua Kaltenbronn
Jason Kath
William Kirby
Thomas Lawton
Justin Lightner
Nicholas Mentasana
Gregory Miller
Brandon Moore
Andrew Reitter
Jeremy Schlosser
Joel Schrenk
Josh Young

3.5 - 3.79

Adam Daniel
Macabee Dorman
Ryan Giacoletto
Kurt Haslag
Curtis McDonald
Michael McNamee
Wesley Miravalle
John Pettit
Fredrick Reineke
Nathan Rieger
Daniel Roth
Lucas Rottler
Evan Stevens

3.2 - 3.49

Jerel Bernasek
Andrew Binz
Ryan Brunkhorst
Kevin Laut
Afif Najjar
Ryan O' Daniel
Kevin Post
Andrew Rasdall
Joseph Roth
Michael Schroer
Darrin Smith
Micah Weber
Jeffrey Zuch



From left to right: Brother Reitter (AK '04), Eller (AK '05), Haslag (AK '04), Hiestand (AK '04), and Daniel (AK '04) receiving leadership awards.

Leadership Awards

Adam Daniel
Ryan Eller
Kurt Haslag
Ryan Hiestand
Greg Miller
Andrew Reitter

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Meet Your Educational Foundation President

Keith Wedge, AK '70, is serving as President of our Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation. Keith graduated from UMR in 1970 with a B.S. degree in Geology/Geophysics. He remained at UMR to receive an M.S. degree in 1971, and a Ph.D. in 1973 before heading off to Fort Belvoir, Virginia for the U.S. Army Engineer Officer Basic Course.

Having had a dual career as both a geologist with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and as an Army officer with the Corps of Engineers, he has had a broad range of experience in geology and engineering. As an Army Engineer officer, he has been involved with military engineering projects in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Central America, as well as in the United States.

He retired in 2001 from his civilian position with Missouri DNR and in 2004 he retired as a Brigadier General after over 30 years of active and reserve service in the U.S. Army. Keith currently is serving as a Senior Military Analyst and Project Manager with Advancia Corporation and teaches a graduate level course in environmental management for Webster University.

Keith has been an active alumnus of both UMR and Pi Kappa Alpha. In addition to currently serving as President of the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation, he is on the executive committee of the MSM-UMR Academy of Mines and Metallurgy, the board of directors of the MSM-UMR Alumni Association, a member of the UMR Geological Sciences and Engineering Alumni Development Board, and an OGS member. He received an honorary Professional Degree from UMR in 2003.

Another Donation Option Established by the AK Educational Foundation

This past spring, the Alpha Kappa Educational Foundation collaborated with UMR to establish the "Pi Kappa Alpha Scholarship Fund." The fund is held within the pooled assets of scholarship programs at UMR. The agreement was established to benefit members of the Alpha Kappa Chapter, but it goes further by granting determination of recipients to the AK Educational Foundation.

There are several reasons why this approach is beneficial to Alpha Kappa alumni. First, a donation designated to this fund will count toward your cumulative donation to UMR. Second, your donation will count toward fulfillment of your OGS requirement. Third, company matching gift programs readily accept matches to universities such as UMR.

There are also several reasons why this approach is beneficial to AKEF. First, it reduces the conflict that some alumni may have deciding whether to give to UMR or Alpha Kappa. Second, many of the matching gift companies will not match donations to AKEF since it is a fraternal organization. Third, by receiving a matching gift, there are more dollars available to impact members of Alpha Kappa.

In the past, you have always been required to make a decision... support Alpha Kappa or UMR. Now you can help UMR reach its capital campaign goal in scholarships while also providing for Alpha Kappa. Next time you make a donation to UMR, please consider specifying the "Pi Kappa Alpha Scholarship Fund."

Expansion

House Corporation Completes Construction on Expansion



Front View of the New Addition

During the last several months since the last update, Bob Kallemeier has continued to work with the architect, hold bi-weekly construction management meetings, and make regular field inspections of progress. The expansion was finished ahead of schedule and was available for beneficial occupancy on July 30, 2007.

No additional cost was required over and above the original plan, but careful coordination of activities and excellent cooperation of all involved resulted in a very successful conclusion. Bob Kallemeier's team included Cunningham and Associates as architect and S.M. Wilson & Company as construction manager.

The contractor's "heavy work" was completed on the main structures on July 13th with punch list corrections, cleaning, and fine-tuning to finish within two weeks. Construction workers will still be around the property for a short period of time to finish the outdoor activities, such as parking lot paving, landscaping, outdoor cleanup and other small activities to achieve perfection. New



Front View of the Entire House

furniture began to arrive in July and was all on site by August 15. The finished product really looks great! Be sure to come and see it on Homecoming or sooner.

All ten suites were furnished for four men each including a 78" long desk top with drawer units underneath, a full length desktop carol with lighting, a sleeping bunk, a lounge chair, chest of drawers, and hanging closet space for each man. The active chapter requested that each man furnish his own desk chair. Additionally, the group study/computer room on the new wing second floor is furnished with four computer desks and task chairs. The new executive conference room has a conference table seating 14 with armchairs. A new library study table with six chairs is provided for the upgraded library/trophy room.



Conference Room

The improved 104-man chapter house now has walk-in refrigerator and freezer units for the kitchen and other minor food-related revisions to handle the larger house eating



Pavilion from parking lot

requirements. Also, the weekend kitchen has been modified to handle storage of outdoor activity items, a cook top and greater refrigerator capacity for

activities associated with the new pavilion. A 20' x 40' pavilion with a 12' clear overhead for outdoor activities and a yard building for hazardous materials was provided in the back yard area. The existing study rooms and the existing dimly lit library/trophy room were re-lighted with new fixtures.

The new wing is equipped with men and women's bathroom facilities accessible from outdoor activities and a laundry room for the new wing occupants. We have tried to cover it all and can all be proud of the finished product!

The House Corporation Board of Directors

Shortly after the joint mission and vision statements and action plans for each of the Alpha Kappa four entities were developed, it became apparent that the presidents of each of these entities needed to communicate on a regular basis with each other. They needed to be sure that each entity had a thorough understanding of the thoughts and plans of the others. Therefore, each president or a representative, formally or informally, is a member of the other boards. The presidents also have frequent email or telephone communications between meetings. This very deliberate effort to communicate has resulted in the four entities having assisted each other very effectively during the past academic year. There is mutual respect and concern for the needs and responsibilities of each of the entities.

The House Corporation's board of directors each have specific areas of responsibilities. Past President and now Vice President, Bob Kallemeier (AK '62) is the lead person for the design and construction of the new addition, as he was with the current house. He works closely with the architect and the contractor to be sure that the new \$2 million addition is completed on time and within budget. In this role Bob is involved in every detail of the project. Although he lives in the St. Louis area, he is on the construction site frequently and is in constant contact with the contractor.

The Secretary/Treasurer of the HC is Don Myers, (AK '61). Don's responsibilities cover a broad area. Don, an attorney, handles all of the legal and financial aspects as well as the formal records of the House Corporation. He negotiated the purchases of the two homes adjacent to the current house for the construction of the addition. As a faculty member at UMR he lives in Rolla and is the primary person representing the HC in the interactions with the Active Chapter about the maintenance of the house. This responsibility is almost daily, as any building that is home to over 104 young men constantly needs some form of attention. Additionally, he oversees about \$50,000 of maintenance and upgrade projects during each summer. His dedication to maintaining the house in a "like new" each year is remarkable.

Chris Ramsay (AK '90), the Chapter Advisor, is the HC's liaison with the Active Chapter for all aspects of the AC except for the maintenance of the physical structure. He ensures that the men of Alpha Kappa maintain the strong bonds of brotherhood while achieving the scholastic, athletics, leadership responsibilities and service

to others; goals that are expected of the men of Alpha Kappa. With over 100 current members, this is a major responsibility which is crucial to the continued success of Alpha Kappa.

Dave Zimmerman (AK '89) is a past president of the HC and has the responsibility of facilitating the semi-annual executive retreats of the four entities. These retreats are instrumental in bringing together the leadership of the four entities to discuss past performance, setting goals for the future and ensuring that the AC has continuity between one semester's group of officers and the next. For a more thorough discussion of these important retreats, please refer to the previous issue of Kapers.

Chuck Poe (AK '54) is responsible along with Don Myers for the house inspections each semester. These inspections of the house are to assess any damages that occurred during the semester. If any damages have occurred, the occupants of that room are charged for the expense of the repair. The overall chapter is responsible for damages to public areas. Chuck's 50 years of dedication to Alpha Kappa is not limited to just the inspections. He has personally built the beautiful trophy cases in the foyer and is a very thoughtful asset to HC discussions.

Brandon Wand (AK '99) serves as the HC's Kapers representative and provides HC information to the Pi Kappa Alpha international office in Memphis. The semi-annual issues of Kapers are the most important link that the entities have with AK alumni. Brandon makes sure that material is submitted in a timely manner and coordinates the publication process with representatives of the other entities.

The House Corporation is very fortunate to have these alumni willing to put in countless hours working with the Active Chapter and the other entities to continue the excellence of Alpha Kappa.

There is going to be an expansion dedication for the new addition during Homecoming 2007 and we want you to come! For more information, turn to the next page.

Executive Retreat

The Direction of the New House

The semi-annual AK executive retreat was another great success this past spring. All four AK entities (Active Chapter (AC), House Corporation (HC), Educational Foundation (EF), and Alumni Association (AA)) were well represented during the retreat that was held at the Holiday Inn in Eureka, MO, with total attendance nearing 30 brothers. This year's retreat featured a similar agenda compared to past retreats, but there was one major difference; the matter of a new addition to the Chapter house in Rolla.

Friday night began as usual with pizza and snacks, courtesy of the House Corporation. As everyone settled in, the outgoing officers of the chapter began giving their semester recap reports, which are a brief overview of the activities of the semester followed by a discussion session. Each officer of the chapter submits a written summary of the semester one week prior to the retreat for review by all attending, so that all discussion is relevant. The main focuses of the discussions are the problems faced during the semester by all active chapter members. Following the outgoing officer reports, Brother Kallemeier presented a house expansion construction update. Brother

Kallemeier discussed the remaining timeline for completion, as well as the actions that were taken to keep the project on schedule

for completion by the fall. The final tasks the chapter would need to address before the move-in date were also discussed, and all decisions related to room setups and furniture in the new addition were finalized to end the activities for the day.

After breakfast on Saturday morning, the discussion was aimed at the new addition and 100-man operation. All facets of operation within the new addition and chapter were discussed including day-to-day policies that would need to be implemented, semesterly and yearly tasks, and one-time events. The strategic placement of members of the executive council throughout the house was planned to help ensure proper order throughout the house at all times. Procedures and policies that would need to take place in case of an emergency, much like the tragic event that took place at Virginia Tech, were also discussed. To assist in emergency situations, all agreed on an installation of an all-house PA system for quick communication. Food operations for the larger house were also discussed. The traditional file breakout session also took place in which the outgoing officers met with their predecessors, as well as an alumnus, to discuss goals and improvements for the upcoming semester. Each incoming officer gave a brief summary of what was discussed in the groups to conclude the retreat.

The executive retreat is very unique to Alpha Kappa and has played a large role in the continued success of the Fraternity from year to year. There is no question that the semester retreat is one of the reasons why AK has achieved so much success and recognition in recent years. Without the great devotion of time and energy toward this event by the officers and alumni groups, Alpha Kappa would not be where it is today. If you are not involved in any of the four entities and would like to attend the upcoming fall retreat or any future event, please contact Brother Bob Brockhaus, House Corporation President, at 314.843.5713 or e-mail at bob@brockhausgroup.net.



Upcoming Events

September 29 - Mom's Day

October 12-14 - Pike Leadership Summit

Heartland Regional Conference in Kansas City.

October 19-21 - UMR Homecoming "Oktoberfest"

Check the UMR Website for a list of events!

Alpha Kappa Homecoming schedule on the left.

November 1 - Alpha Kappa Local Alumni Dinner

Contact Micah Weber (mew7c5@umr.edu) for details.

December 15 - December Commencement

January 2-6 - Alpha Kappa Ski Trip

March 1-2 - Tentative Founders' Day Weekend

March 13-15 - St. Pat's/Spring Recess

May 10 - May Commencement

2007 Homecoming Schedule Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Friday, October 19th

All Day: Homecoming Registration/Open House

4:00 pm: Yard Display Presentation

6:00 - 9:00pm: Silver and Gold Oktoberfest Banquet
(at Havener Center in St. Pat's Ballroom)

7:00 pm: Cash Bar opens

Saturday, October 20th

All Day: Homecoming Registration/Open House

9:00 - 10:00 am: AKHC meeting
(at Chapter House in Conference Room)

10:00 - 11:00 am: AKA meeting
(at Chapter House in Wolf Hall)

11:00 - 12:00 pm: Expansion Dedication
(at Chapter House in Front Yard)

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Luncheon served by Alumni Association
(at Chapter House in Wolf Hall)

1:00 pm: UMR Homecoming Football Game
(vs. Central State)

4:00 - 11:00 pm: Cash bar

5:45 - 9:00 pm: The MSM-UMR Awards Banquet
(at Havener Center in St. Pat's Ballroom)

Sunday, October 21st

All Day: Open House

7:00 - 10:00 am: Breakfast served by Active Chapter
(at Chapter House in Wolf Hall)

8:00 - 9:00 am: AKEF meeting
(at Chapter House in Conference Room)

Alumni Survey

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In order for you to recieve your history book, and future mailings accurately, we need to verify your address.

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In a continuing effort to fully distribute the Alpha Kappa history book, please complete this section.

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Alumni Update

Say anything and/or send pictures! Update the Chapter and Alumni Association on your current activites to be published in the next Kapers.

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